

A Cue For Love Chapter 1129

Chapter 1129 Smooth Sailing

Hearing that, Yumi looked up abruptly and gazed at Natalie in disbelief. "B-But I saw you give the jade key to that terrible woman." Yumi realized she might've structured her sentence in a way that Natalie might misunderstand that she was blaming her, so she swiftly explained, "Mommy, that's not what I meant.

I-I know you had no choice but to give the jade key to that person because you wanted to save me. Ultimately, everything happened because of my incompetence. I was too young and incapable of protecting my mother, aunts, and you, my mommy. If I had been able to fend for myself back then, you wouldn't have had to risk losing your life to rescue me." Yumi sobbed and wept uncontrollably as she spoke.

She had been keeping up a tough pretense whenever she was around Franklin, Sophia, Xavian, and Clayton, always acting as if she was fine and everything was well. She could only behave like an ordinary child when she was with Natalie, being able to cry and disclose all the pent-up troubles in her heart.

Natalie gently patted Yumi's back, allowing the little girl to cry to her heart's content. This child is carrying too much burden at such a young age. She's so mature and thoughtful that my heart aches for her.

After crying for a long while, Yumi slumped against Natalie's shoulder in exhaustion. "Yumi, I didn't give the jade key to that woman," Natalie said tenderly.

"How is that possible?" Yumi stared at Natalie with tear-stained eyes. "Mommy, I saw you handing the jade key to that woman." "That key was a replica."

"What?" "The jade key you saw was a fake. I asked someone to make a copy according to the real genuine jade key. This jade key is very significant to you and your family, so I will never hand it over to someone else without your permission. When you gave me the jade key in the past, I mentioned I would only help you keep it temporarily. When you're older and have the ability to protect yourself and the key, I'll return it to you."

Exhilaration and astonishment rose within Yumi's chest after she listened to Natalie's speech.

She was thrilled because the jade key didn't fall into the hands of evil people, and she was astounded because of the love and care Natalie had shown her.

She and Natalie weren't related by blood, but all the latter had done for her had deeply touched her.

Yumi was at a loss for words. In the end, she hugged Natalie while crying and laughing at the same time. "Mommy, thank you! Thank you so much! Thank you for saving me and helping me to secure the belonging my mother left behind for me. I will be good and grow up well. When I become powerful in the future, I'll protect and take care of you like how you treat me now."

Sensing Yumi's sincerity, Natalie beamed at her and nodded. "Sure. I'll wait for the day to arrive."

"Okay!"

Meanwhile, Bastien exited the royal mausoleum with a gash on his arm.

Seeing Bastien's arm that was covered in blood, Joseph hastily strode forward. "Why are you hurt?"

Ashen-faced, Bastien gripped his right arm, which was spewing out dark color blood, and uttered in an undertone, "Don't ask so many questions. I can't hold on any longer. Hurry up and summon the royal physician over to treat my injury."

With that, he passed out on the spot.

Joseph furrowed his brows. Not daring to dawdle, he quickly carried Bastien on his back and brought him to the temporary imperial residence nearby the royal mausoleum to get some rest.

After the royal physician came to detoxify and bandage Bastien's wound, he couldn't help but say with lingering fear in his chest, "Commander Wesley, luckily Prince Jonathan was able to receive immediate treatment. Otherwise, not only might his arm be crippled, but he might also lose his life."

Upon hearing that, Joseph shifted his gaze to the unconscious Bastien in bafflement. Prince Jonathan went into the royal mausoleum with the jade key. The journey should have been smooth sailing, so why did he come out of that place with such a grave injury?

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Chapter 1130 She Is Mine

Joseph took care of Bastien meticulously. In the evening, Bastien showed signs of waking up. With much effort, he opened his eyes and saw Joseph sitting by his bedside with a concerned look on his face. Bastien glanced at the layers of bandage on his arm and asked nervously, "Joseph, my arm..."

"Mr. Nine, we managed to get you to the hospital in time. Your arm is fine. You will make a complete recovery after a period of rest." Joseph paused and continued hesitantly, "I thought you had the jade key? How did you injure your arm so seriously?"

Bastien was leaning back against a cushion when a cold glint flashed across his gentle eyes as he replied, "That jade key is fake." "Fake?" A deep crease appeared between Joseph's brows.

"Even though the key fitted into the lock, it couldn't be used to open the secret room. As I used force, it activated the traps instead. This happened because I was too careless..." Bastien continued coldly, "Not only was Zophie deceived, but I have also been deceived. This jade key is an exact replica of the real thing. The only person in Loang who is capable of replicating the jade key so well is Varre Appleby. However, he disappeared more than a decade ago..."

It was as if the man had suddenly fallen off the face of the Earth. The royal family had made attempts to find him but to no avail. No one had expected that Varre was still alive and had even created an exact replica of the jade key.

"Mr. Nine, so where's the real key?" Joseph was confused. After a pause, he said hesitantly, "Could... Could Major General Sutton have switched it out when he was questioning Zophie? Maybe he's thinking of keeping the key for himself?"

Bastien narrowed his eyes and shook his head. "It wasn't Jerome. It was someone else who took the key." "Who?"

"Natalie," Bastien answered. "She's probably the only person who could have deceived both Zophie and myself. Well, she has outsmarted me once again..."

"What?" Joseph exclaimed in shock. Both Joseph and Bastien fell into deep thought.

Even though Natalie hasn't been here for long, she has a good relationship with the Sutton family. They are so close that Daniel even went against me because of her. On top of that, she also knows Varre, who has been missing for so long, and was able to get him to duplicate the jade key with such short notice...

What's more intriguing is that she is such a master of stratagem and was able to calculate and execute every step so perfectly...

No matter who got their hands on the fake jade key, they would all end up suffering. Bastien could not help but wonder what would have happened if he had been more careless. He might have even lost his arm.

"That woman... She's making me love and hate her at the same time..." The determination in Bastien's eyes became increasingly intense as the man's infatuation for Natalie grew deeper. Not only is she so wild and beautiful, but under her gorgeous appearance is also a cunning and ingenious mind.

"Natalie has caused you such misery..." Joseph wanted to ask further but stopped mid-sentence. Are you intending to just let the matter slide?

Bastien glanced at his injured arm and said placidly, "Joseph, spread the news that I got injured in the royal mausoleum around. Make it sound as serious as possible. Also, let Blaze know that the jade key in my possession is a counterfeit. In the coming days, I will focus on my recovery and see how the situation develops while waiting for Blaze to force Natalie to hand over the real jade key..."

Joseph understood that Bastien did not want to confront Natalie directly and wanted Blaze to do the dirty job instead.

The mantis, busy stalking the cicada, would not be aware of the bird behind.

Between Blaze and Natalie, regardless of who the mantis or cicada was, the bird would certainly be Bastien, watching the mantis' every move.

"How's the investigation going? Is the man behind Blaze that person?" Bastien asked nonchalantly.

Joseph nodded solemnly and replied, "It's just as you thought. King, the mastermind behind Blaze, is the person you had in mind."

Bastien pressed his lips together and let out a sigh. "No matter how much that person wants to be at the top, there can only be one king, and it would be me."

Of course, there was something else that the man omitted from his sentence.

Not only will I become the king, but I will also have Natalie as my queen!