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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.

“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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Wasp Venom

“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.

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.

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Top Secret

A poisonous wasp would die as soon as it stung, which meant new ones had to be bred for other missions.

After a while, Jared reminded Rayleigh, “Mr. Deragon, Lyanna might be connected to Mapleton somehow. Apart from using the Seduction Technique, she could also release poisonous gas. Fortunately, the gas couldn’t harm me, for I could absorb it by using Focus Technique.”

“Let’s go and ask Lyanna about her background.”

Rayleigh also opined that it was a chance to figure out Melanie’s past.

When Jared and Rayleigh entered the room, Melanie and Lyanna were sitting next to each other and chattering happily. Since they appeared to be very close, one would think that they had known each other for many years.

Lyanna stopped smiling and talking when she saw Jared and Rayleigh coming in.

“How are you related to Mapleton?” Rayleigh asked Lyanna straightforwardly.

Given the sensitivity of the question, Lyanna closed her mouth and didn't say a word.

Meanwhile, Melanie introduced, “Lyanna, this is Mr. Deragon. He is kind-hearted and has raised me since I was a baby. Please feel free to tell him your story.”

Since Melanie vouched for Rayleigh, Lyanna finally said, “The Poison King in Mapleton is my godfather. I grew up in Mapleton.”

Rayleigh was shocked when he heard Lyanna's words. Assuming that Melanie and Lyanna are twins, their parents died due to Mapleton's wasp venom. In that case, why did the Mapletons adopt Lyanna?

“In that case, you must have been sent by the Poison King. I'm assuming the Poison King intends to avenge his godson.”

Jared saw the whole picture upon knowing the Poison King had sent Lyanna here. Since he had killed the Poison King's godson, Fabian, and destroyed the Crescent Sect, it was logical that the Poison King wanted to punish him.

Meanwhile, Lyanna looked up at Jared and sneered, “Since Godfather has dozens of godsons, why should he care about Fabian? All of them are merely his pawns who provide him with herbs and resources. Hence, their deaths won't mean anything to him. Why would he avenge any of his late godsons?”

“If the Poison King doesn't intend to avenge Fabian, why did he send you after me?” Jared asked, doubts filling his mind.

Lyanna responded determinedly, “That's a Mapleton secret, so I'm not telling you.”

Even if Jared resorted to violence, Lyanna wouldn't reveal anything to him.

Thus, Rayleigh asked Melanie, “Melanie, do you know how your parents died?”

“Mr. Deragon, didn’t you say you found me on the street? Have you met my parents before?”

Melanie was taken aback by Rayleigh’s sudden question. After all, he had never mentioned her parents to her.

Rayleigh shook his head and said, “I’ve never met your parents before. However, Brody met them when he first saw you. It was your parents who begged him to bring you away. Besides that, your parents died due to Mapleton’s wasp venom. After their deaths, Brody buried your late parents before he left.”

Melanie couldn’t help but look at Lyanna when she heard that their parents had died due to Mapleton’s wasp venom.

At the same time, Lyanna was also shocked. She immediately stood up and exclaimed, “That’s impossible! Only the Poison King can use Mapleton’s venomous wasps, and he will not use the wasps lightly. How could it be that our parents died due to wasp venom? Moreover, if the Poison King killed our parents, why would he raise me?”

Since Lyanna was sure that Melanie was her sister, Melanie’s parents were also hers.

Nonetheless, Lyanna refused to believe that their parents died because of wasp venom.

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Unable To Resist The Beauty

If it’s true, why did the Poison King adopt and raise me?

As Melanie had similar thoughts, she gazed at Rayleigh, hoping that he could explain it.

Sadly, Rayleigh only had limited information and couldn't verify his claim. "I only relayed the information that Brody told me. It's up to you whether to believe it or not."

With that, Rayleigh left the room with Jared.

After a while, Melanie and Lyanna also came out of the room. Nonetheless, Lyanna's expression was grim, as though she was deep in thought.

Perhaps Lyanna was wondering if she ought to trust Rayleigh's words.

Melanie somehow believed that Rayleigh was speaking the truth, for he had only relayed Brody's message. Although Brody was known as a villain, he was trustworthy and had never lied.

The atmosphere in the living room was tense as everyone fell silent. Suddenly, Josephine and Lizbeth opened the door and came in.

"Jared, did you have a wonderful night yesterday?" Josephine asked loudly as soon as she entered the mansion. One could tell that she was jealous.

At that, Rayleigh and Melanie turned around and noticed that there were many cuts on Lyanna's blouse. Some of the buttons had also gone missing. Although Lyanna was holding her blouse to keep it in one piece, she still couldn't cover all of her fair skin.

One didn't have to be a genius to tell that someone had violently torn Lyanna's blouse.

"Jared, you pervert! What did you do to my sister?" Feeling enraged, Melanie furiously questioned Jared and punched him.

Since Melanie didn't have martial energy, she couldn't hurt Jared. On the contrary, her hand trembled when the energy rebounded.

"Are you out of your mind? I didn't do anything to Lyanna. She tried to use the Seduction Technique on me, but I didn't fall for it," Jared explained.

Meanwhile, Lizbeth and Josephine were startled when they saw Melanie and Lyanna, who looked absolutely the same. Instantly, they knew that they had misunderstood Jared.

Nevertheless, Melanie refused to believe Jared's words. "Bulls*it! Look at what happened to Lyanna's blouse. How dare you claim that you did nothing to her? You're a pervert! You already have two women, yet you still wanted to lay your hands on Lyanna. Humph! I knew that you were a good-for-nothing as soon as I saw your eyes."

Melanie firmly believed that Lyanna's blouse was torn because Jared had done some despicable things to her.

Right as Jared wanted to defend himself, Josephine interrupted, "How many women Jared has is none of your business. Who are you to accuse him of being a pervert? I'm Jared's girlfriend and can prove that he has done nothing."

Lizbeth stood by Josephine and refuted Melanie's allegation as well. "Jared is not a pervert but a righteous man. You're slandering him. Back then, he didn't do anything to me when I fell into his arms naked. It proved that he isn't a pervert."

However, Lizbeth soon realized that she had had a slip of the tongue. Josephine looked at her in surprise and asked, "Lizbeth, when did he see your naked body? Why don't I know about it?"

Lizbeth's face flushed as she was unbearably embarrassed, unsure what she ought to say.

When Josephine turned to Jared, he looked away, pretending that he didn't see her. How could I ever tell Josephine about that incident?

Rayleigh's lips quirked when he saw Jared's shy face. Well, a hero can hardly resist the beauty. Although an energy cultivator can legally marry more than one woman, Jared has to overcome various challenges to achieve it.

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Imparting Techniques

Melanie snorted at Lizbeth and said, "Humph! It's because you aren't alluring enough. Anyway, Jared is a pervert. Otherwise, can he explain why Lyanna's blouse is like this?"

Once Melanie finished, Lizbeth was infuriated. "Who says that I'm not alluring enough? Just ask Jared who is more alluring!"

In no time, all of the women in the living room turned to Jared, rendering him a bundle of nerves.

As Jared felt helpless, he could only look at Rayleigh pitifully, hoping that the other man could come to his rescue.

Rayleigh couldn't help but chuckle. After a while, he stood up and said, "Melanie, stop it. Jared didn't do anything to Lyanna. He is still a virgin and has never slept with any women yet. How could he do anything to Lyanna?"

Melanie was surprised at the revelation and looked at Jared in disbelief.

Since Josephine and Lizbeth lived with Jared, Melanie didn't expect that he could control his desires and not sleep with them.

After giving it some thought, Melanie shot a disdainful glance at Jared and said, "Now I know why you were able to resist the Seduction Technique. You must be impotent..."

Upon hearing that, Jared was irritated and felt the impulse to prove himself to Melanie.

However, since many people were around, Jared could only stay silent.

After everyone calmed down, Josephine looked at Rayleigh for a while and asked Jared, "Jared, who is this?"

Josephine didn't know Rayleigh because she had never seen him before.

Jared introduced Rayleigh after Josephine brought it up. "Oh, I forgot to introduce Mr. Deragon to you. I wouldn't have been able to return from Jadeborough to here safely without him. Besides that, he also gave the bronze breastplate and detoxification pill to me."

After Jared finished, Josephine flashed Rayleigh a smile and greeted him, "Nice to meet you, Mr. Deragon."

Rayleigh smiled and nodded in response. After scanning Josephine for a few seconds, he asked, "Have you eaten the detoxification pill?"

"Yes, I have." Josephine nodded.

Rayleigh waved at Josephine and said, "Come here. I'll impart some techniques to you, and you can practice them whenever you're free. However, it all depends on you as to whether you can successfully cultivate the techniques."

As soon as Josephine came up to Rayleigh, he put his right hand on her head.

The next moment, waves of spiritual energy flowed from Rayleigh's hand into Josephine's head, and her mind went blank. Then, techniques, which consisted of four words per sentence, flashed across her eyes.

About ten seconds later, Rayleigh retracted his hand.

However, Josephine's eyes widened in shock, for she felt that her mind was suddenly overwhelmed with techniques.

It's miraculous! Would I become a genius if I could inject knowledge into my brain as easily?

While Josephine was at a loss, Rayleigh said smilingly, "You can practice the techniques now based on what is in your mind."

"Yes!" Feeling excited, Josephine quickly sat on the couch and instinctively closed her eyes. Then, she began adjusting the pace of her breaths based on the techniques.

As Josephine's breaths became slower, the spiritual energy around her slowly infiltrated her body.

"You're indeed full of potential."

Rayleigh was surprised to see that Josephine could detect and absorb the spiritual energy, even though her cultivation had only just begun.

However, everyone soon noticed that Josephine's breathing was growing fainter. Then, her face and skin began to redden.

