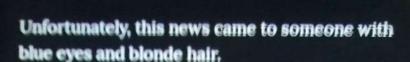
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Author's Note: This was one of the weirdest chapters I've written

As strange as it was, Kayden didn't pay much attention. Only when he left the gym did he pay attention to what was written on the sign? When he woke up, he was confused. As he walked, he noticed several looks from other people. It looked like he had something on his face.

Using a mirror, he saw his face... marked with lipstick. For the first time in a long time, the boy felt ashamed and didn't know what to do. For a few minutes, he just stood there. Had he missed his first unconscious kiss?

"Son of a bitch," Kayden cursed Ashley when he realized he was in a closed environment and this was all an elaborate prank. Wiping off his lipstick, he returned to his master's tower.



"Master," Kayden bowed in respect to the man. It was only for a short time, but he developed a high degree of respect for Bolt.

"Are you done reflecting, Kayden?" It had barely been a few days since they finished training.

"I'm going to have to give up learning the next concepts from you. I understood that my path has no relation to the lightning and I am running in circles"; his sentence took Bolt by surprise and the two remained silent for the next few minutes.

"Are you sure about that?" Boit's tone only expressed sadness and nothing more.

"Yes, master," with Kayden's confirmation, he let out a sigh.

"I will still teach you my main skill. Once you rise to the rank of mage, we will continue with it. The rest depends on other concepts, so it's not worth your time." In the end, the old man just accepted it without blinking. He knew Kayden well enough to know the boy wouldn't back down.

"Thank you, master."

Note: There will be no romance. Kayden only seeks benefits and would even marry a door for that reason.

Around 10 p.m., Kayden was eating another meal. Now that he didn't sleep, the boy had to eat a much larger amount. At least two or three more meals to maintain the necessary calories.

Kayden was in the kitchen and heard a knock on the door. Normally, it was the head butler who received visitors, but as he was already nearby, he decided to see who it was. Of all the people he knew, this was one of the ones he least expected.

"Hello, Sarah", the girl was looking with her beautiful blue eyes and a pout on her lips at Kayden. She didn't look very happy.

"Hi, Kayden," his tone was dry and neutral. A few seconds later, the two were sitting on the couch without saying anything. Kayden didn't know the reason for the visit and Sarah was just staring at him.

"So... how can I help?" Kayden decided to break the silence so he could get back to training as quickly as possible.

"You're dating?" With the teenager's question, everything became clear to Kayden. She probably found out about the lipstick marks on Kayden's face.

"Hum no."

"Can you sign a contract proving this?" At that moment, a small sign of irritation passed through Kayden. He decided to put an end to this matter before it got too big.

"I'm sorry, I don't owe you any satisfaction,"
Kayden had already noticed Sarah's constant
vigilance, whether when he was fighting or just
having lunch. This was starting to get boring.

His speech caught the girl by surprise, who could only look into Kayden's eyes without knowing how to respond. At that moment, Kayden did something that in the past he would not have even chosen, as it was against his ethics, something that was now irrelevant in his life.

"But if you were my girlfriend, that would be

different," he just kicked things off and let Sarah think what she wanted about his line. This proved correct when she pondered for a few seconds.

"Be mine," the girl said in her most seductive tone, and for a second, Kayden's heart seemed to stop as he was mesmerized; At least that's what would happen to the Kayden of old. At the moment, his only reaction was emotionless eyes.

"What do I gain from this? I need strength for my home and I no longer have the right to relationships without at least some political end." That was... a lie. Kayden didn't need any of that. "And have a good proposal, as other ducal houses have already offered me wizards of the fourth kingdom and many other benefits." Another lie. Kayden didn't even read the proposals.

This time, Sarah reflected for several minutes.

She had never needed to assert herself in anything. Normally, just her beauty added to her name would make even one of the princes accept her hand without thinking too much. But



her beauty didn't even cause Kayden's heart to flutter, not even a second of hesitation. This hit his ego deeply.

"Protection of the Brriten house, money, and resources that only one of the greats can provide. We have 5 wizards of the fourth kingdom in our army, and if you count the family members, we have 10." The gears started turning in Kayden's head. With this protection, he could become untouchable even after twenty years of the king's protection.

The effort on your part would be minimal.

Probably playing the role of a good boyfriend and continuing to stand out so that Sarah would be happy. Nothing really difficult. It was just quick wins. For a second, he wondered if he was blessed by the heavens. How long has it been since he had such great luck?

"I accept and I can sign the contract if you want."
A smile appeared on Sarah's face. Just seeing that Kayden was willing to sign the contract was enough for her.





"Kiss me to prove your sincerity." Kayden didn't expect the girl to have such an initiative, but it was normal considering the culture of this kingdom. The boy had never dated and hadn't even missed his first kiss, but like every teenager in his not-so-pleasant phase, he had read his fair share of adult novels.

The boy approached slowly without taking his eyes off Sarah. His hand went up her arm and then her waist, slowly moving up to her chin. One thing he learned from all his reading was that the woman wanted a hero for a boyfriend, someone who could make her feel safe, at least in public.

In bed, she wanted a shameless scoundrel. This was not a rule, but it almost always proved correct.

Kayden's hand went under Sarah's chin as her mouth moved downward. When he got closer, his hand went down to the girl's neck and •

squeezed without the slightest consideration.

Sarah was a mage far above Kayden in the power hierarchy, but the surprise of the move prevented her from doing anything. As he began to lose his breath, Kayden's voice appeared in his ear.

"I didn't know you were such a dirty slut."

Kayden's hand left her neck, giving her room to breathe, and before she could respond, Kayden's mouth closed on hers.