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"Wretch, you and Leon caused me to take a blow last time! It's about ti me we settle the score today!" Umair **let** out a sneer before he charged f orward with impressive force, attacking Iris head—on.

He had already seen Iris defeating the two guards earlier and knew that I ris was only at the advanced Innate State!

He was already at the peak Innate State and close to becoming a Suprem e Master as well. It would not be hard for him to deal with Iris!

On top of that, he had taken a blow and spat out blood because he stopped Iris from entering when Leon and **Iris** first came to the Scammells!

He had not forgotten that!

Because of that, he bore a big grudge against Leon and Iris!

The chance was here, and he was prepared to teach Iris a lesson. If he we re lucky enough to catch Iris first, he would definitely earn some praise a nd rewards from Nigel!

It was the perfect situation!

With Umair already attacking first, the other guards did not delay as they charged

forward to capture Iris too. They wanted to make sure they could report t heir success to Nigel later.

"Leon, it's on you now..."

Iris paled when she felt the intense aura coming from the guards.

She was naturally too weak to stand up against the three of them!

However, Leon had thankfully been prepared and had carved out two pie ces of Potential Energy Forces for her to defend herself!

However, she had never used them before, so she was a bit apprehensive , not knowing if they would work **or** 

not!

If they did not work, she would probably be captured by Nigel!

The next moment, Iris took out the jade pendant desperately, not hesitating to unleash it at the guards!

It was different from Master Haslewood's.

Master Haslewood used true energy, and he was incredibly strong. The P otential Energy he carved in had an unrivaled imperious aura around it t hat caused anyone to tremble in fear!

However, Leon was different. Leon practiced the sage arts.

Even though his Potential Energy Forces still carried an incredibly stron g aura, regular martial artists would not be able to feel the spiritual energ y and immense power from it.

Because of that, the guards were caught completely off guard and were s truck head—on by the attack!

With an intense clash, the Potential Energy Forces in Iris' hands manage d to break through the guards' attacks and struck right at them!

Of the three of them, Umair was only at the peak Innate State, while the others were slightly stronger. However, they were still only initial Supre me Masters!

#### Leon's Potential

Energy Forces had power at the level of the initial Overlord State. That was more than several dozen times stronger than the three of them!

There was no way they would be able to stand up to Leon's power!

The next moment, all three of them spat out mouthfuls of blood as they were sent flying several meters away before slamming into the ground!

Thankfully, Leon was not the one actually attacking. Otherwise, they wo uld probably have died or been crippled by the attack!

Even so, the three of them were still heavily injured!

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"H–How is this possible!?"

Nigel was stunned, and **he** could not believe his **eyes.** 

He had personally witnessed Iris' skills **just** now. **She** was only suppose d **to** be at the advanced Innate State. She was much weaker than the thre e guards.

He thought that the three of them would easily be able to capture Iris!

Yet, he never expected that the three of them would end up being heavil y injured by Iris in one blow before they could get her!

It was just too unbelievable!

His shock at that moment was obvious!

"Alright, this is great!" Iris had an excited smile on her face.

She had been worried that Leon's Potential Energy would not work, but after she witnessed its power, her worries were all gone!

"Wretch, what did you do?!" Nigel had a dark look on **his** face after he r ecovered from his shock.

Since he had not felt the spiritual energy in the Potential Energy Forces, he could not understand how Iris

had defeated Umair and the others!

However, he knew something very well. Iris had to have used some unk nown method. There was no way she actually had the skills and abilities to **fight** back!

"Nigel, cut the crap! Let's see what else you can do!" Iris said coldly.

Iris was much more confident with the Potential Energy Forces in hand.

However, Leon had only given her two **to** protect herself, so she only had one left. She did not dare to attack Nigel so quickly.

After all, Nigel was already a peak Supreme Master, and he **was** far stro nger than the three guards!

If she advanced herself and failed to injure Nigel heavily, then Nigel wo uld easily be able **to** deal with her once she lost her protection!

"You..."

"Iris, don't

be so arrogant! I might not know what kind **of** method you used just now , **but** schemes are all useless in front of absolute skill! Let me show you how strong I am!" Nigel said with a cold and dark look on his face, quic kly regaining his calm.

He knew very well that he was much stronger than the three guards. Iris' trick might have been able to injure the three of them, but there was not hing she could do to him!

On top of that, he was already prepared. As long as he was careful enoug h, Iris should not be able to do anything to him with how weak she was!

With that in mind, he no longer hesitated as he held back the intense pain from his legs, **shooting** forward

and attacking Iris with thunderous force.

"You asked for it!" Iris said coldly. After that, she quickly unleashed the Potential Energy at Nigel.

Since she was weak, she felt like she might not be able to injure Nigel if she had taken the initiative and attacked!

However, she managed to stay calm, and Nigel attacking her head—on was practically suicide!

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"An insignificant trick!"

Nigel was already prepared when she felt the pressure from Iris' hand.

After that, he quickly moved to the side, trying to avoid Iris' attack!

Earlier, he had vaguely managed to see the pressure coming from Iris' h and!

As long as he managed to avoid the attack, then Iris would just be completely defenseless against him!

Of course, that was just all in his mind. Reality had a far different idea!

The Potential Energy Forces were already at the level of the Initial Overl ord State. If he had been at the Semi Overlord State, he might have been able to avoid the attack!

However, he was only a peak Supreme Master. He was still far from being at the Overlord State!

No matter how hard he tried, he could not completely avoid the attack!

Bang!

With a massive boom, Nigel had failed to stop the incredibly strong attack. He was immediately sent flying. before he fell heavily on the ground.

After that, he spat out a mouthful of blood, feeling like he had suffered h eavy internal injuries.

"How did this happen..."

Nigel clutched his chest in disbelief.

He had thought that he was strong enough. On top of that, he was alread y prepared, so it would be easy to avoid Iris' attack!

However, he was slapped cruelly in the face by reality!

Suddenly, he **was** shocked. **He** could not understand how Iris was able t o defeat him even when he was a peak Supreme Master!

"Nigel, I'm warning you. If you keep on doing bad, there will be consequences! I don't

care what you and the second line **of** direct descendants are planning, but you'd better know when to stop! Otherwise, you'll come to regret it!" Ir is warned coldly.

After that, she ignored Nigel as she started to walk toward the first line of direct descendants!

Even though **she** had managed to injure Nigel heavily, Nigel **was** still m uch stronger than she was, and she was still no match for him.

For the sake of her safety, she needed to leave as soon as possible!

"Despicable!"

Nigel was furious as he looked at Iris' retreating back. He was **so** anxiou s even his eyes reddened.

Since he was the strongest among **all** four of them, his injuries were ligh ter than the other three. He was still somewhat able to fight.

Unfortunately, since his legs had been broken by Leon, it was not easy f or him to move about. On top of that, his injuries meant that he could not chase after Iris at all!

So, he was forced to look on as **Iris** left!

After that, he forcibly bore with the pain in his body as he crawled to his wheelchair.

After that, he hurriedly went over to where the second line of direct descendants stayed, preparing to report his failure **t o** Rick and Charlie.

With the second line **of** direct descendants, Rick had found an excuse to gather **five** elders of the scammells

#### over.

After two days **of** preparations, he had managed to turn over some of the core members of the family **in** secret.

However, the five elders always considered the benefits of the family. O n top of that, Damian's legs were already recovered, so they were firmly in support of the first line of direct descendants.

That was something that gave Rick a bit of a headache!

He had gathered all the elders over **to** try once more, hoping he would be able to win their support!

Of course, if they did not know what was good for them, then he would have to employ more forceful methods!

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"Rick, why did you invite us here?" Donovan Scammell, the oldest of the elders, asked curiously.

The other elders looked at Rick curiously as well.

"Donovan, let's be honest! Ever since Iris came back, Patrick had first gi ven over a pharmaceutical company under our family name to Leon, and then had even sided with Leon when he broke Nigel's legs, not punishin g Leon at all! I feel like he might be getting old and losing touch with a l ot of things. He's no longer suited to be the head of our family! So, I ask ed all **of** you here to consider giving the position of the family head to someone else!" Rick said calmly.

Based on the rules of the family, the elders of the Scammells had the right to revoke the power of the family

head.

He wanted to gain their support this time because he could use their pow er to revoke Patrick's position as the family head. Then, he would be able to take over without any issues!

On the other hand, the elders controlled **all** of the forces related to the Scammells outside of **the** direct

descendants.

Only with the support of the elders would he be able **to** control the family firmly, stopping any internal issues or conflicts!

"What?"

The five elders were shocked to hear that and could not believe their ears .

Even though Rick and Eugene had tried to take over the family during Patrick's banquet, it was only because Damian had been c rippled. Eugene merely wanted the position of the family's heir and not t he position of the family head.

That was still within reason!

However, Rick was actually after the family head position at that mome nt. It was no longer as simple as a matter of inheritance. He was clearly t rying to stage **a** coup!

"Rick, surely you aren't trying to take over?!" Donovan had an unhappy look on his **face** as he spoke.

The fact that he did not directly accuse Rick of trying to stage a coup was already very polite!

"So what if

I am? I'll give you all one last chance. Either you support me or continu e supporting Patrick! It's up to you to make the choice!" Rick said coldly.

This time, he had already made his full preparations. He was prepared to attack the first line on the day itself!

So, he no longer had any need to try and convince the elders. He would j ust show his cards!

"Impossible!"

"Rick, we've always been fair!"

"Ever since Iris came back, Leon's already purchased so much from the Scammells. He's given the family a lot of profit!"

"On top of that, Cynthion Group's sales drive has even bolstered our reputation. It's benefitted us in many ways!"

"From the current situation, our business has been booming under Patric k. We'll definitely be able to profit

a lot!"

"Why would you want to confront him like that?!"

The five elders tried to advise Rick against staging a coup.

"So in the end, you're all planning on supporting Patrick and Leon?" Ric k was very frustrated.

"Yes, that's right!"

"Patrick

is wise and is a good leader. We'd definitely support him!" the five elder s said without any

hesitation.

"Very well! Since you insist on that, then don't fault me for not showing you mercy!" Rick said angrily.

"Rick, what do you mean?"

The elders' expressions darkened. They quickly felt like something was wrong.

"It's very simple! Since you're going to support Patrick, I'll just have to get rid of you first!" Rick had a sinister and murderous glint in his eyes.

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The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 1635 "What?"

The elders were shocked when they heard that. The five of them immediately stood

up.

They had been trying to advise Rick to forget about the coup since they were

relatives.

Yet, it seemed like Rick had already made the decision and even wanted to get rid of

them!

At that moment, they realized that no amount of advice would work! "Rick, you might already be at the Initial Emperor State, but all of us are still at the

Semi Emperor State! You won't be able to get rid of all five of us alone! Aren't you

being too bold here?!" Donovan said in frustration.

Even though there was a big gulf between the Emperor State and the Semi Emperor

State, it was still hard to defeat a number's advantage.

Normally, someone at the initial Emperor State would be able to face two or three

martial artists at the Semi Emperor State at most!

Meanwhile, the five of them were already in the Semi Emperor State, and they were

all at the top of their level as well. They were already close to reaching the Initial

**Emperor State!** 

Rick would be dreaming if he thought he could defeat them!

"You'll know very soon if I can actually defeat you!" Rick sneered.

After that, he wasted no time rushing right for the third elder.

The third elder knew he was no match for Rick, so he quickly tried to avoid the attack.

"Let us help you!"

The second and fifth elders quickly rushed over and joined the fray.

The three of them quickly started to attack Rick!

It quickly became an intense battle.

"Rick, since you've decided to attack your own family, then you can't blame us

anymore!"

"Quickly, four of you go hold him back! I'll go get Patrick over to deal with this!"

Donovan ordered the other. elders with a pained look on his face.

He was the head of the elders and had always put the family first. He naturally did not

want to see any internal conflicts in the family, nor did he want to see Rick and Patrick

fighting each other.

However, there was nothing he could do about Rick being adamant.

"Alright," the four elders agreed as they started to fight Rick together! After that, Donovan did not hesitate to rush outside, preparing to find Patrick!

However, before he could even leave the living room, something happened!

Boom!

At that moment, an incredibly strong wave of true energy started to charge right at

Donovan's chest.

"What?"

Donovan was shocked as he rapidly started to retreat, trying to avoid the attack.

However, the attack was far too strong. No matter how he tried, he could not avoid it.

With the danger at hand, he was forced to try and fight back! Boom!

With an intense clash, the wave of true energy broke through Donovan's defenses.

slamming right into his

chest.

The next moment, he spat out two mouthfuls of blood as he flew several meters

before falling heavily to the ground.

After that, he spat out a mouthful of blood, clearly sustaining internal injuries,

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The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 1636 "Donovan, are you alright?"

The elders were shocked to see Donovan getting injured. After that, they forced Rick back with one blow before they jumped out and hurriedly

tried to help Donovan

1. up.

"Haha…"

At that moment, a loud laugh was heard.

Charlie walked in right in with a prideful look on his face.

Behind him were two men who were about fifty years of age!

The two men had very sharp looks in their eyes and an impressive aura about them. It

was obvious that they were quite strong!

"Brat, what are you?"

The elder's expressions sank when they saw Charlie.

Earlier, they had seen that Donovan had been injured by one of the middle-aged

men.

Other than that, Charlie might be known amongst the younger generation as the heir

of the Martells, but they were all of the older generations. They had never seen

Charlie before, so they naturally did not know who he was.

"Let me introduce you, this is the heir of the Martells, Charlie!" Rick let out a sneer as

he walked over.

"What? The heir of the Martells?" The elders were all shocked to hear that.

Even though they did not know who Charlie was, they still knew of the Martells. They

knew that the Martells were one of the older ancient martial arts families in the

Southern Region. That family was much stronger and more influential than the

Scammells!

Right after that, they quickly realized what had happened when they thought about it.

No wonder Rick was trying to stage a coup and even said he would get rid of them.

Rick had the support of

Charlie!

"Rick, you actually worked with the Martells to cause trouble for the family! You're just

despicable!" Donovan shouted angrily.

Even though they did not know why the Martells were involved, there were no free

meals in the world!

It was obvious to them that Rick must have offered them something from the family to

gain their support!

Selling the family out like that was much worse than just an internal struggle!

"Cut the crap! The victors have always been the strong! I'll ask you one last time, are

you going to support me, or not?!" Rick said coldly, still wanting to gain their support.

"Please!"

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"Intermediate Emperor State!" The elders had a drastic change of expression when

they felt the power coming from Anderson and Bill.

They did not dare to hold back for a single moment as they started to fight the two of

them.

It was an intense battle, and they quickly found themselves going through over ten

exchanges.

Even though the five elders were quite strong, having already reached the Semi

Emperor State, they were only good enough to stand against two Initial Emperor State

Martial artists at most!

Bill and Anderson were both already at the Intermediate Emperor State, and they

were much stronger than

the elders!

The elders quickly found themselves on the losing end!

They were quickly defeated by those two and lost their ability to fight back!

Taking the chance, Rick quickly stepped forward and sealed their strength.

Even though the five elders were not willing to support him, the elders would be very

useful considering their power and influence. He was in no hurry to kill them.

The five elders represented the benefits of the whole family anyway!

As long as he managed to topple Patrick and Damian and take over, then the five

elders would have to support him to prevent the family from crumbling internally!

He was not worried at all!

"I've helped you deal with these five old men! How is capturing Iris going?" Charlie

asked eagerly.

This time, he was helping the second line of descendants of the Scammells take

power both because of the Southern Boss' order and to get Iris! Everything was going very well, so he did not want any surprises when it came to Iris!

"Mister Martell, don't worry. I've already ordered Nigel to capture Iris! If there are no

surprises, he probably already has her!" Rick said with a smile.

This time, Eugene, he, and Nigel were acting separately.

He was in charge of dealing with the five elders, while Eugene was going to mobilize

the core figures he had managed to turn to his side.

As for Nigel, all Nigel needed to do was to capture the weak Iris! With that distribution of work, everything would go smoothly! Of course, he knew of Iris' skills. With how strong Nigel was, capturing Iris would be

incredibly easy!

He was not worried about anything at all!

"Very good!" Charlie started to laugh happily at that.

Just thinking about how he would get Iris soon, he was suddenly in a much happier

mood!

However, before he could even finish laughing, Nigel rushed over in his wheelchair

the next moment.

"Grandfather, this is very bad..."

Nigel rushed inside, looking very exhausted.

"Nigel, what happened?"

Rick was shocked to see how Nigel looked, and he had an uneasy feeling in his heart.

"Grandfather, 1-1 failed to capture Iris. I accidentally let her slip away..." Nigel said

with an ashen look on his face.

"What?"

Both Charlie and Rick were shocked to hear that. They could not believe their ears.

Charlie, in particular, quickly saw the happy expression freeze on his face!

The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 1638 "Nigel, you complete imbecile! Can't you do something as simple as capturing a

woman?!" Charlie was furious when he heard that.

His main goal for everything he did this time was to get Iris.

Yet, his main target had slipped away even though everything else had gone so

smoothly. It was obvious how furious he was!

"Mister Martell, I'm so sorry. That wretch had some sort of strange technique. Even

though I wasn't a match for her, and I was injured by her as well..." Nigel said before

he explained everything.

"You..."

Hearing that, Charlie was furious, but there was nothing he could do.

After all, Nigel had already done his best. It was just that no one expected Iris to be

able to defeat Nigel, who was a peak Supreme Master. It had put a huge wrench in

their plans!

Nigel could not be completely blamed for that.

"Mister Martell, don't be too angry! It's not like she can run that far away anyway! Iris

has already been tricked here. As long as we topple the first line of descendants, it

won't be hard to capture her after that!" Rick hurriedly consoled.

"Yes, Grandfather is right! Earlier, I saw Iris rushing right for the first line right away. As

long as we act quickly and surround them, Iris won't be able to flee that easily!" Nigel

said in a hurry.

"Alright, time is of the essence. Let's move right now!" Charlie said after taking a deep

breath, calming down

a lot.

"Wait! We need to wait for Eugene to gather our forces before we make a move to

prevent any accidents,"

Rick said with some hesitation.

However, before he even finished, he heard a collection of frantic footsteps. Eugene

had hurried over with twenty to thirty of the rebels.

"We don't have to wait anymore, I've already gathered all the men!" Eugene said.

"Yes, very well, prepare to move!" Rick no longer hesitated. With his order, all of them

started to move

toward the first line's residence.

Iris, however, immediately gave Leon a call after she escaped danger. She told Leon

about the ambush as well as the possibility that the second line was planning

something.

Leon was shocked to hear that.

He had already seen that Eugene and Rick were incredibly ambitious when they tried

to take over the first time. They were not the type to accept what they were given.

When it came to that, Leon had tried very hard to convince Patrick to cut off that

branch of the family, but Patrick had rejected it!

He could vaguely guess that them trying to ambush Iris could very well be related to

them wanting to seize

power again!

So, he told Iris to be safe before he quickly drove over to the Scammells.

After hanging up, Iris did not hesitate to rush right over to the first line of descendants.

Even though Leon had told her to stay safe and not to be reckless, Patrick, Damian,

and the rest were still related to her by blood. She was incredibly worried.

She needed to check out the situation there first.

The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 1639 At that moment, Patrick, Damian, and Penny were all in the living room.

That day was the day for the family's internal meetings, so Damian and Penny were not working.

That was also the main reason why Rick had chosen that day. He wanted to

completely eliminate the first line of direct descendants!

Of course, Patrick and the others did not know that at all.

At that moment, they heard some frantic footsteps. Iris's forehead was sweaty as she

ran into the living

room.

"This is great!"

When she saw that Patrick and the others were fine, Iris let out a sigh of relief.

"Iris, why are you here?" Damian was very surprised. After that, Patrick and him

walked over to greet her.

"Uncle, I was tricked by Nigel to come over today, and I was

almost captured by

him..."

After Iris caught her breath, she hurriedly explained how she had been ambushed by

Nigel.

"What? Why would Nigel attack you for no reason?"

They were shocked to hear what Iris had to say.

"Well, Leon thinks that the second line might be trying to seize control of the family,"

Iris answered honestly before she explained Leon's thoughts. "Take control?"

Patrick was shocked. After that, he exchanged looks of uncertainty with Damian and

Penny.

"Iris, could you be mistaken? Rick and Eugene already admitted to their faults during

the banquet. How could they try to seize power again?" Patrick said with a frown.

Even though Iris seemed quite certain, it was still just speculation from Leon in the

end. It was hard for him to believe it without any evidence!

"I don't think I'm mistaken! Grandfather, everything I said is real.

You have to trust

me!" Iris said sincerely.

"It's not that I'm not trusting you, but the elders have been very supportive of our

branch ever since Damian recovered! No matter how stupid Rick is, he wouldn't try to

take control of the family again!" Patrick said seriously.

He knew that the elders had so much influence within the family that Rick would need

at least the three of them to take his place!

However, all five of the elders were very supportive of him at that moment!

Rick had no power to fight against him! support

of

As for combat ability, even though Rick was at the initial Emperor State just like him,

he was a bit stronger than Rick. Rick was no match for him at all! It was no exaggeration to say that he held the advantage in every way!

Unless there was something wrong with Rick's head, there was no way Rick would try

to fight him for power!

It did not sound right!

"Grandfather, I don't know what schemes and tricks they have, but when Nigel

attacked me just now, I personally heard him say they would deal with you! There's no

way that's fake!" Iris said anxiously.

"That..."

Patrick found himself at a loss for words.

"Dad, I think Iris is right! The fact that Nigel dared to ambush Iris probably means

they're aiming for us! We have to be prepared!" Damian said seriously.

"Yes, you're right! How about this? Damian, have the elders come see me right now.

On top of that, make sure the family's experts are on alert!"

Patrick quickly made his

arrangements.

It was better to be careful. Since Iris came to report the matter, he needed to be on

guard in case of any

surprises!

"Haha, it's already too late to try to prepare yourself!"

At that moment, they heard a loud laugh.

After that, Rick and Charlie led the experts from the Scammells inside.

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"Rick, it's you! What are you trying to do? Are you really planning a coup?"

Patrick's expression immediately sank when he saw Rick leading all those experts

inside.

He had initially been doubtful of Leon's speculation, feeling like there was no way Rick

would try to seize power again for no reason.

However, it seemed like Leon's guess was right. Rick really was rebelling!

"Patrick, don't be so rude! I just think that you've been letting your age get to you, and

you've been losing your touch. You're no longer suited to control the family! I think you

should step down while you can and give way!" Rick sneered. "You…"

"So you really are staging a coup!" Patrick was furious when he heard that.

He finally understood that Rick was not aiming for Damian's position this time but to

take his position as the head of the family!

"So what if I am?!" Rick said calmly, not denying it.

"Despicable! If I'd known this would happen, I should have cut you off like Leon said!

Otherwise, this wouldn't be happening!" Patrick shouted furiously, starting to regret

things.

Last time, Leon had constantly told him to deal with Rick to get rid of any future

problems when Leon had broken Nigel's legs.

In fact, Leon even offered to help Patrick get rid of Rick as long as

Patrick gave the

order!

However, he thought that it was because Leon hated the second line. After all, Nigel

captured Cynthia, so he never considered Leon's suggestion! Yet, at that moment, Leon's words rang true. He had kept a traitor in the family!

It was obvious how much he regretted things at that moment! However, it was already too late for regrets!

"Patrick, cut the crap. Only those who are capable can be the family head! If you know

your place, then hand your position over. Then, I might consider showing you some

mercy. Otherwise, don't blame me for being ruthless!" Rick said coldly.

"With just you? Rick, the elders are all in support of me right now, and I'm quite a bit

stronger than you! What right do you have to become the family head?!" Patrick said

in frustration, unable to guess where Rick got that courage from. "Are you talking about the five old farts? Eugene, bring them out to show your uncle!"

Rick laughed.

After that, Eugene led a few of the experts over, who tossed the five elders on the

ground.

"How is this possible?!"

Patrick could not believe his eyes at the sight.

He knew how strong the five elders were. They were at the Semi Emperor State and

not that much weaker

than Rick.

It was impossible for Rick to take them on himself!

Yet, at that moment, all of them had been captured by Rick without a sound!

That was just unbelievable. He could not understand how Rick did it.