

## Chapter 10 Actions speak louder than words

Aires looked at Ford and nodded towards him, he held Elsie's other hand and asked her to dance. Elsie smiled in his way and also nodded towards Ford, before he knew it, they were already on the dance floor. Aires swung Elsie slightly but since she wasn't expecting it, she stumbled on her feet. Just as she thought that she was done for, she embraced a hard substance. She felt a loud sound in her ears and the feeling on her chest. She looked up in his eyes and was dumbfounded.

Loud footsteps sounded from the gate but it stilled as the person watched the scene in front of him. The people in the room could feel the chill around him even from a distance. They watched him and saw his gloomy face, Aires looked away and looked in the way of the guests to see Oswald. He was watching them and his face looked like a cloudy cloud ready to descend cats and dogs. 1

Elsie pushed up and stood on her feet, it was then that Aires told her that,

"Your ex-husband has arrived. Would you like to go and greet him?"

Elsie glanced in his way and shook her head and then said to Aires,

"Let's go and get something to eat."

Oswald had already walked in after they had finished speaking but before he could get closer to them, they passed him by. Ford walked up to him and greeted,

"Hey, Oswald he great, what are you doing here? I didn't see your name on the guest list." 1

Oswald glared at him and was about to walk away when he saw Elsie

and Aires picking food together on the same plate. But Ford stood in front of him and continued, 1

"To be honest, if I were you, I would walk away from here. You weren't invited in the first place, so I advise that you don't cause any scene here." 1

"And who said that I was going to cause a scene? How about you mind your damn business friend? I don't even know who's side you are on now." Oswald said in a complaint voice.

Elsie and Aires sat at the table and were feeding from the same plate. They looked as if they were out of the world and they were the only ones in the room. The guests watched them with smiles on their faces. This seemed to have made Oswald's expression more dangerous and chilly. He wanted to walk towards them once again but Ford held his hand and pulled him to the food table.

Oswald removed his hand from his grip and shouted at him,

"Ford, what do you think that you are doing now?"

"Everyone in the room can feel your anger from a distance. I would want you to cool down before you approach them. I thought that you had no feelings for Elsie that's why you asked to be divorced so what am I witnessing right now?" 1

"Ford, you should be clear about your words. Why do you think that I am angry? Whatever she does doesn't concern me." Oswald answered angrily.

"Why are you angry? Why attend a party uninvited and filled with anger?" Ford asked him sounding serious.

Oswald looked at him with his lips opening and closing. Nothing came out of his mouth, Ford laughed at him and shook his head.

This seemed to have irritated Oswald the more, he swept his fingers in his hair as the other hand held his waist. He hissed and walked towards the side of the table with fruits and grabbed an apple. Ford didn't join him and left him to go with the thought,

'I should allow him to figure things for himself, he's not a kid to know about his feelings.'

As Oswald chewed on the apple mercilessly, his eyes caught Aires glanced in his way and quickly looked away with a smile on his face. 1

Oswald felt more annoyed and this time rushed towards them. He looked at Elsie who was busily gulping on her juice and said to her,

"Do you know that there are scandals about you on the web? I advise you to stay away from certain people, so that you won't bring shame to the Crofts name." 1

Elsie smiled towards him but it didn't reach her eyes and she responded to him,

"I'm sorry Mr. Crofts but you seemed to have forgotten your status in my life. Nothing I do has anything to do with the Crofts. Mr. Crofts, we are divorced and so, please mind your business."

Oswald licked his lips and sighed loudly, he turned towards the door and said to her,

"My grandmother wants to see you. She's back from her vacation and as soon as she came, she read the news about you."

Oswald walked away as soon as the sound from his voice died down. Aires watched him leave and with an irritated expression looked back at Elsie. She was staring at the drink in front of her on the table in her thoughts.

"I think I should say bye to Aunt Julian, she even allowed me to call her Aunt instead of mother in law."

She stood up and said to Aires,

"I will be back in a while."

Aires stood up as well and said to her,

"I would want to come with you."

Elsie shook her head and said to him,

"You don't need to come along. Trust me, I will handle things well."

She finished speaking and walked away, Oswald had stopped at the gate and when he saw Elsie coming, he waited for her and they both walked away. Aires watched then leave with a jealous lazed eyes. Ford walked towards him and looked in the way he was looking as well and asked him, 1

"I think; you would like the news to stay as it is because you like Elsie right?"

Aires snubbed and walked away with answering. Ford smiled and said to himself,

"You don't have answer me. Actions speak louder than words."