

The Man's Decree Chapter 701

Chapter 701 Not Backing Down

After coming to his senses, Rayleigh pulled Melanie away from the girl and asked in bewilderment, "Melanie, you have never met your family before. How did you know that she is your older sister?"

With a confused look, Melanie replied, "I—I don't know. I felt close to her once I saw her and instinctively called her my older sister."

Then, Rayleigh glanced at the girl and asked sternly, "Young lady, what is your name? Where do you come from? Who are your parents? Did you know before this that you have a twin sister?"

The girl shook her head and said, "My name is Lyanna. I'm not sure where I came from, nor do I know who my parents are. It was my godfather who raised me. I did not know I had a sister either. However, I felt a strong kinship and warmth in my heart once I saw her."

"Who's your godfather? Why did you want to capture me?" Jared grabbed the chance to ask Lyanna.

Nevertheless, Lyanna gazed at Jared warily and didn't respond to his question.

When Jared wanted to grab Lyanna's arm to continue questioning her, Melanie stopped him and said, "What are you doing?"

"Isn't it obvious? I need to know why she was hunting me," Jared responded with a displeased look on his face.

Anyone would be upset if they were assaulted without a reason.

"You can't lay a finger on her. She's my sister." Melanie determinedly warded Jared off from Lyanna.

"I understand that you two look alike, but how can you be sure that she's your sister? Even if we assume that she's your sister, why can't I fight back after she assaulted me?" Jared questioned Melanie.

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"I don't care. I'm certain that she's my sister, and hence, you can't touch her," Melanie said while pursing her lips.

Although Melanie only knew Seduction Technique and was no match for Jared, she refused to back down.

Seeing as the atmosphere was growing tense, Rayleigh persuaded Jared, "Jared, you can keep the questions to yourself before we figure out who they are. For now, come out with me."

After that, Rayleigh brought Jared to the living room, leaving Melanie and Lyanna in the bedroom.

"Let me ask Brody what's going on because he was the one who handed Melanie over to me back then." With that, Rayleigh took out his phone to call Brody.

Overwhelmed with doubts, Jared couldn't help but ask, "Mr. Deragon, who is Brody? Why did he hand Melanie over to you after he picked her up on the street?"

While dialing the phone number, Rayleigh explained, "Brody Dixon is one of the four villains in the Village of Villains. Considering that Melanie was a baby girl, they thought they couldn't raise her. Hence, Brody, who was close to me, asked me to raise her."

"Village of Villains?" Jared frowned upon hearing it. "Are those in the village the vilest of criminals?"

Rayleigh shook his head and continued smilingly, "The ones who are afraid call them villains. However, others who like them regard them as righteous people. For me, they are some old men who punish criminals and protect the vulnerable. The only thing is that they can be a little odd."

Just as Jared was about to question him further, someone answered Rayleigh's call.

"Rayleigh, why are you calling me this early in the morning? Are you being hunted by the Deragons again? I've told you many times. I can't interfere if the Deragons want to hunt you, for it is an internal affair in your family. However, if you join the Village of Villains, we will have reasons to protect you. In that case, the Deragons will not lay a finger on you anymore..." the person said in a sleepy voice and even yawned. It seemed that Rayleigh's call had interrupted his sleep.

"Brody, I'm not being hunted. Besides, stop asking me to leave the Deragons. Since Old Mr. Deragon saved my life before, I will always be part of the Deragons. Forgive me for not being able to join the Village of Villains," Rayleigh declined the invitation firmly.

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"Rayleigh, you're so stubborn. The Deragon family now is different than the one to which you used to swear allegiance. Also, I've heard that the Deragons suddenly have a young master, who the Deragons have even placed a bounty of three crystals on. If I were not your friend, I would have accepted the mission already. By the way, Ms. Deragon..."

"All right. I'm calling you to ask you some questions. Please stop nagging me like my grandma and stop intervening in the Deragons' affairs."

Rayleigh stopped Brody from dwelling on it and secretly glanced at Jared. After all, there were some things that he didn't want Jared to know yet. Nonetheless, he was also shocked to hear that the Deragons were willing to offer three crystals as a reward for anyone who could capture Jared.

After all, crystals were an essential resource for cultivation and way more premium than spiritual stones. Given that a cultivator in Transcendence Phase like Jared could use a spiritual stone for a year, one could imagine how precious crystals were.

Jared had received some information but still didn't get a full picture after listening to Brody. Hence, he thought he had to wait until the 15th of July to clear up his doubts.

"Feel free to ask whatever questions you have, and I'll answer you to the best of my ability," Brody replied.

"Do you still remember Melanie?" Rayleigh asked.

"Melanie?" Brody hesitated and did not answer for a while. Clearly, he had forgotten about her.

"Twenty years ago, you found a baby girl and asked me to raise her," Rayleigh prompted.

After recalling the memory, Brody replied, "Oh, I remember her. Why do you want to ask about her? Did something happen?"

"Do you remember where you found Melanie? Was Melanie alone at the roadside at the time? Did you see her parents? Do you know where her home is?" Rayleigh hastily asked a barrage of questions.

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After giving it some thought, Brody answered, "Her parents were holding Melanie when I found her. Their parents wanted me to take care of her. When I refused, they kneeled and begged me to accept her—"

Meanwhile, Rayleigh became frantic upon hearing that and questioned loudly, "Damn it! Didn't you say she was an orphan? What's this about her parents asking you to take care of her?"

Rayleigh had agreed to adopt Melanie because Brody had claimed that she was an orphan. He would have handed Melanie back to her parents if he had known she wasn't an orphan. Since Melanie was a baby back then, she ought to be taken care of by her parents. Moreover, Rayleigh was a male and could hardly take good care of her.

"Why are you a bundle of nerves now? Melanie is indeed an orphan. Her parents died soon after they gave her to me," Brody explained.

Feeling bewildered, Rayleigh continued to question, "They died? How did it happen? Aren't you known as the Miracle Doctor? There's no one that you can't save. Why did you watch as they were dying?"

"Melanie's parents were badly poisoned when I saw them. At that time, even God could not have saved them. Besides, since the poison in their bodies was Mapleton's wasp venom, what could I do to save them?" Brody responded in a displeased tone.

"Mapleton's wasp venom? Could it be that someone from Mapleton killed Melanie's parents?" Rayleigh frowned at the thought.

"I have no idea. After Melanie's parents died, I buried them and gave her to you!" Brody yawned and added, "I'm tired, so I'm going to continue sleeping."

With that, Brody hung up the phone.

Rayleigh was rooted to the ground while holding the phone. Since Melanie's parents died due to wasp venom, Rayleigh believed the murderer was someone from Mapleton. Although venomous wasps were aggressive and deadly, the Mapletons rarely used them due to various challenges in breeding them.