

Chapter 541 Escaped

"Don't worry about me. I'm her son, and she won't harm me. Besides, your mother was my sister. She left the Carter family to protect others from harm. Now you're the only one who can fulfill her wishes, so you must escape safely."

With those words, Mercer gazed at Melissa tenderly, as if his sister's spirit shone through her.

His sister and Melissa both displayed courage and fearlessness.

Had he possessed the bravery to depart alongside his sister back then, they wouldn't be separated forever.

"Alright." Melissa ceased arguing, realizing it would only waste time and prevent their escape.

After disguising herself, Melissa followed Mercer to the entrance of the Carter family's residence. Soon, one of Mercer's men arrived, carrying Mona on his back.

"Leave quickly. You can't linger here. Joyce will track you once she catches on," Mercer urged.

"Understood."

Melissa nodded, about to depart when a voice halted her.

"Halt! No one leaves without Mrs. Carter's permission!" a security guard bellowed.

Mercer confronted him, asserting, "I am the Carter family's heir. I demand they be allowed to leave! They're merely servants; do I not possess the authority to release them?"

"Mr. Carter, we don't dare to even let a fly escape, let alone two people. We'd be dismissed."

The guard scrutinized Melissa, commenting, "Why is this servant dressed so peculiarly? I don't recall seeing her before."

He reached to remove Melissa's hat.

But Mercer swiftly swatted his hand away, retorting, "She serves my wife. Must I report to you?"

"No, Mr. Carter."

Realizing they couldn't exit there, they sought an alternative.

Mercer led them to a low wall.

"This is a hidden escape route. Leap over it, and you'll find a patch of woods. Remember, once you're out, keep running. Joyce will soon discover your absence, so don't let her catch you."

Melissa nodded, vaulting over the wall with Mercer's assistance. As she helped Mona, Mercer's urgent voice sounded from behind the wall.

"They're coming! Hurry!"

Mercer handed Mona to Melissa, who caught her and bolted into the woods.

Moments later, bodyguards surrounded Mercer. Joyce, leaning on her walking stick, emerged from a car and approached him slowly.

Her icy stare bored into Mercer. "Where is Melissa?"

Mercer feigned ignorance. "I don't know, Mom. Have you acquired those herbs yet?"

The mention of the herbs incensed Joyce.

"I have the herbs, but the foundational prescription for the poison is missing. Without it, the herbs are useless."

Mercer feigned surprise. "How can that be? Did Karl withhold something from you?"