

## Desperation 159

### Chapter 159

Gasps of surprise rippled through the audience, as if something surreal has happened, leaving them wide-mouthed in shock.

Valentin was actually saying that he liked Ashley.

Not because of Ash and Attelia's identities but because he liked Ashley herself!

Everyone wondered if Valentin's words were true.

The grand hall fell into silence. Not a sound could be heard. Everyone stared at the stage dumbfounded, even holding their

breath involuntarily.

The audience couldn't react at all.

Ashley, emerging from her initial surprise, widened her eyes and shot a glare at Valentin.

She thought, 'Why would he say something like this in front of everyone?'

Valentin saw her cute expression with wide-open eyes due to surprise and couldn't help but smile.

The host was too shocked and dropped the microphone to the ground. It became the only sound in the quiet hall.

This sound brought everyone, including the host, back to their senses.

The host quickly bent down to pick up the microphone. Due to the immense shock and astonishment, her fingers trembled

uncontrollably.

The audience thought, 'This host's mental resilience is really lacking! It would be better if I hosted. I will find everything out!'

The host trembled as she tested the microphone. Luckily, it didn't break.

Facing the intense gaze from the audience, the host nervously cleared her dry throat and asked in a slightly trembling voice, "Mr.

Kingsley, you just said that you like Ashley herself?"

Upon hearing this, Ashley looked at Valentin again and shook her head slightly, signaling him not to speak nonsense and to deny

it quickly.

However, Valentin deliberately nodded, saying, "Yes."

Ashley thought, 'Very well. You are done, Valentin. Let's wait until it finishes.'

She didn't hide her anger, glaring straight at Valentin with her bright and beautiful eyes. She was already looking forward to the

end of the banquet.

The host's right hand, holding the microphone, trembled even more. She cautiously continued to ask, "What you mean is, you

like Ashley..."

Valentin saw Ashley's gaze and felt that she was like an angry cat at the moment. He didn't continue teasing Ashley, but raised

an eyebrow and said. "I am a loyal fan of Ashley."

What?

A loyal fan?'

When the audience heard this answer, they let out a long sigh of relief. Not hearing the answer they expected, their mood

fluctuated like a roller coaster, up and down.

"So he is a fan of Ash."

"No wonder he said he liked Ashley earlier."

"Wait!"

"A loyal fan?!"

"That's even more crazy!"

"That's Valentin, the president of the Kingsley Group, the helm of the Kingsley family. Powerful and influential, someone to be

admired and unreachable. He actually likes a celebrity!"

"And he likes Ashley?"

It was normal for a man like Valentin to fall for a woman.

But it was rare for him to publicly acknowledge himself as Ashley's loyal fan.

Kevin couldn't divert his attention from Ashley and Valentin on stage, astounded by the unexpected admiration Valentin held for

her.

With his status, he willingly bowed down as one of her fans.

Evan tightly clenched his hands, gritting his teeth, forcefully suppressing the astonished emotions that might drive him to rise

from his seat.

He thought, 'That kind of woman, Ashley, has gained Valentin's favor.'

He had thought that Valentin would have no connection with Ashley. But Valentin's words were like a heavy slap, awakening him

from his arrogance.

He tried everything just to have a meet with Valentin, to climb onto his power. And yet, Valentin held such admiration for Ashley.

This was something he couldn't accept

Evan's expression kept changing, filled with mixed feelings.

Fuming with anger, Evan suddenly had an idea. He seemed to have a way to get the investment of the Kingsley family!

He could use Ashley to secure investment from the Kingsley family.

Charlie, on the other hand, accepted this fact shortly after his surprise.

After leaving the Ramos family, Ashley's performance had always exceeded their expectations.

Jessica sat in the back row, feeling like a drum was pounding hard in her ears, making it difficult for her to think. Then she tightly

clenched her dress with her fingers.

Kevin bid one million dollars to buy Ashley's bracelet.

Now, an even more powerful figure, Valentin, bid 10 million dollars and claimed to like Ashley, calling himself her loyal fan.

Jessica was consumed by envy.

She thought, 'Why isn't Valentin my fan? Why doesn't he like me?'

The host's gaze shifted between Ashley and Valentin, seizing the moment to share another piece of surprising news.