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Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 173

Chapter 173 Christmas Day

It was Christmas the next day.

Elise woke up, only to find that the outdoors was blanketed in snow. She released a warm breath of air and noticed that there was some white fog that appeared in front of her eyes. It's actually quite cold.

She then dressed in a heavy down jacket and she wrapped herself up warmly before going downstairs. She saw that the servants had already moved the Christmas tree out of storage and placed it in the most prominent spot in the hall.

"Miss Elise, you're up!"

Elise looked at the Christmas tree in front of her and she happily exclaimed, "This tree's quite pretty. Where did you find this?"

"This was bought by Young Master Danny last Christmas. At that time, Mr. Griffith..." The servant suddenly turned silent upon the mention of Jonah and merely said, "Ever since Mr. Griffith passed away, the whole place has been so somber, so I wanted to take this opportunity to decorate the house and add some sparkle to the place."

"Let me help you, then," Elise offered. However, the servants hurriedly rejected, "There's no need for that, Miss Elise. We can handle these things ourselves."

However, Elise didn't heed their rejection and she reached out for the decorations to start decorating the tree.

Just then, Brendan brought his team back home and he walked in to see such a scene. Unexplainably, he felt a warm, fuzzy feeling within him. However, he still harbored a slight

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grudge against Elise as he grumbled deep down, She's a country bumpkin, so how can she be a worthy match for Alexander?!

"Elise, Alex sent me over to get your measurements for the engagement gown," Brendan said in a flat voice, sounding as if he was completing a task that he was quite unwilling to do.

Just then, Elise paused in her movement and she replied thereafter, "Hold on. I'll be there shortly."

The servants were seemingly confused about what was going on but being servants, they would never question their masters' matters. "Miss Elise, I'll take over from here."

Elise handed over the decorations in her hand and then she walked toward the direction of Brendan.

Meanwhile, Brendan scrutinized Elise from head to toe and signaled for his female assistant to take her measurements. As soon as the female assistant saw Elise's rather hideous face, the former started to scheme deep down.

Apparently, this is the woman who's about to get engaged to the head of the Griffith Family. She's so ugly, though. What's wrong with Alexander?! Why did he pick such an ugly-looking woman?!

"Raise your hands," the assistant coldly instructed. Then, she half-heartedly picked up a measuring tape and started to take Elise's measurements. However, the assistant's expression became increasingly bitter as she proceeded.

She looked at the figures she had jotted down on her notebook and her eyes dimmed. I can't believe this woman has such a great figure. But it doesn't mean anything, though! Her awesome figure doesn't quite compensate for her ugly looks anyway!

"Mr. Griffith, I've taken all of her measurements," The female assistant then turned to Brendan. Meanwhile, Brendan merely grunted and kept his notebook aside before asking, "Do you have any style preferences? You can let me know and I'll include that in my design."

"I'm fine with everything. You can have free reign. Once you've come up with the design, just let me have a look at it."

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The female assistant was quite scornful upon hearing Elise's words and the former instantly said without paying heed to the current setting she was in, "Our boss is very talented and his designs are exceptional. There have been so many young ladies from reputable families in town who have worn our designs, and none of them have presented any complaints!"

The assistant's words had an underlying meaning and Brendan immediately reprimanded her, "Claire, you should head back to the office first. You're not needed here."

"But Mr. Griffith!" Claire was evidently quite displeased, but Brendan was a no-nonsense person so she had no choice but to adhere to his words. Subsequently, she shut up and left with the equipment kit.

"Don't mind her. I'll bring over the design once everything is ready. Let me know if you have any ideas."

Elise nodded in response. "I'm fine. Thanks for your hard work."

"Well, since there's nothing else important, I'll head back now." Brendan turned around and left with his belongings upon saying that. Meanwhile, Elise retracted her gaze but suddenly, she seemed to recall something and she swiftly turned around to go upstairs.

She went back to her room and opened the luggage she had brought with her. There was a sketchbook inside and on the first page of it was a design of an outfit for a groom. She had casually sketched that a year ago but she was quite pleased with the style. It would be great to be able to wear this gown, Elise thought to herself but she subsequently shut the sketch book.

I'll definitely wear a wedding gown of my own design during my wedding. Well, it's just an engagement ceremony this time, so it's alright to make do with whatever is available.

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In the evening, Alexander reached home after a long day at work. As soon as he walked into the foyer, he suddenly stopped in his tracks and he felt a warm, fuzzy feeling swell within him as he checked out the newly put out decorations in the living room. There was a strong festive feeling in the air. Just then, Elise walked out of the kitchen with some food she had just prepared. Noticing Alexander had just arrived back from work, she quickly greeted him, "Hey, you're back! Wash your hands and we can have dinner soon."

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There was a slight smile on her face and she seemed to be like a wife waiting for her husband to get back home from work. The thought of this evoked a warm, homey feeling within Alexander.

However, he hastily hid his emotions in order not to lose his composure. Then, he handed over his work bag to a servant and said, "Do you need any help?"

Elise looked at the crockeries placed neatly on the table and replied, "It's fine. Everything's ready."

He took a seat at the head of the table and as he looked at the delectable dishes in front of him, he felt his empty tummy rumble and he couldn't wait to tuck in.

"Jack said that he's scheduled to record a special Christmas program tonight, so he won't be back for dinner. Danny also mentioned that he won't be back for dinner, so it looks like it's just the two of us at home tonight." Elise held a serving spoon and served him a helping of food as she spoke.

"Try this—this was all prepared by Stella and they're very delicious." Elise held a fork and spoon in her hand and served some food onto his plate. Meanwhile, Alexander placed the food into his mouth quite naturally. "It tastes great."

"Stella mentioned that you love this. Looks like she knows you very well."

Just then, Alexander lifted his head to look at her and he casually commented, "Are you about to have your term break soon?"

Elise blinked her eyes in response. "It's almost the New Year, so we have a couple of days of holiday."

"Do you want to go for a trip?" Alexander asked.

Shocked, Elise shot a quick look at him. "What are you..."

"I heard that there's been some snowfall in Switzerland recently. Why don't we go skiing?"

Suddenly, Elise felt her heart race. Is this an invitation from Alexander?

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"I... Let me consider it," she replied while shifting her gaze.

However, Alexander didn't give her a chance to reject. "I'll get Cameron to make arrangements and we can depart shortly."

"But..." Elise was about to say something, but he raised his brows and looked at her quizzically. "Do you have an issue with that?"

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Chapter 174 You'll Be Surprised

"Alright, but there's something I have to tell you first," Elise said.

Upon hearing that, Alexander put down his tableware and looked at her seriously. "Go on."

"I want our engagement to be simple," she quickly mumbled. "A meal with our families will be enough."

"Is this what you want?" After Elise nodded her head, he continued, "Since it's what you want, that's settled, then. Is there anyone in the family that you want to invite other than your grandfather and grandmother?"

"No, it's just them. I'll invite the others to our wedding."

"Okay, that settles it, then. We'll do it after the New Year."

When they finally came to an agreement, Elise secretly breathed a sigh of relief. Every girl more or less hoped for a perfect wedding once in their life, but since Jonah passed away

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not long ago, it wouldn't be appropriate for them to have a grand ceremony, so they decided to keep it simple.

After their meal, she went back to her room and sat in front of the window alone. As she gazed outside the window thinking about something, someone knocked on the door.

"Who is it?" The moment she said that, Alexander opened the door and entered. "Why are you here?" she asked. When she saw the exquisite box in his hands, she walked over to him.

"Here you go. It's for you."

Upon seeing that, Elise felt rather confused. "And this is?"

"Your Christmas present."

She received the box in disbelief and as soon as she opened it, she was shocked. "This..."

She wanted to say something, but words just couldn't come out of her mouth for some reason.

"It's the blood jade that we found from the mine before. I asked the company's designers to turn it into a bracelet. It looks quite good."

Elise knew all of this and at the same time, she knew that it was very valuable. All this time, she thought that Alexander would use the blood jade for commercial purposes, so she never expected him to turn it into an accessory, never mind give it to her as a gift.

"Why are you giving this to me?"

"Because it suits you. Keep it."

After that, he turned around and left.

Looking at his back, she uttered, "Thank you!"

As soon as he left, the room returned to normal again. As Elise stared at the blood jade bracelet, she couldn't help but reveal a delighted smile.

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Has he... fallen in love with me too? The moment the idea came up in her mind, she quickly shook her head and her eyes darkened. He is probably doing all this for Grandpa. After all, if it weren't for his last wish, Alexander wouldn't have agreed to get engaged with me, never mind giving me such a gift.

Deep down, Elise knew clearly that all of this was because of Jonah.

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The next day, Elise went back to school, but her mind was obviously miles away. Even though she was holding a pen with her head down, she wasn't writing anything. In the end, Mikayla quickly went over to her and patted her shoulder. "Elise, what are you thinking about? You seem to be lost in your own thoughts."

Elise came back around and realized that she hadn't written a word in her book. "It's nothing," she mumbled.

However, Mikayla wasn't having any of it, so she whispered to her, "I heard that you are engaged with the heir of the Griffith Family, Alexander. Is that true?"

As soon as she mentioned the engagement, Elise instinctively raised her eyes and stared at her solemnly. "How did you know?"

Looking at her reaction, Mikayla giggled. It seems like Jack was telling the truth.

"Congratulations! Elise, you are so lucky to have found a good husband like Alexander."

"Jack is also a nice guy too! You've been calling him your husband for so long now. Don't you think it's time that you accept him as your real husband?" Elise uttered calmly.

Mikayla's face immediately blushed as she began to stutter, "W-What are you talking about? I-It's not what you think it is."

However, Elise wasn't planning on letting her go that easily, so she countered, "Yes, I'm sure that there is more to it."

"That's not true. We aren't together yet." Mikayla continued to act dumb.

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“Oh—in other words, the two of you thought about it before, right?”

Mikayla wasn't sure about it herself since they only went out on dates several times and the two of them only had a few meals together. Other than that, there wasn't any progression in their relationship.

“Elise, do you think Jack would like a girl like me?” Mikayla asked confusedly, her brows furrowed.

At the moment, Elise felt that Mikayla was like one of those love-struck girls who was oblivious to everything around them. “If you aren't sure whether he likes you or not, that can only mean one thing—he doesn't like you.”

“But he is quite nice to me. It's just that we never got to that point yet,” Mikayla quickly replied. She could feel that Jack was fond of her, but she didn't wish to rush their relationship.

“Look at yourself—it's obvious that you know what you want.” Elise could finally see the problem between the two of them, but Mikayla was still oblivious about it. The problem is that Mikayla is always the one calling the shots in their relationship.

“Then, is there any way to know about his feelings?”

After giving it some thought, Elise answered, “Why don't we ask Jack to go skiing with us in Switzerland? Maybe you'll learn something new afterward.”

Mikayla, on the other hand, was surprised by her reply. “Switzerland?! That sounds quite nice, but will he come?”

Elise also didn't know whether he would come, but she felt that he probably would if Alexander asked him to.

Looks like I need to ask Alexander for a favor, but it'll be all worth it for my best friend's happiness. Unexpectedly, after Elise told Alexander about it that day, he immediately agreed without any hesitation.

Therefore, they were set to travel to Switzerland.

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After midnight on New Year's Day, the new year began rather quietly. Early in the morning on the first day of the year, Alexander, Elise and Jack rushed to the airport. Seeing that there were only the three of them, Jack was displeased. "Alexander, why did you ask me to come along? I don't want to be your third wheel!"

Alexander remained silent while Elise put on a mysterious expression. "Calm down. We prepared a surprise for you later on."

However, Jack wasn't interested in the surprise at all, because he was dragged along to go skiing with them after finally getting a break from work. Not only that, he now had to watch the two of them being affectionate with one another as a singleton.

Even so, after secretly glancing at them, Jack breathed a sigh of relief because it seemed like their relationship hadn't reached that point yet.

When they arrived at the airport, the trio received their boarding passes and entered the waiting lounge. However, the moment they came in, they could see Mikayla waving at them from not far away. "Over here, Elise!"

Meanwhile, Elise said to Jack with a smile, "There you go! What do you think about your surprise?"

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