

## Chapter 1186 Disguise

As they neared the maritime secret realm's exit, Liam had a sudden realization.

Garrett, the son of Cillian, and Townsend, who was related to Adamson, had disappeared inside the maritime secret realm. Given their strong family values, it was probable that Cillian and Adamson would be waiting at the realm's exit themselves.

Liam's face darkened as he pondered the circumstances.

He realized the importance of being prepared, especially in Shayla's case.

Shayla's situation was delicate, considering her connection to Garrett, who had brought her into the realm. Others could easily connect Garrett's disappearance to Liam if Shayla exited the realm with him.

Laura and Shayla noticed Liam's grave expression. Shayla quickly grasped Liam's concerns and inquired softly, "Liam, are you concerned about Garrett and Townsend?"

Liam nodded, saying, "Considering Cillian's and Adamson's strong family values, they'll likely come here searching for Garrett and Townsend." However, if they fail to locate them and instead find us together, it might expose Laura's and my real identities."

Grasping the seriousness of the situation, Shayla frowned and proposed, "Liam, perhaps I should exit the realm alone." Separating would lower the risk of exposure. Both you and Laura can feign ignorance. You've already done a lot by rescuing me from Garrett. I..."

Shayla's eyes welled up with tears as she spoke. When presented with the dilemma of risking everyone's exposure or confronting it alone, Shayla didn't hesitate to opt for self-sacrifice.

Liam cut Shayla off before she could finish. He frowned deeply, firmly dismissing her suggestion. "Absolutely not! Shayla, I can't abandon you!" Moreover, now that you're under my care, I won't allow you to leave!"

Laura promptly chimed in, "Exactly! Shayla, don't fret too much. We'll face whatever challenges come our way as a team."

Initially, Laura had been hesitant about Shayla, perceiving her as a competitor for Liam's affection. However, after the previous night, she had grown to accept Shayla.

Shayla was touched by Liam's and Laura's words.

Liam proceeded to draw Shayla nearer and started concealing her features.

Yet, remembering that Carlden had easily seen through his earlier disguise, Liam felt uncertain.

Adamson and Cillian probably possessed similar levels of discernment as Carlden, if not greater. If Carlden could see through his disguise, then Adamson and Cillian surely wouldn't be fooled.

But Liam lacked a better strategy.

He decided to proceed with this anyway, hoping for the best.

As long as he could return Shayla to Carlden's station, they were safe.

After masking Shayla's appearance, Liam held her and Laura's hands, and together they proceeded toward the exit of the maritime secret realm. Upon reaching the exit, they left the realm.

The next second, the trio materialized underwater.

Liam was still holding Laura's and Shayla's hands, and they swam towards the shore.

They swiftly reached the land.

Upon emerging from the water, they immediately detected formidable auras in close proximity.

Liam turned and spotted Adamson, Cillian, and the head of the Martel family.

Liam observed the trio and realized that he had guessed right; Adamson and Cillian did indeed make a personal appearance here.

Upon spotting the emerging individuals, Adamson and the others swiftly approached, obstructing Liam and his companions' route.

The imminent closure of the exit heightened Adamson's and the others' concern for the safety of their family members, evident in their expressions.

A sense of disappointment flashed across their faces as they recognized the individuals from Mount Moria.

Adamson's frustration was evident as he questioned Liam, "Have you encountered any of our family members? Why haven't they exited?"

Adamson's interrogation added pressure on Liam, yet he maintained his composure on the surface.

He shook his head and replied, "No, sir, I haven't encountered any of your family members inside the maritime secret realm. We were ensnared in one location upon entry, enduring days of captivity before finally escaping. Hence, I'm unaware of recent developments within the maritime secret realm."

Upon concluding his explanation, Liam's gaze anxiously returned to Adamson and the others.

Liam hoped his explanation sufficed to navigate the situation. The detection of any falsehood from Adamson could lead to serious consequences for him and his companions.