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Chapter 292 Zachary was aware that Liberty had been job hunting for a while, but she got nothing so far.

It was difficult as Liberty wanted her old job back. This was the reason she had not been able to find a job till this day.

Now that she had found out Hank was cheating on her, Liberty would not be fussy with work. Zachary believed she would soon find a job.

“This is easy. You could just give her a job.”

“Serenity had asked me whether our company is hiring a finance director, but even the finance department is at full workforce at the moment. Besides, it’s not the best idea to hire her sister unless I want to blow my cover. I didn’t help her with that and left Liberty to find a job herself.”

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Zachary did not feel guilty for not assigning Liberty a post in his company.

He was a boss with principles who valued talent.

Liberty took a three-year-long career break, so she was rusty in the work operation. It was not easy to get into York Corporation, to begin with. Since Liberty was starting over now, her credentials would not make it past York Corporation. He had a rule against nepotism, giving privileges and pulling strings for undeserving applicants to join his company. Zachary had made a lot of exceptions for Serenity in life, but he refused to extend the same to her in terms of work and give her sister a job.

He would welcome Liberty with open arms to York Corporation should the latter meet all of the company’s requirements one day.

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Nevertheless, there was no way he was going to give Liberty a free pass.

Josh kept quiet for a moment before uttering, “Can’t she go for another job? The role of a finance director is only available in major corporations. Those positions are usually filled immediately.”

“She will.”

Zachary stuffed the evidence back into the envelope and placed it in his drawer. He planned to deliver the file to Serenity in the afternoon.

“Have you kissed and made up with your wife?” Nosy and concerned, Josh asked. Zachary looked at him without saying a word.

He had no idea if there was an end to the argument, but at least they were talking. He was staying at Brynfield now, but he had not added Serenity’s contact. Maybe she was still angry.

Zachary got to figure out a way for her to get over the argument.

She might appear as if she did not care, but he could sense the change in her attitude toward her. She kept her distance from him.

It meant that she was still mad about it.

What did Serenity like?

She loved to eat. Maybe he should deliver her a bag of her favorite snacks.

Oh, that was right. Serenity mentioned that the house was too big for just the two of them. It was too quiet at home. She had asked if she could get dogs and cats as pets, but he shot her request down.

He had pets.

Nevertheless, Zachary did not have to take care of them. There was someone looking after his dogs and cats. All he had to do was say the word and someone would deliver the pet to him to play with.

He had no maids or part-time housekeepers at Brynfield as he was living undercover there. Serenity and Zachary would have to tend to the pets themselves if they were to take on pet ownership.

Serenity could take care of the pets since she was the one who wanted them. Zachary should just fulfill her wish.

With that in mind, Zachary decided to ask Sam to get an adorable dog and two cats.

Chapter 294 Several cars drove along and quickly pulled up in front of Serenity's bookshop. Serenity and Jasmine, who had just entered the shop, looked at the fleet of cars. Serenity's face fell when her keen eye caught the cars belonging to her cousins. These people were relentless.

With Mike leading the younger pack, they walked into the shop.

They came bearing two baskets of fruits each. "Serenity."

With a smile on his face, Mike put his baskets of fruits on the cash register and said to Serenity, "I bought you and your sister some fresh fruits."

Spotting Sonny, he asked, "Is this your sister's son? He looks like your sister."

He then reached out to stroke Sonny's head, but Sonny shied away, refusing to let the man touch him. Mike responded with a grin, "Don't be scared, little guy. I'm your uncle."

The rest wanted to place the other fruit baskets on the cash register but since there was no more room on the counter, they placed them on the floor instead. Serenity asked faintly, "What brings you here? I'd advise you to give up if you're trying to make me pay."

"Aren't you going to invite us to have a seat, Serenity?"

John kept a smile on his arrogant face. Out of all his cousins and brothers, he was most successful as his annual salary was more than a million bucks. This was what he took pride in. He barely looked straight at Serenity when he came to look for her the first time.

He had been suspended from work for a while now. There was no telling when he could return to work. There was still a possibility that he might lose his job.

His brothers, cousins, uncles, and parents had also hit a low point in their careers and businesses. They would be screwed if their savings were not keeping them afloat.

They would not be able to hold out for long.

If Serenity and Liberty refused to reconcile, their hard-earned family assets that had been around for two generations would be lost.

His youngest cousin, Noah, was still detained in prison. They tried to bail him out, but no amount of money could persuade the authorities to let Noah go.

It must be the doing of the force behind Serenity.

After much discussion among the Hunts, they decided to make nice with Serenity and Liberty while figuring out the identity of Serenity's ally so they could undermine Serenity's bond with her ally. Once that was done, they could get even with Serenity and then some! Serenity said callously, "I don't have that many chairs in the shop. You can sit on the floor if you don't mind." Ignoring the

stiffened smiles across her cousins' faces, she added, "The floor isn't dirty. I'd usually mop once a week."

The Hunt boys were speechless.

Jasmine sniggered.

Truth be told, they mopped the floor every day, especially with Sonny around now. Sonny was a kid, and he often enjoyed playing with his toys on the floor. That was why the floor was kept clean.

Swallowing his anger, Mike curled his lips and replied, "We're here today to apologize to you and your sister. Is your sister here?"

"My sister isn't around. You can just tell me what you have to say."

Serenity glanced at the fruit baskets before putting on a fake smile. "Is this your apology? So, a few fruit baskets to make up for the slander on Twitter and the damage you've done to me and my sister?" After Serenity retaliated online, the Hunts hired a lot of professional trolls to whitewash themselves and accuse Serenity and Liberty of being ungrateful granddaughters. The enraged netizens were the ones who attacked the trolls and caused the Hunts' plans to fail.

Serenity and Liberty earned everybody's pity following the twist of events. Still, there were people who claimed the moral high ground, saying that despite the negligence and wrongdoings of Serenity and Liberty's grandparents, they were still the girls' grandparents.

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Without the grandparents, their father would not have existed, and neither would the girls.

These people demanded Liberty and Serenity let go of the past and pay for their grandmother's medical fees. They should not be petty with a sick old lady.

Serenity and her sister's reputation had, more or less, been dragged through the mud.

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"What's on your mind?" Josh nosily asked Zachary. Snapping out of his thoughts, Zachary replied faintly, "Not you, for sure."

Josh chuckled. "I'd have to quit if you're thinking about me. I want to get married and have children."

Zachary glared at him. "I should get back to work. You've been overly efficient at work lately. I'm tired trying to keep up with you."

Josh finished his glass of water and got up. "I'm glad that's finally over."

The employees had had it rough at work because Zachary was jealous, thinking something was going on between Serenity and Shawn. It would only be worse for them if the couple had an even bigger argument one day. With that in mind, Josh prayed that the couple would always remain lovey-dovey.

Well, they might not be in love now, but it was only a matter of time.

Zachary had developed feelings for Serenity, but he was stubborn and refused to admit to it. As his feelings for her grew deeper, he would lay bare his heart to Serenity without anyone pointing it out to him.

As for the six-month agreement... Hehe. Josh shall wait for the day his best-friend-cum-boss rip the contract apart.

With Josh gone, Zachary immediately phoned Sam to get a dog and two cats to have them delivered to Brynfield. Zachary was going to send Jim there to receive the animals. Jim would bring the pets over once Zachary got off work so the latter could then surprise his wife with the adorable pets.

No matter what, he must get his wife's number back on his phone.

Leaving her son to her sister at the shop, Liberty set off to look for a job.

Today, she was going to accept whatever job she was offered.

"Liberty, take my e-bike. You won't have to walk a lot."

Grabbing her car keys, Jasmine went after Liberty. She wanted Liberty to ride her e-bike in her quest to find work.

Jasmine stayed near the shop anyway. It would not take her long to travel home by foot, so it was no big deal for Liberty to have the keys to her ride. "It's fine. I should walk more. It'll help with my weight loss."

Liberty turned down Jasmine's kind offer.

She had made up her mind to shed the pounds. Liberty had always assumed that she put on between thirty to forty pounds. It had been a long time since she stepped onto a scale, and now she found out that she was over fifty pounds heavier than before she got married! That was a huge shock!

Liberty did not believe her sister when the latter said she

weighed two hundred pounds in. Serenity was pretty accurate with her numbers.

She wanted to cover her face in shame.

Jasmine smiled without saying any more.

Serenity carried her nephew out and gave her sister a few words of advice before seeing her sister off. Serenity mumbled under her breath, "You can do it, Liberty!"

"Don't worry. If Liberty doesn't find a job in the next two days, I'll tell my parents to hire her to collect rent."

Serenity replied, "O Great Property Mogul, please take me under your wing."

"Those are my parents' properties, not mine. We're two birds of a feather. Hang on. You should take me under your wing. You're on a double income, and you have a husband. I only have one source of income to feed myself and leave my family just enough so they don't starve."

Serenity was amused by her best friend. The pair turned on their heels and went back into the shop.

Chapter 295 John paused before asking Serenity, "What do you want us to do, Serenity?"

As the oldest of the bunch, Mike lectured Serenity, "Regardless of our spats in the past, we're all one big family. Although your dad isn't around anymore, he's still my uncle.

"Sure, it was our fault, but we have learned from our mistakes. You're the bigger person. Please find it in you to forgive us. We promise we won't ever do that to you and your sister again."

Thanks to the power of the internet, it was easy and speedy to get a handle on certain matters.

However, it was also easy for the tables to turn and caused a backfire.

Today, Mike could use the internet to intimidate his cousins, but tomorrow, it would be his turn to face a public backlash.

People would find it hard to understand the humiliation of being a victim of cyberbullying, hate comments from netizens, and public criticism without experiencing it themselves.

Since Serenity tweeted a refute, the Hunts had the whole thing blow up in their faces. They either lost their jobs, suffered great losses in their businesses, or faced cancellations on agreed deals. Furthermore, their names were tarnished.

The Hunts had gone through sleepless nights lately. Of course, they were mostly peeved and furious. They were losing sleep, thinking of ways to get back at Serenity and Liberty. Serenity scoffed coldly. "I'm vile, spiteful, and petty. You did

what you did to put the bite on me and my sister. You couldn't get what you wanted and chose to yield because the tables had turned.

"Hang on. No. You're not yielding. You came to apologize today because the netizens are on your case, and it has been detrimental to your financial interest. You're here today to protect your assets, not because you feel guilty for whatever you have done."

Did they take her for a fool?

Did they think she would not be able to see through their plans?

The first time the Hunt boys came to make peace and wanted Serenity to visit Old Mrs. Hunt, they were going to take a video of the whole reconciliation so the world would know and move on. The attention would no longer be on them.

After Serenity rejected their peace offering, Noah threatened to smash her shop. Holding a grudge, Noah brought along hooligans to stop her in the middle of the road and get violent with her. Serenity would have ended up in the hospital if she had not practiced self-defense.

Her uncles had kicked up a fuss because she called the cops to arrest Noah.

Serenity did not believe that these no-good relatives had repented. They had the mindset that they were always right while Serenity was in the wrong. "Serenity, aren't we sincere enough?" As a senior executive of Stone Group's subsidiary company with an annual income of over a million bucks, John became a stuck-up as he was often

surrounded by flattery and brown-nosing from his employees. He did not have much patience either.

Pointing at the fruit baskets, he pulled a sour face and said, "Can't you see how many fruit baskets we have given you? Do you know how much one basket costs? You probably wouldn't spend that much on a fruit basket.

"Yet, we gave you so many. How can you question our sincerity? You're pushing your luck, Serenity. Is this the thanks we get? Don't think for a second that we can't get to you. We're only trying to reconcile because your dead father is our uncle, and we don't want Granddad and Grandmom to be angry since they're not getting any younger."

Chapter 296 "Do you think you'll be better off if we all go down together when it comes down to it? You'll lose your shop and your online business. We'll team up to give you a poor rating until you're forced to close your online business."

"Serenity, who's threatening to close your online business? Who's threatening to give you bad ratings?"

Here to look for Serenity, Elisa got out of her car and caught John's arrogant threats before she even entered the shop. Elisa was not one with a good temper, so she lost it.

Did they not know that Serenity was her love guru?

Anyone who had the guts to threaten her love guru was crossing her as well. She would make these cocky and shameless people regret they were alive. Carrying the boxes of desserts from Beans and Cream, Elisa dangled her car keys and lifted her chin high as she walked into the shop. Others may not know Elisa, but John held a senior position at one of Stone Group's branches. He had seen Elisa a few times from afar during the company's annual conferences, so he remembered her face.

With Elisa turning up at the shop, color washed off John's face.

John knew that he was suspended from duty not only because the netizens tagged the headquarters at the turn of events, calling for his termination as he was a shameless menace to his company.

It was also because Elisa could not stand his tweet going viral and taking attention away from the gossip about her and Zachary, which got on Elisa's nerves.

Everybody at York Corporation and Stone Group was aware that Elisa was crazy for Zachary and her rather public advances toward Zachary.

"M-Ms. Stone."

With a smile on his face, John came forth and sucked up to her like a lapdog. "What brings you here, Ms. Stone?"

Elisa looked askance at him. "Who are you? Beat it. Get out of the way!"

John moved aside and gave way to Elisa. Still bearing smiles, he introduced himself, "Ms. Stone, I'm John Hunt, the deputy managing director of Aron PCB."

It then dawned on Elisa. "Oh, you're John. Hold on. Aren't you fired? Why are you still the deputy managing director of Aron PCB? It explains your arrogance. I guess only the shameless would commit a shameless act."

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Elisa immediately whipped out her phone and called her brother. She ranted the moment her brother picked up the

phone. "Clive, why are you retaining John Hunt, the deputy managing director of Stone Group's subsidiary company, Aron PCB? Fire him right now.

"So what if he's highly capable? Can't we hire someone else who's equally if not more capable? Fire him now. I don't care if you have to pay him for the dismissal, just sack him. He has stepped on my toes. I'm really, really angry right now. I'm going to drive the car into a tree or a wall if you don't get rid of

him. You'll have to buy me a new car if the car crashes."

Everybody was at a loss for words.

This was Serenity's firsthand experience of Elisa's willfulness.

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It was a good thing Elisa would only crash into a tree or wall instead of innocent pedestrians when she was mad. Otherwise, the feisty girl should never be provoked as the consequence would be deadly for many. Serenity was thinking about talking some sense into Elisa when their friendship grew and became solid. She was damaging her own car by driving it into a tree in a fit of rage. What if she lost control of the car and hurt somebody in the process? It would be devastating.

Chapter 297 On the other end of the line, Clive was left overwhelmed by his dear sister.

He asked helplessly, "What did John do to you?" "Serenity is my friend and love guru. He's out to get my love guru, threatening to bring down Serenity's business and closing her online business by giving her bad ratings. That's having it in for me.

“Don’t you think what his family has done is inhumane? People will criticize us if Stone Group retains such a person at a managerial level. You might think you know some people, but you’ll never know their true nature. Looks can be deceiving.”

Clive had no words.

He was rendered speechless by his sister’s unruliness.

The managing director of Aron PCB had reported to headquarters, verifying John’s talent. John started off with a minor role at Aron PCB and climbed his way up to deputy managing director.

The managing director did not want to lose his right-hand man over a family dispute. Hence, he suspended John at the

height of the scandal instead of firing him.

John turned as white as a sheet while listening in on Elisa’s phone conversation.

He had finally figured out that Elisa was the force behind Serenity, not Jasmine.

John knew it. Jasmine’s family only found wealth from the property boom and did not carry much authority. There was no way Jasmine could mess the Hunts up. It made a lot more sense that it had been Elisa all along.

The Stone Group granted Elisa the status and power to destroy the Hunts.

“Ms. Stone...”

“Shut up. I don’t want to hear a word from you, you cruel man. Your family made their fortune through the life insurance of Serenity’s parents. Yet, you picked on Serenity and her sister. Aren’t you afraid that Serenity’s parents will haunt you?”

Elisa earned herself a bad rap among the upper society of Wiltspoon because of her unreasonable attitude. Nevertheless, she was not mean in nature. Even if she did not befriend Serenity, Elisa would have had a problem with John and his family’s misdeeds regardless. “Your call, Clive!”

Clive replied helplessly, “Got it. I’ll speak with Mr. Ziegel to let John go. I won’t employ him despite his talent since he got on my sister’s nerves. Will that do? Don’t go banging your car into a tree. We’d have to pay for the damaged green landscape if you do that.”

Seeing that her threat worked on her brother, Elisa happily put down the phone and said to John, “I’m putting this out there now. It’s your fault if anything happens to Serenity’s shop. It’s your doing if Serenity gets bad ratings for her online business. Don’t blame me for what’s to come. I’ll see that you won’t be able to survive with the most menial jobs.”

The Hunt boys were lost for words.

“Ms. Stone, we...”

“Get lost! Not another word from you!”

With a grim look on her face, Elisa told the Hunts to leave.

“Serenity, take the broom and throw them out if they refuse to leave. Don’t waste your manners on them.”

She then picked up a fruit basket and hurled it out.

It was to make room for her desserts.

Now that they found out who Elisa was, the Hunts dared not say a word. Pale in the face, John drew close to carry the two fruit baskets out. The rest went to take the other fruit baskets away.

Chapter 298 John even picked up the scattered basket and fruits that were tossed out by Elisa.

A fruit basket cost a couple of hundred bucks.

The Hunts would rather eat the fruits than give them to Serenity.

As if Serenity cared. It was not like she never ate fruits before.

John took a ride in Mike’s car to get to Serenity’s shop. He got into the car and called his boss, Mr. Ziegel, right away. John wanted to explain to Mr. Ziegel about the earlier incident.

Unfortunately, Mr. Ziegel had already received notice from the headquarters. Before John could finish talking, Mr. Ziegel expressed his regret. “John, the dispute between you and your cousins is simple and easily resolvable. You could’ve apologized with earnestness and issued a public apology online. Not only will your cousins forgive you, but the online community will also let the thing go since you’re willing to admit fault and change for the better.

“But what did you do? You’ve been on suspension for a while, but you couldn’t even take care of the matter. Things have only gotten ugly. You angered Ms. Stone and disappointed the headquarters. Arrange for a time to do your handover at the office. I’d suggest you refrain from looking for a job for now. Ms. Stone would make it hard for you to get a job in the city.”

“Mr. Ziegel... Mr. Ziegel... I...”

Mr. Ziegel had hung up on him.

Furious, John was tempted to smash the phone.

How was he supposed to know that Serenity and Elisa were good friends? It never crossed his mind that Elisa would overhear his threats.

Behind the wheel, Mike asked his cousin, “Do you reckon there’s a way out of this?”

“I’m told to return to the office for a handover. Mr. Ziegel suggests that I don’t look for a job for now. Ms. Stone will be out to get me.”

John was bitter.

Mike was livid too.

Ms. Stone was totally unreasonable. She had the nerve to accuse them of shamelessness when she was no better than them.

She thought little of them just because she was born into a good family. A while later, John uttered resentfully, "Since they kicked me out of the company, I'm going to apply for a job with their competitor. It'll be a piece of cake to join York Corporation. Stone Group should not blame me for going against them.

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"An eye for an eye. Do they think I can't live without Stone Group?"

Big companies loved to acquire talent from their rival companies to get a competitive advantage. John was a talent from Stone Group, so he trusted York Corporation would welcome him to the team.

Once he found his two feet and climbed up the corporate ladder, John would have the chance to shoot Elisa down in Mr. York's presence. Elisa could forget marrying into the York family.

The unreasonable woman did not deserve the heir of the Yorks and icon of the business world.

"Mike, we shouldn't bother apologizing to Serenity. That brat won't let us off the hook. She's trying to get us to apologize publicly on Twitter. Well, dream on!"

John said wickedly, "I'll drive a wedge between her and her husband, and destroy her marriage once I get into York Corporation. I want Serenity and her sister to suffer and regret what she did to me today."

He heard that Serenity's husband was working at York Corporation. John would have many opportunities to befriend her husband when they became colleagues. It would be easy to set the couple at odds.

Mike replied, "Did you think I wanted to come? We're suffering dire consequences here. My friends in the city have cut ties with me over it. I've spent years building networks, but I lost them in a second. It's been hard on my business. Who would want to apologize if not to protect our financial interests?"

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John was without a word.

As mentioned by Serenity, the Hunts would never have yielded unless the matter was so bad that it hurt their financial interest. They had not given in completely either. The Hunt often got on Serenity's nerves every time they went to her shop.

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It was like Mr. Ziegel said; they complicated a simple thing and were nowhere near resolving the issue.

"How did Serenity come to know Ms. Stone? What love guru was she talking about?"

John pursed his lips and replied, "Ms. Stone is crazy for Mr. York. I guess Serenity is teaching her how to woo Mr. York. Serenity will get it once Mr. York finds out she had been giving ideas to Ms. Stone." "I mean how did they know each other? By right, Serenity wouldn't cross paths with an heiress like Ms. Stone."

Mike was envious that Serenity rubbed shoulders with Ms. Stone and got Ms. Stone to have her back.

Elisa might not be working at Stone Group, but she was still the heiress of the Stones. This title carried weight. Her brother was one of the best CEOs in Wiltspoon. "Who knows how they met? I suddenly thought of an idea to deal with Serenity. It'll ruin her relationship with Ms. Stone." Quick to catch on, Mike said, "Are you going to squeal on Serenity to Mr. York? But how are you going to meet the big

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man? I heard you must make an advance appointment to see him, and you might not even get one. The appointment is filtered and reviewed before it reaches Mr. York.

"I also heard that many employees of York Corporation have not met Mr. York despite working there for many years."

The heir of the wealthiest York family was a godlike presence to ordinary businessmen like them. While they had heard rumors about the man, there was no way they could meet Mr. York in person.

If Mike had the opportunity to see Mr. York, he was willing to get down on his knees to get into Mr. York's good graces.

"I can't meet the man himself, but I have other ways to let him know about it. Ms. Stone would wait in front of York Corporation every day just for a chance to see Mr. York. I believe he is annoyed by Ms. Stone. I can use that to my advantage..."

"Even if Mr. York still refuses to see me, I'll write an anonymous letter. I'm sure he'd make some time to glance through since he could get rid of a nuisance. "Do you think Mr. York would spare Serenity for giving ideas to Ms. Stone in courting him? We won't even need to do anything while Mr. York forced Serenity and Liberty out of the city. They would not be able to show their faces around Wiltspoon."

After much thought, Mike said, "You can try. Serenity's acting tough because Ms. Stone stands up for her." Serenity was in the dark about the Hunt boys' discussion to use Mr. York against her.

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She thanked Elisa and responded, "Thank you for sticking up for me, Ms. Stone."

Elisa replied unconcernedly, "It's no big deal. We're friends. Don't be a stranger. I've got you covered. That's what he gets for threatening my people. He wouldn't learn unless I taught him a lesson.

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"Serenity, don't reconcile with them. They're a nasty piece of work. They'll never see the error of their ways. Even I can't beat them."

It appeared Ms. Stone had an inkling of her reputation.

Jasmine agreed with Elisa. Her mind had been blown a lot lately.

She had seen too many examples of the worst kind of people. Serenity's relatives and Hank's family were something else.

"I won't make peace with them unless they issue a public apology."

Serenity stuck to her guns. Since they tarnished her and her sister's name on the internet, she expected a public apology online in return. Otherwise, there was no deal on the reconciliation.

It would not take long for another falling out to happen even if she patched things up with the relatives. Serenity intended to take the relatives to court to repossess her parents' home after the thing with Liberty was over.

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"Ms. Stone, Serenity, carry on with your talk. I'm taking Sonny to the supermarket to get some vegetables."

There was still a lot of seafood given by Elisa in the fridge. They could enjoy a seafood menu today, but some greens were needed to complement the seafood galore.

Jasmine carried Sonny and took off.

While being carried away, Sonny would turn back and stare back at Elisa. Elisa remarked with a smile, "Serenity, you have an adorable nephew."

"He's a cheeky monkey." "Kids nowadays can be rascals. I'm getting your nephew a toy when I drop by next time."

"It's fine, Ms. Stone. Sonny has a lot of toys. My husband bought loads for him."

Elisa said, "You get yours, and I'll get mine. I adore the little man. I want to buy him lots and lots of toys. If he was my nephew, I would buy him the moon assuming that I can."

Serenity could testify that Elisa would spoil a child rotten.

With Jasmine and Sonny away, Serenity went into the kitchen to prepare the seafood. She asked Elisa, "Ms. Stone, do you want to stay for lunch? It's a home-cooked meal though. I won't insist that you join us if you're fussy with food."

Serenity was confident in her cooking, but she could not guarantee that Elisa could get used to eating her home-cooked

food.

After much thought, Elisa replied, "Maybe next time. I waited all morning for Mr. York to pass by on the road, but I didn't see him. I plan to wait for him at Wiltspoon Hotel later. He goes there for lunch every day." Serenity responded with a smile, "Alright then. You can do it. You're bound to win his heart."

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"I will do my best."

With Zachary brought into the topic, the girls began to dive deep into the conversation. A car was approaching outside. It was Grandma May's ride. Of course, the second-hand vehicle was newly bought to play along with Zachary's cover as a man belonging in the middle class.

Nevertheless, Grandma May got out of her car, only to climb back in when she spotted Elisa's car parked outside the shop.

She urged the chauffeur, "Quick! Go, go, go!" The feisty girl of the Stone family was there. Grandma May would be walking right into trouble if she went into the shop

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Although puzzled by what was going on, the chauffeur stepped on the gas and drove off right away as directed by the Old Mrs.

Coming out of the kitchen, Serenity picked up on the engine noise outside. She did not go out of the shop for a look, thinking it was merely a car passing by.

Grandma May made a clean getaway.

She was kind enough to give her oldest grandson a call. With Zachary picking up the call, Grandma May said, "Zack, the feisty Stone girl is at your wife's shop. Play it smart when you go there for lunch later. Don't rush in there and blow your cover. Serenity hasn't fallen in love with you yet." Zachary was speechless. "In the afternoon, I... Sure. I will. Thank you for letting me know."

Before Zachary could snap back about not having lunch at Serenity's shop, he suddenly remembered his plans to deliver proof of Hank's infidelity and their new furry companions to Serenity