

Odd one out

Levy didn't say anything, she long learned how crazy shifters can be when they faced beings that were more powerful than them. Though she was a shifter as well, she was half witch that was why she didn't think too much while talking shit about the shifters inwardly, Elder Abbot studied her before his lips rose in her a knowing smile and he said, " You look like you are thinking something bad, aren't you?"

" Am I that easy to read?" mused Levy as she took a bite of her pizza, that shouldn't be the case though. She was pretty sure that she could hide her true emotions almost too perfectly after staying in the prison for so long.

" You are not, it's just that I am an old man with a lot of experience," answered Elder Abbot before leaning back and fishing out a card from the front pocket of his shirt. " Anyway, the reason, I came here was because ... I wanted to hand this to you."

" What is it?" She stretched her hand and picked the white card that had something written in italic bronze and golden words — ' The Odd one out,' restaurant currently hiring. If interested please come... an address was written at the bottom of the card.

Levy stared at the card before raising her head to look at Elder Abbot, " What is this?"

"It's as you can see, a restaurant that's hiring people..."

" But I don't think that I will be accepted," Levy interrupted him before he could finish speaking and pushed the card back to him. " I wear the brand of a murderer I don't think that anyone would like to hire

me."

Elder Abbot simply pushed the card back to her and said, "That's why I am giving you this card to you, this place is for people like you ... that's why it is called Odd one out." He paused before shooting her a slight smile. "You can't even imagine how many people are wrongly accused just like you, go there and see for yourself, get your head straight and think about what you want to do in the future carefully."

Levy picked up the card, she swiped her finger over the golden bronze letters and snickered, "You are scared that I will take revenge on the pack, aren't you Elder?" She raised her eyes looking sharply at Elder Abbot with her lips curling in an evil smile. "You are scared of my revenge aren't you?"

"I am," despite the pressure that Levy was putting on him Elder Abbot's response was calm as if he couldn't feel the drop in the temperature around him. "I am very scared, I have seen a witch avenging herself and I have to say that it's something that I never want to see ever again but more than that..." he raised his arms and placed them on the table before clasping his fingers together. "What I fear is to see a good girl like you walking on the wrong path, your mother, she never lost the right path even when she was ostracised and bullied, had a good head on her shoulders ...I don't want Athena's daughter to do something that her mother never wanted her to do."

Levy gritted her teeth as she harshly hissed, "I would never find out what my mother wanted because they all pushed her to her early grave, she is dead. I don't think she will care what I do now, after all, I am all alone."

"Are you?" He asked back as he raised his hands and pointed at the locket that Levy was wearing and said, "If you are all alone why do you still wear that locket? Wasn't it handed over to you by your mother? If you are alone then you can throw it away."

When Levy didn't say, Elder Abbot calmly added, "I am not asking you to hold yourself if that's what you want but if you are really planning to take revenge then wouldn't you be proving everyone who called you a murderer right?" Levy didn't say anything, Elder Abbot too was done speaking what he wanted to say, so he stood up from his seat and peered down at Levy before saying. "You can think about what I have said, of course, the choice is yours to make." 1

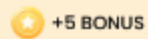
Then with a tiny little nod, he left leaving Levy alone with the card.

"He has got some nerve!" Of course, Levy knew that Elder Abbot was all about peace and balance. He never inclined to one side to support one while downgrading the other, that was the only reason he was able to become the first elder was that he was always 'fair'. Of course, it was his fairness that saved her life but Levy wasn't happy with it— why? After seven years why was she being stopped from getting rid of the grudge that she has been suppressing all along? Wasn't it just too much?

She was furious as she crumpled the card in her fist. There was no way she was ever going to check this place never — 'Athena wouldn't like her daughter to walk down the path—'

"Damn it!"

Levy did come to check out the place, honestly, she didn't want to because not only was this place situated in some really weird



desolate place but it seemed like it didn't have much business running.

She took the card out of her jeans pocket to check whether or not she came to the correct place, the address did say that she was at the right place. Sighing, she put the card back in her pocket, raised her hand and ignoring the closed sign on the door, she pushed the door open —

The bell hanging at the topmost corner of the door jingled and the man wiping the floor looked up before he gruffly said, " We are not open yet, didn't you read the sign?"

" I did," said Levy said before tilting her head and whipping the card out of her pocket. " But I am not here as a customer, Elder Abbot sent me."



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