

Uncrowned King

Tomapi

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Toma woke up as the first sun rays began to shine through his window. He opened his eyes sleepily, the ground of his room was hard and his back hurt. But he felt Yamashita's warm body, still clinging on him, as if for dear life. He shifted a bit, so that he could see Pi's sleeping face. The prince smiled as he saw the calm expression on Yamapi's face, he looked so peaceful. It was like heaven, being here with him. Having him in his arms, feeling him.

Then he remembered the last night and his face turned a little red. It had felt better than he had imagined it. And he was happy that Yamapi was the one he had done it with first. He would never ever forget this night, he swore to himself.

Then the clock tower announced that it was already 8 o'clock. As much as he wanted to keep lying there with Yamashita, he didn't want to get either of them into trouble. So he took a long glance at the sleeping face of the young man and then gently touched his cheek. "Yamashita", he said softly. "Wake up."

No reaction.

Toma stroked Pi's cheek and pinched him softly every now and then. But still no reaction. "Yamashi~ta", he said in a sing-sang voice. But the latter still wasn't showing any sign of consciousness.

"Mou!", pouted the prince. Then suddenly an idea popped into his mind. It was actually rather stupid, but he found it funny.

He leaned over Yamapi's head and blew into his ear.

With a soft moan Pi opened his eyes and held his ear. "What are you doing?", he asked confused, but to Toma's satisfaction, he looked utterly flushed. The royal one hugged him. "You just wouldn't wake up", he answered grinning and getting up, pulling Pi with him. "We have to get ready now. It's almost time for breakfast!", he said with a genuine smile and walked towards his wardrobe.

He took out some clothes and turned around, finding Pi staring at him. His face turned red immediately and he got clothed hastily. Pi also got into his servant uniform. Toma had to admit that it fitted him really well.

As they arrived in the great hall for breakfast almost everyone was already sitting at

the table. Maki, her father and the king. The prince greeted them and sat down, Pi standing behind him.

Toma shot a glance at Maki, who were eying him with an unreadable expression. The atmosphere was awkward, uncomfortable, at least Toma felt so. The king and the lord were talking cheerfully, while Maki was very quiet. Not that Toma had heard her speaking much, but now she didn't even say a word.

So they ate their breakfast and after that the king and the lord retreated for some chess game. Now only Maki, Pi and Toma were left in the great hall and the air seemed to get thinner every time Maki looked at him.

"Toma-sama?", asked Maki with slightly shaking voice. "Y-yes?" "Why didn't you come last night?", she asked keeping her eyes lowered. "Eh?- ah!", Toma had to think a second but then it hit him, he had promised to watch the falling star shower together with her. But what should he say now? He cleared his throat. "Well.." There was no one in the hall except for the three of them.

The prince didn't want to lie to her, but could he tell her the truth? Also about that he didn't intend to marry her? Would she tell his father? Her father?

She looked at her again, her eyes were full of sadness... but he didn't want to make her false hopes anymore. She deserved better than that and without hesitation he said: "Well... I was with someone else.", he said and could hear how Pi gasped hard.

Maki looked confused. "What do you mean?", she asked. Toma sighed. 'Now or never', he thought. "The truth is... I already like someone else...and it's a man...", he whispered and watched Maki's reaction. Her eyes grew wide and she looked at the the prince in shock.

"You- you mean... A man? But... ", she stuttered, trying to understand the situation.

"Yes, that's how it is. I'm terribly sorry, really. I don't intend to break your heart, but I fell in love with him before I could even realize it... and... I won't marry you. I'm really sorry", he told her and tried to be as kind as possible. But how kind can you be when you break someone's heart with these words?

Maki's eyes watered. "I-i understand", she said sobbing.

"I'm really sorry. You deserve a better man than me. You really do...", the young prince almost also began to cry, but he pulled himself together.

"I know I'm asking for too much, but would you please not say anything to my father or yours yet? I-i want to tell them myself... I don't know how they will react but... I have to do it."

"Yeah... I -i won't say anything... I promise... if that's it what makes you happy", she said in a low voice. Toma tried to smile. "Thank you so much! And I'm really sorry...", he raised. "Let's go Yamashita." "Yes, sir."

So they headed towards the door, Maki watched hem leave. It was short before the door closed that she saw how the prince took the hand of his servant...