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Chapter 501 My Husband's Rich

Apparently, Yulia was known as the popular belle in her university days. That was because not only was she flawless and an excellent ballet dancer, her grades were exceptionally great. She was well loved by everyone in her school. So, it was only natural for girls in her class to be jealous of her and was known to be badmouthing her behind her back. Gladys was one of them.

Gladys felt amazing after meeting Yulia. That was because she used to have nothing, but was able to get a rich boyfriend. This made her feel a lot better about herself since Yulia married a penniless veteran.

However, before Yulia could refuse Gladys' offer, Franco said, "Hey Gladys, although my parents own the factory, it's a factory that researches cancer drugs. Everyone who works there needs to be a university graduate or else they won't be accepted. Some positions even require a master's degree!"

Franco glanced at Skylar after that and said, "I'm afraid that people like him can only work as our janitor... But, since you're his wife's classmate, I'll speak to my dad and have him work as our security officer. A normal security guard gets paid at least three thousand five hundred dollars. They will be provided with accommodation and get a monthly allowance of five hundred dollars extra. Pay wages will be increased after his probation period is over. If he is willing to work hard, I can have him promoted as a security supervisor after two years. He will get a thousand dollars more with that promotion!" Franco was obviously mocking him when he said that. He was mocking him so much that Skylar found it really funny.

It seemed that Skylar was right about Franco all along.

Skylar had told Dianne to collect all the information she could gather on wealthy family businesses when he returned to Cloudtopia from Troiz County back then. If Skylar remembered correctly, Franco's father was the owner of Savior Pharmaceutical. His name was Samuel Sivan. Apparently, he was present at Parker's mansion back then as well. So, he clearly remembered how Skylar murdered Parker back then. Skylar wondered if Samuel would wet himself if he knew his son had offended Skylar.

"It's fine. My career is none of your concern." Skylar glared at him and continued, "Oh right, that father that you're so proud about still has to respect me. So, I suggest that you stop being so arrogant right now."

Gladys was offended by Skylar's reply as she said, "What's wrong with your husband, Yulia? Franco is only doing this out of good will. Even if he didn't need a job, shouldn't he thank Franco as well? Do you know who his father is? How dare he say something that arrogant! I want him to apologize to Franco right now or we'll definitely do something about it!"

Yulia was displeased by Gladys' attitude. She did not expect any surprises from this regular reunion. She did not expect Gladys to insult Skylar at all. She knew that respect should be reciprocated both ways and since Franco insulted Skylar, she knew there was no reason why Skylar should respect him at all.

With that in mind, Yulia decided to snap at her. She said, "My husband is rich and doesn't need a job. So, quit trying to make any unnecessary assumptions!"

Chapter 502 Alpha

"We're making unnecessary assumptions? How ungrateful!" Gladys snapped at them.

"That's enough, Gladys," said Franco before telling Skylar. "You know, I wanted to tell you that having the reunion tonight is perfect since it will be an amazing opportunity for us to build connections. Well, since we're old classmates, I'll introduce everyone to you."

Franco paused and intentionally glanced over to Skylar and Yulia. However, when he noticed how uninterested they seemed, he said, "Well I mean, obviously people like you have no right to even learn about such information. But, I can tell you that a very powerful man will be arriving here before noon today. I'm going to be honest with you, Elder Wilkins will be attending the banquet. You know, the best banquet has been arranged just to host that man and a lot of powerful people will be attending the banquet. I am here to build connections today. My father has also told me that if we're lucky enough to be acknowledged by Elder Wilkins, we will have an incredibly bright future!"

Hearing this nearly made Skylar burst out laughing. He wondered how Franco would react if he found out that Skylar himself was the incredibly powerful man that he was just talking about. However, Skylar was not in the mood to waste his breath on Franco since Franco would not believe a word he said anyway. So, Skylar decided to remain silent.

Upon noticing Skylar's lack of reaction, Gladys asked, "Hey honey, that man sounded very impressive. Why don't you tell me more about him."

"Sure." Franco shot a smug look at Skylar and said, "Do you remember how powerful Barry was?"

"Yeah, I do!" Gladys nodded and continued, "Isn't he the leader of the Black Tiger League? If I remember correctly, he has two powerful generals working for him and he's also in command of over a thousand

minions. He basically rules over the entertainment industry in Troiz County. I remembered that you told me that he's known as... the ruler of Troiz County, right?"

"That is correct!" Franco nodded and explained in a serious tone. "My father told me that a mysterious powerful man has murdered Barry in front of all of his minions. My father was present back then and has witnessed the entire scene. Oh yeah, plenty of powerful people from Troiz county were present too."

"Is that man really that bold?" Gladys exclaimed and said, "He's bold enough to kill Barry in front of so many people? Are you saying that none of his men were able to stop him from being murdered?"

"It's not that." Franco gulped and continued. "The thing is, none of them were even bold enough to step up and stop the murder from happening. The person who is responsible for the murder happens to be working for that man and that person was a beautiful young lady. So, one could imagine just how terrifying of a man he is."

Chapter 503 What Is His Name

"What? Not even bullets can kill him? Who in the world is he?" Gladys was stunned to hear that. If it was not for Franco's serious demeanor, she would have assumed that Franco was joking.

"There's more in fact!" Franco shook his head and lowered his voice even more as he said, "You know, Parker has a brother called Barry and is the mob boss of the city's underworld. He's a lot more powerful than Parker. He was livid after finding out about his brother's murder, so he tasked his assassins to Cloudtopia, but all of them ended up dead. Even his most powerful general, Silence, was murdered. Well, the most insane part of all of this was how their family would respond to this insolence. Everyone assumed that their family would retaliate, but not long after Barry's death, their family announced to the world that they had cut ties with both Parker and Barry. They would not do anything about their murders. This meant that not even the Jenkins family from the capital dared to offend that man. Tell me, isn't that man terrifyingly powerful then?

Franco was extremely emotional when he talked about that man. So much so that even Gladys was charmed by him. It was every woman's dream to be rescued by their own version of prince charming and Franco made that man seem like a god to her. So, she asked, "Can we meet that man later?" She sounded quite excited when she said that.

"Of course we call. My father was the one who told me about it, or else, I wouldn't have rushed back here, right?" Franco sounded arrogant as he continued, "If I'm able to be acknowledged by that person, we will have the utmost respect by everyone in the country, let alone Troiz County!"

Apparently, Skylar found the whole conversation awkward. Although Skylar's true power was leagues ahead than what Franco described earlier, he had decided to live a simple life the day he returned to Cloudtopia. However, life seemed to have other plans for him as trouble kept finding its way to Skylar. He was only forced to retaliate in order to protect the people he cared about. Somehow, he never expected that what he did was already terrifying enough to stun others.

With that in mind, Skylar cleared his throat, but somehow, this caught Yulia's attention as she asked, "Say Skylar, they... wouldn't be talking about you, right?"

Apparently, she only thought it was Skylar because he had gone to Troiz County recently. So she thought to herself, That can't be a coincidence, right? Besides, Franco mentioned that Parker's murderer was a young woman. Wait, that can't be Dianne, right?

"Hahaha..." Before Skylar could say anything, Gladys started cackling out loud as she said, "You must be dreaming, Yulia. He's nothing more than a dumb war veteran for six years. He doesn't even have rank. How could you even think that he's that god-like powerful man? Are you out of your mind?" Without giving Yulia any chance to respond, she asked Franco, "Say honey, what is the man's name, anyway?"

Chapter 504 The Whole Night?

Apparently, Gladys asked for his name intentionally. She wanted Franco to tell everyone the man's name just to humiliate Skylar and Yulia. She was unwilling to accept how arrogant they were to compare themselves to such a god-like figure.

Franco pondered for a moment and replied, "if I remember correctly, I think my dad mentioned that everyone called him... Mr. Stone..." He was stunned as soon as he said that as he immediately stared at Skylar before thinking to himself, Mr, Stone? Wait, Skylar Stone? No way, they both share the same first name? Wait... Yulia's question earlier...

Suddenly, Franco was overwhelmed by an ominous feeling as he wondered if Skylar would really be that man...

Apparently, Gladys noticed Franco's odd demeanor, so she pouted and said, "Honey, I think you're giving a dumb penniless soldier way too much credit. That is a really common first name, so are you saying that everyone who shares the same first name is that man?"

Franco realized that she had a fair point and of course, he was only reacting to his thoughts earlier. He knew that he would never believe that Skylar was the same man his father told him about.

Skylar on the other hand, could not be bothered to explain to them. He even stopped Yulia from arguing by hugging her closer even though she wanted to. So, Yulia decided to enjoy that private moment together. Apparently, Skylar was charmed by Yulia's scent. Since they were in Troiz County, Dianne had already booked a hotel room for them. This meant that they would be spending the night alone together... This also meant that Skylar would be able to have Yulia's company for the entire night. This made Skylar very excited...

Skylar received a phone call after an hour. The caller introduced himself as Walter Wilkins. Apparently, he had already arrived at the banquet and had arranged a driver for Skylar. He knew that Walter was none other than Elder Wilkins himself. Skylar also knew that the only reason why they went to Troiz County in the first place was to meet some important people in the city. Since that was the case, he

accepted Walter's invite, but turned down his offer for a ride. That was because he was not close with them and he did not like the idea of others controlling his life.

Since Yulia wanted to unload her luggage and freshen up a little in their hotel room, Skylar agreed to go with her since his wife would always be his priority. The other people could wait for him at the banquet.

Yulia unpacked their luggage and got herself changed into a beautiful dress as soon as they arrived at their hotel room. She said, "I'm done, Skylar. Should we go now?"

Skylar happened to be scrolling through his phone when Yulia said that. He was greeted by Yulia's beauty when he looked up, so he rushed over to hug her before whispering to her, "Say honey, Lola isn't here tonight, does this mean that we can..."

<u>Chapter 505 Does Lipstick Taste Good</u>

Yulia blushed as soon as Skylar said that. She retorted. "D*mn you, Skylar! Was that what you were planning all along... Is this why you insisted on bringing me along to Troiz County..." Yulia was flustered when she said that. Somehow, she felt like she had been tricked by Skylar. However, Skylar replied with a smile before kissing her on her lips. This annoyed Yulia since she had just put on her lipstick earlier, but Skylar did not care about that as he was only willing to release her when her breathing became labored

"Does lipstick taste good?" Yulia asked when she noticed Skylar's lips that were completely smeared by her lipstick.

Skylar replied, "Well, of course it does. I mean, it's from my wife after all."

"Gosh, you and your flattery!" Yulia glared at her and returned to the washroom to apply more lipstick. However, Skylar grabbed her before she could leave and whispered, "Why don't we... just get married, honey."

Yulia was stunned as soon as Skylar said that. Although she had decided to love Skylar wholeheartedly, she was still quite emotional when it came to marriage. Soon, she was overwhelmed by waves of complicated emotions and after a good long while, she said, "No way!"

Hearing this destroyed Skylar as he wondered if Yulia was unwilling to marry him. So he asked, "Are you saying that you aren't willing to marry me?"

Yulia felt guilty after seeing how hurt Skylar seemed. Why are we even joking around, right now? So, she pouted and said, "I thought there must be some sort of romantic proposal before we get married? Wouldn't it be bad for me if I were to agree to marry you so easily?"

Skylar was stunned for a moment after hearing that, but he was overjoyed after processing what she really said, So, he lifted her up and spun her around before calming himself down as he said, "Oh don't you worry honey. You will get the romantic proposal you want. In fact, I want you to be the luckiest girl in the world!"

Although Yulia did not agree to his proposal, she had shown that she was willing to marry him. So, the next thing Skylar should do was plan a romantic proposal for her. Yulia felt incredibly happy after he said that. That was because every girl would dream about having a perfect wedding. The only reason why Yulia was able to demand a romantic proposal was because she had always been a straightforward person. Of course, the most important thing was that she knew that Skylar could afford it.

"Oh honey, you will always be my princess," said Skylar.

Hearing this made Yulia blush, so she playfully nudged Skylar. However, after a brief moment, she stuttered, "Say Skylar... Can you promise to do something for me?"

Chapter 506 Perfect Man

"Yeah of course, what is it?" Skylar asked.

So, Yulia nervously replied, "Well... can we.. do the thing that you always wanted when we're... married?" Yulia was blushing heavily when she said that. In fact, she also sounded quite guilty and seemed as if she had wronged Skylar.

Upon seeing her like this, Skylar embraced her and said, "Oh honey, I'm willing to wait until you're ready. I won't ever force you to do anything that you don't want to."

Yulia was extremely touched after hearing that. She felt treasured and valued by him. She was touched by everything Skylar said to him. So, she said, "Thanks for being willing to love me this much."

"Well, shouldn't you give me something in return then?" Skylar inched his lips closer to her.

So, Yulia gave him a kiss in return. The duo spent a good long while together before Skylar was willing to release her.

"Hey Skylar, there is one more thing that I hope that you can do for me," said Yulia.

Hearing this made Skylar laugh as he grabbed her hand and gave it a kiss before saying, "Go ahead, honey. If it's anything that I can do for you, I will do it."

"Please just listen to what I have to say first, okay?" Yulia's demeanor grew more serious as she said, "Skylar, I can tell that you absolutely adored Lola and I'm touched by that. But... if we have another child together after we're married, will you still be able to love Lola and our second child equally? Although I know that I'm asking a lot, I hope that you can do it."

Yulia was focused on Skylar as she anxiously waited for Skylar's reply.

However, Skylar was relieved to hear that as he was worried that it might be something serious. Lola

was his biological daughter and he knew that he would never neglect Lola no matter how many children they would have in the future. He also knew that it was normal for Yulia to worry since she did not know that. So, he hugged her arm and swore to her. "I promise you, honey, that I will never let anything that you're worried about happen. If you want me to love Lola alone, then we can just not have another child. Having Lola alone is enough for me."

He knew that they had suffered for a really long time because he was absent as a father to them. Since he had returned, he wanted to make up for both of them. He was willing to not have any other children. He was willing to let Yulia decide on their future. Of course, if they were to have another child, he would love Lola the same.

"Oh Skylar!" Yulia was incredibly touched after hearing that. She was so touched that she immediately leapt into his arms. She was touched because of how much Skylar was willing to sacrifice for her. He was the most perfect man in the world. The duo embraced for a good long while until Yulia realized that it was almost twelve. So, she rushed to get ready and headed straight to the hotel.

Chapter 507 What Are You So Arrogant About

An entourage of expensive cars could be seen gathered at the hotel's entrance. Every single car that lined the hotel's entrance were either Mercedes, Ferraris, or Rolls Royces. Of course there were still some average looking cars, but were all adorned with special serialized number plates. Those plates were so rare that no amount of money could guarantee a purchase. Everyone including the passersby were stunned by such a display.

"Good gosh, I can't believe that Mr.Oakley has driven himself here!"

"A Rolls Royce? Could that be Mr. Larson's car? Isn't Drake Larson the wealthiest man in the world?"

"Whoa, isn't that Elder Wilkins? Wait, the driver is his son? Did they both come together?"

Since the security personnel and the bell boys were not used to meeting such wealthy people, all of them were gathered in awe at the hotel's entrance.

"I can't believe all of these wealthy people are here in our hotel. I wonder what's going on?"

"I have no idea. I mean, it's not our place to ask, right?"

"Stop speculating. You know, while I was helping the manager with something yesterday, I actually learned something. I learned that the person responsible for killing Parker is here in Troiz County. Apparently, this banquet was organized by Mr Wilkins for that man!"

As the group of security guards gossiped, Skylar and Yulia had arrived at the hotel's entrance with a cab. However, before the door was opened, they were stopped by the security guards as they shouted at the cab driver. "Leave right now and don't obstruct traffic here! An extremely important event is being held in our hotel today and every single car here is extremely expensive and I don't think any of you can

afford to pay any damages if you even scrape the car a little!"

The cab driver panicked as soon as he heard that, so he said, "I'll leave as soon as my passengers get out of my car."

However, one of the security guards yelled, "Get the f*ck away from here! Don't you understand what I was saying? I want you to leave with your passengers!"

Apparently the hotel was a five star hotel and even during normal days, cab drivers were a rare sight. So, the security guard assumed that Skylar and Yulia were not even qualified to enter such a grand event. He knew that he would not be able to bear any responsibilities of any of his wrong doings if he allowed them to be dropped off at the entrance. However, the cab driver happened to be an honest man and he was stunned by the security guard's actions. It was his responsibility to drop his passengers off at their location. He knew that he could not drop Skylar and Yulia off elsewhere when they requested to be dropped off at the hotel at the start of their journey.

Suddenly, Skylar lowered the window and told the security guard. "Scram! I can't believe people like you are even worthy of being a security guard at a five star hotel!"

Hearing this stunned the security guard for a brief moment as he snapped at Skylar. "Are you out of your mind, brat? How dare you tell me to scram! My cousin is the assistant manager of this hotel, so tell me, am I worthy enough for you right now?"

Skylar scoffed and said, "So what? Even if your father owns this hotel, you should scram when I tell you to!"

"You... What are you so arrogant about?" The security guard did not expect Skylar to be that arrogant.

Skylar decided to ignore the security guard and led Yulia out of the cab.

"Yulia? What are you doing here?" Suddenly, a familiar voice could be heard calling out to them.

Chapter 508 Don't Have To

Both Skylar and Yulia were greeted by a couple as soon as they turned around. The couple was none other than Gladys and Franco they met earlier that day.

"Oh, greetings, Mr. Sivan." The arrogant security guard greeted Franco politely as soon as he noticed Franco. This obviously showed that Franco was a regular guest to the hotel.

"Yeah." Franco nodded before shifting his gaze to Skylar and Yulia as he asked, "What are you doing here?"

"Do you know them, Mr. Sivan?" The security guard panicked and was worried that he might have

offended someone that he should not have. He was worried that Skylar just wanted to keep a low profile. So, this thought only made him even more nervous.

Suddenly, Franco burst out laughing and said, "That's right, I know them. This man is called Skylar. He was a low ranking penniless soldier for six years. The woman next to him is my fiance's classmate. They never contacted each other after they graduated university and we only ran into each other at the subway earlier."

The security guard was relieved to hear that as he thought to himself, So, it's a penniless brat then. I mean, judging from Mr. Sivan's tone, he doesn't seem to like that brat. Oh that's great then.

"Listen here you little brat! I suggest that you leave right now, or I'll have you tossed on the main road so you'd be run over by cars!" The security guard snapped at Skylar.

Suddenly, Gladys told Franco, "Honey, Yulia is still my old classmate. I mean, since they wanted to enter, why don't we just help them out a little."

Hearing this made Franco grin as he said, "They can always enter if I say so. But..." Franco paused and glanced at Skylar and Yulia before continuing, "If you beg me to help, then I'll bring you in along with me. So, what do you say?"

Skylar scoffed as soon as he heard that. He said, "There's no need for that. I can go wherever I want and I don't need anyone's help."

Skylar grabbed Yulia's hand and strode over to the entrance. However, the security guard was livid when they did that. So, he yelled, "How arrogant! Since you don't want to leave, I'll have you tossed out then! Seize him, boys!"

As soon as he said that, the other security guards surrounded Skylar and Yulia.

However, Skylar glared at the security guard and playfully asked, "Are you sure that you want to do this?"

The security guard laughed and said, "What's the matter? It's not like you're hiding some secret identity anyway. You're nothing more than a penniless war veteran. How dare you stir up a storm here!"

A cold glare flashed across Skylar's eyes as he never intended to escalate things with the security guard, but the man was persistent. Since that was the case, Skylar would not mind to beat the security guard up just to humble the man.

"Enough!" However, just as Skylar was about to attack, Franco stopped him.

Chapter 509 Let Him Run Wild

"That's enough. They can join us," said Franco as he waved his hand graciously.

"Mr. Sivon, you're?" The security guard was stunned at how fast Franco changed his mind. He was shocked because just moments ago, Franco was extremely hostile toward Skylar, and somehow, he changed his mind by allowing Skylar to enter.

"What's wrong? Am I not allowed to do that?" Franco questioned the security guard.

Since he was from a wealthy family, his words were absolute law to the security guard. Startled, the security guard said, "Of course you can. I am completely fine with them joining you, sir." After that, the security guard turned around and glared at Skylar before saying, "You're lucky that Mr. Sivon allows you to join him!"

"I should be the one saying that to you." Skylar scoffed as he told the security guard that. If Franco did not interrupt their scuffle, the security guard would have already been crippled by then. Of course, Skylar also could not be bothered to waste any time on him. So, he strode into the hotel with Yulia after saying that.

After Skylar had left for quite some distance, Glady asked Franco, "Honey, why did you let them in when he never even begged you in the first place?"

Franco grinned as soon as he heard that as he stared at Skylar's back and said, "If I didn't say anything, that brat would only end up beaten and thrown aside on the main road. But, things would be a lot more complicated as soon as he entered the hall. Every single person that is invited to the banquet are extremely powerful people. He won't be getting off that easily if he even offended any of them. I was just trying to fan the flames, so I need him to run wild a little first." Franco had a smug look when he said that.

Gladys was delighted to hear that and this only made her respect Franco even more. Even the security guard gave him a thumbs up as he said, "You are wise, Mr. Sivon! I will be tasked with maintaining order after I'm done with my parking duties. If that brat steps out of line, all you need to do is yell for me and I'll have a team ready to back you up!"

"Sure, that sounds good." Franco nodded before entering the hotel with Gladys.

The banquet was held in the biggest hall on the second floor of the hotel. All kinds of delicious and expensive food were served and even if the hall had more than a thousand seats, they were all nearly filled by attendees. The first three tables were made of gold trimmed wood and they looked incredibly expensive. The people seated around those tables were extremely powerful people in Troiz County. Those people were either from extremely wealthy families or extremely powerful people who controlled the city. Any person on those tables were capable of completely shaking up the power dynamics in the city. This banquet was like any regular banquet. Those tables were reserved for the VIPs and the rest were for the regular folk. However, there were plenty of shameless people who sat around the front tables just because they arrived early. This caused a few empty seats around the back tables. Without

much thought, Skylar led Yulia to two of those empty seats. It did not take long for Franco and Gladys to enter after them as they intentionally sat next to Skylar and Yulia.

Chapter 510 Comes Naturally

Although Franco arrived with his father and they were supposed to be seated close to the front, he wanted to watch Skylar humiliate himself, so he sat away from his father. There were a few people around the table and they were all spoiled kids that arrived late. They were gossiping about the mysterious man at the moment.

"Say, what do you think Mr. Stone look like? He wouldn't be like the rumors, right? You know, 7 foot tall, completely covered in muscles and moves like a bear?"

"I'm not sure, but anyone who can murder both Parker and Barry and terrify the Jenkins family into submission shouldn't be underestimated. I think he'll look like the typical villain character from the movies."

"You're scaring me with all that talk!"

Skylar was speechless after listening to them. He was sitting in front of them and yet they were still speculating. They even described him to be like a complete monster.

Suddenly, Franco burst out laughing and said, "Oh, all of you are wrong."

"Oh? You know that mysterious Mr. Stone, Mr. Sivon?" Everyone turned their focus to Franco.

Since Franco intentionally raised his voice, he also drew the attention of a few nearby tables. After seeing that it was about time to begin, Franco nodded and said, "Yeah, I have. But. All of you have met him as well! That mysterious Mr. Stone is actually hiding under our noses!" As he spoke, he turned his attention to Skylar.

"Are you saying that he's the mysterious Mr. Stone?" Everyone was stunned for a moment before bursting out laughing. It seemed that Franco was joking with them.

They knew that if Skylar was really that mysterious man, Elder Wilkins would have already come to bring him over to the VIP table. It would be impossible for him to sit with them at their table. The empty seat at the VIP table was reserved intentionally for that man by Elder Wilkins.

"Oh, you're wrong again. He was the one who claimed that he's that mysterious Mr. Stone. It has nothing to do with me! Me, well, I'm nothing more than the messenger." Franco gave Skylar a playful gaze as he said that. Before skylar could respond, he questioned Skylar, "So tell me, Mr. Stone, was I right?"

Gladys could be seen holding back her laughter. So, Skylar glared at Franco and said, "Are you sure you

want to test me?"

Everyone was stunned for a moment and immediately began to judge Skylar. They assumed that Skylar might actually be someone who had just won the lottery and assumed that he was better than everyone else. It was probably due to that that allowed him to attend the banquet. Franco, on the other hand, was there with his father and his father was ranked top ten as the city's most powerful people. So, they knew that Skylar could not do anything even if Franco were to make fun of Skylar.

As expected, Franco burst out laughing as soon as he heard that. He said, "So what if I want to test you? This is Troiz County and do you think my family can't do anything to you, a penniless war veteran?"

Everyone burst out laughing as soon as Franco said that.