

Hate Me If You Can by EUSTOMA Reyna

Chapter 7

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Raven was on her way to the nearest restroom in the garden when she suddenly stopped hearing Jordan's voice. She knew she should just pass by them but she did not know why she hesitated.

She saw Jordan talking in a group near the restroom, with his male friends to be precise. She only knew them by their faces since Jordan never introduced her to them. Just the thought of it made her scrunch her nose. Jordan could not even formally introduce her to his friends.

Raven was about to leave to go upstairs and use another restroom when she heard her name being mentioned in their conversation. So she stood still, hiding in a bush.

"Hey Jordan, your so-called sister looks really cute today." The man said, one of Jordan's classmates in college.

"Yeah, I bet she'll be more beautiful when she's a full grown-up. Five to eight years from now? I heard she's just twelve. Can I court her when the time comes?" Chen jokingly said as he looked teasingly at Jordan.

Jordan's face soured every time he would hear comments like these regarding Raven. She was indeed very pretty and he knew that any man's eyes could not help but notice her even at this young age.

"Oh right, you should agree to your father and adopt her legally so I can also ask my mom to arrange my marriage to her in the future. You know how strict my mom is when it comes to birthrights," added Chen still grinning, enjoying the irritated face of Jordan.

He had also noticed how protective Jordan was of his foster sister.

He could even remember how many young boys, particularly Raven's classmates, Jordan already bullied to stay away from her.

"Shut up both of you! She will never become my sister and I will never allow that to happen! You hebephilia!" Jordan said seriously in an angry tone. His friends did not take him seriously and all of them laughed.

Raven, on the other hand, got very upset upon hearing Jordan's words, so she ran away upstairs to lock herself in her room. Tears were flowing from her eyes.

'Why does Jordan hate her that much?' she mused, crying hard. She did everything, making sure to be a nice good girl both to her father and him as a brother so why can't he still like her?

Raven wiped her eyes and mumbled, "Let's see how long you can hate me!"

She stood up and composed herself before she went back outside in the garden to join the party and mingle with her father and guests.

She was doing everything Jordan said to please him, even hiding whenever he had a friend or a visitor but he still could not like her so why should she always follow him?

From now on she would decide things on her own as long as she knew she was not doing anything bad towards her father or him.

She had a beautiful smile plastered all over her face as she walked back towards her father.

"Wow, that's more like it my little Raven. Smile more like that..." she heard her father comment.

She nodded and said, "I almost forgot. I will now go to the restroom."

Her father, with a confused expression, watched her leave and whispered, "Didn't she go already?"

Raven walked back towards the restroom where Jordan and his friends were at. She smiled at everyone as she walked past them and intentionally avoided Jordan's gaze.

She finished and walked out of the restroom. When she was near them, one of Jordan's friends said, "Hi Raven. Come here and join us."

There were other girls with them too, so she did not hesitate to walk towards them.

"Jordan did not introduce us to you yet so I will take this opportunity to formally introduce ourselves." she heard the man who she knew by the name Chen, comment.

Raven nodded and smiled. She accepted their hands for a handshake as well.

"Raven, go to father. Grown-ups are talking here," Jordan suddenly interrupted them with his stern look.

Raven looked at his friends with a smile and said, "It was nice meeting you all. Excuse me."

She did not even bother to spare even a single glance at Jordan as she walked past him.

The party went well and Raven had to sleep early for school so nanny Rong came up with her as usual while Jordan and their father stayed outside for the guests.

“Nanny Rong, how come Jordan still doesn’t like me? He still hates me...” Raven could not help but ask when nanny Rong was combing her hair as she sat on a chair in front of her vanity table.

Nanny Rong furrowed her forehead and said, “I don’t think Jordan hates you, dear. You see, that boy is very stoic. You see how he is to master Jean right? His treatment is the same. That boy rarely talks and loves to frown. That’s his nature but deep inside I can tell he’s a kind-hearted boy... Just that he is not the type to express himself so people always tend to misunderstand him.”

Raven pouted her lips and whispered, “He’s always sulky around me. He no longer plays with me and always has a serious expression. He’s avoiding me...”

Nanny Rong chuckled and said, “My dear... Jordan is now a man with great responsibility. He will no longer have time to play since he will now focus on the family business and he is very serious about focusing on it. He’s nine years older than you, dear... his teenage days are over that’s why he’s more serious now. He now has a great responsibility because master Jean wants him to be trained hard and handle the Choi Empire soon.”

“Ah, still it’s not good to always be serious! That’s too boring! And he will get old really soon if he keeps this up. He should smile every once in a while and play with me...” Raven insisted.

“Well, you do have a point. And he will look more handsome while smiling. For now, try to understand him, dear, since he has a lot of pressure on his shoulders starting from today onwards,” Nanny Rong agreed with a wink.