

Chapter 104 May I Have This Dance

At the venue for the party, Annabel and Rupert stood side by side in front of the rotating glass door that reflected their figures.

Rupert turned his head to look at his fiancée. His eyes first fell on her cleavage, then on her hot hourglass figure. His eyes glistened with excitement.

He arched his arm and said in a deep voice, "Shall we?"

After hesitating for a second, Annabel held his arm. It would be so strange if they walked in separately. After all, she was his date for the party.

Annabel was rarely this obedient, so Rupert couldn't help smiling in amazement.

The moment the couple walked in together, they drew the attention of the guests already inside the hall.

Rupert was in a bespoke black suit. He looked

dashing as always. He became the center of attention in a matter of seconds.

Annabel wasn't overshadowed by her dashing fiancé. She turned heads, too.

The long white dinner gown she had on complimented her hourglass figure. She was graceful, to say the least. It was as if a queen had left her throne to dine with mortals. No one could take their eyes off her.

Like a swarm of flies, some reporters surrounded them and aimed their microphones at Rupert's lips. They bombarded him with questions.

"Mr. Benton, did you throw tonight's celebration party for Annabel?"

"Are you going to get married to her?"

Finley stepped in and opened his arms. "I'm sorry, Mr. Benton can't take any of your questions now."

Annabel leaned in close to Rupert and muttered, "These reporters do have a lot of questions."

Rupert smiled at her. "As the fiancée of such an important man, you have to get used to such things."

Oh, not again!

Why did he call her his fiancée again? 2

She already made things clear to him. Why was he speaking as if she agreed to marry him for real?

Feeling extremely awkward, Annabel changed the topic. "By the way, how did you know that it was Archie who sold the design to Marilyn?"

"Finley found it." Rupert narrowed his eyes slightly and frowned. "Unearthing the culprit was just a walk in the park. Only a few people knew about the Ice and Fire design."

"How can that be? Archie didn't take part in the project." Annabel was confused.

"But Anais did. Archie is Anais's boyfriend," Rupert explained.

"Oh, I see!" Annabel exclaimed. "But why did he do that? He must have known that his actions could cost his job and even Anais'. Why did he risk it?"

"Well, money can make a greedy person do anything," Rupert said with a shrug.

Archie betrayed his girlfriend for money?

Maybe money was indeed a factor. But Annabel couldn't shake off the thought that there was more to this.

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As Annabel tried to fathom things, Rupert suddenly said, "It's my turn to question you now."

"Huh?" Annabel jolted back to reality. "What do you want to ask?"

"What's between you and Anika? And when did you sign the authorization agreement?" Rupert leaned in close and whispered in her ear. "Why didn't you inform me?" 1

Annabel was stunned. She couldn't tell him that she was Leo.

After failing to come up with a perfect lie, she looked up at him with big eyes and said playfully, "Take a guess."

Heather, who was seated at a table not too far away, saw the two whispering.

"Girl, look at how they are behaving so lovey-dovey. Ugh! Men are scum!" Bella added fuel to the fire. 2

Almost crushing the glass of red wine in her hand, Heather glared at Annabel and said, "That slut is only good at seducing men. Anyway, I'll let her seduce men as she likes tonight."

"What do you mean?" Bella asked curiously.

Heather whispered something into her friend's ear

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and capped it off with, "That's my big surprise for Annabel tonight. She will be degraded when the time comes."

Bella's eyes lit up after she finally understood the plan. She gave her a thumbs up and said, "Girl, you are so smart! With this plan, we will be able to deal with Annabel tonight without anyone suspecting us. I love it!"

"Of course, I'm smart," Heather said with a flip of her hair.

"As long as Annie succeeds, we will just wait for a while before sending Rupert and the reporters over. He will see that his so-called fiancée is actually a slut."

Bella nodded. "Rupert is a proud man. He would never stay engaged to a woman who dares to sleep with someone else in public. I'm sure he will break off the engagement there and then!" 4

"Even though he's currently under her spell, he will come to his senses once he sees that she's a whore," Heather said, smiling evilly. 2

"Yes, he will surely drive that bitch away. And then, he will come back to you. Girl, be prepared to take

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your rightful place, which is by Rupert's side!" Bella
flattered her. 1

Heather smiled more brightly and looked around the hall. "By the way, where is Annie? I haven't seen her yet. Hasn't she arrived?"

The success of the plan was dependent on Annie. Where the hell was she? Did something or someone stop her from coming? Or did she just change her mind?

Just as Heather began to panic, Bella pointed toward the entrance and said excitedly, "There she is!"

Heather saw Annie walk in with Brett and heaved a sigh of relief. The next second, her eyes sparkled with fierceness and determination.

"Just wait and see, Annabel. I'll ruin you tonight," she mumbled, taking a sip of wine. 1

It was about eight o'clock when the party began officially.

Soft and melodious music began to play as the host got on stage. "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Benton Group's celebration dinner. Now, let's make welcome the

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CEO with a warm applause!"

Under the warm applause, Rupert gracefully went up the stage.

The golden spotlight was on him. It made him look like a king who was about to address his subjects from his high throne.

After clearing his throat, Rupert said in a clear voice, "Thank you all for coming to celebrate with us. The Ice and Fire jewelry series was launched today, marking the entry of Benton Group into the jewelry industry. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of someone special. I'll like to thank this person tonight."

Rupert paused and looked at Annabel with loving eyes.


"Please give it up for my beautiful fiancée, Annabel!" he announced, gesturing toward her. 2

A thunderous round of applause rang out, and countless envious eyes were focused on Annabel, which made her a little embarrassed.

What was wrong with him? How could he describe her like that in front of all these people? 1


Annabel's heart felt warm, but she was

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uncomfortable at the same time.

Just as she was blushing, she heard Rupert's melodious voice again. "Annabel, may I have this dance?"

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