

A Beauty With Multiple Masks Chapter 1266

Chapter 1266 Selection Of The Head Of The Family

Arielle brought Sasha along to the Mill residence. At first, Vinson wanted to personally send them there but was rejected by Arielle. She refused to be treated like a princess. With that, Vinson watched her leave before heading to his company.

When he was on his way to work, he thought about that one time he stood up for Arielle at the shooting set. It suddenly dawned on him that the incident might impact Arielle negatively. Therefore, he requested his subordinate to silence all viral comments on the internet, leaving no room for the netizens to suspect that he was behind all these.

The big picture that the netizens had gathered was that it was Annabelle who had offended Arielle and brought all the disaster upon herself.

Arielle was ten minutes late when she arrived at the Mill residence. When the butler ushered her into the house, everyone stared at her in disbelief.

All those who were competing for the head of the house position were either old enough to be Arielle's father or grandfather.

Scanning across the hall, one could not spot any youngster. The handful of young people were all from families of doctors and medical experts. Each one of them had watched and learned from their elders since young. They all possessed impeccable knowledge and skills in medicine. They were very surprised to see Arielle, wondering if she was the all-rounder goddess that everyone talked about on the Internet. People knew her by her renowned titles as the chairwoman of Sann Group and the owner of Maureen's Kitchen. Even those who only nerded out on medicine had heard about her.

What brings her here? Is she joining in the selection to become the head of the Mills? Does she actually know medicine?

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Although everyone present had a million questions they were dying to ask, they kept their cool and remained silent.

Queenie and Donovan almost jumped out of their skins when they saw Arielle. Queenie was exceptionally jealous of her archenemy whom she did not expect to see at her own

home. She knew that Donovan liked Arielle. She side-eyed him and saw that there was a twinkle in his eyes. Instantly, she became livid.

“Why are you here? Do you know where is this place? Who allowed you to come in?” Queenie turned green in envy as she clasped her hands on the handles of the wheelchair.

Arielle looked in the direction of the angry voice and saw Queenie staring daggers at her. If her glares were a weapon, I would have died a million times.

“The head of the Mill family invited me here. So, I can come and go as I like. Why? Does my presence make you feel uncomfortable, Ms. Queenie?”

Speaking confidently, Arielle took her seat. She tried not to pick on Queenie so much, for the sake of the Mills.

“We’re selecting the head of the Mills. Aren’t you ashamed to showcase the little that you know about medicine? It’s better for you to go operate a restaurant or be that little superstar in your own right. You don’t belong here,” Queenie bellowed while suppressing her murderous intent.

Donovan was disgusted at Queenie’s odious character despite not showing any expression on his face. When Queenie was not looking, he stole glances at Arielle, only to realize that she had become even more alluring than before. Donovan could not take his eyes off of her at all.

However, Arielle was revolted by the look in his eyes, and she averted his gaze almost instantly. Queenie caught her reflex action and knew what was going on. Swiftly, she looked up and saw Donovan keeping his gaze fixated on Arielle. The dreamy look on his face angered her to the maximum.

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Chapter 1267 Determined To Win

Queenie loved Donovan deeply, but the latter had feelings for Arielle in the past. This was why Queenie would easily get jealous and mad at Arielle. Although Donovan had clarified that he no longer liked Arielle, Queenie still felt uneasy about it. Who knows if he’s telling me the truth? I’m not a ringworm in his guts, so I can’t read his mind.

She was fearful that the old flame in Donovan would be reignited. So, she decided to send him away deliberately. “Darling, please take me to my brother.”

“Aren’t you participating in the selection of the head of the family? Why are you going to your brother’s now?” Donovan asked softly. Deep down, he was hoping to stay back, so that he could see Arielle longer.

“Something came up, and I need to see him now. Send me there now, will you?” Queenie held his hand and requested coquettishly. Left with no choice, Donovan wheeled her out of the hall, and to Cornelius’ study.

Upon reaching, Queenie came up with an excuse to shoo Donovan away and scored some private time with Cornelius.

“Cor, that b*tch, Arielle, is here to compete for the position as the head of the family. I don’t want to see her at all. Can you remove her name from the list?” Queenie went straight to the point, acting like a spoiled brat.

As a doting brother, Cornelius felt very sorry for what his sister had to go through. The accident cost her both her legs and repaid her with a lifetime in a wheelchair. Anyhow, he was conscious that none of these should give her any right to be willful and unreasonable.

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“Queenie, you are now an adult who is married. How could you be so outrageous in your speech?”

“Cor...” She felt wronged.

“Queenie, you shouldn’t call Ms. Moore names. Also, she is qualified to join the selection for the head of the Mills. So, I won’t cancel her name. Aren’t you in the running for the title too? It’s a fair selection where everyone competes based on ability. All the best to you!”

“Cor, who’s your sister? Me or Arielle? Why aren’t you helping me? Do you not love me anymore?” Queenie was nearly in tears.

Cor is well aware of the long history between Arielle and I. Yet, he still lets her participate in the selection. Am I not important to him anymore?

Hearing Queenie’s irrational accusation, Cornelius’s heart sank. However, he was resolute not to go back on his original intention.

“Ms. Moore is a skillful medical practitioner, and I admire her capabilities. I won’t take her name off the list. There’s no need for me to do so, either. Stop targeting Ms. Moore. Once you get to know her better, you will realize that she’s worthy of your friendship.” Cornelius tousled Queenie’s hair.

He had always wished for his sister to befriend Arielle. However, this remained an extreme challenge when both ladies would not show any grace to the other party.

In her anger, Queenie refused to listen to any advice. She shrugged Cornelius' hand away. "Since you want her in, she can stay. But let me tell you, she can dream of attaining the position as the head of the Mills. Over my dead body!" She left furiously after declaring those words.

As Cornelius watched his sister leave, his heart ached. He also felt helpless at the same time.

Queenie returned to the hall. When she saw Arielle, Cornelius' words started replaying in her mind. She was once again reminded not to underestimate Arielle since her brother admired her skills too. Thus, Queenie became warier of her.

"You'd better watch out, Arielle. I'm determined to be the head of the Mills," taunted Queenie while glowering at her rival.

Arielle shot a glance at Queenie discreetly.

How many of those present are determined to win the title? I bet all of them do.

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Chapter 1268 Mount Blackcloud

As Arielle said nothing, Queenie grew increasingly furious.

Anyone would be upset to get ignored, especially when Arielle was her love rival.

Gritting her teeth, she said, "Are you feeling smug? Even if Cor values your medical skills, there's no way you would become the head of the family. Dream on!"

Arielle shot Queenie a glare like she was a fool before getting up to head to another seat.

"Hey..."

Before Queenie could fly into a fit of rage, Cornelius came out.

As Queenie wanted to join the selection to be the head of the family, she tamped her irritation down.

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“Thank you for making time to join the selection for the new leader. Now, we shall begin the selection. There are three areas of assessment, and you’ll be graded in each area. Three days later, the candidate with the highest average score will be elected as the leader of the Mill family,” Cornelius announced as he stood in the middle of the hall, clad in his plain clothes.

After explaining the details of the selection, he revealed the first mission.

“Your first mission is to find herbs in the mountains. Before the sun sets, the person who finds the most herbs will receive the highest score.”

After a brief pause, he added, “There might be beasts in the mountains, so it is a dangerous mission. Those who are afraid can quit now.”

“The mountain? Which mountain?”

Many candidates weren’t local, so they didn’t know the place well.

“Could it be Mount Blackcloud in the suburbs of Jadeborough that people rarely go to?” a local asked.

In the suburbs, there was a mountain known as Mount Blackcloud, which was closed to the public all year long. Everyone wondered if Cornelius was talking about this undeveloped mountain.

“Yes, it’s Mount Blackcloud.”

Many were shocked to hear his answer.

As Mount Blackcloud was undeveloped, there was a chance of the contestants running into wild beasts.

Two contestants who did not dare to risk their lives immediately quit.

However, most of them chose to stay.

It was the twenty-first century, so they assumed they wouldn’t run into wild beasts that would take their lives.

Cornelius then told everyone to sign an agreement stating that the Mills wouldn’t be held responsible if they ran into danger.

After everyone finished signing the agreement, Cornelius asked Salvador to distribute the maps that he prepared earlier to everyone.

While Salvador was busy distributing the maps, Cornelius continued, "As the goal of this test is to select a leader, we must regard it seriously. To prevent any cheating, all contestants aren't allowed to bring their phones along. Of course, for your safety, the Mill family will prepare a tracking device for everyone. If you run into trouble, you can seek help by sending out a distress signal with the device."

Most of the contestants were medical experts and didn't expect that the Mill family would confiscate their phones. Despite their reluctance, they could understand the Mills' decision.

It was easy to search for information online, so people might be tempted to cheat. Getting elected as the head of the family was too huge a temptation, after all. Thus, everyone handed in their phones obediently amidst their grumblings.

Before Arielle handed her phone, she texted Vinson to tell him about the rules and that she had to hand her phone to the organizer. She reminded him to stay calm if he couldn't contact her, for she would get in touch with him once she came back.

After receiving her text, Vinson typed out a reply quickly: Be careful. It would be great if you could get the medical manuscripts, but it doesn't matter even if you don't. Your safety is of utmost importance.

A blissful smile emerged on Arielle's face after she sensed his concern through the text.

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Chapter 1269 Followed

After handing her phone to Salvador, Arielle gave Sasha some brief instructions and waited patiently to head to the venue.

Donovan had been keeping an eye on her secretly. At the sight of the wide smile on her face, he felt his heart skip a beat. He had a sudden desire to pull her into his arms.

I thought I loathed Arielle, but it turns out that I've never forgotten her!

Queenie didn't know they had to head to Mount Blackcloud, and she glanced at her feet before turning to Cornelius. "Cor, it is hard for me to enter the mountain alone. Can Don keep me company?"

Cornelius shot her a conflicted look in response. Contestants were supposed to complete the mission alone, but Queenie was an exception. The mountain was steep and treacherous, and she couldn't head in alone.

“Mr. Mill, please allow Mr. Baxter to keep Ms. Queenie company. We understand that she needs help.”

Most contestants were reasonable enough. There were a few who were against Donovan keeping Queenie company, but most had agreed. Thus, they had to keep their dissatisfaction to themselves.

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As no one stood out to express their disapproval, Cornelius nodded and agreed to it.

“Queenie can’t walk, so if something happens, give me a call immediately instead of trying to cheat. After the test ends, we’ll check your phone. If we find out that you cheated, I’ll disqualify Queenie at once.”

Queenie’s expression darkened. “Cor, do you seriously think I’ll cheat?”

He’s my brother! How could he say that in front of Arielle? Furious, she harrumphed icily and wheeled herself away.

After Donovan was expelled from Maxwell University, his future was ruined, so he had no choice but to stick to the Mill family.

He immediately stopped staring at Arielle and went after Queenie, who was in her wheelchair.

An hour later, everyone arrived at Mount Blackcloud.

The large mountain spanned a wide area. Upon arrival, the contestants headed in immediately.

As there were many routes, everyone soon went on different paths.

Although there were many medical experts, Queenie only feared Arielle.

After all, Cornelius recognized Arielle’s medical skills, so she knew the latter must be very capable for someone like her brother to acknowledge her.

After Queenie found out that Arielle was capable of handling a pacemaker placement surgery independently, her intimidation of Arielle increased significantly.

“Darling, I’ve been to Mount Blackcloud a few times, so I’m familiar with the area. Just keep an eye on Arielle. I can’t let her become the next head of the Mill family!” Queenie gritted through her teeth.

As Donovan wanted the Mills’ medical manuscripts, it was only natural that he obeyed Queenie. Tamping down his dislike for her, he pressed a kiss to her forehead. “Be careful, then. Your safety is of utmost importance.”

Queenie’s eyes crinkled up in happiness after she received his kiss. “I know. Don’t you worry. Go keep an eye on her, but make sure she doesn’t notice you.”

Nodding, Donovan reminded her to be careful yet again before going in the direction Arielle went.

Meanwhile, Arielle took a desolate path into the woods.

After hearing Cornelius say that they would be heading to Mount Blackcloud to get the herbs, she decided to head into the depths of the mountain.

The deeper she went, the more herbs she would find.

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Chapter 1270 Ulterior Motives

Alas, she didn’t realize she was being followed.

Not far away, Donovan stepped out from behind a tree. He squinted his eyes at Arielle’s distant figure before going after her.

When Arielle went deeper into the mountain, she was surrounded by tall trees that formed a thick canopy above her. There were also weeds and strange plants all around.

As poisonous bugs, snakes, and rats would flit by her feet, Arielle felt as though she were in an indigenous forest.

Although she was a woman, she was unbothered by her treacherous surroundings. Back then, she had tagged along with the Wilhelms and trekked deep into the mountains to seek knowledge from ancient Chanaean medicine experts. Thus, she was used to it.

The herbs she had prepared earlier came in handy at that moment. She applied them all over her body and tossed them to the ground so that the animals would stay away from her.

Behind her, Donovan saw everything, and a hint of rage flashed across his eyes.

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Arielle observed her surroundings and immediately started digging when she found the herbs she wanted.

Two hours later, her bag was half full of herbs.

“Eh?”

Suddenly, her eyes lit up as she strode forward swiftly. She came to a stop before a rotten tree and bent down to confirm her guess.

“Two reishi mushrooms! This is an amazing find!” Arielle blurted out.

Carefully, she plucked the reishi mushrooms off the rotten trunk and kept them in her bag.

The thick reishi mushrooms were at their maximum medicinal value now.

Arielle’s side profile was undeniably attractive under the sunlight. Utterly captivated, Donovan revealed himself and went toward Arielle, Queenie’s reminder all forgotten.

Yesterday at the set, news of Arielle saying she wanted to catch her husband cheating on her had spread like wildfire.

The netizens went crazy trying to figure out who her husband was and why he would cheat on their goddess.

No one had an inkling of who her husband was, but Donovan was in the know.

It was deemed normal for someone as wealthy as Vinson to cheat on his wife since having one woman wasn’t enough for a man of his status.

Clearly, Vinson has grown tired of Arielle and cheated on her. That’s great, for I can take the advantage to pursue her. I assumed that I used to target her because I loathed her. Never in my wildest dreams did I know that it was because I loved her. Arielle only had eyes for Vinson, but now that he has cheated on her, my chance has arrived.

“Arielle!”

Arielle had just kept her herbs and was about to continue on her journey when someone called her name.

She looked up instinctively and realized it was Donovan. At once, her expression turned dark.

“Why are you here? Shouldn’t you be with Queenie?”

Why isn’t Donovan with Queenie? Why did he come to me instead?

“Arielle, I was worried about you, so I came after you.”

Although Arielle sounded rude, Donovan’s voice remained gentle.

Hearing that, Arielle frowned in disgust.

“Worried about me? Are you crazy? Why are you worried about me instead of your wife?”

Instead of worrying about Queenie, who is in a wheelchair, he is concerned about me, a healthy person. Obviously, he has ulterior motives! He’s a sly fox full of tricks.

“I love you, Arielle. Vinson cheated on you, and he has obviously gotten sick of you and no longer loves you. I know I did the wrong thing back then. Trust me. I will treat you better than Vinson and shower you with all my love!”