

Rising from the Ashes (Andrew and Lauren)

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Chapter 161 Laurens heart sank, but her face remained cold and distant.

She declared firmly, No one has the right to decide about my marriage except me
Michael let out a scornful laugh.

I knew you'd resist, but it's pointless.

This arranged marriage has been approved by the head of the family and the Rhodes Corporation board members

You have no choice in the matter, whether you object or not.

With a mocking glance, Michael walked away.

Lauren sat back in her chair, feeling helpless as she mumbled, Even after everything, I still can't escape being another steppingstone for the family's expansion... Her gaze flashed with determination as she continued, The Driscoll family might be powerful, but I refuse to accept this arrangement! However, it did not last long

The light in Lauren's eyes quickly dimmed as she let out a bitter laugh.

She wondered aloud, mumbling, What about his feelings for me? These past few days, he's completely focused on Christina, ignoring me.

Perhaps Michael was right. I'm the one who foolishly misread everything.

Meanwhile, Michael stormed back to his office, his face dark with anger.

As soon as he entered, he slammed the door and violently threw an ashtray across the room.

A sinister-looking elderly man in black sat on the couch with his legs crossed.

He asked coldly, Mr.

Rhodes, who's gotten you so worked up this time? Michael barked, I can't stand that bitch Lauren anymore.

Im running out of patience! I need to seize control of Rhodes Corporation quickly and get rid of her. Only then can I make her pay for all the humiliation she caused me

Bane replied calmly, That girl has always been headstrong, and you shouldnt have provoked her. But dont worry, Mr.

Rhodes.

Your time to take over Rhodes Corporation will come soon enough.

Michaels eyes lit up, his interest piqued

Oh ? Have you found a way to bring Lauren down, Bane? Bane scoffed.

That girls got a sharp mind.

Forgive me for saying this, Mr.

Rhodes, but shes far more clever than you.

Taking her down in one shot wont be easy.

However, shes still young, and with my help behind the scenes, shell eventually make a serious mistake

In fact, Rhodes Pharmaceuticals annual supply run is coming up thats our opportunity.

Michaels mind raced as he observed Banes cunning smile.

Are you suggesting we strike while Laurens handling the supply transaction? Bane replied smugly, Exactly! Rhodes Pharmaceutical has to source new medical supplies from rural vendors.

Its a crucial business that shell have to oversee personally.

Once she leaves for the rural suppliers, security will be lighter

The remote location will allow your men to ensure her complete failure.

Michaels smile grew wider until he burst into maniacal laughter.

Perfect! Its time to teach that bitch a lesson.

Its just too bad that bastard Andrew managed to survive.

Tonys dead, but somehow, that guy made it through!

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His handsome profile was serious and striking, just as gorgeous as she remembered.

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Christina quickly averted her gaze, her cheeks flushing

Yes, I am.

Andrew replied.

Thats good news

Ill notify your family that you can be discharged.

Christina frowned, hurt evident in her voice.

Are you that eager to see me leave now that Im awake? Andrew stared at her directly

What else would you have me do? Am I supposed to beg you to say? Christina fell silent for a long moment before speaking through gritted teeth

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In fact, its because I was too accommodating and civil that people took me for granted.

Christina responded apologetically, I know breaking up with you hurt you deeply.

But Andrew, please try to understand my position.

I have to lead the entire Stevens family.

Im overwhelmed and exhausted.

I must find strong support for Stevens Corporation.

Andrew let out a bitter laugh.

Oh, I understand perfectly.

That's why I fully support your marriage with Harvey into wealth and power.

That way, Stevens Corporation, which still had some future, can fail even faster, and you can

experience what it's like to jump from the frying pan into the fire.

Christina took a deep breath to suppress her anger.

Andrew, you're still as bitter and unreasonable as ever.

Fine, I won't argue with you! Thank you for saving me.

Don't worry.

I'll repay this debt.

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I would've helped anyone in that situation, even a random stranger or some fool, so don't feel indebted.

Christina's face reddened with anger.

She realized she meant no more to him than a random stranger or a fool.

Just then, the door opened as Irene, Harvey, and others entered.

Irene said, "Christie, you're finally awake! It must've been so unbearable for you"

Christina shook her head.

"Mom, I'm fine now."

"It's thanks to Andrew's medical skills that I recovered so quickly."

Irene glanced dismissively at Andrew.

"He hardly deserves credit for doing his basic job."

On the other hand, Harvey has been so worried about you that hes losing sleep and appetite.

Harvey stepped forward with gentlemanly grace.

You flatter me, Mrs.

Stevens.

Christie is the love of my life.

For her, Id do more than just skip meals and sleep Id give my life without hesitation.

Irene was moved to tears.

Do you hear that, Christie ? Where else could you find such a perfect man? Christina remained silent,

giving Harvey a questioning look

Tonys words had left her with many doubts.

Chapter 163 After a moments hesitation, Christina said, Harvey, I have some questions Id like to ask you.

If youre uncomfortable answering, I wont press the matter.

Harveys heart skipped a beat, but he forced a smile.

Christie, darling, theres nothing you cant ask me.

Ive always been completely honest with you

Andrew secretly scoffed, realizing Christina had finally noticed some of Harveys suspicious behavior. However, it was no longer his concern

Tony mentioned that you owed him millions when he kidnapped me, Christina said carefully.

Harvey, is that true? Harvey immediately denied it.

Absolutely not.

Its completely false.

Tony is nothing but a common thug.

As a member of the Weller family and one of Jayrodales elite, I wouldnt even speak with someone like him, let alone owe him money.

Irene chuckled

Christie, you silly girl! The Wellers are old money, and Harvey was born with a not the other way around

rspoon in his mouth.

People owe him to The other Stevens family members chimed in, Thats right.

Harveys from serious wealth

The Weller fortune could last for generations even with excessive spending.

Someone commented, Exactly.

Jayrodales top families are known for their unbelievable wealth.

The Weller family is one of them.

How could Mr.

Weller possibly owe others money? Christina was swayed by their remarks and began to think that Tony must have been lying

Harvey came from privilege, and money was probably the least of his concerns, given his familys vast resources and business empire.

Still, Harvey, you should be careful.

A crime lord like Tony might target you, she warned.

Harvey waved his hand dismissively

An East Side gang leader isnt worthy of challenging me.

Besides, the East Side gang and Tony have been eliminated.

Christina was shocked.

She had witnessed Tonys strength firsthand and thought him nearly invincible.

She asked, Tony's been killed? Who did it? Irene declared proudly, Harvey, of course! When he learned that Tony had taken you, he was furious and immediately used his family connections to save you.

Even Mr.

Yates got involved.

I heard Tony was on his knees begging for mercy, but Harvey showed no mercy and ordered his execution.

Irene painted the picture so vividly as if she had witnessed Tony's downfall herself, portraying Harvey as some kind of almighty hero.

Yet, Christina was skeptical.

Mom, is that really what happened? Are you sure you're not just making this up? Irene frowned.

How could it be made up? Harvey told us himself.

Leroy and everyone else heard it too.

Leroy grinned proudly.

That's right, Christie, and to beg Harvey to tell me the details.

The Weller family's influence is truly incredible.

A young woman from the Stevens family gushed Mr.

Weller is so accomplished, just like the hero in movies who defeated the villain with a snap of his fingers. Christie, I'm so jealous that you found such a brave man! Suddenly, Andrew's voice cut through the

praise. If he's so incredibly powerful, then why did her calls go unanswered when she was in danger? Were you hiding somewhere, trembling in fear?

Chapter 164 Andrew's sudden comment instantly darkened the mood for the Stevens family and Harvey. Harvey replied with a scowl, As I said before I was busy calling, in favors and gathering support the moment Christie was taken.

Andrew, what's the point of constantly criticizing me? Even if you were gathering support, that wouldn't prevent you from answering your phone, Andrew shot back with a cold smile.

Or was the support story just a cover because you were too scared of Tony to do anything? Harvey's face darkened even further because Andrew had hit the nail on the head

When Tony had disrespected and mocked him earlier, Harvey had spent hours fuming helplessly. Owing Tony millions, he dared not confront him, let alone demand anything from Tony.

Andrew, you're still a small time doctor.

I'm letting this slide for Christ's sake, Harvey said smoothly.

You may not understand the extent of my family's power from your limited perspective, but those who know, know

Though seething with hatred inside, Harvey acted as if he was unfazed, as if the Weller family was above such petty arguments.

Andrew scoffed.

Christina may be naive, but not everyone falls for your empty boasts

I don't know much about the Weller family, but I do know you wouldn't dare make a peep in front of Tony! Andrew's brutal honesty shocked the Stevens family members present.

Irene flew into a rage.

Andrew, if you can't say anything nice, you should keep your mouth shut! Who are you to say Harvey was afraid of Tony? Oh, so you're saying he wasn't afraid? Andrew asked with a mocking smile. Of course not! Irene shouted

If Tony were still alive, Harvey would destroy him with a snap of his fingers! Leroy chimed in enthusiastically, That's right! Harvey could kill Tony in an instant

Tony wouldn't last a second against Harvey's might! The mother-son duo's over-the-top performance made the other Stevens family members cringe.

Everyone knew Christina was the family's crown jewel beautiful and brilliant.

Yet, ironically, her mother and brother were complete fools.

Harvey's face twitched as he forced a laugh.

Mrs.

Stevens, Leroy, you're exaggerating my abilities.

If not for Christina, he would have wanted nothing to do with these embarrassing idiots who could not even recognize when Andrew was baiting them

Can we stop with these crude remarks ? Christina frowned.

Andrew, Harvey, please stop Chapter for arguing, I dont care who killed Tony he got whi Harvey smiled.

I agree with Christie.

While the Tonys downfall, I never wanted to mention it.

17 Harvey is so humble.

Hes such a role model !! Irene beamed with pride.

Harveys character is gentleman in every way.

Chapter 164 arguing

I dont care who killed Tony he got what he deserved.

Harvey smiled

I agree with Christie.

While the Weller family may have played a role in Tonys downfall, I never wanted to mention it.

Taking credit would seem like vanity.

Harvey is so humble

Hes such a role model! Leroy exclaimed, filled with admiration.

Irene beamed with pride.

Harveys character is absolutely flawless.

Hes the perfect gentleman in every way.

Chapter 165 Mom, please stop it with the flattery there are people here, Christina said uncomfortably. Then, she asked, Harvey, has the paperwork on the East Side redevelopment investment you mentioned earlier been approved? Whats the status? Harvey immediately broke into a confident smile. Youre right, Christie

The documents have been officially approved.

I was planning to surprise you when you woke up, but you beat it to me.

Does this mean my 15 million dollar investment return is coming? Irene asked excitedly.

Leroy chimed in eagerly, Harvey, dont forget about me ! Im not as greedy as Mom just a few million will

do

Ill immediately buy a Bugatti, and itll make someones cheap car look like trash.

He shot a deliberate smirk at Andrew as he spoke.

Andrew ignored the fool who was counting on the East Side investment money to buy a luxury car.

In fact, these two idiots would be lucky if they had enough money left to buy even a meal- when this was all over.

Harvey said generously, Dont worry, Mrs.

Stevens, Leroy

Like I promised, youll all make a nice profit.

Just wait for the money to come in.

Christina felt a surge of excitement.

Harvey, when will the payout payments be released? Stevens Corporation desperately needed cash flow since she had invested most of their liquid assets.

According to our inside sources, the funds are being processed and could arrive any time, Harvey said with a mysterious smile

And guess what, Christie ? The payout rate is two points higher than we expected.

Our returns are going to shock the entire Jayrodale investment community.

Harvey, my precious son in law ! Irene exclaimed joyfully.

Youre not just handsome, but so brilliant with investments and finance.

I cant even find words to describe how perfect you are! Christina smiled warmly.

Thank you, Harvey.

You've really helped Stevens Corporation enormously this time.

Harvey was incredibly pleased with himself

Since returning home, everything he ventured into failed, but finally, he could hold his head high again. He decided that as soon as the payout came through and had the Stevens family singing his praises, he would seize the moment to propose to Christina

Harvey knew that winning over Christina would not be easy.

Every time he tried to get closer Chapter 165 she kept him at arms length.

He understood that conquering Christina would require real skill and dedication, but this time, he was determined to win her over completely

He could not wait to get between her gorgeous legs, conquering her in all the ways he could.

As Harvey indulged in his triumphant thoughts and Christina's alluring beauty, his throat grew dry with anticipation

Looking around, he noticed everyone seemed either happy, joyful, or envious everyone except Andrew, who wore an expression of pure amusement.

Chapter 166 Harvey shot Andrew a cold smirk, determined to put him in his place. Andrew, I kindly offered to let you in on this investment opportunity to help you make some money. Too bad you didn't take advantage of it.

Are you having regrets now? The Stevens family members joined in with mocking laughter, eager to curry favor with Harvey.

One mocked, Don't waste your time on lost causes, Mr.

Weller

Some people are destined to stay poor forever.

Next time there's easy money to be made, count me in, Mr.

Weller ! Unlike certain idiots, I won't turn down free money, another chimed in

Exactly, Mr.

Weller ! You should just tell us and not waste time on those losers! Remember how you called us all fools , Andrew? Irene gloated.

How does it feel now? Jealous? Andrew let out a mocking laugh.

Jealous of you all losing everything by falling for this scam? Leroy taunted, Classic sour grapes.

Just wait until the money comes in Ill make sure to drive my new Bugatti past you so you can get a nice face full of exhaust.

Andrew, this is a sure thing, Christina explained patiently.

Mr.

Thatcher already held a meeting with all the major corporations, confirming Jayrodales massive development plans

Andrew gave her a pointed look.

And youre certain its in the East Side ? Not the West End or somewhere else? Christina hesitated before responding, The East Side is the most likely location, and Harveys family got inside information early.

I dont think theres any chance of a mistake.

Andrew said flatly.

Its pointless to argue now.

Youre all beyond help

Andrew, I dont appreciate that attitude, Christina snapped

Why must you always oppose everything I do? Harvey chuckled.

Its understandable, Christie

Andrews just trying to get your attention in his own clumsy, pathetic way.

Christinas face darkened

After she had finally begun to see Andrew in a better light, all that went down the drain once more. Just then, Francesca burst into the room beaming Dr.

Lloyd, Grandpa just called! The development payouts have been released.

He was to treat you to dinner to thank you for helping the Aickers family get in early we mad a fortune ! The moneys already been paid? Andrew asked surprised! BONUS Chapter 166 Francesca gushed. Yes! Grandpa is overjoyed

Thanks to you, we made nearly 30 million dollars in this round! Irene, Harvey, and the others suddenly sat up straight when they heard the amount.

So, the Aickers invested in the East Side development too? Harvey asked with a smug smile.

Well, you were a bit late to the game.

The Weller family has claimed most of the prime land there.

Still, 30 million is a decent consolation prize

Francesca looked at him in confusion

I have no idea what youre talking about.

We didnt invest anything in that dump called East Side.

Harvey froze momentarily, surprised by her response, but quickly dismissed it.

He assumed she was just playing some psychological games on him and did not bother to press further.

Chapter 167 Harvey stated confidently, You just mentioned the new development zone. If its not East Side, where else could it be? Lets turn on the TV and watch the news.

Im sure the media will be calling me, the biggest winner, for interviews any minute now! Then, he lounged back, feeling smug

Leroy rushed to turn on the TV like an eager puppy, and the Stevens family watched intently, brimming with excitement.

Someone muttered, Wait... that doesnt look like the East Side !.

Its not East Side.

It looks more like West End.

Yeah, its definitely West End that run down area with all the cheap land around it.

The city tried to sell it before, but no one was stupid enough to take it, another commented.

The Stevens family members quickly realized something was wrong.

The payments being discussed on TV were not for the East Side at all, but for the West End the complete opposite side of town

Cold sweat broke out on Harveys forehead, though he tried to maintain his composure.

Ah, West End ... I hadnt heard they were developing that area too.

Dont worry, everyone.

The big news usually comes later theyll cover East Side after West End.

Irene sighed in relief.

That nearly gave me a heart attack.

But youre right, Harvey

Theyll announce our East Side payout any minute now.

Come on, hurry up! Leroy bounced impatiently.

I need my millions for my Bugatti ! Christina remained silent, but her clenched fists betrayed her anxiety. Andrew glanced at them, fighting back laughter at their collective stupidity especially Harvey, who was still in denial even now

Francesca could not contain herself like Andrew and giggled behind her hand, already guessing the huge disappointment that awaited Harvey and the Stevens family

Then, the camera turned to Mark, who was surrounded by Jayrodale officials for an interview. The reporter asked, Mr.

Thatcher, why was West End chosen for the new development zone instead of areas like East Side or South City ? the reporter asked..

This decision was made after careful consideration of all factors, Mark explained.

West End has always been the citys priority for redevelopment.

Christina turned off the TV, her mind completely blank.

Leroy trembled with rage as he turned to Harvey and shouted, That money I gave you was everything I had! What the hell happened to East Side ? How did it become West End? I want my money back right now !!! Gone was any pretense of respect Chapter

167 45 BONUS Irene looked like she was about to faint, struggling to contain her fury as she stared at Harvey.

Her face crumpled as she fought back tears.

After all, she had invested every penny of her retirement savings, and now it was all gone. 期

Chapter 168 Harvey stood frozen, muttering, How could this happen? This isnt right... This cant be right He was completely floored by the news as he had invested everything he had, even borrowing money and convincing the Stevens family to contribute their savings

He had planned to pay them back a token amount from the payout money and keep the lions share for himself.

Yet, he was in an even worse financial position than before.

For a fleeting moment, Harvey genuinely thought about just ending it all.

Harvey, whats going on? Christina asked, her voice heavy with disappointment.

Did your familys inside information turn out to be wrong, or were you just gambling blindly? Harveys attempt at a smile looked more like a grimace

Christie, please believe me, we really did have inside information.

I wouldnt have I dont believe anything you say anymore, Christina cut him off.

Mr.

Thatcher made it clear -weve lost everything.

Irene shouted, Harvey, Idont care what it takes, but you better find a way to get my money back. Use your family connections! If I lose my retirement savings, you can forget about having any future with Christie ! Leroy snarled, Yeah.

You had better return my money too! Otherwise, youre not my brother- in law anymore youre my enemy ! The other Stevens family members exchanged glances, some even snickering quietly in the corners. Serves him right for trying to keep all the profits to himself, one whispered.

ment I used to think he was some investment genius.

If I could go back in time, Id slap myself for being so blind.

This whole mess just proves that hes nothing but an overrated hack.

Im done wasting my time here its not worth it.

Their scornful remarks made Harveys already grim mood turn murderous, his face burning with humiliation

He had always been viewed as the perfect, capable young man from a prestigious family, And just like that, he had become nothing but a laughingstock.

Irenes threats about Christina were the final straw

For a moment, Harvey wanted nothing more than to slam Irene and Leroy into the ground and shut them up for good

They were a bunch of nobodies! Who gave them the right to bark at him like this? +25
US Chapter 166. Mrs.

Stevens, Leroy, please calm down.

Ill make this right, Harvey forced himself to say with a smile, not wanting to burn his bridges with the Stevens family just yet.

Their hostile attitudes made him want to lash out, but he had to keep his cool.

Otherwise, Christina would slip through his fingers for good.

Nonetheless, Irene and Leroy's aggressive demands made it impossible to focus.

Now trembling with anger, Irene had to lean on someone to steady herself.

She gasped for air and snapped, Make it right? How are you going to make it right?
Leroy sneered.

I dont care what excuses you come up with.

All I care about is my money.

Pay it back, and youre still my brother in law.

If you dont, were done here.

Harveys forced smile froze as his eyes darkened dangerously.

These people were really pushing their luck.

Did they really think he did not have limits?

Chapter 169 Meeting Christinas disappointed gaze, Harvey backed down from his rage.

He could not let his prize slip away he wanted both Christina and Stevens Corporation in his grasp. Then again, there was nothing he could do now.

All the money was gone, lost in a terrible.

investment.

In a way, he had nothing left except his status as the Weller family heir.

Christina said, Mom, stop pressuring Harvey.

Whats done is done, and well find another way to deal with the money situation.

Despite her words, Harveys pathetic, impotent rage made her realize for the first time that perhaps he was not as perfect as she had imagined

Meanwhile, Francesca seemed entirely indifferent to everyones mood.

With a bright smile, she turned to Andrew and said, Dr.

Lloyd, did you know Lauren bought you a big chunk of land in West End during the planning phase? Her

eyes sparkled as she added, Congratulations! Youre officially a millionaire now.

Andrew was surprised that Lauren had allocated so much to him.

Ms.

Rhodes should keep the money.

I dont deserve it, he said with a polite smile.

Dont be silly! Francesca exclaimed.

The Aickers and Lauren got this amazing opportunity because of you.

Even Grandpa admires you, not to mention Lauren and me were your biggest fans now!
Andrew

inwardly groaned.

He knew Francesca was deliberately stirring the pot to get under the Stevens family's skin and Harvey's especially

Sure enough, Irene fell for it.

She jumped up and shouted, So you knew all along it would be West End and not East Side ? Andrew shrugged nonchalantly

And what if I did? I told you all from the start that East Side wasn't worth it.

You didn't listen.

What was I supposed to do? Y Y You should've stopped us ! Why did you just watch us get scammed? Irene screamed before fainting dramatically.

Francesca motioned for someone to carry Irene out, chuckling.

That lady is ridiculous

She made the wrong choice, yet she's blaming Dr.

Lloyd for her own foolishness

No wonder she lost everything she deserved it.

Christina's face burned with shame, knowing they had no one to blame but themselves.

She could not believe she had made such a foolish mistake.

Suddenly, Harvey lunged forward and grabbed Andrew's collar.

He growled, Don't get cocky

you just got lucky! Here in Jayrodale, I can still destroy you without breaking a sweat! Andrew was unbothered.

He simply smirked.

You're blaming me because you screwed up? That's rich.

Chapter 16 Harvey raised his fist, eyes blazing with fury.

I've always hated you, and now I'm going to make you suffer just like I am! Once, Andrew had been nothing but a loser in Harvey's eyes a nobody, someone not even worth acknowledging

However, the tables had turned, and Andrew stood in the spotlight as the biggest winner of the redevelopment deal.

In comparison, Harvey had been exposed as a fraud and a complete failure.

To Christina and the rest of the Stevens family, he was nothing more than a pathetic, conniving fool. Being repeatedly overshadowed by Andrew had finally caused Harvey's long suppressed rage to explode. Hence, he was determined to destroy Andrew and salvage what little pride he had left.

Chapter 170 Francesca snapped, Let go of Dr.

Lloyd right now, Harvey.

You blindly led the Stevens family into disaster.

How's that his fault? If you're so tough, why don't you take it out on them instead? Harvey gritted his teeth

You must've used some underhanded methods to get lucky with West End, right? Andrew replied mockingly, Wow, Harvey, you've got me all figured out.

Yes, we used some so-called clever tricks that's how we made bank while you got left in the dust.

Harvey roared, You're just a powerless, insignificant doctor! Where did you get your information about the West End? Andrew chuckled.

Oh, you know, just asked around town.

Everyone knew about it.

I'm surprised you didn't, Harvey you must be losing your touch.

Are you messing with me? Do you have a death wish? Harvey snarled, waving his fist threateningly in front of Andrew's face.

Harvey! Francesca barked, stepping forward.

If you dare lay a finger on our deputy chief, I'll make sure you don't leave Jayrodale General Hospital in one piece

Harvey sneered

How the mighty have fallen, Francesca.

I cant believe youre defending this loser.

Even with the Aickers backing him, taking him down would be childs play.

Enough, Harvey ! Christina commanded.

Let him go

Havent you embarrassed yourself enough as the supposed elite of Jayrodale? She could not believe that the usually well mannered Harvey was throwing a tantrum like a kid, acting unreasonably.

Harveys face darkened as he shoved Andrew away.

Watch your back, Andrew

So what if I lost some money? The Weller family has plenty I could burn millions without blinking.

If youre that rich, why do you look like your world just ended? Andrew taunted

Though I guess when youre already drowning in debt, whats a few million more? Harveys suppressed rage exploded as he swung his fist at Andrews face.

F*ck off, you worthless piece of trash! Look out! Francesca cried.

Andrew scoffed and countered with a swift kick to Harveys chest, sending him flying backward. Harvey crashed to the ground, with a heavy thud

His glasses flew off, and he lay there in a heap, looking utterly humiliated.

You bastard! Harvey howled, scrambling to his feet.

His face twisted with fury as he grabbed his dislodged glasses and shoved them back onto his nose.

How dare you touch me ! Im Harvey Weller the heir of the Weller family! Yve got a death wish! Chapter 170 Andrew strode forward and delivered two sharp slaps across Harveys face.

He said coldly, You think your fancy title means anything to me? And the Weller family? Theyre just as worthless my eyes.

Francesca watched in shock, surprised by Andrews ferocity.

While Harvey was despicable, the Weller familys power was undeniable.

Moreover, Harvey himself was known throughout Jayrodale as a scholar and fighter who had trained in martial arts since childhood.