

## His Purchased Wife

### Chapter 16.

"Dad, meet Gabriel and Gabe, he is my dad." I introduced the two most important men in my life.

Gabe offered his hand to dad who didn't hold it but was looking at Gabe, assessing him from head to toe.

I shrank my eyes in embarrassment. Dad! Why are you being so obvious about it?

Sighing I cleared my throat and dad finally accepted Gabe's stretched out hand. "It's nice meeting you sir."

Dad didn't reply, only gave him a curt nod. "Please have a seat Mr..."

"James but you can call me Gabrielle..."

"I prefer Mr James, thank you."

Okay! So dad was not going to be easy on him. I need to intervene or there would be a world war three and the cause of that would be the Aurora Kings.

"Did I tell you that Gabe is an excellent chef, Dad?" I tried to start a conversation that did not include certain death glares.

Gabe patted my hand once and squeezed it as if he understood what I was trying to do.

"Hm! You did not, darling but now that you told me I am sure Mr James would like to tell me more about himself and his business." Dad spoke glancing in Gabe's direction while Gabe being Gabe didn't lower his eyes and met his gaze head-on.

Wow! I never expected their meeting would be like this. One could cut the tension in this room with a knife.

"Certainly, I will tell you whatever you want to ask about me Mr Knights," Gabe answered, staring at dad without even blinking once.

Dad leaned back and crossed his one leg over his knee, he turned his eyes in my direction. "Aurora, darling, why don't you go and help Mrs Dolan with the dinner table. I am sure she would need your help till then let us both have a man to man talk."

I stiffened, "dad..." I never expected my dad to behave like this with my fiance.

I would have said something else but Gabe gave my hand another squeeze, I turned my eyes to him and he nodded at me. He was asking me to leave so that he could speak with my dad.

I gulped in anger. I walked to dad and hugged him "don't forget I love his dada! I used the words Dada, the word which I use when I want something and dad didn't want it. Dad shook his head as if he was disappointed about something but I didn't care.

He started giving attitude to Gabe and I am just standing beside my love. I kissed dad's cheek to show that he was still the best man in my life but my love for Gabe was also not less than the love I have for him. Passing a smile to Gabe I walked out of the living area and went to the kitchen.

Mrs Dolan was setting the plates. " You need help, Mrs Dolan?" I asked her. She raised her head and frowned but then her brows cleared up.

"Oh yes, darling! Help me with the plates," I kept thinking about what was going on between Dad and Gabe, what they would be talking about. I prayed that dad was not being too hard on him.

"Aurora, look what you are doing!!" I heard Mrs Dolan's sharp authoritative voice and looked down at what she was talking about. My eyes widened seeing what mess I made this time. I knocked down the whole jug of water on the dining table and the water was splashed over the once neatly set dining table.

I didn't dare to meet Mrs Dolan's gaze. She would definitely make me clean the whole table, that too without the help of a single server. I mean really!

"Clean it now!" She ordered me, putting a hand on her waist and shaking her head.

"But Mrs Dolan..."

"Now Aurora kings, your dad has spoiled you too much for my liking. I wish your mother would have been here to teach you some values but not that man, " she muttered referring to dad.

"You have him wrapped around your pinkie finger. Bless the man who marries you and has to suffer this bratty attitude of your..." she kept muttering while I was cleaning the table.

And here I was mentally worried about the talk my fiance and father had while physically I was cleaning the dining table wearing a twenty thousand dollars dress and five thousand dollars shoes and didn't even ask the cost of my jewellery. I would be the most expensive maid right now.

"Clean it from there as well!" She said pointing a sharply manicured finger at the corner of the table and I cleaned it obediently.

"Enough now, go and change your dress till I make everything ready. God knows, instead of helping me you always increase my work.

And I put the cleaning towel on the table, didn't even look at Mrs Dolan and ran towards the living room where dad and Gabe were talking. I wanted to go and sit with them to make them both behave but what I heard made me stop in my tracks.

I was stunned, hearing dad and Gabe!

" I know people like you well, so let's just cut this drama short boy, and tell me how much money you want to get out of my daughter's life," Dad Asked Gabe in his professional business-like tone. My eyes widened, I asked dad to be nice to Gabe and he was practically insulting him. I was about to interrupt dad but Gabe spoke and I stayed at the door to listen to what he would say. There was something in me which needed to hear his answer.

"I don't need or want anything from you Mr Kings, I love Aurora. I don't know about you but for me, she is not for sale!"

"Enough boy! See who you are talking to. I can ruin you with a single word," Dad snapped. "I raised my daughter like a princess, I don't want some gold digger to come and trap her in his love talks to gain his hands on my business and money. And I am well aware of people like you..."????