

Chapter 26 For How Long Can He Hide

"Please help me find them. I think someone must have taken them away," she pleaded helplessly.

"I thought you don't ever want me to help you?" He asked.

"I have my reasons but this time, I really need your help," she pleaded.

"Before coming here, we already checked the surveillance camera in the room and realized that some men dressed like officers with mask on their face came in to take the kids away. From what I observed, these men were not officers cause there was something important missing in their uniforms so they were merely men who disguised as military men," Derick narrated his observation.

Katherine sighed in frustration. She was dejected and depressed. "How do I find my kids then?"

"You have barely spent a month here and you have already received attacks twice," Derick said, "it's easy to guess where these attacks is coming from?"

"My ex husband?" She was quick to guess.

"Who else could have kidnapped your kids? Who else is interested in them? Since the court adjourned the case, he probably couldn't wait and sent men over to kidnap them," Derick said.

How come she didn't think like that before? Katherine reasoned with what Derick said and gritted her teeth in anger, "that bastard! Isn't he satisfied with the pain he caused me in the past? Yet he chose to be a thorn in my flesh this time..." She mumbled, looking down as if she was totally lost in thought.

"He kidnapped my kids. I know exactly what to do, I'll take a few officers and storm his father's mansion then claim my kids back," Katherine said.

"Does that mean you do not need my help anymore?" Derick asked.

Katherine didn't know what to respond with. Does he have another way of helping her? "I think you already helped me by helping me to identify the suspect."

Derick squinted his eyes and looked at her teary eyes, he also noticed that her handkerchief had been soaked with tears so he brought out his ever white and clean handkerchief and stood, then he cleaned her face well.

Katherine's face flushed. She couldn't believe what was happening. The god of war wiped her face. Katherine looked up at him to see his expression but as usual, it was very cold.

"If my mother sees you crying, she won't be happy," he said and took few steps back.

Oh! He was only acting this way because of his mother. It's better for her not to overthink lest she gets herself hurt.

"I'll get going since you already figure a way out," he said and turned from her.

Katherine stood and asked him, "or did you have another way to help?" This was regarding her own children, she would do anything to get them back.

Derick turned back to her and spoke, "No!"

"Oh!" Katherine felt like he already figured a way to help but decided to hid it from her cause she was too forward. "Okay."

Derick nodded and as he wanted to turn and walk away, he sighted her falling forward. Katherine had lost so much strength that she lost balance and slumped forward.

But before she could fall to the ground, he stopped her from falling by supporting her with his hands. Then he helped her to the bed and made her sit. During that period, Katherine's heart was at her throat. She didn't expect that Derick would help her, he even carried her gently to her room.

"Thank you," she managed to say. Feeling very embarrassed. "I advise you rest before visiting your ex husband's mansion with soldiers. You need to be strong to fight." He said and walked out.

Once he was outside the house, he saw Samantha leaning by a small pole, her attention was fully on Alessio who was leaning by the car's door and had his eyes on the laptop.

The way Samantha was looking at Alessio is like a teenager looking at the guy she has a crush on. Although Derrick distanced himself so much from love and anything related, he still understood few signals.

"Samantha," Derick called. Jerking Samantha out of her fantasy. Samantha had been seriously fantasizing about many sweet things with Alessio. Such as Alessio taking her out to Italy for honey moon. Such as Alessio keeping her in his warm hugs. Such as eating dinner with Alessio. Her fantasies were endless.

"Marshall!" Samantha immediately saluted. But was a little bit worried. Did the god of war see her staring at his personal assistant? What would he think of her.

However, Derrick didn't say anything but walked away from her. As he approached the door, Alessio noticed and opened the door of the car for him. Once he sat, Alessio closed the door and quickly went to the driver's seat.

"Marshall, shall I get to work?" Alessio asked. It was regarding Katherine's kids. He had began a thorough investigation on the kid's whereabouts and just needed a command to push the investigation further to the next stage.

"She wants to handle it her own way. Let's let her do it," Derick answered.

"Marshall..." He thought about something and paused. Then he continued, "General Katherine is strong, yes but at the end, she's a woman and her capacity is limited."

"I know that." Derick said and continued, "she will be going with some soldiers to Richard's house to claim her children...that is if her children are there. Just ensure she's not hurt cause Richard may have something up his sleeve."

"I'll definitely keep her protected," Alessio said then he received the gesture to start the car. At once, he started the car and began to drive.

Katherine knew she didn't have much strength, yes, but who sleeps or rest when their children is lost? No sane person. She went to shower and change into a full khaki uniform then she walked out. She selected twenty five Western Ocean City soldiers whose ranks are just below hers and five Eastern Ocean City soldiers. The Eastern Ocean City soldiers were some of the officers deployed with her from Eastern Ocean City.

Soon, they all went in many military cars to the Caldwell's mansion. She stepped down and ordered, "search the entire room and bring me whatever you see breathing." She commanded. Standing gallantly outside.

"Yes, General," the soldiers answered. The twenty five soldiers from Western Ocean City walked inside while the five soldiers from Eastern Ocean City stayed by her side, guarding her.

About eight minutes later, the Western Ocean City soldiers came out, one of them spoke, "General, we can't find a single soul in there."

In that case, Richard must have known that she's coming and fled. As she thought, she suddenly connected the dot. Donna knew when she was leaving the base with officers, could she be the one that informed Richard? That's the logical explanation beside what is happening.

But for how long can he hide away from his house? He's probably hiding in somewhere. Sooner or later, he will come back home. Katherine thought to herself and ordered Western Ocean City soldiers to await Richard so they stayed on guard around the mansion while she and the five Eastern Ocean City soldiers drove back to the base.

