

## S2 Chapter 66

### Samantha's POV

Heidi looked at me with the same green eyes her children had. But she conveyed a kindness that even calmed me down.

"You already know that my ex-husband is worth less than nothing, right?"

"Heidi began.

"Oh, Heidi, how could such a good person like you stay married to that pig for so long?"

"Well, dear, those were different times. My marriage to Reynold was a business arrangement. I was the only daughter of a sexist millionaire who thought marrying me off to his best friend's son was the best thing to do," she started telling me. "My father always knew about Reynold's unfaithful behavior towards me, but he would tell me that's just how men are, and threatened that if I left him, I wouldn't have any support, I'd end up on the street and lose my children. So I endured it."

"Until he ran off with another woman," I added.

"Yes! By then, my father already had Alzheimer's, and I was legally responsible for him and his entire fortune. When my father got sick, I refused to give Reynold power of attorney, took control of all his fortune, and didn't let Reynold touch anything. Reynold was also an only child, his parents died early, and he had already squandered almost all the inheritance he received, only Lynx World remained. If I hadn't stood up to him, with my son-in-law's support and some friends, he would have left me and the children on the street. So, I took over my father's business and with Edward's help, I managed to run everything and build a trusted team to help me."

Heidi told her own story as if she had gone back in time and was watching the events unfold before her. Anyone who sees her now, all cheerful and traveling around, would never imagine what a strong woman she is.

"I didn't know you had done that much," I commented.

"Oh yes, I manage the companies my father left behind. And I'm on the board of Henry's company. When daddy died, we bought all of Reynold's shares and excluded him from the business. We paid a small fortune for his shares, more than they were actually worth, but it was the best thing we did. Henry also helps me with the other businesses, I want him to take over everything soon. But I want Enzo to be his right-hand man, I'm just waiting for my grandson to turn eighteen," she smiled.

"Enzo is very intelligent and adores his uncle," I commented.

"That's true. And he adores you too." She made me smile. "Do you know who the woman was that Reynold divorced his wife for?"

"From what I know, some opportunistic young girl," I said, finding her question strange.

"No, you don't know." She smiled. "My son doesn't know that I know." She lowered her head as if fighting an internal battle. "I've always been afraid that if he finds out I know, he'll feel even more guilty."

"What do you mean?"

"Sam, Henry was eighteen when his father left the family. Their relationship was terrible. Nothing Henry did was ever good enough, and he was excellent - a good son, an outstanding student, great at sports - he was good at everything he did." I listened carefully to what Heidi was saying.

"Was he seeking his father's approval?" I asked, and she nodded. "Look, I've seen how that creep treats Enzo, and if he was like that with Henry, I'd understand a lot."

"It was much worse with Henry. The humiliation, the punishments, even physical ones, the cruel jokes - everything Henry endured since he was little, and I couldn't protect him." She confirmed with tears in her eyes. "And I made a mistake by hiding their father's true nature from my children. I didn't let them know about the women, the humiliation I suffered, the indifference. I wanted to keep the family at peace. Then, when Henry turned eighteen, he got a girlfriend, Nicole was her name. She was twenty. He was in love and wanted his father's approval. Before bringing her home, he introduced her to Reynold, who stole his son's girlfriend and asked for a divorce."

"That's horrible, it's monstrous!" I was shocked.

"And Reynold never misses a chance to throw it in Henry's face that his girlfriend preferred him and that he's better than his son."

"Heidi, I'm shocked!"

"That's why Henry pressured his father for control of the assets and got it, after a horrible fight, but he got it, because that imbecile wanted to enjoy life without working. Henry committed to sending a generous monthly amount to that creep, but it seems it wasn't enough for that tramp."

"This Reynold is a monster!"

"Yes, he is! And he keeps tormenting my children. Whenever he shows up, I travel to avoid seeing him, but this time I came back to put an end to this. Hebe is devastated, and he's already done enormous damage to Henry's life."

"And what do you plan to do?"

"Cut out the evil at its root, dear." Heidi patted my hand twice. "My son is an extraordinary man, don't lose him over intrigues. I need to stop Reynold before he destroys Henry, and that's what I'm going to do, even if I have to cause a scandal."

"Rick says he can take him down," I commented.

"Yes, he can. And that's what I'm going to use," Heidi confirmed. "If he keeps going after you, I want you to tell Rick, he'll know what to do. What Rick has, even Henry doesn't know about, but I'll tell you."

"Is it that serious?" I asked, and she nodded. "Can I help with anything?"

"Yes, stay by Henry's side, support him, he's going to need it."

"Heidi, the problem is that Henry cheated on me."

"I told you everything so you could understand what Reynold does to Henry. How he messes with his head. Do you understand now how that horrible photo affected Henry?"

"I understand now, Heidi, but the problem is this here." I took out my phone and showed her the photo I received of Henry with that prostitute. "This photo is from yesterday. He's asking for forgiveness, but he hasn't stopped seeing that tramp."

"Are you sure that's really what's happening, or are you acting hot-headed like my son?" Heidi narrowed her eyes.

"Well, Melissa pointed that out to me and she's going to help me investigate."

"Ah, the Larsons! Loyal friends, wonderful people. Investigate, I'm sure

it's not what it seems. That girl's father is very close friends with Reynold, he's no good either. I wouldn't be surprised if this is all a setup. They've always wanted Henry to end up with her. I heard he's going bankrupt too." Heidi seemed to know everything.

"I'll be careful, Heidi. I promise."

"Excellent! Here comes your gentleman! My handsome son!" She broke into a huge smile for her son. "Get some sweets for the women in your life."

Henry smiled at his mother and caressed my back, and as he turned to get the sweets, I called out:

"The women in your life want cake too!"

He gave me a breathtaking smile. Maybe his mother was right, and he really was worth it.