## Chapter 29

The next day, Hesper came to the nursery early in the morning, but after standing at the door for a long time, she still could not muster the courage to go in.

She was afraid that yesterday's incident would be reenacted, with the baby rejecting her once again.

She was hesitating when a servant suddenly opened the door and walked outside. The servant was stunned by the sight of her for a moment before she said respectfully, "You're here, Mrs. Duval. Sir has ordered that you may enter the nursery at any time you wish to see the baby."

Hesper was rather surprised.

Why would Rickard be so kind?

He probably did it so I could humiliate myself!

Fortunately, when Hesper cautiously scooped the tiny babe into her arms, he did not show any unusual behavior. In fact, he even leaned his face closer to her chest.

Hesper almost cried with joy as she looked at his adorable mannerism. Her little baby finally wanted

her again.

Meanwhile, Dorothy walked into the nursery with a bowl of chicken soup. "Mrs. Duval, have some soup. I made it specially for you."

"Thank you, Dorothy."

Hesper was very grateful. By that point, she was highly appreciative of anyone who showed kindness to her.

Noticing when she finished eating the soup, Dorothy said, "Frankly, Mrs. Duval, I saw what happened in the living room yesterday. I don't know if I should tell you this."

"Dorothy, there's no harm in telling me."

Dorothy said, "Although what Mr. Duval said to you yesterday was blunt, he was right about your body being tainted with all sorts of smells from the hospital. It's normal that the baby was not used to it and made a huge fuss. Perhaps Mr. Duval was only making a suggestion when he asked you to take a bath."

"Is that so ... "

Hesper was perplexed for a short while. She took a glance at the child in her arms who was especially

obedient today and wondered if his unusual behavior yesterday was really due to the smell on her.

Next to her, Dorothy soothed her by saying, "I'm married with children too, Mrs. Duval. A feud between husband and wife never lasts more than a day. Mr. Duval still cares about you. Don't be angry at him anymore."

"Let's not talk about that anymore.

Hesper kept her head lowered, reluctant to get to the bottom of the matter. She said with a bitter smile, " There are no long lasting feuds for other married couples, but Rickard and I are different. He's never loved me, and I...I no longer love him."

Rickard was just walking by the door when he halted to a stop and looked at the tightly shut nursery door with an angered expression.

What is Hesper talking about? She no longer loves me? Who does she love then?

Could it be Julian?

Benji took the liberty to remind the furious Rickard, " Mr. Duval, the company meeting is about to start..."

Rickard glared at him in anger, and just as Benji was about to suffocate, he said coldly, "Let's head to the company!"

Hesper seemed to hear the commotion outside the room, but when she opened the door to check, it was all empty.

She returned to the room and said with a helpless, bitter smile, "Dorothy, Rickard has always loved Juniper. I've seen their intimate selfie, so I know that sooner or later, I'll have to leave the Duvals."

"Uh..."

Dorothy, a conversative woman, was having a hard time believing that Rickard would cheat on Hesper.

However, Hesper did not appear to be lying. Dorothy was at a loss of how to console her.

Hesper then said, "Oh right, Dorothy. How did they treat my child when I was away during this period of time? Was he starved?"

"No, no," Dorothy said. "Mr. Duval would come home to play with the child as soon as he was free. His mother and sister behaved themselves when he was around. As for Ms. Wight, I didn't notice her doing anything overboard."

Hesper was relieved.

However, she knew that this was not the end of

everything. 2

Madam Duval, Sophia, and Juniper would never let her off easily.

Hence, in the next few days that followed, Hesper intentionally avoided them. She would rather eat out than eat at home just so she could wait for her grandfather's return in silence.

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