

Chapter 115 - It's been so long...

"Wasn't it risky to do that with the Apollo Familia?" I was lying on my bed together with Lili. I had just told her everything I had done at the banquet. She thought it was funny, but she was also worried, as was Bell.

"Maybe? Apollo may try to do something, but I can handle it. To be honest, I'm waiting for him to do something..."

"You're waiting?"

"Yes. He would not forgive someone who did what I did. Besides, he was already planning something from the beginning. I just sped things up." The story may have changed, but I have no way of knowing that.

"He was planning something? How can you be sure of that?"

"That's a secret." I stroked Lili's head and then stood up. "I think I'll go out for a while. I'm in the mood for some drinks...I drank only wine at that banquet anymore."

"I didn't know you were so fond of alcoholic drinks."

"It depends on the drink; some are tasty. Do you want to come with me?"

"No... I don't like to drink. But if you want me to come, I wouldn't mind."

"You don't have to force yourself to go. I'll be back in a little while."

"See you later."

It was dark outside. It had been about an hour since I had arrived home. I told Lili I wanted to go out drinking, but I had other plans.

During my dance with Tiona, I had arranged to meet her today. I left the banquet early, but since it had been an hour, Tiona was probably waiting for me by now.

'But I'll change this outfit before I go.' It was an elegant and beautiful outfit but a little uncomfortable. Besides, it is not an outfit that suits where I'm going.

Which is the place where I first met Tiona.

Do you remember when I acted like a stalker and followed her to a bar that was also a restaurant? We were going to meet there. It is the closest place and one that none of our friends frequent.

"I will also take some money. It is important to pay the bill if you are going out with a woman, isn't it?" Some people will probably find this a "Beta" attitude, but it's not like I care.

And speaking of money, I will soon pay the house rent. I had a lot of items to sell in my inventory. I will do that tomorrow. I want to avoid visiting the guild today.

I left and headed toward the bar. When I got there, the door was closed even though it was bright inside. I opened the door and went inside.

There was just an old man sitting at the counter. He didn't look well at all. He was drinking something, and his beard was filthy with noodle sauce.

'This man will probably pass out any moment now.' I smiled and sat. The bartender acted as if he didn't know me. He probably doesn't remember me since I came here only once.

I bought myself a glass of citrus drink. It was a nice lemon flavor; it was also a little sweet. This was the kind of drink you drank in large quantities and then passed out.

I stayed there for almost twenty minutes and had already finished two glasses. The man beside me had already left, and I am sure I heard him falling outside the bar. He had probably passed out.

I was at the bar alone now. I had to be alone for another ten minutes until Tiona finally arrived. She was a bit sweaty, and her clothes were messy; she had run all the way here.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting! I needed to get back to our Familia home, and then I do other things."

"Don't worry about it. I just got here a little while ago."

"Don't seem..." Tiona looked at the three empty glasses on the counter.

"It's just that I drink it fast. It's tasty. Why don't you try it?"

"No, I think I'd better not. I don't want to get drunk."

"All right. So, shall we go to an inn, or do you want to eat something first?" I gave a smile. Tiona's face turned red, and she looked at the bartender. She was embarrassed, but the man didn't seem to care about anything.

"I ate enough at the banquet. But before we go, I wanted you to tell me what was all that..."

"You mean what I did to Apollo? I just told the truth. He kept looking at me in a disgusting way."

"Yes, I know you are telling the truth... Still, you are bringing trouble to your Familia. Wasn't Hestia annoyed by that?"

"Nop. Now shall we go?" I put the money on the table and grabbed Tiona's hand soon after, leading her out of the bar.

"Hey, wait." Tiona was surprised but didn't try to get rid of my hand. I led her into a dark alley next to the bar and threw her against the wall. Her face was as red as a tomato. Her body was burning.

I put my hand on her cheek.

"Why are you so embarrassed?"

"It's just that it's been a while since we did this, and we're outside... Someone might see us."  
Despite her words, Tiona's eyes were full of desire. I smiled and then kissed her in the mouth.

A quick kiss. After, I walked out of the alley.

"Let's go to an inn."

"Oh, okay." Tiona finally recovered and started walking after me. We would go to the nearest inn. Now that I can't control people, I won't be able to make people forget about the two of us entering a bedroom.

Rumors might arise.