

## **The Man's Decree 701-710**

### The Man's Decree 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.

"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.

#### The Man's Decree Chapter 702 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.

The Man’s Decree Chapter 703 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.

The Man's Decree Chapter 704 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.

## The Man's Decree Chapter 705 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.

The Man’s Decree Chapter 706 Fiery Constituent

The temperature of the living room rose rapidly. It was as if Josephine had turned into a hot furnace, causing everyone to back away from her.

“Fire... Fire...” Lizbeth screamed suddenly.

The couch Josephine sat on began to produce smoke due to her high heat.

Jared noticed the smoke and rushed to move Josephine away. However, he could not help flinching when he touched her. Josephine’s body was so hot that it felt like hot iron bars.

“Josephine, Josephine, the couch is burning. You must get up!” Lizbeth shouted, but Josephine did not seem to hear her.

Jared began to panic and looked at Rayleigh. He wanted to know what was happening and what technique Rayleigh had taught her.

Rayleigh frowned and released a burst of cold air all over his body. He kept releasing cold air until frost covered his hands.

“Both of you step aside. I will try using Ice Palm...” Rayleigh said and used his frost-covered hands to lift Josephine.

Sizzle, sizzle...

The frost on Rayleigh’s hands sizzled as they touched Josephine. In the next moment, water vapor surrounded them.

Rayleigh gritted his teeth and moved Josephine away from the couch. At the same time, the said couch suddenly burst into flame.

Jared quickly extinguished the flame with water. He also kept his eyes on Josephine and was really worried about her.

“Mr. Deragon, what happened to Josephine?” Jared asked worriedly.



Rayleigh shook his head. "I'm not sure either. What I taught her was an ordinary technique. I don't understand why she became like this."

Jared became more anxious when he found out that Rayleigh did not know what was happening.

Meanwhile, the temperature in the living room kept rising, making it feel like the inside of a furnace. After a while, Melanie, Lizbeth, and Lyanna could not stand it anymore and ran outside.

Jared and Rayleigh were drenched in sweat as they remained in the living room and fought hard against the heat waves with their spiritual energy. At the same time, they observed Josephine closely.

Although the temperature was unbearable, there was no trace of sweat on Josephine's face. Apart from her flushed skin, she seemed fine.

Suddenly, Rayleigh gasped and widened his eyes. "I think I got it. Could this be the legendary fiery constituent?"

"Fiery constituent?" Jared was stunned for a moment. He looked at Rayleigh blankly.

Seeing Jared's confused expression, Rayleigh explained, "Fiery constituent is a rare bodily condition. A person with a fiery constituent can cultivate at a much faster speed than an ordinary person. Also, once someone with fiery constituent ventured into spiritual energy cultivation, her body would cease to fear flame. She would not feel the heat even if she stands in the middle of a roaring fire, and the fire would not hurt her..."

Jared seemed to realize something upon hearing Rayleigh's explanation. He nodded and said, "Is it similar to someone with a frosty constituent? Once they ventured into spiritual energy cultivation, the person would cease to be affected by low temperature, right?"

Jared knew about the frosty constituent because Erasmus' daughter, Renee, had it. However, Renee had not begun spiritual energy cultivation then. When she suffered from frosty energy, she needed Starry Compass to remove it from her. Otherwise, she could die.

Jared had never expected Josephine to have a fiery constituent. He had never noticed anything unusual about her.

"Fiery constituent is many times more powerful than a frosty constituent. Melanie and her sister, Lyanna, were born with the aptitude to bewitch. Although it is a unique ability, it pales compared to a frosty constituent and does not help much with cultivation. On the other hand, people with frosty constituents cultivate much faster than ordinary people. Although Renee started her cultivation journey later than you, her power is likely comparable to yours now," Rayleigh explained to Jared patiently.

#### The Man's Decree Chapter 707 It Was All The Same

Jared was stunned to hear Rayleigh mentioning Renee. He looked at Rayleigh in confusion and asked, "Rayleigh, how do you know about Renee? Also, how do you know that she has a frosty constituent? Has she started spiritual energy cultivation?"

Jared's questions made Rayleigh realize that he had said too much. He accidentally revealed the matter concerning Renee.

"Please don't ask anymore. You will find all the answers that you seek on July 15. Now, let us wait for your girlfriend to wake up," Rayleigh answered.

He refused to continue talking about the matter. There were some things that he could not tell Jared yet.

Seeing that Rayleigh refused to tell him anything, Jared stopped asking. After all, he only had to wait for around a dozen more days until July 15 to find out everything.

Half an hour later, Josephine gradually opened her eyes, and the living room temperature quickly dropped back to normal.

Josephine was stunned to see the couch burnt. "What... What happened here? Was there a fire?"

"Yes. I accidentally caused a fire when smoking just now!" Jared did not tell Josephine the truth. He chose to lie because he feared she could not accept it.

After all, Josephine had always thought that she was an ordinary person. Therefore, she would find it hard to accept if he told her that she had a fiery constituent.

Furthermore, that was only Rayleigh's guess and had not been confirmed. Thus, it was still too early to tell her.

"Josephine, you have just started learning a technique. How do you feel?" Rayleigh asked Josephine.

Josephine frowned slightly and answered, "I don't feel much different from usual, except that my body feels warm..."

"Do you feel any swelling in your abdomen like something is in it?" Jared asked hurriedly.

If Josephine feels her elixir field and the flow of spiritual energy in her first training, she has successfully begun spiritual energy cultivation.

Josephine blushed instantly. "What are you saying? How can my abdomen be swelling? I'm not pregnant..."

Jared was rendered speechless by her answer. On the other hand, Rayleigh chuckled and said, "Jared, you are too impatient. There's probably only one in a million people who can feel the presence of the elixir field on their first try. She should learn at her own pace."

Suddenly, Lizbeth and Melanie noticed that Josephine had awakened and came into the living room to see her.

Lizbeth chatted with Josephine and was relieved to find that Josephine was fine. However, Lizbeth could not help but feel a little envious of her.

She believed that Rayleigh taught Josephine a technique due to her status as Jared's girlfriend.

On the other hand, Lizbeth was a nobody. Therefore, she did not have a chance to learn cultivation techniques.

Rayleigh looked at Lizbeth and knew what she was thinking. Therefore, he said, "Lizbeth, I taught Josephine a simple technique. Later, she can teach you so that both of you can practice together."

"I can learn it too?" Lizbeth was overjoyed.

Rayleigh smiled and said, "Of course. Once all of you have mastered that technique, I will teach you higher-level techniques. After all, you are all Jared's women. You can help Jared once you become stronger."

Lizbeth blushed upon hearing the word 'Jared's women' and became flustered.

Meanwhile, Jared glared at Rayleigh. He knew Rayleigh said that deliberately to cause him trouble.

However, Josephine did not seem to mind or say anything.

#### The Man's Decree Chapter 708 Get Yourself Killed

In actuality, Josephine did not oppose the idea of Jared being with Lizbeth. After all, she and Lizbeth were best friends. If Jared took Lizbeth as an additional companion, Josephine would always have her best friend with her.

Although Josephine could accept Lizbeth, it did not mean that she could allow Jared to be with any other woman. She would surely oppose if Jared were to take Melanie or Lyanna as his additional companion.

The mood in the living room became a little awkward. Suddenly, Lyanna screamed and pressed her hands tightly to her head. She seemed to be in pain.

"Lyanna... Lyanna... What's wrong?" Melanie rushed to stop Lyanna from falling.

"Godfather is calling for me. I have to speak to him." Lyanna frowned and seemed at a loss.

She did not know what she could report to Poison King. Lyanna knew she would be in trouble if she told him the truth.

However, if she lied to him, Poison King would eventually find out the truth. After all, she could not bring Jared to him.

"Lyanna, you shouldn't return to Mapleton. We are not sure whether Poison King killed our parents. Let's investigate it first." Melanie did not want Lyanna to return to Mapleton. If Poison King killed their parents, Lyanna would be returning to a murderer.

"No, I don't have a choice. If I don't return immediately, Godfather would activate the parasite and make me suffer. If the parasite dies, I would die too..." Lyanna shook her head. Poison King had many subordinates, and he controlled them using this method.

"Don't worry about that. Mr. Deragon can help you to remove the parasite. He is a renowned cultivator," Melanie advised Lyanna.

Lyanna shook her head. "My godfather has raised me for many years. I can't just leave him like this..."

"Lyanna, what would you do if Poison King was the one who killed our parents? Are you going to accept our parents' murderer as your kin? Furthermore, Poison King wanted you to capture Jared. Since you can't capture him, he will punish you when you return." Melanie was worried and kept trying to get Lyanna to stay.

Lyanna remained silent before saying calmly, "I will ask Godfather about our parents. As for my failure to capture Jared, I don't think he will do anything to me. After all, he has raised me for many years."

Lyanna insisted on returning to Mapleton. She could not bear to leave the place she grew up.

"Brody would not lie. Since he said Poison King planted the wasp venom in your parents, it must be true. You could be in danger if you insist on going there," Rayleigh warned Lyanna.

"I don't care that it might be dangerous. I have to go back and ask Godfather." Lyanna refused to back down.

"I will go with you," Jared said suddenly.

"Jared, are you crazy? Are you trying to get yourself killed?" Josephine became worried when Jared proposed to go to Mapleton with Lyanna.

"Since Poison King wants to capture me, he will keep sending someone to abduct me. Therefore, I might as well go to Mapleton and meet him. Poison King is not even at Xander's level of power. Since I killed Xander, why should I be afraid of Poison King." Jared seemed unconcerned.

Lyanna looked at Jared with an astonished expression. She did not expect him to volunteer to go to Mapleton with her.

"You should not underestimate my Godfather's abilities. Although he is only a Senior Grandmaster, he is adept with poison. Furthermore..." Lyanna hesitated but decided not to continue. It seemed that Poison King still had some secrets that Lyanna did not dare to divulge.

"Poisons don't work on me, so I have nothing to be afraid of. You can take me there," Jared replied.

There was another reason why Jared asked Lyanna to take him to Mapleton. To Jared, the poisonous creatures in Mapleton were good resources for his cultivation.

## The Man's Decree Chapter 709 The Return To Mapleton

Jared was more concerned that Poison King wouldn't use poison on him. He wished that Poison King would let loose all the poisonous creatures on him. That way, Jared could absorb all their toxic energy into his body and use Focus Technique to convert them into spiritual energy. Then, he could use the spiritual energy to raise his capabilities.

"Jared, are you crazy?" Melanie looked at Jared in disbelief.

Only Rayleigh understood Jared's intention. He smiled and said, "It's good for Jared to go to Mapleton and deal with the matters there. That would prevent future troubles."

Since Rayleigh agreed with Jared, no one dared to say anything else.

Lyanna looked at Jared and warned, "Jared, things are not as simple as you think. You should think it over."

Jared replied firmly, "I don't need to think it over. If I don't go with you, you know what kind of punishment you will have to face in Mapleton. Don't try to convince me that Poison King would be forgiving. I won't believe it."

Lyanna did not expect Jared to be concerned about her or willing to face danger for her. Therefore, she hesitated before saying, "I need to tell you something. Godfather wanted me to bring you back alive to turn you into a cadaver king. To form a cadaver king, one needs to send a living person into a room full of poisonous creatures and let those creatures bite him. Furthermore, the person would have to be shut there for seven days. If he survived after seven days, he would become cadaver king. So far, no one had succeeded yet."

Everyone was shocked to hear Lyanna's revelation. They did not expect Poison King to do something that cruel and use humans for such experiments.

"Jared, you can't go. Please don't go..." Josephine held onto Jared's arm and refused to let go. She could not let Jared face such danger.

On the other hand, Jared became even more excited upon hearing Lyanna's explanation. Initially, he planned to go to Mapleton to find poisonous creatures. Since Poison King wanted to turn Jared into a cadaver king, that was more than Jared could ask. He could not wait to absorb all the poison from those poisonous creatures. That way, he might even progress to a new rank.

"Don't worry. I will be fine!" Jared comforted Josephine before turning to Lyanna. "Let's go now. I just can't wait any longer."

Lyanna was perplexed to see how enthusiastic Jared was. Initially, she thought he would be afraid and became hesitant upon hearing her revelation. She did not expect to find him excited instead.

"Let me inform Godfather first," Lyanna replied.

Seeing how determined Jared was, Lyanna had no choice but to go out of the mansion and contact Poison King.

Soon, Lyanna came in again and said, "I have informed Godfather. We can leave now."

Jared nodded and followed Lyanna out of the mansion. Josephine and Lizbeth looked at Jared worriedly.

Lyanna saw how worried they were and said solemnly, "I will do my best to ensure his safety..."

Even Lyanna was surprised with herself for saying that. She did not realize that she had developed feelings for Jared and his friends. It probably had something to do with her relationship with Melanie.

Then, Jared and Lyanna headed to the airport and took a flight southwest before traveling to Mapleton.

Meanwhile, Rayleigh did not linger in Horington. He brought Josephine and the other ladies on a ship to the sea. Although Josephine and Lizbeth did not know where he would take them, they did not ask but followed him obediently.

Jared sat beside Lyanna on their flight. He held Lyanna's arm and leaned close to her. Lyanna appeared indifferent to his touch. She did not push him away but let him cling to her.

Many other passengers witnessed this and sent Jared judgmental looks. Does he have no shame leaning against a woman like that? Usually, it is the woman who clings to a man.

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"After we get off the plane, you must obey my instructions. You are besotted with me because I have seduced you. Therefore, you need to appear love-struck. Otherwise, they could see through the act," Lyanna whispered to remind Jared.

Jared nodded slightly and hugged Lyanna tighter. He took a deep sniff of her scent and looked at her with obsessive yearning.

Meanwhile, Poison King looked at himself in the mirror in his bedroom in Mapleton. Then, he slowly took out a photo. It had turned slightly yellow with age and showed a man and a woman.

The man was a young Poison King. At the time, he had dark hair and looked handsome. Meanwhile, the woman in the photo was beautiful and vibrant in her floral dress. Her face looked similar to Melanie and Lyanna's.

Poison King looked at the woman in the photo and caressed her face. His gaze turned gentle as he said, "Faye, it has been twenty years. Time passes so quickly, and now, your daughter has grown up. She looks so much like you. I think of you whenever I see her. You had betrayed me twenty years ago. Now, I will make your daughter pay for your sins. See, I have prepared the room. Once she has returned, I will make her my wife. I believe when I bed your daughter, it would feel just like doing it with you..."

Poison King muttered to the photo, and desire burned in his eyes. Soon, the woman's face grew blurry from his constant rubbing.

Suddenly, someone opened the bedroom door and rushed in, causing Poison King to jump in shock. He quickly threw the photo onto the table.

It was one of Poison King's subordinates. He became afraid when he saw that Poison King was in a bad mood. His face turned pale as he explained quickly, "Poison King, Ms. Lyanna has gotten off the plane. She should be arriving in Mapleton in a few hours..."

The subordinate looked down and did not dare to meet Poison King's gaze.

"Sure, I understand." Poison King nodded and waved his hand. The subordinate immediately shivered, and a black insect flew out of his mouth.

After the insect flew out, the subordinate's eyes widened, and he vomited blood before dropping dead.

“Someone come here and get rid of this body!” Poison King commanded. He did not bother to spare another glance at the dead body.

Soon, someone came in and dragged the body away. Then, Poison King looked through the window with eyes full of desire. “I have resisted for twenty years. Now, I can finally act out my desires.”

With that, Poison King took out a small bottle from his pocket. The label said aphrodisiac.

He had raised Lyanna for twenty years and knew her character well. Although Lyanna was born with seductive charm, she would not let any man touch her. Therefore, he needed extra measures to get her to bed.

Meanwhile, Jared and Lyanna had arrived in a city in the southwest. They walked out of an airport like a young couple in love.

The weather here was much warmer than Horington, so everyone dressed lightly. One could see many young ladies in shorts.

Lyanna had also changed her clothes. She now wore small denim shorts paired with a white singlet and a large pair of sunglasses. Her looks attracted the gaze of many men. If Jared did not keep holding her arm, a few men would have tried to hit on her by now.

Lyanna was a rare beauty. Therefore, many men could not help feeling jealous seeing Jared sticking so closely to her. They glared at him with hostility, but Jared did not care.