## The Enchanted Night by LEIGH COBBETT Chapter 19

Lionel Tang left the place, his annoyed strides echoing off the floor. Cassandra saw Rufus Luo walk toward her. His shoulders were squared and he had a regal posture, a meaningful smile playing on his lips. He locked gazes with her and she found herself staring back into his dark brown eyes.

They had the texture of the chocolate, and it was as if she was being pulled into his gaze.

"Hello Mr. Luo, welcome!" Joel said, standing beside her, and immediately she pulled herself out of her trance. She heard Joel as he continued to speak to Rufus, and extending his hand, "I am Joel. It's a pleasure to meet you!"

Cassandra lowered her head and waited without a word until Rufus approched closer. She tried the best to keep her composure.

Rufus watched her from the corner of his eye with an amused smile. He did not miss the slight dusting of pink on her cheeks even as she tried her best to be discreet. She looked very docile, with her head down and avoiding the eyes of others. He was pleased with the sight of her and unable to stop hims

g feet gave in and she lost her balance, staggering forward and pushing the door open.

She fell on her knees to the floor as she inwardly screamed at herself. Now what had she done?

The people inside were obviously not expecting company. The woman to whom the earlier voice belonged was sprawled all over Lionel like some kind of wanton octopus. Cassandra's eyes also caught the way their

clothes had been loosened. Several buttons on Lionel's chest were open and his shirt was untucked at the waist.

Already having some idea of what had transpired, Cassandra felt herself flush from her toes to her hairline. Gathering herself, she slowly raised her head and blinked at them.

Then, she forced a smile to her lips and said, "I'm sorry for the disturbance. I should not have come in. I'm leaving now. You two can continue with whatever you were doing..."

Ignoring her screaming feet, she stood up quickly, ready to run as fast as she could, but Lionel stopped her.

"Stay there, Cassandra," he said in that cold and emotionless voice.