CHAPTER-8: Monsters

"She has a child, Boss."

Evan who had his eyes closed, gripped the marker in his hand hard and his body went rigid hearing Richard's reluctant words.

"A child?" He demanded in a sharp tone before opening his eyes and throwing a cold gaze to Richard who gave Evan a nod before placing the file in front of him. Evan snapped his eyes to the file and was stunned to read that she lives with a six years old kid.

"And surprisingly she is friends with Isabel Ruiz."

Isabel, his best buddy's wife! Evan looked at her pictures with her son and one of them was from his friend's marriage which Evan attended but only for an hour.

Damn his life!

So He couldn't see her there!

Evan silently clenched his jaws reading this new piece of information about the woman who turned his nights sleepless for the last seven years. And a child! He didn't understand how to digest this news. He closed his eyes and leaned back in his chair, the woman once again brought restlessness in him and Evan didn't know how to deal with it.

"Miss Helena called just last night, she will be here in a few minutes."

He opened his eyes which fixed on Helena's file, his gaze throwing daggers at it. He expected anything but this!

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"Why are we here Mom?" Liam asked his mother, staring at the huge building in front of him.

Helena smiled at her son and stepped into Evan's company. Richard had sent her the address to visit this morning. The modern architecture, and the professional atmosphere greeted Helena's vision. She didn't know why, but something about the place calmed her anxious mind.

"Mom, This place is cool," The sudden excitement in her son's voice boosted her with positivity. She knew her son's likings which matched just like a mature man. She bent to his level and pinched his nose lightly. "You like it?"

"Yes," Liam answered excitedly. "Is this your new job? It means you won't be working as a waitress anymore right?"

Helena's inside tightened at the hope in her son's eyes. "Yes, Liam. Mom will never serve others. I will be working here from now. And now I want you to be a good boy and stay here without being naughty."

Liam grinned and a glint came to his eyes. "I won't, mom."

Helena hoped that he would do as he was saying. She opened her handbag, pulled out an Ipad and handed it to her son. "Your favourite game, keep yourself busy playing it until I come back."

"Thanks Mom," Liam said, taking the Ipad from her and sitting on the

sofa behind him. Liam turned on the game and was already absorbed into it. $% \label{eq:control}%$

Helena left to ask the receptionist about Richard but her cell phone went off. Helena checked the caller ID, an unknown number flashed on the screen. She ended the call and once again walked to the reception area but her phone pinged. Helena checked on the message and she stiffened reading it.

'Pick up the call or be ready for the consequences, Helly baby.'

Helena's breath caught in her throat when she realised who was him. Only one person called her by this name. The image of him cheating on her with her step-sister flashed in her vision. The wound was still afresh and bleeding in Helena. The fire of revenge burned her deeply once again.

An angry shrill ran through her body when the phone once again went off in her hand. Inhaling deeply, she accepted the call but Elijah didn't even give her the chance to speak.

"How dare you hide such big news from me, you bitch. How dare you hide my child from me!" Elijah snapped at her. Helena was disgusted hearing the accusation in his words. How dare he accuse her of anything after what he did!

"And how dare you try to kill me that night. I was fucking pregnant, You bastard." The words left her mouth before she could stop them. "I came to tell you but you were busy cheating on me. Because of you, I lost one of my children!" Helena tried to keep her voice low and calm but the pain and suffocation made her choke on her words.

"You should have told me!" He fired back being the nonsensical

bastard again.

Helena fumed, feeling a non empathetic tone of him. "You don't care about the baby I lost, do you Elijah?" She snapped at his insensibility. What a sick bastard for whom she fell in love with!

He was so obsessed with himself that he didn't sound shocked over his deceased child. They all were cold-blooded scoundrels.

"Didn't your girlfriend tell you, Elijah? She knew. Her mother and my father. Everyone knew! You still tried to kill me!" She let out bitterly. Helena was hiding and living a low-profile life behind curtains, changing her surname till now because she didn't want any harm to come to her son.

But now they wanted to snatch her only son from him. How dare they? The flames of vengeance and protectiveness scorched inside her.

"What do you want now, Elijah? You didn't care about your child when you tried to kill us brutally. Then why suddenly?"

"I want my son, Helena. And you better bring him to me or You know what kind of monster I am, you know what kind of monster my father is. Don't try to act smart or we will turn your life into a living hell!"

Helena clenched her jaws tightly. "I will, Elijah. Your father gave me two days. I still have today to be with my son," Saying that she ended the call and took a few deep breaths to calm herself. She didn't want to hear his ugly voice anymore.

"Monster," her throat felt heavy and tears welled her eyes, blurring her vision. "You are right Elijah, You and your father along with those two

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bitches and my own father, you all are nothing but monsters!"

Helena swallowed the thickness in her throat and wiped her tears harshly from her eyes. "I won't cry again. My time to shed tears is over. Now you all will cry, you all are going to feel the same pain and humiliation I felt seven years ago, Elijah. You all think you are untouchable monsters. I will bring my own monster to fight you. I will bring a monster bigger and more dangerous than you all. He will take my revenge. He will bring peace to this burning fire inside me. I will bring Evan Conan Hemsworth to fight this war, no matter what I have to do for it!"

Helena returned to the reception after attending Elijah's call and she saw Richard there already, talking to the receptionist.

"Richard," She called him and he turned to face her. Giving her a nod, he greeted her. "Miss Perez, Good that you are already here. The boss is in his office. He has assigned only fifteen minutes for you."

Helena swallowed her saliva and nodded,"It's enough for me," She said and they both left for Evan's office.



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