

A Spoonful of Sugar: Don't Beg for Love By Oopsie Daisy

Chapter 71

"I... I need to make a call. I'm going back to my room."

Sophia forced a smile but couldn't really smile when facing Rickard's cold expression. She looked as if she was going to cry and it looked

comical.

"Rickard, what's going on?" Julie unhappily said, feeling bad for her daughter. "Why the long face? Who made you angry?"

Rickard kept this cold expression. "There's something I need to ask the two of you. Wanda, can you please take Renfrew to play?"

Wanda was startled when she was suddenly spoken to but quickly took Renfrew away.

Julie noticed that something was wrong and frowned.

"Just say what you want to say. Why do you need to take the kid away?"

"Because," Rickard said, taking a deep breath, trying really hard to control his anger. "I'm afraid that what I'm going to say would

traumatize him."

Rickard threw a folder at Sophia and coldly said, "Look at what you did."

Sophia just took a glance and her expression immediately changed." Rickard, this... Someone is trying to frame me. I didn't do this!"

"You're still trying to lie?" Rickard was infuriated. "I personally looked into this. To avoid wrongfully blaming you for something, I even triple- checked it! Three times! They all still pointed to you!"

He had known that Sophia was spoiled, but he thought that it was alright because she was a girl. He never thought that she would think

of hurting people!

"Rickard, please don't be angry. I'm sorry." Sophia almost burst out in tears.

Knowing well that they wouldn't be able to hide this any longer, Julie spoke up. "Rickard, calm down. Your sister was young and naive at that time and made a mistake. That woman ended up fine anyway, so it was just a scare."

"Young and naive? Just a scare?" Rickard repeated as he laughed ironically. "I've checked the records. There was no way Sophia had that much money, so someone had to be funding her."

The man's eyes turned red as he glared at them. "Sophia, if you don't want to make me angry, you better come clean. Who gave you the money?"

"I... I don't know." Sophia was frantic as tears ran down her face, not out of guilt, but out of fear. "Mom, please say something!"

"What do you want me to say!" Julie frowned. Even though Rickard didn't say it out loud, she knew her son well enough to know that he was suspecting that she gave the money. "Rickard, this is all in the past. Hesper already split up with you and has her own life now. What's the point of going through all this trouble? Why are you tearing the family apart because of an outsider?"

"Who says that she's an outsider?" Rickard's anger was at its peak. No matter how long has passed, Hesper will always be the mother of my son. She was wrongly accused when she was with me. Shouldn't I find out the truth?"

"What do you want to do then? Kill your sister?" Seeing how she

couldn't convince him, Julie started to throw a tantrum. "All you want is to find justice for Hesper that you don't care how you're putting your sister in a tough spot for her. You might as well kill her in

Hesper's name!.But listen, Sophia is my only daughter, so if anything happens to her, I don't want to live either!"

Rickard was disappointed. He understood that his mother said all

that because this was linked to her. On one hand, it was his family, and on the other, it was Hesper. How would he choose?

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"What was all this for?" Rickard couldn't understand.

When he thought about the past, he didn't want to marry Hesper, but after they were married, they respected each other.

Hesper dealt with the troubles they gave her at home and did her part well as the daughter-in-law.

He thought that even if his own mother and sister looked down on her, the worse they would do was mock her, but to be so cruel?

Julie breathed heavily as she said in an indifferent tone. "You should remember that she left with another man. They might already be sleeping together and her heart doesn't belong to you anymore. Don't you think that it's funny to put us on the spot for her now?"

Seeing how he was silent, she pretended to be cynical. "I know that your divorce was rushed and you feel like you've wronged her, but it's been so many years. You should start a new life now. We should stop mentioning her, alright?"

Rickard kept his eyes on them for a few seconds, then left without saying anything more.

"Mom, what is he trying to do? Do you think he'll bring this up again?" Sophia was still afraid.

Julie squinted. "This woman still haunts us so many years after she left. I think we need to make him marry Juniper so he settles down."

When Sophia remembered how he lost his temper for Hesper, she wasn't so sure if he would marry Juniper.

In the chaotic living room, no one noticed a little shadow in the corner.

Renfrew, having heard their conversation, could guess what happened. His face shone with determination.

His mother wasn't a bad person. They didn't want his mother to come back, but he did! He wanted to see his mother!

The little boy made a call with his Protege Smart Watch and spoke to the person on the other side with a serious look. "Ms. Myriade, could you help me please?"

"Isaac, what's the update?"

In the presidential suite of the seven-star hotel of Genecity, Hesper, who had just had a shower, lazed on the chair.

Her dark curly hair was slightly wet. Her skin was very soft, which made Isaac lower his head after taking a glance.

"We've done what you asked and given a lot of incriminating information to the station that Ms. Wight is working at. I'm sure something will come up soon."

"Good." She picked up her wine glass with content and took a sip of the red wine.

Isaac couldn't help but ask, "Miss, if you want revenge, you could just tell Mr. Lane and he would have a million ways of taking care of this. Why do you want to do it yourself?"

"You won't understand." Hersper smiled. "What they gave me wasn't just physical turmoil. Before they lose everything, I'm going to let them feel what it's like to have their reputation utterly ruined."

These women were pretentious and arrogant. It would please her so much to drag their names through the mud and watch as they struggle, drown, and turn into the mud that they looked down upon!

She tilted her head backward and took another sip of wine. When Isaac saw that she was trying to drink her problems away, he said, "

Please stop drinking. You haven't had dinner. Would you like me to order some of your favorite food from the room service?"

"No, I'll go out." She was a little agitated and felt like taking a walk.

She put on her beige coat and before she left, she said, "There's no need for so many people to follow me around. Go have dinner too."

"Yes, ma'am."

After they replied, only Isaac was left to protect her.

Hesper didn't say more. Matthew trusted Isaac with his life and he was stubborn. He would always put her safety first.

When they got to the restaurant, Hesper was excited to see the menu, as she hadn't had food from Genecity in a long time.

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Suddenly, a little hand suddenly started tugging at her coat.

Hesper looked down and it was a three-year-old child, beaming with his big brown eyes staring at her.

"Excuse me."

Hesper was surprised. Isaac walked over and wanted to shoo him away, but she stopped him. The child's voice was soft and made her

heart melt.

"Yes, baby?"

Renfrew kept his eyes on her as if this was his mother. She looked exactly like the pictures. His face lit up and blushed after finally meeting his mother, but he tried to cover up. He blinked his big beautiful eyes and said in an innocent voice, "My family went out and I'm very hungry. Can you get me some food please?"

Hesper's natural instinct made her think that the child was suspicious, but when she saw him smile, her heart melted, so she couldn't say no to him.

"Sure, what do you feel like having? I'll pay for you."

The child's eyes shone. His mother wasn't unfriendly. Why did she leave him then?

He grabbed her hand and ordered the more expensive options. Not only was she not angry, she even smiled and asked if that was all he wanted. The child was squealing in his heart, as he knew that his

mother was a nice person.

"Ma'am." Isaac couldn't take it anymore. The seven-star hotel had tight security and it wasn't a place where anyone could just come and go as they pleased. The child appeared out of nowhere and looked as

if he was very familiar with the expensive food, showing that he wasn't just any child. "You should be more careful."

"It's fine." Hesper waved her hand, understanding his concern. She watched the little boy eating some fish fillet and casually asked, "You haven't told me your name. Who are your parents?"

Here it comes. His mother was interrogating him!

Renfrew was very excited as he looked at her with anticipation. "My name is Renfrew Duval, though my family calls me Ren. You can call me Ren too."

"Ren?" Hesper was stunned.

Memories flashed before her eyes. The child was named Ren with the last name Duval and he suddenly showed up and spoke to her.

She knew the answer in her heart. It was hard to cover her

excitement. "What about your mother? What's her name?"

"Rivera, her family name is Rivera," the child emphasized the name. Her name is Hesper Rivera. Do you know her?"

Hesper was so shocked, she couldn't speak.

Seeing how she wasn't talking, Renfrew thought that she wasn't going to admit that she was his mother, so the shine in his eyes dimmed.

"Ma'am, I..." Before he could finish, he was pulled into a warm embrace. Hesper hugged him tight in her arms. Even Isaac, who was sitting next to them, was stunned.

"Ma'am..." Renfrew didn't realize what was happening until Hesper pinched his soft cheeks.

"Ma'am?" she said. "You knew that I'm your mother, didn't you?"

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"How... how did you know?" Ren started stuttering out of

nervousness. He thought that he was doing a good job pretending, but he was immediately called out.

Hesper smiled with tears in her eyes. "It was so obvious, it would be hard for me not to realize."

Feeling the bundle in her arms made Hesper's heart whole.

Renfrew went all out. With shiny eyes, he looked up. "Mommy."

"I'm here." Tears rolled down the corner of Hesper's eyes, as that was the first time she heard her son call her mommy. She had been waiting for that for so long that it made her nose tingle.

Hesper didn't want to scare him, so she asked in a gentle tone. "Are you full? If you are, I'll bring you to my room, alright?"

"Alright." The little boy obediently followed her into the elevator.

Isaac didn't realize what happened until that moment. The mother and son had reunited and the child was the one who found her.

Why did it feel unreal?

In the presidential suite, Hesper and Ren sat on the couch. She touched his hair gently. It was a gentleness that Isaac had never seen before.

"There's no one else here, so can you tell me how you know that I'm her?"

Her whereabouts weren't a secret, but how could a three-year-old child find her?

His eyes darted around because he was worried that he might accidentally talk about Ms. Myriade, so he made a white lie. "I heard

Uncle Benji telling daddy that and wrote it down. I took the only picture of you at home and came over.”

Hesper felt sorry. “My sweet child. You shouldn’t do something so dangerous. You’re so young. What if you bumped into a bad person?”

“But... I really missed you.” He felt small, and his eyes turned red.

Hesper felt her heart ache and hugged him tightly. “I’m sorry. I was going to see you in the next few days. Please don’t cry, Ren.”

“Alright, I won’t cry. I’m really glad that I get to see you.” He was mature beyond his age and that made Hesper feel terrible.

“Tell me how grandma and Aunt Sophia are treating you. Are you happy?”

Ren shook his head. “No, great-grandpa and daddy love me, but great- grandpa is not healthy and daddy is too busy working. Grandma and Aunt Sophia hate me.”

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“Mommy.” Ren suddenly held her hand. “Please don’t be angry. Great grandpa and daddy are around, so I’m not doing too bad.”

“Ren...” Hesper was dispaired. “Don’t worry, I came back to teach them a lesson and take you away with me. I won’t let anyone bully you any longer.”

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“Aren’t you angry about how they treat you?”

Renfrew smiled as if he was an adult. “I wouldn’t hold them accountable for daddy’s sake, but...”

He stopped, his cute little face looking intense.

“I just realize that they used to bully you too. I can disregard what they did, but you have to take revenge!”

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It wasn’t until that night that Hesper learned that even though Ren was a child, he was sensitive, just like Rickard. It was probably

because they were father and son.

“Would you stay here and spend time with me tonight?”

She acted cute and the little man patted her hand like an adult. “Of course. I want to sleep here with you.”

That night, Hesper gave Renfrew a bath and blow dried his hair, then played with him for a while before tucking him in.

Watching him quietly sleeping, her heart melted while at the same time being angry.

It was past midnight yet no one in the Duval household realized that Renfrew wasn't home. It was enough to prove that they didn't care about him!

She would never let them off the hook for this reason alone.

The next morning, Wanda's voice was heard throughout the villa.

"Oh no, young master is missing!"

"What's this yelling so early in the morning?" Julie had been worried about Sophia recently and didn't sleep well. Now that she was woken up by Wanda's scream, she was furious.

Wanda didn't have time to feel afraid and said, "Ma'am, young master is missing! His room wasn't used and his bed is cold!"

"What? Have you looked everywhere? Did he go somewhere to play?" Julie started feeling nervous, for he was the heir to the family. If anything happened to him, she would be sad.

"I did, I looked everywhere. He isn't where he usually is!"

Julie started panicking. She saw Rickard walking out and immediately grabbed him and asked him to call the police. "Dick, Ren is missing and he hasn't been back since last night! We need to call the police. immediately!"

Rickard knew what happened. He looked toward the room that

Hesper used to sleep in and said in an enigmatic tone. "I think... I know where he is."

While waiting for the call to connect, Rickard started feeling nervous. He hadn't called Hesper in such a long time, he even had to get her number from Renee.

The call was not answered.

Rickard was patient and dialed again and again until Hesper lost it.

"Are you crazy? Do you know what time it is?"

"Is Ren with you?"

"Hah." Hesper scoffed. "Mr. Duval is finally awake and realized that his son is missing?" She mocked him while also answering his

question.

Rickard gave a sigh of relief. "Put him on the phone."

"No, he's not awake yet."

Rickard paused. "I'll go pick him up."

Hesper scoffed again as she looked vicious. "Rickard Duval, your son had been missing all night and you just found out. Do you think you're a good dad? He's staying with me from now on. I won't let him go home."

"Hesper!" The man lowered his voice but Hesper was relentless.

"Mr. Duval, threatening and yelling will no longer work on me. Once I've made up my mind, no one will be able to change it."

She hung up. Rickard's chest heaved.

Julie didn't know what happened, so she asked, "Is Ren really with her? This woman took him without even telling us. What was she thinking!"

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"She's the child's biological mother. There's nothing we can do about it."

Rickard frowned, not liking how she was speculating.

However, Julie said, "People are unpredictable. She left him without a word after giving birth. Who knows if she holds a grudge still and will take it out on the child? And even if she doesn't, she just took the child away without saying a thing. What if she fights for custody?"

Rickard's head started to hurt because of her shouting. "It won't be too late to say that when she actually does it. Aren't you tired of speculating when she hasn't done anything yet?"

He finally understood how stressful it was for Hesper to live with them. She must have felt exhausted after things stacked up.

"The child will be safe with her. I'll send someone to keep an eye on them."

Seeing how he was looking impatient, Julie stopped speaking and yelled at him as he turned around. "Come back early then. Let's have dinner together as a family."

"We'll see." Rickard walked away.

When he got to the office, there were folders upon folders of

documents for him to go through. By the time he snapped out of work mode, it was almost noon.

Rickard took a look at the time and called Hesper. She picked up quickly this time and sounded confrontational.

“Mr. Duval, I don’t think our relationship is close enough that you could casually call me up. If it’s work-related, please contact my assistant. If it’s personal, I’m sorry but there’s nothing more to say.”

“Hesper.” He pinched the bridge of his nose.

Before the people he sent out came back with information, he

wouldn’t know what this would turn into, so he had to force himself to get used to it.

“We’re all adults. What happened between us means that we’ll never be strangers. Why don’t we sit down and talk things through?”

“There’s no need for that,” Hesper rejected. “With all that you’ve done to me in the past, I might not be able to control myself and give you a big slap.”

Rickard’s face darkened.

No one dared to speak to him like that; Hesper was testing his patience.

“Oh, by the way.” Remembering something, she reminded him with a smirk, “I’ve sent evidence of Ms. Duval’s criminal actions to you. I’m sure you know what to do. If you don’t have the heart to take action, I’ll gladly take over.”

Rickard held his phone tighter. “What do you plan to do?”

“An eye for an eye.” She hung up after that.

Renfrew stared at her without blinking at the side and when he saw how she didn’t give in to Rickard, he stuck up his thumb. “Mom, you’re

so cool.”

Hesper was amused and patted his head. “Let’s change and we’ll go grab some food.”

Hesper didn’t want to leave her son after finally seeing him. She brought him his favorite steak and then headed to the mall.

The child was young but he knew what he liked. He picked a few sets of clothes and one of them was a matching set with his mother. They

enjoyed their time together.

“Ren, stay here while I go to the bathroom.”

Hesper walked away with her bag and turned around to take a look at him. Ren sat in the chair and rested while he kicked his legs around. Isaac said something to him and he made a funny face.

Hesper smiled wider and left.

At the same time, Juniper was having a meal with her colleagues from the station.

The group got to the fourth floor and saw Ren sitting not too far away. She raised her brows.

“Go ahead, I’ll catch up.”

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She walked over in her heels and flashed a big smile to Ren. “Why are you here alone, Ren?”

Renfrew lazily looked up. He recognized her, the woman who kept coming to see his father with a lot of makeup on.

“Aunt Juni.” He smiled innocently. “Have you been too busy recently and your eyes got too tired? Can’t you see this man standing next to me?”

It wasn’t the first time Ren disrespected her, but she brushed it aside because she wanted to get close to Rickard.

“I’m sorry, I didn’t notice.” She smiled and discreetly looked at Isaac. He just looked like a bodyguard.

“Did your dad ask someone to bring you out? Where is he?”

Impatience was seen in Renfrew’s eyes. “He didn’t.”

“Who then?” Juniper was curious because she knew how much

Rickard cared about the child.

He would always hug him before he left home, so he wouldn’t let the child out with just a bodyguard.

However, she saw this as a good chance to approach Rickard, so she held Ren’s hand. “It’s not safe for you to be here alone. I’ll bring you to your dad.”

“Excuse me, ma’am. Please let go of him.” Isaac frowned and blocked her.

Juniper wasn’t interested in speaking to a lowly bodyguard, so she arrogantly said, “How dare you block me! Don’t you know who I am?”

Isaac was speechless. He had met a lot of important people, so he

couldn’t care less about her. “I don’t care who you are, but you need to let go, or I’ll be forced to put my hands on you.”

“What? You’re going to put your hands on me? I’m going to put in a complaint!” Juniper wanted to meet Rickard. She had been unlucky recently as if some bad luck fell upon her. The rumors spread at the station were stressing her out.

If she got closer to Rickard, it would only improve her life. She didn’t care if someone was blocking her. She would do anything to get to him.

However, suddenly, a voice that she would never dream of was heard.

“Juniper Wight, where are you taking my son?”

Juniper snapped her head over. Hesper was dressed in casual clothes and staring at her coldly from a few feet away. Even without doing anything, she had a threatening vibe.

“Hesper...” Juniper’s beautiful eyes grew wide as she immediately remembered the anonymous parcel.

“I knew it was you! You’re really back!”

She rushed over to grab her face, but before she could get close enough, Isaac pushed her away and glared at her.

“Please stay away from Ms. Lane.”

Juniper was in heels, so she lost her balance after being shoved aside. She stumbled backward and finally grabbed onto the railing to support herself.

The woman angrily glared at the both of them. “Who do you think you are? How dare you push me!”

“Who do you think you are, trying to take my son away?”

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Hesper’s tone was light but it sounded eerie.

Juniper suddenly realized that this was no longer the Hesper she remembered. She used to keep her head low and dressed simply.

Now even though she was in casual clothes, she looked classy. Her makeup was light but beautiful, and her lipstick made her look healthy.

The Bulgari necklace around her neck and the Chanel ring on her left hand were things that the old Hesper would never even wear!

“You’re really different now, Hesper. Your outfit probably costs a lot of money. Where did you get it from?”

Hesper calmly ignored her mocking, then waved to Renfrew. “Come here, my son.”

Renfrew immediately hopped over and hugged her, not wanting to let

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Seeing how close they were, Juniper became jealous.

She had put in a lot of effort in the past three years but could never get in his good books, but now that Hesper was back, he was immediately stuck to her.

If Rickard found out, he might just stop looking for a stepmother for this rascal!

“Ren, what did I say to you? You have to be honest and not be blinded by money. These things that your mother bought for you are bought with money of questionable origin, so we can’t keep them.”

She walked over and wanted to hand the shopping bags back to Hesper.

Hesper stretched out her hand to block her. “What’s the meaning of this, Ms. Wight?”

“Hmmp, are you sure you want me to spell everything out?” Juniper looked cocky, but Hesper found it funny, so she nodded.

“Go ahead.”

Juniper went on. “All these things you bought are from luxury brands. You wouldn’t be able to get them without a few thousand dollars, but you’re a poor orphan. Where did the money come from? Have you been going around scamming people after your divorce?”

She hinted that Hesper became a gold digger and that made Isaac’s expression change.

“What did you say?”

Juniper was shocked at his fierceness and took a few steps backward.

Hesper smiled a knowing smile. "It's alright, I haven't heard such a funny joke in a while. Let her continue."

Seeing how she was seen as a joke, Juniper lost her temper and scoffed. "Stop pretending. We knew each other long enough, and I know you very well. If Rickard finds out that you're buying things for his son with dirty money, he's not going to be happy!"

"Oh, really?" Hesper smiled. "Didn't you love to complain? Go ahead, I'd love to see what he's going to do to me."

"You-" Juniper was furious. Hesper had become very eloquent in the years that they didn't see each other and was easily able to shut her

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She took another look at Renfrew and angrily said, "Renfrew, I'm

going to ask you one more time. I'm going to bring you to your dad. Are you coming?"

"No." Renfrew shook his head and innocently asked, "Aunt Juni, you're so weird. I'm just spending time with my mom. Why do you want to complain about that? Oh, I know. Are you just finding a reason so you can see my dad?"

The child sounded innocent, but his words were deadly.

Hesper saw how Juniper's face turned red before she turned and left.

"Ma'am, why don't you let me take care of her for insulting you?" Isaac frowned. It was obvious he wasn't happy with what happened.

The last person who insulted Hesper was beaten up very badly.

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"Isaac, your temper is going to get you in trouble one of these days." Hesper smiled. "Besides, fighting is boring. She's looking down on me, so it would be sweet if I put her in her place on her own turf."

"You mean..." Isaac's eyes shone because he knew.

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Juniper rushed over, but since she didn't have an appointment, the receptionist had to stop her. "Ms. Wight, Mr. Duval is in the middle of something. Why don't you give him a call instead?"

“Are you blind? Don’t you know who I am?” Juniper was so angry she almost spit out blood. What was going on in the past few days? Why were people giving her trouble left, right, and center?

“Ms. Wight, I’m just doing my job. Please don’t make it tough for me-”

“Shut up!” Juniper cut him off impatiently. When she saw Benji through the corner of her eye, she immediately called out to him. ” Benji!”

“Ms. Wight?”

Juniper found someone to back her up, so she pointed at the

receptionist. “What’s going on with your receptionist? This isn’t the first time I’m here. How could she stop me?”

Benji smiled politely, unable to tell her that the last time the receptionist let her in without asking, Rickard was furious.

“The staff isn’t trained well enough, so please forgive her. Why don’t I bring you up?”

“Okay.”

Benji pressed the button for the elevator and sent a text to Rickard.

When Juniper got to the CEO’s office, Rickard was already outside with a calm expression. “What brings you here?”

“Rickard, I saw Ren at the mall today and he’s with Hesper Rivera! Hesper bought a lot of things for him, but I’m worried that-”

“What are you worried about?”

Juniper continued, “I’m worried that she got her money through illegal means and she’ll be a bad influence on him!”

The air froze for a few seconds after she said that.

Benji raised his brows. ‘Ms. Wight, even if you’re trying to snitch, you need to find out what’s happening. Mrs. Duval is no longer the same

person.’

As expected, Rickard coldly replied, “You’re overthinking it.”

“No, Rickard, you had to be there!” Juniper told him the entire. situation. “Everything that Hesper was wearing costed thousands. I remember that you didn’t pay her any alimony after your divorce, so where did she get the money from?”

Rickard paused. "Thank you for reminding me that I still owe her a huge sum of alimony."

Juniper was shocked. That wasn't what she meant. She wanted him to become suspicious of Hesper. However, Rickard spoke to Benji. "

Write a check and send it over to her later."

"Yes, sir."

"No!" Juniper panicked. Even though she didn't need more money, she didn't want Rickard to give any to Hesper. How could that woman get money for the divorce?

"You've been divorced for so long and everything is already in the past, so there's no point giving her the money now."

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"What do you mean there's no point?" Rickard turned around. The annoyance in his eyes gave Juniper shivers.

"I mean-"

"It doesn't matter how long it's been. She will always be my son's mother, so I should compensate her. I didn't think about that before this, but now that you've reminded me, of course I need to do something about it."

Rickard turned and walked into his office without giving her a chance to finish her sentence.

Juniper bit her lip and had to agree. "You're right, I didn't think of that."

She followed closely but Rickard stood in front of the glass door and looked at her. "Anything else?"

Juniper smiled awkwardly. She could feel how cold he was toward her, but the colder he was, the more she wanted to get close to him.

"Rickard, why is Ren with Hesper? Do you plan to get him back? I bought three tickets to the theme park and was planning to bring him there."

"Don't worry about it. Hesper will take good care of him."

That ended the conversation. Juniper didn't want to just leave, so she grabbed his arm. "Here's the thing, the show that I'm hosting is working on a finance segment and would like to invite a young and successful business person to be interviewed. If I can't find someone suitable, could you come instead?"

Rickard pulled his arm back and took a good look at her. "Juniper, you know how busy I am. If you came to see me just to talk about such a menial thing, you're wasting my time."

Juniper's smile froze, but Rickard ignored her. He turned and walked away with Benji.

After a few seconds, Juniper snapped back and balled up her fists.

Rickard said that this was menial. She was sincerely inviting him, but to him, it wasn't worth his time.

What would be considered important then? Hesper?

Jealousy brewed in her heart. She was not done yet, so her

expression kept changing. After a while, she seemed to have made up her mind.

She couldn't let things delay any longer. She had to get him, no matter

what it took!

The next day, Juniper showed up at the station as usual.

She was a very well-known host in the past two years since she was highly educated and was rumored to be in a relationship with Rickard, a dream. Her colleagues thought of her as a princess.

However, the rumors that popped up recently had tainted her dreamy existence. She walked into the station and could feel people watching her after she walked past.

The director suddenly called out to her. "Juniper, we've found

someone for the business segment interview but the person doesn't have a lot of time. She can only do it today, so the interview will be today. Go get ready."

"That's sudden." She had been a host for a few years, so she was good at improvising. Thus, she nodded. "Alright, I'll go get ready."

The business segment would be a live broadcast on the business channel. Juniper sat in front of the mirror and got her makeup done as she read the script. She looked toward the guest room from the corner of her eye but no one seemed to be in there.

Who was this person?

Juniper walked to the set filled with curiosity. After a brief opening, it was time for the interview.

Juniper's eyes grew wide when she saw who showed up. "You?"

Hesper was dressed in a black business suit. She looked like an intelligent urban woman in the crisp outfit.