

## Chapter 474

Feeling Proud of Javier As Javier spoke, Donny was baffled. He did not even have the confidence to retort to the insult thrown at him at the end of Javier's sentence. That was because he felt that Javier was not acting cool and making things up. He really knew what he was talking about.

It was then a blond, blue-eyed foreigner came over and clapped formally. "Excellent. Mister, you've successfully dispelled my impression of Chineseans being ignorant and foolish just now. Thank you." The foreigner spoke Chinesean fluently, but what he said was kind of disgruntling. "Oh, my bad. I think that didn't come out accurately, but please, believe me, I don't mean what you think I meant. It was because of this man's nonsensical explanation just now that I think he's ignorant and foolish. I wasn't generalizing." Javier felt slightly better with the explanation. Certain people could be ignorant and foolish, but one must not put the label on everyone. That would be a suicide attempt. The foreigner then turned to Donny. "Mister, please don't act like a know-it-all if you're uninformed. It's respect for literature and another country's culture. Of course, it's also respect for yourself and even your country. Because what you did isn't just embarrassing yourself, it's embarrassing the country you come from and will cause many of your people to be unreasonably despised.

"This mister here must've asked you to watch your words just now because of this." The "this mister" who the foreigner referred to was none other than Javier.

Donny, who was being targeted absurdly, argued "on the basis of reason", "On what ground are you calling me wrong? I have many reasons to believe that you're together, and you're conmen partnering up to deceive that beautiful lady!"

The foreigner chuckled. "I think my position as the president of the Gurtuh Institute suffices to prove my words. If you insist on thinking that we're lying, we can ask for the police's help to distinguish who's the liar here." "Uh..." When the police were mentioned, Donny backed down like a coward immediately. He could bluff Mallory since the latter was only a silly girl from a wealthy family who knew nothing, but the Hildegard police were no silly girls and would not be easy to bluff. A quick questioning would reveal that all he had said earlier was bullsh\*t.

In the end, Donny could only huff in reply. "I'm not about to get petty with you guys. Come on, Mallory, let's go somewhere else. This place is stupid --"

A loud slap greeted Donny's face instead, Mallory left angrily. She did not know about Fowst or Leon and Jo, but that did not mean she was dumb, From Javier and the foreigner's confidence and Donny's cowardice, once he heard about the

police getting involved, she knew that she had been lied to. It was not like she thought as far as the country's pride-she was simply irked that Donny treated her like a fool. Donny panicked as well when he was slapped. He had managed to travel abroad because of Mallory this time. If Mallory refused to buy him a flight ticket back out of spite, he would not be able to go home, so he ran after her quickly. "Mallory, I'm wrong. I've done wrong. Don't be mad..." Suzanne felt incredibly proud as she watched a hypocrite get slammed by Javier, who was genuinely knowledgeable. She was even considering hooking arms with Javier's and showering him with praises if Mallory did not leave. This was her partner-talented, knowledgeable, and handsome!

The foreigner told Javier, "Mister, I think your comments on the play are very on point. With your identity as a Chinese, you could express your thoughts regarding the play from a different cultural perspective as well. "Uh...if it isn't inconvenient, can I take about ten minutes of your time? I'd like to know what you think about the play in terms of its significance and impact."

Suzanne nodded eagerly right after the foreigner finished. "Yes, of course! He's free!" Javier felt speechless. Since when was Suzanne the one to decide if he was free? When he gazed at her, she stuck out her tongue, looking adorable and mischievous. Javier could only speak briefly with the foreigner. "Since the play pans over a long historical period, it has to use plenty of symbolic or metaphorical devices. The beautiful Helen, for example, symbolizes the beauty of ancient Greek art. The failure of Fowst's pursuit of such classic beauty signifies the failure of his ideal

to change society through art.

"Fowst and Helen's newborn son, Euphorion's endless pursuit represents romanticism. The author is memorializing Elizabethan romantic poet Blyden through Euphorion's early passing. Fowst's student, Wagner, is a scholar in academia who's detached from reality and knows only to study. It alludes to the outdated and decayed ideology of the Middle Ages. "The play largely reflects the author's perspective of the world and life, as well as his experience. The author thinks that the development of a person's thinking is a metabolizing process. "He says that snakes grow up through shedding skin. People gain continuous rebirth through continuous ruins. That's why his protagonist fails countless times. Gauthier thinks that one's psychological development is incomplete if one doesn't experience sensory pleasures. Thus, there's romance and sex between Fowst and Gretchen.

"But he's only given Fowst a night of pleasure because he thinks that family is an obstacle to one's career. He doesn't allow his protagonist to marry anyone. Fowst's image consists of a higher philosophical significance..."

Javier expressed his opinion on Fowst from various aspects to the foreigner. When he finished, the foreigner nodded with delight oozing out of his eyes. "Sir, you've spoken very well in great detail. Different cultural backgrounds do interpret

different beauty and significance from the play. Thank you, thank you for your opinion and perspective today. It's very interesting.

"Right, I wonder if it's a hassle to you... If you don't mind, sir, I'd like to invite you to join Gurtuh Institute. I believe that with your addition, our Gurtuh Institute will be even more—"

Before the foreigner could finish, Javier waved in dismissal. "Thank you for the invitation, but I'm not interested. That's all, goodbye." Javier left with Suzanne after that. The latter looked a little reluctant. "You could have listened to him first. He might be just asking you to be there part-time. And you should have listened to what would become of the institute after he asked for your addition."

It was easy to recognize Suzanne's severe lack of honor from her words. She yearned for compliments and approvals from others.

Come to think of it, it must be related to her recent years in medical research-making plenty of impressive accomplishments, yet all her babies had fallen under someone else's name. It must have left a bad taste with her. That was why she hoped to feel the glorious rush of honor through Javier just now.

Upon figuring it out, Javier asked Suzanne with a grin, "Why? Does it delight you when someone compliments your man?" Suzanne blushed. "What are you talking about? Who's your man?"

Suzanne panicked as her thought was exposed, and she even got her tongue twisted. She only grew shier when she realized it. Despite that, whether it was Donny's bafflement or the foreigner's admiration, it exhilarated her. Vaguely, she even felt proud of Javier.