

Honey, Please Love Someone Else

Chapter 96 - Mother's Thought

After the hearty conversation of bitter sweet memories of the tragic past, we decided to watch something to loose the tension. The time went by without our notice.

" We're back!" Stella called out while shutting the door. The ladies came back around the evening time. Me and Mr. Carlton were waiting for them, sitting next to the TV.

" Woah! You guys are glowing!" Making my mouth drop in surprise, I complimented them. Their skin looks so young and refresh. Maybe I should get a spa treatment next time.

" You don't need to say it like that." Stella hushed me down as she got embarrassed hearing my sugar coated words.

" Please! You deserve more than that. Right dad?" At that moment their gaze fell upon me with a shock.

" Well... kind of." He was still on his seat, keeping his eyes on the tv screen. Judging by his voice I can tell he's feeling nervous about his next move.

" We only went out for a day and you guys have gotten so close in that time. Very Impressive."

Mrs. Carlton —— my mother-in-law stated bluntly. It sounded like a mockery with a hint of confusion. A smile peeked from her mouth as she was looking at her husband. Meanwhile Mr. Carlton did his best to stay fixed on the screen, avoiding their eyes.

" Did something happen?" Pulling my body closer towards her, Stella whispered into my ear.

" Nah. We just had a great time. Ever better than yours." I gave her a smirk but that did not help her on loosing the stress. Her expressions were still tensed.

" ... Uh.... Stella.... I have.... I need to talk to you about something." Getting up from his seat, Mr. Carlton shuttered while expressing his words.

" Oh okay." She was still tensed.

" Not here. Let's go to the balcony." Mr. Carlton let out a deep sigh and they went to the balcony.

I was sitting alone with my mother-in-law. Personally I never had a chance to chat with her. It were just usual conversations. She is probably thinking about what's going on.

Why did Mr. Carlton wanted to have a private talk with Stella? And what was he going to say to her.

It will be better if I let her know beforehand.

" Don't worry. He's going to confess everything to her." At first she stared at me with a puzzled look. But when she realised the meaning of my words she smiled softly.

" And it was all your doing?" She asked me sweetly with a gentle smile.

" Indeed." I said proudly.

" I always told him to sort out everything with the kids. They're smart enough to understand the situation and the circumstances. But he denied. He's such a fool." She complains about her hopeless husband in front of her son-in-law. I can't help but chuckle.

" He's a fool for sure. But a loveable one." Sarcastic as ever. My remarkable remark made her laugh.

" I'm really thankful to you, Theo. You have done something that not ever a real son would do." A hint of sorrow splashed on her eyes. Perhaps she's thinking of Neil.

" Well, I'm also your son, by law. So it's my duty to fill in the gaps, repair the cracks and join the broken bonds. It's my responsibility as a part of your family member."

" I don't know why Neil did such thing to us. He is stubborn and short tempered like me but taking this type of decision is beyond my expectations." A mother's heart is always worrying for her kids.

" Since I heard everything from Mr. Carlton I'm pretty sure that Neil is not the only person to be blamed. You can't deny that."

" No,no. I'm not saying that Neil did everything without a cause." She agreed.

" But at the end of the day, he's a young guy, also stubborn and short tempered just like you said. The decision he took was lit from the small flames that gathered silently into his heart. It wasn't really a rash judgment but a well thought plan."

" I see. Maybe I should have tried my best to help them out. It's just.... I knew that they disliked their father. But I never felt that they hated him. Both my kids were very kind and understanding from the beginning. Their father isn't a bad guy. He's just full of complexity, even took me a long time to realise his true nature."

" Why did you stayed with him? I mean after everything you had to suffer." I was curious to know her side of story as well. Even though I was being way too straightforward.

" He's not the only one to be blamed. Back then, if only I had tried to make this marriage work, our past would be less complicated. We both have gone through terrible things and suffered on our own. If he wanted he could have divorced me. Although he never did that. I had no one else except him and my kids. It was the same for him too. We were both lonely. Maybe that's why we stayed together till now."

" But he cheated on you. You could have started a new relationship with someone else."

" What's the guarantee in that? How will I know that the new guy won't be a bigger disappointment?" Even in that serious moment I failed to hold my laughter when I heard that. That means my mother-in-law thinks of my father-in-law as a disappointment.

Dear lord!

" I'm really sorry for laughing."

" It's fine. As I said my husband is a disappointment but no matter what he did I couldn't leave him."

" I'm not quite sure how to react on this. My parents were always lovey dovey. I didn't went through this types of situations so I can't process it. Marriage seems a lot complicated after knowing you two. Seriously! I'm not sure what I'll do if I find my partner cheating on me."

" Marriage is a strong bond. It's not to be taken lightly. My mother told me this and I told this to my daughter. I don't want her to repeat the same mistakes. But I won't let her suffer like me either if her husband turns up to be a disappointment."

" I guess I passed the test? Or you guys still having second thoughts?"

" Time will tell. You guys already had a fight before which made her come back to our house." I was surprised to hear that. After all Stella and I decided to hide that incident when we fought because of Adam and she went back to her home with Neil. It'll only make her parents worry.

" How did you-"

" A mother's instinct. Besides it was so obvious. Your father-in-law is too dumb to read between the lines."

I can only imagine how Mr. Carlton was dealing with his marriage. They had love which helped them to continue their marriage till now. Love is all they have.