The Pride

Chapter 11: Thr Devil Plan

Josephine is rolling her body on her bed. She is unstoppa ble dogging by worry.

Nicko puts a sports magazine he reads on the nightstand. He starts worrying about his wife.

'Honey, What''s the matter?' Nicko ask her with a calm t one, but he can't hide a worry on his face.

Josephine wakes up and sits next to her husband. Closing her face with her palms and breathing deeply.

Sadness and pique is shown on her face clearly. Her hand some husband is looking at her deeply.

'How do you feel if you are betrayed by your family?"

Nicko scrunched up his eyebrows and pay attention to his wife's words. He totally understood how she felt, in fact of their two year marriage.

It's been long years, since he left with a betrayal of his family. Live with them without getting any of his rights.

'Tell me what''s going on,' Nicko says while rubbing his wife long hair.

Josephine answers nothing on his question, but tear appear on her beautiful eyes. Nicko wrap his arm around her should er and let her stop crying,

he knew her so well.

'I hate this ... They are all lying to me,' Josephine repys and shows up her face, she doesn't stare at Nicko but facing a wall.

'Tell me if you need somebody to talk, just as usual,' Ni cko says calm. Josephine starts to tell him

about what happened in the office this afternoon. Especia lly about Damian's devil pn to her. Also, there something sur prising that

happened after,

and it really broke her heart.

A Few hours earlier.

Josephine stopped her steps and turned before she reached her room. There was a folder left in her Grandma's room. She never realizes that a bad surprise was waiting for her. This long hair woman stopped her step suddenly before turning to her Grandma's room. She was shocked when she found an old dy who was ying so weak is standing up and ughing with her uncle Howard.

'What was happened,' she thought.

This porcein skin young dy heard clearly, how her family calls her as a dumb blonde. How they tried so hard to separate her with Nicko.

Sudenly,

Josephine remembers her brother in w, Armando Bnc. Arm ando came from a wealthy family.

He owned a well known oil company.

In Josephine's opinion this seems astonishing why none of them try to cooperate with Bnc Inc? How could they think ab out w's family to be their investor directly?

Josephine thought, maybe the Bc don't want to help them. Even worse, maybe they don't want any help from Armando.

Josephine remembered about Bryan, son in w of uncle Ho ward. She knew that he also came from a rich family. He own ed a popur transportation business on Westcoast Town.

'Huh,

it"s weird' Josephine thought.

Once again she heard about what Grandma and Uncle How ard talked about set her meeting with Adrian. They are going t o put a hidden camera to catch a steamy and romantic moment between Josephine and Adrian.

'I can''t believe you did this to me, she muttered in a lo w voice then left.

Nicko face is turned to red,

his hands veins are tightened after listening his wife spoken. His pride as a man, a husband is in shreds. He can't believe his loving wife is being treated dreadfully.

The Windsor's pn to sovereign him and Josephine seems s erious. They really want a divorce from him.

He recalled Adrian's threat when that guy

lost on the bet and had to clean Nicko's shoes. When that blonde guy was done with his duty,

he came to Nicko and whispered to him slowly.

'Don't be delighted too soon, I am sure I will get your w ife,' He threatened at that day.

Nicko didn''t care about what Adrian spoken. Take care of a snobby guy like him just to make him look like an idiot. H owever, those think it's changed now. The arrogant Adrian is really serious with his words. As a man and husband he will keep the one he has to take care of, even if it leads him to the death.

'I wont let anybody touch you,' Nicko says and hold his wife so tight.

'Neither do I. I am so upset,

Honey, why they did it to me.

Honestly, Nicko wants to find out why the Windsor did no t ask Armando or Bryan to help them and be their investor. Ne verthelesa,

he keeps on silence,

don''t want to give more sadness to his wife. He had bette r think about a way to solve this, and nothing happend to his wife.

'Then what is your

pn?' Nicko asks.

Josephine shakes her head, 'I don''t know but the company is in getting worse for now. I am thinking about the associates "wages,

they haven't been getting any.

Nicko really likes Josephine's character. She is not selfish and thinks about herself. Josephine has a high empathy, showin

g her gentle wherever and whenever. Even sometimes she show ed her strong personality. If it may be say, Josephine is smooth as a steel.

'Yes you right. This will be terrible for the employees,' Ni cko says while gnched at his confusing wife.

Nicko starts thinking,

maybe it"s time for him to py a role as a Lloyd.

'Hmm, Honey, 'Nicko says while rubbing his wife back.

'Why?' Josephine repys.

'I heard Richmond Group has a new director,

isn''it?"

Josephine get surprised with Nicko question for now. It"s not a common for him to talk about business or high society family"s rumors.

She knew that the Richmond Group is led by Nichos Lloy d,

a son of the Richmond owner. She knew that the son of L loyd is back already from the overseas after years.

The Lloyd is trying to hide the real story.

This could be too personal to published.

'How did you know that?' Josephine asks.

'I heard that accidentally. People were talking about it whe n I am in the supermarket.' Nicko tells a lie.

'Oh.'

'Mmm,

Darling.

Why don't you try to send a quotation to the new director of Rich

mond? Who knows he will interseted in it and help your f amily financial problems.

Josephine surprises by what her husband said just now. To be honest, she wants to ugh wit his advice, but she knows it's impolite. Even though she knew his idea was ridiculous.

Josephine realizes that a company like Windsor is incompar able to the Richmond. Of course this kind of company will val ue nothing in the giant Richmond.

Nicko found a change on his wife's expression and tries t o cheer her up and build her confident.

'You don't have pessimistic, Honey. Even the Windsor can ''t compare to the reputable Richmond, but there is no wrong way to try. Who knows the new director sees a different way a nd is willing to invest in yours.'

'But, Honey,-'

'Come on,

try to make a proposal and I am going to stay with you u ntil you finish it.