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Chapter 2

We both returned to the locker room, walking alongside her and I was quite intimidated, she was very buff, and she had clearly got a good session in because she had a slick layer of sweat and her veins bulged angrily all over her skin. We changed and got ready and met by the entrance to the gym. Somehow, she looked even more intimidating on her clothes rather than her gym attire. Her jeans looked tight, her muscles were stretching the denim, I'd guess she had these from the old days and as she gained muscle mass, she never bothered to replace them. Her T-shirt was also form fitting over her now toned torso, her arms were out in the open and they looked incredible.

The place wasn't too far so it was a brisk walk and we were sitting down and she was ordering stuff on her phone for us both.

"I'll get it, I come here often so they'll give us extra and a discount if they see my order on the app." Megumi said.

I couldn't help but notice that this place had a few larger men dotted around. Megumi wasn't very good at hiding her stares, unlike me however, she looked with a lingering lust compared to my disgust.

"So, how have you been?" She refocused my attention on her.

"Oh... Bad, same old, same old. Just been trying to keep my weight down, seems like

everyone has been gaining weight lately so I made the effort to double my efforts at the gym."

Her face lit up when I mentioned gaining weight but then dropped when I said about visiting the gym more frequently.

"Well, I think you look great." Megumi smiled.

"Speak for yourself, look at you! You are so different." I cut in.

"Really?" She blushed.

"Yeah, you must've spent the last few years living in the gym."

"Kinda, I moved around the country for a few jobs and when I wasn't working, I was in the gym but only recently moved back home."

"Well, you do look insanely good." I smiled, blushing a bit because I thought I might've been overdoing it.

"You... Like this?"

Megumi lifted her arms and flexed to tease me, the toned arms bulged, and I could see the muscles expand. I was awestruck.

Is she teasing me?

I didn't need to know the answer, it certainly felt that way, so my mind ran with it. Thankfully I was saved from answering by the waiter bringing some coffee and some cake.

Cake?

Megumi gestured to my side of the table, and I found a huge slice of chocolate cake before me.

My eyebrow raised, I looked at her and she smirked.

"Cmon, that's for you, I've got some coming now, tuck in."

I didn't think too much more of it, I took my fork and carved out a small bite for myself, as soon as it hit my tongue, I was seeing stars. It was perfect, divine, unbelievable, it was the best cake I had ever tasted. It wasn't long before I had taken a second bite and a third. I didn't even realise how quickly I scoffed the cake down. I looked over at Megumi and her eyes were just locked on me, like

she was observing some prey. I blushed and awkwardly smiled.

"Er... Sorry... That cake was amazing..."

"That's exactly why I come here."

The waiter turned up with another slice of the same cake, this time it was bigger.

"Their cakes are bottomless here..." She said seductively, her sly grin making me pick up my fork and tuck in again.

The best cake I had ever tasted, without a shadow of a doubt.

Megumi's cake never arrived, she just sat there and watched me eat a second slice and then a third. I didn't know what came over me, I had eaten more cake in the last fifteen minutes than I had in months. It was just so good, I couldn't resist.

Now I really need to get back into the gym.

I swung my head back and downed the remaining coffee in my cup before setting my gaze on Megumi. She looked flustered, I gave her a puzzled look and she regained her composure. The tall athletic woman grabbed her coffee and took a sip, her eyes not deviating from me.

Was there something on my shirt? Did I drop some cake or something?

I looked down and could barely contain my surprise, my shirt had ridden up, my fairly trim middle was now bulging outward, it was like I was pregnant or something.

As if I need a food baby right now with Megumi here...

I tried to pull my shirt down subtly, but it wouldn't go. I tried to ignore it, but Megumi had already seen it.

"Heh... Guess I overdid it..." I tried to laugh it off.

"Don't be embarrassed, the cakes here are divine." She was staring at my bloated stomach which was bulging onto the table.

"Yeah, remind me to not come here again. Can't be making this a habit." I leaned into my predicament and patted the top of my stomach.

I expected her to laugh but Megumi bit her lip.

"Oh, I think you could come here once in a while, the cakes are really that good... Seems worth it..."

"The smell is making me want another slice, now that you mention it." My nose was sniffing at the air.

It seemed that they were just finishing baking a fresh batch and the warm aroma filled the cafe, I could almost see the other patrons salivating. Megumi quickly opened her phone and started tapping away, before I could stop her, a waiter brought over another slice. It took an unimaginable amount of willpower but I pushed it away.

"You can have it; I don't remember you getting a slice."

"I had one, I am trying to shred so I couldn't have another." Megumi lied.

"I am trying to lose weight too, you know." I smiled at her.

"Well, let's take it to go then."

I nodded.

Megumi was quick to her feet; she grabbed a box from the counter at the front and with long powerful strides she was back with me and packing the thick slab of cake for me. I had to heft myself and my now bloated stomach to even get enough momentum to be in an upright position. I stood, bloated and feeling exposed, my stomach sitting heavily on my frame, I blushed as I looked over at Megumi. She seemed enamoured by my bulging midsection.

"It was so nice catching up with you Megumi, I'm glad I bumped into you."

She started to panic. "Hey. I live close, why don't you pop around for a bit, I've not got anything on today, we can spend the day together, like old times."

I've got a few errands to run... But... Megumi...

"Okay. Let's go."

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