

Chapter 1574 I See What You're Planning To Do

A wry smile played across Caden's lips as he caught the subtle criticism veiled beneath Katherine's words.

At that moment, clarity dawned upon him.

If his intention was to look after Liam, he could have done so when he was alone with Liam. Wasn't presenting Liam with such a treasure in Katherine's presence nothing more than a thinly veiled slight against her?

When he had handed over the Soul Restraining Pagoda, his sole concern had been Liam's safety, and he genuinely hadn't given much thought to anything else.

Yet, what was done was done, and Caden saw no reason to justify his actions. After Katherine's earlier harsh words, there was a certain satisfaction in letting her feel embarrassed a little.

The realization brightened Caden's spirits considerably.

Upon hearing Katherine's words, Liam instantly felt flattered.

The Vaughn family's treasury overflowed with precious forging materials—even if resold through the Network of Human Sovereign, they would command an astronomical number of points.

Katherine had just handed him the keys to a fortune with a single breath. So, of course, he was shocked.

Despite the immense value, Liam would never dream of reselling such materials, yet Katherine's gesture remained invaluable.

After all, he was still a guest under the Vaughn family's roof. How could he, in good conscience, accept such generosity from the host?

Yet before Liam could voice his declination, Katherine's expression hardened as she declared, "Liam, this gift is non-negotiable! I won't hear any refusals! When others cross the threshold of the Vaughn family, they come as visitors. But you, Liam—when you step through our doors, you should feel like you are coming home."

Her words wrapped around Liam's heart like a warm embrace.

Something in the way Katherine regarded him felt deeper than mere hospitality—as if he were truly her family. Her treatment of him surpassed even that of Cecil!

It had been years since Liam had felt such warmth from someone of Katherine's age, and he found himself fighting back tears.

When Katherine noticed his emotional state, her smile softened further. With gentle authority, she nodded and said, "Liam, you should rest now. That confrontation with Farris must have taken its toll on you. You must be tired."

Liam rose respectfully and said, "Mrs. Vaughn, Lord of Rosefinch, I will take my leave now."

"Okay," Caden said, concern lacing his voice. "Stay vigilant and keep yourself safe!"

Like a shooting star streaking across the heavens, Liam activated his speed technique and vanished swiftly, soon departing the No. 76 planetary system.

Once Liam had disappeared from sight, Katherine turned to Caden, her expression grave. "You must watch over him carefully in the days to come."

A bitter smile crossed Caden's face as he shook his head. "My hands are tied. I informed the City Lord about Liam being marked on Dremer's kill list, but he dismissed my concerns. If he hadn't, tonight's events might have unfolded differently."

At the mention of the City Lord's involvement, the fight seemed to drain from Katherine. She joined Caden in his resignation, sighing. "Very well! If these are the City Lord's orders, I'll put my worries to rest."

Caden nodded and realized he and Katherine were in the same boat. They both shared the same wary respect for the City Lord's decisions.

A thought suddenly flickered across Caden's mind as he turned to Katherine. "Those special privileges you granted Liam—was it because of Forge Regal?"


"Indeed," Katherine replied, her eyes distant with memory. "Without Forge Regal, I wouldn't have achieved all that I have today. That's precisely why I'll keep tabs on this matter of Liam being on Dremer's kill list."

A hint of mischief crept into her voice as she continued, "The City Lord's instructions were meant for you, not me!"

Caden's face transformed as understanding dawned, and he burst into hearty laughter. "Katherine, you crafty fox! I see what you're planning to do. And I must say, I like it!"

Katherine made no attempt to maintain a dignified facade, joining Caden in his mirth, their shared laughter echoing in the air.



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