

# Returning from the Dead: His Secret Lover Chapter 1416

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Chapter 1416 Animosity

Himari's expression drastically changed.

When she shifted her attention to the person who spoke, she was enraged to see that it was Solomon. She then dug her fingernails into the table so hard that they almost began to bleed.

She was filled with indescribable hatred for him, causing her to grimace in rage.

After all, he was someone that she had spurned but ended up proving her wrong.

Nevertheless, she didn't dare protest further. From then on, she sat gloomily at the table until the feast had ended, not daring to do anything else hasty.

At the end of the banquet, Ichika's grandfather announced that they were taking their guests to Ichigo River, just as expected.

Ichigo River?

Sasha had never heard the name before. Hence, she turned to look at Sebastian.

"Sebby, what's that place? Are we going for a stroll?"

"Mmm-hmm."

Sebastian nodded as he helped Sasha put on her jacket.

To him, it was just a lousy river. At most, they would just take a walk there.

However, Sabrina's eyes widened in disbelief when she heard about it. After all, she had done her research on the famous tourist spots of Jetroina before the trip.

"My God! Ichigo River? Did I hear it wrong? Are we really going there?"

Devin asked, "What is it? What's so special about the place?"

Jonathan and Rufus also turned to look at her, curious as to what she had to say.

Finally, Sabrina explained, "That's the river that the royals visit to have some fun. I heard that it is filled with rare and ancient lotus flowers. In fact, legend has it that some came from our country in the olden days. Also, the riverbed is littered with river oysters. Wherever one picks them up, one would easily find priceless blue pearls within them."

"Blue pearls?"

Everyone was shocked to hear about it.

Even Jonathan, who had seen many treasures within his lifetime, was intrigued.

"It seems the Minamoto family is treating us as distinguished guests, considering they are taking us to such an exclusive place."

"Yes. It's really great," Rufus added.

As for Sabrina, she was already overwhelmed by the excitement the moment she heard they were going there.

Half an hour later, when Ichika's father led the entire group to the palace entrance, someone was already waiting there to welcome them.

"Thanks for waiting for us here."

Even though Giichi was the head of a noble family, he still thanked the staff respectfully for their work.

It was evident that the Minamoto family enjoyed the special status there.

When the Hayes family realized the fact, they followed behind Giichi obediently. Soon, they arrived at a river that glistened beautifully underneath the moonlight. It looked so beautiful that one could be fooled to think it was paradise.

Only then did everyone begin to loosen up.

"Wow, Mommy! Look, there are so many lotus flowers!"

Vivian was the first one to exclaim at the stunning sight. Running up to the river bank, she saw a massive swathe of lotus flowers on the surface of the gentle river.

She was so excited that she clapped her hands in joy.

Ian and Matteo were equally delighted as they followed Vivian from behind. Even the two-year-old Jaena couldn't contain her excitement in her father's arms.

"Flo-wers... Flo-wers..."

Considering she was still a toddler, she could barely enunciate properly.

Nevertheless, she could recognize how pretty the flowers were.

Not knowing whether to laugh or to cry, Devin carried her over.

More than ten minutes later, everyone boarded a yacht where a variety of pastries were served.

Aoi had joined them on the trip. When she saw the food being brought out, she began to entertain her guests as the host. "Everyone, please give them a try. They are an assortment of our local delicacies. You can enjoy both the scenery and the pastries at the same time."

Ichika leaned over to Solomon and whispered, "Darling, these have been prepared by the palace chef. You have to try them, as you can't get them anywhere else."

Solomon instantly froze.

As he had drunk some wine earlier, his body was feeling warm. When Ichika's breath suddenly blew in his ear, his breathing began to hasten.

Then his entire body began to burn.

"Hmm."

He quickly picked up a small piece of cake and stuffed it into his mouth.

Soon, the yacht arrived at the center of the river. There, the children had discovered the secret of the large river oysters.

After that, they began to prepare themselves with the equipment provided on the yacht after receiving permission to do so.

"Mommy, I'll catch one huge oyster and make you a beautiful pearl necklace."

"Okay."

"Mommy, me too. I'll help you make a bottle of pearl powder so that you can use it during your facials."

Matteo didn't want to be left out.

Only Ian began to harvest the oysters diligently as he put them into his bag.

When Sabrina saw them, she stomped her feet at once. "Pearl powder? Facial? Do you know how rare blue pearls are? You're just letting treasures go to waste!"

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Chapter 1417 Attack

The ambiance on the yacht was extremely lively.

Behind them, there was another yacht, except that it was smaller and a lot less luxurious.

On that small yacht were Himari and her husband.

At that moment, Itachi was harvesting oysters just like a robber. If it wasn't on the account of the Minamoto family, he would definitely have been chased out.

"What are you doing? Don't you think you're disgracing yourself?"

Himari was infuriated at how vulgar her husband was acting.

However, Itachi was utterly unfazed.

"What's there to be ashamed about? Do you know how hard it is to come here? Do you think I'm here to have fun?"

"You..."

Himari's face flushed red with anger.

However, there was nothing much she could do about it. All she could do was suffer the contemptuous gaze of the palace guards and pretend to look somewhere else.

Coincidentally, she saw Solomon stretching his hand out of the yacht to help Ichika harvest the oysters with a bag in hand.

"Darling, look at this one."

"I know."

Solomon beamed joyously. His affection for Ichika could be felt from a mile away.

Crack!

Suddenly, Himari clenched her fist so tightly that she cracked her knuckles. The jealousy she felt began to emanate from every fiber of her being.

Finally, the hatred she held coalesced into murderous intent.

Ichika, just you wait!

Suddenly, Ichika had her bag entangled with a lotus root.

She had noticed a huge oyster and was looking to harvest it. Hence, after receiving the tools from Solomon, she got it stuck instead of picking up the oyster.

"Ah!"

When she realized what was going on, her face turned sullen.

Just when she wanted to ask Solomon for help, her father had invited him for a drink. Not wanting to disrupt the proceedings, she decided against it instead.

In the end, she tried giving it another tug but failed to pull up the bag. Instead, the recoil from the lotus roots pulled half her body out of the yacht instead.

"Darling!" she yelled in the end.

However, it was already too late. The next moment, the small yacht behind crashed into their yacht with a loud bang, causing her to be thrown into the water.

"Mommy! Aunt Ichika has fallen into the river!"

At the crucial moment, Vivian screamed aloud at the sight.

The next moment, everyone, including Sasha, ran out when they heard the scream. When they saw what had happened, their expressions changed drastically.

Just when Solomon prepared to jump in to rescue her, Himari sprang to her feet from the yacht behind them and dived into the water without any hesitation.

That's...

Everyone was dumbstruck.

It wasn't until a few minutes later that Ichika was finally rescued. Everyone hurried forward and pulled them both up onto the yacht.

"Himari, luckily, you saved Ichika today. You should quickly get changed before you catch a cold."

After she saw her elder daughter save Ichika, her tone softened significantly.

However, Himari walked up to Ichika while still dripping wet and shook her pale face. "I'll wait for her to regain consciousness first."

Her expression and tone at that moment demonstrated how much she cared for her sister.

Giichi also softened his attitude toward her.

Due to the accident, the cruise came to an abrupt end.

Solomon brought Ichika back to the Minamoto residence, while the Hayeses returned to their hotel.

Sabrina remarked, "Himari doesn't seem so bad after all. At the crucial moment, she even saved her sister."

Devin responded, "I guess so."

Both of them were not together with Ichika. Hence, they didn't see what had exactly occurred before she fell into the water.

Sebastian shot them a glance without stating his opinion. After that, he led the children to the top floor with Sasha following him from behind.

"Sebby, don't you think there's something strange about the incident? There's just something off about Himari," Sasha said as they returned to the presidential suite.

Sebastian sneered, "Despite Vivian being only ten, barely anything happened to her. Given that Ichika is an adult, how did she end up falling instead?"

"My sentiments exactly," Sasha affirmed with her eyebrows knitted.

Unlike Sabrina and Devin, Sasha didn't trust Himari just because she had seen her rescue Ichika. After all that she had been through, she knew it was done on purpose even though she wasn't present at the scene.

Just as Sebastian had mentioned, her three children were harvesting river oysters uneventfully. Given that nothing untoward had happened to them, she wondered how Ichika could have been thrown into the river.

Furthermore, it was such a suspicious coincidence for the small yacht to crash into them.

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Chapter 1418 Insult To The Intelligence

When she recalled how the Minamotos' attitude toward their eldest daughter improved, she couldn't help but begin to worry.

"In that case, Sebby, should we tell Solomon about it? Given how much that woman likes to scheme, we don't know what she has hidden in her sleeves this time?"

"There's no need for that. Do you think it isn't obvious to him?"

Sebastian nipped her idea in the bud.

After all, Sebastian was cognizant that Solomon was a lot more intelligent than the ordinary person despite being inferior to him.

Therefore, Sasha cast the matter to the back of her mind that night and enjoyed a good night's sleep.

The next day, since all of them were scheduled to visit the hot spring, they woke up extremely early. By the time Sasha and Sebastian came down with the kids from the top floor, everyone was packed and waiting for them downstairs.

"Why are you guys so slow? Ichika has already called and told us that she's waiting for us."

"Is that so? Let's hurry then," Sasha replied apologetically.

With that, all of them set off for the Minamoto residence. Just as expected, they saw Himari and her husband the moment they arrived.

"It seems the purpose of her performance yesterday was so that she can visit the hot spring together with us today?" Sasha whispered to Sebastian who raised his eyebrows in response.

He didn't discount the possibility, as the hot spring was even more exclusive than the lousy river. Considering Himari's reputation was in tatters, there was no way she could get in.

Nevertheless, no one gave the matter too much thought. After getting into their transport, they headed toward the hot springs.

As for Ichika, she invited Himari and Itachi to travel in their car after having been rescued by her sister the day before.

"Himari, what would you like to have? I heard that you have the flu. I'm sorry to have caused you to catch a cold."

Throughout the journey, Ichika felt bad when she saw Himari pinching her nose.

However, Solomon watched on without any emotion. It wasn't until he saw Himari shamelessly receiving something from Ichika and pretending to be magnanimous that his eyes flashed with utter resentment.

Himari remarked, "It's all right. Isn't saving you the right thing to do?"

Hiding his contempt, he turned to look out the car window.

At that moment, he suddenly thought about Akiko who had died in his hands.

Soon, everyone arrived at the hot spring.

"Wow, this place is gorgeous! Mommy, look! There's something sparkling in the hot spring."

"Let me see. Let me see."

The moment they arrived, the children rushed toward the hot springs.

Even Lance followed behind his nephews excitedly.

As for Sasha and the rest, they gradually caught up with them.

"So, shall the men have one area while the ladies have their own?"

Since Ichika's parents didn't join them at the hot spring, Solomon began to make the arrangements, considering he was half a host.

"No problem. Come on, Sasha. Let's go to the one by the lake which has a higher temperature, as it's more suited for ladies. The men will use the ones beneath the maple trees."

The moment she heard Solomon's arrangements, Sabrina began to make her own plans to which Sasha had no objections.

Hence, the women, together with Himari, headed to where the lake was.

Ding Dong!

When they arrived by the hot spring, Sasha's phone received a message just before she entered the water in her swimsuit.

Solomon texted her: Sasha, help me keep an eye on Himari.

Just as expected, Solomon was suspicious of her intentions too.

Sasha eagerly acknowledged his instructions.

Himari asked, "Mrs. Hayes, what are you doing? Why aren't you coming down? Don't stay exposed to the air too long in your swimsuit, or you'll catch a cold."

"All right."

Sasha nodded with a smile.

After that, she put down her phone and joined the other ladies in the hot spring.

The instant she stepped in, she felt extremely comfortable. When the water that smelled of minerals enveloped her body, it felt so soothing that her hair would stand on end.

What a wonderful feeling!

Leaning back against a boulder, Sasha closed her eyes and reveled in the sensation.

"Mrs. Hayes, how does it feel? Do you like it?"

Himari's voice rang out as she swam over to Sasha's side and settled down on the same boulder as her.

Sasha opened her eyes and glanced at Himari. "Yes. It feels good indeed. Hey, where's Vivi and her aunt?"

"Oh, both of them went to the hot spring further down. Considering there are many pools around, they mentioned they wanted to check them out," Himari explained.

Then she added, "However, this particular pool is the best among all. I heard that you have just fully recovered. Thus, the water here, which is rich in minerals, should be beneficial to you."

"Is that so?"

Sasha smiled in response.

At that moment, she suddenly felt a chill rising up from the bottom of her feet.

"Mrs. Hayes?"

"I'm fine. In that case, I'll continue to soak in the water here. Ms. Minamoto, if you want to go elsewhere, please go on ahead and don't mind me," Sasha replied warmly while maintaining her smile.

Just as expected, Himari's face lit up in response.

In a short while, she left the pool Sasha was in for another one. There, she called out to Ichika, who was holding a bath towel, to follow her.

This tactic of hers couldn't be more obvious.

Sasha pulled out a sharp silver needle from her hair and pierced her feet with it.

Instantly, the numbness in her feet was gone, allowing her to exit the pool and follow them.

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"Himari, where are you taking me?" Ichika asked as she followed Himari out.

Considering how innocent Ichika was, she wasn't suspicious of her sister at all.

Himari shot her a glance with an indifferent expression.

"Have you forgotten that there's a pool that is particularly great for our skin called Rejuvenation Spring here? Previously, the royal family had sealed it off for their own private use. But now, why don't we see if it's open to us? If it is, you can invite Sasha to join us. Doesn't she need it more due to her condition?"

Himari mentioned Sasha all of a sudden.

Evidently, Ichika didn't think much of it. She was already elated the moment she heard they were looking for Rejuvenation Spring.

"All right. Let's hurry, then. Honestly, it will be good for Sasha."

With that, both of them headed to that particular hot spring.

Due to a stroke of luck, the door wasn't locked when they arrived. Instead, they found it partially closed. At that moment, steam from the pool inside emitted through the gap of the door. The misty surroundings made the place feel as if it was paradise.

"Himari, it isn't locked!"

The realization filled Ichika with excitement.

Looking as if she was equally thrilled, Himari nodded at Ichika before both of them stepped in.

"Shall we check how good the water is and see if there's anyone inside?"

"Sure. Let's do that," Ichika agreed obediently.

Hence, the two sisters entered together.

Rejuvenation Spring was indeed a favorite of the royal family. Since it was closest to the mouth of the volcano, it was naturally enriched with minerals.

Consequently, it was extremely beneficial for the ladies, which was the reason why it wasn't open to outsiders.

But on that day, both of them didn't find anyone there at the beautiful and secluded pool.

Furthermore, they noticed that the spring was blocked by curtains that had been erected. Therefore, no one outside could see what was going on in the pool.

"I heard that those who bathe in this pool do not wear anything so that they can maximize the benefits of soaking in it."

"Really?"

Ichika blushed in response to the suggestion.

Doesn't that mean we'll enter the pool in our birthday suits?

Himari added, "Yes. That's why they have a curtain here. It's the same reason why the guys can't join us. Anyway, why don't you wait here while I get Sasha."

"All right, then. In that case, I'll look for someplace private," Ichika agreed to the suggestion.

With that, the sisters went their separate ways. Himari went to look for Sasha, while Ichika headed for the pool where the curtains were the thickest.

"What a fragrant smell."

She suddenly caught a whiff of an enticing scent.

Unable to resist, she dipped her legs into the water. Before she knew it, she had already soaked herself inside the pool which was covered with pink flower petals.

Meanwhile, Himari had arrived at the exit.

However, instead of going to look for Sasha, she locked the door from outside. With an insidious look in her eyes, she quickly left the place.

At the same time, Sasha appeared from behind a boulder after watching how the events unfolded.

Rejuvenation Spring? What is that vile woman up to?

Walking up to the door, she looked at the lock which had its key removed. After pondering for a moment, she pulled out the silver needle from her hair and began picking the lock.

Click!

The lock was opened.

Sasha opened the door and entered at once.

Considering that the two sisters entered together, but only one of them came out and even locked the door, Sasha was filled with a sense of dread.

She continued forward.

Just as she walked, she suddenly saw an unexpected but extremely familiar figure.

"Lennie? Why are you here?" Sasha asked.

She was shocked to run into her cousin who was wrapped in only a towel and was suspiciously blushing.

Feeling dazed, Lance looked up when he heard the familiar voice.

"Sha? I... I came over after receiving Himari's message. She told me about a wonderful hot spring here and said that she had invited Devin and the guys to come. However, after coming in here for a while, I didn't see anyone else."

"What?"

Sasha's expression darkened.

So, it was Himari who had instructed him to come. It looks like that b\*tch has gotten my cousin involved in her scheme. What is she planning?

"Lennie, you..."

"Sha, I'm really thirsty, and my head hurts. Also, my body feels very warm. I... I feel like..."

Suddenly, Lance's bloodshot gaze fell upon Sasha.

Tightening the towel wrapped around herself, Sasha fumed, "What in the world are you thinking about? Go douse yourself with cold water at the tap right now!"

She pointed furiously at the washroom nearby.

Having not lost all sense of rationality, Lance quickly got a hold of himself.

After that, he hurried to the washroom with his face flushing red.

A few minutes later, he finally came out wrapped tightly in a huge towel. Walking up to Sasha, he looked as if he was a kid that had committed a grave mistake.

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"Sha..."

"It's all right. You have just fallen into a trap set up by Himari. Did you see Ichika while you're inside?"

"No, is she in here too?"

Lance was taken aback.

At that moment, the last trace of gentleness on Sasha's face was replaced by a long-lost murderous intent.

She had assumed that Himari was just causing some harmless trouble.

However, she didn't expect Himari's plot to even get her involved.

Fine. Let's see who is better at this game!

With that, Sasha led Lance out.

While both of them waited at a nearby rest area, they soon saw Himari leading Solomon, who was dressed in a white bathrobe, over.

"My sister is inside. This place is reserved for the royal family and not open to outsiders. On the account of you having just been discharged, Ichika had gotten my dad to seek permission from the royals on your behalf. Anyway, you should go right in," Ichika said in a sycophantic manner.

In fact, she even put on a polite and gentle expression which she had never done so before.

Solomon squinted his eyes in response.

Even though he didn't believe in Himari's lies, he didn't feel it was a big deal for him to enter the hot spring.

Solomon proceeded to open the door and stepped in.

The moment he entered, Sasha and Lance saw the vicious Himari take out a bottle of perfume.

She then took the perfume upstream and poured it into the spring. The next moment, they could even smell the intense fragrance from the perfume despite watching from a distance away.

"That's it, Sha! When I entered just now, I saw the place covered in a mist, just like that."

The moment she heard his comment, Sasha had an epiphany.

Closing her eyes, she quietly took a deep breath.

The next moment, she was well aware of what exactly was going on.

"That is a special herb. When it's combined with the mineral-rich conditions of the hot spring, it's mainly used as an aphrodisiac."

"A-Aphrodisiac?"

Lance blushed the moment he heard it. After all, he hadn't even had a girlfriend before.

When he finally got a grasp of the entire situation, he was outraged.

"In that case, Himari was trying to sabotage me and her sister? How can she be so vile? Not only did she drug her own sister, she even got Solomon to come over. What lunacy is this?"

"Or else she wouldn't be who she is."

Sasha wasn't surprised at all.

Nevertheless, she didn't get to her feet. Instead, after watching Himari pour the aphrodisiac into the spring, Sasha poured herself a cup of tea and began sipping it leisurely.

Lance asked, "Sha, aren't we going to stop them? Himari has spiked the pool again."

Sasha retorted, "Why should we? They're husband and wife. Even if something happens between them after being drugged, it's no big deal, isn't it?"

Lance responded, "Erm..."

The innocent Lance began to blush again.

That makes sense.

"In that case, what should we do?"

"Do you see the cleaner over there?"

Suddenly, Sasha lifted her gaze and pointed to a middle-aged man who was sweeping the leaves within the hot spring area.

Lance was puzzled. "Yes, what about him?"

"Get him to come over. Tell him that I need his help."

Sipping her cup of tea, Sasha looked like a wolf in sheep's clothing when she gave her instructions. In fact, she even sent a chill down Lance's spine.

Sha is really frightening.

A few minutes later, Sasha left with the cleaner. Meanwhile, back inside Rejuvenation Spring, Solomon finally found who he was looking for in the misty surroundings. By then, he was already breathing rapidly.

"Mmm."

Suddenly, a seductive moan rang out from behind the curtain, causing his throat to tighten by reflex.

He could feel himself losing control of the burning desire from within.

"Ichika?"

"Hmm?" A soft voice could be heard.

Solomon entered at once.

The moment he did, he was struck by the sight that greeted him. Widening his eyes, he stared at the lady inside the spring and froze.

She wasn't wearing anything at all.

Sitting in the pool surrounded by petals, she looked like an alluring yet languid vixen. With the steamy mist enveloping her blushing red cheeks, she looked at him lustfully.

Underneath the flower petals, he could already feel her little hands fondling his body.

Solomon was about to lose his mind.

As his gaze darkened, he could feel his blood rushing into his head. The next moment, he snapped with a raspy voice, "What are you doing? Put on your clothes and come out."

"Darling..."

However, Ichika disobeyed him this time.

After calling out to him again, she suddenly stood up from the hot spring.

Splash!

In the next instant, Solomon's eyes opened wide.