

Chapter 171 September's Farewell to Leander A 51 Finished In a sudden blur of motion , Leander darted past Sean and the others , thrusting his fist directly into the chest of the Nodal . Everyone turned to look as a loud shockwave shook the ground and spread out in a ring of pressure . Leander's punch landed squarely in the center of the Nodal's chest , which is a towering construct forged entirely from molten bronze . His punch went right through the thick metal . Chunks of bronze blasted outward , clattering against the distant walls . " What the ...

" Even the normally calm Claire and Serena were stunned speechless . Despite their seasoned strength , veterans like Sean and Elena stood frozen in disbelief . The Nodal was constructed entirely of solid metal , its durability comparable to reinforced steel . Even if they exerted all their strength with a punch , at most they would leave a slightly deeper imprint on the bronze man . To punch through like Ashcroft did was something they could never achieve . It was a monstrous level of destructive power . People could hardly dent it at full strength .

They could never have imagined such destructive force that Leander was able to punch straight through it . When he pulled his arm away , a gem- like object glowed dimly in his palm , shimmering golden and dazzling . " That came from inside the Nodal Bronze Man ? Sovereign , what is that ? " Sean , who came from a distinguished martial family , had seen a lot of odd and uncommon items , but he had no idea what this brilliant jewel

was . Claire and Serena leaned in curiously . Anything that Leander bothered to extract personally had to be extraordinary , since he was the grandmaster of Astria .

" This is the Dragon Core Crystal ! " Leander kept staring at the glistening stone he was holding . His smile hinted at deep satisfaction . For years , his cultivation of Nirvana Energy had been strengthening his physique , molding his body into what he called the Devourer Form . Yet it remained incomplete . One crucial component was missing from it , which was the core of dragon energy , Leander could finally bring his Devourer Form to maturity using the Dragon Core Crystal , which contained the core of the dragon energy .

Once merged with his body , he would be raised to the point where holy weapons would hardly scratch him . He would then be eligible to pursue even greater forms , such as the Devourer Treasure Form and , beyond that , the Devourer Divine Form . 1/4 17:38 Tue , Oct 14 Chaplet 171 September's Farewell to Leander " Dragon Core Crystal ? What's that ? " Serena confused . Leander smiled faintly and gave no explanation . 51 61) Finished Dragon Core Crystal was formed inside magical beasts carrying a draconic ancestry . It was rare , filled with potent energy .

He had scoured ancient mountains and battled countless beasts , but had never come across one -until now . He could not imagine that his journey to the Silvermoon Sect would reward him with such a priceless find . He also had no idea that the same treasure he was looking for was hidden by the Nodal . So , the real secret of this statue wasn't its structure , but the Dragon Core sealed inside it , he thought quietly . Looking

at the group , he said , " This crystal is of great importance to me , so I'll be taking it . "

However , I , Jeff Ashcroft , owe no one favors .

That said , I owe you a worthy reward since I destroyed the Nodal . " He then raised his hand and let out two streams of deep blue internal force . They arced like ribbons through the air and entered the crowns of Claire and Serena's heads . " I've planted Nirvana Energy within both of you . This energy will support your breakthrough as you cross the threshold to become a Martial Sovereign ." Claire and Serena stood wide - eyed and unable to respond , still overwhelmed . Meanwhile , Elena stepped forward , her expression filled with emotion , and bowed deeply . " Thank you , Sovereign .

The entire Silvermoon Sect is indebted to you . Whatever you ask in the future , we will not hesitate to obey . " Her words came from the heart . As the grandmaster of Astria , Leander would keep his word . Thus , the Silvermoon Sect would have the continent's most powerful Martial Sovereigns in the future . There might not be any other sect with such strength and heritage in the Astria martial world . Silvermoon Sect had been in decline ever since the Sword Ancestor disappeared a century ago . However , Leander had planted the seeds of its revival .

It was an honor beyond words for the Silvermoon Sector to have two future Martial Sovereigns as a gift . As Elena waited for a reply and heard none , Claire gently helped her up . " Master Elena , he's already gone . " Elena looked up and realized the square was empty as Leander was gone . Serena and Claire turned to the spot where he had stood , eyes filled with regret . They had once shared a journey with him , not knowing

his identity , exchanging only a few words . They would have cherished those moments more if they could go back in time.

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After a long silence , Serena , who had never shown much interest in martial arts , suddenly clenched her fist , her expression firm . " No matter how far above you rise , I'll keep training until I'm strong enough to stand beside you . " The impact of that one encounter had been permanent . Leander would never be forgotten by Claire or Serena . News of Leander's triumph over the Laughing Monk of West Ridge spread like wildfire across Astria .

The duel between the reigning master and the old legend became the hottest topic in the martial world . Leander's fame surged beyond anything Gareth had known during his rise . Yet , just as suddenly , Leander disappeared . Nobody was aware of his whereabouts . He seemed to have disappeared from the world . Though Leander remained hidden , the martial world boiled with activity nine months later . Sovereigns emerged one after another , challenging each other and shaking up the Astria Power Index .

Astria had entered a period of intense competitiveness , inspired by Leander's past year of bold moves . The lower ranks of the top ten changed drastically , but the top remained unshaken . Only Leander , Gareth , and Maximilian had gone unchallenged . Over in Ravenridge , Mornwick , roughly a month after the SAT , two girls - Yvette and Ginny- sat across from each other in a quiet Starbucks . Yvette's features were more delicate , her charm more bittersweet , and she had lost weight after nine months .

However , she looked gloomy as she quietly said , " Ginny , come find me if you ever visit Listin . " Ginny frowned , clearly upset . " Do you really have to do this , Yvette ? I know your parents are going through a difficult time , but why put yourself through that ? Just be honest with him . He could resolve the matter with his capabilities . Why won't you reach out to Frankie ? " Yvette smiled a little wearily . " Yvette , my mom lent ten thousand dollars from him , " Ginny continued . " He paid it back tenfold and even saved me several times . If anything , we owe him now .

" Besides , I can't face him . I don't want him to look at me like I didn't mean anything . I don't want to hear him claim that my mom is the only reason he helped me . " She laughed bitterly , her voice trembling . 3/4 17:38 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 171 September's Farewell to Leander Finished " He's right . We're from different worlds . He's untouchable , while I'm just a naive girl . Maybe going our separate ways is for the best . This isn't just about saving my parents , but my way of making peace with all the mistakes I made . " Yvette patted Ginny's shoulder and left .

An hour later , Yvette took a high - speed train to Listin . Her heart was heavy while gazing out at the familiar skyline . She did not miss her childhood or her school days , but rather , the boy who had saved her again . and again . As the train pulled away and the city shrank into the distance , she leaned back into her seat , blinking away tears . " Leander ... I have to say goodbye this time . " Send Gifts 60 B

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It would probably take him another year or so - at the very least - if he wanted to catch up now . How could he even dare to claim that I won't become his equal despite decades of effort ? That sounds delusional and beyond arrogant , Victor wondered . Indeed , he could become a national leader or a business tycoon in a few decades and

even a billionaire . Can Leander do this as someone from the countryside ? Everyone in the room looked at each other , with some softly chuckling . " Well , whatever you say , Leander , " Victor responded with a fake smile , not taking Leander seriously .

" We're here to have fun . It's just a class gathering , so let's keep toasting . " Ever since becoming the top scorer , he had shifted his sights to competing with the country's elite students . Leander ? He was now nothing more than a footnote , even though he had once been way ahead . Everyone else took Leander's words as a desperate bluff , only a cry from someone who was holding on to his past fame . They did not realize they were sitting across from one of the most powerful figures in all of Astria .

Sensing that Leander was done with the evening , Liam patted his shoulder and whispered , " Leander , let's go . This party's a waste of time . " " What's with the rush ? " Leander smiled faintly . " I'm not done yet . " Surprised , Liam said nothing and sat down . After that , Leander , Liam , and Shirley found themselves completely ignored . The entire attention of the crowd turned to Victor , who received toasts and praise . He basked in the attention , drinking freely and enjoying every second of it .

17:38 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 174 You're Just Not Qualified The private room's door opened after a while . 51 Finished A young , well - dressed man came in great suit with a glass of wine . With a lovely smile , he toasted the room . " Good evening , everyone . I'm the hotel manager . The name's Otto Anworth . I want to raise a glass to all of the alumni in attendance tonight . " He wore thin gold - rimmed glasses and had a scholarly air about him . The classmates were surprised . Victor made it possible to hold a reunion in the Sky Hotel , which was already a great occasion .

Even Otto was toasting them , which made it seem like a rare honor . After all , this hotel was owned by Jeff Enterprises , which was one of the biggest powerhouses in Astria . Anyone who held a position in the company was someone important . It would be useful someday to get along with Otto , even if only by name . Everyone got up to lift their glasses with excitement . " By the way , this is my cousin ," Victor introduced proudly as Otto appeared . " He was appointed as the manager here last week . I'm sorry for not bringing it up earlier . Should we all have a glass ?

" The crowd raised their glasses in unison , except for Leander , who stayed seated . He continued his meal calmly , seemingly oblivious to Otto's presence . Liam was also not willing to stand , but after Shirley gave him a gentle prod , he reluctantly accepted the toast . Otto waved his hand after clinking glasses with the crowd . " All right , everybody . Please take a seat , " As the room settled , his gaze swept across the group until it fell on Leander before he squinted . From the moment Otto walked in , he had noticed only one person who had not stood for the toast .

With a smirk , he began , " Excuse me . How do I address you ? " " Call me Leander Ashcroft , " came Leander's smirking answer . He was too busy picking at his food to even look up . 2/4 17:38 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 174 You're Just Not Qualified : 51
Finished He treated Otto as if the man was invisible , whereas Otto was being treated with respect and deference by others . " Oh ? So , you're Leander Ashcroft ? " Otto repeated with a sneer in his voice . " Victor has brought you up a lot . He said that you're the only person who could ever defeat him in school . I've been curious about you .

" He grinned and continued , " But what a shame . Seems like you didn't value your education . What a waste to drop out halfway through the senior year . " Although Victor remained silent , his smirk showed just how satisfied he was . He had complained more than once to Otto about his hatred for Leander and his defeats in school . Otto was clearly trying to swipe at jab at Leander now. " Whether I dropped out or not is my business . What does it have to do with you ? " Leander replied Otto chuckled and nodded . " Fair enough . You're right ; that's none of my business .

" " I toasted everyone here , though . Everyone else stood up to return the toast . Heck , even the big shots around town show me deference when they dine here . As for you ? You only sat there eating , treating as if nothing happened ." His smile was gone , and he set his wine glass down . " What's wrong ? Do you think I'm not good enough to drink with you ? " The room became silent just as Otto's expression darkened . He had been treated with respect by wealthy businessmen and high - ranking officials alike ever since he became Sky Hotel's manager , commanding respect .

How dare a dropout like Leander ignore me ? he thought . Everyone knows the beef between Victor and him . I am not letting this slide . The rest of Leander's classmates exchanged looks with each other . Apart from the higher management , Otto was practically untouched in this hotel . Leander sounded arrogant when he dismissed Otto . Some of them had never liked Leander living by his own rules . So , they waited for Leander's humiliation while watching the show . Victor remained silent and observed icily from the sidelines , eager to see Leander humiliated .

Otto was now hot on Leander's tail . Everyone knew this - Otto could ban people from the hotel if he wanted to . He would not let it 3/4 17:30 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 174 You're Just tot Qualified slide if Leander did not play along . И Finished Liam tightened his fists and was about to say something in Leander's defense , but Leander spoke first in a calm tone . " You're right . You're just not qualified " Send Gifts 60

Chapter 175 Mr Ashcroft Finished " You're right . You're just not qualified ." Without even looking up , Leander answered in a calm and collected voice . A hush fell over the crowd - not a sound , not a whisper . The atmosphere seemed to freeze in time as countless stunned eyes turned toward Leander . Otto was the manager of Ravenridge's finest hotel , dealing with the influential people in the city and nearby areas , including powerful businessmen , high - ranking officials , and nobles alike .

It was an underestimation to claim that he was extremely well - connected with wide - reaching connections and influence . Rumors circulated that Otto held the most power in the Sky Hotel . Aside from the hotel owner and the Jeff Enterprise's board , he called all the shots - even to the point of deciding everything . Yet , Leander claimed calmly that he looked down on Otto . have any idea " Leander , it's one thing to ignore a toast , but to outrightly insult him ? Do you who you're talking to ? " Victor yelled . " Otto should not be toasting you .

Rather , it should be the opposite , given his status . You're the unqualified one ! " He had suppressed his rage long enough . Now that Otto had stepped in , Leander's dismissive attitude gave him the perfect excuse to lash out . Jade glanced at Victor and

appeared uneasy . Being classmates , she thought they didn't need to take things this far . However , Victor ignored her completely , his eyes locked on Leander with cold intent . Many of the students in the room were happy to watch the drama playing out .

Leander always presented himself as superior to everyone else and aloof , so they were eager to see someone finally put him in his place . Otto , as the hotel manager , had more than enough authority to deal with a regular high schooler . Leander continued eating without ever pausing . " He asked me a question , so I gave him an answer , that's all . The room echoed with gasps . Even Liam took a sharp breath , being fully aware of the influence that the Sky Hotel held since his family had owned a small hotel .

With Jeff Enterprise's backing , the Sky Hotel shot up to 1/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 175 Mr Ashcroft ୧୫ (1) 51 Finished become Ravenridge's finest hotel within eight months of operation . It established the benchmark for the hospitality sector in the entire city . People said every high - level manager there had the same authority as CEOs in other companies . Here , in Otto's hotel , insulting him was reckless , being the least wise choice . Otto clapped and laughed faintly , his smile forced and tight . " Very well . I heard from Victor that you're haughty and aloof .

Looks like your reputation is well - earned . " I'm just a manager . It makes sense for someone like you not to think highly of me , of course ." Then , his voice became icy . " I assume you don't think this hotel is worthy of hosting you either if I'm not good enough to drink with you . In that case , you're no longer welcome . Our hotel doesn't serve guests like you , so please leave . Got it ? " The message was clear - he was kicking

Leander out . Victor's smirk deepened . He felt like he had already won , as Leander would be the clown tonight . Leander's name ?

That would be nothing but a faded memory tonight . I'm excited to see how he gets defeated . Leander was unfazed , lightly swirling the red wine in his glass . " So , you want me to leave ? " Crossing his arms , Otto nodded . " That's right . We don't serve people like you here . " " I'm the guest when I'm here . You're part of the service sector , specifically in the hospitality sector . Is it your policy to throw guests out in this manner ? " It was the first time Leander met Otto's gaze directly . " Or are you just making up the rules as you go ? " Otto smirked , his confidence unwavering .

" I speak for the hotel when I do so on its behalf . So , I advise you to leave unless you want to be escorted out . If the security gets involved , they won't be as polite as I am . " Liam leaned closer and whispered urgently , " Leander , let's just leave . " Despite his anger , he was still level - headed . It would quickly get unpleasant if Otto called the security . Liam was not concerned about himself , but he just did not want to see Leander being ejected in public , as he had always been so proud .

Shirley had already grabbed her purse and was ready to stand , but Leander stopped them with a gesture . They hesitated , confused , and sat back down . 2/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 175 Mr Ashcroft : (51) Finished Leander spoke again , voice as calm as ever . " Are you saying that your word is the law here in this hotel ? That's funny . You're just a low - level manager who acts as though you own the business . You're driving out guests like it's your own kingdom . Honestly , hiring someone like you ? That's the hotel's biggest mistake . " He raised a finger and pointed at Otto .

" I'm letting you go . You're fired ." There was a beat of silence before Otto burst into laughter . Victor laughed mockingly . " Have you gone insane , Leander ? Otto was hired by the person - in- charge . Do you think that you can fire him ? " Leander just pulled out his phone with a smile . He made a call to Frankie . " Hello . I just got back to Ravenridge . " I'm just wondering who's in charge of Sky Hotel in North District Great . Tell him to come to Room 618 right now . Thanks ." He ended the call . However , Otto did not flinch . He sneered . " Seriously ?

Why are you still pretending ? Come on , you won't have that kind of authority even in twenty years . Leave for your own good . You have ten seconds or I'm calling security . "

... No one took Leander seriously . To them , he was bluffing - trying to save his reputation . Even if he was intelligent , there was no way he had real power . Victor's sneer deepened . Otto could only be fired by the hotel's general manager , a representative of Jeff Enterprise . There was no way Leander , a high school dropout , could possibly fit that bill . Leander remained still .

He quietly sipped his wine as Otto made the countdown , reaching for his phone to call security . Then , footsteps were heard . Otto was shocked to see the hotel's general manager walking in with urgency . The hotel had been running smoothly now , so the general manager rarely showed up in person unless there was something important . " Mr. Coppel , what brings you here ? " Otto forced a grin and rushed to meet him .

Jamero Coppel , the hotel's general manager , ignored him entirely , walking straight into the private room .

214 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 175 Mr Ashcroft : 51 Finished After a glance across the crowd , his gaze landed on Leander . He strode over and bowed , his voice firm yet respectful . " Hello , Mr. Ashcroft . " " Mr. Ashcroft ! " Otto stood frozen in place , his mind going blank . " Wait ... What ? " Send Gifts 60 ↗

Chapter 176 You're Not Even a Worthy Opponent " Mr. Ashcroft ! " Finished The hotel's general manager trotted over and bowed respectfully to Leander , his tone filled with reverence and awe . " It's been a while , Jamero ." Leander nodded slightly . The man who had just entered the lounge was none other than Jamero Coppel , Frankie's right - hand man . When Sky Hotel first opened its doors , Frankie had put Jamero in charge of running and growing the business . Moments ago , he'd been fooling around with his side chick on one of the waterbeds in a suite .

As soon as Frankie called to say that Leander had arrived at Sky Hotel , he rushed downstairs in a panic , not daring to waste a second . After witnessing the battle at Glidewing Mountain , Leander's power and presence were imprinted in his mind . This man was a born overlord . All Jamero had to do was follow him loyally and execute every command without fail . " Mr. Ashcroft , it's been ages since we saw you ! If Mr. Wainwright did not know how strong and influential you were , he would've put out a missing person notice for you ! " Jamero , who was usually stoic , let out a rare grin .

He continued , " Why didn't you let me know you were coming ? " I would've placed you in the Golden Palace . That's your exclusive private lounge , you know ! " Seeing Jamero and Leander chatting and laughing like old friends , many classmates were left puzzled . Liam and Shirley had no idea what was going on , whereas Victor's jaw fell to

the floor . Given his ties with Otto , he knew plenty about the general manager of Sky Hotel , Jamero was one of Frankie's most trusted , valued men .

Even high - ranking officials of Ravenridge treated Jamero with utmost courtesy , Yet , here he was , acting like a subordinate in front of Leander , respectful to the point of flattery , How was that even possible ? What had Leander done to deserve such treatment from someone like Jamero ? 1/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 176 You're Not Even a Worthy Opponent Meanwhile , Otto stood there motionlessly , his expression locked stiffly in place . 51 Finished Needless to say , he'd heard of the Golden Palace . It was the most luxurious private lounge in the Sky Hotel .

Despite being a manager , Otto had no access to the lounge . Only Jamero would get someone to clean the room from time to time . And from what he knew , that room had been custom - built by Frankie for one specific person- the actual , hidden chairman of Jeff Enterprises and the mastermind behind the empire . If Jamero was arranging for Leander to use the Golden Palace , didn't that mean Leander was the chairman ? That was absurd ! Otto's heart skipped a beat , and he nearly let out a shout .

Was Leander , a mere high schooler that Victor kept talking about , the actual chairman of the commercial behemoth that was Jeff Enterprises ? How was that even possible ? Otto couldn't stop screaming internally . " You can do that later . I'm treating my friends to a meal right now . By the a favor ? " way , could you do me With that , Leander's gaze swept the room and landed on Otto . The man's heart skipped a beat , and he instinctively took two steps back in fear . " Was he the best candidate you could find ? " Jamero frowned . " Mr.

Ashcroft , did this b * stard do something to make you unhappy ? " Leander smiled slightly , his expression tinged with amusement . " I refused to drink when he proposed a toast , which led to a tiny argument and him trying to kick me out of the hotel . " This business is all about hospitality , but a manager who kicks out guests ? This is honestly my first time seeing something like this happen . " As soon as he heard Leander's words , Jamero's face darkened . He turned sharply toward Otto , causing the latter to tremble from head to toe . " Jamero , I ...

" Otto tried to explain , but before he could finish talking , Jamero lunged forward and slapped him across the face . " You b * stard ! This is Mr. Ashcroft , the chairman of Jeff Enterprises ! How dare you offend him by kicking him out ? Do you think you're some big shot just because you're a manager here ? " Otto spun like a top and fell to the ground , blood seeping from the corner of his mouth . He 2/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14
Chapter 176 You're Not Even a Worthy Opponent didn't dare utter a word and only stared at Leander in sheer terror .

After knocking Otto to the ground , Jamero turned and bowed deeply to Leander . " I'm truly sorry , Mr. Ashcroft . Actually , he's my brother - in - law . He majored in hotel management and previously handled logistics at a five - star hotel . I thought he had the potential , so I got him the job here . I surely did not expect him to pull off something so outrageous . Please punish me as you see fit . " 51 Finished Right now , Jamero wished he could just get rid of Otto on the spot .

Leander had only just returned after nine months , but the moment he came to visit , Otto caused such a disaster . " This has nothing to do with you , " Leander said , waving

his hand dismissively . Then , he looked directly at Otto , his gaze cold . " Do you remember what I told you just now ? " You can head over to HR , pick up your wages , and leave this place . From this moment on , you'll be banned from working in any of our subsidiaries , no matter the industry . Got it ? " Otto's face turned ashen , his heart sinking into despair .

He never imagined the tables would turn this drastically . The high school dropout he had looked down on , someone he thought didn't even deserve a proper seat at the table , had suddenly become the exalted chairman of Jeff Enterprises . He had joined the company as a hotel manager . While it wasn't a senior role , he was still part of an elite company . Given his experience and abilities , climbing the corporate ladder wasn't out of reach . His future had looked promising . However , Leander had shattered all his hopes and dreams with a few words .

Even if he managed to find work at another hotel or company someday , he would never again be associated with Jeff Enterprises . " Well , Mr. Ashcroft has already spoken . What are you still doing here ? " Jamero glared at him sharply , his eyes filled with menace . Only then did Otto snap back to his senses and flee the private room in utter embarrassment . Indeed , there was a fine line between heaven and hell . Everyone else in the room was rooted to the ground , their eyes wide with shock .

Even Liam , who had always been the closest to Leander , hadn't yet recovered from the dramatic turn of events . Jade , who used to be class president , wore a confused expression , her pretty face trembling with emotion . All this while , she had never once looked at Leander properly . Even after he'd left a new 3/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter

176 You're Not Even a Worthy Opponent impression on her , she felt she couldn't compare to Victor . a Finished Only now did she realize just how completely wrong she had been . Leander wasn't even in the same league as them .

He was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises - a terrifying achievement that surpassed them all . Leander was only eighteen , yet he already held control over a massive corporation worth hundreds of billions . What was more , they were still growing rapidly and expanding into international markets . In just a few more years , who could possibly imagine the kind of wealth and power he might possess ? A trace of regret , like a venomous snake , coiled and twisted through her heart . She deeply regretted not recognizing Leander's value back then .

Even if nothing romantic happened between them , at the very least , they could've been friends . That alone could have brought lifelong rewards , but now , it was far too late for any of that . As for Victor , he was undoubtedly the most shocked of all . He stared blankly at Leander , his expression stiff and mechanical , while his heart plunged into a deep abyss . He had been the top scorer in the SATs and was bound for Stanton Academy , which he believed would shape him to become the future pillar of society . He thought he'd already left Leander far behind .

But now , he finally realized Leander had reached a level so high that he couldn't even dream of achieving the same . The fact that Leander was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises crushed Victor completely . Under everyone's gaze , Leander calmly wiped his mouth , got up , and cast a sidelong glance at Victor . " Keep basking in your

ridiculous sense of victory . You thought you'd beaten me , didn't you ? The way I see it , you're not even a worthy opponent . " Send Gifts 60 4/4

Chapter 177 The Sitwell Family's Sticky Situation " The way I see it , you're not even a worthy opponent . " Leander's words echoed endlessly in Victor's mind , buzzing in his ears like thunder . Finished After losing to Leander previously , he reflected deeply and cast aside all distractions , pouring himself fully into his studies . He maintained perfect scores up until the SATS . Victor had even gotten himself into Stanton Academy's elite training program as the town's top SAT scorer , becoming one of the most outstanding youths in the entire country .

He thought he had grown strong enough and that Leander was already far behind him . But now , he'd been hit with a reality check . Leander had been hiding his strength all along . He was , in fact , a powerful and influential figure , in control of one of the fastest - growing international conglomerates . With unfathomable wealth and connections , Leander had never once considered him a real opponent . And yet , here he was , foolishly basking in the small glow of his own achievements . The stunned gazes of his classmates now felt like cruel mockery .

He had once thrived under the spotlight , confident and proud . Now , he was nothing more than a complete joke . " Well , lead us to the Golden Palace . " Leander didn't spare him another glance as he turned to Jamero . " Right away , Mr. Ashcroft . This way , please . " Jamero gave a slight bow and stepped aside to clear the path . Leander

patted Liam's shoulder , signaling for him to come along . As he reached the doorway , he paused slightly . " One more thing . Put the bill for this room under my tab .

" With that , he walked off with Liam and Shirley , leaving his classmates behind , each with different expressions . Many of the girls who had once had an interest in Leander were now drowning in regret , some even feeling an overwhelming sense of despair as though they could jump off a building in frustration . They thought of Leander as a faded school crush , no one important . Yet , the young man revealed himself to be a true king among the younger generation , ...

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Inside the Golden Palace , Sky Hotel's most luxurious private lounge, Liam and Shirley still looked dazed , unable to fully process what had just happened . Leander sat across from them , the table filled with exotic cuisine and several bottles of vintage 1982 Lafite , all of which had been carefully arranged by Jamero . Leander's return marked him as the hotel's most honored and exclusive VIP . " Leander , are you really the chairman of Jeff Enterprises ?

" Even though Leander had just dismissed Otto with a few words , Liam still found it hard to believe . He asked the question cautiously , almost hesitantly . " I am , " Leander replied with a nod . Liam and Shirley felt another wave of shock ripple through them . In particular , Liam had known Leander best in class , but he never imagined Leander had hidden himself this deeply . Jeff Enterprises was the undisputed leading enterprise in Astria , a pharmaceutical giant already making waves internationally .

One of its flagship innovations , the Phoenix Essence Pill , had been hailed as one of the greatest inventions of the century . International media had covered it extensively , giving Jeff Enterprises a spotlight that overshadowed other Fortune 500 companies . And the chairman of Jeff Enterprises, a man of unimaginable wealth and influence , was sitting right in front of them . " Leander , I ... " Liam's gaze was complicated . He had always thought he and Leander were equals in friendship , but he quickly realized they were worlds apart .

The sheer disparity left him unsure of how to carry himself . " Don't sweat it , " Leander said , waving his hand lightly . " The fact that we met is fate . In class , you were the one I talked to most . I've always considered you a good friend , a real one . No matter what my identity is , our relationship won't change . " Just focus on your studies right now . Well , if you want to , I suppose you could slack off as well . you graduate , I'll give you a subsidiary of Jeff Enterprises to run on your own . " Once Liam gasped .

Suddenly , it felt like having a wealthy friend was the greatest blessing of all . Just one word from Leander could decide the course of his entire future . Sitting beside Liam , Shirley was equally stunned . 2/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 177 The tulwell family's Sky Situation hed She and Liam had been going through a rough patch lately . Though she was beautiful and had many admirers , some of whom were objectively more outstanding than Liam , she sometimes found her thoughts wandering .

But at this moment , all those thoughts vanished without a trace , Liam might not be anything exceptional on his own , but standing next to him was a man of immeasurable wealth and power - someone who could shake a small nation if he wished With Leander

around , even if Liam remained idle and unambitious , he was set up for life . A word from Leander could elevate both their lives to unimaginable heights . With Leander behind him , even the richest tycoons wouldn't dare look down on Liam .

Leander spent the evening , with Liam and Shirley in the Golden Palace , drinking , and laughing as they talked about their school days . Shirley listened intently and enjoyed every moment , her curiosity about Leander only growing deeper . After they left the hotel , they headed to a nearby bar . It wasn't until Liam passed out drunk that the night finally came to an end , The next morning , Leander made a trip to the company's headquarters , where he met with Frankie and caught up with the company's development over the past nine months . Their meeting lasted until noon .

Afterward , he picked up a box of Phoenix Essence Pills , intending to visit Monica at home . But when he arrived at the Sitwell Residence , Leander's eyes suddenly narrowed , and he stopped outside the gate . Sitwell Residence looked completely different from what he remembered nine months ago . The lawn in the courtyard was overgrown and unkempt , clearly neglected for over a month . The front door was sealed with tape , and the whole place looked desolate . Leander was visibly stunned .

Monica and Linden might not have been considered ultra - wealthy , but they definitely belonged to the upper tier of the city's elite . Linden was the chairman of a regional corporation , and Monica was the chairman . Together , they had been a power couple , both well- known figures in Ravenridge's business circles . But now , the Sitwell Residence had been sealed off . That could only mean one thing : during his nine - month absence , something drastic had happened to the Sitwell family .

3/4 17:39 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 177 The Sitwell Family's Sticky Situation 1 " Excuse me , may I ask what happened to the owners of this villa ? " Just then , a security guard happened to walk by , and Leander called out to him . #Finished " You mean Mr. Sitwell's family? They moved out over a month ago . His company went bankrupt , and the villa was taken to offset their debts . Simply put , it's been seized . " You're a friend of the family , aren't you ? Did you not know about that ? " Leander gave a slight shake of his head , his expression calm , though he was quite shocked inside .

He hadn't expected something so serious to happen during the nine months he was away . Linden and Monica's company had actually gone bankrupt - so much so that the house had to be used as collateral and was now sealed . " How did this happen ? " Leander muttered to himself , shaking his head slightly . Although the Linsky Group wasn't some industry giant , it had steady growth and stable returns . How could it have suddenly gone bankrupt ? And if Monica's family had moved out of the villa , where were they ? Send Gifts 1 60

17:40 Tue , Oct 14 From Outcast to Overlord The Unyielding Heir Chapter 178 The Walsh Family From Listin Leander stared at the villa , which was once so familiar to him , then pulled out his phone . Finished He was planning to have Frankie look into the whereabouts of Monica's family when suddenly , a woman's voice called out from behind him . " Leander ? " He slowly turned around at the sound . Ginny stood there in a

breezy summer outfit , her face filled with surprise as she looked at him . It had been nine months since she last saw him . Plenty had happened while Leander was away .

She assumed he would never return to this city again , but now , he was standing right in front of her - alive and well . " You're finally back . " Her voice carried emotion , tinged with the weight of time . It was a far cry from the willful , sharp - tongued girl Leander remembered from before . " Yeah . " Leander nodded calmly , then pointed to the villa behind him . " Do you know what happened to Yvette's family? " Ginny's eyes flickered . After a moment of silence , she sighed and nodded . In a downtown Starbucks , Leander and Ginny sat across from each other .

Ginny looked downcast , barely sipping her coffee . " I last saw Yvette here . " She added , " You've been gone for nine months . That's a long time . " Leander leaned against his chair , saying nothing as he waited for her to continue , Ginny held onto her mug and spoke . " Maybe it doesn't matter to you anymore , but you should know that after Yvette discovered your identity and that you were the mysterious person who saved her , it hit her hard . " After that day on Glidewing Mountain , she broke up with Colin . She threw herself completely 1/4 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 ...

Chapter 178 The Walsh Family From Listin : into her studies , using them to numb herself and to stop thinking about you . " She really , truly liked you . So much so that even she couldn't believe it herself . " As Ginny spoke , Leander suddenly raised his hand . " Alright , all of that isn't really the point . What exactly happened to the Sitwell family ? " Ginny paused for a moment before finally speaking . 51 Finished " It all

happened about two months ago . At the time , we had just finished our SATS . Mr. and Mrs.

Sitwell noticed that Yvette was always downcast , so they brought her along to a banquet to cheer her up . But it was that very banquet that caused the Linsky Group's collapse . " At the banquet , a wealthy young heir from Listin took a liking to Yvette . He openly approached Mr. Sitwell and proposed a marriage . Of course , Mr. Sitwell refused , and Yvette showed him no respect either . The party ended on a sour note . " At first , we all thought that would be the end of it . But just a few days later , the Linsky Group started coming under joint attacks from multiple large corporations .

Their supply channels were cut off on all fronts . In just over a month , construction sites everywhere were forced to shut down . Government departments even came in and sealed off projects , leading to multiple , abrupt project closures . As of last week , the Linsky Group was done for . " Ginny's face was filled with sympathy . " Mr. and Mrs. Sitwell tried to sell their villa to make up for the financial losses , but the deficit was just too big . It barely made a dent . Well , that brings us to the current situation right now .

" After listening , Leander's eyes narrowed slightly , and a cold smirk played at the corner of his lips . " This was the doing of that so - called heir from Listin , or the people behind him , wasn't it ? " Ginny immediately nodded . " Yes . It was Alfie Walsh , the heir from Listin . He became obsessed with Yvette - so much so that it was almost pathological . After being rejected at the banquet , he didn't back down .

Instead , he mobilized his family's power and coordinated with several corporations to attack the Linsky Group , forcing her family into bankruptcy and leaving them with nowhere to go . " His goal was to break her down and make her his possession . "

Though anger filled Ginny's heart , the more she spoke , the more a chill crept into her bones . A man so twisted and dangerous that he could launch a full - scale business war just because of a personal grudge , forcing an entire family into ruin , was truly terrifying . Insane , even . " Alfie Walsh ?

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Leander frowned in thought . He had never even heard of that name before . He looked up , a bit puzzled . " Since you guys already knew who I was on Glidewing Mountain , why didn't Yvette get Mrs. Sitwell and the others to ask Frankie for help when the Linsky Group was under attack from the big corporations ? " Ginny shook her head and sighed . " Yvette didn't tell anyone about what happened on Glidewing Mountain , not even her parents .

" When the trouble with the Linsky Group started , I advised her to seek help from Frankie , but she wouldn't listen . " She said you had already repaid all your debts to Mrs. Sitwell , and the only debt left was what her family owed you . She didn't want to bother you anymore . " A few days ago , she went to Listin . Alfie made a condition : if Yvette agreed to marry him and become his woman , he would leave her family alone and return the Linsky Group to Mr. Sitwell .

" Yvette was willing to sacrifice herself to bring peace and prosperity to her family ." At this , Ginny couldn't hold back her tears . After all , Yvette was her best friend . Yvette

had always been proud , but now she was willing to sacrifice herself and marry someone she didn't like . Heck , she even hated him , but she wanted to save her family . Ginny looked up at Leander , who was already standing and heading toward the door . " Leander , can't you save Yvette ? Please , only you can save her ! I'm begging you !

" She quickened her steps , gathering all her courage to grab Leander's arm . It was the first time in her life begging someone like this . Leander turned back indifferently , a strange expression on his face . " If you want me to save her , then why are you holding me back and wasting time ? " At his words , Ginny's eyes lit up with joy . The Walsh family behind Alfie was a powerhouse in Listin , one that practically dominated the region . But she had seen with her own eyes the immense , world - shaping power Leander wielded - something no ordinary person could possess .

She believed that with Leander on their side , even ten Alfies combined wouldn't stand a chance . " Alfie Wash , the sole heir of Listin's Walsh family , eh ? " 3/4 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 178 The Walsh Family From Listin 51 Finished On the top floor of Jeff Enterprise's skyscraper , Leander looked at the files Frankie had just brought in and scoffed coldly . " Mr. Ashcroft , the Walsh family of Listin has a longstanding repertoire . Their ancestors were once bandits but later served the founder with great merit , earning a special status in Listin.

Their resources and connections cover half the town . They're known as the top family of Listin , with a status and strength even higher than the Halloway family , which is the top family in Mornwick , " explained Frankie . " Is that so ? Does that even matter ? " Such a giant didn't even deserve Leander's attention . A cold gleam flashed in his eyes ,

murderous intent rising . " How dare they mess with Mrs. Sitwell and her family ? I want to see exactly how much weight this so - called family carries in Listin ." Send Gifts 60 B

Chapter 179 Taking Her With Me Finished Grove was the state capital of Listin and home to nearly seventy percent of the state's most successful individuals . Countless powerful figures gathered here , where the elite mixed with the ambitious . Though many influential families fought for power across the capital , everyone understood that the true symbol of success was Rosevale Heights , nestled in the city center and owned by the renowned Walsh family of Listin . The Walsh family had a history stretching back over a century , dating as far back as the Great Cultural Era .

Through decades of turmoil and upheaval , they remained unshaken in Grove , their dominance stretching in every direction . In Listin , no matter which family or institution it was , they all had to bow before the Walsh family . Over a decade ago , the family even produced a high - ranking official who governed Listin . Though the individual had since retired from his official post , he still held enormous influence . Many of Listin's senior officials were once his proteges , and his vast network and resources blanketed the province like a net of steel .

Inside the Walsh family's private estate , Yvette sat by the window with a garden view , her alluring eyes lowered as she stared blankly outside . She had been here for a week . Though she was surrounded by luxury , treated to fine clothing and extravagant meals

, and followed by attendants wherever she went , there wasn't a hint of joy in her heart . On the contrary , she felt like a prisoner waiting for execution , lifeless and numb . She thought about where Leander had been for the past nine months , and how he was doing .

She looked at the brilliant flowers outside , the blazing midday sun , yet her heart remained shrouded in gloom . Over the past nine months , she had buried herself in studies , trying desperately not to think of him . But only she knew how often , day and night , that unforgettable boy - who had made such a striking mark in her life - would reappear in her thoughts . No matter how hard she tried to suppress it , she simply couldn't stop herself . " Yvette ! " A knock came at the door , to which Yvette stood up and answered it . It was her parents , Linden 1/5 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 ...

Chapter 170 Taking Her With Me and Monica . Finished Though the couple still dressed elegantly , all signs of their former ease and confidence had vanished , replaced by deep sorrow etched across their faces . " Dad , Mom . Come in and have a seat . " Yvette stepped aside . The couple quietly entered the room and sat by the table . Yvette ... " Linden hesitated for a long time before finally asking , " Have you really decided to marry Alfie ? " Yvette nodded gently . " I made my decision the moment we arrived at the Walsh family's estate . Don't worry , I'll be fine .

" Besides , the Walsh family is the most powerful family in Listin . Marrying the heir is something most people could only dream of , right ? " A faint , forced smile appeared on her face , but it only made Linden and Monica's hearts ache even more . Yvette , I know you don't like Alfie at all . " Linden gritted his teeth , his voice rising in anger . " Let's go .

We'll leave Grove right now ! Even if I have to farm in the countryside or work as a laborer for the rest of my life , I'd rather that than watch you throw yourself into a fire pit !

" He knew all too well what kind of person Alfie was - one of the most infamous playboys in Listin . He was arrogant , reckless , and always got himself into scandals . To him , women were mere toys . He had no ambition , no decency , only indulgence . But because he was the sole male heir of the Walsh family's youngest generation and the only grandson , he was treated like treasure . The entire Walsh family , from the old patriarch down to Alfie's uncles , spoiled him endlessly . Whenever he wanted something , the whole family would bend over backward to fulfill his wish .

And with that backing , Alfie ran wild . Countless women , even the daughters and wives of high officials , had suffered at his hands . His reputation was utterly foul . How could Linden possibly agree to let his daughter marry such a man ? " Dad , I've already made up my mind . You don't need to worry anymore . " Besides , even if we wanted to leave now , do you think the Walsh family would let us ? " 2/5 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 179 Taking Her With Me 51 Finished Yvette forced a smile . " This all started because of me .

Linsky Group is something you and Mom built from the ground up over decades of hard work - it's like your own child . I don't want a lifetime of effort to go to waste because of me . " She sat down gently and continued , " Once I marry Alfie tomorrow , the Walsh family will return the Linsky Group to you both ." Monica couldn't hold it in anymore . She broke down sobbing and pulled Yvette into a tight embrace . " Yvette ! It's all my fault ... It's all my fault !

" She was considered a renowned businesswoman , but in the face of this situation , she felt completely powerless - reduced to nothing more than a helpless middle - aged mother . " This is absurd ! " Linden roared in fury , slamming his palm against the table . " If only someone helped us , we wouldn't have ended up like this . It's all my fault , all mine ! " He clutched his hair in agony . As a man , he couldn't protect his wife , couldn't shelter his daughter , and couldn't save the business he built with his own hands . It was a humiliation beyond words .

He had always seen himself as a well - respected , accomplished man . He held his head high . But now , confronted by true top - tier power and privilege , he finally realized just how insignificant he really was . With just a few words from the Walsh family , the once - proud Linsky Group was crushed to bits . Linden and Monica had no power to resist an influential family like the Walshes . Hearing this , Yvette looked up , and the face she had been thinking of day and night emerged in her mind . Her lips parted for a moment , but she said nothing in the end .

The next afternoon , the Walsh family estate was abuzz with activity . The front gates were crowded with guests - all big names in Listin from commercial tycoons , political elites , and senior officials of various districts who came to celebrate . Today was a day of grand celebration , for Alfie , the only grandson of the Walsh family's patriarch , Ryan Walsh , was getting married . Who would dare miss it ?

3/5 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 179 Taking Her With Me : 51 Finished At the head of the hall , Ryan sat in a place of honor , his sharp eyes scanning the room with a satisfied smile on his face . Whenever the Walsh family held a celebration , half of Listin

would turn up with a simple command . After all , the Walsh family had roots dating back to almost a century , and the respect shown to them reflected their overwhelming might

.

At half - past - four in the afternoon , a young couple stood at the top of the stairs - like a heavenly pair descended to earth - instantly drawing the attention of everyone present .

The man was handsome , but his face was noticeably pale , clearly the result of overindulgence in wine and women . Beside him , Yvette held his arm , her posture stiff and her lips nearly bleeding from how hard she was biting them . Seated below , Linden and Monica watched the scene unfold with complicated emotions in their hearts . "

Relax , Yvette .

Don't be nervous ." Alfie leaned in slightly and said in a low voice , " As long as you behave and keep me company tonight , I'll make sure the Linsky Group rises from the ashes . One day , it'll even become the number one corporation in Ravenridge . " Yvette trembled again at his words , her heart filled with dread . Though she had already resolved to sacrifice herself and marry Alfie in order to save the empire her parents had worked so hard to build , the mere thought of being at this man's mercy -stripped bare and subjected to his whims - made her shudder in terror .

The newlyweds stepped up to the front of the hall and greeted the guests . Instantly , the atmosphere livened up , and thunderous applause filled the venue . " With hands entwined and hearts aligned , these rings become your promise of forever . " " Let's invite the bride and groom to exchange their rings ! " The ceremony was coming to a close . Once the rings were exchanged and worn , the marriage would be official . Alfie

took out a ring and opened his palm , waiting for Yvette to place her hand in his so he could slip it on . But Yvette stood frozen in place , her expression torn .

She thought of that aloof , distant young man who had always held himself with pride . How she 4/5 17:40 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 179 Taking Her With Me : Finished wished the person standing opposite her right now was him . If it were him , she wouldn't hesitate for even a second to wear the ring , to take his walk with him through the rest of her life . arm , and How she wished that powerful young man , who once brightened up her world , would suddenly appear right now and take her away from all this . " What's wrong , Yvette ? Thinking of backing out ?

" Alfie's voice carried a hint of threat , snapping Yvette back to reality . Her arm stiffened once more , and at last , she slowly began to raise her hand . " Don't be foolish , Yvette . Whatever happens , you'll have to face the music ." She let out a self - deprecating sigh , and just as she was about to place her hand in Alfie's , a deep thud echoed through the hall . The double doors of the Walsh family's estate swung wide open . Seven or eight black - clad bodyguards lay sprawled across the entrance , groaning in pain .

And standing before them , already stepping into everyone's line of sight , was a young man in casual clothes . With one hand in his pocket , he walked toward the altar steadily as everyone else watched him . And incredibly , not a single person moved to stop him , for the crowd was too stunned to do anything . Ryan , the patriarch of the Walsh family and a man of composure , was the first to react . He boomed , " Who are you ? How

dare you barge in on such a meaningful occasion for the Walshes ? What do you want ?

" Ignoring Ryan's remarks , the young man glanced up and pointed at Yvette .

I'm here to take her with me . " Send Gifts 60 5/5

Chapter 180 What an Impulsive Youngster 鏡 Finished The young man's voice rang out loud and clear . Everyone present heard it without question , and in that instant , the entire hall erupted into chaos . All eyes turned toward him in shock , many of them thinking the young man must have lost his mind . Was this some kind of joke ? This was the Walsh family's estate , and today was the grand wedding of the Walsh family's only heir . The Walsh family had stood tall in Ravenridge for over a hundred years , widely respected as the number one household .

Throughout the long passage of history , many powerful families had once tried to challenge the Walshes ' authority , only to be crushed and erased from the annals of time . Forget the Walsh family itself - even the guests in attendance today were no ordinary people . Many of them held high - ranking positions and carried considerable influence . And yet , how dare this young man barge in here alone and openly declare he was taking the bride away ? He had to be insane . Even a state governor of Ravenridge would have to think twice before going up against the Walshes .

As for this boy , it didn't matter if he was a politician's son or the heir of a wealthy tycoon . All he was doing was humiliating himself . Everyone from the Walsh family wore dark expressions . As for Alfie , the groom and star of today's ceremony , his eyes were

already filled with killing intent . In his mind , this boy was already a dead man . But on the stage , Yvette froze the moment she saw the young man appear . Her entire body trembled violently . She became rooted to the spot , silently watching as the young man approached them and stopped right in front of her .

Indeed , it was Leander . Was he here to take her away ? Yvette's heart was in complete chaos - racing , unsteady , and overwhelmed . These past few days , she had fantasized about Leander appearing before her like a knight saving a damsel in distress . Nevertheless , she knew that was just wishful thinking . After all , she didn't know where he was . She didn't even know if he knew what had happened to 1/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 180 What an Impulsive Youngster : her family . And even if he did , would he really come ?

51 Finished But now , the person she had been thinking of day and night was really here , standing only a few feet away . " Is that Leander ? " Monica's eyes narrowed slightly , her face filled with shock . The young man who had suddenly appeared could only be Leander . She never expected him to show up at the wedding , much less barging straight in and interrupting the ceremony . " What is he doing here ? " Linden stared blankly when he saw Leander . But soon , fear washed over him . Leander's sudden arrival had thrown the wedding into disarray .

And with the Walsh family's power and status , how could they possibly allow a mere boy to cause such a scene ? If the Walshes decided to strike back , there was absolutely nothing he or Monica could do to protect Leander . They would have no choice but to watch helplessly as the Walshes got back at him . " You little punk ! Are

you asking for a death wish ? " Alfie , already known for his thuggish demeanor , was arrogant and overbearing by nature . He never respected anyone - not even the state governor , whom he often joked about without restraint .

He was the very definition of reckless and lawless . And now , a boy had shown up at his own wedding and dared to say he was taking the bride away . How could he possibly tolerate that ? In a single stride , he stepped forward and threw a punch straight at Leander . Even though the entire audience was watching , he didn't hold back in the slightest . He wanted nothing more than to beat this clueless brat senseless , then throw him out of the family's estate . Though Alfie was a spoiled playboy and never cared for serious matters , Ryan had trained and mentored him since young .

He was highly skilled in both martial arts and firearms . In fact , his physical abilities were on par with a special forces soldier . As his fist shot out , it whistled through the air with power and speed , as if it could knock Leander down in an instant . However , Leander remained calm and expressionless . He simply lifted Alfie by the collar and 211 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 A Chapter TRO What an impulsive Youngster slammed him hard into the ground with everyone else watching . 13 Finished Half of Alfie's body sank into the floor , blood gushing from his mouth .

He hadn't even realized what had happened , or how Leander had made his move . That single strike left him coughing up blood , and the guests all gasped in shock . Leander had barged into the Walsh family's estate and severely injured Alfie right there on the spot . Such decisiveness and dominance were absolutely terrifying . Monica and Linden stood frozen in place , completely stunned . Their heads buzzed , unable to

process what had just occurred . " How dare you , insolent brat ? " Ryan shot to his feet in fury .

This was the Walsh family's estate , and no one had dared provoke them for over a decade . Yet , some punk had not only crashed the wedding but even injured his own grandson in front of everyone . It was sheer arrogance beyond belief . Melissa Walsh , the apple of the Walsh family's eye , was beyond shocked . She couldn't understand how this unknown young man had the nerve to storm into her family's estate so brazenly . " Guards ! Seize this madman at once ! " Arthur Walsh , the second eldest of the Walsh family , bellowed out .

In an instant , the security personnel stationed outside the hall came flooding in , surrounding Leander from all directions . Dozens of figures swarmed toward him like a black tide . But Leander stood calmly , expression unchanged , positioning himself protectively in front of Yvette . " Stop ! " Just as the guards were about to lunge at Leander , a loud shout rang out from the guest seats on the side . An individual suddenly rose to his feet and strode quickly into the middle of the hall . " What do you think you're doing ?!

" The Walsh family members and other guests all turned toward the speaker , their expressions shifting instantly . The man was Caleb Sutter , the executive president of Jeff Enterprises ' dealings in Grove - one of the most influential rising powers in the city . Even the Walsh family avoided crossing him recklessly . 3/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 190 What an Impulsive Youngster : (61) Finished But none of them could figure out

why someone of Caleb's status would suddenly step in . " Mr. Sutter , what is the meaning of this ?

" Samuel Walsh , the eldest of the Walsh family , stepped forward with a slight frown . Caleb stood in front of Leander and Yvette , his gaze cold . The warm smile he had worn when offering his wedding congratulations was long gone . " Mr. Walsh , the young man behind me is the chairman of Jeff Enterprises . If you want to touch him , you'll have to get through me first ." Caleb had come up through the underground world and currently ruled over the criminal underworld of Grove .

While he couldn't match the Walsh family in terms of statewide influence , within Grove itself , he had enough power to stand on equal footing with them . A few months ago , he had been appointed as the executive president of Jeff Enterprises ' Grove branch . During a high - level meeting , Frankie had shown everyone a photo of Leander . Hence , the moment Leander burst in today , Caleb recognized him immediately . Seeing the Walsh family about to attack the young man , how could he just stand by ? As soon as he finished speaking , a wave of gasps erupted throughout the hall .

All eyes turned to Leander , filled with disbelief . " The chairman of Jeff Enterprises ? How is that even possible ?! " Even someone as composed and seasoned as Ryan couldn't hide his astonishment . He muttered to himself in shock . Everyone present was well aware of Jeff Enterprises ' terrifying influence both locally and abroad . It was no longer something measurable by mere wealth or market value . And now , they were being told that the chairman of such a massive international corporation was a young man in casual clothes who looked no older than a student ?

While the others were still reeling from the shock and disbelief , Monica and Linden froze in place , completely petrified . Send Gifts