## **Chapter 97 Am I That Petty to You?**

Yoel was stunned.

He looked to the door quickly.

At the door, a tall man stood, with his arms crossed, looking at him with an amused smile.

"Cough, cough..."

Yoel cleared his throat awkwardly. "I suddenly remembered that I still have patients waiting for me. I... I'm off to check on them!"

With that, Yoel did not bother to look at Adrian's expression and rushed past him to leave the room.

"Huh?"

Cathy raised her hand in confusion. However, before she could say anything, Yoel had disappeared from her sight.

"Why? Are you reluctant to let him leave?"

Adrian looked at Cathy's expression and closed the door calmly.

Once the door was closed, it felt as if Cathy and Adrian were separated from the rest of the world.

Adrian walked to Cathy gracefully and sat on a chair beside the bed. Then, he gently put a spoon in her hand.

Cathy accepted the spoon and said, "Thank you..."

Then, she looked down and carefully ate the soup. "I know what Yoel said is nonsense. I won't treat them as real."

Adrian sounded amused as he said, "Not everything he said is false."

Cathy was stunned for a moment. She looked up at him.

She could see a hint of amusement in his eyes.

"Why are you looking at me like that?"

Cathy blushed and looked down quickly. She continued to eat her soup.

Adrian narrowed his eyes slightly.

He could sense her wariness.

"Cathy."

Adrian called out her name with a hoarse voice. It sounded pleasing to her ears.

"Hmm," she answered softly and continued to eat her soup.

"Did my father come by?"

Cathy nodded quietly. "Your fiancée came by too."

"My fiancée?"

Adrian frowned for a moment before realizing that she was talking about Karen.

Adrian took her bowl. "Let me do it."

Cathy was a little embarrassed when she saw Adrian bring her spoon near to his mouth to blow on the soup before feeding her. "I can feed myself."

"It's not as if I have never fed you before."

Adrian shook his head and brought the spoon towards Cathy's mouth.

Cathy glanced at him before slowly opening her mouth to consume that spoonful of soup.

He fed her one spoonful after another.

At the same time, he said softly, "Karen was never my fiancée."

"But..."

"My second eldest brother, Andy, brought her home."

"He was a soldier. On his last mission before being discharged, there was an incident. His captain died shielding a bomb from him."

"Later, his captain's wife could not accept her husband's death and killed herself, leaving behind a young daughter. Therefore, Andy decided to bring this orphaned girl back to the Bolton family and raise her as his sister."

Cathy was stunned for a moment. "Is that girl Karen?"

"Yes."

Adrian continued to gently feed her and said in a calm tone, "At the time, Andy joked that she should marry me in the future. That was what started the rumors of her being my fiancée."

Cathy gripped the bed sheets tightly. "Is it only a rumor?"

"What do you think?"

Adrian looked at her with his deep-set eyes. "If I had feelings for her, do you think you would have a chance to marry me?"

Cathy was stunned for a moment.

Although his words sounded a little harsh, they managed to clear her doubts.

He's right.

Karen has been living with the Bolton family for ten years.

If she was Adrian's fiancée, and he wanted to marry her...

Why would I be asked to marry Adrian?

However...

Adrian fed her another spoonful of soup. "Furthermore, before marrying you, my father had also

arranged two blind dates for me."

Cathy furrowed her brow.

Before marrying Adrian, she had heard rumors about Adrian through Ember.

She remembered Ember mentioning that Adrian had killed two women.

Adrian seemed to have read her mind and smiled helplessly. "My disfigurement, aggression, and causing the death of women... All these are rumors Abner had created."

Cathy was shocked by his words. "Abner created them?"

"Yes."

Adrian nodded calmly. "He said these rumors would chase away many women who wanted to marry me for my looks and money."

Cathy did not know what to say.

What kind of twisted logic is that?

Cathy shuddered for a moment and had a bad feeling. "What about your two blind dates..."

"Abner scared them away."

Adrian continued to gently feed Cathy more soup. "Do you remember what you saw in the Bolton's family villa on your first day?"

Cathy could not say anything.

As she recalled the monster Abner had disguised himself into, she could not help but feel afraid.

That day, she truly thought that was how Adrian looked. It scared her so much that she feared having to live with such a monster for the rest of her life.

Did Abner use the same way to scare off Adrian's two other blind dates?

"I'm telling you all these because I want to let you know that I have been looking for a mother for them even before I met you."

After that, he fed Cathy the last spoonful of soup. "Do you still think Karen was my fiancée?"

Cathy shook her head quietly.

She looked up at him seriously. "But even if Karen is not your fiancée, she is still your sister..."

"Why have you never mentioned her to me?"

Adrian chuckled.

He carefully put the cutleries away. "I didn't find the need to tell you about someone irrelevant."

"You married me, not them."

Adrian's masculine tone made Cathy's heart skip a beat.

She looked down awkwardly. "I thought... You wanted her to pay me a visit."

"What made you think that way?"

"I thought...."

She pursed her lips, and her voice turned sad. "I thought you were angry about me having given birth before. Thus, I assumed you asked her to meet me, to remind me that you are desired by other women..."

Adrian stiffened for a moment.

Then, he looked at her with a hint of frustration in his eyes. "I didn't send Karen here. Don't you already know that many women like me?"

Cathy did not know what to say.

What he said does make sense.

Cathy pursed her lips for a moment before stuttering, "I'm sorry."

Adrian placed the cutleries on the bedside table and said, "I don't blame you."

"Still..."

He wiped the soup from the corner of her mouth. "Please don't make such assumptions again, okay?"

"But..."

Cathy looked up at him. "I still wish to apologize to you..."

"About my past..."

"Cathy."

Adrian interrupted her before she could finish speaking.

He looked straight into her eyes. "Let me ask you a question."

"Sure."

"Does it bother you that I have Abner and Arius?"

"No, it doesn't."

In actuality, she adored them.

"Do you mind that I had a relationship with another woman five years ago?"

"No, I don't mind."

It was before I knew Adrian. Furthermore, at that time, I was determined to do everything I could for Xavier. Therefore, I have no reason to complain about Adrian's past.

"So..."

Adrian tilted her chin, allowing her to meet his gaze. "What made you think that I would mind your past?"

"Am I such a petty man to you?"