

Kiyotaka & Kei's wedding

As the music plays with Kei walking down the aisle I think back to everything that happened since I enrolled in Advanced Nurturing High.

That place has taught me how to feel, how to empathise, how to make friends and most importantly, how to trust and fall in love. The three years I've lived there have become an integral part of my core and can be said to be the most valuable three years of my life.

I let my gaze wander around the seats looking at everyone attending my and Kei's wedding.

All of my and Kei's friends came. Even Sakayanagi-sensei and that man, my father, was here. Even though he no longer aims over ambitiously and has given up after I thoroughly *broke* him, he is still my father. I have to thank Sakayanagi-sensei for everything that he has done for me during those three years as well as after that when I broke free of the white room.

As my head was filled with such thoughts my gaze returned back to Kei who was almost here. Even though the veil covered her face, I could make out that she was blushing furiously with her eyes wandering all over the place. That thought brought a smile to my face.

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Soon, the music stopped and me and Kei were in front of the Priest - Hirata Yousuke.

"We gather here to unite these two people in marriage. Their decision to marry has not been entered into lightly and today they publicly declare their private devotion to each other", Yousuke said.

"The essence of this commitment is the acceptance of each other in entirety, as lover, companion, and friend. A good and balanced relationship is one in which neither person is overpowered nor absorbed by the other, one in which neither person is possessive of the other, one in which both give their love freely and without jealousy. Marriage, ideally, is a sharing of responsibilities, hopes, and dreams. It takes a special effort to grow together, survive hard times, and be loving and unselfish."

These words struck a chord within me and I'm certain Kei felt the same judging by the faint twitch of her shoulders.

But we knew. Kei was no longer the parasite that clung to its host and I was no longer the caged boy who wore a mask and constantly manipulated my surroundings. WE ARE EQUALS AND WE TRULY, TRULY LOVE EACH OTHER. I could see it in her gaze and I'm sure she could see it in mine.

“Do you both pledge to share your lives openly with one another, and to speak the truth in love? Do you promise to honor and tenderly care for one another, cherish and encourage each other, stand together, through sorrows and joys, hardships and triumphs for all the days of your lives?”

““We Do.””

“Do you pledge to share your love and the joys of your marriage with all those around you, so that they may learn from your love and be encouraged to grow in their own lives?”

““We Do.””

“May these rings be blessed as a symbol of your union. As often as either of you look upon these rings, may you not only be reminded of this moment, but also of the vows you have made and the strength of your commitment to each other.”

Yousuke presented the rings and me and Kei took them in our hands ready for the final vows.

"Do you, Ayanokouji Kiyotaka take Karuizawa Kei as your lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish until death do you part?"

Yousuke asked me and I replied,

“I don’t.” (Lolol, you guys think he gonna accept that vow lol xD)

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