

Chapter 1038 A Trick

Before Liam took off, he looked serious and told Shayla and Julie, "You have to stay put here. There's no way you're tagging along to the Duncan family."

He laid it out. "This time, diving into this duel with the Duncans will be risky and dangerous. So, you two should stay here. Of course, I hope I'll make it back. But if things go south and I don't, you two have to keep your heads low. As long as you're breathing, there's still hope for Asher."

The talk from Liam left Shayla and Julie with nothing to argue about.

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But she wasn't backing down, still debating with Shayla over who got to join Liam on this mission to the Duncan turf.

After they went back and forth, they hammered out an agreement.

Shayla and Julie were convinced they needed to go with Liam together.

Shayla explained her thinking. "Liam, if you can't pull Asher out of the fire, what chance do we have? It's a no-go if we split up. We're going to the Duncan family together. There will be better odds that way!"

Liam mulled it over.

He figured if things went south, Shayla and Julie would end up in the same gutter he had crawled out of five years ago.

He couldn't even stomach that life, and he couldn't imagine how they would.

So, with a sigh, he gave in. "I guess we're going to the Duncan family's place together."

Seeing Liam finally cave, Shayla and Julie exchanged a grin.

With Liam on board, they didn't waste any time. They all hit the road, arriving at the Duncan family's place.

The guards, already in the loop, guided them straight to the heart of Duncan family's turf.

They arrived at the Duncan battle ring, and Rohan strolled in.

Rohan flashed Liam a grin. "Liam! My cousin! Long time no see! I never thought we'd cross paths like this. What a pity!"

Liam's brow furrowed at the sight of Rohan.

In a cold voice, he said, "I didn't die then, so today's payback time! Rohan, cut the chit-chat. Hand over my son!"

Rohan didn't waste breath. He clapped his hands and out came Asher, led by Tyler.

As Rohan eyed Asher, a weird glint flickered in his gaze.

This Asher was a clone.

That was why Rohan was willing to play with Liam.

But even if it was a clone, Rohan wasn't about to let Liam swoop in and save it! Plus, this was a slick trick to pull on Liam!

Liam had no clue about the Duncan family's clone game, so he didn't catch on that the Asher in front of him was a fake.

When Liam laid eyes on Asher, he finally relaxed a bit, mumbling to himself, "Hang tight, Asher. I'll save you and take you out of here!"