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Chapter 511

Liberty said, "It's none of your business where I got these, Hank. If I showed your boss all the commissions you've been taking, do you think you can still be a manager at Waltham Electronics?"

Serenity reminded Liberty not to show Hank the evidence but to scare him verbally.

Liberty knew Hank well enough and felt that Hank would not feel threatened if there was no evidence. So, she made a copy of the evidence that Zachary's friend had collected.

Even if Hank tore it up, she could still make a lot of copies.

With such evidence, Hank was willing to give in and discuss the divorce terms with Liberty just so he could keep his job.

Liberty had no idea that Zachary had instructed Josh to suppress Waltham Electronics and what awaited Hank and Jessica was an employee termination letter.

Hank's expression was extremely distressed as he stared at Liberty.

Liberty used to work at Waltham Electronics as a finance director. At that time, she was more capable than Hank and he could not admit that he was under a lot of pressure. He felt he was inferior to Liberty, and his self-esteem took a hit, so he proposed to her.

They had known each other for more than ten years and dated for several years, so Liberty thought that they had a solid relationship.

Liberty was also ready to marry Hank. Thus, when Hank proposed, she happily agreed and prepared for their wedding. Hank and his family agreed to all the conditions she requested.

Hank treated her better than before and became more considerate of her. Finally, he managed to persuade Liberty to resign after marriage so she could stay home and prepare for pregnancy.

After getting Liberty pregnant, Hank looked forward to the arrival of their child. He was no longer pressured at the company without Liberty working there as a strong contender. Gradually, he got the boss's appreciation, a promotion, and a salary increment.

That was how Hank got to his managerial position.

On the other hand, after Liberty became a wife and a mother, she only cared about their small home and child. She gradually lost touch with her former colleagues and society.

While she was breastfeeding, Liberty ate more for her son's sake and gained weight because of Hank had successfully rewritten Liberty's future so she could only live by being dependent on him.

To be honest, Hank did not plan to divorce Liberty yet. He planned to wait until Sonny started

kindergarten before he divorced Liberty. That way, his parents could take over the task of taking care of Sonny.

This was all unexpected.

After Hank finally drove Serenity out of his house, Serenity married Zachary, and his plans gradually evolved out of his control.

Perhaps he had made the wrong move.

He should not have listened to his mother and sister to drive Serenity away or made a fuss about taking in his nephew for junior high.

If Serenity had stayed with them, Hank and Liberty might not have turned against each other so quickly.

After Jessica saw the evidence, her face turned glum.

Jessica nudged Hank, who was still glaring at Liberty.

Hank was pulled back from his faraway thoughts and saw Liberty drinking a glass of juice calmly. He felt that Liberty had lost weight, but did not know whether it was because Liberty had a difficult time adapting to returning to the workforce or because of what happened with

Sonny.

Liberty was quite the beauty before marriage.

Chapter 513

After a long silence, Hank said, "Liberty, if I agree to your condition of dividing the property, will you really give me all the evidence you have and promise not to report me to my boss?"

"As long as I get what I deserve, I promise that I won't take any revenge against you."

However, Liberty could not guarantee that Serenity or Zachary would not do anything.

After pondering for a while, Hank said, "I can give you the money, but can't give you Sonny's custody. Sonny is my flesh and blood, and my parents love Sonny."

"I won't give up on Sonny's custody."

Hank was afraid that if he gave Liberty the custody of Sonny, his parents would kill him when he returned home.

Besides, Sonny was his son and his only child at present, so he was reluctant to give up Sonny.

Liberty raised her hand and splashed her unfinished juice on Hank's face.

"Hank, how do you still have the nerve to fight for Sonny's custody? How dare you claim Sonny as your flesh and blood and your parents' grandson. Just look at how you all treated Sonny.

"Sonny still cries a lot, and the bruises on his face haven't subsided. Didn't you cause enough harm to Sonny? Will you only be satisfied when Sonny dies because of your family?"

Hank looked pathetic with his face stained with juice.

He was also irritated by Liberty's actions.

Jessica hurriedly took out a tissue and helped him wipe the juice off his face. She then said to Liberty, "Didn't you say you want to talk properly? Why did you splash Hank with juice and stain his suit? Will you pay for his dry cleaning?"

"Ms. Yates, I think you haven't figured out the situation yet."

Liberty said sarcastically, "Before our divorce is finalized, Hank is legally still my husband, so what's his is also mine. Ms. Yates, what right do you have to ask me to pay for his dry

cleaning? Who the hell are you?"

Jessica was so angry that her face turned red.

"Jessica."

Hank said gently, "I'm fine. Don't get mad because of her. Otherwise, I'll feel bad for you."

Jessica said softly, "But I feel bad for you."

Liberty looked with mocking eyes at the two people showing off their affection for each other.

Hank was completely dead to her. Did Hank think that Liberty would get agitated if he and Jessica acted lovey-dovey?

That would just make Liberty nauseous.

"Liberty."

Hank suppressed his anger and said, "What happened with Sonny was an accident. Matthew and Lucas are still young and aren't sensible. We've already dealt with them and taught Matthew a lesson. Matthew apologized to Sonny, and my sister paid fifty thousand dollars for Sonny's emotional damage.

"So, just let it end here, okay? I can guarantee that this won't happen again. My parents have moved out of my sister's house and into my house, so they'll take care of Sonny

wholeheartedly in the future."

"Sonny's custody belongs to me."

"If you promise to give up on Sonny's custody, I'll transfer half of my savings to you right now. Then, we can go to the City Hall to finalize the divorce."

It happened to be a Monday, so the City Hall was open.

It was also just after lunch, so they still had time to go through the formalities.

Transferring money to Liberty would also be easy since Hank was a VIP customer in the bank. Thus, he could get the transfer done quickly.

"Hank, I want to have a chat with Ms. Yates alone. Please give us some privacy."

Hank and Jessica looked at each other. Jessica said softly, "Don't worry, I won't let her bully me. You should go out first. I'm curious about what she wants from me." "Liberty, talk properly. Don't use your fists!"

Chapter 514

Hank was worried that Liberty would get rough with Jessica if he was not there.

When Hank thought about the day Liberty caught him and Jessica in the hotel that night, his legs felt weak. Liberty was brutal when she beat up Jessica.

Liberty said coldly, "I don't want to get my hands dirty by hitting her. Don't worry, I'll return her to you in prime condition."

"Liberty, why can't I be here when it's our business?"

Hank was still worried.

Liberty fought back when he hit her and dared chase him down a few blocks with a knife. This made Hank realize that Liberty was capable of anything when she was angry.

"This is a negotiation between a wife and a mistress, so a scumbag like you can f*ck off."

Hank was speechless.

He glared at Liberty, got up reluctantly, and walked out.

Once Hank went out, Jessica raised her hand and brushed her hair away before she asked, "So, what do you want to talk to me about?"

"Liberty, Hank loves me now, so if you don't want to make this worse than it already is, I advise you to divorce Hank as soon as possible."

"Don't worry."

Liberty said calmly, "I'm not trying to take Hank from you. He doesn't care about me anymore, so there's no need for me to fight for him."

Liberty could live without Hank and the earth would still spin.

Liberty might be even better off without Hank.

"Ms. Yates, you're younger than I was and just graduated from college when you met Hank. Do you really want to be a stepmother to a two-and-a-half year old boy?"

Jessica froze. After a while, she said reluctantly, "Sonny's very cute. I'll try my best to build a good relationship with him. For Hank's sake, I'm willing to raise Sonny."

Liberty said sarcastically, "Ms. Yates, you don't have to force yourself. Hank isn't here, so he won't find out what you really think. It's tough to be a stepmother. Even if you're sincere, people will still say you're a vicious stepmother."

“If you discipline Sonny, people will say that you bullied your stepson. If you don’t care about him, they’ll say that you let him fend for himself since he’s not your biological son. No matter what you do, you’re the one who will be blamed.”

Jessica’s expression was unsettled.

She did not want to be a stepmother to Sonny.

Jessica was still young, and Hank would be her husband eventually, so she would definitely have her own children in the future.

She would not have time or energy to take care of her own children, let alone other people’s.

Liberty was right. Being a stepmother was difficult because to outsiders, all stepmothers were vicious.

Whether they did well or not, they were the ones who would be blamed.

However, Hank wanted to fight for Sonny’s custody, and Jessica’s future in-laws did not want to give up Sonny.

Jessica was not married to Hank yet and did not have any say in the family, so she could not show her true colors for the time being.

“Liberty, Hank is the one who wants to fight for Sonny’s custody, so it’s useless even if you tell me this. Since I love Hank, I can also accept Sonny.”

Sonny would be taken care of by her future in-laws and would not live with her anyway.

At most, they would just need to give him a monthly living allowance of three thousand dollars.

With Jessica’s and Hank’s income, three thousand dollars was nothing. It cost way more to buy a set of skin care products.

Chapter 515

Liberty said, “Ms. Yates, you’ll probably marry Hank after we get divorced. You’re both young, so it won’t be long before you have your own child. Are you willing to let Sonny share Hank’s fatherly love with your child?”

“Even if Hank said that his parents will take care of Sonny in his hometown, his parents will definitely feel sorry for Sonny and favor Sonny over your child. They’ll also ask Hank to spend more time with Sonny and treat your child differently.

“Are

you willing to let your child suffer like that?”

“If I take Sonny, I will only ask Hank to pay three thousand dollars a month for child support. Hank doesn’t need to care about anything else. I won’t blame him even if he doesn’t see Sonny again in the next decade. This will be the best solution with the least impact on you and your children.

“You don’t have to see the kid that Hank and I share all the time either. I’m guessing that when you look at Sonny, you’ll think of my past with Hank. Hank and I have known each other for twelve years, having

dated for seven years and were married for more than three years. That's much longer than your relationship with him...

"Can you really not be bothered? If Sonny is with me, you don't have to see him again. Maybe Hank will still visit Sonny in the beginning, but once you have your own child, his attention will be on your child.

"Your child can have all his love. Isn't that great? Hank earns a lot, so in the future, all his money will be for you and your children. After Sonny turns eighteen, Hank won't need to pay child support anymore, and you can save a lot of money.

"Think about it. It's so expensive to get married now. The groom has to buy a house, a car, an expensive wedding gift, and hold a ceremony. All of that takes money. If Hank takes custody of Sonny, Hank might help Sonny to buy a house and a car in the future so that Sonny can get married. That will just further deplete your children's share."

Jessica was silent for a long time before she asked, "What do you want me to do? Can you guarantee that you won't contact Hank again after you take custody of Sonny? If he wants to

see Sonny, you can send Sonny to his parent's place and let them meet there.

"Sonny's child support will be cut by half to a thousand and five hundred dollars a month. You can't ask Hank for more money for Sonny's school or wedding in the future. But when Hank gets old, Sonny must fulfill his responsibility as a son.

"If

you can do this, I'll persuade Hank to give up Sonny's custody and give it to you."

Liberty looked at Jessica and said calmly, "If I file for divorce, the judge will give Sonny's custody to me since I've been taking care of Sonny all this while. Moreover, I still have

evidence of the Browns abusing Sonny, so Hank has no chance of winning.

"I'm only willing to negotiate calmly for your sake, Ms. Yates. Anyway, you're the homewrecker, and you and Hank have already slept together. If you get pregnant, do

child to be called an illegitimate child?

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"If you two live together and have a child as husband and wife, I can also sue Hank for bigamy.

"Sonny's child support must be three thousand dollars a month, and not a penny less. I won't ask for a penny more either. If Hank fulfills his responsibility of raising Sonny, and when Sonny gets older, Sonny will naturally fulfill his responsibility as a son to support Hank."

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Liberty did not want Sonny to be responsible for supporting the scumbag Hank in the future if Hank refuses child support.

Now that Liberty had the upper hand, she would fight for her son's child support.

“Of course, it’ll be better if Hank pays for Sonny’s child support in full.”

Jessica was silenced again.

Liberty stopped talking, looked at Jessica quietly, and waited for her to think it through. After a long time, Jessica said, “I can persuade Hank, but I can’t guarantee that he’ll listen.”

Chapter 516

Liberty smiled and said, “Hank is currently obsessed with you, so he’ll definitely listen to you. You should go and talk to him now. If he agrees to give up on Sonny’s custody, ask him to take some time off from the office so we can complete the divorce procedures this afternoon.”

“The sooner he becomes single, the sooner you can marry him and become the wife of Waltham Electronics’ manager. Waltham Electronics has a good rep in the industry, with good prospects and scalability. If you become the manager’s wife, you’ll be better off than others in the office.

“The main thing is that he’ll be yours in the future. You can spend however much he earns, and you don’t have to sneak around with him anymore. You two can show your affection openly in public. I think most women want that, right?”

“Hank is only thirty years old, and he’s successful. If you miss out on him, you might not be able to find someone better than him in the future. Ms. Yates, for your happiness, this is the time to shine!”

After more pondering, Jessica said, “You can borrow a laptop from the café owner and type out the new divorce agreement. Then, sign your name and stamp your fingerprint on it. We’ll go to City Hall later and finalize the divorce procedures. I’ll go out now and persuade Hank to give up on Sonny’s custody.”

“Sure, but I’ll only go to the City Hall to finalize the divorce once I’ve received the money from the division of assets. Who knows whether the two of you will go back on your word later?”

Liberty was not stupid.

She would not compromise again since she no longer loved Hank.

Liberty had to be vigilant so she would not suffer a loss.

Jessica took out her phone and checked the time. It was already two o’clock in the afternoon.

If they were quick, they could complete the divorce procedures the very same afternoon.

“Wait here. You should borrow a laptop first and print out your divorce agreement. I’ll go out and persuade Hank now.”

Jessica was also afraid that Hank and Liberty would delay this for too long and she would not be able to marry Hank.

Moreover, the evidence that Liberty held onto was detrimental to Jessica and Hank.

Hank finally got to his current position and had a high income, so he could not destroy his own future.

What Liberty said was reasonable too. Although the division of assets was painful at the moment, as long as they kept their jobs, Jessica and Hank could earn more than one million dollars a year. Then, they would be able to regain the money they gave to Liberty in a year.

If they drew a clear line now, whatever Hank earned in the future would have nothing to do with Liberty.

Of course, before Jessica married Hank, she would ask Hank to add her name to the title deed, give her his salary account, and hold a big wedding for her.

“Okay. I’ll print out the divorce agreement, sign it, and stamp my fingerprint on it while persuade Hank.”

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Jessica left her seat and walked out. She was ready to persuade Hank to give up on Sonny’s custody with full force.

Chapter 517

Hank was waiting outside, but he kept staring at the two women in the café for fear that Liberty would suddenly go mad and beat up Jessica.

He was relieved when he saw Jessica coming out and hurried over to meet her.

“Jessica, she didn’t do anything to you, did she?”

Jessica touched her face and said, “Just the slap from earlier. After you left, she didn’t touch me again.”

Hank was slapped by Liberty too.

He was distressed as he said, “Jessica, I won’t let her touch you ever again.”

He then asked, “What did she say to you?”

Jessica looked around. The two of them were standing on the sidewalk with many passersby, but no one paid any attention to them.

When she saw Hank’s concerned eyes, she asked, “Hank, do you want to see me suffer?”

“Why would I want to see you suffer? I want to divorce Liberty because I don’t want you to suffer anymore.”

Hank took her hand. “Jessica, did she yell at you? I’ll go in there and settle this with her.”

“No, it’s not that.”

Jessica pulled Hank back, who was about to enter the cafe. She said softly, “Hank, I don’t want to be Sonny’s stepmother.”

Hank turned to look at her.

“Didn’t you say that Sonny is cute? You said that you like Sonny very much and that you’re willing to raise Sonny with me.”

Hank raised his voice a little. He was afraid that others would look at him, so he lowered his voice and said, "Jessica, I know I'm putting you in a difficult position of being Sonny's stepmother before we're married. But Sonny is my son, my flesh and blood, so he must stay with us.

"Don't worry. I'll send Sonny back to my hometown so my parents will take care of him. My parents have also agreed to it, so he won't affect us. We can still have our privacy."

Jessica was silent for a while before she said, "Do you think I can't bear a child? I'll have my own child one day, so I'll definitely be biased toward my child because Sonny's not mine. I can't treat Sonny equally.

"Other people will also call me a vicious stepmother. Do you want me to be reproached by others?

"Your parents can help you take care of Sonny now, but they're getting older, so how many years can they care for Sonny? In the end, Sonny will still have to come back to us."

Hank said nothing.

"Hank, let's not fight for Sonny's custody, okay? I really don't want to be a stepmother as soon as I marry you. If you give up on Sonny's custody, you just need to give three thousand dollars a month for child support. You don't have to do anything else and just watch as Liberty raises your son for you. Isn't that great?

"Sonny will always be your son, so it doesn't matter who takes custody of him. He'll still address you as his dad all the same when he grows up. As long as you pay for child support, he'll also fulfill his responsibilities as your son when you get older. You won't have to worry about so many things!

"Liberty said that if you give up on Sonny's custody, she won't ask for your help when Sonny goes to college or gets married. She'll bear all of those as his mother. That's a lot of money."

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Jessica pouted and said, "Anyway, I don't want Sonny to share too much of your fatherly love with my future child."

She did not want Hank to spend his money on Sonny.

Jessica hoped that Hank's future income would be spent on their small family—her and her children.

"Liberty gave birth to Sonny, so she'll definitely do her best to raise him and educate him well. It'll be better for Sonny's development. If you fight for Sonny's custody, your parents will take care of him. Do you think your parents can educate Sonny well?

"A lot of grandparents spoil their grandchildren. Of course, if you want to see Sonny become someone who achieves nothing in the future, then forget what I said. I just think it's better for Sonny to follow Liberty. You're so busy with work, so how can you have time to teach Sonny?

"Children need a lot of attention and care. It takes a lot of effort to educate and nurture them. If Sonny didn't turn out to be successful, others will put the blame on you and me. They'll call me an evil stepmother and that's why you don't care for Sonny too.

“I’m already suffering so much with you. Do you want me to bear more grievances?”

Hearing Jessica’s words, Hank said in a tangled voice, “I promised my parents that I’ll take custody of Sonny.”

If he gave up on Sonny’s custody, he would not know how to explain it to his parents when he returned home.

“Sonny is your son, not your parent’s son, so only you can make this decision. If you give up on Sonny’s custody, they’re still Sonny’s grandparents. They can still visit him whenever they want.”

Hank said nothing.

He had no time to care and nurture Sonny.

Jessica refused to resign and be a housewife after marriage like Liberty. If he sent Sonny back to his hometown for his parents to care for, Sonny would feel abandoned, which would be bad for Sonny’s growth.

Hank had never taken care of Sonny, but he still wanted the best for his son. Hank also hoped that Sonny would become successful in the future and make him proud.

“Liberty is now using the café owner’s laptop to print the divorce agreement. If you’re willing to give up on Sonny’s custody, you can go through the divorce formalities this afternoon. Then, you’ll be single again, and we can be together openly.

“Hank, we’re still young, and we’ll have our own children in the future. We can even have two or three of them. The chances of Liberty getting married again are quite low with the way she looks right now. Sonny gives her the will to live, so you should allow her this as someone who used to love her.”

Hank was successfully coaxed by Jessica, so he decided to give up on Sonny’s custody. He then considered his parents’ feelings and said, “You can go in and tell Liberty to give me another day to think about it. I need to convince my parents so they won’t trouble Liberty.

“I’ll transfer the money to her as per her request tomorrow at two o’clock in the afternoon. Then, we’ll go to City Hall for the divorce procedures.”

Jessica thought that since it was only a day, she agreed and said, “I’ll go in and talk to her.”

Hank was convinced, so he believed he could also persuade his parents.

As Jessica was going in, Liberty came out.

She was holding two copies of the printed divorce papers with her name signed and her fingerprints stamped on them.

“Liberty.”

Hank said in a deep voice, “Give me a day to convince my parents. Otherwise, they’ll just bring trouble to you. They might even take Sonny away again.

“Wait for me at the entrance of the bank tomorrow at two o’clock. I’ll divide the property according to your request, and then we’ll go to City Hall to finalize the divorce.”

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Liberty heard what Hank said. Although she was disappointed that they could not finalize the divorce right away, she still agreed to his arrangements since it was only another day’s wait.

She handed the two signed divorce agreements to Hank and said, “Take a look. If there’s no problem, just sign your name.”

Hank took over the divorce agreement.

In addition to the conditions she stated earlier, Liberty also promised that she would destroy all the evidence she had on the day of their divorce and promised that she would not take revenge on him.

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Hank was fine with it. He was just sad that he had to give Liberty more than a million dollars and his son’s custody.

However, after some thought, Hank knew that he would earn the money back, so he just had to put up with it.

“I’ll sign it.”

Hank said in a deep voice, “See you tomorrow.”

Liberty nodded.

Hank looked at her deeply for a moment before he hugged Jessica and prepared to leave.

After taking two steps, Hank stopped and turned his head to ask, “Liberty, can you tell me who gave you all that evidence?”

That person investigated everything that Hank did thoroughly and even had evidence of it. Hank was frightened whenever he thought that Liberty had someone like that to help her.

Hank was threatened. Thus, he agreed to Liberty’s divorce terms for the sake of his future and because he thought that Liberty might have a backer.

“Is that important? I promise that once we finalize the divorce, I’ll give the evidence to you and won’t keep any copies.”

Hank was helpless when Liberty refused to tell him. He just hugged Jessica and left.

He did not walk far when he received a call from his boss, who said something on the phone that made him let go of Jessica. He said something to Jessica and the

two ran to their car.

They got in the car quickly and drove away.

Liberty stood there and looked in the direction of Hank's car. After a long time, she turned her gaze away and took out her phone to call her sister.

"Seren."

Liberty was in a good mood and said, "I've discussed it with Hank. He promised to divide the property according to my request. If everything goes according to

plan, I'll also have custody of Sonny!

"Hank promised to go through the divorce formalities tomorrow afternoon."

"Liberty, is that true? That's great! I didn't expect you to negotiate with him so quickly. Did you show him the evidence?"

Serenity said, "Mhmm... He won't compromise if I don't show him the evidence. He would even ask me to leave without a penny because I wanted to rush the

divorce."

Hank was ruthless when he wanted to be.

"Seren, are you still at the Wiltspoon Hotel? I saw your car when I went there to wait for Hank earlier."

Serenity had invited Mrs. Stone and Elisa to a meal. They were done eating but remained at the hotel because they stayed back and chatted about her mother. This was so that Mrs. Stone could understand her late sister's life as a wife and

mother.

When she heard this, Serenity said, "Liberty, why didn't you tell me when you saw my car? I would've gone downstairs to pick you up, and we could've had lunch together."

Liberty smiled and said, "I came to look for Hank after I had lunch. We'll have

more opportunities to dine there in the future. It's more important to get rid of this scumbag Hank first."

"Did you and Mrs. Stone do a DNA test?"

"Yup. We'll know the results in a few days."

Liberty was silent for a while before she said, "So what if we know the results? Our mother passed away fifteen years ago..."

She did not continue because she felt uncomfortable and wanted to cry.

Liberty did not shed a single tear when she had to divorce Hank, but she could not help but cry when she thought about her mother.

Serenity was also silent.

“Mrs. Stone is having a hard time accepting it. She has been looking for her sister for decades, and when she finally found a clue, her sister is no longer in this world.

“Elisa said that her mother cried the entire day after she left your house yesterday. She didn’t eat or drink. Elisa and her brothers were worried sick.”

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Liberty’s tears suddenly streamed down her face.

Her mother was unaware that her sister never gave up looking for her when she was alive.

She did not get to reunite with her sister before she died.

“Seren, spend some time with Mrs. Stone. I’m going back to see Sonny.”

Liberty said as she suppressed the pain and quickly hung up the phone.

She then squatted on the ground and covered her face to cry.

Many passersby looked at her, but no one stopped for her.

The owner of the café saw Liberty and knew that Liberty had borrowed her laptop to print out a divorce agreement. She thought Liberty was upset because of the divorce, so she came out with a box of tissues.

“Miss...”

The café owner patted Liberty on the shoulder. When Liberty looked up at her, she handed the tissues to Liberty and comforted her. “He doesn’t care about you anymore, so you should let him go. That way, you’ll feel better, and you can start a new life.

“If you’re sad, cry it all out. You’ll feel better afterward.”

“Thank you.”

Liberty stood up, took the tissue, and wiped away her tears. She choked up and said, “I don’t regret leaving a stingy man who abused me and cheated on me. I’m not crying for him. I just thought of my parents, who died in a car accident fifteen years ago...”

The café owner patted Liberty’s shoulder sympathetically again.

What a pitiful woman.

Some people who were in their fifties and sixties still had parents living, while some lost their parents when they were young.

No one could understand the kind of pain and regret these kids felt when they thought about how they could never repay their late parents.

“I’m fine. I’ll get going. My son is still waiting for me at home.”

“Stay strong, girl! There’s a rainbow after the rain. You can do this!”

The stranger's comfort warmed Liberty's heart.

There were still many good people in this world.

After thanking the café owner, Liberty walked to her e-bike and was about to leave.

"Liberty."

A hoarse and somewhat familiar voice called out to her.

Liberty looked around and saw a car parked on the opposite side of the street. The person inside the car wound down the window. Only then did Liberty notice that it was Duncan.

She thought, 'Huh? Why did I bump into him?'

Liberty felt that she was a little unlucky today.

Wait, she did not hit his car this time, so why did she think that she was unlucky?

Liberty, who came to her senses, suppressed the urge to ride away and she waved to Duncan in response to his greeting.

Somehow, Duncan got out of the car and strode across the street.

Liberty was speechless and thought, 'I didn't hit his car, right?'

'I parked on this side, and his car is across the street. Did time and space collide?'

Duncan quickly walked in front of Liberty and put one hand on Liberty's bike. She glanced at his big hand and thought, 'Is he trying to prevent me from running away?'

"Didn't you take the day off to take care of your son?" Duncan asked.