

The Ashes 491

Chapter 491 After leaving Michaels office, Andrew said, Ms. Rhodes, Mr.

Chapman, dont give up the game isnt over yet.

Lauren turned to Marcus.

Mr.

Chapman, you can work in another department temporarily.

III make sure you get your position back.

Marcus waved his hand tiredly and replied, No need, Mr. Lloyd and Ms.

Rhodes youve both helped me enough.

At my age, perhaps its time to wake up and let go of these ambitious.

pursuits.

Maybe living a simple life as an ordinary person is the right choice for me.

Lauren quickly protested, Mr.

Chapman, you dont have to do this! Marcus shook his head and smiled at them both.

Ms.

Rhodes and Mr.

Lloyd, when you have children of your own, maybe you'll understand how I feel right now.

Lauren blushed and shot Andrew a shy glare

Just then, a bearded man strode over with a grin, saying, Ah, Ms.

Rhodes, Mr.

Lloyd, and Mr.

Chapman all together! I just heard Mr.

Chapman talking about wanting to live a simple life

What an excellent idea! He gave Marcus a thumbs up with a smirk and added, Well done, Mr.

Chapman ! If you hadn't stepped away from the Pharmaceutical Division, I wouldn't have been able to take over

Marcus's face darkened as he replied, Mr.

MacAfee, you've been eyeing my position for a while

Now that you've got it, I bet it tastes sweet? Lauren added coldly, Mr.

MacAfee, you and Mr.

Chapman are both company veterans and used to be friends.

Are you really proud of taking your colleagues job? Troy MacAfee shrugged and said, In business, you either move forward or fall behind.

Everyone wants the position if Mr.

Chapman couldnt handle it, why shouldnt I step up? Ms.

Rhodes, theres no need to make it sound so ugly I earned this position fair and square

Marcus angrily retorted, Fine, you took my position, but you dont need to gloat about it.

If Mr.

Rhodes hadnt favored you, do you really think you could have replaced me? Troy mocked, Well, thats exactly the difference between us.

Youre capable but dont know how to read the room.

To be blunt, youre missing a few screws ! Mr.

Rhodes is such a talented figure, yet you oppose him instead of following him

You deserve to end up like this! With that, Troy strutted into Michaels office, laughing triumphantly. Marcus said solemnly, I never expected Troy to side with Mr.

Rhodes.

Ms.

Rhodes, your situation in the company will likely get more difficult each day.

Lauren scoffed

Ive never been afraid of incompetent people like Michael ! Andrew suggested, Its almost time to leave work.

Ms.

Rhodes, lets call it a day and make plans tomorrow.

Lauren nodded in agreement, Alright, well talk tomorrow.

After work, Andrew was planning to return directly to Moonlit Sanctuary, but Lauren held onto his arm, refusing to let him go.

Dr.

Lloyd, wont you take me shopping? she asked in a sweet, clingy voice.

Andrew smiled and replied, Alright, I have nothing else planned anyway.

Lauren said happily, Thank you, my Dr.

Lloyd! Oh, and Dr.

Lloyd, I have a small request.

What is it, Ms.

Rhodes ? Lauren asked reluctantly, Could you stop calling me Ms.

Rhodes ? It makes us sound too formal.

Id like you to call me Lauren or Laurie.

Andrew hesitated for a moment before forcing a smile and saying, Alright, Ill call you Lauren.

Laurie sounds a bit too affectionate, so lets skip that!

Chapter 492 Lauren giggled

You're such a stereotypical guy, Dr.

Lloyd

Shopping with a beautiful woman was always exhausting, and it proved no different for Andrew. Lauren's shopping spree quickly loaded Andrew's arms with bags until he could barely carry them all. I think that's enough.

I can barely hold any more, Andrew said, overwhelmed.

Lauren tilted her head thoughtfully before saying with disappointment, Fine ... I wanted to look at suits and belts for you too, but I guess that'll have to wait for next time! Andrew brightened up and asked hopefully, Can we head back now? Wagging her delicate fingers, the young heiress laughed playfully. No way! Shopping is exhausting, and I haven't eaten yet.

Come on, this restaurant is amazing.

It's my treat! Andrew could only smile wryly as he followed her into the restaurant laden with shopping bags.

Just as they sat down, Donald called him

Andrew found it strange to get a call from Donald at this hour.

He answered irritably, Mr.

Warren, you better have a good reason for calling Donald sounded extremely excited as he replied, Mr. Lloyd, this is explosive, absolutely explosive! In all my years as Jayrodale's police commissioner, I've never uncovered such a twisted, dramatic case! Andrew laughed and asked, Oh? How dramatic is it? Do tell

Donald continued, After my thorough interrogation, Brad confessed that Harvey ordered him to meet with Mr.

Chapman.

But thats not even the biggest revelation Brad dropped an absolute bombshell! Mr.

Lloyd, you wont believe this Harvey has been having an affair with his stepmother, Serena. My goodness, Mr.

Lloyd, isnt this explosive? When this gets out, itll shake the entire Jayrodale elite society to its core ! Andrew was somewhat surprised as he had not expected the Weller family to be involved in such a scandal

He had met Serena before at Natashas party in West End Manor, where she had been quite cozy with Michael

Still, according to Donald, she was more complex than she appeared, having developed such a shocking relationship with her stepson Harvey

Donald was clearly excited about these scandalous revelations and continued enthusiastically, Brad said their affair isnt even a secret within the Weller family anymore, and many people know about it.

He also mentioned that Harvey and Serena might have orchestrated Kanes death.

Andrews eyebrows shot up as this jogged his memory.

He remembered that Kane had been gravely ill but should not have died so suddenly

The worst part of his condition was that he had been poisoned with a toxic substance that had gradually seeped into his vital organs.

Andrew warned Kane about possible polsoning, but Kane did not listen and even suspected Andrew of having ill intentions.

A few days later, his sudden death was announced.

At the time, Andrew suspected play rather than natural causes, but without evidence, and since it was a Weller family matter, he did not pursue it.

Now, it seemed his suspicions were correct Harvey had likely committed an unthinkable act to quickly

seize power, killing his own father and then shamelessly carrying on an affair with Serena.

Chapter 493 Mr.

Warren, as far as I know, what Harvey and Serena did falls under moral issues.

Using legal means wont do you any good, Andrew said.

Then, he asked, So, did Brad give you anything useful during the interrogation? Donald scoffed Taking his stepmother to bed and doing something that shameless? Sure, its a moral issue, but dont you think its something that deserves divine punishment? Andrew chuckled.

Mr.

Warren, it seems like youre itching to do something to express your outrage, arent you? Donald smirked

Of course! While I was interrogating Brad, there happened to be a few intern reporters present.

He continued, So, my apologies, but tomorrow, Jayrodales front page will have the Weller familys scandal plastered all over it in the biggest headline.

Make sure to subscribe and enjoy it, Mr.

Lloyd

Andrew laughed and cursed in jest, Enjoy it, my ass.

I have no interest in this kind of trashy gossip.

Donald chuckled mischievously.

Oh, come on, Mr.

Lloyd

Were both men here I can promise you, its juicy and worth every second.

Anyway, its late, and Im clocking out now.

You take care, Mr.

Lloyd

He added, Oh, by the way, Brad also admitted during the interrogation that the Weller familys health supplements have major quality issues.

Tomorrow, Ill notify the proper authorities to conduct an investigation.

Andrew nodded.

Got it

Lets leave it at that

After hanging up, Andrews expression turned a little strange.

Lauren, noticing this, grinned.

That was Mr.

Warren, right? What did he say ? Andrew wasted no time recounting the scandal between Harvey and Serena.

Lauren, stunned, stopped eating her spiced bisque and immediately grabbed Donalds number. Without hesitation, she called him up.

Mr.

Warren, hey.

So, uh, no big deal Im just super curious

Could you give me a full, detailed, and dramatic account of what happened between Harvey and Serena

? Andrew, sitting across from her, looked utterly speechless.

He sighed inwardly.

Women- gossiping really was their innate hobby and talent.

Lauren and Donald hit it off instantly, like two peas in a pod

The two spent over an hour on the phone, enthusiastically dissecting every detail of the sordid affair. Bored out of his mind, Andrew ordered a warm bowl of gourmet stew for himself and focused on eating.

However, as he leaned forward to enjoy his food, the chair behind him was suddenly shoved back, leaving him with no room to move Turning around, Andrew saw the culprit: a burly man with a round face sitting back to back with him.

The guy was covered in tattoos on his arms and legs, looking like he was in a gang

Next to him, he had arrogantly placed a BMW car key and a Rolex watch on the table, like props to show off.

Fiona, order whatever you want.

Moneys no object for me, the burly man said to the heavily made up woman sitting across from him.

Hugh, youre so sweet, the woman said in an exaggerated, high pitched voice

Not only did you take me shopping today, but now youre treating me to my favorite restaurant ! Hugh Williamson puffed out his chest.

Please.

Im only here because you like it.

Someone like me wouldnt normally set foot in a place like this.

I usually dine at five star hotels and exclusive private restaurants, he added smugly.

The womans eyes sparkled with admiration.

Really? Hugh, can you take me there next time? Ive never been to a five star hotel before ! Hugh laughed wickedly

Why wait for next time? After this, Ill take you straight there.

Ive already set up a massive, super comfy waterbed.

Tonight, Ill make sure you scream my name till sunrise.

Chapter 494 Unable to take it anymore, Andrew tapped Hughs shoulder and said politely, Hey man, could you move your chair a bit ? Its really tight back here.

Hugh turned around and snapped, Move your own damn self if youre uncomfortable, you idiot! As he cursed, he deliberately showed off the tiger tattoo on his chest.

This trick usually let him swagger around Jayrodale unchallenged, since most people were easily intimidated by such displays.

Fiona Smith leaned forward aggressively and asked, Hugh, whats wrong? Is this loser bothering you? Hugh sneered

Just eat your food, hes nobody.

This moron actually asked me to move my chair.

Who does he think he is, the king of Jayrodales underground? Hes got a death wish! Andrew frowned and replied, Watch your mouth.

If you keep spewing trash, I might just help you find out what it actually tastes like.

Hugh rolled up his sleeves and pointed at Andrews face, bellowing, Do you have any ideal who I am? Listen here, you piece of crap.

If you talk to me like that again, III make sure you and your family are gone overnight! His threatening appearance and loud voice immediately drew the attention of everyone in the restaurant.

The owner noticed the commotion and came over with an appeasing smile, Gentlemen, please calm down

How about a cigarette ? Take a breather for my sake everyones just here to eat.

Hugh sneered, slapping the offered cigarette out of the owners hand.

Then, he spat directly at the mans face, his expression cold.

Get out of here, you pathetic excuse for a man.

Do you think someone like you deserves my respect? And you call this garbage a cigarette? What is it,

a few bucks a pack? Trash like that might suit you, but its beneath me.

The owner, humiliated and wiping his face, sat on the floor in defeat

He muttered, What the hell? Youre already being a bully do you have to take it this far? The owner had seen everything clearly.

Hugh had intentionally pushed the person seated behind him, causing the issue.

Hugh smirked.

So what if I shoved someone? Who told you to stick your nose where it doesnt belong? He leaned closer

, his voice dripping with mockery.

Oh, and since youre the owner of this place, let me make something clear: my girl and I arent paying for a damn thing.

Fiona chimed in with a smug smile.

Thats right.

I come here all the time for the spiced bisque, but this man here? Hes my boyfriend, Hugh Williamson. Ever heard of the Madblade Martial Academy? Hughs cousin, Rodney Sanford, runs the place hes the heir, you know.

She let the name hang in the air, as if daring the owner to challenge her.

The owner froze at the mention of Madblade Martial Academy.

If Hugh was related to Rodney, then provoking him could mean trouble.

The man quickly nodded, trembling.

I understand.

From now on, anytime you come here, its on the house.

You wont have to pay a dime.

Hugh nodded in satisfaction, shooping the owner away.

Now get lost

Ive got other business to take care of

After Im done with you, Ill deal with this idiot over here.

He turned back to Andrew, his face dark with hostility, ready to escalate the confrontation.

Chapter 495 The restaurant owner hurriedly retreated into the kitchen, too scared to intervene further. Meanwhile, the other diners cast sympathetic glances at Andrew, their hushed murmurs echoing their shared sentiment of pity

One diner whispered, Just finish your meal quickly, and lets get out of here.

Hugh always throws his weight around because of his ties to the Madblade Martial Academy.

The poor guy over there is doomed looks like hes too soft to handle a thug like Hugh.

Another diner chimed in, The guys unlucky, but did you see his girlfriend? Shes stunning, like a goddess

Hughs got a reputation for being a sleaze.

Hell definitely try to mess with her

That handsome guy was too rushed

When he met a mad dog like Hugh, he shouldve held back for a while, and the situation wouldve passed

Although our society is a society ruled by law, power is still absolute were no one to fight against that.

All the diners pitied Andrew, thinking he was unlucky.

However, a few also thought Andrew was careless.

After all, it was obvious that Hugh was not easy to deal with Andrew should have just dined quietly and left after.

Lauren put down her phone and frowned.

Dr.

Lloyd, is this guy trying to start trouble? Dont worry about it.

Ill handle this, Andrew replied calmly.

12 Hugh noticed Lauren and grinned unpleasantly, Well, well, pretty boy, I didnt expect you to have such a beautiful companion.

Heres the deal apologize, and maybe III let you off easy.

Fiona, glaring at Lauren with seething jealousy, snickered.

Hughs offering you the chance of a lifetime! You better agree before he changes his mind.

Lauren took a sip of her drink, utterly unfazed, and said casually, Not everyones like you, willing to settle for trash and swallow crap.

She gestured at Hugh and added with a smirk, Take a good look at your pig of a man, and then look at my handsome man

Honestly, do you even think youre in the same league ? Laurens sharp words cut deep, and despite her polished demeanor, she delivered them with lethal precision

Fionas face turned bright red with anger as she screeched, Hugh, this bitch just called me trash and said youre crap! Are you going to let her get away with that? Teach her a lesson and sell her to some overseas dump! Hugh shot Fiona an annoyed look.

Shut up! I wouldnt dare ruin that pretty little face.

However, he grinned wickedly and said, But youre right she does need to be put in her place.

After Ive had my fun, maybe III consider selling her.

Shed fetch a good price overseas

Andrew arched a brow, his tone calm yet sharp.

You said Rodney Sanford from the Madblade 1/2 Martial Academy is your cousin? Hughs chest puffed with pride as he replied, So youve heard of Rodney, huh? Yeah, hes the big man at Madblade, and Im Hugh Williamson, the one and only Nasty Hugh.

Surely youve heard of me too

With a smug gesture, Hugh tapped the tiger tattoo on his chest, as if it validated his claims.

Andrew looked at him, feigning surprise, and said, Nasty Hugh? Nope.

Never heard of the name.

Hughs face turned red as he barked, Bullshit! Andrew nodded thoughtfully.

Whatever.

Lets just get down to business

Hughs jaw tightened, and his eyes narrowed

You clueless fool, do you even realize how deep in trouble you are? Ill give you one minute to ask around and learn about my name.

Youll see soon enough that this isnt a joke.

Andrew shrugged, his expression unbothered

Why would I waste my time asking about some random idiot? Im not that bored.

Chapter 496 Andrew looked at Hugh with a cold smirk and said, Ill give you a choice.

Slap yourself ten times, admit youre a loser, and promise never to show your face in front of me again. He added, Do that, and I might consider letting you walk out of here.

Hugh froze for a moment.

However, he soon burst into loud laughter.

Are you out of your damn mind? Fiona, did you hear this moron ?! He howled, This idiot actually thinks he can give me a choice.

What a joke! Hes just begging to die.

Fiona sneered at Andrew with disdain.

Youre gonna regret this.

In a minute, Hughs gonna have you crying for mercy on your knees, begging him to stop! She scoffed. And your tramp of a girlfriend? Hughs gonna deal with her too

Next time, learn to steer clear when you meet a big shot like Hugh Hughs face darkened as he pointed at Andrew.

Get on your knees right now

Im giving you three seconds to decide.

If you dont, Ill smash your head open! The other diners shook their heads in pity, thinking Andrew was young and too impulsive for his own good.

One whispered, That Hugh guys a real thug

Ive heard rumors that hes even killed people before.

That poor guy is seriously out of his league

Honestly, I feel bad for his girlfriend, another murmured

Shes gorgeous, but whats the point when the guy shes with cant even protect her? Hes all looks and no backbone

Lets just leave I cant watch another second of this.

When Hugh gets angry, therell surely be violence.

The restaurant owner peeked nervously out of the kitchen before ducking back inside with a sigh.

He ran a small business and could not afford to meddle, especially against someone as infamous as Hugh

Feeling helpless, he muttered to himself, Sorry, kids, but I cant stick my neck out for you.

Its not like I could do anything to stop Hugh anyway.

Andrew ignored Hughs threats and turned to Lauren with a calm smile.

Lauren, what do you think we should do with him? Lauren tapped her chin thoughtfully before her eyes lit up

Well, she said with a sly grin, since their mouths are so filthy, maybe we should make them taste real filth.

Andrew raised an eyebrow.

This is a restaurant.

Theres only food here.

Lauren smirked and replied, Lets go with the grossest thing here the kitchen slop bucket.

That stuff smells so bad, I almost threw up last time I caught a whiff.

Andrew chuckled.

Great Idea.

Lets give these two losers a taste of the slop bucket special.

Hughs face turned beet red as he fumed with rage.

You little punk! Youre dead! Im gonna smash your face in and take your woman! With a wicked grin, Hugh swung his fist toward Andrews head

Fiona clapped her hands excitedly and cheered, Yes! Hit him, Hugh! Teach those two losers a lesson ! Before Fiona could finish her sentence, Lauren stood up, stepped forward, and slapped fier across the face with a loud crack.

Fiona stumbled, clutching her cheek in shock.

She screeched, You hit me ?! You actually hit me ?! Ill kill you! Fiona lunged at Lauren in a fit of rage, but Lauren stayed calm.

With two swift, stinging slaps, she sent Fiona sprawling to the floor.

The woman landed with a thud, too stunned to get back up.

Meanwhile, Hughs punch was effortlessly caught mid swing by Andrew, who smiled coolly

With his free hand, Andrew delivered a hard slap across Hughs face, the force so strong it echoed through the room

Hugh staggered backward, dazed, and collapsed onto the ground, knocking over plates and silverware in the process.

Chapter 497 The other customers and even the restaurant owner stood frozen in place, staring at Andrew and Lauren in shock. Everyone looked stunned

It was as if they were watching something out of an action movie.

Mommy, those two are amazing! a little boy exclaimed

Man, that guy knocked Nasty Hugh to the ground with just one slap ! a diner murmured in disbelief.

I thought he was just some skinny dude, but hes clearly hiding some serious strength ! Lauren walked up

to Fiona, placing the heel of her stiletto on the womans face while looking down at her with a cold smile. A minute ago, you were throwing around insults like it was your hobby.

So go on, say something else now.

11 Fiona shrieked as Laurens heel pressed harder, distorting her nose and mouth

Tears streaming, she cried, Hugh, help me! Somebody help! Shes going to kill me ! Lauren grabbed a fistful of Fionas hair and sneered, Your eyelids, nose, lips are fake, and even your chest is fake.

Wow, youre a walking patchwork of cheap parts! Without hesitation, Lauren started ripping off Fionas fake eyelashes, and double eyelid tape, and even yanked out her push up bra.

Within seconds, Fionas appearance shifted dramatically

Her face, previously propped up by bad cosmetic surgery, collapsed into a grotesque mess.

The diners recoiled at the sight, realizing just how botched her procedures had been.

On the other side of the room, Hugh forced himself to his feet, his head still spinning from Andrews slap.

Gritting his teeth, he glared at Andrew and spat, You little punk, you actually dared to hit me ? You're dead! Just wait I'm calling Rodney, and when he gets here, you'll regret being born.

As Rodney's cousin and a self-proclaimed big shot from Jayrodale's Madblade Martial Academy, Hugh had spent years bullying people without consequences

Being humiliated like this was unthinkable, and his rage burned hotter with each passing second.

He vowed silently that he would not let Andrew off the hook, not after being slapped so hard it might have caused a concussion.

Andrew remained unfazed

With an air of calm, he said, Call Rodney if you want, but it won't change a thing.

You're not stepping out of that door until you finish eating all the slop from this kitchen.

Hugh pulled out his phone, his hands shaking as he dialed.

Just wait, he snarled

When Rodney gets here, you're done! If I don't make you suffer for this, I'm not Nasty Hugh! The call connected, and Hugh immediately started shouting into the phone.

Rodney, I got attacked on Food Street! Bring your guys here now and take care of this punk for me! Rodney sighed on the other end of the line.

Did you even use my name? You should've said I'm your cousin.

I did! Hugh yelled in frustration.

I told him I'm your cousin, the famous Nasty Hugh from Jayrodale ! But he didn't care.

He just slapped me to the ground like Im nothing! Rodney's voice grew irritated

Alright, Ill send Dean over to deal with it, but let me tell you something stop telling people youre my cousin.

Its embarrassing

Hugh sounded hurt.

What? How is that embarrassing? Im really your cousin! Are you seriously asking me that? You gave yourself the nickname Nasty Hugh, and think its cool.

Youre a disgrace, and frankly, youre useless! Rodney snapped before hanging up.

Chapter 498 Hugh hung up the phone and sneered at Andrew.

Your time is up

Rodney already sent people over.

If I dont break both your legs and ruin your woman, Ill change my name from Nasty Hugh to Loser Hugh. Feeling smug, he pulled out a chair, lit a cigarette with a dramatic snap, and took a long drag as if savoring his supposed victory.

Fiona, now stripped of all her artificial enhancements, ran over to him, sobbing hysterically.

Hugh, youve got to stand up for me! That woman ruined everything I spent thousands on ! I dont care what you do just kill her for me! Hugh was still fuming and trying to calm his nerves when he glanced at Fiona, only to recoil in horror.

What the hell are you ?! he shouted, flinging his cigarette to the floor, Smacking her across the face, he barked, Are you human or some kind of ghost? Get away from me, you hideous thing! How can someone this disgusting even exist ?! Fiona clutched her swelling cheek, crying out in disbelief. Hugh, its me! Im Fiona! Im your girlfriend! Look at me please look closer! Hugh stared at her

again, squinting in disgust, and then it hit him: this grotesque figure really was his gold digging girlfriend. But now, with her distorted face and sagging figure, she had no appeal whatsoever.

Youve got to be kidding me, he muttered, a wave of nausea rising in his stomach.

Get out of here! Im done with you! Hugh, no! Fiona sobbed, clinging to his arm.

Get lost! he shouted, shoving her toward the door

If Id known your whole body was fake, I wouldve dumped you ages ago! With one last kick, he sent her stumbling out of the restaurant.

Lauren could not help but laugh

Serves her right! Andrew turned to Hugh, his expression icy.

Youre just as bad.

How could you treat your girlfriend like that? 1 Hughs face twisted in fury.

Easy for you to judge when youre not the one dealing with a woman who looks like a freakin corpse ! Would you take someone like that? Andrew shrugged.

No, shes too ugly for me.

Hugh pointed angrily.

Then shut the hell up! Youre no better ! Andrew smirked.

The difference is I have standards, and that walking disaster isnt my type.

But you, Nasty Hugh? Youre a perfect match for her a couple made in heaven! Before Hugh could respond, Andrew slapped him hard enough to send him crashing to the ground again.

Hugh lay there, his face red with rage and humiliation, screaming, Just wait! You're gonna pay for this! At that moment, a line of cars pulled up outside the restaurant.

Dean and a dozen martial arts students from the Madblade Martial Academy spilled out, their presence intimidating.

Seeing them, Hugh scrambled to his feet and shouted, Mr.

Mayer! Over here! This is the punk -take him out! The few remaining customers in the restaurant exchanged nervous glances.

This just went from bad to worse, one muttered.

If Madblade Martial Academy is involved, this guy's in real trouble.

Nasty Hughs nothing but a loudmouth.

But those guys? They're the real deal.

Nobody in this town dares to mess with them.

I can't believe these two didn't just leave when they had the chance, another man said, shaking his head. They've got guts, but now they're stuck.

There's no getting out of this mess.

Chapter 499 Dean strode into the restaurant, his expression dark and menacing.

The moment Hugh saw him, his confidence soared

He scrambled up from the floor and glared at Andrew with a venomous sneer.

You think youre tough? Go ahead, slap me again, you punk! Let me teach you something out here, its

all about power and connections! Andrew raised an eyebrow and asked, Are you sure you want me to slap you again? Hugh smacked his swollen face and jeered.

Do it! I dare you! You wont.

Youre probably so scared right now youre about to wet your pants! With Madblade Martial Academys martial artists here, Hugh was convinced Andrew would not dare make another move

In his mind, he was already imagining the scene of Andrew groveling at his feet, sobbing and begging for forgiveness.

Yet, before Hugh could enjoy his fantasy, Andrews hand whipped across his face again with twice the force

Hugh flew backward, crashing straight into Dean and his men as they entered the restaurant.

Deans quick reflexes saved Hugh from face planting onto the floor.

The rest of the onlookers stood frozen, stunned that Andrew dared to hit Hugh again despite the presence of Madblade Martial Academys crew.

Hugh roared like a wounded animal, pointing a shaking finger at Andrew.

Kill him, Mr.

Mayer! Tear him apart! I want him in pieces III eat his flesh and drink his blood! As he raged, Hugh could not wrap his head around how Andrew still had the nerve to strike him.

Dean, on the other hand, had already spotted Andrew and Lauren.

His face turned pale, and he quickly forced a nervous smile as he stepped forward.

Mr.

Lloyd, Ms.

Rhodes I didnt realize you were here! Lauren gave him a bright but mocking smile.

Of course, were here.

Not only that, but we also gave Rodneys loser cousin a proper beating

I hear youre here to back him up, so what are you waiting for? Go on, make your move.

Deans face paled further as the realization hit him

Wait what? This idiot actually picked a fight with the two of you? 1/2 *** Lauren smirked. What did you think? Now go ahead and do what you came to do.

Nasty Hugh over there cant wait for you to teach us a lesson.

Hugh, still oblivious to the tension, barked impatiently

Mr.

Mayer, whats the holdup? Theyre practically daring you! Look at me! Youve seen what theyve done to

me.

You have to take them down cripple them or kill them! I wont be satisfied until theyre completely destroyed! Deans patience snapped.

Without a word, he turned and slammed his fist into Hughs head with a loud thud, sending him sprawling across the floor.

However, he was not done, He stormed over and began stomping on Hugh with all his might.

You idiot! How dare you drag me into this by messing with Mr.

Lloyd and Ms.

Rhodes! You useless, brainless piece of trash ! Hugh could only scream as Deans kicks landed one after another.

Consumed with panic and fury, Dean cursed with every hit, venting all his frustration.

He could not believe his luck.

He had assumed this was a routine job show up, break up a fight, and maybe a fight, and maybe extort some cash

Rodney had given him straightforward instructions, and Dean had already mapped out the entire process in his head on the way here.

Nonetheless, seeing Andrew and Lauren the two people he least wanted to offend Dean realized he had walked straight into a nightmare.

For a fleeting moment, he genuinely regretted ever stepping into this restaurant.

After losing control of the Northern District, Dean had been a desperate man, scraping for survival. Hence, he joined Madblade Martial Academy.

Chapter 500 Dean had hoped for a quiet life after joining Madblade Martial Academy.

Instead, Andrew had shown up, stomped all over their pride, and forced them to pay back every cent without daring to make a sound.

Dean had long resolved to follow three golden rules when it came to Andrew: not to provoke him, not to act recklessly, and not to resist.

Yet, fate was cruel

Not only had he crossed paths with Andrew again, but Hugh had also managed to offend him and even expected Dean to clean up the mess.

Deans patience snapped, and for a brief moment, he genuinely considered killing Hugh to put an end to this nightmare.

Hugh lay on the floor, beaten to a bloody pulp and sobbing uncontrollably, his face a mixture of tears and snot.

Mr.

Mayer, I called you here to help me deal with them, not to beat me up! Why are you hitting me? Get rid of those two scumbags already! Dean exploded.

Shut your damn mouth, you idiot! He punctuated his fury with a vicious kick to Hughs stomach, making him curl up on the floor and vomit bile.

You moron ! Dean yelled, grabbing Hugh by the collar and leaning in close.

Do you even know who they are ? Let me spell it out for you these two are people that not even Rodney would dare to cross! Hughs blood drained face twisted in disbelief.

What are you saying? Thats impossible ! Rodney is one of Jayrodales four most eligible bachelors! Theres no one in this city he cant handle ! Deans eye twitched as his rage reached a boiling point. Youre still running your mouth? Let me remind you this man here, he said, pointing to Andrew, is the one who stormed into Madblade Martial Academy, beat us all down, made me cough up every penny we owed, and left Mr.

Lincoln bedridden ! Even your cousin Rodney had to bow and scrape like a scared puppy when he faced him

Do you understand now, or should I beat some more sense into you? he added

Dean slapped Hugh twice across his swollen face, hard enough to rattle his brain.

Hugh swallowed hard, the fear settling deep in his bones.

He finally understood.

This was not just some average martial artist this was a monster who had effortlessly crushed the mighty Madblade Martial Academy.

Hugh verkropter flas had always wondered what kind of godlike figure could achieve that, and now, horrifyingly, he was staring him in the face Worse, he had had the gall to provoke him.

Mr.

Mayer, please save me ! Hugh screamed, his voice cracking as his terror reached a peak.

His body shook uncontrollably, and an unmistakable stench filled the air as he wet himself in sheer panic

Dean shoved him aside in disgust and turned to Andrew, bowing respectfully.

Mr.

Lloyd, how would you like me to handle this? Should I dump him in the river, take his head off, or bury him alive in a concrete foundation? Alternatively, I could send him off overseas to work as a sex worker and make money for you, or I could just harvest his kidneys as an apology.

Lauren burst into laughter, covering her mouth.

Wow, so many options? That's impressive! Dean straightened up even more, his smile ingratiating, Ms. Rhodes, you may not know, but these are just the standard methods we use in situations like this.

He continued, This idiot Hugh offended Mr.

Lloyd so severely that by underground rules, he deserves the worst punishments maybe a few stabs, castration, dismemberment, or even cuts all over.