

## MARRIAGE ON PAPER

### Chapter 7

Engaged? Paxton was engaged to someone else?

Ryleigh was utterly stunned.

She did not want to be an illicit mistress, even in a fake marriage.

However, Paxton disagreed. "You mean the arranged marriage agreement with the Xander family when I was little?" he scoffed.

"Exactly! We promised Noelle Quadros, or Mrs. Xander, that you will marry their daughter when you grow up," Yuliana explained and nodded.

"But the Xander family lost their daughter when she was young. They had been looking for her for many years. Everyone knows about this," interrupted

Sophia with confusion.

"I heard that the Xander family has some reliable information recently. They are close to finding their daughter," said Yuliana to Paxton with concern, "Paxton, even though our family is wealthy, we are merely businessmen. The Xander family has had tremendous influence in the military for more than a hundred years. You should know how important the connection through marriage is for our family. Marriage is not child's play."

"Wow, the daughter of the Xander family must be as important as a princess." Sophia was envious. The Xander family was only second to the royal family.

Paxton was about to say something when Ryleigh interrupted. "I'm sorry, I didn't know that Paxton is engaged. Please let me know if there's anything I can do."

A political marriage between the powerful and wealthy was not something Ryleigh wished to intervene in.

Paxton gave Ryleigh a stern look.

Hearing Ryleigh's words, Sophia grabbed the opportunity. She went up to Paxton and held his arm. "Pax, get a divorce with Ryleigh as soon as possible. She always picks on me at the university. I think she got into Professor Ohl's project through her connections with you, even though it was funded by our family. Pax, you must kick her out of the project for me."

"Ahem, I was chosen to join Professor Ohl's automotive design and development project through a rigorous selection process," Ryleigh interrupted and corrected Sophia.

Her fake marriage with Paxton had nothing to do with her admission to the project.

"Stop the nonsense. Don't blame others if you are not good enough," said Paxton.

Paxton had always been fond of his younger sister, making Sophia spoiled and arrogant.

However, Paxton knew Professor Ohl's character very well. He was a distinguished academician who was ethical and dedicated to research. The project led by Professor Ohl was critical to R&S Group. It could be their key to the international market.

Paxton did not expect Ryleigh to be one of the members of the project.

This new information shed new light on Ryleigh.

Paxton did not know that Ryleigh was a top student.

"Pax!" Sophia stomped her leg furiously. How was she going to keep her head high at the university?

"Paxton, get divorced quickly. We can't keep this from the media for too long. It will be troublesome when they find out," said Yuliana in great concern.

"You are asking for trouble. But, Pax, don't be fooled by her. You better get rid of her as soon as possible."

Everyone could not stop voicing their opinions.

"Shut up, all of you!"

An old but powerful voice cut through the chaos.

An elderly woman with a walking stick strolled from the other end of the living room.

Even the gray hair and the wrinkles on her face could not hide her dashing appearance. She must have been an astonishing beauty when she was younger.

"Grandma, why are you here?" Paxton quickly went forward and supported his grandmother by her arm.

Compared to his cold relationship with his birth mother, Paxton had a very close relationship with his grandmother.

"Are you trying to get your inheritance when I'm still alive?" Julie Watkins gave Yuliana a stern stare.

"Mom, I didn't mean that," Yuliana immediately became humbled.

"I heard everything. Ryleigh is the granddaughter-in-law I've chosen. You all don't want to share the

inheritance with her? Don't forget that I still have plenty of shares in the company!" Julie raised her voice. "Did you all wish an early death for me?" said Julie furiously.

"Grandma Watkins, don't get angry. Watch your health." Ryleigh quickly comforted Julie.

Ryleigh grew up without a family. Therefore she was touched that Grandma Watkins was always nice to her, like a family.

Ryleigh sincerely hoped to fulfill Grandma Watkins last wish when she agreed to marry Paxton.

On the other hand, Yuliana did not dare to say another word. Julie, her mother-in-law, was one of the founders of the Lev family and she had ten times more shares than Yuliana.

"Mr. Chaine, please take Ryleigh's suitcase to Paxton's room," ordered Julie. She smiled and held Ryleigh's hands. "It's great to see you here. You must be famished!"

Then, she stomped her walking stick on the floor hard before pointing at Paxton. "You! Bring Ryleigh to dinner. Make sure you treat her well!"

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