

HER GRACEFUL WAR SONG

Chapter 8

Barrett had spent the entire day at Aurora's residence yesterday and had no idea where Carissa was. He couldn't believe she had gone to the palace!

It was no wonder Salvador's attitude today was so different from before. Carissa had sought out the king and asked him to retract the marriage edict! What a cunning move!

It was a waste that Aurora had even defended her yesterday. She said it was normal for Carissa to be unwilling to accept the marriage edict. After all, women were inherently narrow-minded. She had said Carissa shouldn't be blamed.

Barrett rode straight back home, tossing the reins to the gatekeeper as he dismounted and headed directly for Grace Mansion.

"Carissa!"

As soon as Lulu heard the roar, she hurried over and stood in front of Carissa. Panicked, she looked at Barrett and asked, "W-what are you going to do?"

"Lulu," Carissa said calmly. "Step aside."

Lulu obeyed, moving to stand beside Carissa. However, she still remained vigilant.

Barrett looked at his wife, who was sitting quietly in a chair. Thinking of her pleading with Salvador to retract the edict, any sense of guilt he had towards her vanished.

His icy gaze met her dark, calm eyes.

"You went to His Majesty and asked him to retract the marriage edict, didn't you?"

Carissa shook her head. "No."

"No?" His tone dripped with mockery, his handsome face twisted in disdain. "You have the audacity to attempt such a thing, yet lack the courage to acknowledge it. This isn't how daughters of noble families behave, Carissa. You're such a hypocrite!"

Carissa looked at the angry man in front of her, feeling like he was a stranger. He was acting in such an unfamiliar manner that it sent chills to the depths of

her heart. She even doubted if this was the man she knew, or if she had ever truly known him.

At her silence, Barrett assumed she was guilty and grew even more furious.

"Speak-up! What did you tell His Majesty? Did he agree to retract the edict?"

Carissa lowered her gaze and replied, "His Majesty didn't agree. Your marriage will proceed as planned." 1