

Chapter 17

"I apologize that you had to endure that Miss Nathalia. It wasn't my intent that your friend would have to experience this kind of thing on her first visit to our stall. I'm sorry, Miss. Our staff should have handled the situation more effectively.

"The manager immediately apologized to Nathalia and Eva respectively.

"Oh, that's okay. Besides, those ladies have a lot of unsorted problems with me, since I've also not been a good influence. And, you don't have to get angry at Miss Maria because I was the one who told her not to interfere, she was only following my order." Eva stated.

"O-of course, if it was your order she was following, I have no problem with that." The manager replied. Even if there was a problem he couldn't say it.

He turned to look at Damien. "Mr Cross, please excuse me, I have to take care of some matters quickly." He requested.

Damien nodded his head, giving him the permission to leave. "Thank you, Sir. Maria follows me." He thanked Damien before signaling Maria to follow him. He has to sort out the other issues caused by the commotion.

After the manager left, Nathalia focused her gaze on Damien who had his eyes on Eva instead. After that day at the hotel, he asked his assistant to find out the identity of

Eva however there was no information because the ID Eva gave to the receptionist was not her real ID, it was the ID she made out of boredom so it had a different name and different information about her.

Nathalia raised an eyebrow when she saw Damien's attention focused on best friend. Damien Cross was her cousin from her mother family, Nathalia mother is the daughter of the Cross family so that made her the aunt to Damien. So, Nathalia and Damien were cousins and Damien doted on her a lot because she was the only female in both the Cross and Evan family.

Nathalia was surprised that her cousin was staring at a woman for this long. Damien has never spared any woman a glance except for her and his aunt who he treated like a mother. She had noticed that ever since he and the manager arrived at the scene he never took his gaze off Eva except for when he asked the manager to chase both Sil and Reah out.

Could it be that he was captivated by her best friend's beauty? Nathalia was about to say something when she saw Damien walking towards them....no he was walking towards Eva which surprised Nathalia for the second time.

"Nathalia, shall we go already if you're done picking all the dresses you like for me?" Eva asked. She didn't notice where her friend's attention was because she wasn't focused on the man who was standing a few meters from them.

When she followed Nathalia gaze to where she was looking, Eva raised an eyebrow when she saw the man who had walked in with the manager walking towards them.

"I finally found you?" Damien remarked as he stood in front of Eva, his facial expressions still remained cold and aloof as he stared at her. Eva was wearing a simple long sleeve printed black dress with a mid-thigh skirt, and a black ankle strap heels. She doesn't have to wear mini or sexy clothes, just a simple printed dark dress was enough to make her look like a goddess who had descended from the heavens.

"Huh?... Who are you, sir?" Eva had a confused and clueless expression on her face when she heard Damien as she tilted her head to look at him. 'Why does this strange man look familiar? I'm sure that I've seen him somewhere and his voice....?' Eva raced through her brain hoping to remember where she had seen this man from. She was sure that she knew him, however, she couldn't remember him.

Damien smirked when he saw the clueless look on Eva's face. Because he was taller than Eva whose head reached his chest, he bent his body and leaned closer to her. "Let me refresh your memories. You must have meant what you said not to meet again seeing how you can't remember me again. " His deep voice whispered gently next to Eva's ear.

Eva body shivered when she felt his breath caressing her skin. 'What a manly voice.....wait!' Her eyes widened in shock when she suddenly recalled a memory.

"Y-you...are...." Eva stuttered uncontrollably while pointing her finger at him.

'H-he is that man I had a one-night stand with nine months ago! How could you forget about him so easily, Evangeline?! No.... There seems to be a mistake, we are not supposed to meet ever again.'Eva was raging wildly internally. 1

While Eva was busy berating herself, Nathalia couldn't help but stare at her best friend who was in deep daze. She turned to look at Damien. "Cou-" Nathalia words seized between her throat when Damien gave her an intimidating look. His eyes were fierce, their shade color darker than ink and night itself. It took every wit and fiber within Nathalia to control her mouth when she saw Damien's commanding eyes ordering her to shut up. She wanted to ask what he had whispered to Eva to make her into a daze.

After a few minutes, Eva snapped out of her thoughts and looked up at Damien who still had his usual cold, intimidating facial expressions.

"S-sir, you seem to have mistaken me for someone else. I don't know what you're talking about." Eva narrowed her eyes, although she lied about that part, she needed to get herself out of this mess.

Damien let out a humorless chuckle, he wasn't surprised by her reply. In fact, he was expecting such a response. He knew that Eva was the kind of woman that would do


everything in her means to always get rid of her problems in any way.

Nathalia shivered in fear, knowing what that chuckle meant." What gives you the idea that I would be mistaken?" The air around Damien was so cold as he stared at Eva.

'How annoying?'Eva felt her lips pull into a scowl. "Because I don't know who you are. And I haven't seen you before or never met you." Eva replied casually with a straight face. If she had noticed him earlier she would have avoided this situation immediately.

The look Damien gave Eva was so meanancing and bone-chilling when he heard Eva's words. Nathalia, who was taken aback by her friend's reply, was forced to take a step back.

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