

Chapter 11 Never say never

They both sat in the car as if they were total strangers. Elsie looked out the window with her palm on her cheek throughout the ride. Oswald wasn't any different, he looked straight forward on the streets as if they were the most interesting things in the world. Through the silence, they arrived at the Crofts. When they arrived at the house, Elsie looked at the building with missed feelings but she contained herself as if she was the least affected.

Oswald saw the housekeeper and asked,

"Where's Grandma?"

Elsie looked the housekeeper and smiled slightly, and she thought to herself,

'They finally got themselves a housekeeper after exhausting the importance of me as a housekeeper. I guess they could now afford one and they didn't need my help anymore.'

Oswald saw her in her thoughts and said to her,

"Let's go to the garden, I'm told that grandma is there."

Elsie nodded her head and walked ahead of him, she saw the old woman in a swing chair with spectacles on her nose and reading newspapers. Elsie walked towards her with a smile on her face, when Julian looked up and noticed Elsie, a broad smile appeared on her face.

But it disappeared when he saw Oswald beside her, she stood up and called out to Elsie,

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"My darling, let's move from here and talk. I wouldn't want people who do not know the importance of people in their lives eavesdropping on our conversation."

Elsie smiled broadly and walked towards Julian and they both left the garden leaving Oswald behind. He sighed and said to himself,

"As she always does, choosing her over me."

They arrived in the old woman's bedroom and she said straightforwardly,

"I never thought that you would actually divorce Oswald even though he asked for it. The Elsie that I know loves Oswald so much that she would give up and do anything for him."

"Aunty Julian I know you want the best for me. So I believe that you would be happy that I can be finally be free and do what I love." Elsie said to Julian trying to keep the smile on her face.

"Yes, I know, I'm happy about that but what bothers me at the moment is that, you might still hold on to your feelings for him. Feelings don't vanish easily you know, I'm sad that you are suffering from heartbreak." Julian said reaching out to Elsie's hand and holding on to it.

Elsie smiled slightly and responded to Julian,

"Don't worry too much about me, I am alright and will be in the future. I am just letting go of my past and easing in to a new life." 1

Julian felt the sad tone in her voice and so, she reached out to her and grabbed Elsie into her embrace. The two women hugged for a

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while as Julian patted the back of Elsie in a comforting way. Julian pushed away slowly and said to Elsie.

"Yes, I know that but what if in the near future, Oswald wants you back in his life? Would you come back to the family?"

Elsie shook her head and said firmly to Julian,

"Oswald never liked me in the years that we lived together and he would never do that in his lifetime. You were the only family I made when I came in to this house. You became the light in this darkness and so, as I had always seen you, you would always be that person. My family." 1

Oswald was still waiting for them in the garden, he remembered that Julian and Elsie were the real couple in the time of marriage than him and her. He sighed as he remembered the time they were married and he thought to himself as if convincing himself for his actions, 1


"Even though I detest her for causing the accident, I should consider my Grandma's feeling rather than hers. And so, I couldn't refuse my grandma's request in seeing her. Yes, I brought her here for Grandma." 1


After sometime, he saw the couple walking towards him. Elsie hugged Julian for the last time to bid her goodbye. Oswald looked at Elsie and said to her,

"If you don't mind, let me drop you."

Elsie shook her head and responded to him,

"No thank you, Mr. Crofts but someone is here to pick me up."

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She walked out of the gate and their eyes followed her to the car. She waved at the two men in the car with a huge smile on her face. Sid and Aires laughed with her before the car drove away. Oswald saw their actions and with a clenched jaw and fist fingers looked away. When he saw his Grandma looking at him, he straightens up and acted like he wasn't the one boiling up a second ago. 


Julian smiled and said to him,


"I wished you regretted your decision one day but I'm already seeing signs of it."

"Never, I'm never going to regret my decision." Oswald responded in a firm voice.

Julian then said after him as he walked away,

"Never say never."


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