

Chapter 36 In a VIP ward of Harrowfell Hospital , Dominick sat by the bedside , letting the pale faced middle aged woman hold his hand .

Dom , Im sorry , I didnt mean to worry you , the woman spoke weakly as if shed just fought a battle .

Dom .

I didnt mean for this to happen .

My mom was in critical condition and wanted to see you , so I called you , Marissa chimed in with a concerned look .

She poured a glass of water and set it on the side table .

I hope I didnt disturb you .

Its ne , Dominick replied and gently patted the womans hand .

Mrs.

Prescott , as long as youre ne .

Im alright , but I feel bad making you go through all this ... Im just afraid I wont make it and wont get to see you one last time , Linda said , her eyes welling up with

tears .

I didnt want to burden you ... Mrs.

Prescott , please dont say that .

Dominick reassured her patiently .

When Mr.

Prescott entrusted you and Marissa to our family , you became my family .

Its only right for me to take care of you Marissas father , a former chau eur for the Vanderbilt family , had always taken responsibility for driving Dominick around .

Linda Prescott , Marissas mother , had been the maid who had tended to Dominicks every need since his birth .

Since their parents had worked for the Vanderbilt family , Marissa had known Dominick and his family from a young age .

Bright , charming , and well liked , Marissa had become like a younger sister to Dominick , and Lauren even brought Marissa to their house and had her attend the

same prestigious school as Dominick .

Technically , Marissa and Dominick grew up together .

But tragedy struck when Marissas father died in a car accident while driving Dominick home .

On his deathbed , he asked Dominick to take care of his wife and daughter .

Hearing Dominicks words , Linda nodded , deeply moved .

Ive been so lucky to have worked for a family as kind hearted as the Vanderbilts .

Honestly , if I were to die today , I wouldnt have any regrets ... Mrs.

Prescott ... Dominicks voice softened .

Mom : Marissa wiped away her tears .

Please stop saying things about death .

Linda waved it o and continued , her voice lled with deep emotion , The only thing Im worried about now is Marissa .

I just want to see her get married and have children , but I dont know if Ill get that chance , You will .

Dominick reassured her , trying to lighten the mood .

The doctor said youre getting better .

Everythings going to be ne .

Linda , however , wasnt convinced .

Dom , you dont need to comfort me .

I know my body better than anyone .

With that , she gripped Dominicks hand tightly , her eyes lled with pleading .

Dom , youve grown up with Marissa , I can only rest easy if I know shes in your hands .

That way , I can go meet her father without worry .

Mom , what are you saying ? Marissas face ushed , and her voice trembled as she glanced at Dominick .

Were ... Oh , geez .

The words were awkward , and she seemed almost embarrassed by her mothers insistence .

But there was something in her eyes when she looked at Dominick , something that suggested more than just friendship .

Linda xed her eyes on Dominick , waiting for his answer .

1/2 Pocket Broke 21:57 Mon , Jan 27 Chapter 36 Dominick nodded rmly and answered , Mrs.

Prescott , dont worry .

Ill take care of Marissa , I promise .

Lindas face lit up with relief at his words , but before she could smile fully , Dominick added , To me , Marissa is just like Kayla Lindas smile froze instantly , and for a

long moment , she didnt know what expression to wear .

Mrs.

Prescott , are you alright ? Are you feeling unwell ? Dominick asked .

Linda managed a forced smile and replied , No , everythings ne ... She glanced at Marissa , whose expression had also turned sti and awkward ..

Dom , my mom meant to say ... Marissa hesitated , her voice trailing o .

Hmm ? Dominick turned to look at Marissa with clear eyes .

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