

## Chapter 1858 Brandon Arrived

Rhett noticed Zola's distress and quickly looked at Janet, signaling her to look after his wife. He then firmly grasped Locke's arm and steered him towards the elevator. Locke resisted, not wanting to leave, but Rhett eventually managed to get him inside the elevator.

Once the elevator doors shut, Zola began to settle down. The first thing she did after regaining her composure was to get up on her shaky legs and slowly make her way to the ICU door.

Noticing Zola's trembling, the assistant became so concerned that she nearly burst into tears. "Mrs. Hamilton, it's not visiting hours yet. We can't go inside now."

Janet supported Zola as they continued walking. She offered the assistant a reassuring glance and whispered, "Just let her see Mandy through the glass."

Zola walked on silently. The three of them reached the ICU door. As Zola turned and saw Mandy covered in tubes, she became so overwhelmed that she froze. Janet quickly tried to help her breathe while the assistant repeatedly called her name. However, they could only watch in despair as Zola fainted, her face turning pale.

A new wave of activity followed. After the nurses took the unconscious Zola away, the assistant cried out of guilt.

Janet patted her shoulder and quietly handed her a tissue.

The assistant sobbed and said, "It's all my fault. If I hadn't told Mrs. Hamilton, she wouldn't have collapsed from shock."

Janet comforted her gently. "Don't be upset. It's nobody's fault. They needed to know. You did well."

The assistant looked up at Janet and then bowed her head again to continue wiping away her tears.

Feeling helpless, Janet advised, "Now, don't cry. Check with the nurse if the admissions for Mandy and her mom are settled and if there are any payments to be made. Please handle it quickly. We shouldn't delay."

The assistant dried her tears, nodded, and responded, "Okay, I'll handle it right away. I'll leave this in your hands."

After the assistant departed, Janet found herself alone in the long hallway. She stood outside the ICU, silently watching Mandy in the bed, feeling a tightness in her chest.

After a while, someone suddenly embraced her from behind. Startled, Janet recognized Brandon's familiar scent. She relaxed into his hold and asked, "Why are you here?"

Brandon replied, "Frank told me you were at the hospital."

Janet nodded and asked, "Oh, I see. Did Frank mention how Mandy is doing?"

Brandon furrowed his brows, glanced at Mandy surrounded by medical equipment, and replied without emotion, "Frank mentioned she'll recover with proper care."

"Can she really get better?" Janet lowered her gaze, suddenly feeling so tired she could hardly speak.

Seeing her friend suffer through such dangers and distressing times during her pregnancy turned Janet's anticipation of motherhood into fear and reluctance.

As they were speaking, Rhett, now gray-haired, approached them and said politely, "Thank you, my dear. I'm so grateful for your help. I'll take over from here, so please don't worry. You go on with your day, and I'll update you as soon as Mandy wakes up."

Janet took another look at Mandy and responded, "Alright, I'll visit her tomorrow. Take care of yourself, and call me if you need anything."

With that, Brandon and Janet left together.

As they settled into the car, Janet asked Brandon with a serious look, "Aren't you and Locke close? Do you know what's happening between Rosetta and Locke?"

Brandon thought for a moment but eventually shook his head. "Though I've known Locke for many years, our relationship is strictly professional. I generally stay out of personal affairs."

Seeing Janet's displeased expression, Brandon quickly added, "I'll have Sean look into the issues between the Avila family and the Nelson family. I'll get you the information as soon as possible."

Even though Janet usually preferred not to interfere in other people's affairs, the image of Mandy unconscious in the ICU compelled her to think that maybe some investigations were necessary.

She nodded and said slowly, "Then make sure your team is discreet in their investigations. We don't want to tip anyone off."