

Love's Unexpected Awakening: Elowen's Choice Novel Chapter 114: Chapter 114 -

Chapter 114 The Trap Is Set Chapter 114 The Trap Is Set +20 Free Coins As in her past life , the Duke of Falconcrest had erected rows of shaded pavilions along the water lily pond , setting out tables with fruit and pastries for guests to rest and admire the blossoms . The difference was that Elowen was not timidly trailing behind Alaric . She strolled leisurely with Rowena along the water's edge , with Kaelan following at a respectful distance . A thought occurred to Elowen . " By the way , how is Elara ? " " At home , " Rowena replied . " Still hasn't come to terms with things ?

" Elowen asked quietly . Rowena offered a wry smile . Elowen sighed in sympathy . She was about to offer some comforting words when a voice sounded behind her . " Greetings to the Duchess of Duskmoor . " Persistent as a ghost - figures . She turned to see Daphne approaching , surrounded by a cluster of other young noblewomen . Daphne performed a correct , if somewhat stiff , curtsy . The expressions of the other women were complex and unreadable . Daphne looked around at her companions . " Why are you all so slow to greet Her Grace ? She is , after all , the Duchess of Duskmoor now .

A most elevated position . " Her words were dripping with obvious sarcasm . Elowen recognized most of these women . They had grown up together , their status once similar . Now , marriage had drastically altered their standings . Daphne was deliberately stirring their feelings of envy and resentment . " Lady Daphne , no need to envy , " Rowena spoke up before Elowen could , her voice light but firm . " Once you become Crown Princess , will you not hold comparable honor ? I imagine these ladies ' families will soon be seeking your favor .

" A flicker of irritation crossed Daphne's face before she smoothed it over . Elowen's eyes crinkled with a smile . A good friend indeed . " Look ! A koi ! " someone cried out up ahead . " Is that a golden koi ? " " It must be ! " Elowen's heart gave a small , familiar lurch . in her past life , such an exclamation had come at this very moment . 1/3 11:52 am Chapter 114 The Trap Is Set In Vanelle , golden kei were exceedingly rare , considered symbols of good fortune . Hearing of its appearance , the crowd had surged forward .

+20 Free Coins in the jostling , Elowen had felt a distinct , powerful shove in the center of her back , sending her stumbling uncontrollably into the water " They say they've seen a golden koi , " Rowena said , her own interest piqued . She very much wanted to see it and make a wish - for her daughter to let go of her infatuation with Cassian and abandon her impossible dreams . Already , people were gathering near the pond's edge . Elowen smiled , " Go ahead and look . " " Aren't you coming ? " Rowena asked . " Not just yet . " Elowen replied with a soft laugh .

She was waiting for the bait to be taken . " Alright , wait for me here , " Rowena said , turning to go . Elowen looked at Kaelan . " Shouldn't you accompany your aunt ? " Kaelan hesitated . Elowen teased , " Or are you worried about leaving your grandaunt alone ? " The words " grandaunt " sent a pang through Kaelan . He turned and followed his aunt without another word . " Your Grace , aren't you going to look ? " Daphne took advantage of the growing commotion to step closer . " If I were you , I'd go make a wish for the Duke to forget the woman in his heart quickly .

Otherwise , if she returns , there may be no place for you in Duskmoor Manor . " Elowen replied unhurriedly , " Haven't you heard ? The woman in his heart is me . " Daphne stared . " You ?

Impossible ! " Of course , Elowen was bluffing . It couldn't possibly be her . But she wasn't afraid of being found out . A slight smile played on her lips . " The Duke himself told me . If you don't believe it , feel free to ask him . Assuming you're not afraid of another session of kneeling . " She paused , as if in thought , " If I recall , the next penalty would be ... six hours , wasn't it ?

" The memory of the punishment made Daphne's knees feel weak . She forced herself to steady , offering a strained , placating smile . " Your Grace , won't you accompany me to see the koi ? You know , I am to be married soon ... " This was Daphne's lie . 2/3 11:52 am Chapter 114 The Trap Is Set Her marriage would go off without a hitch . Why bother wishing on a koi ? The Crown Prince favored her ; he would surely treat her well . Right now , she just needed to lure Elowen to the water's edge . Elowen said nothing , merely looking at Daphne with an expression that seemed to hold amusement .

A sudden panic gripped Daphne . Did she see through it ? Her mind raced , searching for another angle to persuade her . " Lord Piers ," Elowen spoke suddenly , addressing someone behind Daphne . " Do you keep golden koi in your pond ? " Daphne started . Piers is here ? Piers , hearing the question , nodded . " I believe we have one , though it's not been seen in years . " He asked , " Would you like to see it , Your Grace ? " Elowen gestured to Daphne . " She wants to see it . She's trying to drag me along . " Piers ' gaze shifted to Daphne , his brow furrowing almost imperceptibly .

Given the previous spat outside the palace gates , his impression of her was far from favorable .
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