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James gestured as he spoke, "Keep things low. Just arrange a table for me in the public hall..."

James scanned his surroundings and spotted Xara. He pointed to the table right behind her and said, "Over there." "Yes." Bryan nodded.

James waved Bryan off. "Alright, now. Having the owner of this place personally welcome us would only attract unwanted attention. I'm just the son-in-law of the Callahan family. It'd be bad if rumors started to spread."

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James was seated right behind Xara. She had her back to him, so she did not see him.

On the other hand, Francis, who was seated opposite Xara, could only see James' back. As such, he did not recognize him. However... he did catch a glimpse of Daniel.

"Holy sh*t..."

The sight of Daniel shocked him, and he almost collapsed onto the floor.

"Huh?"

Francis' faux pas made Xara frown.

"I-It's nothing." Francis wiped the sweat off his forehead.

A general came here to have lunch on the low. Everything should be fine as long as he was left alone.

"Xara, Congratulations on making your way here to Cansington. Cheers!"

Xara frowned. "Francis, you know I don't drink."

Francis immediately added, "Xara, it's just red wine. You won't get drunk. Come on, have a glass. For my sake?"

Upon hearing this, she picked the wine glass up and took a sip. She swallowed, and her throat felt like it was on fire.

After all, she was a lightweight who would turn red upon ingesting the slightest bit of alcohol.

At that moment, she felt like vomiting. "I-I'm going to the washroom." She stood up and left. As she turned around, she noticed someone.

She froze.

"G-General Highsmith?"

She had watched the live stream of the Blithe King's succession ceremony a few days ago.

She had even rewatched it a couple more times after the ceremony.

Was the man before her not Daniel?

Xara felt her heart race. She had always looked up to heroes and had an affinity for army men. 1

Seeing Daniel dressed in casual clothes, she was reminded of the commanding General Highsmith she had seen on TV a few days ago. He was dressed in military attire with a heart on his shoulder.

She wanted to take a picture with him to commemorate the occasion

However, she could not pluck up the courage.

She had missed her opportunity before. She could not make the same mistake now.

She encouraged herself.

As James had his back to her, she could not see him. After taking deep breaths, she summoned the courage to walk toward Daniel. Just as she was about to speak, she noticed James. She was stunned, her mouth agape. "J-James?" Bình Luận (0) Comment... 0/255 Send 🖪

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