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Chapter 1411 She Became Excited Again

That afternoon, Ichika and Solomon walked to the cafeteria hand in hand.

When they walked in, all the cafeteria ladies looked at them. It was their first time seeing Solomon.

“Ichika, your husband is really handsome. Did you hide him from us because you were scared that we would snatch him away from you?” teased one of the cafeteria ladies.

“That must be the reason. This girl is smart,” said another cafeteria lady.

The cafeteria ladies teased Ichika, causing her to blush in embarrassment.

“That’s not true. M-My husband is...”

“Excuse me, may I have a portion of beef and fish. Do you have salmon? If you could pan fry it with some vegetables, that would be nice too.” Solomon saved Ichika from their teasing.

Although he did not answer the cafeteria lady’s question directly, the way he gently asked Ichika for her preference and helped her to get food showed everything.

It proved that Solomon cared about Ichika, and she did not have to fear anyone snatching him away from her.

The cafeteria ladies smiled when they saw how Solomon took care of Ichika.

Then, they went to prepare food for the couple.

Solomon's actions touched Ichika, and she held his hand as they walked to the table. She seemed like a happy child.

Solomon arranged the cutleries for her. His mouth curved into a charming smile when he saw how happy she was.

Ichika and Solomon enjoyed lunch together. After lunch, as they walked back to the ward, Solomon suddenly looked ahead and asked, "Do you want to return to Jetroina?"

"Huh?" Ichika looked up at Solomon, still holding his hand.

"Return to Jetroina? When?"

"I will be discharged in another ten days. Before returning to Avenport, we can go on a trip to Jetroina. However, that is if you want to go there," Solomon said to her calmly.

He was not used to being affectionate with anyone.

It might have something to do with his personality. As he grew up in an unfortunate environment, it had caused him to develop a defensive mechanism to avoid getting hurt.

In other words, even if he cared about someone, he was afraid of rejection. He feared that the person would reject him if he offered his concern.

Ichika blinked innocently before him.

Is he serious about it? That's wonderful. If I return to Jetroina, I will be able to deal with the matter concerning Himari. My family is in a terrible situation, so it will be good if I can return to them.

Ichika's eyes lit up with excitement. "Thank you, Darling. You're so good to me."

Her reaction stunned Solomon, causing him to pause his steps as waves of warmth spread through his every fiber, filling his heart.

His smile deepened.

That night, Solomon mentioned the trip to Jetroina in the Hayeses' WhatsApp chat group.

Solomon: @Sabrina

Sabrina: What is it? I'm burning the midnight oil in the company right now. What do you want?

From the tone of her reply, one could sense that she was frustrated.

However, she was not angry with Solomon. She was simply frustrated with her workload.

Solomon: Nothing much. I'm just checking whether you're busy.

Sasha: Solomon, are you up to something?

Still, Sasha understood Solomon better. When she saw his pointless messages, she immediately knew that he had something on his mind.

Seeing Sasha's message, Sabrina understood that Solomon had something important to say and began paying attention to him.

She looked up tiredly from her table piled high with work and started typing furiously on her phone.

Sabrina: Hayes Corporation is busy every day. You have been working here for years, so you should know, right? Stop dragging my feet, Solomon. What do you want? Please get to the point and stop keeping me in suspense.

Devin: Darling, please be a little more gentle.

Sabrina was rendered speechless.

Ichika: Sab, please don't be angry with Solomon. He wants to accompany me to visit my family after his discharge from the hospital. Is that okay?

Ichika suddenly appeared in the chat group.

Huh? Visit her family?

Sabrina's eyes gleamed.

Sabrina: Wait a minute! Are you going to the hot springs? It sounds like a good idea. Now that it's the end of the year, it's the right time to visit hot springs. Let us all go together!

Suddenly, the conversation took a complete turn and became something else.

Sasha: Yes, that's a great idea. I want to go. I agree with this plan wholeheartedly!

Sasha was so excited that she jumped in without thinking.

As the chat group seemed lively, even the elders popped in to chat.

Mr. Wand: This sounds like a good idea. If you are all going, I'm going too.

Old Mr. Jadeson: Someone arrange this trip!

Devin: Yes. Our holiday will start on the 20th of January. We have more than enough time.

In a few minutes, the nature of the conversation changed so drastically that Solomon and Ichika looked at each other speechlessly.

Solomon had planned to go to Jetroina to help Ichika resolve her family issues.

Ichika wanted to go there for the same reason as well.

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Chapter 1412 He Was Caring

“Darling, have you seen the messages?” Ichika asked.

“Are you okay with them joining?” Solomon asked her back.

He did not say anything in the chat group but turned to her calmly and asked for her opinion.

Ichika was happy with that.

It meant that he cared about her and valued her thoughts.

“Of course. If Sab and the others want to go to the hot springs, the Minamoto family has access to Royal Hot Spring. Not many people get the chance to go there. The hot spring is natural and has a stunning view,” Ichika said.

Silly girl. She even offered us her family treasure.

Solomon’s eyes crinkled with a smile behind his glasses. He nodded in agreement and sent a message with his phone.

Solomon: I’ve asked Ichika. She said if everyone is free, we can visit her family’s Royal Hot Spring.

Sabrina replied with a few exclamation marks and did not say anything else.

Sasha: Sab, are you okay?

Devin: Darling, are you all right?

Even Rufus sent a message to ask if Sabrina was okay.

Suddenly, Sabrina reappeared in the chat group and shared a lot of photos there. Since she was only gone for a few seconds, everyone wondered if she had secretly gathered these photos earlier.

Sabrina: Everyone, look! I thought I won't have the chance to see this hot spring in my lifetime. I feel so blessed.

Sasha: Sab, you scared me just now. I thought something happened to you.

Devin: Darling, I was worried too. In that case, let us visit this hot spring. Such an opportunity is hard to come by.

Rufus: Yes, you're right. It's all thanks to Ichika that we can go there.

Old Mr. Jadeson: What are we waiting for? Let's arrange this trip quickly. How about ten days from now? @Devin, help me tell those old fellows that I will be busy in ten days. If they have any matter, they should come to see me in Oceanic Estate within these few days!

As expected, Jonathan was efficient as usual.

Ichika: Okay, everyone. I will talk to my parents about it. We shall set off in ten days.

Ichika gave her confirmation and put the trip into motion.

After putting down his phone, Solomon looked at Ichika again. He was relieved to see her holding her phone excitedly and rushing to call her mother.

Solomon planned to use this trip to help Ichika reconcile with her family.

He had lost his temper in the incident involving Himari.

At that time, he did not care much about Ichika, so his methods had been cruel and had brought down her family.

Now, thinking about this, he felt responsible for what he had done.

He watched as Ichika talked to her mother outside, and she seemed nervous initially.

But after talking to her mother for a while, she began smiling again. By the time she finished the call and returned to Solomon, she returned to her cheerful self. “Darling, I’ve spoken to my mother. She is happy to hear that we will be visiting.”

“That’s good.” Solomon smiled at her.

Meanwhile, at Frontier Bay, Sasha ran to the study after receiving the good news.

Sebastian was playing chess with Ian in the study.

At this moment, Ian was still against going to the research institute.

As Ian was still a child, the previous incident had traumatized him. When Sebastian mentioned returning to the research institute, Ian appeared reluctant.

Thus, Sebastian did not mention it anymore.

He had been spending time with Ian for the past two days and did whatever Ian wanted. He played chess, read books, and chatted with him about aerospace.

At this moment, Sebastian and Ian were focused on their game when Sasha came to the study. She did not know if she should interrupt them.

Unexpectedly, Sebastian noticed Sasha, so he informed Ian gently, “Mommy’s here.”

Ian was busy considering his next move. When he heard Sebastian, he looked up from the chessboard and saw Sasha.

“Mommy...” Ian called out.

“Good boy,” Sasha replied.

Then she entered the study and sat cross-legged beside Ian and Sebastian.

“Sebby, Ichika and Solomon have invited us to Jetroina to visit a hot spring. It’s called Royal Hot Spring, and usually, only the nobilities could go there. Sab said that it is beautiful,” Sasha said, and her eyes shone with excitement.

Sebastian’s eyes twitched.

A moment later, he looked at Ian, who was seated across from him. “Ian, do you want to go? I heard that Jetroina’s Emperor chose this hot spring and named it Royal Hot Spring because of its water quality. The water quality is due to the unusual magma beneath the hot spring. Some of the hot springs are even royal blue.”

“Wow!”

Ian was not the only one who widened his eyes in awe.

Sasha also turned to Sebastian with a look of excitement. “Is that true, Sebby? It sounds magical.”

“Of course. Otherwise, why is it called Imperial Spring?”
Sebastian explained calmly to his clueless wife and child.

Hearing that, Sasha became even more excited about the trip.

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Chapter 1413 Suffer The Consequences

As for Ian, he declared his stand. “Me too, Daddy. I want to go too.”

Sebastian nodded in satisfaction. “All right, then. Let’s enjoy ourselves there first. After the New Year, you can then decide if you still want to go to the research institute or not. I won’t force you in any way.”

“All right.”

After feeling stressed over the last few days, Ian began to smile happily.

After watching her son leave, Sasha stared blankly at Sebastian.

“Are you letting him make his own decision?”

“Mmm-hmm. It’s his affair after all.”

“But...”

Sasha hesitated.

Based on her observation over the last few days, she believed Ian would decide not to go if it was up to him.

Unexpectedly, Sebastian, who was previously worried, seemed confident after bringing up the matter about the hot spring.

“Don’t worry. He will go.”

With that, everyone decided on the itinerary.

Meanwhile, in Jetroina, the Minamoto family wasn’t happy when they heard the news.

Giichi Minamoto, Ichika’s dad, remarked, “Ichika wants to bring Akiyama back? It’s one thing if she comes, but why does she want to bring him along? Does he think that we have forgiven him?”

His expression darkened at the mere mention of his eldest daughter’s affairs.

It appeared he knew that Solomon was the mastermind behind the scenes.

When Aoi heard it, her face turned pale.

This time, she had agreed to help Ichika persuade Giichi, as she didn’t want Ichika to feel sad.

However, if her husband didn’t agree, she would be in a tight spot.

“Giichi, all Mr. Akiyama did was to stand up for Ichika. He, too, couldn’t tolerate Himari’s behavior. Can you forgive him on Ichika’s account?”

“Ichika?”

The moment he heard her name, his anger intensified.

“She is the one that caused all of this. Now that she is married, she enjoys a good life over there and has no more problems with each other. But now, why is she coming back? Is she here to witness how we’re humiliated?”

“No, no.”

Aoi didn’t know what else to say.

Luckily, Ichika’s grandfather was present. When he saw his son and daughter-in-law arguing, he came over to calm them down.

“Enough. Since your son-in-law is coming over, we should still welcome him. Considering that his entire family is paying us a visit, you’d better not disgrace me.”

After being admonished, Giichi had no choice but to agree.

Soon, the news of Ichika planning to take the Hayes family to the hot spring spread to the Nogita family. When Himari heard about it, she was infuriated.

“What’s the meaning of this? After doing this to me, how can they enjoy such a welcome? What is Dad even thinking?”

She was so angry that she even criticized her father.

However, it was understandable for her to feel that way.

Ever since she was married into the Nogita family, she wasn't allowed to return home with her husband, let alone be welcomed with such fanfare.

After all, she was considered a disgrace to her family.

But now, the Hayeses are going to enjoy the royal hot springs?

Himari raged at the thought.

“What are you angry about? If you're upset, you should take me home with you. After all, I'm a son-in-law of the Minamoto family too. Why can't I go?”

“You? Are you even worthy?” Himari scowled the moment she heard his words.

Itachi's gaze darkened in response.

“I'll be honest. You, Itachi Nogita, are nothing but an undeserving toad. If I hadn't fallen into that man's trap, you would never have had the chance to marry me.”

“What did you say? Me? An undeserving toad?”

“Isn't that the case? Why don't you look at yourself in the mirror and reflect on what you have achieved? Do you even think you're worthy of me?”

Portraying herself as a lady from a noble family, Himari pointed at her husband in a condescending and humiliating manner.

Just as she spoke, Itachi pounced on her all of a sudden.

“Ah! Itachi, what are you doing? Let go of me!”

“Let go of you? Why should I release you when you’re my wife? Didn’t you accuse me of not being worthy? Fine, I’ll show you right now how worthy I can be!”

The next moment, the enraged Itachi tore all of Himari’s clothes off and pinned her down below his body.

“Argh!”

A piercing shriek echoed through the dilapidated house.

The screams continued from the afternoon until the sun had set. It wasn’t until Itachi was drained to the extent of not being able to move that he finally released her. With her body covered in bruises, he simply kicked her aside.

Ichika! Ichika!

Hugging her torn clothes, Himari trembled violently by the side. Her eyes that were swollen from crying were now filled with an intensifying hatred.

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Chapter 1414 The Affection In His Eyes

Ten days’ time flew past in the blink of an eye.

Bursting with joy, Ichika woke up early and hurried to see Grayson.

“Dr. Wallen, can my husband be discharged today?”

“Yes.”

Looking at Ichika, Grayson had a soft spot for her too.

With a wave of his pen, he wrote her a discharge sheet.

“With this, he will be allowed to leave the hospital. However, you should spend more time with him going forward. His sickness is caused by the fact that he likes to keep all his problems to himself. Hence, you should talk to him more and encourage him to share his problems. That way, he will recover faster,” Grayson reminded as he had realized Ichika was the main reason Solomon’s condition was gradually improving.

Perhaps she is the ray of light that will provide him with his salvation.

After obediently agreeing to Grayson’s request, Ichika merrily left with the discharge sheet.

“Darling, good news! You have been discharged.”

The moment the door swung open, the entire ward was flooded by her overflowing joy. It felt like the spring after a freezing winter or a light that illuminated the darkness.

Anyone bathed by the happiness she was radiating would equally be infected by it.

Solomon had already changed. When he saw her running into the ward in delight, a smile broke out on his face.

“In that case, let’s head over to Jetroina. Have you contacted your parents?”

“I have. I gave my mom a call the first thing I woke up. They will be waiting for us to join them for a meal at home.”

Ichika was delighted to have heard the earlier response.

When she called home in the morning, she could sense from her mother’s tone that they were being welcomed home.

Furthermore, lunch was prepared for them. It indicated that her father and grandfather had no issues with the idea.

With that, Ichika and Solomon began the journey to her home in high spirits.

Meanwhile, in Avenport, the ones that were supposed to join her on the trip began to grow rambunctious.

Sasha sent a message to the group chat: Sabrina, are you ready yet? Sebastian said that he wanted to arrange for a private plane to fly us there. Do you want to wait for Solomon?

Sabrina replied: F*ck!

Sabrina cursed in her reply.

Devin had earlier promised that he could come over to Avenport the day before. However, he was delayed by something urgent in the army, causing everyone to be held back together.

Given that he couldn't make it, Jonathan and Jaena naturally couldn't go too.

Sabrina was upset that she was not able to fly in the private plane.

Sebastian texted: Tell them to wait at Oceanic Estate. We'll pick them up from there.

Sabrina replied: What?

Devin responded: Really? You don't have to do that.

Rufus replied: We're all family. It's decided then. All thanks to Sebastian's idea.

Sasha texted: All right. We'll leave first.

Jonathan texted: Hehe...

Jonathan beamed when he read the messages.

With that, everyone set off on their journey enthusiastically. Since it was a holiday trip, Sasha brought Wendy along with them. After all, Wendy had served the Hayes family for many years.

As for Rufus, he, too, brought Lance along.

By the time they arrived in Jetroina, it was already evening.

Sasha: "Sebby, should we give Solomon a call and see how they are doing?"

“No. There are many of us, so it’s better that we take care of our own food and accommodation instead of troubling them.”

After giving it some thought, Sebastian figured that it was better that way.

Rufus also agreed with Sebastian’s suggestion.

Consequently, their family booked two top floors in a five-star hotel in Terrandya.

Just when they planned to have dinner after checking in, Sebastian received a phone call.

“Hello, have you guys arrived?”

It was Solomon on the line.

Evidently, he had recovered significantly. Moreover, he actually took the initiative to call the person whom he had once resented before.

Sebastian was pleasantly surprised.

However, he quickly regained his composure. “We have just arrived at the hotel. What is it?”

Solomon replied, “We’re at the Minamoto residence. Do you want to join us for dinner? Ichika’s family would like to have you over when they heard you were coming, but it depends on whether you’re fine with it.”

So, he is inviting us to have dinner at the Minamoto residence.

Sebastian never liked to dine at someone else's home. Firstly, it wasn't in his character to exchange pleasantries with others.

Secondly, he didn't like to be restricted. No matter how well his hosts accommodated him, he would still be burdened by the need to be cordial.

Furrowing his eyebrows, Sebastian recalled how enthusiastic the two ladies were on the plane. They seemed to look forward to having dinner at the Minamoto residence.

“All right. I'll bring them over in a while.”

“Good. I'll make the necessary arrangements.”

After ending the call, both men went about their schedule.

Just as expected, everyone downstairs was ecstatic when Sebastian informed them of the plan.

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Chapter 1415 Consumed By Jealousy

Sabrina remarked, “My God! We really are going to have dinner at their home. To be honest, other than during the wedding, I have never experienced a traditional Jetroinian family feast before.”

Sasha replied, “Me too.”

Vivian added, “What are we waiting for? Mommy, do I need to change into a beautiful dress?”

After some dilly-dallying, half an hour had passed by the time they left.

Given that Lance had never been to such a place before, he nervously stuck to Sasha's side when he heard that they were going to have dinner at a noble family's residence.

“Sha, what do I need to be mindful of over there?”

“Don't worry. Ichika is there, so you'll be fine,” Sasha reassured her cousin.

Only then did Lance begin to calm down.

After more than forty minutes, they arrived at the Minamoto residence to be greeted by Ichika and Solomon.

Furthermore, Solomon's in-laws were also waiting at the door.

At the end of the day, they were reasonable people.

That evening, everyone had a blast at the dinner until Giichi's other son-in-law arrived in the middle of it.

“Dad, aren't you being too biased? I'm your son-in-law too. How could you just invite Mr. Akiyama to dinner and not me?” Itachi asked.

Dressed in a suit, he had arrived at the Minamoto residence to be greeted by the sight of the ongoing banquet.

As he crudely dragged Himari, who was dressed in a Jetroinian traditional outfit, into the hall, he walked up to Giichi and questioned him.

At that moment, tension began to creep into the atmosphere.

As for the smiling Ichika, her face turned pale as a sheet the moment she saw Himari.

“Mr. Nogita, it’s not that we didn’t invite you. It’s just that Akiyama and his family visited at a moment’s notice.”

Finally, Aoi tried to defuse the situation.

However, Itachi pressed his advantage the moment he heard it.

“All right, then. Mom, I came here on purpose to visit you today. Look at the presents I brought. Does it mean that I’m allowed to join you for dinner?”

Just as he spoke, he handed over two bottles of sake.

Aoi, Giichi, and everyone else were rendered speechless.

The atmosphere of the banquet became extremely incendiary, as if a minor spark would be enough to cause an explosion.

At the crucial moment, when Ichika caught a glimpse of Himari trembling with a pale expression, the person who was sitting beside her suddenly got to his feet.

“Darling?”

“Don’t worry,” Solomon reassured her after standing up.

After that, he calmly walked over.

“Mr. Nogita, if you don’t mind, you can sit at our table. Coincidentally, there are two empty seats.”

He pointed to where he had just gotten up from.

Indeed, there were two empty seats.

However, the two seats looked as if they were just extra seats prepared by the Minamoto family.

Meanwhile, when Sasha turned her attention to the two seats, she suddenly heard the person sitting beside her sneer.

She asked, “Sebby, what is it? Do you feel Solomon shouldn’t have invited him?”

Sebastian replied, “Isn’t it obvious that he had prepared it for them?”

“Huh?”

Sasha was dumbfounded, as the thought never crossed her mind.

Evidently, ordinary people like us will never know what goes on in the minds of such geniuses.

Just as expected, Itachi happily moved to the seat.

As for Himari, she had no choice but to follow him. Finally, despite her swearing not to look in her sister's face again, she was forced to share a table with Ichika.

“Himari, you... Why have you lost so much weight? You should be eating more.”

Ichika still cared a lot for Himari. The moment her sister took her seat, Ichika quickly served her food.

However, Himari didn't say a word throughout. Instead, she maintained a hateful stare at her sister. No matter how Ichika tried to please her, Himari would simply ignore it.

Consequently, Ichika felt disheartened.

“Don't worry about it. You should continue eating. Didn't your dad mention that he will take us to Ichigo River later? You have to fill your stomach, or else you won't have the energy to go boat rowing later.”

Solomon coldly called out to Ichika to bring her attention back. After that, he served her a bowl of soup.

Only then did Ichika lower her head and drink it slowly.

Compared to her sister, she was a much kinder person.

Nevertheless, Himari continued to stare daggers at her, as if fury was raging within her.

“Ichigo River? Are you going there later?”

Just when she was drinking her soup, Ichika raised her gaze the moment she heard the question. She then asked with a hopeful tone, “Yes, Himari. Do you want to join us?”

Unexpectedly, Himari lost control of herself and shrieked, “How could you take them to Ichigo River? It’s a river within the royal palace’s inner courtyard. Only members of the royal family are allowed to visit. Even if Dad were to go there, he would have to seek permission from the royal family first before he could enter. So what makes them qualified to go in there?”

“I...”

“Dad has arranged this. Why? Is there a problem?”

A male voice plainly rang out.

At that very moment, tension descended upon the dinner table.