

# Love's Unexpected Awakening: Elowen's Choice Novel Chapter 116: Chapter 116 -

Chapter 116 Reversal Of Fortune The crowd's gaze toward Daphne softened with pity , while their looks at Elowen turned disapproving . " Bullying her is one thing , but to want her dead ... " " That's ruthless . " " No wonder they say a woman's heart can be the most poisonous ... " +20 Free Coins Elowen's expression was one of cool derision . " Lady Daphne , if I wanted you dead , I have a thousand ways to achieve it . Why would I do so in front of a crowd , by first taking you to the water's edge and then pushing you in ? If seen , I would be condemned for murder .

Even if unseen , suspicion would naturally fall on me , wouldn't it ? " Her words gave the onlookers pause . It did make sense . " Moreover . " Elowen continued , her tone deliberate , " you were the one who insisted on going to the water . I was reluctant . To claim I plotted your harm is pure nonsense ! " " I can attest to that as well , " Piers spoke up , stepping forward . Seeing him , Elowen knew the situation was secured . In her past life , he had been nearby when she fell , which was why he had rescued her .

Today , she had deliberately delayed , waiting for him to draw closer before accompanying Daphne to the edge . Piers was known for his sense of justice , and as the heir to Falconcrest , his words carried significant weight . Now , standing beside Elowen , he fastened a dry cloak over his own damp shoulders - he had been offered one for himself after the rescue , and had initially considered giving it to the seemingly pitiable Daphne , but after hearing her accusations , he thought better of it .

" It was Lady Daphne who pleaded with Her Grace to accompany her to the water , " he stated clearly . His testimony instantly shifted the crowd's opinion . " So it couldn't have been Duchess Elowen ! " " She must have slipped by accident . " " And then blamed someone else ... " Daphne gritted her teeth . " But it's still possible she saw me near the water and seized the chance- " Elowen cut her off . " Or it's possible you , bearing a grudge , deliberately threw yourself in to frame me . " " Why would I bear a grudge against you ? " " You do , " Elowen said , her words precise .

" Because you once followed in my shadow and felt inferior . And because you were punished by the Duke of Duskmoor on two occasions . You dare not seek revenge against him , so you transfer your anger onto me . " The long - standing friction between the Hale and Garrett families was well - known in Vanelle . 1/3 11:53 am Chapter 116 Reversal Of Fortune +20 Free Coins The recent incident where Duke of Duskmoor had publicly humiliated the Garretts for Elowen's sake was a popular topic of gossip . The spectators ' expressions grew even more knowing . " You , L.

" Daphne stammered , finding herself cornered , her eyes reddening with frustrated tears . She looked genuinely pathetic . Just then , she saw Alaric striding over , attendants in tow . Hope surged within her . The Crown Prince must have heard I fell in ! He's come to support me ! Previously , whenever she confronted Elowen , Cassian had been present , resulting in her punishments . Now , Cassian hadn't arrived , but Alaric had . With Alaric on her side , Elowen couldn't possibly escape unscathed !

Thinking this , Daphne adjusted her kneeling posture to appear even more delicate and vulnerable . She lifted her tear - stained face toward Alaric . " Your High- " she began , but got no further . " Get

up at once ! " Alaric's cold voice cut her off . " What are you doing on the ground ? Have you no shame ? " Daphne froze , utterly stunned . This wasn't right . Shouldn't he be concerned for her ? " Someone , assist Lady Daphne to her feet ! " the Duke of Falconcrest promptly instructed . Two maids stepped forward to help her up .

Daphne stood , her elaborate hairstyle in complete disarray, hairpins dangling precariously . Summer garments were light , and her drenched clothes clung to her like a second skin , outlining her form unmistakably . Among the crowd of onlookers were many men , their gazes lingering on her with varying degrees of lewd interest . This would have been embarrassing enough ordinarily , but news of her impending marriage to the Crown Prince had spread . Her current state was a public humiliation that reflected directly on Alaric . Alaric watched coldly , feeling not a shred of pity .

His gaze shifted to Elowen . She stood calmly by the water's edge , dressed in a silk gown embroidered with cloud patterns , her skin like fine porcelain . Against the backdrop of the endless pond and red lilies , she was a picture of serene elegance . The contrast with Daphne could not have been more stark ! Looking from one to the other , Alaric felt his irritation flare . " Your Highness , it was Duchess Elowen who pushed me ... " Daphne , noticing Alaric's attention on Elowen , leaned into the supporting maids and spoke in a choked voice as she was brought to his side .

2/3 11:53 am Chapter 116 Reversal Of Fortune " Shut it ! " Alaffe snapped , his face dark . Hadn't she embarrassed him enough already ? Tears welled and spilled from Daphne's eyes . +20 Free Coins 3/3