

The Bet

Or such a thing called Love

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Kapitel 9: Chapter 9

Chapter 9

Their first concert was a huge success. The fans went crazy over them, Ryo messed up his solo, but after a cute smile and a "Wuah, gomen ne~" the audience let out a big "Kyaaa~" and Ryo made a highlight for their DVD. Koyama danced the wrong moves and everybody scolded him during the MC, even Yamapi teased him. Shige created a huge fan-scream when he did his infamous famous "Kuchizuke wo~" and Massu complained during the MC that he was starving so that Ryo felt his duty to cut him off immediately. Tegoshi ran from one member to another, smiling like a dork and sang with his angelic voice his heart out. And Yamapi was as handsome as ever and heated up the crowd as he sang 'Daite Senorita' and 'Seishun Amigo'.

Everybody had this utterly high, overwhelming feeling. We are NEWS.

During the encore everybody did things as he wanted, which ended up with half-naked KoyaPi, wet Shige, Ryo piggy-backing Tegoshi again, everybody singing the song-parts as he wished and Massu wearing all the shirts and clothes Koyama and Yamapi dressed off. The stage was a huge mess and Shige bumped more than once into a Jr. and Tegoshi and Ryo whacked him for not paying attention to his Kouhai's everytime they passed him.

After the encore was over everyone held each other's hand. Tegoshi held Massu's. Massu held Ryo's. Ryo held Yamapi's. Yamapi held Koyama's. And Koyama held Shige's. And as the platform they stood on slowly went down they smiled at each other.

Of course they celebrated together till late night. But this time most of all Yamapi and Ryo stayed away from too much alcohol, and especially Tegoshi was grateful for that. Another night with drunken Ryo and he would've declared his own withdrawal from NEWS.

So everything went perfectly smooth and everybody ended up in their bed,

exhausted, but happy.

"Ne, Tesshi?" Ryo suddenly spoke as he and covered himself up-

"Mmmh." Tegoshi was nearly asleep and turned around to Ryo's face with half-opened, heavy eyes. "What's wrong?"

"Nothing. It's just that...Well, how do I put it?" Ryo felt his cheeks blushing.

"Spit it out..." Tegoshi sighed exhausted. It was damned hard for him to keep his eyes open. He yawned and didn't even have the power to hide it.

"You're tired, ne...I don't wanna stop you from sleeping..." Ryo mumbled, totally left from courage as he heard Tegoshi's tiny hum. "Was it important?"

"Maybe I'll tell you tomorrow."

Tegoshi nodded, though he didn't know whether Ryo could see it through the darkness. So he closed his eyes in relief, thankful that Ryo was so kind to let him sleep. Probably he would've forgotten what he wanted to tell him till tomorrow if he would've had done so now. Tegoshi dug himself further into his pillow and blanket and breathed out in satisfaction.

And then he felt it again. The little grip of somebody touching his fingers gently. Tegoshi was sure Ryo was still awake, but his tongue was too lame to ask what this was about. And it wasn't uncomfortable, yet it felt a bit weird to let Ryo hold his fingers. If I would be fully awake right now, Tegoshi thought, I would definitely be confused again...

But he wasn't fully awake anymore, so he let it be, let Ryo grab his fingers slightly and fell asleep.

"Oy, sleepy baby~"

"Let me sleep..."

"I don't even think about that."

"Mpfh..."

"Tesshi~ Come on, wake up!"

"Don't wanna...Let go of my blanket."

Ryo chuckled. Tegoshi dug his head further into his big fluffy pillow, hoping Ryo would be silent. "Too early..." he claimed and tried to pull his blanket out of Ryo's hand, because his shoulders froze. "That's unfair~ I'm still so tired, Ryo-chan..."

Tegoshi took two deep breaths again. "A kiss?"

"A kiss."

"Didn't you say you wouldn't rape me?"

"A kiss counts as rape?"

Tegoshi sighed. Then he simply asked: "Why?"

"What do you think why I would want a kiss for?" Ryo asked back and felt Tegoshi's hair stroking the skin at his throat. He was glad they weren't sitting face to face. Not just because he was so near to Tegoshi this way, but also he was sure he wouldn't have the courage for that if he had to look into Tegoshi's cute puppy-eyes. Again nobody of them said a word and Ryo would have given his right arm to be able to hear Tegoshi's thoughts. But he couldn't and so he was condemned to wait for an answer. Finally Tegoshi opened his mouth to speak again. But not to say what Ryo had hoped for. "You said Massu's gonna eat my portion? Better I get ready then, ne...?" he nearly whispered and crawled unnecessary complicated away from Ryo and out of the bed. He didn't even dare looking up as he searched in his bag for fresh new clothes. He seemed really busy finding a second matching sock. Ryo just watched him, suddenly paralyzed with the fear that he did something wrong.

"I'll go take a shower."

"Wait a moment!" Ryo spoke without even thinking. All what mattered something right now was the fact to not leave Tegoshi with a false impression. Now or never.

"Can you wait till I'm done?" Tegoshi cut him off before he even could speak up.

"No. Probably not. Remember? I wanted to tell you something yesterday."

"Mh." Tegoshi had all his clothes piled up in his arms. "I'm sorry Ryo, please wait. I really have to go to the toilet." It was a lie and he hated lies, but he feared the confusion and headache rising up inside him again if he would let himself think about the situation right now. He needed a bit distance. Immediately. "I'm sorry, Ryo-chan." And he went to the bathroom as fast as he could, throwing a final glance at Ryo who still sat on the bed looking at him with a terrible, heartbreakingly face. Tegoshi tried to close the door behind himself before something even more awkward could happen, but Ryo already said it in that second.

"Tegoshi...I love you..." In a loud clear voice the words echoed in the room and Tegoshi stood there, the back pressed against the door, the fingers clenched into his clothes at his chest, right there were he felt so terribly different right now. Yabai...Why is my heart pounding so fast?

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