

Chapter 42

Seeing Lindsay and Elric working together so seamlessly, Justin grew even more frustrated.

He also started feeling a strong dislike for Elric.

Frowning, he looked at Elric. "Linds and I have some misunderstandings, so you don't need to worry about it," implying that Elric should mind his own business.

Elric shrugged. "That's not right."

He asserted, "Linds is my lifesaver, so her business is my business now."

Justin was momentarily at a loss for words, which made him even more irritated. He didn't want Lindsay to be Elric's lifesaver or have any ties with him. He especially didn't want to deal with Elric right now.

So, he turned to Lindsay and explained, "I wasn't saying you were wrong. I just hope everyone can get along."

Lindsay replied coolly, "As long as you don't provoke me, everything will be fine."

If they didn't provoke her, she wouldn't start any trouble during the livestream. But if they came looking for trouble, she wouldn't hold back.

Justin, knowing Lindsay well, understood the underlying message. "It won't happen again."

He planned to talk to Olivia privately, telling her not to provoke Lindsay anymore. Since Lindsay was now ignoring even him and Alex, it was better to avoid escalating things.

Alex wanted to say more, but Olivia tugged at his sleeve. Normally, she enjoyed seeing Alex confront Lindsay, but now she feared provoking Lindsay further and having the recording released.

Alex didn't mind people knowing his relationship with Lindsay, but for Olivia's sake, he held back and swallowed his words.

The courtyard fell silent.

Charles knew it was important not to overdo it and let the tension linger. He smiled and broke the silence, "By the way, there's something I need to inform you about."

Everyone turned to look at him. "What is it?"

"You know there are mostly elderly and children in the village, so the production team wants to hold an event on the last day for everyone to enjoy. You'll prepare performances to entertain the villagers.

"We'll give each villager a small red flower to vote for their favorite performance. The group with the most red flowers will have one request granted by the production team."

This was clearly meant to create some buzz.

Leslie asked, "What kind of performances do we need to prepare? Are there any rules?"

Charles shook his head. "No rules. You can decide among yourselves. Just make sure the villagers enjoy it."

With that, Lindsay and her group moved to their room to discuss what performance to prepare.

Alex's group also returned to their room to plan.

Olivia, eager to showcase herself, offered to perform a classical dance.

Sharon said she could sing a song.

Alex, skilled in singing and dancing, proposed a solo performance.

Justin, who had also released songs, suggested singing one of his own.

Their group could present five different acts.

On the other side, Elric asked everyone, "What should we perform? I think singing and dancing might not appeal to the villagers."

Leslie agreed, "With an audience mainly of elders and children, magic tricks might be more popular than singing and dancing."

Wendy, who had initially thought about singing, found their points valid. "Let's think of some creative acts."

Elric turned to Lindsay. "Do you have any ideas?"

Lindsay thought for a moment. "How about a puppet show?"

The other three were surprised. "Puppet show?"

Lindsay nodded. "Mr. Warren mentioned that there's an elderly man in the village who is a master of puppetry. Even though puppetry is losing its popularity, this man has continued making puppets for years, hoping that one day more people will see and appreciate it.

"If we were to participate, we could fulfill his wish and promote this intangible cultural heritage. Plus, I think both the elderly and children would enjoy watching a puppet show."