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Chapter 26 Let Me Introduce a Boyfriend to You

“Mr. Grant, our company’s products are the best, so aren’t you going to consider them?” One of the women held a glass of wine in her hand. Although she was acting coyly, she didn’t seem as lowly. Instead, she appeared rather alluring when coupled with her coquettish voice.

With a smile on his face, Miles replied, “I’ll consider buying from you if I need anything.”

What’s the point in the supplier buying you a meal if that’s all that you’re going to say? Their aim is to make sure that you strike a deal with them! Stella mused.

Although the women lingered around Miles, he never relented. However, Stella couldn’t bear to watch when the women began getting all handsy with him. Things started to get out of hand when they began rubbing their breasts on him. Therefore, Stella opted to direct her attention to the food in front of her, as she dared not look at the scene.

On the other hand, Miles was totally unfazed by it. Stella couldn’t help but wonder how many similar occasions did he have to go through in order to be immune to their advances. At the same time, Stella was finally able to feel relieved about the kiss he gave her that day, as she figured it was probably nothing but a casual kiss.

After dinner, Stella left for the exit to hail a cab. After Kevin and the rest had left, she was the only one waiting there. At that moment, Miles drove his car in front of her. It wasn't until then that she noticed he had yet to leave.

"Let me drive you. You won't get a cab anytime soon around here." His face was devoid of expression as per usual. Upon hearing that, Stella checked her surroundings to see that there were no other vehicles around, so she got into his car.

They spent their journey in silence. Although Stella had a lot that she would like to say, she wasn't sure where to start. Later, they arrived at home, only to find out that Yulia Johansson dropped by to visit.

Yulia and Stella were cousins. Their fathers started their own businesses back in the days. While Yulia's father's business grew, which eventually established them as a well-known upstart, Stella's father maintained a small business, so it was annoying to be compared to Yulia.

At that moment, Yulia was speaking to Zane, and she was perhaps there to visit Stella. Upon Stella's arrival, she greeted her. "You're finally here, Stella."

Yulia was only a day younger than Stella, as Stella's mother gave birth to her prematurely. Therefore, Yulia seemed a little older than Stella. Due to the fact that she didn't intend to inherit her family's business, Yulia had been working under a foreign company ever since she had graduated university. She was an independent and

capable woman who kept a low profile. Meanwhile, Zane had his eyes glued to her.

Yulia didn't have an agenda in mind as she merely dropped by to check on Stella. After catching wind of Stella and Zane's fight, Yulia wanted to know if they had settled things between them. However, Stella only ever reported the good news when it came to familial issues, so she told Yulia everything was great.

Seeing that Yulia was about to leave after that, Zane asked, "Yulia, do you have a boyfriend?"

Startled by the question, Yulia responded half jokingly. "Nope. I'm too good for ordinary men."

Zane treated Yulia rather nicely, which stood in stark contrast with his attitude toward Stella. With his eyes still on Yulia, he proposed, "Why don't I introduce someone to you?"

"That'd be great." Unlike a lot of girls who would try to act coy in such situations, Yulia was direct in her approach.

"Sure! I'll give you a call after I set up an appointment with him!"

In the meantime, Stella assumed that Zane was just joking, but he requested her to dress up on the next day, as they would be introducing a potential boyfriend to Yulia. His request came off as being odd, for she had no reason to dress up since it was Yulia's blind date. She

figured she would only take the limelight from Yulia if she dressed up.

On the other hand, Zane gave Stella a once over before explaining, "My wife shouldn't look shoddy compared to that guy's potential girlfriend."

Refusing to dwell any further on the subject to avoid a confrontation with Zane, she did as told. Hence, she curled her hair, put on some light makeup and a pair of heels that added to her charm.

In contrast, Yulia looked the same as before. She wore a simple jacket and let her long hair down. Compared to Stella, she looked all but plain. Although she was beautiful in her own right, her beauty was just incomparable to Stella's. While waiting for the guy, Stella touched up her makeup using her hand mirror. As soon as she picked it up, she saw in it none other than the reflection of Miles Grant.

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Chapter 27 Pairing Him up With Another Woman

Stella dropped her mirror when anxiety kicked in. Is Miles the man that Zane would like to introduce to Yulia? When the others were greeting Miles, she picked up the mirror, only to see from its reflection that Yulia was watching Miles closely, while Miles, on the other hand, just averted his gaze from her.

“Mr. Grant, I would like to apologize for my impudence from a few days ago. As a token of my apology, I would like to introduce you to a potential girlfriend. She’s my wife’s cousin. What do you think of her?” Zane was holding Stella’s shoulder all the while, as if trying to show off how intimate they were. “It was also Stella’s idea to introduce you to a girlfriend as she knows you don’t have one.”

With a humorless smile, Miles observed Zane before glancing at Stella, then he turned his attention to Yulia. They seemed to hit it off, talking about their work and personal preferences. Throughout their conversation, Miles was so absorbed in it that he didn’t seem to notice Zane nor Stella. The ability to stand out among the crowd seemed to come naturally for him. In contrast, Stella was on pins and needles, as she didn’t expect Zane to introduce Yulia to Miles. In fact, she had ruled him out altogether.

“Stella and I will be taking our leave, since you seem to be having a good time.” With that, Zane held Stella’s hand, ready to leave.

“Why the hurry? You should join the conversation.” Although Miles’ eyes were on Zane, Stella couldn’t help but feel he was saying that to her.

Since Miles wouldn’t let them leave, Zane didn’t force it. With a cup of tea in her hands, Stella sipped on it while leaning against the table. She was seated beside Miles, so she could catch glimpses of his hand gestures, which

were open and steady. On the other hand, Yulia stared at Miles as if he were her one and only man. The meal seemed to have dragged on for a long while for Stella. When the conversation between them finally ended, they parted ways at the entrance of the restaurant.

“What do you think of my sister-in-law?” Zane asked with a smile.

Miles’ eyes had a glow to them under the neon lights, as if they were capable of seeing through everything in the world. While standing in front of him, Stella felt rather insignificant.

“She’s a great woman.” That was the only reply he offered. Yulia responded with a smile, but Miles didn’t even look at her, as his attention seemed to be on someone beside Zane.

On the next day, Stella was called into the president’s office as soon as she arrived at the company for work. It was her first time ever visiting it, so she was feeling uneasy. Unlike Ritz Design and Renovation, which was cramped and narrow, the president’s office in Miles Conglomerate almost took up an entire floor. Aside from a leather sofa and a mahogany cabinet, he had another lounge behind the office which was equipped with everything he needed.

Miles was penning something on the table when he made an offhand remark. “Aren’t you a bit too eager to pair me up with another woman, Mrs. Levitt?”

Hm ? Stella's face heated up due to embarrassment, all the while wondering if what he said was meant to declare that he was her man. However, she never even felt so for a second. In the end, he seemed to have said so on a whim, for he dismissed her soon after.

During the following days, Yulia and Stella seemed to have gotten closer than ever. Knowing that Stella was Miles' employee, Yulia was constantly contacting Stella, as she wanted to get Miles' contact. Judging from that, Stella figured that Yulia had taken a liking to Miles. On the other hand, though Miles came to the company fairly frequently, he wasn't in every single day, so Stella hadn't seen him for a few days.

It was almost winter when Stella's classmates from university decided to book a room at the well-known Founder's House in Hollowcrest City for a gathering. Most of her classmates studied in Hollowcrest University, so a lot of them ended up working in Hollowcrest City. That night, most of her classmates managed to gather at the restaurant. A few of them who used to have a crush on Stella regretted not going after her when they saw her current dazzling appearance. Since they already failed the task once, they had already lost their chance.

All of them came to know that she married Zane Levitt, who was quite a prominent figure in Hollowcrest City. Therefore, all the girls envied Stella for her luck. One of them who happened to be quite open to sex joked with her by saying, "Stella, you and the young master of the Levitt Family are a heavenly match that looks great

together. Seeing how pretty you are now, I bet you must've had a great sex life with Mr. Levitt. Come on, why don't you tell us about the poses you adopted? We might as well learn from you!"

Goodness. What happened to these girls? They were so innocent back then that they would blush at the sight of a man, but how have they gotten so open about s*x now?

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Chapter 28 What Poses Have You Used?

Stella hung her head low while wearing a bitter smile, but she seemed shy in the eyes of her classmates. The room was stuffy due to heating and the number of people present in there, so the door was open. Stella was sitting near the door with her back to it when suddenly, a male ex-classmate stood from his seat with his eyes twinkling as he approached the door. The rest of them stared at him in bewilderment.

Upon getting outside, he shook hands with another man while greeting the latter. "Mr. Grant, did you come for a meal?"

Stella's face heated up. Miles Grant is here? It seemed that he was coincidentally passing by when the male ex-classmate intercepted him. Shoot, might he have heard the question that girl asked? she wondered.

Meanwhile, that guy spoke with Miles for a long time since it wasn't everyday that one could bump into Miles.

Seeing that, Stella was feeling more relieved while thinking that Miles might not have heard the question after all, since he was just passing by. Besides, there were a lot of people chatting in the room, so he couldn't have possibly heard it even if the girl was yelling at the top of her lungs... Geez, why did she have to be so loud?

The gathering ended soon after. Stella needed to leave too, but Zane wouldn't possibly come get her, so she had to wait at the entrance of the restaurant. One of her male ex-coursemates wanted to send her home, but Miles was quicker. Driving his car over to Stella, he told her, "Get in the car."

The ex-coursemate knew he never stood a chance against Miles, so he drove his car away in dejection. In the meantime, Miles wore a stern look on his face that made Stella's heart flutter, but she ended up getting into the car as he demanded; such was Miles' charm that made people revolve around him.

After she got into the car, he didn't depart right away. Instead, he seemed to be busy with some stuff from work on his phone, so Stella didn't disturb him. After he put his phone away, he spoke. "I would like to know the answer to the question that your ex-coursemate asked."

"What is it?" Stella didn't get what he meant.

"What poses have you used with Zane?" Now, Miles was driving while he spoke. Although the question was innately sexual, it didn't sound debauched at all when it

came out of his mouth. Instead, his tone sounded rather frosty when he asked it, and adding the fact that it was early winter, the air around him seemed to be exceptionally cold as well. Although there was a vast amount of space in his car, Stella couldn't help but sweat nervously.

Despite the fact that she had been married to Zane for quite some time, he never had sex with her. This matter was a scandal in itself, as Stella was a healthy and pretty woman. If by any chance Zane cared about the fact that she had a one-night-stand with Miles, it only served to illustrate how petty he was. In the end, she figured she shouldn't be badmouthing her husband in front of an outsider, so she replied with a smile, "Of course we tried out all sorts of postures!"

Immediately, she heard a screech from the tires of Miles' car as he nearly hit the motorcycle rider in front of him. While she wasn't injured in any way, she did receive a huge shock. Tentatively, she cast him a glance, only to see that the veins on his forehead were bulging.

Assuming that he was mad at the rider for not abiding to the traffic rules, she wondered why he needed to get so worked up over it.

"Tell your cousin that we're incompatible with each other," Miles blurted all of a sudden. The sudden switch in topic puzzled her. It seemed to be that he was texting Yulia earlier on. While she didn't care if he wanted to date Yulia, since she wasn't the one who set them up in the first place, she would be caught in a dilemma when it

came to telling Yulia the truth, as she seemed to fancy him a lot.

She kept the matter to herself, but Miles was her boss after all, so she figured she shouldn't ignore his request completely. A few days later, Stella was taking the measurements of a mansion with Kevin when Yulia rushed toward her. With a tear-stained face, Yulia wept as soon as she saw Stella. "I need you to ask him about the flaws he sees in me! I have such a good physique and attractive looks! I also have a decent family, so what is it that he doesn't like about me?"

Taken aback by Yulia's outburst, Stella finally caught on to the fact that Miles had already turned her down, which meant that she was spared from the task. However, she didn't know how to comfort Yulia. People who went on blind dates were usually understanding if the match failed, but Yulia seemed to fancy Miles so much that she was trying to force a relationship.

Tugging on Stella's sleeve, Yulia began shaking her arm back and forth. Even though she never begged for favors, she began doing so uncharacteristically. "Stella, please, I need you to ask him about it. What is it that he doesn't like about me? Why is he treating me like this?"

Her request put Stella in a difficult position, for she thought that Yulia was acting too rashly, seeing that they were in Kevin's presence while at someone else's house. "Alright, I promise I'll ask him when I get back." Although she said so, she was still feeling conflicted.

At noon, she had lunch with Kevin in a small restaurant before returning to the company. In the afternoon, she went to apply for a leave at the HR department, only to see Miles coming toward her from the other end of the corridor. Her instinct was to turn on her heels to leave, but she quickly realized that she had nothing to fear. Therefore, she stayed to greet him properly when he got to her.

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Chapter 29 I Heard That I Have a Child on Its Way

“Why are you so afraid of me?” Miles asked.

“I-I am not!” Despite her embarrassment, Stella began, “Mr. Grant...” She hesitated for a moment before speaking.

“What’s wrong?”

“My cousin would like to know what is it that you don’t like about her?” Stella lowered her volume as she spoke. Although Miles thought she was the one who introduced Yulia to him when Zane was in fact the one who proposed it, she didn’t want to expose Zane.

“Do I need a reason to dislike someone?”

With a nod, she replied, “I get it now. I’ll try to console Yulia, but she seems to have fallen in love with you at first sight, so I don’t even know how to persuade her to back down.” Then, she let out a dry chuckle.

As soon as she did so, she was overcome by feelings of nausea as the food she had for lunch wasn't clean. Before she could say anything else, she rushed to the washroom while covering her mouth. At the entrance to the washroom, she bumped into Ximena, which caused her to frown instinctively.

However, she didn't have time to speak to her before dashing into one of the cubicles to clear out the contents in her stomach. Following Stella, Ximena mocked, "Oh, no wonder Zane no longer visits me. It turns out that you're pregnant, Mrs. Levitt!"

Me? Pregnant? Stella couldn't refrain from sneering mentally. How could I possibly be pregnant when Zane isn't even willing to give me a chance?

Nevertheless, she was determined to stand her ground against a third wheel like Ximena. After wiping her mouth with some tissue, she turned to meet Ximena with a polite smile. "Yeah, men are bums, but they'll eventually have to come home after having fun. After all, there are people and things that don't deserve serious commitment."

Upon hearing her insults, Ximena stomped away in frustration. Meanwhile, Stella only meant it as a verbal comeback, so she didn't expect the entire company to know that she was pregnant within the short span of time that she spent in the washroom. However, she didn't care about it, as it was about time for a young married couple to conceive.

When she got home that night, she found Zane staring at her with a livid expression while sitting still on the sofa. She was already used to such behavior from him, so she proceeded to go back to her room after putting down her bag. However, Zane came before her in a flash to choke her on her neck. "Whose child is it?"

She didn't expect him to take her off-handed remark so seriously, but at the same time, she quickly realized it must have been Ximena who told him about it. Of course, Zane knew Stella couldn't possibly have been pregnant with his child, so she might very well be pregnant with somebody else's child.

"Do you know why I introduced a girlfriend to Miles Grant? It's because I want him to know that you're my woman! How dare he impregnate you?!" He was still choking her, so she couldn't explain herself even though she wanted to. The veins on his forehead were bulging while he glared at her menacingly before spitting, "You sl*t!"

Finally, he let go of his hold on her. She collapsed onto the ground, caught in a coughing fit as soon as he let go. At the same time, he already slammed the door behind him after leaving the house, so she didn't get to explain anything to him. His reaction was mind-boggling. Nonetheless, she decided she should file for a divorce since their married life was utter hell. A marriage in which she was but a tool for him to obtain pleasure through torturing her was pointless, so she figured she should just end it as soon as she could.

That night, she slept alone in the house, but she was already used to it anyway. However, her colleagues were gossiping when she got to the office the next morning. Initially, she assumed it had nothing to do with her, but Miles later summoned her to his office, and she complied despite her confusion. As soon as she stepped through the door, he threw her a question. “I heard that I have a child on its way?”

He didn’t tell her anything else, so she was baffled by the question. With a frown on her face, she wondered what he meant. Last night, Zane thought the nonexistent child belonged to Miles... Oh gosh. He must’ve caused trouble at the company in a fit of rage. It wasn’t until then that she realized what her colleagues were gossiping about.

Hanging her head low, her face gradually turned red. She dared not look at him after causing such a relationship scandal for her boss. However, Miles seemed unperturbed by all of it, as he was wearing a smile, obviously not taking anything to heart.

“Mr. Grant...” Stella’s voice was caught in her throat. “You shouldn’t listen to Zane’s nonsense. I’m not even pregnant; it was because—”

“How did he know that the child is mine?” Miles ignored her explanation. With her mouth agape, she gawked at Miles, seemingly confused at how his mind worked.

“Is it because he never touched you that he assumed I was the father as soon as he caught wind of your pregnancy?” Judging from the question, Miles didn’t care

at all if she had a baby, but he was more intent on knowing whether she had slept with someone else. Oh lord, how am I supposed to answer a question like this? she thought.

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Chapter 30 What Type of Woman Do You Want?

Hanging her head low, Stella sat there uneasily, visibly troubled by the question. They were in a workplace, so she didn't think it was suitable for them to talk about relationship scandals.

"Do you want the baby?" Miles asked. The question caught her completely off guard, which made her wonder, Why are Miles and I never on the same page? She stared at him with a look of surprise.

"Do you want the baby if you're really pregnant?" While repeating the question, Miles stared into Stella's eyes as well.

Upon hearing that, Stella's face flushed due to anger. I am a married woman, so how dare he flirt with me like this? With that thought in mind, she bit on her bottom lip while turning to leave.

"Aren't you going to answer my question?" His voice could be heard coming from behind.

“I’ll abort your child!” Exasperated, Stella said so without thinking, but her remark was met with Miles’ chuckle.

Does that even sound funny?

On her way back to her office, she was curious about the whole thing, as Miles sounded as if he knew she wasn’t pregnant at all. Did Mr. Moore perhaps tell him something? It wasn’t until she questioned Kevin that she knew he also had an upset stomach when he got back to the company. Other than that, he also informed Miles of the incident.

Hence, she started filling in the blanks. First off, he knew both Mr. Moore and I had an upset stomach, so he wasn’t surprised by the fact that we vomited. Then, Zane came to inform Miles that the nonexistent baby is his—

All of a sudden, she was hit by the realization that Miles already knew for a fact that Zane never had sex with her. Did Zane tell him about it out of anger? Oh gosh! So he knew I was lying when I told him how affectionate my relationship with Zane was! The realization hit Stella so hard that she was overwhelmed by embarrassment.

That night, she seemed miserable when she was on her way home on the bus when she recalled the misunderstanding that occurred that day. Unexpectedly, her phone beeped with a message from Yulia that read, ‘Stella. Charmix Bar.’

The text came as a shock to Stella. This isn’t even a complete sentence. What does she mean by that? Her fingers darted around to type out, ‘Are you at Charmix

Bar? What are you up to?’ However, she didn’t get a reply even after a long while.

Stella was unnerved by the fact that she wasn’t replying, thinking that Yulia might be drunk, or that she missed the message as the pub was too crowded and boisterous. After some thought, she got off the bus to hail a cab to Charmix Bar, only to bump into someone else at the entrance.

Ugh, I just saw him today, she thought. Miles was holding his phone while frowning. Despite looking impatient, he also seemed somewhat nervous due to how abrupt the incident was. There were a lot of people outside the bar, where one of them staggered forward before bumping into Stella. The impact pushed her into Miles’ arms, causing her to cover her chest with her arms anxiously before glancing at Miles with a worried look on her face.

“Are you alright?” Miles sounded rather concerned.

In response, Stella shook her head, figuring that he must’ve come because of what happened to Yulia. Under such circumstances, Yulia would definitely give the man she loved a message.

The bar was jam-packed, so it took them some time before they were able to locate Yulia, who was deep in her cups, at a corner of the bar. As soon as she saw Miles, she looped her arms around his neck with a look of joy, but he pushed her hand away in disgust. Almost instinctively, he turned to look at Stella.

Yulia was Stella's cousin after all, so she was of course worried about her. Thus, she nodded in agreement without really dwelling on the meaning behind her action. It was as if Miles was acquiring her consent before he moved in to help another woman. It wasn't until everything was over and when she reviewed their actions that she realized she had perhaps crossed a line. She shouldn't have cared since she wasn't even his girlfriend.

Meanwhile, Miles kept some distance between Yulia and himself while Stella followed behind. When they ushered Yulia into the car, she insisted on getting into the passenger seat.

"No!" Miles was persistent.

"Let her sit there if she so wishes to." Stella appeared a little coquettish when she raised her head to look at Miles with a slight frown and said those words to him. In response, Miles said nothing, so she figured he must've relented. With that thought in mind, she got into the backseat herself.