## The Pride

Chapter 10: Elizabeth Got a Heart Attack

Josephine squeezes her fingers once again while her head down. She can't stand all the cynical sights of her.

Bming her for something that happened to her Grandma.

She tries to get closer to the door, but Uncle Howard pre venting and asks her away.

'Why do you come here? You don''t care about Grandma at all, don''t you?' Mr. Howard says and bme her.

'I just want to see how''s Grandma now,' Josephine answ ers with fears.

'Huh, how dare you call her Grandma, after what you ha ve done?' Damian mocks her.

'I am sorry ... I wasn''t mean that. I just can''t go on a date with somebody else while I am married already,' Josephin e tries to defend herself.

'Huh, nonsense. You really don't care about your family.'

The door is opened after a while. A young woman in a white suit appears. She is doctor Dolores Ryan, a family physi cian for the Windsor.

Doctor Dolores is so young and intellegent. She got a doc torate degree as she reached thirty.

Her ability to combine a modern medication and accupunc ture can't be hesitated. She is also a personal physician to a high officer, wealthy man, and public figure.

She is not only a smart woman but also has an extraordin ary beauty. She has a pointing nose,

brunette hair, Hazel eyes, and full pinky lips. She has a good taste in fashion, also good at public speaking, that's wh y she becomes a celebgram accidentally.

She was thinking about posting an health issue, earlier.

However, since she has an elegant beauty, she invites man y followers and of course it could be attractive for a business p erson to endorse her.

The Windsor family members come closer to the beautiful doctor. Damian, is the one who doesn't want to lose a chance of getting closer to her.

She caught that this blue eyes guy is standing behind the d octor slim body and close his eyes. He seems to inhale the frag rance of doctor Dolores" hair. 'Huh, nasty!' Josephine thinks,

getting sick with her cousin behavior.

'Madame Windsor wants to see one of her family member, Josephine,' she says politely.

Josephine raises up after head down. She followed doctor Dolores Ryan to the room, then left.

Damian, the one who is looking for Dolores" attention, is trying to go with her.

'Am I allowed to come with, doctor?' He asks with an art ificial worry expression.

Doctor Dorlores Ryan shakes her head to tells only Josephi ne is allowed. Even her as a doctor is waiting outside and give s them a space.

'Oh, aright,' He says and check on doctor Dolores silhouett e with

hungry eye.

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Her Grandma is ying down on a couch as Josephine comes closer. She looks happy to see her Grandma, even the old dy looks weak, but it shows a significant change. She was able to open her eyes wide and no pain shown.

'Granny,' she calls with a low voice.

'Have a sit please!' Elizabeth commands her and pointing a single couch next to

her.

Josephine sits on a pce that her Grandma pointed out in a hurry. She bends her body and holds her hand so tight.

'Granny,

How do you feel?' she asks.

Elizabeth tries to get up and sit down, but her beautiful gr anddaughter is not allowing her to do. Josephine prefers to knee 1 next to her and let the old dy talk to her.

She knew that her Grandma was not strong enough to spea k loudly.

'Jo, you know that I am not young anymore,' She speaks with a very low voice and looks hard to tell a word.

Josephine only nods. Her almond eyes is getting red, trying hard so the tears wont go down.

'Forgive me Granny, I didn''t mean to hurt you,' Josephine says.

'I can''t stand with this no more. Don''t you remember ho w your deceased Grandpa built this company? He works really hard, get less sleep. Start it with a little step till it grown like this.' The Windsor are built a hospitality business. They are alred y own some of

three star hotels.

Their built business seems not good enough in this era, it" s getting worse. The number of hotel guest, who is staying or using the facility is going down in a rge number. Meanwhile, t hey still need to pay the bills and maintenance.

Because of less profit, the Windsor needs to do more effici ency in some areas. Start it with reduction of employees, changi ng the fresh ingredients into frozen and so on, but it's not wor k with the Windsor financial problem.

'It''s hard for

Granny if this company is announced bankrupt.

'So do I, Granny,' Josephine says.

Elizabeth is looking at her child with a hope. With her ver y low voice,

she says in other words,

'Josephine, please.You are our only hope.'

This blonde young dy nods and thinks a second. Then she looks up to her Grandma.

'Granny, Is that the only way to do?' she speaks while rec all on Damian''s pn.

Elizabeth breaths deeply. A dark figure is shown on her wi led face.

'Huh, If it's any other way out, I would be happy to do i t. Look at our bills, it's on due date already. Also, the employ ees were not paid yet, meanwhile they should get it a week ag o,' Grandma says.

What''s she said is right. Josephine knew how''s the Winds or financial now. She has not done anything to transfer the emp loyee''s wage til recently.

This condition is really hard. Her smooth woman heart says it couldn't be like this anymore.

The company's financial has no much impact on the Wind sor personal. Nonetheless, with the employees, they are depending their life on the Windsor group's wage.

Josephine takes a deep breath. Try to think about the soluti on to safe her family business, but worry about Damian''s advic e.

'Josephine, please! It''s only once!' Her grandma begs on h er.

Josephine just quiet and think about it in doubtful still.

'Think about your family, also their family who is depending on the wage from the Windsor. How are they going to affor d their family? We never know if they have bills to pay, or m aybe a member of their family is sick and needs medication. At

least, if I die I will not leave with guilt, Grandma says and t ry to make Josephine realize.

With some tears in her eyes, Josephine made a decision by compulsion.

'Huft!

Alright Grandma, I will do it, just once, right, Josephine s ays at the end.

The old dy grab her Grandchild in her arms and kissed her forehead, and said thank you. After that Josephine asks permis sion to go back to her room and do what she has to do.

'Excuse me, Granny,' she says.

'Thank you, Darling for being very kind to us.'

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Elizabeth stands after y down on the couch, then gets read y to leave her room. His son, Howard is standing there, still. No one knows where Damian is, may be taking the doctor hom e.

'Mommy,' Howard looks surprise while seeing his mother i s getting much better.

'You don''t need to be shocked like that. I am alright. I h ave no better idea than this,

so that dumb girl will not support our pn,' Elizabeth says and smiles.

'You really great Mom.

Finally,

you can kick the trash guy away from our family."

'Yes, and Adrian is the best candidate to repce that parasit e,' Elizabeth says with glorious and Howard ughs.