

## Chapter 1568 Caden's Suspicion

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Caden nodded and quickly checked Liam, confirming he was unharmed. His tense expression softened as a weight lifted from his shoulders.

Then, his gaze drifted toward Farris' lifeless body.

A brief examination later, his brow furrowed deeply. "Farris' soul is gone!" he announced grimly.

The weight of his words hit like a thunderclap, and Katherine and the others turned to look at him, their faces etched with shock.

Though Farris had become a reviled traitor to the Human Clan, his reputation as a ninth-level Primogem King remained undeniable.

To obliterate his soul so cleanly and without a trace would take nothing short of a high-ranking Primogem Emperor.

But therein lay the mystery—every known Primogem-Emperor-level powerhouse in the vicinity was attending a gathering at the Vaughn family estate. None had slipped away from the venue.

Katherine cast a subtle glance toward Liam, a theory forming in her mind. Could Forge Regal have stepped in?

Among the Human Clan, it was no secret how the Soulsky Clan had gained power. If Farris had tried coercing Liam into joining their ranks and provoked Forge Regal by doing this, it might explain the situation.

Caden harbored similar suspicions, though his thoughts veered toward Emperor Hoffman as the person who had killed Farris.

Despite their conjectures, neither Katherine nor Caden could pin down the truth. After a moment's deliberation, Caden resolved to question Liam

directly. If anyone held the key to unraveling this mystery, it was Liam. With quiet determination, he decided to wake Liam and get to the bottom of things.

Without further ado, he gently roused Liam, Cecil, and the others from their magically-induced slumber.

Cecil blinked groggily as he took in his surroundings. The moment his gaze landed on Katherine, his face lit up with a mixture of relief. "Great-grandma! You're here! Please, we need your help!"

Though her expression carried a hint of frost, Katherine maintained her composure. With a calm but firm tone, she asked, "Cecil, what is going on here? I distinctly warned you against meeting with the Soulsky Clan's emissary."

Caught red-handed, Cecil offered a sheepish grin before spilling the whole story. He explained how Liam had woken them up, urging them to send a distress signal to the Vaughn family elders.

However, Farris had been one step ahead, silencing their efforts before they could do that.

As luck would have it, Caden had been visiting the Vaughn family that night to wish Katherine a happy birthday. Realizing Liam was missing, Caden had taken it upon himself to search beyond the No. 76 planetary system, ultimately stumbling upon the scene.

As Cecil finished recounting the events, Caden turned his gaze to Liam. "Liam," he asked, his tone probing, "were you under Farris' influence earlier as well?"

Liam nodded groggily, slipping into the role of someone just waking up. With a touch of feigned surprise, he asked, "Lord of Rosefinch, what happened to the Soulsky Clan's emissary? How is he dead now?"

Caden studied him closely, his sharp eyes searching for any cracks in Liam's

demeanor. Though Liam's astonishment seemed genuine and free of guile, Caden's instincts whispered otherwise.

Deep down, he suspected Liam had been the one who had killed Farris.

It wasn't an unfounded suspicion. Ever since Liam's meteoric rise in the Rosefinch Galaxy, he had proven himself a man full of surprises, capable of pulling off the extraordinary when least expected.

Thus, Caden's suspicion wasn't entirely unfounded.

Still, Liam gave no indication of confession, and Caden saw no reason to press the matter. In the grand scheme of things, it mattered little whether Liam had been the one who killed Farris. Farris was a traitor to the Human Clan, and he deserved to die.

If anything, the only reason Caden hadn't killed Farris himself was because of Farris' identity in the Soulsky Clan. But now, with Farris gone, it was a weight off his shoulders.

Caden softened his expression and nodded reassuringly. "I'm relieved to see you're unharmed, Liam. Leave the rest to me. I'll handle this situation."

