

Married at First Sight [On-Going]

Chapter 4593

Eaglioncile Hotel.

River was already seated at the table in the private room Romina had reserved.

Next to him on the chair was a bouquet of flowers he had bought from a nearby shop.

It wasn't anything fancy—just a simple bouquet—but he planned to give it to his blind date later to show Romina that he was taking this date seriously.

He'd go buy another bouquet later in the afternoon—one especially for Romina.

No matter what sacrifices he might have to make, he knew he had to start by chasing his wife first. And while pursuing her, he'd continue leading Yantail's transformation. If it succeeded, maybe he'd get both the career and the woman he loved.

After all, neither he nor Romina was young anymore.

He was 31, she was 29. By their elders' standards, they were already considered late to marry.

Ring, ring, ring...

River's phone rang. It was Romina calling. He answered immediately.

"River, where are you? [Finnest]" Romina asked.

She had just arrived at the hotel, bringing along a young new employee—one who had agreed to the blind date. The girl had only been working at Lafond Group for three months.

But in those three months, she had somehow fallen for River.

In that time, how often had River even come to Lafond Group?

Only when a deal went south and he was furious about losing to them. That happened maybe once a month—at most.

Yet somehow, that brief exposure had been enough to leave an impression on the new girl.

Romina's secretary explained it best: a man as good-looking as River could easily capture someone's attention at first sight.

And the odds of a crush were very high.

"I'm in the private room you booked. I've already finished a pot of tea. Aren't you here yet? I'm starving—feels like my stomach's eating itself," River replied.

If it weren't for Romina, there's no way he'd wait around this long—nearly an hour.

But for someone he cared about, he had patience.

"I just got here. Traffic was awful—too many lights and a jam. I'll tell them to start serving the food now," Romina said as she entered the hotel with the girl, Marissa.

After speaking, she ended the call.

A few minutes later, Romina arrived at the private room. She told the waiter standing outside, "You can start bringing out the food now."

"Understood." The waiter immediately spoke into his intercom: "The private room reserved by Vice President Lafond is ready to be served."

Romina pushed open the door and walked in.

She saw River sitting at the table sipping tea. He didn't even get up—just kept drinking.

Marissa was nervous. Earlier, Romina's secretary had suddenly asked her if she had a crush on President York from Yantail. It shocked her.

She'd only seen River twice. It wasn't love at first sight, but she really hadn't been able to forget his face. He was the most handsome man she'd ever laid eyes on.

Way more attractive than the campus heartthrob she used to swoon over in college.

But she also knew—River was Lafond Group's rival, and Romina's mortal enemy.

She had no connection to him and no chance to approach him. She was just a regular employee. He probably didn't even know her name.

She assumed her praise for River's looks had somehow gotten back to Romina, and she feared she was going to be fired.

But unexpectedly, Romina's secretary told her that if she *did* like River, she had the chance to go on a blind date with him that very day.

At first, Marissa thought she had misheard.

The company was arranging a date between her and River?