

Chapter 27

Two more weeks.

Hesper decided that she would brace herself until then.

She would spare no effort in getting a divorce when Mr. Duval Sr. was back! 1

She did not wish to stay in the family for a moment longer.

Mr. Duval Sr. talked to her for so long until, at last, she fell asleep from exhaustion.

Hearing Hesper's even breathing through the call, Mr. Duval Sr.'s expression turned gloomy. He immediately called Rickard.

"Hello, grandfather."

The scene in the living room remained as joyful as ever.

However, it was different when Mr. Duval Sr.'s call came. As soon as Rickard spoke, the few people looked to him in unison.

Mr. Duval Sr. spoke loudly in a strong voice, "Did you

bully your wife again, Rickard? What did I teach you in the past? Why haven't you learned anything! Hesper is a good girl, and she's the mother of your child. If you don't appreciate her contribution, appreciate her hard work at the very least. Don't hurt her!"

Rickard was about to deny it when Hesper's hurtful expression came into his mind.

It would appear that she was...truly crushed emotionally.

"I'll be back in two more weeks. I don't care what you're planning to do, but you must take good care of her before I return. Go and apologize to her if you displeased her! While you're at it, tell that mother and sister of yours to behave themselves!"

Madam Duval and Sophia's expressions changed when they heard the final remark.

Mr. Duval Sr had actually reprimanded them in the call because of Hesper.

On the other hand, after Mr. Duval Sr.'s reminder, Rickard realized that he had gone too far. He paused for a moment before saying, "Understood, grandfather. I'll check on her now."

After hanging up the call, Rickard stood up and

walked upstairs.

Juniper followed him by standing up at once. "Where are you going, Rickard?"

Rickard said, "Hesper fell from a great height and the doctor mentioned before that she would experience long-term side effects. She discharged herself from the hospital rashly, so it would be better for me to talk to her and figure out the situation.

"I'll come with you then." Juniper's smile looked slightly forced. "I'm concerned about her too."

"It's fine, I'll go alone."

Rickard did not comment further, his figure soon vanishing from her sight.

Juniper clenched her fists tightly. Why? Why is Rickard still thinking about Hesper every so often even after everything I've accomplished? ①

In fact, he even cares about her health.

He's supposed to love only me.

At the thought of that, Juniper looked toward Sophia. "You've seen Hesper's trick too. No matter how badly we mistreat her, she's still capable of manipulating Mr. Duval Sr. and Rickard into caring about her. Do you think that Rickard won't be suspicious of us as

time passes? Or do you think Mr. Duval Sr. won't bring up this matter to get even with us when he's back?" 2

Sophia's expression changed drastically. She knew how defensive Mr. Duval Sr. was of Hesper since she was a member of the Duval family. After learning about Hesper's severe injuries, Mr. Duval Sr. would not leave the matter at that.

Sophie grew more and more restless as she thought about how Mr. Duval Sr. warned them in the call earlier.

"Juni, what are you implying?"

Juniper took a glance at Madam Duval but did not speak immediately.

She had come up with an idea, but she would never say it out loud. Otherwise, she would be held responsible if the matter were exposed in the future and she would be the culprit who put Hesper in harm's way.

Madam Duval should be the one to say it so Juniper would be considered a forced accomplice at most.