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Chapter 441 I Have Wronged You

"Where is she?" Tristan was stupefied when Sonia was out of sight.

Franco's face turned grim when he discovered that Sonia was nowhere to be seen. "D*mn it! Did someone get ahead of us?"

"Hurry up! Chase after them now!" Tristan leaped up to chase after Sonia.

Franco gestured to his men and ran after Tristan too.

In the meantime, the wind whizzed against Sonia's ears as Jared moved at mind-boggling speed.

The latter finally came to a halt when they reached a secluded area and put her down.

Right that instant, she took the chance to bite him hard on the arm. Grasping the jade pendant in her hands, she stared at him with anxiousness written all over her face.

Jared looked at the deep bite mark on his arm and furrowed his brows. "I saved your life. How could you bite me?"

"Pfft! Don't ever think that you can make a fool out of me! I know you've been targeting my jade pendant. It's the Yeagers' heirloom. I would rather destroy it than let it fall into your hands!" Sonia snapped coldly, glaring at him with her eyes.

Undeniably, Jared went after them because of Sonia's jade pendant. However, he never had the intention to snatch it from her. Now that she misunderstood him, he could not resist mocking, "Hmph! How ridiculous! You seem to treat this jade pendant as an invaluable treasure, don't you?"

The next moment, he turned and left, paying no heed to her.

Gazing at his retreating figure, Sonia was dumbfounded and stood rooted to the spot.

When she finally came to her senses after quite some time, Jared was already a distance away from her. She gritted her teeth and quickened her pace to catch up to him.

Jared shot her a glance and snorted. "Why are you trailing behind me?"

"I-I'm sorry... It seems like I have misunderstood you!" Sonia stuttered sheepishly.

"You don't have to apologize to me. Now that you're safe and sound, you can stop following me!" Jared snapped at her without slowing down.

Nevertheless, Sonia continued to trail behind him closely with her head lowered.

Jared was utterly speechless. He stopped abruptly and said, "What on earth are you trying to do?"

Sonia looked at him eagerly. "Could you please send me back? I'm scared of bumping into those people again!"

Her gut instinct told her that Jared was no ordinary man. Since he managed to save her on the spot without Tristan and Franco's knowledge, she was sure as h*ll that his formidability was beyond imagination.

"Where do you stay?" Jared finally heaved a sigh as he did not have the heart to reject the pitiful lady.

Sensing that Jared had relented, she replied excitedly, "Not very far. It's in the village located not far away from the town!"

Later, Jared followed Sonia and headed in the direction away from the town. Shortly after, a village came into view. It looked like an abandoned one as all the houses were dilapidated. There were even signs on the front doors indicating that they would be demolished soon!

Moments later, they stopped outside a house in a slightly better condition and entered it. Under the dim light from a lit candle, a middle-aged man with an ashen face was lying feebly in bed.

Jared knitted his brows at the sight of his pathetic state. He had a hunch that the man was severely injured and might not live long.

The man mustered up his strength to open his eyes upon hearing their footsteps. When he saw Sonia, he parted his lips to say something. However, blood spurted out of his mouth in an instant.

"Dad!" Sonia yelled out worriedly and dashed forward to Marcus, the middle-aged man. After wiping off the bloodstain from his face, she whipped out a few black pills and was about to let him swallow them.

Nonetheless, Jared stretched out his hand to stop her at once. After sniffing the pills, he told her solemnly, "Apparently, your dad has sustained an internal injury. Hence, he shouldn't take this medicine of high intensity. Even though it helps to stabilize his condition temporarily, it will aggravate the internal injuries as time elapses."

Shocked, Sonia asked him hesitantly, "D-Do you know how to treat his medical condition?"

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Chapter 442 Serve You In Bed

On the other hand, Marcus also gazed at Jared in bafflement.

"I have some knowledge of it." Jared nodded placidly.

"Great to hear that! Could you please help to treat my dad? If you manage to cure him, I'm willing to do anything to repay your kindness! Even if..." Sonia's voice trailed off; her face flushed red. Seconds later, she piped out, "Even if... you want me to serve you in bed!"

"Huh? No, you don't have to do so. I already have a girlfriend." Jared was utterly speechless. My goodness! Do I look like a womanizer?

Sonia blushed crimson and cast her eyes down with shame. "But there's nothing I can offer you now other than myself..."

"Don't you still have your jade pendant?" Jared threw a look at the jade pendant in her hand.

In an instant, Sonia lifted her head and stared at him nervously. Tightening her grasp around the jade pendant, she stammered, "W-What do you intend to do?"

"Take it easy. I'm just interested in taking a look at your jade pendant. By the way, let me try to stabilize your dad's condition first."

The next moment, Jared pressed one hand lightly on Marcus' head. Seconds later, a wave of spiritual energy emanated from his body and flowed into the latter's body. It enveloped his injured internal organs and started healing them gradually.

Meanwhile, Marcus felt a ripple of warmth flow into his body. After a while, he felt as though his entire body was becoming lighter. Apart from that, his cheeks were slowly becoming rosy again.

Sensing the drastic change in her father's condition, Sonia's eyes glittered with joy. "Dad, how are you feeling now?"

Marcus coughed and replied, "I can breathe better now. The pain in my stomach seemed to have eased as well."

"Thank you so much!" Sonia expressed her gratitude to Jared earnestly.

"So... Can I see your jade pendant now?" Jared asked.

Holding the jade pendant tightly, she flashed her father a glance hesitantly.

Marcus nodded his head approvingly at once. "Sonia, show it to him. After all, he's our benefactor!"

Sonia had no choice but to hand over the jade pendant to Jared. The moment he held it in his hand, he felt a strong sense of familiarity.

Two dragons were carved on the jade pendant. Due to the excellent craftsmanship, it looked as though they were alive and were spiraling on the pendant.

Jared unleashed a wave of spiritual energy gradually into the jade pendant, but it soon bounced back with massive force. The jade pendant almost flung out of his hand due to the overwhelming force!

Ah! There seems to be a seal on the jade pendant! After pondering for a while, Jared bit his middle finger to squeeze a drop of blood onto the jade pendant.

Sonia was about to stretch out her hands to stop him, but her father stood in her way. Shaking his head, he gestured to her not to interrupt Jared.

When Jared's blood dropped onto the jade pendant, it glittered with an instant red light, followed by the thunderous roaring sound of the dragons.

It was as though the two dragons had come alive and started moving swiftly. However, the red light slowly faded away right after the blood was absorbed. Moments later, the jade pendant was back to its usual look again.

Awestruck, Sonia and her father's eyes widened in disbelief as they fastened their gazes on Jared.

"Ha! So that's how it works!" Jared was flushed with excitement as he turned to look at Marcus. "Sir, do you have any idea where this jade pendant comes from?"

"I'm not really sure about it. If I'm not mistaken, my father picked it up somewhere on an island. It glittered with red light like how it did a while ago and saved my father's life. Since then, the jade has become our family heirloom."

"So your father picked it up on an island?" Jared knitted his brows as he thought about Nameless Island and Dragon Island, as mentioned by Draco. Hmm! I bet I can only find out more after exploring the islands!

"Since it's your heirloom, it's inappropriate for me to request it from you too. However, it might bring misfortune to you..." Jared pointed out as he returned the jade pendant to Sonia.

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Chapter 443 Are You Not Willing

Marcus heaved a deep sigh sorrowfully. "Undeniably, this jade pendant has brought disasters to the Yeagers. Sadly, both of us are the only Yeagers left."

Earlier on, Jared happened to overhear something from Tristan and Sonia's conversation. The Yeagers seemed to have attracted unwanted attention because of the jade pendant, spelling trouble for themselves. Consequently, it's just a matter of time before a tragic fate befalls them!

"Dad, don't worry. I vow to avenge all the Yeagers!" Sonia reassured Marcus with a glint of determination amid fury in her eyes.

Surprisingly, Marcus shook his head and tried to talk Sonia out of doing so. "Sonia, forget about it. You're the only one by my side now. I really don't wish to end up losing you again. Let's find a secluded place to spend the rest of our lives together."

Next, he took the jade pendant from Sonia and handed it to Jared. "I'm grateful to you for saving my life. I believe this jade pendant is meant for you. You can make miracles with this jade pendant. Thus, I've made up my mind to give it to you. From this moment onwards, it means nothing to us anymore."

Jared took the jade pendant from him without hesitation. "Thank you so much. Don't hesitate to call me if you are in trouble at any moment."

After that, he gave Sonia and Marcus his phone number and some money. They thanked him sincerely and left right away.

Initially, their main aim was to look for the Herb Palace so Marcus' internal injury could be treated. Since Jared had cured him, it was pointless for them to stay there any longer. Besides, Tristan and Franco were looking all over the place for them.

By the time Jared was back in the hotel, the sun had risen. Without wasting time, he started to cultivate the jade pendant, hoping to transform it into an ultimate shielding tool soonest possible. As long as Josephine brings it along with her, even the so-called formidable Internal Energy Grandmaster would not be able to inflict any harm on her!

"Jared, wake up for breakfast now!" Coincidentally, Josephine knocked on the door right after he cultivated the jade pendant into the ultimate shielding tool.

Not wanting to let Josephine know, Jared pretended that he had just woken up and opened the door with a yawn.

"Ah! You're early! I was hoping to sleep a little longer!" he grumbled and rubbed his eyes.

"Sleepyhead, time to get up! After breakfast, accompany us to go shopping. Lizbeth told me that everyone here has expertise in martial arts and is exceptionally ill-tempered. Thus, we don't dare to go by ourselves. You must be our bodyguard," Josephine explained.

"What? Shopping?" Jared could feel his temples throb the moment he heard that.

Josephine turned to glare at him instantaneously. "Why? You're reluctant to accompany us?"

"Of course, I'm more than willing to do so." Jared could only put on his brightest smile to appease her.

Nevertheless, when Jared was going downstairs for breakfast with Josephine, she caught a glimpse of the bitemark on his arm. As Sonia had bitten him quite hard the day before, the mark was visible even after many hours had elapsed.

"What's this? Did you tease some young girls last night and end up getting bitten?" Josephine questioned him.

"When there's a gorgeous lady like you by my side, do you think there're any young girls who can catch my eye? It was merely a misunderstanding. I was looking for a jade pendant for you." Jared reassured her and took out the unique pendant with two dragons.

Josephine's eyes lit up when the jade pendant came into view. She held it up and cautiously scrutinized it without questioning further. Deep down, she trusted him and was convinced that he was not the type of man who would flirt with other women behind her back.

After breakfast, Jared accompanied Josephine and Lizbeth shopping for the whole day. Initially, he expected the Herb Palace would stir up trouble again. He was surprised the day passed by peacefully without any hiccups.

The following day was the commencement of the Martial Arts Gathering. Hence, the whole Tayhaven Town was engulfed in a different atmosphere. A tall stage was even set up outside the main entrance of the town as the arena.

Those from the Herb Palace took the responsibility to stand guard around the arena. Meanwhile, some elderlies were seated in the arena, playing the roles of judges.

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Chapter 444 The Martial Arts Gathering Begins

The middle seat for the judges was still empty. Apparently, it was specially reserved for Spencer, the Palace Chief of the Herb Palace.

At that moment, the open area beneath the arena was already flooded with excited spectators. However, there were only a few rows of seating prepared at the front. Those standing behind were cramped in the limited space like a pack of sardines.

Jesse walked up to Jared and greeted him respectfully, "Mr. Chance, this way, please!"

Since Jared and the others attended the occasion as visitors, they did not have any seats in the front row. Nevertheless, Jesse led them to the front and arranged for them to be seated in the row reserved for those from Extreme Fist Gym.

Shortly after Jared, Josephine, and Lizbeth were seated at the front, Lionel led his disciples and stood behind them.

The others were flabbergasted. They could not fathom why the head of Extreme Fist Gym would let a few young ones take their seats and even stand respectfully behind them. They could not help but wonder about Jared's identity. Soon, martial artists from Jazona and Summerbank managed to recognize him at once. No doubt, they had the answer as to why Lionel willingly gave up his seat for Jared.

"Lionel Cohen, I wonder if there's a new head for Extreme Fist Gym. I've never seen this young man who takes your seat before!" a bald man seated next to the row for Extreme Fist Gym mocked with sheer disdain on his face.

"Rocky, keep your mouth shut! I'll let my disciples teach you a lesson on the arena later—just you wait!" Lionel snarled at him.

"Hahaha! Now that all of you from Extreme Fist Gym have downgraded and become others' lackeys, how could you still have the audacity to say this?" Rocky guffawed, causing the others to laugh contemptuously at Lionel as well.

Everyone guessed there must be a reason for such a high-ranked person like Lionel to let a young man take his seat and even stand behind him. Perhaps, the mysterious young man was backing Extreme Fist Gym up.

Right that instant, Jared turned to shoot Rocky a frigid glance. The utter frigidness in his eyes sent an instant shiver down Rocky's spine, and his smile froze on his face.

Wiping the cold sweat off his forehead, Rocky dared not have any eye contact with Jared again. It was as though the latter's penetrative glance had sent him down to a horrendous bottomless abyss at once.

"The Palace Chief of The Herb Palace is here!" After the announcement, Spencer moved toward the stage slowly.

Pin-drop silence ensued in the place instantly. Spencer might not be the most skilled martial artist, but he was undoubtedly the most influential among all.

For all the martial artists, be it from Nuthana or Jazona, none of them dared to step on the toes of the Herb Palace. After all, they would inevitably need to seek treatment from the Herb Palace if they sustained injuries.

After Spencer was seated, he scanned everyone below the arena. He was stunned at the sight of Jared sitting in the front row and could not resist throwing him a flaring glance.

"Everyone, I'm not going to talk much about the rules for the Martial Arts Gathering today. But I've to emphasize the reward this round! It's the centurial premium herb—a top-notch herb which costs a few million!" His words whipped everyone below the arena up.

The costly centurial premium herb was indeed an attractive reward. After all, not all martial arts families and martial artists were from well-off backgrounds. In fact, most of them had to make ends meet as they indulged themselves in martial arts.

"Hahaha! This centurial premium herb is definitely mine!" Rocky laughed triumphantly as he rose to his feet and flung himself abruptly onto the arena. The next moment, he scanned everyone below the arena sardonically and yelled, "Anyone dares to come up and challenge me?"

"I'll be the first person!" A young man dressed in a white suit jumped onto the arena swiftly.

He greeted Rocky with a sweeping gesture. "Rocky, after you..."

"Stop being pretentious. I can't stand it when you waste time on that!" Rocky cut him off and threw his punch at the young man without a second thought.

In a split second, a deafening sound rang out as Rocky's punch whizzed toward the young man at an astonishing speed. Awestruck, the latter stood in a striking stance hastily to fight against Rocky.