

## A Spoonful of Sugar: Don't Beg for Love Chapter 34 - 35

### Chapter 34

Hesper stood in front of Julian.

Rickard raised his brow as the air grew cold around them. "Hesper Rivera, do you have any idea what you're doing?"

"I do." She raised her chin and met his dark gaze. "Ian helped me out. a great deal. No one can kick him out."

"What if I insist?" Rickard's gaze was so sharp it could cut someone.

Julian didn't want to put Hesper in a tough spot, so he walked forward. "There's no need for scare tactics here. I'll leave if you take good care of her. I don't want to see her in the hospital again. However, I will give you a piece of advise. It's best for you to find out what happened before you come in with your holier-than-thou attitude."

Rickard squinted because he could tell if there was a hidden meaning. After Julian left, he asked, "What did he mean? What happened?"

"You don't know?" Hesper was surprised because she thought that he was there after finding out what had happened.

Benji immediately explained. "Mr. Duval cares about your health, so he has been in contact with your doctor. When he received a call from the hospital saying that you were in a weird situation, he immediately came over."

"Benji, shut up!" Rickard glared at him as if blaming him for saying too much.

Hesper was confused. If he actually cared about her, why didn't he pick up when she called? What was the point of coming to the hospital when things had already happened?

"Rickard, I have a question for you."

Noticing something off with her tone, he became more patient. "Go 1.

Hesper asked, "When I called you, did you not hear the call, or did you intentionally ignore it?"

Rickard paused, but Hesper knew the answer from his hesitation.

She chuckled. "I guess you just didn't want to pick up my calls."

"No, Mr. Duval..."

"Enough, I'm tired." Hesper cut Benji off. She had given up so there was no need to hear them pretend.

"I'm alright, so you can leave if there's nothing else you want to say."

"You're chasing me away?" The man balled up his fists because he didn't know what she was doing.

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He had lowered his ego and come to see her. Was she expecting more?

Rickard took a deep breath, then said, "I have no time to beat around the bush with you. What's wrong?"

"Nothing. I'm fine." Hesper didn't want to continue the conversation, so she turned her back to him.

Rickard stood there for a few seconds then scoffed and said, "Unbelievable!" And walked out.

The door closed.

Hesper's long lashes fluttered. She wasn't unbelievable, she just didn't have proof.

The two men escaped, so no matter what she said, Rickard wouldn't believe her, and he might even think that she was trying to frame his old flame, the one that got away.

Rather than setting herself up, she chose to stay quiet.

In the corridor, Rickard was furious. He felt regret. If he knew that this woman was so clueless, he wouldn't have come over, even if it was for the sake of his child.

She was still very sharp-tongued, so she was probably fine.

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“Mr. Duval, are we really going to leave? Why don’t I go ask the doctor and see how Mrs. Duval is?” Benji asked.

Rickard didn’t appreciate that and walked even quicker. “Go ahead, but it doesn’t concern me anymore. I don’t want to know!”

Benji was left behind and was hesitant but still decided to find out more. He knew that Rickard went there because he wanted to find out what happened.

After ten minutes, Benji walked to the car with a troubled look.

“I found out what happened, sir.”

Rickard was resting his eyes and didn’t see Benji’s expression. He didn’t care. “Tell me then, what’s her issue?”

“The doctor said that... Mrs. Duval was drugged with an aphrodisiac. She was sent to the hospital and was given injections and forced to throw up. She went through a lot before she finally felt better.”

“Aphrodisiac?” Rickard’s eyes opened and looked sharp. “Are you sure?”

Benji nodded solemnly. He wouldn’t dare joke about this.

Rickard’s change in expression was obvious. His eyes turned sharp as he said only one word.

“Investigate!”

“Yes, sir,” Benji immediately delegated.

As the car drove steadily on the road, the flowerbed along the road zoomed past. Benji wanted to say something but was hesitant.

Rickard impatiently said. “Just say what’s on your mind or just keep your mouth shut!”

Sir, I was thinking, would this be linked to... Ms. Duval and Ms. Wight?” Benji braved himself and continued, “When Mrs. Duval fell down the stairs, she was very sure that it was Ms. Duval and Ms. Wight who did that to her. Even though the doctors determined that her memories were messed up, what if that was the truth and her memory was correct? What happened recently seems to be linked.”

“Impossible.” He pushed his tongue to his cheek. He didn’t believe that Sophia and Juniper would push someone down the stairs or ruin someone’s reputation.

“Don’t speculate until we know the truth. As for Hesper...” He paused. “She did go through quite a lot recently. Send a check to her later as compensation.”

“...Yes, sir.”

At the hospital.

Hesper rested for a few hours and was getting ready to leave after she was sure that she was fine. Benji suddenly returned and handed a check to her.

“Mrs. Duval, Mr. Duval found out what happened and asked me to bring this to you.”

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Hesper didn't take it. Her face felt hot. "Why is he giving me money? As compensation? Or an insult?"

"Don't think of it that way. Mr. Duval felt that you have gone through a lot lately, so he just wanted to cheer you up. It's nothing sinister."

"Hah..." Hesper smirked. If he really felt sorry for her predicament, why did he not say anything after finding out what happened? Instead, he sent someone to bring a piece of check over.

"Who cares about this money?" Hesper's eyes turned red with anger and grabbed her bag's strap. "Did he say anything else? Does he not care that this happened to his son's mother?"

"Mr. Duval asked people to investigate this.. We'll inform you when we find anything." Hesper's heart grew cold. Rickard wasn't dumb. It was easy to guess. who would want to harm her without putting in too much effort.

It was obvious who the culprits were, yet he had to put on a show. Evidently, he didn't want to hurt his old flame and was just trying to spend money in exchange for peace of mind!

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