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Chapter 29

The pain never came, but Isabella heard the jarring

neigh of a horse falling to the ground, followed by

the shrill screams from Freya and Lyra.

Isabella had forgotten to breathe, and her gaze

fixed on someone not far away.

A man with a cold expression holstered his

bird-hunting rifle and tossed it into a leather pouch

hanging from his horse's neck. Gripping the reins

with one hand, he let the horse trot leisurely

forward.

Before him sat a bashful-looking woman, who just

happened to be the woman Isabella had picked

out–Selena.

Isabella felt her heart pounding in her chest and

the skin on her entire body radiating heat. Upon

recalling what had just happened, she felt her legs

go sort.

Seth and his gang slowly approached them, and

besides Selena, there was also Dariel and the

eldest son from the Gates Family, whom Isabella

had once met before.

Everyone in that group rode horses and wore

striking equestrian outfits, making them seem very

handsome.

Simon Gates was wearing a white outfit and

exuded a gentle demeanor. He got off his horse

before reaching Isabella and jogged over. "Are you

alright?"

He extended his hand toward Isabella and nodded

toward the two frightened women beside her.

While tugging her lips, Isabella didn't wait for him

and forcefully tried to get up. However, her legs

were indeed weak, and she stumbled as she tried

to stand.

Simon rushed over to support her. "Be careful."

"Thank you." Isabella took a step back, avoiding any contact with the man.

But when she raised her head, Simon raised an

eyebrow. "Isabella... Symons?"

It was perfectly normal for him to recognize her at

a glance, as they had met before, given her

association with Seth for the past five years.

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Simon's gaze had a trace of scrutiny as he turned

to look at Seth and Dariel, both still on their horses.

Seth had a cold expression, while Dariel had a faint

smile in his eyes.

Smiling, Simon made a rough guess of the

situation.

"My apologies for startling you and your friends. I'll

get someone to send you back." As Simon spoke

politely, Lyra and Freya, standing to the side, looked

at each other and got curious about Isabella's

identity.

Just as the atmosphere had turned awkward, the

sound of galloping hooves was heard from not far

away. It was clear that they were rushing this way.

Gordon and the others went after the horses but

felt worried halfway, so they abandoned the

several hostesses and came back to check on

Isabella and the others.

When Freya saw Skyler, her tears instantly rained

down her cheeks, causing the scene to become

very nerve-wracking and awkward.

Gordon immediately went over to Isabella after

getting off his horse. He pulled her over to him by

her arm and asked nervously, "Are you okay? Did

you get hurt?"

Tugging her lips into a forced smile, Isabella

replied, "I'm fine. Mr. Gates and the others arrived

just in time. I'm not injured, but the horse is."

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Gordon released his breath and tried to hug her.

"Since you feel sorry for injuring the horse, you

should stop causing trouble for it in the future." A

cold male voice suddenly broke through the

atmosphere, causing Gordon's actions to halt

midway.

Feeling her cheeks flush, Isabella dared not look at

Seth.

Meanwhile, Tyrone and the others were confused

but were afraid to speak upon seeing Seth's

expression.

Dariel held the reins of his horse, and in his arms

was a woman Isabella had never seen before. He

clicked his tongue. "Babe, are you grateful I didn't

let you ride alone?"

The woman giggled and snuggled into his arms,

saying, "Mr. Shaffer is so merciless. He has a woman

he likes in his arms, yet he's lecturing a

boyfriend-less woman.'

The two spoke without any regard, clearly mocking

Seth and causing the atmosphere to become even

more awkward.

Being hot-tempered, Gordon shielded Isabella

behind him. "It's just a horse. She can have as many

as she wants, so you shouldn't feel bothered about

losing any. I will compensate on her behalf."

Hearing that, Dariel let out a gasp while Simon

adjusted his

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The atmosphere became tense as Seth played with

the reins in his hand. His sharp gaze swept over

Gordon as he parted his thin lips to say, "You'll

compensate for it on her behalf?"

"He's her boyfriend, after all." Tyrone smiled as he

spoke up, then patted Gordon's shoulder before

greeting Seth. "Mr. Shaffer, don't mind him. His mind

is currently filled with his girlfriend, so he doesn't

really care about the horse."

Isabella felt her cheeks burning even hotter but

couldn't utter a word from her parted lips. Her mind

raced as she didn't want everyone to

misunderstand her relationship with Gordon.

However, it would make things more awkward if

she tried to explain their relationship in this

situation, and it would also hurt Gordon's pride.

She had her back to Seth and was quiet

throughout, seemingly acquiescing to their

guesses.

With a light snort, Seth lowered his head to ask

Selena, who was in his arms, "Would you like to ride

a few rounds?"

Not expecting him to suddenly turn to her, coupled

with being the center of everyone's attention,

Selena couldn't help but blush and nod slightly.

After adjusting the reins, Seth swept his gaze across

Dariel and Simon. "I'll bring her riding for a bit. You

guys can go about your business."

Once he finished speaking, he pulled on the reins

and brought them away from the curious crowd as

though the tense atmosphere just now hadn't

existed.

Isabella didn't raise her head, but her back was

drenched with sweat, and her ears rang. It wasn't

until Gordon called her that she snapped out of it.