

The Bet

Or such a thing called Love

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Kapitel 5: Chapter 5

Koyama already waited in the lobby, Shige and Massu by his side.

"Where's Pi-chan?" Tegoshi asked over Ryo's shoulder.

"Changing his clothes." Koyama answered with a smile and checked the time on his cell phone.

"You two really have the same habits!" Tegoshi said to Ryo, who denied saying something about that.

"And why the heck are you torturing Ryo?" Shige wanted to know, looking at him, because he still sat on Ryo's back.

"You all talk today like I am fat~" Tegoshi claimed and all four of his members laughed. He even pouted more.

"It's my punishment for being mean to him." Ryo explained to them with a wide grin. He didn't see it as a punishment at all, but he didn't see a reason to tell them that either. You really could spot the light bulb above Shige's head as he answered: "Oy, that means you have to piggy-back at least one of us the whole time!"

"As if I would carry you, baka! Tesshi is heavy enough."

"Hey, holy crap! I am not heavy!"

"Did you ever piggy-backed yourself?" Ryo asked with a chuckle, waggishness twinkling in his eyes, and hopped up and down on his feet so that little Tegoshi got shook.

"Uwaah~ please stop." He pleaded after a while. "I'm getting sea-sick..."

"Sea-sick?" Shige laughed and the rest joined in. Right in this moment Yamapi came into the lobby and found that scene. Of course all he really saw were Tegoshi and Ryo. He stiffened as Tegoshi's cheek touched his best friend's one.

"Oy, Pi! Finally there!" Koyama shouted and waved his hand. Of course everybody else in the lobby turned around. "Congrats, Kei-chan." Shige scolded Koyama. "Now everybody who did not notice us, knows, that we are here. Or at least Yamashita-kun for sure."

"Gomen..."

"Don't be mad, Shige." Tegoshi said from Ryo's back. "Kei-chan didn't mean it, deshou?"

"Tesshi is right." Yamapi stepped into the round. "Johnny-san probably organized everything so that no fan girls would be here. And if, would they already have attacked us. Our meeting earlier wasn't not obvious with this entire people and our Jrs." Nobody said something about that fact. So Yamapi sighed, placed his hands deep inside his jeans-pockets and smiled into the round. "I thought we were gonna go to karaoke?"

Mumbling NEWS headed outside. Ryo wanted to walk somewhere, where his best friend would not be, but Tegoshi leaned himself to the side where Yamapi walked and Ryo had to follow in order to not lose his own balance. Tegoshi smiled happily as Ryo followed where he led him to, and whispered to Yamapi: "Thanks."

"About what?"

"That you agreed." Said Tegoshi with a warm smile.

"Oh, that. Isn't it a matter of course? I mean, did you think I would not agree with you?"

"I don't know."

Of course Ryo heard, still piggy-backing Tegoshi, their conversation, and he had quite a hard time to control himself in not clenching his hands, because he would hurt Tegoshi's legs this way. He noticed the gazes Yamapi threw at Tegoshi. And it made his heart feel so full of rafe.

"Ne, Tesshi..." Yamapi began after a pause.

"Mh?"

"Didn't I told you something?"

"Did you?"

"About your 'I don't know'?"

Tegoshi laid his head innocently to the side and again his cheek touched Ryo's one. "I don't really remember"

"Well, then forget about it."

"But..." Tegoshi's face suddenly looked sad, and Ryo heard the big regret in his angelic voice. "But I feel like I have to remember. I'm sorry..."

"Don't be. It's okay." Pi smiled gently. "It's not like I'm mad or something like that, you know."

"But-"

"No 'but'. I said it's okay, deshou?"

Tegoshi remained silent. He looked up at Yamapi with a little sigh. He hated himself for lying so bad at him. Actually he remembered exactly what Yamapi did tell him that time. But he thought it was better to let him not know the truth. He really thought that. He sighed again and Ryo wanted to grab his best friend and shake him as he heard that sound. Who was he to make Tegoshi sad? He so wanted to reprimand Pi. But he bit his tongue. If he would say something right now, Tegoshi would probably get to know about their bet. Or at least about the feud between them. And that was something Ryo wanted to prevent no matter what. Unconsciously Tegoshi laid his head against Ryo's one and sighed again. Ryo felt so awful as he heard that the third time and he wanted to hug little Tegoshi tightly. It sounded so heartbreakingly sad.

"What's wrong?" he whispered and Tegoshi just shook his head a bit. His hair tickled Ryo's ear. So they kept going without a word and Ryo was damn angry with Yamapi for bringing down their mood.

After a walk of ten minutes Tegoshi asked: "Ryo-chan, I am not too heavy, am I?"

"What am I supposed to answer? When I say 'yes' you're probably pouting again and will demand that I shall carry you for the rest of the day. And when I say 'no' it would be the same, because you would've no reason for letting go of me, deshou?"

"I just wondered..." Tegoshi mumbled and dug his face in the little gap between his arm and Ryo's neck. His head ached like hell again.

"Daijoubu. You're not too heavy. You're not in the right mood, aren't you?" Ryo said with a little worry in his voice. Tegoshi shook his head again. "I'm tired and I don't feel so well..."

"Why didn't you stay in the hotel then?"

"I love karaoke...And I would've been alone..."

"I would've have stayed with you."

"Mmh...Now it's too late."

"Well, we're there in a minute anyway." Ryo tried to cheer his little friend up at least a little. He was right. Soon after that Koyama jumped up, turned around to his members and shouted: "We found it~~ Shige, I take everything back about you and not being able to read maps properly!" Wide grinning he clung to his beloved Shige-chan and entered the karaoke bar first.

"Konnichi wa~" he greeted the waitress and the rest of NEWS followed him. She got huge eyes and blushed as the six good looking guys stood in front of her and ordered a room. Especially when she saw Ryo piggy-backing Tegoshi. Quickly she ran and looked for a free karaoke room.

"Maybe she knows us." Ryo suspected according to her reaction.

"Probably." Massu said and studied the menu at the bar table. A few seconds later they heard a squeal, giggles and the young waitress came back with another girl. "We do have a free room." The waitress said with a cute voice. She twinkled so often Massu wondered whether she had a problem with her eyes. "Would you please follow my partner?" She pointed at the other girl, who bowed with a smile, turned around and went ahead. She led them to a big green door and opened it. "Here you go. Please feel free to order if you have any wishes." Then she went out and closed the door behind herself. Again they heard a loud squeal and a small voice whispered excited: "Oh my gosh! I really met them!"

Yamapi turned around to Ryo: "They know us."

Ryo-chan grinned and both forgot for a moment about their bet. But then Tegoshi moved and tried to get off from Ryo's back. "Ryo-chan~~" he clamored and pulled at his legs.

"Oh, sorry, I totally forgot." Ryo knelt down. "Jump off." Tegoshi hopped off and stretched his legs and then his arms. "We can see your underwear." Shige said, when Tegoshi lifted his hands up as far as he could. Yamapi and Ryo risked a naughty gaze and Koyama chuckled. "Woah, Tesshi, it's pink!"

"Pretty, deshou?" With a wide smile and shining eyes Tegoshi held up his shirt to look at his tummy and underwear himself. "My mum gave it to me for my 20th birthday. I even have the matching socks, see?" He pulled at his jeans, so that they could see the pink-socked feed in the white sneakers.

"Sugoi~" Massu said in a lame tone.

"Hey, at least try to sound interested!" Tegoshi laughed and put his hands into his waist.

"Don't get upset." Pi said and stroke through Tegoshi's hair as he passed him. He went to the big TV-Screen at the wall and pushed the power-button. With a little -click the monitor started to flicker and Yamapi turned around. "Who wants to sing first?"