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Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 171

Chapter 171 Find Some Time for the Game

Ever since Jonah passed on, Alexander became exceptionally busy. In the past, he had time to send Elise to school but nowadays, he couldn't even spare that ten minutes of his time.

Just then, it was Danny's turn to send Elise to school again. "Boss, it's nearly time for our final exam. Let's go and study together at the library in the afternoon."

Elise, however, stared at the bare trees outside the window and pondered, I can't believe that winter is almost over.

"Tomorrow is Christmas Eve, right?" Elise mentioned in passing. Just then, Danny quickly looked at the calendar and replied, "Yes, it's the twenty-fourth tomorrow and it'll be Christmas the day after tomorrow. It's been forecasted that it'll snow on Christmas. I wonder whether we'll be able to experience a white Christmas this year?"

Meanwhile, Elise retracted her gaze. "I checked the weather forecast and it seems that there will be snow this year. Let's wait and see."

They exited the car and walked side-by-side toward the school. As soon as they arrived at the classroom, they noticed everyone crowded around talking amongst themselves. "Apparently the TV program that Samantha starred in is going to be aired on Mango TV tonight. We must show our support tonight."

"Samantha has good acting skills. I've seen the trailer and it piqued my interest, so I'm definitely going to watch the program tonight."

Meanwhile, Elise pulled out her chair and took a seat. Just then, Mikayla rushed forward and said, "Samantha's TV program will be aired tonight. Let's celebrate the occasion with her."

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Elise hummed in response. "This is the first show she's starred in and she has done a great job. I'll arrange for some flowers to be sent to her later."

"Okay! I'm going to get her a present too," Mikayla chimed in. At that moment, she scrutinized Elise carefully before murmuring, "Elise, does Jack have any new events lately?"

Just then, Elise lifted her head and stared at Mikayla. "Don't tell me that you're unaware of your husband's schedule?"

Upon hearing that, Mikayla was slightly embarrassed. "H-How would I know his schedule?! Well, I heard that he seems to be quite busy lately."

Meanwhile, Elise could kind of sense that there was something wrong behind these words. "Mikayla, what's up with you lately? You seem to care a lot about Jack lately, don't you?" She's never behaved this way before.

Just then, Mikayla—whose inner thoughts were revealed—hastily tried to cover it up. "What are you rambling on about? I just wanted to find out his schedule, that's all. It's not as complicated as you think it is."

Elise could somehow sense that something was off, but she noticed that Mikayla was reluctant to talk about it so she didn't persist. After all, it was winter right now and spring wasn't too far away, so the season of love was beckoning too.

"Let's spend Christmas Eve together tomorrow," Elise suggested. However, Mikayla immediately rejected her suggestion. "I'm busy tomorrow. I-I have something else on."

Elise had intended to ask Mikayla out for some shopping and to catch a movie. Since the latter had something else on, she could only let it slide.

"Alright, then. You should go along with what you have planned. I'll be fine celebrating by myself."

Upon hearing that, Mikayla stuck her tongue out and had a slightly guilty expression on her face. Well, I can't possibly tell Elise that I have a date with Jack, can I?

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Christmas Eve this year was exceptionally cold. One could see the snowy white scene outside upon pushing open the window. Elise put on a thick down jacket before going down the stairs.

After Jonah's passing, she had hardly seen Alexander. Unexpectedly though, today, he was eating breakfast at the dining table.

Stunned, Elise went forward and made the move to greet him. "Good morning!"

He merely grunted in response before adding, "I'll send you to school later."

She didn't say anything further, only pulled out a chair to take a seat. Just then, she scrutinized his face as she ate breakfast.

"Is there something on my face? Why are you staring at me like that?" Alexander said while lifting his head, his eyes meeting hers. Meanwhile, Elise was slightly embarrassed and she quickly shifted her gaze. "It's nothing. I just haven't seen you in so long and I noticed that you seemed to have lost some weight."

Alexander was indeed too busy over this period of time. Since Jonah passed away, there had been some issues at the company and some of their old employees started to become quite restless and raring to make a move. It had taken him quite some effort to handle the company matters and finally, after sorting out everything, he could now gradually relax after being in a tense situation for such a long time.

"How is school lately?"

Elise nodded and replied, "It's alright. I'm about to sit for my final exam so I'm busy with revision."

"You're in your final year so it's quite normal to be more stressed out, but I have faith in your abilities. I'm sure that you'll be fine."

In response, Elise pursed her lips and smiled. After finishing her breakfast, she placed down her cutlery and announced, "I'm full. I'll wait for you outside."

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As she said that, she got up and immediately headed toward the door to walk outside. Shortly after that, Alexander came out too.

Both of them got into the car but neither of them said a word. As soon as the car came to a stop in front of the school entrance, Elise unbuckled her seat belt and murmured, "I'll head to school now."

Suddenly, Alexander called out her name and mentioned, "Do you have time tonight? Let's have dinner together."

Elise blinked her eyes repeatedly and hesitated for a few seconds before finally replying, "Sure."

"I'll pick you up in the afternoon."

She then nodded and got out of the car.

Meanwhile, the atmosphere in school was full of cheer and festivity. As soon as she entered the classroom, many of her classmates rushed forward and handed her apples that were wrapped prettily. "Here you go, Elise. Happy Christmas Eve!"

Elise received the apples with an abashed look on her face. "Thank you!" she replied.

Unexpectedly, each of her classmates started to give her apples one after the other soon after that. In no time, her drawer was filled to the brim.

"Wow! Boss, you really are popular! That's a lot of apples that you've received." Danny said with an envious tone.

He then looked down at his drawer and there were merely around five apples inside.

Just then, Elise was slightly surprised too. "The act of eating an apple on Christmas Eve symbolizes peace and serenity, so you should eat as much as you can."

He grunted in response and shortly after that, he took out a nicely wrapped box from somewhere and handed it to her. "Happy Christmas Eve, Boss."

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Meanwhile, Elise was quite surprised that he had prepared an apple for her too and she swiftly took it from him. "Thanks!"

Danny smiled and replied, "It's part of my job as your underling but then again, I hope you haven't forgotten about your promise from before, Boss."

Just then, Elise was clearly quite confused but Danny continued, "It's nearly time for our final exam and we really need to find some time for the game."

Oh—that's what he meant! Without his reminder, Elise had nearly forgotten about that. There had been so many things that happened recently and she was quite flummoxed by everything.

"Sure. You need to work harder, then."

"Don't worry, Boss. I'm quite confident that I'll be able to achieve one of the top three positions in class," Danny vowed.

Elise was also quite encouraged by his motivated spirit and she became much more focused in class.

Before class ended, she received a text message from Alexander and once she clicked into it, she saw that he merely stated, 'I'll wait for you at the school entrance.'

As soon as Elise saw that sentence, she shuddered and in the end, she decided to skip her last period of self-study and sneaked out of the room.

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Chapter 172 Let's Get Married

As soon as Elise walked out of the school gates, she noticed the familiar-looking car parked in front and walked toward it immediately. Then, she tapped on the car window, which was then gradually wound down. Alexander was slightly surprised as he asked, "Have your classes ended?"

Without batting an eyelid, Elise nodded right away.

"Where are we headed?" she asked.

However, there was an air of mystery to Alexander as he murmured, "You'll see soon enough."

And so, he drove the car and brought her to a vintage-looking restaurant. Furthermore, the waiter was dressed in a traditional costume.

The both of them then headed directly upstairs to the private room. "The atmosphere here is quite pleasant," Elise said sincerely. Soon after that, Alexander pulled out a chair for her as he offered, "Have a seat."

Both of them sat facing each other and shortly after, the waiter came in with two apples for them. "It's Christmas Eve tonight. This is for you and I hope that you will enjoy your night."

Meanwhile, Alexander raised an eyebrow. "Christmas Eve?"

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Elise explained, "It's just a simple occasion. We don't need to make a big fuss about it."

Alexander didn't realize that today was Christmas Eve so he didn't prepare a present for her. However, after further consideration, he turned to her and said, "I've been too busy with work lately and I haven't had much time to go out."

Elise, too, was quite considerate. "You must be quite tired from all the work-related matters that you need to deal with."

He lifted his head and shot a look at her, but his face remained impassive and he mentioned calmly without any emotion, "Actually, I asked you out today because I wanted to talk to you about something."

Humming in response, Elise took the teacup on the table and poured some water into it before handing it to him.

"Why did you want to see me?"

Alexander looked at the teacup in her hand and reached out for it. Then, he took a sip of water and hummed softly.

Meanwhile, Elise mentioned once again, "What is it?! Can you just tell me?"

At that moment, Alexander lifted his head and their eyes met. They gazed at each other for a moment before he finally replied slowly, "Let's get married."

Although he merely mentioned those few simple words, Elise was significantly shocked. Just then, the water in the cup spilled all over the table due to her trembling hand.

"W-What did you just say?"

Alexander noted her surprise, so he decided to explain. "I want to fulfill my promise to Grandpa, so will you marry me?"

Elise's heart thudded frantically but she quickly came to her senses soon enough.

"Are you doing this just to fulfill Grandpa's late wish?"

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Alexander nodded in response. I can't use any other excuse other than this, can I?

Upon hearing that, Elise looked slightly dejected but she randomly replied, "I just turned eighteen and I'm not past the legal age to get married."

"It's alright," Alexander replied. "We can get engaged first and then hold the marriage ceremony a few years later."

"But..."

Elise was about to say something else but Alexander interjected right away, "No buts. If you disagree, then just say so outright. I won't force you."

Elise pursed her lips but before she could get a word across, he continued, "Grandpa's doted on me the most since I was a kid and he has the highest expectations from me. This is his only wish, so I would like to fulfill it and live with no regrets."

His words made Elise recall the memories she had with Jonah. Grandpa had always been so kind to me, so I really shouldn't disappoint him.

"Alright, that's fine with me. We can get engaged first."

Alexander hummed in agreement, but there was no hint of excitement on his face and he seemed like he was discussing something irrelevant. "I'll arrange for someone to get started on the engagement preparation. What sort of ceremony would you prefer?"

The sudden mention of an engagement ceremony caught Elise by surprise.

Meanwhile, Alexander was quite calm. "It's alright. You can let me know about the details once you've given some thought to it."

Just then, Elise had a surreal sensation and she pinched her thighs hard. Ouch! That hurts, which means this is real!

Soon after that, she lifted her head and stared at Alexander, who was sitting right in front of her. She blinked while she considered the situation. Is it a good idea to get engaged?! This has happened way too suddenly, though!

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After the two of them finished their meal, Alexander footed the bill and they made their way out of the door. Just then, they were about to walk out of the door when they saw Jack and Mikayla walk in together. The four of them looked at each other and Mikayla was quite startled by the scene.

"Elise? W-Why are you here?"

Elise glanced at the duo in front of her and her first instinct was that there was something unusual going on with the pair, but she didn't reveal anything despite being aware. In the end, she merely replied, "I came over for a meal."

"Enjoy your meal! We'll be on our way now." Elise waved at them as she said that and followed Alexander out of the restaurant.

After turning a corner, Alexander couldn't help raising his eyebrows. "Are they dating each other?"

Elise raised both of her palms into the air to signal that she had no idea as well.

However, Mikayla and Jack looked quite compatible together. It would be great if the pair actually got together.

"It doesn't matter. Let's head home."

Just then, Alexander agreed. "Let Cameron know if you have any suggestions regarding the engagement ceremony and he'll sort everything out."

Elise realized that Alexander didn't care too much about the engagement upon hearing his words and she couldn't help but feel slightly upset. However, she was also well aware that he would never mention a word about getting engaged if it wasn't for Jonah.

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As soon as the Griffith siblings got the news that Alexander planned to get engaged with Elise, Danny was the one who felt the most shocked. "Alex, are you pulling a prank on us? Are you actually going to get engaged with my boss?! That means she'll go from being my boss to being my sister-in-law!"

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Meanwhile, Jack, who was standing by the side, was also quite surprised. "Alex, marriage is quite a sacred thing. Although this is Grandpa's last wish, there's really no need to force yourself into anything. After all, Elise's looks..."

Jack gave out a slight, intentional cough as he tried to mask his awkwardness while he brought up that topic. "Whatever it is, she came from the countryside, after all. Even if we overlook her appearance, you're still worthy of someone much better than her."

Brendan was usually the least outspoken sibling among them but right now, he chimed in as well, "Alex, I know that in our family, it's not a big deal even if we marry someone of unequal family status, but you should at least be in love with each other. If you don't love her, then you really shouldn't waste her time."

"That's true! Alex, I think there's no need to enter into a marriage. After all, everyone knows that a loveless marriage is basically like being in a lifeless tomb—" However, before Danny could finish his sentence, Alexander slowly replied, "I've made up my mind. I don't care about what you guys have to say but I've decided to marry Elise. Brendan, I'll need you and your team's help to sort out our attire. Also, there's no need for you guys to comment about anything else because I know what I'm doing."

All three of them obediently kept their comments to themselves as soon as they heard him say that he knew what he was doing. They were fully aware that Alexander had always been quite opinionated since young. As such, they stopped sharing their opinions with him, but they couldn't help feeling worried about his and Elise's marriage. After all, how long could a marriage devoid of love last?

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