

Chapter 17: Spark People's Curiosity

Kathy arrived at the WLS after two hours. She brought a lovely rose bouquet and a small shopping bag. A staff greeted Kathy, opened the door lift for her, and escorted her to the level 45, where Gabriel's apartment was.

When they arrived at the destination, the staff smiled and nodded. "Enjoy your afternoon, miss."

"Thank you." Kathy stepped out of the lift and walked to Gabriel's apartment. After ringing the bell, she waited. Her curiosity was high because she had already been working for Gabriel for five years, but it was the first time Gabriel gave her a job to buy presents for a special woman.

Gabriel opened the door and grinned. "You're on time. Please put the bouquet on the table."

"Yes, boss. I got the jewelry set too."

"Great! I'll give more instructions tomorrow."

"Yes, sir!" Then, Kathy looked around but saw no one. She cleared her throat. "Uh, boss?"

"Yes?"

"Where is your woman?"

Gabriel chuckled and shook his head. "She is resting. You must wait later to see her."

"Ah, too bad!"

"Why?" He raised his thick eyebrow. "Does my mother ask you to spy on me?"

Kathy blushed. She rushed to shake her head. "No, boss. But it surely helps to know my future lady boss." She grinned widely. "Will she be our lady boss?"

"It's possible. Everything hasn't been decided yet."

Groaning, Kathy touched her nape. "You are so good at creating a mystery, boss." But then she smiled. "Maybe that's why you are a brilliant businessman."

"Thank you."

They had no more conversation, so she was about to leave. He said nothing else because he wanted her to leave his apartment. Since Kathy glanced back, he grinned.

"You will meet with her soon, but not now," he said. "For now, I want her all for myself. Now, off you go."

Kathy let out a dramatic sigh, but then she left Gabriel's apartment. Returning to the lobby, Kathy greeted the staff there.

"You leave already, miss?"

"Yes, lots of work is waiting for me." Suddenly Kathy widened her eyes. Of course! Why didn't she think about it? The receptionist staff must see Gabriel's partner. "Ah, did you see Mr. Da Costa's partner?"

The staff nodded. "Yes, we saw her. She is beautiful."

"I see. Can you describe her?"

"Why?" the staff asked. Her job required her to keep the tenants' privacy but also to be flexible when it was required.

"Mr. Da Costa's mother may want to get info about her future daughter-in-law," Kathy said, pretending it was a task from Anna Da Costa, Gabriel's mother.

"Oh, let me try to jog my memory." The staff frowned a little. "She has long black hair." She touched her forehead, trying to recall anything. "Ah! She seems young. For sure, she's beautiful."

Kathy nodded and took a piece of \$20 from her wallet. "Thank you."

The staff smiled. "Please don't tell anyone I gave you the information."

"No worries." After Kathy left the WLS, she called Anna. "Mrs. Da Costa, you won't believe what I just found out."

"What is it?" Anna said.

"Mr. Gabriel assigned me for a specific job today. He asked me to buy flowers and a set of jewelry for a woman."

Anna's eyes widened to hear that. "Oh, have you met the woman yet?"

"Unfortunately, Mr. Gabriel told me the woman was resting. So I didn't see her. But from the information I got, it seemed the woman

was young and beautiful."

"Hmm, I don't know Gabriel met with someone new lately. Please inform me more about her if you have seen her."

Kathy nodded, despite Anna not being able to see her. "Yes, madam. I will." Gabriel was her boss, but since Anna was the one who helped her to get the job, Kathy would do anything to please Anna, as long as it wouldn't betray Gabriel's trust in her.

Then Anna called Pietro. Gabriel's man immediately picked up the call.

"Yes, Mrs. Da Costa?"

"Pietro, who is Gabriel's new woman?"

Pietro chuckled to hear that. "Wow! You know already? The news spread so quickly!"

"So? Who is she?"

"Well, I think it's better you ask Mr. Gabriel yourself, madam."

"Pietro Bernardi, I've known you from your crib. Don't tell me what I must do."

Pietro scratched his head because it was a hard situation to win. Anna Da Costa could be a tough person to deal with, especially if she already mentioned the past. Finally, he sighed. He knew he couldn't win against her. "Well, you know her, for sure."

"Really? Who is she?"

"It's Rosalind Miller."

Anna creased her forehead. At first, the name didn't ring a bell. But after a while, she grimaced. "What did you say? Rosalind Miller? Isn't she Jeremy's girlfriend?"

"Not that I know of. They already ended their relationship. From what I heard, Mr. Jeremy only treated Ms. Miller as a shield because he was into someone else."

"A shield? What nonsense is this?! Tell me more about it."

"So, Mr. Jeremy has a serious girlfriend. Her name is Monica Wilson. But he also had Ms. Miller as his girlfriend."

"Hmm ... he placed his two feet on different boats."

"Yes, madam."

"But then, how could Gabriel end up with Rosalind?"

Pietro touched his nape. He couldn't tell Anna that Gabriel brought Rosalind to his apartment when she was drunk and slept with her. So he only said, "It's something I don't know, madam. You need to ask Mr. Gabriel yourself."

"I see. Thank you."

"You are welcome." As soon as Anna ended the call, Pietro called Gabriel.

After three rings, Gabriel picked up the call. "Yes?"

"Boss, your mother already knew about Ms. Miller."

Gabriel chuckled. "That's my mother. What did you expect?"

"But it's so fast! I haven't even met with her yet."

Gabriel shrugged and grinned. "She may know about it from Kathy."

"Kathy?" Pietro asked. "Do you think it's better for you to find a new assistant?"

"No." Gabriel shook his head. "Kathy is okay. Her loyalty is to me, but as my mother helped her to get the job, she is loyal to my mother too. It's okay. As long as she knows how to keep some secrets, I'll let her keep working for me."

"Whatever you said, boss. So, when can I meet with your woman?"

Chuckling, Gabriel grinned again. "Later. For now, I want to enjoy her all by myself. I won't share her with anyone else."



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