

## Chapter 164 - The Annual Gathering Begins (4)

It took several seconds before Shen Liu could react.

And when he finally did, he gave her a really strange look.

"Am I expecting to testify in court on your separation trial?"

Yan Xiaoran snapped at him and said, "Do you want to stay here for a few more days?"

'Gulp'... Shen Liu weighed the disadvantages of him staying there and said, "Nope... Act as if I never said that." Turning to the most important question, he asked, "Anyway, why didn't you just bring him here with you instead of me? Aren't you afraid he'll get angry at you because you brought another man with you?"

"I also want to do that but there will be a lot of explaining to do if I brought my husband here. And he would definitely ask a lot of questions. Besides, I'm also here to check on something." Pointing at their masks, she added, "And I'm sure he won't recognize me with the wig and mask."

"So that's why when I saw you earlier, I almost thought you're someone else." Shen Liu nodded his head in realization. When he first saw the get-up Yan Xiaoran ended up with, he couldn't help but clap in an applause for her overall result.

Wearing a brown short wig and blue contact lenses, and with her tall and seductive figure, no one would know that the woman standing before them right now was the simply dressed lady he met a few days ago in a diner. If he hadn't found out that it was Yan Xiaoran behind all that disguise, he would also assume that the woman walking beside him was a top model who freshy came out of a magazine photoshoot.

Standing up with the support of his creaky old knees, he walked over to the person and

excitedly said, "Alexander!"

Hearing the old man calling his name, Alexander walked towards him to meet him halfway through the hall.

The other elders beside Gabriel Rossi also stood up, wondering who could make this stern old man smile like that aside from winning one business war against his rivals.

When Alexander got closer to their table, the elders couldn't stop paling for a moment before also masterfully covering their fears with a smile.

"Mr. Qu."

"Master Alexander."

Alexander emotionlessly glanced at them and nodded his head to greet them respectfully. However, because he wasn't in a great mood to smile nor be chummy with anyone, his face looked like it took a one-way trip to Antarctica.

"After seeing you're finally here instead of your stand-in, I couldn't help but feel like I could finally die happy." Gabriel started, smiling warmly at the living block of ice before all of them.

"Grandpa Gabriel, what are you talking about? Are you dissatisfied with my attendance for these past two years?" Long Jie butted in.

Gabriel laughed at the rascal and responded politely, "How could I, your highness. Your presence is just as important as anyone in the party."

"Hmph!" Long Jie harrumphed and turned his head to the side to ignore the old man which only made the old man chuckle.

Gabriel already knew that behind that childish behavior and stupid act, Long Jie was the deepest characted between the five brothers. Besides, he was also a part of a royal clan in M country. But the reason why Gabriel could act like this towards Long Jie and Alexander was because he brought up the five brothers for two years before letting them go to their respective families.

"Grandpa!" Lucas popped out behind Alexander and hugged the old man's arm.

Gabriel frowned at the sight of his dress and said, "You fool! What do you think you are doing?!"

"Hugging you." Lucas said in a matter of factly tone.

Gabriel fumed at his response and was about to scold the little fool, but two men stopped in front of him.

"Reo! Jin Woo!" Gabriel hugged the two men.

Reo didn't hug the old man back, but the other man named Jin Woo did.

"I'm glad you're still healthy, grandpa." Jin Woo said, adjusting the black-rimmed spectacles on the bridge of his nose.

"I'm actually surprised he's still alive." Reo quietly commented, earning an elbow hit to his ribs from Jin Woo who was beside him.

Reo glared at Jin Woo, but couldn't do anything because Alexander was there with them now.

Stealing a glance at Alexander, Reo saw the man holding his phone, staring back at it as if he was intent to bore a hole into its screen.

"What's wrong with your phone? Did you get hacked?" He approached Alexander and asked.

Alexander didn't even glance at him or answer his question as his focus was elsewhere specifically, his phone.

"Aiyaa... this man." Long Jie went to their side and started to shake his head, "Just because he couldn't reach his wife for a few hours and he already looked like he's about to die."

The four other brothers turned their head at Alexander and looked at him weirdly. They all knew that Alexander got married a month ago, but they never really thought anything about it. After all, the man should be incapable of love and his marriage shouldn't be real and just for convenience. Yet, the cold attitude he was showing and crease on his eyebrows told them that they were quite wrong about their theories about his marriage.

"Alex, are you for real?" Even Jin Woo couldn't believe that Alexander married someone because he was in love.

Glancing at him, Alexander nodded his head to confirm his suspicion. Among the four other brothers, Jin Woo was the only person who could make Alexander act like an obedient little brother.

"She was my childhood friend and also my first love." Alexander told him which earned him another weird look from them.

Some people looked at the entrance of the hotel, as if their eyes were stuck to something.

A woman was walking over.