Honey, Please Love Someone Else

Chapter 87 - Friendly Support

I went to the front door, wondering who is the person waiting for me. As I opened the door, Neil and Ray stood there with a smile. Why are they here? They didn't informed me about coming to my house.

- "How come you guys are here?" I wasn't trying to look unwelcoming but the stress was making me cranky.
- "We came to check on my sis. How did it went with Adam?" Walking into the house, Neil replied.
- " Not that good as we expected. In fact things got more worse." With a sigh I said.
- "What do you mean? Did he plan something else?" A worried Ray asked, looking puzzled at me.
- "That's bastard Adam! He made Stella signed a contract before joining his company. She has to pay three years of her salary for breaking the contract." My vein popped up with the blood boiling into my body. Thinking about him made me burn into flames of contempt.
- "That's not a big problem. One thing we don't lack, is money. But what's with your gloomy face?" Sure enough, all three of us can easily arrange that amount of money since we had our own jobs.
- "Your dad found out about Stella's job. He called her few moments ago and lectured her mercilessly. Stella is really upset right now."
- "What! But how did he found-" Neil stopped his sentence midway as if he realised something. His face looked horrified as he continued "Oh shit! I think he heard my conversation with Ray. Before I was leaving the house to pick up Ray, I was talking with him over phone. Maybe dad heard us talking. Oh god! I'm so stupid! I should have been careful. Damn it!" Frustration started to build up when Neil found out that he's responsible for his sister's sufferings.

I felt the same when I misbehaved with Stella and hurt her feelings. Being hurt doesn't feel that painful but when you are responsible for hurting your loved one, it's intolerable. A feelings that can not be obliterated easily.

"I think your dad didn't hear much. Because he never mentioned Adam's name or company. He only knows that Stella was working somewhere." When Mr. Carlton talked over phone, he clearly addressed Stella's office as 'low class company'. Adam's company is actually well established and renowned.

Anyone would be delighted enough to work there. Then it only means that, Mr. Carlton only heard about Stella working. Nothing more than that. It's my hunch only but I'm certain it's true.

- " Man, I can't believe sis is crying because of me."
- "It's not your fault Neil. You know your dad. That guy always got on my nerves. Not even for once, he considered your or Stella's feelings over his judgement. I hate that guy." Eyes filled with anger and hatred, Ray spoke, gritting his teeth. Ray knew Mr. Carlton from a long time, that's why he saw all his wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, I never saw or felt this side of Mr. Carlton throughout the past years. As if my own eyes deceived me and so did my self consciousness.

- "Umm. I'll have to order food. Do you guys wanna eat dinner here?"
- " Why order? Where's the maid?"
- "Your sis wanted to cook dinner. But after having argument with her dad, she looked depressed. That's why I told her to take a nap and I can't cook either." I replied with a chuckle.
- " It's fine. I'll cook. My sis hasn't recovered yet from the food poisoning. It's better to eat home cooking."
- " I didn't knew you can cook."
- "I learned it for times like this. Oh! and you guys are going to help me also." Neil ordered us with a cranky face.

Thanks to him, we were able to cook the dinner. The food was ready and it smelled so good. These siblings are really good when it comes to cooking. I'm impressed. Perhaps I should also learn cooking from Stella, for times like this.

I ran upstairs to get Stella and bring her for dinner. Opening the door without making any sound I entered there. I can see my wife sleeping peacefully. As I got closer her eyes looked puffed up. Traces of tears were still visible. Was she crying again?

"Stella. Stella. Wake up honey, the foods ready." I shook her body gently. After few shakes, she opened her eyes which were swollen badly. "Let's go downstairs. Neil and Ray are also here."

She stayed quite. Her face was dull and emotionless. She showed no sign of excitement or curiosity when I told her about Ray and Neil. It seems that, she wasn't mentally prepared to forget about her father.

Even at the dining table, Stella was silent. She was lost in her own thoughts and three of us were suffering to see her in pain. We didn't brought up any kind of topic that would make her upset or disrupt. As she finished her food, faster than all of us, she went back to her room.

"She needs to be alone by herself." Neil blurted out, gazing at his plate. Of course both Neil and Ray knew more about Stella's behaviour and her character compared to me. They must have witnessed the same thing before in the past.

It breaks my heart to imagine how much helpless I am right now. But that's the cruel truth. I can't deny the fact that no matter how hard I try or how much I'm willing to cheer her up, in real life I can't take away her pain. If only, one could transfer their sufferings to someone else.

Three of us went to the pool side. Neil brought out two bottles of whiskey from my study room. Perhaps this alcohol will help me ease my mind. I'm going restless. It can't be happening for long or I'll go crazy.

- "Here." Neil handed me the class of whiskey with some ice in it. Cold breeze hit my face with a blast. The weather was chilly but not cold enough to freeze us.
- "Theo, don't worry too much. She'll get back to normal soon. Give her some time. You're only making yourself upset. Neil and me have seen her in this types of situations before."
- "Too me, it's the first time I am seeing her in this state. Heartbroken and completely shattered into pieces. I have witnessed all those things that made her hurt. I'm dying to take revenge on them, show them what they deserve. Yet here I am, doing nothing at all." My lamentation was unmeasurable.
- "When I first found out about you marrying the girl I loved for so many years, I was devastated. I just wanted you to vanish somewhere else and leave her alone. I deliberately stayed out of the country so that I won't have to attend your wedding ceremony. It was too hard for me. But now that I see her happy with you, I realised one thing. I want her to be happy." Out of no where Ray spoke his heart out. May it be alcohol or the the current circumstances, his words touched my soul.

- " Ray-" I was left speechless.
- "Yes Theo. You're the only one who can make her happy. It took me long but I have come to except it. A good friend, that's all I am to her. And I will make sure my place stays the same in her heart." It's kinda unbelievable that Ray is accepting his defeat.
- "Then you better work hard. Man, seriously. You're making me emotional Ray. You must be drunk." I replied with a joyous laugh.
- " I never saw so distressed like this. You are also a good friend to me Theo. I just want you to cheer up. You're doing your best."
- " I hope everything gets well soon. I'll make them pay for what they did. I swear."
- " I don't know about Adam, but if it's my dad I did like to teach him a lesson for once." Both me and Ray tuned our head to see Neil. His words were somehow frightening.