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"Hesper!"

Rickard's eyes widened in shock at that very moment.

He shakily stretched out his hand, but Hesper's gaze remained locked on the bundle before her. She spat out a mouthful of fresh blood and said, "My baby..."

She wanted to check on the baby, but no matter how hard she tried, she could not reach the edge of the bundle with her fingertips.

It was only a few millimeters away, but the distance separated life and death.

The vision before Hesper's eyes went black, and she shut her eyes completely.

"Hesper!" The usually calm man was already thrown into a panic by now. He roared frantically, "Call the ambulance! Call the ambulance, quick!"

The bodyguard standing behind him immediately took action while Benji picked up the bundle cautiously. His expression changed drastically after taking one glance.

"Sir..."

Rickard looked over shakily, as he recognized the bundle as the baby's blanket. Hesper jumped off the tall building because of the baby. However, when he opened up the blanket bundle, he found that it did not contain their child but a human-shaped doll!

All the agony he felt halted to a stop at that very moment, and his eyes widened in surprise.

Anger and doubt filled his chest before, at last, turning into cruelty. Rickard spoke through

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tightly-clenched teeth, “Look into this! What the heck happened here?”

“Yes, sir!”

Benji did not have the courage to digress but immediately led some staff members to interrogate everyone in the Duvals’ residence after such a serious incident took place.

Rickard stayed with Hesper. He lowered all his pride for the first time in his life and said in a pleading tone, “Just hang on for a while. The doctor is coming. Don’t die. Didn’t you ask for a divorce? If you die, you’ll only end up becoming a ghost haunting the Duvals’ residence.”

“Mr. Duval, the ambulance is here.”

Rickard immediately made way for the paramedics to lift Hesper onto a stretcher.

He wanted to follow them, but he was shoved away by the doctor. “Sir, Mrs. Duval’s condition is very serious and we’ll need to carry out emergency treatment, so please make way for us.”

Rickard immediately ordered a staff member to drive behind the ambulance, and the car sped up to 180 miles per hour along the way. Everyone who witnessed the scene was dumbfounded. How can anyone drive so fast? Is that person trying to get himself killed?

Hesper’s breathing was weakening bit by bit. She felt as if she was floating in midair but there was a thousand tonnes weighing down on her until she could not breath. Intense pain was radiating from every part of her body, but it felt as if she was already numbed from the pain.

In fact, she did not even know when she was sent to emergency surgery because her memory was stuck on the scene of the baby falling off the building.

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The baby, my little baby...is dead.
He was so young, so the probability of him surviving a fall from such a great height is zero.
What would be the point in her living if her baby was dead?
This is it then. This is how I free myself. Everything shall come to an end. It's my fault for not protecting my child. I'll sacrifice myself to keep him company and hope he won't be lonely or scared anymore.
Two streaks of tears streamed down Hesper's face. Severely injured, life was draining from her bit by bit.
"This is bad. The patient's willpower to survive is weakening, so we must figure out a way to save her quickly."
The door of the operation theater opened up. A nurse walked outside and told the information to Rickard, who was waiting outside. His cold face was already filled with concern, and upon hearing that, he immediately rushed to Hesper's side. His eyes were bloodshot when he said threateningly, "Hesper, listen to me. The child is fine. If you dare die, I'll immediately get him a stepmother who will scold him and torment him every day!"
Hesper, who was already on the brink of death, heard the remark indistinctly. She wanted to open her eyes with great effort but could not. The staff members in the operation theater were relieved in unison when her vital signs gradually returned to her.
The nurse politely urged him to leave. "Mr. Duval, you haven't changed into sterile scrubs, so you're going to increase the patient's probability of getting an infection if you stay here. Please go outside and we'll do our best to treat Mrs. Duval."

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“All right.”

Rickard took a deep glance in the direction of the operating table and saw the large amount of blood, displaced joints, and bones. They all indicated her tragic state after she leapt out of the balcony.

In fact, the doctor had even mentioned that it would be utterly unnecessary to save her if she were to come later.

The door of the operation theater opened and Rickard walked out, battered out of his senses. Benji felt very uneasy seeing Rickard like this, but he had to report the important matter at hand to Rickard anyhow. “Mr. Duval, I’ve already interrogated all the staff members in the Duvals’ residence. Some witnessed Mrs. Duval, Ms. Duval and Ms. Wight engaged in a quarrel in front of the nursery where Mrs. Duval was forced to bow down. Afterward, Mrs. Duval ran out in an agitated state, and it did not take long before...the fall accident happened.”

“Where are they now?”

“Outside. Would you like me to call them?”

“It’s fine.” Rickard stood upright, his gaze icy cold and sharp. “I’ll ask them in person.”

In the hospital’s lawn, Sophia and Juniper were talking softly as they sat on the bench.

“Why is it taking so long? Could it be that she’s still able to be saved?”

“It shouldn’t be possible. She fell from such a great height. Any ordinary person would die from a fall of that height.”

“It would be best for her to die, so I don’t need to look at her again!” Sophia rolled her eyes and complained. She secretly beckoned Juniper to behave when she noticed Rickard approaching them from her peripheral vision.

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“My brother is here, Juni.”

Juni cracked a friendly smile and asked with feigned concern, “How is Hesper, Rickard? Is she in a stable condition?”

Rickard did not speak but looked at them with his cruel gaze that felt as if it could burn through their skin.

“How did Hesper fall off the building? Is it related to the both of you? Also, what’s with the bundle?”

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Sophia and Juniper were so terrified of his icy cold tone that their bodies shivered. However, they had always been skilled at putting on an act. Hence, Sophie pouted her lips in grief right away.

“Why are you being so fierce to us? I feel very bad that she fell off the building too. I’m your sister and the baby’s aunt. Do you think I would put the mother and baby in harm’s way?”

“Yet, someone witnessed both of you making things difficult for her! Do you dare say you didn’t do it?”

Rickard flew into a great rage. If the accident was really caused by them, he could finally understand why Hesper would risk her life just to leave the Duvals.

If he was in her place, he would not be able to stay with a family as vile, cruel, and malicious as that!

Sophia continued to cry and complained, “Dick, will you please stop believing in a onesided story. I did have a brief dispute with her, but that was because she disregarded your order and insisted on leaving with the baby, and I stopped her.

“But who would have predicted that Hesper would behave like a madwoman and snatch the baby’s blanket before crying and running away. Juni and I tried to stop her after noticing the situation, but by the time we arrived in a rush, she had already jumped off the building!”

“Are you telling the truth?”

Rickard could not believe Sophia’s statement, so he turned his head to look at Juniper. He spoke in an unprecedentedly stern tone, “Juniper, you’ve never lied to me. Come and tell me

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if both of you were involved in this matter!”
Feeling recalcitrant and unjustly treated, she immediately assumed an expression that looked as if she was about to cry at any moment. She said in an extremely sad tone, “Are you suspicious of me, Rickard? Could it be that you still don’t know what sort of person I am? Or is it that, to you, I’ve already turned into someone so terrifying?”
At the end of her speech, crystal clear teardrops rolled out of her eyes, and she covered her face, sobbing soundlessly from being aggrieved. Rickard was puzzled all at once. Could it be that it was his fault for overthinking?
“Don’t cry. I didn’t accuse you of anything. I was only asking.”
“If you believed me, you wouldn’t even ask!” Juniper said sadly, “I was under the assumption that we have a friendship that lasts so many years, and my departure back then was to help you achieve your aim. But I didn’t expect that you would actually doubt me! You’re making me look like a joke!”
She cried louder and louder with her shoulders bouncing.
Rickard pursed his lips, but in the end, he could not bear to do it anymore. “Alright, I won’t ask again from now on. Don’t cry. You’ve always had sensitive eyes that hurt when you cry.”
Meanwhile, Benji came to update in a rush, “Mr. Duval, the surgery has ended. Mrs. Duval is yet to be in a stable condition.”
“I’ll check on her.”
Rickard left swiftly.
Juniper and Sophia exchanged one glance and followed him in unison.
Hesper was still in a coma in the intensive care unit. No one was allowed to visit her in

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person, so they could only look at her through the window.

“How long before she wakes up?”

The doctor monitoring her from the side said, “Mrs. Duval suffers from multiple fractures over her body after falling from a great height. Her most serious injuries are on her legs and spine. She’ll awaken by tomorrow if her condition improves, but I’m afraid that even if she does wake up, she’ll experience long-term side effects. There’s a high probability of her experiencing mobility issues in the future.”

Rickard clenched his fists tightly. He had never felt like he had disappointed her before this incident. Finding out from the doctor that she would be experiencing long-term side effects, he suddenly felt like he owed her something.

“Hesper, you must wake up.”

When Juniper and Sophia arrived a little later, they were secretly relieved by the sight of the comatosed Hesper.

It would be fine if Hesper remained alive as long as she did not wake up and expose their lie.

As long as she was still comatosed, they could figure out countless ways to deal with her.

“Dick, Juni’s eyes are hurting. I’ll take her to get some eye drops.”

Sophia made up an excuse to leave and made it out of Rickard’s visual field before she immediately said with a solemn expression, “She’s really lucky to be alive after that ordeal.”

Juniper was deeply worried. “Sophia, what will we do if Hesper wakes up and tells the truth?”

Sophia made up her mind and said, “We’ll just go all out to ensure that she doesn’t wake up for eternity!”

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However, they did not expect Rickard to actually assign a bodyguard to watch her on a 24-hour

basis. Let alone a man, not even a fly could fly near her.

Sophia and Juniper did not manage to figure out a way through the entire night. Just as they were at a loss of what to do, news came from the hospital that Hesper was already awake.

“What should we do, what should we do? Rickard will hate us if she tells him everything.”

Juniper assumed a panic-stricken expression at last. Had she known that Hesper would be so

foolish, she would not have done that to Hesper.

But she did do it, and not only did she not finish off Hesper, it was possible that she could be exposed at any moment.

Juniper considered herself lucky that she and Sophia were on the same boat while it was very

apparent that Sophia would not make peace with the current situation willingly.

“Mom, can’t you just bring a few women and barge into the room when Dick is not around?”

We’ll

just say that her body was too weak to live, so it’s not our fault!”

“What nonsense are you talking about?” Madam Duval glared at her in disappointment.

“What

have I taught you on usual days? Why haven’t you learned anything at all? Your brother has been looking into the cause of Hesper’s fall from the start, so if she were to die a bizarre death

now, he’d blame it on all of you regardless of whether you did it!”

“What should we do then? We’re still doomed if Hesper tells him the truth!”

“That’s not for certain...” Madam Duval smirked coldly and gave an order, “Get me the phone

number of Hesper’s attending doctor.”

Meanwhile, Rickard arrived at the hospital in a rush.

“My child, where’s my child?”

Hesper wanted to get out of bed hastily as soon as she saw Rickard, but she fell on her knees

due to her severe injuries that impeded her ability to walk. The wounds on her legs were strained and Hesper inhaled sharply from the pain.

Rickard ordered someone to help her up and said in a comforting tone, “The baby is fine.

He’s

doing well. Stay calm.”

Hesper refused to believe it.

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How can the baby be fine?

She witnessed the baby falling from such a great height, so how could he possibly be fine?

“Are you lying to me? The baby is still so young. He couldn’t have survived the fall. Let me see

him, I want to see him!”

Tears blurred her vision, and she was in agony.

The man looked like he could not bear to see her in that state. “He really is fine, and I’m not lying to you. What you saw wasn’t the baby. The baby is sleeping at home. If you don’t believe

me, I’ll call them to show you.”

“Sure, make the call, make the call quickly.”

Hesper had no idea what she was talking about, but she wanted to see the child as soon as possible, so she yielded herself to Rickard.

Soon, the video call was picked up.

The servant in-charge immediately carried the baby and showed him to the camera.

“Don’t worry, Mrs. Duval. The baby is really fine.”

Hesper’s tears streamed down her face profusely. Sad and joyous, she widened her mouth in

excitement, but she lost the ability to express herself because she was too emotional. Her ghastly pale face was already drenched in tears as she sobbed on the bed.

When she calmed down slightly, Rickard asked, “Now tell me what happened on the day you fell

from the balcony. Why did you jump off the top floor?”

“That day...” Hesper recalled, and all the memories of the day surged into her mind clearly.

The

expression on her face turned furious. “It was Sophia and Juniper. They tricked me into going to

the top floor, making me think that the baby was in the blanket bundle. They threw it over the ledge in front of me, and I jumped after it!”

Rickard’s eyes dimmed. “Are you sure?”

“Yes, of course!”

Had she not seen them do that, why would she jump off a building so foolishly?

But after seeing how unbothered he was, Hesper suddenly came to realize something and felt

her heart turn cold. She asked shakily, “You don’t believe me?”

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