

Only 1 Chance

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Bishop looked around the room. Onyx was busy laughing; Mandy was trying to talk to Gary, who was sucking on a lollipop.

That figures. He always sucks on lollipops. Bishop thought. On the other hand, Amy was standing and shivering. She turned to him and mouthed the word "Help!" Bishop frowned. Onyx was looking at him warily. To Bishop, Onyx looked bigger and stronger. How could he beat Onyx? Should he just give up and surrender to Onyx? Bishop was pretty confused. Has he lost his mind? Was Bishop going crazy?

No. I will not give up! Even if he is my own relative, I myself need to beat him so nobody will hear from him ever again! Bishop visualized himself winning. He smiled, but then realized again where he was. Onyx was starting to look impatient. Then Bishop, who realized he had been kneeling, stood up. Onyx smirked.

"So, you decide to challenge me? Your own **uncle**? I should think not! Why don't you just surrender and you can go at peace? Besides, you tried to kill me once, and guess what? You failed! Why should you try again now?" Onyx laughed. "Why should you even dare?"

"You just managed to tick me off, Onyx. Why should I challenge you, you ask? Do you want an answer? Well, maybe I just want to! I don't care if I failed to kill you the first time. I don't care!" Bishop tried to look angry. He must have succeeded, because even Gary stopped licking his lolly to look at him.

"Go Bish! You could do it!" He yelled. Bishop smiled, and then turned to Onyx. Onyx smiled.

"Nobody can beat me! I'm Onyx! Why don't you just leave and I could do whatever I have to do, eh boy? Don't you forget I fooled you when I 'was' your grandfather? I could kill you with a flick of my finger!" Bishop scowled. Onyx kept going on and on and on.

"Sigh. Can't you just do whatever you have to do and leave?" Gary asked Bishop. A glare from him shut Gary up. Then Bishop ran behind a pillar, which was behind Onyx. Suddenly, Bishop saw a copy of him just standing there, listening to Onyx. Bishop smiled. Onyx was distracted. He knew that Onyx's reign for power must come to an end, but then Bishop started to feel sorry for Onyx. He couldn't kill his own uncle? Maybe he'll change?

No. Thought Bishop. He is my uncle, but do I want Onyx as my uncle? What has to be done should be done.

Then Onyx stopped talking to take a breath and say,
"Now you're just going to stand there like a little boy? I knew you were weak. You were always weak! Your friends are weak, too!"

Bishop knew that Gary would try to do something, and he did. Gary went up to Onyx and kicked him.

“Oh, I wouldn’t do that, little boy. Are you sure you want to?” Onyx glared at Gary, and Gary ran back to Mandy and Amy.

“Well, here goes nothing.” Bishop whispered and ran from behind the pillar. Onyx was too engrossed in his talking to notice that Bishop had put a mine behind Onyx. He motioned to Gary, Mandy, and Amy to run. They ran out of the room. Just as they met Aquarian and Justin outside, the whole building blew up. Bishop faced the castle because he didn’t want to see any part of Onyx falling down from the explosion. Mandy yelled,

“Bishop! Look! Onyx’s head is talking!” Bishop was horrified. Onyx’s head still talking? That couldn’t be! He ran over to Mandy. He saw Onyx’s head in front of her. Onyx was still breathing, but he was really having trouble.

“Bishop Chance, I will never forgive you for this. How could.....” Onyx’s eyeballs rolled up into his head and he stopped breathing.

“That’s it. He’s dead. I did it!” Bishop shouted. Miss Mann ran to him.

“How did you do it? How did you kill Onyx?” Miss Mann asked. Then she looked down at Onyx’s head. “He certainly is dead, but how did you kill him?”

Bishop thought. “I just used a mine. That’s all.” Bishop said. Miss Mann looked surprised, then calm.

“You did it. You actually did it, but how did you get a mine without setting it off?” Miss Mann asked.

Bishop hesitated before he said,

“I found one in dad’s workshop. Nobody knew. I saw that dad left it for me. He left me info on how to use it.....”

“That’s enough!” Mandy and Gary yelled at the same time. Amy smiled and said,

“Look at that. I didn’t say it with them.” Amy smiled at Bishop sweetly. Bishop had become immune to her smiles and turned to Mandy.

“I loved how you just sneaked behind him!” Mandy said and smiled as Bishop walked towards her. “You were just amazing!”

Bishop smiled. He knew Mandy meant it. Amy walked up to him.

“Come on, Bishop. I want to see if anything was destroyed in it. **Together.**” Amy glared at Amy.

“I was thinking of going with Mandy.” Bishop said. He took Mandy by the hand and dragged her to the castle.

“Wait up!” yelled Gary at the same time as Aquarian said,

“It is mandatory that you wait up for me just in case Print or Tailsman is in there!”

“Oh, we’ll be safe.” Mandy said. Bishop frowned, and Aquarian lead Gary away.

“Oh, come on Bish! He’s hurting me! Come on, I just dropped my lolly.....” Gary droned on and on.

“Come on Bishop. I want to check out the castle.”

“Fine. Let’s go.” Bishop whispered to Mandy. They went inside the castle.

They walked through half of the castle silently. Then Mandy started to get frustrated. She huffed.

“What’s wrong?” Bishop asked.

“That’s wrong.” Mandy pointed at something black. “It wasn’t there before.”

“Let’s check it out.” Bishop said. “It’s probably nothing.”

Bishop walked over and looked. It was a hole, and there was a note inside! *To Bishop* was written on the outside.

“Well, open it!” Mandy said.

Inside, Bishop saw something unbelievable. It was a note from his father!

Dear Bishop,

I hope that by the time you get to read this, Onyx is dead. Using my mechanics, I made this hole so that it would open when Onyx is dead. Congratulations. Your mom and I are both proud of you. You may now rule the Homeworld in peace. I will probably be watching you. If I’m dead, I’ll watch you from above. If I’m alive, tell me that you read this note and I will come. Again, we are proud of you so much.

Alabaster Chance, your father.

“Wow! A note from your dad! We’ve got to show this to everybody!” Mandy cried.

“We didn’t finish checking....” Bishop was cut off by Mandy, who was hugging him.

“I knew you’d do it.” She whispered. Then Mandy let go. They explored some more of the castle, when finally they reached the throne room. Bishop had a warm feeling when he entered the room that somehow, his father was there with him. Mandy looked at him, waiting for an expression. He smiled, and she smiled back. Then suddenly, Mandy threw herself against him and started to kiss him. He didn’t know what to do but kiss back. When they finally broke apart, Mandy had a dreamy look on her face. Then they walked through the castle back to Gary, Aquarian, Amy, and the rest of the gang.

Bishop talked before Gary could open his mouth.

“Nothing’s wrong, except there was a hole. A note from my father was inside.”

“Really?” Amy asked. “Let my see it, *Bish.*” Amy was persuading him, but he gave the note to Gary.

“You can see it later.” He told Amy. Her expression was a combination of sad, mad, and envy. When she did read it, though, her eyes welled up with tears.

“Oh Bishop! I can’t believe that your father wrote this to you! It so, like, fatherish, I think.”

Bishop wasn't listening though. He was reciting a certain line in his head. *Your mom and I are so proud of you.* He felt warm and happy. He turned to Mandy, and then to the rest of the gang.

"I think we're done with evil now." He said, and everybody cheered. He knew that they knew this was going to happen.

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