

A Most Unusual Princess

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Princess Elara needs to find a royal husband, but claims that no man can satisfy her. Her father hires Dalton, a special guard, to watch over her while she's courting suitors. Dalton finds her unusual behaviors charming—and enthralling.

Dalton's aloof manner intrigues Elara, and despite their differences, they share tender moments and intimate nighttime encounters. Elara is heartbroken when her father chooses a "proper" husband for her—until she meets the mystery man.

Bonus! This e-book includes a sneak peek at the second book in the *Royal Desires Series: A Most Intriguing Temptation*.

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CHAPTER 1

Dalton slowed his horse to a trot as he rode across the sunlit meadow. The sound of rushing water caught his attention, and he stopped and dismounted.

A cool, refreshing drink was just what he needed after a long day's ride. He pushed through a ring of shrubbery and stopped. The sight before him took his breath away.

A golden-haired maiden stood washing herself in a small bathing pool. The sunlight sparkled off her long, wavy locks as she moved. He grinned and ducked behind a tree to watch.

His appointment with King Maxwell could wait; this rosy-skinned naked woman was much more interesting.

The curvy young lady splashed water on her chest, and her nipples perked to attention. She dipped a bar of soap into the water, then began lathering her breasts.

His body stirred as she tweaked her soapy right nipple, then toyed with the other one. Who was this girl? Had she no shame?

He licked his lips and pushed the branch in front of him aside to get a better look. After his last disastrous relationship, he had taken a vow of abstinence until he found a woman worthy to be his bride. But seeing this nubile girl triggered his lust.

The noble action would be to let her bathe in private, but what harm could come from peeking a little? Now the girl was washing her lower half. He scowled. Wait a minute... she wasn't washing, she was...

He watched, mesmerized, as she slid her hands between her parted thighs and teased her fingers in and around her privates, working her hand in small circles. Her eyes were closed, and she had a look of pure elation on her face. He leaned closer, eager to see more, and accidentally snapped the tree branch in his hand.

The young woman's eyes flew open, and she ducked down into the water. "Who's there? Answer me."

He groaned. Dammit. He hadn't intended to get caught. "I mean you no harm."

"Beast!" She covered her breasts with her hands. "How dare you lurk in the bushes and watch me bathe."

"Bathe?" Dalton stepped from behind the tree, chuckling "You were doing more than bathing. I did not mean to interrupt. Please continue."

She narrowed her green eyes to slits. “Pig. Leave before I yell for help.”

“And bring hordes of men to your rescue?” The girl knew she had been caught pleasuring herself, and he reasoned she would not do anything to draw attention to it. “I’ll wager they would enjoy watching you *bathe*, as well. Are you coming out of there, or shall I go in after you?”

“Touch me and I’ll scream.”

“I bet.” He smirked. “And I bet that if I’d left you alone long enough, you would have screamed from your own naughty pleasure.”

She gasped. The look of shock on her pretty face amused him, and he continued teasing her. “You seem practiced. Do you bathe yourself in that manner often?”

“Fiend!” She splashed him with water and dashed to the edge of the bathing pool. He blocked her path and dragged her from the water.

“Let me go. I’ll have your head for this!”

He pulled her to his chest, pressing her hard nipples against his velvet jacket. A flicker of fear flashed in her eyes.

“Do not hurt me,” she whispered.

“It’s lucky for you I’m not the type of man who takes liberties with women. If another man had found you like this...”

Dalton held her away from him and studied her. She was tall for a woman, and muscular, yet curvy in all the right places.

He followed her long, lean legs until they met with her tight buttocks. His gaze lingered on a thatch of honey-blond hair between her thighs. The sight of her nakedness made his groin tingle.

“...you wouldn’t stand a chance.”

She swallowed hard. “I’ll leave, right now. Please—”

“You’ve awakened my lust. I deserve a reward for showing restraint and not throwing you down and sating myself inside you.” He cupped her left breast and tweaked her nipple with his thumb. To his surprise, she moaned. “You want more?”

She bowed her head.

“Finish what you started,” he said. “If you do not, you’ll be in a state of arousal for the remainder of the day. I won’t mind watching you writhe and moan.”

She snapped her head up. “Wretch!” She lashed out to slap him, and he caught her wrist.

He swatted her wet buttocks, making her squeal. “You will not strike me.” He yanked her over to the tree where her clothing lay in a pile, then released her. “Dress yourself and go home like a good girl.”

She bent and clutched a blue dress in front of her nude body.

“Thank your lucky stars I’m a decent person and can contain myself. There are horrible men in the world who would not be so gallant,” he said, watching her scramble into her clothes.

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Dalton bowed low before the high-backed throne. He had never met King Maxwell before and was surprised to see that the monarch was a middle-aged man with flaming red hair. “I apologize for my delay, Your Majesty. I had to stop and rest my horse.”

Inwardly, he scolded himself. He had only been in the palace for a few moments and had already lied to the king. Yet what other excuse could he give for his tardiness?

He did not dare confess that he had tarried to watch a nude girl touching herself. But that was not the true

reason he was late. After the lovely lady had dressed and ridden off, he'd snuck behind the bushes and pleased himself, all the while envisioning the beautiful maiden doing wicked things to him.

"No matter. We have time to talk. My daughter should have arrived by now, but Elara is notorious for doing whatever she pleases. That is why you're here."

"I see. My uncle asked that I come here as a favor and serve as a guard. I'm not sure why you—"

"Not for me. For Elara." King Maxwell sighed. "I have arranged a courting ritual for her. I invited all the noblemen of the kingdom to visit. Elara needs to choose a husband, and I want someone to watch over her every moment while her suitors are here. You're not to leave her side. Elara's not your typical princess. She's very..." He paused and scratched his red beard. "...headstrong."

Dalton frowned. "I'm to chaperone her? Perhaps a lady-in-waiting would—"

"A lady-in-waiting?" King Maxwell rolled his eyes. "Not for Elara. She needs a firm hand, someone who will not be intimidated by her behavior. Your uncle thought you would be a suitable choice."

"I see." He nodded. What sort of princess was she? For his uncle's sake, he would make the best of the situation, no matter how unattractive or ill-mannered the

girl was. If she was truly unmanageable, he could see why the king was eager to marry her off. “I shall do as you request, Your Majesty. Where is Princess Elara? Shall I—”

A loud bang from the outer hall interrupted him.

“That’s her now,” King Maxwell muttered.

Dalton bowed low as the door opened. He caught a glimpse of a blue dress as the princess strode into the room straight past him.

“Father, what is the meaning of having me hauled in here like a commoner? I was—”

Dalton’s skin prickled. That voice! It couldn’t be...

“You’re late. Your private guard has arrived,” the king said.

The girl turned to him. “Oh my Lord,” she whispered as she pitched forward.

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