



Chapter 7

Sun rays peeked through the window and the whole room illuminated with a bright light. The girl laying on the bed stirred in her sleep and turned away from the window getting annoyed due to the direct light hitting on her face. Still her annoyance didn't lessen even a bit because of light still hitting on her eyelids which made her rosy cheeks to puff out in annoyance and she pulled the duvet over her face and smiled in satisfaction.

But soon the duvet was snatched away from her making her frown. Opening one of her eyes she peeked at the intruder would snatched her duvet away who was none other than her mother, Rooh. Her eyes widened and she immediately turned to the other side knowing that now she will wake her up no matter what. She closed her sea blue eyes which she got from her father and started acting like she was sleeping.

"Oh papa's princess, I know you are wide awake now. So get up and move to the bathroom right now!" Rooh ordered making her voice a little strict making Vanessa bit her tongue.

She didn't want to wake up this soon but she can't also tell this to her mother, so she kept acting like she is sleeping making Rooh to shake her head at her daughter's acting. Rooh went closer to her making Vanessa to tightly close her eyes, not wanting to get caught but Rooh understood her not

-so-oscar-winning acting.

"Okay fine if you don't want to wake up, but then who will eat the doughnuts specially prepared by Mikhail?" Rooh said like she was talking to her self making the latter's mouth water hearing her favourite food's name and also made by her favourite person.

Vanessa jerked up from the bed and stood straight on the floor making Rooh startled at her sudden action but in return Vanessa grinned at her lazily. Rooh smirked internally knowing that her daughter can't resist doughnuts no matter what.

"G-g-good morning m-mama." Vanessa stuttered out in her morning voice.

"Good morning papa's princess, Roomi." Rooh said giving her a lip tight smile because she was jealous of the father and daughter duo.

"W-w-where is p-papa?" Vanessa asked her curiously thinking her father is preparing her favourite doughnuts for her.

"For God's sake girl, I was the one who kept you in my womb for nine months and I was the only one who gave you birth after feeling so much pain and here you are always looking for your father first." Rooh gave her a whole lecture making Vanessa to come closer to her and hug her.

"Y-y-you know n-na mama I-I love you a lot b-but I love papa

a little b-bit more than y-you." Vanessa said to her mother showing her the love she does to her father with her thumb and forefinger joining and leaving a tiny bit space between them.

"I know what tricks you play with me." Rooh said eyeing her making Vanessa to pout to her cutely.

"O-o-ohoo mama you k-know na b-bhai loves you a-alot so i-it's m-my responsibility t-to love papa a lot or he will feel l-left out and less loved." Vanessa explained to her mother making her eyes softened at her daughter's words.

Now Rooh understood the selfless behavior of her daughter and why she always gives more attention to her father than her. The cold war between Liam and Mikhail always leaves Mikhail sad and gloomy and their daughter can't see him like that so she always does everything in her power to cheer him up. They both want this cold war to stop, father and son to become one but Liam is not ready for it which makes the daughter and mother to feel helpless.

"Sorry I didn't know that you think this much about your father." Rooh said a little sadly making Vanessa to come out of her embrace and smile at her beaming.

"I-I-I have to think a-about my whole family or else who would t-t-think about them? Poor them." Vanessa asked her making Rooh to chuckle at her innocence.

"Okay, okay my dear daughter now go and freshen up then

come downstairs for breakfast. We are waiting for you.”
Rooh said pinching her cheeks making her whine at her in return.

Vanessa skipped to the bathroom and Rooh sighed at her daughter's selfless behavior. Sometimes it scares her to the extent that she wants to hide her from this cruel world. She don't want her daughter to face what she has faced in her past with Mikhail. She is too innocent and selfless for this world.

Mikhail and her has protected her do much that now she is scared if her daughter will be able to face this world fearlessly. She is not aware of the monsters roaming out there who can hurt her, taint her. She is not aware of the cunning people ready to trick each other to become best. But she also knows she can't keep their daughter hidden anymore because someday she will have to face to outer world. She can't be like this fragile.

In these thoughts, Rooh reached downstairs and saw Mikhail placing the dishes on the dining table. She also started helping him but there was a visible frown on her face gaining Mikhail's attention. He came closer to her and took her hands in his softly.

"What happened, Lyubov?" he asked her and concern lacing in his voice.

Rooh moved her brown eyes to Mikhail and gaze in his baby blue eyes. "Our daughter is too innocent and selfless for this

world." were the words came out of her as a firm statement making Mikhail confused.

"What's the reason of your sudden concern?" Mikhail asked her perplexed.

"Because she is twenty now. We can't keep her hidden and protected for ever like this. Someday she have to be out to face this cruel world but that day would be so difficult for her because she is not aware of the things outside." Rooh said making Mikhail's expressions stern.

"You don't have to worry, Lyubov. I will always have her back, I will never ever let any harm to get her." Mikhail said with a determination in his voice making Rooh sighed. When it comes to family he always becomes more immature than a kid.

"My idiot husband, someday we will be old too and not possess the same energy we have now and besides she will also find her man. Then her life will be separated from us." Rooh resonated making Mikhail to shook his head vigorously.

"I won't let any man come near her. She will always be with us." he hissed stubbornly making Rooh to slap her forehead in defeat for now.

"We can't keep her with us for ever. She also has the right to find her own man, have children and build her own family, like us." She explained him but he was not ready for the idea

of Vanessa leaving them.

"Aren't we her family? And we can adopt kids for her and about man, we will find a best man for her but the condition is he will live with us here only. My princess will not go anywhere." he objected making Rooh to feel like she bang her head in the wall.

"You will never grow up, Mikhail." she said annoyed of him and sat on the chair for breakfast.

Meanwhile Vanessa also came down after getting ready and saw her mother's cheeks puffed out in annoyance while her father was giving puppy eyes to her mother. This is the thing she loves most about her parents, the love and understanding between them. Even if they have lived so many years together but still their love didn't fade away and as fresh as the starting. She walked closer to them and glanced at her mother then father.

"W-w-what happened m-mama?" she asked Rooh making her glare at Mikhail then turn towards Vanessa.

"Your papa will never grow up and act like a mature, father of two-grown-up kids man." she said to Vanessa making her frown at her.

"W-w-what did you do this time p-papa?" Vanessa asked him placing her hands on her hips and fake glared at her father making him return back a lip tight smile.

"Your mother said that one day you will find your own man

and will leave your old parents alone here. I said that I will not let you leave, your man can live with us here only. What's wrong did I say?" Mikhail said dramatically wiping his fake tear making Vanessa to snicker but one glare from her mother and she muffled it.

"Y-y-you are right p-papa why will I leave you and my lovely m-mama? My man can c-come and live here w-with us." Vanessa said teaming up with Mikhail making Rooh to sigh at both of them. They both ganged up against her now.

"I have nothing to say to both of you so you can do whatever you want." Rooh said puffing her cheeks out more and started having her breakfast.

Vanessa came and settled beside her between her mama and her papa. She hugged her mother's arm and whispered "D-d-don't worry mama I'm in your team. I-I took papa's side so he don't feel b-bad." hearing this Rooh smiled heartily.

No matter what, but her daughter never fails so cheer everyone up. Just because she was sad, she decided to whisper sweet lies to her ear so that her father and mother both can stay happy.

"What are you saying to her?" Mikhail asked Vanessa raising his brow questionably at her.

"N-n-nothing I was just saying that I'm s-sorry that you will have to adjust in this mansion b-because my man will ask live h-here in future." Vanessa said and smiled at him

sheepishly making Mikhail to look at Rooh and then back at her.

"Good that you took my side. I will not let you go anywhere." Mikhail said in his fake stern voice and started serving the doughnuts he specially made for his daughter.

Vanessa mouth watered seeing her favourite chocolate doughnuts in front of her and immediately picked one taking a bite she hummed in delight. After eating a whole doughnut she turned to her father.

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