

Chapter 8

"W-w-where are your h-hands?" she questioned her father making him gasp out loudly.

"Don't tell me that you will cut my hands for making so much tasty doughnuts." he exclaimed dramatically and a smile broke out on Rooh's face making both of the father and daughter talk with eye contact.

"N-n-no papa, I-I want to kiss them. I'm jealous n-now that you made s-so much tasty food for mama a-all these years." She said pouting and this time Rooh and Mikhail both chuckles at their daughter's cute jealousy face.

"I can cook for you my whole life too but promise me you won't leave me ever?" Mikhail said wiggling his eyebrows at Rooh.

"I-I-I promise p-papa." Vanessa said pinching her throat indicating that she is saying the truth.

"No not this promise princess. I want your usual pinky promise." Mikhail said objecting because he knows their daughter very well.

Whenever she wants to do any true promise she used to do her pinky promise. Vanessa widened her eyes when she got caught and looked at her mother who was looking at her with I-don't-know-what-to-do-

anymore look. Vanessa gulped and extended her pinky towards her father who hooked his own pinky with her.

"P-p-pinky promise p-papa." she said and smiled at him nervously. Her mother noticed her crossed fingers of the other hand behind her back and shook her head.

Vanessa can do anything to keep her loved ones happy and content. Either it is lying or hiding something, she don't hesitate even a bit because her first priority is to not let your loved ones down ever. Mikhail smiled in content and that's what Vanessa wanted so she also smiled back at him and started eating her doughnuts.

"It's very bad to lie, Roomi." her mother scolded her whispering near her ear making her bit her tongue knowing her mother saw it.

"S-s-see mama because of my lying p-papa is s-smiling now." she said and apologized to almighty and asked for forgiveness.

Rooh decided to let this matter go for now and she started having her own breakfast. Vanessa was smiling ear to ear because of feeling so happy that she got to eat her favourite chocolate doughnuts in early morning made by her papa and now her whole day will be good. After having breakfast Rooh took the plates to the sink while Mikhail was ready to leave for the office but his phone rang stopping him in the mid way.

He saw the number which was none other than Rooh's father so without wasting and time he received the call.

"Good morning papa!" Mikhail greeted him making Vanessa to snap her head towards him.

"N-nanu?" she whispered asking Mikhail if there is her maternal grandfather on the call.

Mikhail nodded his head in yes and she came close to him and gestured him to put the phone on speaker which he did. Meanwhile Rooh also came out of the kitchen and seeing both the father and daughter on the phone she came towards them.

"Where is Rooh? I'm trying to call her but her phone is switched off." Rooh's father voice came from the other side making Rooh frown.

"Sorry papa mera phone discharge ho gaya tha kal raat ko." Rooh said in middle making her father sighed.

(Translation: Sorry father, my phone got discharged last night.)

"What happened papa?" Mikhail asked sensing the concern and urgency in his voice.

"It's Rooh's mother. She is not fine and admitted in hospital. I don't know how to manage it all here. So if Rooh can come here for few days?" Rooh's father asked urgently making Rooh frown at his words.

"Mummy theek nahi hai? Apne hume pehle kyu nahi bataya?" Rooh asked in concern making Vanessa to hug her from side. She can't see her parents worried and even if she only met her grandparents one time but she loves them a lot and used to video call them every week.

(Translation: Mother is not fine. Why didn't you tell us

before?)

"Wo mai tum logon ko pareshan nahi karna chahta tha." again the voice came from the other side.

(Translation: It's just I didn't want to trouble you people.)

"It's nothing like that papa. You are our parents how can you trouble us?" Thornton Mikhail said making Rooh to smile at him proudly that he considers them as his parents too.

Before any reply could come from the other side Mikhail again spoke "We are coming to India. You don't have to worry and we bringing the best doctors with me." Mikhail said knowing about the heart disease of Rooh's mother.

"Okay beta, come soon." saying he hung up the call.

Rooh's forehead creased in concern making Vanessa to console her. "D-d-don't worry mama. Nani will be fine." she said and Rooh mindlessly nodded at her.

"I will arrange the jet for us." Mikhail said holding Rooh's hands gaining her attention.

"We can't take Roomi with us." she stated making Vanessa to frown at her.

"We will have to do up and down from hospital to home god knows how many time and she can't get troubled with us, besides there will be no one to take care of her in our absence." Rooh said knowing that when she, Mikhail and her father will be in hospital then Vanessa will have to stay alone at home and she never stayed at home alone before.

"Then what should we do? We can't even leave her alone here?" Mikhail said knowing that if Rooh has said something then there would be a valid reason so he wouldn't have to question her decision.

"We should leave her with Liam." Rooh stated making Mikhail's expressions to go blank at the mention of their son.

"You know he will never agree to live in this mansion, Lyubov." Mikhail resonated.

"So what? He had his own home besides Roomi will get to spend some time with him." Rooh told him but Mikhail was not ready to send Vanessa at their son's home.

He knew that the safest place for Vanessa is the mansion in their absence but Rooh was not completely wrong too. In their cold war Vanessa got separated from her loving brother and she misses him a lot too. So he decided that he will increase the security around Liam's penthouse without his knowing because no way he will take his help even if he is dying.

Sometime it hurts his alot that his own son hates him but where he is wrong. Who would like to live this dangerous life willingly? His subconscious mind screamed Rooh's name but she is an exception. She chose her love over her life and safety which made her very special to him.

Pushing his thoughts aside he nodded his head at Rooh agreeing with her. "Call him and tell him the whole situation. Ask him to take my princess with him but if there will be a single scratch on her body when we will return back then he

will have to face my wrath." Mikhail spat venomously making Rooh to gasp at his words.

"Mikhail he is our son!" Rooh yelled at him frustratingly.

"She is my princess too." Mikhail said and giving Vanessa a last look he strode away from there. Rooh kept looking his disappearing figure with sad eyes.

"I-I-I will be fine m-mama." Vanessa said softly gaining her attention.

"I know baby. Your brother loves you a lot and he will protect you at any cost." Rooh said taking Vanessa in her embrace and taking Vanessa's phone dialed Liam's number. After few rings the call got received by him.

"Hello princess." Liam's cheery voice came from the other side because he was so happy after getting her call.

"Mama is talking baby." Rooh replied with a sad smile. She misses him a lot.

"Hello mama. How are you?" Liam asked with a sad voice because he also misses his family.

"How can I be when you are not here with us?" she questioned him back making him sigh at the same conversation.

"You know mama I can't live there with that man." Liam said making Rooh expressions to turn stern.

"He is your father Liam." Rooh scolded him not liking the choice of his words.

"He is a killer too, mama. Why do you even live with him. I'm also success and rich, why can't you both come to me?" Liam said hissing making Rooh more angry.

"Liam, mind your language. No matter what he is your father and you should respect him." she told him sternly making him sigh at the other side.

"How's Vanessa?" he asked changing the topic because the last thing on this world he wants is to upset his mother.

"She is fine and I want you to take her with you for few days." Rooh said making Liam ears to perk up at her words.

"What?" he asked her unbelievably.


"Your nani is not fine. Your father and I have to go to India. We can't take Roomi with us so we want her to live with you for few days. Is it okay with you?" Rooh asked him meanwhile Vanessa gave her an excited smile.

"Okay. I'm more than happy to bring her here mama. I'm coming right now to pick her up. I love you mama. Thank you so much." Liam blabbered and hung up the phone excitedly making Rooh to shook her head. He is still a kid by nature.

"W-w-what did bhai s-say?" Vanessa asked excitedly shaking her mother's shoulders.

"He is coming to pick you up. Go and pack your bags." Rooh said making Vanessa's eyes widen in happiness.


"Y-y-yaayyy!" she yelled out excitedly and ran towards her

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room hurriedly.

"Slow down." Rooh scolded her but she didn't hear her words and ran away from there. Rooh shake her head because in between three of them she is the one who is suffering. She also craves her son's presence just like he craves her and his sister's presence. Why can't her family become normal and happy just like the old times before Liam turned twenty two.

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