

## A Spoonful of Sugar: Don't Beg for Love ...

# Chapter 17

Sophia and Juniper were so terrified of his icy cold tone that their bodies shivered. However, they had always been skilled at putting on an act. Hence, Sophie pouted her lips in grief right away.

“Why are you being so fierce to us? I feel very bad that she fell off the building too. I’m your sister and the baby’s aunt. Do you think I would put the mother and baby in harm’s way?”

“Yet, someone witnessed both of you making things difficult for her! Do you dare say you didn’t do it?”

Rickard flew into a great rage. If the accident was really caused by them, he could finally understand why Hesper would risk her life just to leave the Duvals.

If he was in her place, he would not be able to stay with a family as vile, cruel, and malicious as that!

Sophia continued to cry and complained, “Dick, will you please stop believing in a onesided

story. I did have a brief dispute with her, but that was because she disregarded your order and insisted on leaving with the baby, and I stopped her.

“But who would have predicted that Hesper would behave like a madwoman and snatch the baby’s blanket before crying and running away. Juni and I tried to stop her after noticing the situation, but by the time we arrived in a rush, she had already jumped off the building!”

“Are you telling the truth?”

Rickard could not believe Sophia’s statement, so he turned his head to look at Juniper. He spoke in an unprecedentedly stern tone, “Juniper, you’ve never lied to me. Come and tell me if both of you were involved in this matter!”

Feeling recalcitrant and unjustly treated, she immediately assumed an expression that looked as if she was about to cry at any moment. She said in an extremely sad tone, “Are you suspicious of me, Rickard? Could it be that you still don’t know what sort of person I am?

Or is it that, to you, I’ve already turned into someone so terrifying?”

At the end of her speech, crystal clear teardrops rolled out of her eyes, and she covered her face, sobbing soundlessly from being aggrieved.

Rickard was puzzled all at once. Could it be that it was his fault for overthinking?

“Don’t cry. I didn’t accuse you of anything. I was only asking.”

“If you believed me, you wouldn’t even ask!” Juniper said sadly, “I was under the assumption that we have a friendship that lasts so many years, and my departure back then was to help you achieve your aim. But I didn’t expect that you would actually doubt me!

You’re making me look like a joke!”

She cried louder and louder with her shoulders bouncing.

Rickard pursed his lips, but in the end, he could not bear to do it anymore. “Alright, I won’t ask again from now on. Don’t cry. You’ve always had sensitive eyes that hurt when you cry.”

Meanwhile, Benji came to update in a rush, “Mr. Duval, the surgery has ended. Mrs. Duval is yet to be in a stable condition.”

“I’ll check on her.”

Rickard left swiftly.

Juniper and Sophia exchanged one glance and followed him in unison.

Hesper was still in a coma in the intensive care unit. No one was allowed to visit her in person, so they could only look at her through the window.

“How long before she wakes up?”

The doctor monitoring her from the side said, “Mrs. Duval suffers from multiple fractures over her body after falling from a great height. Her most serious injuries are on her legs and spine. She'll awaken by tomorrow if her condition improves, but I'm afraid that even if she does wake up, she'll experience long-term side effects. There's a high probability of her experiencing mobility issues in the future.”

Rickard clenched his fists tightly. He had never felt like he had disappointed her before this incident. Finding out from the doctor that she would be experiencing long-term side effects, he suddenly felt like he owed her something.

“Hesper, you must wake up.”

When Juniper and Sophia arrived a little later, they were secretly relieved by the sight of the comatosed Hesper.

It would be fine if Hesper remained alive as long as she did not wake up and expose their lie.

As long as she was still comatosed, they could figure out countless ways to deal with her.

“Dick, Juni's eyes are hurting. I'll take her to get some eye drops.”

Sophia made up an excuse to leave and made it out of Rickard's visual field before she

immediately said with a solemn expression, “She’s really lucky to be alive after that ordeal.”

Juniper was deeply worried. “Sophia, what will we do if Hesper wakes up and tells the truth?”

Sophia made up her mind and said, “We’ll just go all out to ensure that she doesn’t wake up for eternity!”