

## Chapter 997 Leandro Returns

After the dungeon brawl wrapped up, Shayla looked resigned, muttering under her breath.

"Looks like we got to round up all them primogem rocks! They're like magic for Primogem Warriors, scrubbing away armor side effects. Without them, we can't improve our skills anymore!"

Liam's face got serious, nodding along.

Even if he didn't need them for himself, he would hunt them down for Julie's sake.

Those primogem rocks were Julie's ticket to getting better.

A few hours passed.

Leandro, the mastermind from the dungeon rumble, appeared at the Hoffman family's residence.

As he stood there, the image of Shayla getting killed by that monster flashed in his head.

He didn't care about that beast, either.

Even if it went berserk, he had a magic fixer-upper to get it back on track.

And having that monster under his thumb meant

power, giving him the chance to take over the Hoffman family.

Thinking about it got Leandro all pumped. But then, the thought of Shayla maybe biting the dust made him curse.

"If that bitch survives, she's mine to toy with forever! I'll make her wish she was dead! But if she's done for, I am not letting her go to waste!"

With Shayla's curves on his mind, Leandro sneaked into the dungeon through the secret passage.

But instead of finding Shayla's lifeless form like he had expected, he stumbled upon Liam and Shayla sitting cross-legged on the floor.

His blood ran cold at the sight. He tried to backpedal but ended up stumbling to the floor in panic.

The noise got Liam and Shayla's attention. They opened their eyes and saw Leandro's ghostly pale face.

Panic-stricken, Leandro pointed at them, blurting out, "How... How are you still alive? This got to be some kind of illusion!"

Shayla, back on her feet, gave Leandro a smirk. "Well, well, well... Look who's back. Your little monster stunt nearly did us in, Leandro. But guess what? That monster isn't much of a threat, is it?" she taunted.

Following Shayla's finger, Leandro spotted the monster sprawled out, stone-cold dead.

That sight sent him into a fresh panic.

But then a new idea dawned on him. Maybe Shayla and Liam had handled the beast, but they couldn't have walked away without a scratch. They must have been injured.

So, that was why they had been meditating to get their power back.

Leandro's laughter broke out, wiping away his fear and replacing it with cockiness and malice. He jeered, "Don't get too hyped! You had to have got banged up dealing with that monster, right? Now you're all weak, you're just bluffing! I'm a level-three Primogem Warrior, and you're beat up. How are you going stand a chance against me? Get ready to bite the dust!"


With that, he let loose his level-three warrior vibes, grabbed a sword, and lunged at them, ready to kill them.

But before he could make a move, Shayla sent him crashing to the floor.

Liam, looking calm, had been watching the whole show. He kept his gaze icy on Leandro, waiting to see what else he had up his sleeve.

But then, shockingly, Leandro dropped to his knees, begging for mercy from Liam and Shayla.

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"I... I'm sorry! I won't pull this crap again! Someone was forcing me to do this! I swear, I'm innocent!" he shouted.

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## Chapter 998 The Truth

Liam's face clouded as he glanced down at Leandro, who was now a whimpering, weepy mess on the floor, stripped of any dignity fitting for the head of the Hoffman family.

Seeing such a person leading his family made him real sad.

But now, it was time for Liam to set things straight with Leandro and bring back his family's pride.

"This mess is on you. Sort it out," Shayla said, not even bothering to look at Leandro.

She stepped aside. Liam nodded at Shayla's move and approached Leandro slowly.

Liam loomed over Leandro, his voice icy, making Leandro shiver involuntarily.

"You claimed someone pushed you into this. Who is it? And those Primogem Warriors from Rosefinch Tower, what about them? Did you take the primogem rocks, too?" Liam questioned.

Cornered, Leandro dropped the act. He spilled everything he knew to Liam.

"The Duncan family made me do it! I didn't want to

play their game. But they threatened to kill me if I didn't cooperate. They're the ones who hooked me up with Rosefinch Tower! And as for the primogem rocks, I handed them all over to the Duncans!" Leandro confessed.

Liam's eyes narrowed dangerously at his words.

The Duncan family, again!

"You're not leveling with me! This is your final shot. Lie once more, and you're toast," Liam warned, noticing Leandro's dodgy behavior and the worry in his eyes. A scowl formed on Liam's forehead as he laid down the law.

Leandro quivered with fear, realizing Liam had caught onto him.

"I only kept back one piece of primogem rock. The rest, I swear, I handed them all over! I've told you everything I know. Can you spare me now? I swear I'll be loyal and serve the Flame Gang faithfully!" Leandro said.

With no other options left, he dug out a piece of primogem rock from his clothes and handed it over to Liam, begging desperately.

Shayla, watching from afar, sneered at Leandro's begging and stayed silent.

Then, she turned her attention to Liam, waiting to see his move.

"You like playing lackey, huh? The Hoffman family doesn't need trash like you! You're so revolting. I wouldn't even let you scrub my floors!" Liam said.

As Liam took the primogem rock, a fierce determination emanated from him, and he spoke with an icy tone.

"Since when does an outsider like you think you run the show here? The Hoffman family answers to Lady Shayla. Who do you think you are, sticking your nose in Lady Shayla's business?" Leandro cursed out, knowing that he was going to die anyway.

Leandro's words made Liam frown a bit.

He bent down, giving Leandro's face a slap as he spoke with a chilling tone. "The Hoffman family isn't connected to me?"

With that, he ripped off his mask to reveal his real face, a smirk playing on his lips.

"Leandro, my dear cousin, maybe it's high time you realized who I truly am," he said.