

Chapter 181

I'll Handle This Myself Linden froze . 51 Finished From the very start , he had never taken Leander seriously . In his eyes , he was just an ordinary high schooler . Linden had even reminded Yvette multiple times to stay away from this orphan from the countryside . He never once believed that Leander could possibly be the high - and - mighty chairman of Jeff Enterprises - the man who stood above countless corporate giants and underworld kingpins . Others might not know about Jeff Enterprises ' background , but as one of Ravenridge's wealthiest men , Linden was well aware .

Jeff Enterprises had been founded by heavyweights like Frankie , Gumus , and Tommy . The chairman was none other than the elusive " Mr. Ashcroft , " who held sway over every major underworld faction in Mornwick . " Mr. Ashcroft ? " Suddenly , a realization dawned on him . Leander's last name was Ashcroft . He shared the same last name as Mr. Ashcroft . Could it be that ... they were the same person all along ? Linden stood rooted to the spot , completely bewildered . Monica , on the other hand , looked stunned and shaken . Her first encounter with Leander had been on a remote mountain trail .

She'd been out on business and tried to take a shortcut , only to get herself hopelessly lost . It was Leander who showed up and helped her out of the forest . Back then , Leander had looked no different from a beggar . His clothes were in tatters , and he looked disheveled and dirty , like some stray boy from the streets . She had given him

ten thousand dollars in gratitude , and he'd vowed to repay her tenfold one day . At the time , she hadn't thought much of it .

When Leander showed up at her home nearly a year ago , she had been happy to see him- especially when he actually returned a full hundred thousand , just as he promised . Even so , she had never once connected him to the kind of powerful figures who held significant influence . And now , the chief operating officer of Jeff Enterprises ' Grove branch actually claimed that Leander was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises ? Leander stepped in front of Yvette , his expression calm and indifferent .

He glanced sideways at the Walsh family's bodyguards surrounding him , as if they were nothing more than ants . " He is the chairman of Jeff Enterprises ? " 1/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 181 I'll Handle This Myself : Samuel and Arthur's eyes were fixed on Leander . Their earlier rage had visibly cooled . (51) Finished Jeff Enterprises was , without question , the fastest - growing company in Astria right now . Ever since the launch of the Phoenix Essence Pill , it had captivated all of Astria and made a tremendous impact internationally .

Its reputation and market value had been soaring at an unstoppable pace . If it had been just another business empire , the Walshes wouldn't have been overly concerned . But Jeff Enterprises was different . Rumor had it that the government was backing its rise , heavily supporting the development of the Phoenix Essence Pill and designating the company as a key enterprise for national support . Over the past nine months , Jeff Enterprises had even been granted the status of Astria's flagship corporation .

As the chairman of Jeff Enterprises , Leander's status carried just as much weight as that of a high - ranking state official . If the Walshes made a move on him here , the repercussions would be vast . None of the guests present had anticipated such a dramatic reversal . Clad in casual clothes , Leander looked entirely unremarkable . No one would have guessed that this average - looking young man was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises . Several onlookers glanced at one another , their eyes gleaming with amusement . They were clearly entertained by the turn of events .

Just moments ago , they'd all thought that Leander's bold intrusion into the Walsh residence would end with him being crushed . But now that his identity as the chairman had been revealed , the power dynamic between the two sides had suddenly evened out . And yet , among the crowd , a few keen - eyed individuals narrowed their eyes slightly and gave a faint shake of their heads . The Walsh family had stood strong in Listin for over a century . Their web of influence and power ran so deep that it was unfathomable . Even a state ruler couldn't be guaranteed their respect .

The title of Jeff Enterprises ' chairman alone wasn't enough to intimidate the Walshes . Just as Samuel and Arthur hesitated , their father , Ryan Walsh , suddenly stood up and said loudly , " So what if he's the chairman of Jeff Enterprises ? " He let out a cold snort , his gaze sharp . " He injured my grandson right in the middle of his own wedding banquet . We all saw it with our own eyes . So just because he's Jeff Enterprises ' chairman , he can act like a tyrant and hurt people as he pleases ? " As soon as he finished , the expressions of many onlookers shifted in unease .

Even Caleb , the revered underworld boss of Grove , narrowed his eyes . Ryan had endured decades of turbulence . Now well into his seventies , he had experienced more than most could imagine . A scene like this was far from enough to make him back down . 2/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 181 H Handle This Myself 51 Finished More importantly , Alfie was the only male heir of the Walsh family's third generation - their hope for the future . Ryan had always doted on him immensely .

After seeing Alfie seriously injured by Leander right in their own main hall , there was no way he would let it slide easily . As soon as he finished , he waved his hand . " I don't care who he is . Arrest him and take him to the police station . Let the judge handle the rest ! " As his voice fell , the Walsh family's bodyguards stepped forward , their eyes flashing with hostility . They pressed on even with Caleb standing in front of them , fully intending to bring Leander down . " B * stars ! With me here , I'd like to see who dares lay a hand on Mr. Ashcroft !

" Caleb bellowed angrily , and the bodyguards he brought with him all rushed in to block the Walsh bodyguards . The two sides immediately locked into a tense standoff . Seeing this , Ryan let out a cold laugh , radiating the pressure of someone used to being in a position of authority . " Caleb , do you truly believe being Grove's underworld boss means you have what it takes to challenge the Walsh family ? " " With a single word from me , your so - called rising status in Grove will go up in smoke . Every last bit of power and influence under your name will be wiped out . Try me if you dare .

" Caleb frowned deeply at those words . Ryan was right - he only dared to go against the Walsh family now with Leander's backing . If it weren't for Leander , he wouldn't

have had the guts to challenge them at all . As the reigning figure of the underworld , Caleb might've seemed powerful , but everything he controlled operated in the shadows . He lived in the grey areas , while the Walsh family had their hands in both the legal and illegal worlds with equal ease . They simply weren't in the same league .

If the Walsh family truly wanted to take him down , all it would take was a single word from them . Once the government stepped in , even ten of him couldn't hold them off . Just as he hesitated , Leander suddenly stepped forward and patted him on the shoulder . " Take your men and step aside ." Leander stood beside him , expression calm and unshaken . " I'll handle this myself . You don't need to concern yourself ."

Caleb stared at Leander for a long while . In a situation like this , most people would show some signs of nervousness or unease , no matter how calm they tried to appear .

But in Leander's gaze , 3/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 A Chapter 181 Handle This Myself there was nothing but serene indifference . \$ 1 Finished He suddenly recalled the first time Frankie came to him with a proposal for collaboration , and the question he had asked back then . " That Mr. Ashcroft you have in Mornwick - just how powerful is he ? If I don't know for sure , I can't bet my future on you ." Back then , Frankie had simply replied with a calm smile , " Don't worry . Mr.

Ashcroft is a hundred times more powerful than you imagine ." With that in mind , Caleb gave a nod and waved for his men to step back . " Mr. Ashcroft , just tell me if you need anything . " His people soon moved to the side , forming a line of support for Leander . Caleb himself was eager to see how Leander planned to deal with the formidable Walsh family . As Caleb's men stepped back , the Walsh bodyguards charged in all at once ,

ready to subdue Leander . But right then , Leander suddenly took a step forward . Thud !

His foot landed squarely in the middle of the Walsh residence's grand hall . Instantly , the entire room trembled . The floor shuddered , and dozens of bodyguards were thrown onto their backs . They groaned in pain , unable to get back up . " What ... what just happened ? " Everyone looked on in shock , completely baffled . Even Ryan and his two sons exchanged looks , visibly stunned . Leander stepped forward again , his eyes sweeping across the room . " I came to the Walsh residence today to take her with me - and to demand justice from the Walsh family !

" " If anyone wants to stand with them , come on out . I'll deal with all of you at once . Even if every power in the world comes at me today , I'll stand alone and face them all ! " " Anyone who wants to help the Feng family , please step forward . I will take care of it all . Today , no matter how powerful they are , I will stand alone against them ! " Send Gifts 60 (4/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 A ...

Chapter 182 All Eyes on Leander " Even with all the power in the world , I can take it on alone . " 51 Finished Leander stood alone in the center of the room . In front of him , the Walsh family's bodyguards lay scattered on the floor . He looked like someone untouchable , standing there by himself . Even though he was dressed in simple , casual clothes , nothing could hide the strong , commanding energy around him . Linden and Monica stared in disbelief . For a second , it felt like they were seeing something unreal . In that moment , Leander seemed completely in control .

Even someone as powerful as Ryan couldn't match him - it wasn't even close . All the power in the world , and he said he could block it alone ? That kind of confidence was almost hard to believe . Even someone as high up as Ryan wouldn't dare say something like that . Inside the Walsh family's hall , many guests looked uneasy . Then , someone suddenly stood up . " The chairman of Jeff Enterprises really is something else . I heard you're from Mornwick and that you managed to bring all the underground bosses there under your control .

You basically run the whole place ." The man was a middle - aged guy wearing gold - rimmed glasses . The lenses gave off a cold glint . " But Mr. Ashcroft , this isn't Mornwick . This is Listin . We don't care what you do back there , but if you think you can act the same way here , you're being way too naive . " Many people recognized him right away . He was Oscar Duffy , head of the Duffy family in Grove . The Duffy family wasn't exactly top - tier , but they were backed by the Walsh family . Together , they held a strong influence over the city .

" The Duffy family basically works for the Walsh family . Of course , Oscar would stand up them ." A lot of people nodded . Oscar stepping up wasn't a surprise . for " Crashing a wedding , stealing the bride , beating up the groom , and now demanding justice from the Walsh family ? Mr. Ashcroft , you've really got some nerve ! " Another voice joined in . After Oscar stood up , an older , thin man nearby also got to his feet . " Jeff Enterprises is supposed to be one of Astria's top companies , and its chairman turns out to be some violent thug ? You're making us all look bad .

I'd like to see how you think you're going 1/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 182 All Eyes on Leander to deal with the Walsh family today . " : 51) , Finished Monica looked over and gasped . The man was Xavier Bolton , the richest man in South Listin . His businesses covered nearly half the real estate in the area . His wealth was on another level . " That's Xavier ? Why's he backing the Walsh family ? " A lot of people were confused . Some who knew the background spoke up right away . " I heard Mr. Bolton and Mr. Walsh were in the same army unit back in the day . They've been close ever since .

They built their businesses together in Listin . Now that the Walsh family's in trouble , of course , he'd step in ." Everyone suddenly understood . As the room stayed tense , another person stood up . up " At first , I wasn't planning to get involved in this whole thing between Mr. Ashcroft and the Walsh family , but honestly , your attitude is starting to get on my nerves . " This man wore a mink coat and stood tall . A group of men in black followed behind him . His presence was hard to ignore . " Mr.

Ashcroft , since you said you could handle all of us by yourself , I'm siding with the Walsh family , too . I'd like to see how someone from Mornwick plans to take on all of us together . " It was Donald Johnson , a major underground figure from North Listin . When people saw these men standing with the Walsh family , many guests who had believed Leander could hold his own started changing their minds . One by one , they took a deep breath . Even Monica and Linden felt their hearts sink . Xavier , Donald , and Oscar - each of them had a serious influence and resources .

Any one of them alone was tough enough to deal with . Now that they were joining forces , it was a whole different story . And on top of that , there was the Walsh family , whose reach extended all the way to Mornwick . Together , they felt like a massive weight pressing down . Even a state governor might have to think twice before going against them . These people were at the top of Listin's power structure . And Leander ? He had come here completely alone . Compared to them , he looked outmatched .

Earlier , Monica and Linden thought Leander could stand up to the Walsh family because of his status as chairman of Jeff Enterprises . But now , all they felt was hopelessness . 2/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 182 All Eyes on Leander # Finished No matter how strong Leander was , he was still from Mornwick . He couldn't stretch his influence into Listin . How was he supposed to fight all of them ? Caleb stood nearby , feeling a chill run through him . With this kind of alliance , even he would've chosen to step back . Forcing a move now would only lead to being crushed .

These people joining forces basically represented the highest level of power in Listin . Caleb turned to look at Leander , unable to hide his concern . Frankie had told him Leander was strong , but even so , he couldn't help feeling uneasy . How strong would one person have to be to deal with something like this ? Now that so many people had stepped up for the Walsh family , Samuel and Arthur couldn't help but smile . They were never really afraid of Leander to begin with . Now , with all these powerhouses backing them up , they felt more confident than ever .

Ryan stood with his hands behind his back , eyes cold . As far as he was concerned , Leander had already signed his own death warrant when he injured Alfie . Even if no

one else had stepped in , he would've still thrown everything the Walsh family had at Leander to destroy him . But Leander didn't seem to care . He reached out and gently took Yvette's arm , pulling her off the stage . " Next time you do something like this , you'd better think it through . One wrong move could ruin your whole life , " Leander said calmly . Yvette's eyes filled with tears .

She had been ready to throw herself into something terrible , but once again , this guy showed up and pulled her back just in time . As Leander let go and turned to leave , she suddenly stepped forward and grabbed his hand tightly , refusing to let go . "I won't ever do that again . " Her voice trembled . Leander started to pull his hand back , but after a brief pause , he let it stay . " Mr. Ashcroft , I've got to hand it to you . Even now , you've still got time to flirt ? " Samuel let out a cold laugh when he saw Leander talking to Yvette like nothing was going on .

Leander finally turned his head . He glanced at the people in front of him and gave a slight smirk . " This is it ? That's all you've got ? " 3/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 | Chapter 182 All Eyes on Leander 51 Finished Arthur snorted . " Hmph , all of us together , and you think you can take us on alone ? " Leander touched his nose , then shook his head . " I really thought you'd have something more impressive . What a disappointment . "

"You're all too weak . " The room burst into noise . Even now , Leander was brushing them off - and even calling them weak ?

Almost everyone thought he was just bluffing . Ryan , the Walsh family's top figure , finally spoke . " Mr. Ashcroft , you're looking down on us because you're a martial artist , aren't you ? " His eyes narrowed sharply , like he had seen through everything . " You

took out our bodyguards in one move just now . That had to be martial arts . That's why you think we can't touch you . " " But unfortunately , you picked the wrong group to mess with . " Ryan raised a hand and shouted coldly . " Don't think you're the only one with those skills . Our family has its own martial artist , too .

" " And he's ranked fourteenth on the Astria Power Index . " Ryan gave a cold laugh . " Now tell me - how much is your so - called trump card really worth ? " Send Gifts 60

Chapter 183 Even Your Best Isn't Enough " An internal martial artist ? The Astria Power Index ? What's that ? " When Ryan said that , everyone around looked confused . 51 Finished Most of the people there were either in business or politics . The martial arts world was far from their lives , and many had never even heard of those terms . Only a few people with inside knowledge glanced up , quietly surprised . That was the Astria Power Index . Across the entire country , only twenty - three people had made it onto that list . Every one of them stood at the top of the martial arts world .

Just one of them could take down an entire special forces team . " No wonder the Walsh family has been running Listin for so long - turns out they've had someone like that hidden behind the scenes . " Many of the powerful guests who'd been neutral toward the Walsh family were stunned . Right away , they decided they needed to stay on good terms with them moving forward . Ryan , who had led the Walsh family for nearly fifty years and was a longtime figure in Listin , looked sharp and confident .

He'd spent his life in business and politics , but he knew a thing or two about the world's hidden sides . Internal martial artists were one of them . He wasn't one himself , but he understood what they were . Earlier , when Leander had knocked out the Walsh family's bodyguards in an instant , Ryan knew that was a skill unique to internal martial artists . He was sure Leander was one of them . That explained why he could stand there and face them all so calmly . To be honest , if the Walsh family didn't have someone just as strong , they really might have had reason to worry .

People like Leander couldn't be pinned down . If they let him walk away , the Walsh family would be vulnerable to endless ambushes in the future , no matter how powerful they were . But the Walsh family had their own internal martial artist . And not just anyone - he was one of the best . A Martial Sovereign ranked fourteenth on the Astria Power Index . Ryan let out a cold laugh . In his mind , Leander had no more cards to play . So what if he was an internal martial artist ? There was no way he could beat their guy . 1/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 183 Even Your Best isn't Enough " Mr.

Ashcroft , I'd like to see what else you've got up your sleeve ." Finished It wasn't just Ryan . The others were also looking at Leander with smug expressions . Linden and Monica were terrified . They had thought Leander could pull them out of danger . But now it looked like what he was up against was far worse than they had imagined . Taking on the Walsh family and several top names in Listin by himself ? That was too much . Only Yvette stayed behind Leander , still full of confidence . She had seen with her own eyes how he tore through everything back at Glidewing Mountain .

Someone that powerful wouldn't be afraid of a family like the Walshes . Caleb's heart sank . Coming from the underworld , he knew a bit about internal martial artists . Now that Ryan had figured out all of Leander's cards , how was he supposed to keep fighting ? Ryan was watching Leander's face closely , but Leander didn't react at all . He just kept walking until he stopped in front of Oscar . " You're siding with the Walsh family ? " Oscar stepped back in fear . After all , Leander had just taken down dozens of people in seconds -he was still shaken .

But then he glanced at his companions and gathered some courage , straightening up . " Mr. Ashcroft , you're a big deal in Mornwick , but like I said , this is Listin . Don't get too full of yourself . I'm standing with the Walsh family today . What can you do about it ? " " Yeah ? " Leander said calmly , then suddenly struck with his palm . Bang ! A powerful force came down like a hammer . Oscar's body shook , and he was sent flying into the wall , leaving a shallow dent behind . He passed out on the spot . " One down , " Leander said flatly , then looked at Donald . " You're next .

" Donald jumped back almost ten feet , completely terrified . Jacob , Samuel , Arthur , and the others all stared in disbelief . 2/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 ... Chapter 103 Even Your Best Isn't Enough Even now , Leander still dared to attack ? 12 Finished The guests were stunned . Leander was under huge pressure , but he still struck without hesitation . It was like he didn't take the Walsh family's threats seriously at all . " How arrogant ! " Jacob , the richest man in South Listin , shouted . His beard shook - though it was hard to tell if it was from anger or fear . Ryan's face had gone dark .

" Mr. Ashcroft , sounds like you've made your choice . You're not here to talk things out . You really want to go against us . " " Fine . Since you're so eager to act tough , I'll show you the Walsh family's real trump card ! Melissa , go get Mr. Luca ! " He turned to his granddaughter Melissa , whose eyes were already full of anger . Melissa gave Leander a long look , then quickly left . Everyone in the room held their breath , waiting to see just how scary this so - called trump card really was . When Leander heard that , he stopped and smiled slightly . " Sure .

If you're calling for backup , I'll wait until they all show up . I'll take care of everyone in one go ." Ryan snorted , clearly not taking him seriously . In his mind , Leander was just bluffing before the end . In the Walsh family's inner courtyard , Melissa knocked on the door of an old wooden house . " Mr. Luca , Grandpa sent me to get you ." " What is it ? " came a cold voice from inside , like nothing really mattered to him . " There's a young man from Mornwick causing trouble in our house . He's an internal martial artist and has already hurt a lot of people .

Grandpa wants you to take care of it ." A cold snort came from the room . " Your family's really slipping . You can't even handle a random punk ? And now you need me ? " The door opened , and a middle - aged man with graying temples stood in front of Melissa . She lowered her head right away , full of respect . This man had protected the Walsh family for decades . He was the reason they'd survived so many ups and downs . " Lead the way ." He waved his sleeve , and Melissa quickly walked ahead to guide him .

3/4 17:41 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 183 Cven Your Best isn't Enough Finished With all eyes watching , she finally brought him into the main hall . When Ryan saw him , he was

thrilled and immediately pointed at Leander . "Luca , this guy's completely out of control . He used his martial arts to hurt my people and our guests . Teach him a lesson . Break his arms and legs , then lock him up ! " Even at his age . Ryan hadn't lost any of his edge . Leander had stormed into their home and seriously hurt Alfie and the others .

As far as Ryan was concerned , Leander was now the Walsh family's number one enemy . There was no room for mercy . Luca gave a slight nod and slowly walked toward Leander , his expression cold and unreadable . He stopped about six feet away and said flatly , " Since you're in the martial arts world , I'm sure you've heard of me . " I'm Luca , ranked fourteenth on the Astria Power Index . Tell me who your teacher is . If I know them . maybe I'll go easy on you ." He saw Leander standing there alone and didn't think much of it . To him , Leander was just a reckless kid with a bit of skill .

" Luca ? Fourteenth on the rankings ? " Leander gave a small , unimpressed smile . " If you're really on the list , you should know who I am . You're ranked fourteenth and think can talk to me like that ? " Send Gifts you 60 B

Chapter 184 He Took Down the Walsh Family by Himself 66 67 Finished " How dare you speak to me in that tone when you are just a Martial Sovereign that is ranked fourteenth ? Leander asked coldly . Even when facing Luca , who was an expert ranked fourteenth on the Astria Power Index , Leander didn't even flinch a bit . " What did you say? Do you think I won't make a move on you ? " Luca's expression darkened instantly , and a wave of murderous aura surged from him . In that split second , everyone felt a chill creep down their spine , and they were immediately overwhelmed with fear .

It was as if an invisible force was pressing down on them heavily . At the same time , they were dumbfounded since they realized that Luca , whom even Ryan treated with extreme respect , held power that was beyond their comprehension . " You are too arrogant . Do you think you can come to Listin and throw your weight around , even threatening the Walsh family just because your influence in Mornwick reaches the skies ? Please , teach him a lesson ! " Ryan said while looking at Leander coldly as if the latter were already a dead man .

Faced with the pressure from Ryan and Luca , Leander snorted coldly . " If you think you can do it , go ahead and try . " Hearing his words , Luca was furious . Just as he clenched his palm , his inner strength surged , causing his hand to glow crimson red . This was his signature move - Crimson Palm - which he had once passed down to Dylan . Just as he raised his palm and was about to strike down , he suddenly froze . As one of the top Martial Sovereigns in Astria , most people would be overwhelmed by his aura . However , he noticed that Leander's eyes still remained calm .

Moreover , he caught a glimpse of disdain in Leander's eyes . It was like the latter was looking down on him like he was nothing but a mere speck of dust . He had never seen such a look before and couldn't imagine how a youngster could look at him like he was the insignificant one . " Someone from Mornwick ? " At that moment , Luca suddenly remembered something Melissa had told him earlier . In that instant , his face immediately tensed up . He remembered that there was someone from Mornwick who was on the Astria Power Index . Could it be him ? thought Luca .

Thinking about it , a shiver ran down Luca's spine , and he asked in disbelief , " Are you Jeff 1/4 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 ... Chapter 184 He Took Down the Walsh Family by Himself Ashcroft ? " Finished Hearing his words , Leander smiled and said in amusement , " So what if I am ? Weren't you just about to strike me ? Go ahead ! " At that moment , Luca felt like his world came crashing down on him . His entire body broke out in cold sweat as he instinctively took a few steps back .

After all , he hadn't expected that Leander , who was the Grim Reaper of the Astria martial world , would suddenly appear in Listin and stand right before him after disappearing out of sight for nine months . Then , Luca immediately said respectfully , " Please forgive my rudeness from earlier . I didn't realize that you are the Iron Sovereign ! " To be honest , Luca wouldn't respect other top - ranked martial sovereigns who were ranked higher than him . The most he could do was to be wary of them . However , Leander was different . He was an outlier on the Astria Power Index .

Even figures like Tsaric Dubois - Briggs and Grayson Shire , both capable of ranking in the top three , had been killed by Leander at Glidewing Mountain , which meant that Leander's strength was in another realm altogether . Thus , how could Luca not fear him ? Luca's immediate change in attitude shocked everyone , especially the Walsh family . Ryan's eyes widened in disbelief , for he had known Luca for decades . He knew that Luca was someone who looked down on even the wealthiest tycoons and highest officials . He never bowed to anyone , and not even Alfie was qualified to speak to him .

Yet , Luca was now bowing respectfully to Leander . On the other hand , Monica and Linden were stunned . Initially , they thought Leander would be overwhelmed by the

Walsh family . Never had they expected that the biggest trump card the Walshes brought out , which was Luca , would actually bow to Leander . "Jeff Ashcroft ? " The crowd was unfamiliar with this and looked confused . On the other hand , Leander had already spoken again . " Now that you know who I am, are you still planning to stand in my way for the sake of the Walsh family ?

" In that instant , Luca shook his head and replied without hesitation , " No ! " " If that's so , then step aside ! " Leander scoffed . Then , a ripple of inner strength burst from him , causing the nearby wooden tables to burst into splinters . At the same time , Luca grunted painfully as blood leaked from the corner of his mouth while he stepped aside . At that moment , all doubts vanished . Luca was certain that the person standing before him was indeed the Grim Reaper of Astria - Jeff Ashcroft !

After all , only a few at the pinnacle of the 2/4 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 184 He Took Down the Walsh Family by Himself Power Index would be able to wound him with a single attack . 51 Finished " You asked me earlier as to how many trump cards I had left . What about now ? How many trump cards do you think you have left ? " Leander commented while stepping forward slowly , but no one dared to block his way . Even Donald and Jacob remained silent as they stepped back . The duo had been in Listin long enough to know who to mess with and who not to .

Luca was already a terrifying figure , but even Leander had forced him to bow , which meant that Leander's identity and strength far surpassed Luca's . Thus , they knew that getting in Leander's way would mean certain death . Though their relationship with the Walsh family was close , it still wasn't worth risking their lives over . On the other hand ,

Ryan and the other Walsh family members were too shocked to speak . " When I injured your grandson earlier , you said you wanted to kill me . Well , now ... " As Leander trailed off , he raised his hand and struck .

In that split second , a faint blue palm print descended from above . Then , with a burst of invisible force , it crushed the already - injured Alfie into the floor . The entire hall trembled at the impact , and when the dust cleared , everyone looked over in horror . After all , where Alfie had once lain , a deep hole had formed , and Alfie was gone - he had already shattered into bloody pieces . " Alfie ! " The Walsh family screamed , and Ryan was furious . Just as he summoned the family's gunmen and was about to take action , a hand clamped onto his shoulder , freezing him in place .

When he looked over , he saw Luca standing beside him while shaking his head . Ryan was no fool . Though rage boiled within , he swallowed it down . Leander , having just killed Alfie , cast his indifferent gaze upon him . " Ms. Hollis once did me a great kindness . Alfie used the Walsh family's power to join with several corporations and crush the Linsky Group to the ground , forcing her family into exile . That's why I killed him . Do you guys have any objections ?

" Ryan was filled with fury , but with Luca restraining him , he could only let out a bitter sigh and said , " We have nothing to object . " As his words fell , the crowd gasped in shock . After all , Ryan's words meant the entire Walsh 3/4 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 184 He Took Down the Walsh Family by Himself family had bowed to Leander . 51 Finished All the guests were stunned . No one had imagined that Leander could truly crush the Walsh family by himself . Send Gifts 60 B

Chapter 185 He Is Number One on the Power Index " We accept this ! " Ryan said through clenched teeth . He was filled with despair . Saying those few words seemed to drain all the strength from his body . 61 Finished The Walsh family had dominated Listin for decades , standing tall without challenge . No power had ever shaken their rule . Ryan had led the family's head up and high his whole life , yet he was now forced to bow to a youngster . Hence , the humiliation was unimaginable . However , no matter how much he resisted , he knew Luca would not lie .

For Luca to show such fear , this could only mean that Leander's power had already reached a terrifying level beyond comprehension . Countless Listin elites sighed in disbelief . Everyone had thought Leander would be crushed into nothing as he faced the Walsh family and their top allies . Yet , the reality defied all expectations as Leander trampled the entire Walsh family alone . Once word got out , it would surely cause a massive uproar across Listin . In the meantime , Melissa , the Walsh family's treasured princess , had her eyes fixed on Leander .

Leander wasn't even twenty years old , yet he had already dominated Mornwick and commanded a massive international corporation worth over 100 billion . He had wealth that others couldn't even dream of having in a lifetime , and his accomplishments had already surpassed ninety percent of the world's elite , which filled her with deep admiration . Moreover , even Luca , who was their family's most revered protector , was showing Leander the utmost respect , which left her utterly stunned . After all , she knew exactly what kind of man Luca was .

She had once seen him flatten a car into a steel pancake with a single palm . Thus , if he feared Leander , that meant Leander's strength must be stronger than his . Melissa had always admired the powerful . In Listin , countless rich heirs had come knocking on the Walsh family's door , yet none had earned even a smile from her . However , she had now met Leander , who was rich , prestigious , and powerful . He was the strongest peer she had ever met .

On the other hand , Ryan admitted defeat , and Leander said flatly , " Since you've admitted defeat , return all of Linsky Group's shares within three days . On top of that , provide double the resources that they originally held as compensation . If you fail to do so , I'll come back for you . When that time comes , I won't go easy on you like I am now . " His words earned many disagreements in the crowd's hearts . After all , how was Leander polite when he had just killed the Walsh family's only heir ?

' If that was him being polite , then him being impolite would probably mean wiping out the entire family ! ' thought the crowd . However , nobody dared to say a word . 1/4 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 185 He is Number One on the Power Index As Leander spoke , he signaled to Yvette , who obediently followed him . Brothed " Ms. Hollis , Mr. Sitwell , since things are settled , let's return to Mornwick . I'll make sure Limky Group gets everything back , and none of this will ever happen again " Leander smiled as he spoke to the duo , who were still frozen in shock .

As Leander led Yvette and her parents out , no one dared to block their path . Those who had once mocked him now looked on with awe and fear . When one wasn't far above others , they might have tried to catch up . However , when someone like

Leander could suppress the Walsh family with just one word , everyone realized that they were not on the same level as Leander and could only look up to the latter . " He's gone too far ! " Shortly after Leander left , Ryan roared in fury while shattering an expensive porcelain vase . " Why are you afraid of him , Luca ?

Why did you stop me from fighting back ? " Ryan's face twisted in rage . " Our family has stood proud in Listin for hundreds of years , yet we are now being humiliated by a young man . How will we maintain our status after today ? " Samuel and Arthur , who were the Walsh family's second generation , were also seething . Especially Arthur , who was Alfie's father . For him , having seen his own son being killed in front of everyone and not being able to take revenge was worse than death itself . The crowd remained silent , but their curiosity surged .

They wondered why Luca , who was a powerful figure , feared Leander so much . Luca looked at Ryan and said solemnly , " Ryan , your entire family would have been wiped out if I hadn't stopped you back then . Do you understand ? " Ryan was in disbelief . " Impossible . With our family's influence in Listin , he wouldn't dare ! " " Hmph ! " Luca sneered and said coldly , " Do you think anyone would be able to stop me if I were the one who wiped out your family ?" Hearing his words , Ryan froze and was at a loss for words . Luca was a genuine martial sovereign on the Astria Power Index .

No one could win over him , whether in strength or connections . Thus , no one would do anything if he truly destroyed the Walsh family , Then , Luca continued , " I actually admire your courage , Ryan . I can't believe you actually dared to provoke him ." Ryan suppressed his emotions and replied , " He is just an underground tycoon of Mornwick .

Why would you fear him so much ? Does he have a strong background ? " 214 17:42

Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 185 He Is Number One on the Power Index 51 Finished " A strong background ? " Luca snorted coldly . " Not only that .

He is one of the greatest martial great grandmasters alive . He is stronger than I . I wouldn't even last a second against him . " Hearing his words , the Walshes were stunned . They thought Leander might be stronger than Luca . However , to defeat Luca with one strike seemed impossible . " Impossible ! " Ryan shook his head , refusing to believe it . " What's there to be impossible about ? " asked Luca . " Do you remember who killed your father thirty years ago ? The Jade Emperor ? " At that moment , Ryan's eyes widened in horror .

Terror and hatred filled his heart as the name flashed through his mind . " Grayson Shire ? " That man was a true demon to the Walsh family . Decades ago , Ryan's father was a prestigious bandit king . However , on one snowy night , he encountered Grayson Shire , who chopped off his head in front of Ryan's eyes . After that , Grayson Shire ascended to the peak of power and lived in the Shire Peak . Even though the Walsh family remained dominant in Listin , they never dared mention his name , nor even approach Listin Star Peak . Even Luca wouldn't dare to provoke Grayson Shire .

However , Ryan couldn't understand why Luca would mention Grayson Shire's name . Then , he heard Luca say , " I don't have to tell you how powerful Grayson Shire was since you know it yourself . However , he was killed at Glidewing Mountain in Mornwick nine months ago , and the one who killed him was the very person who just killed Alfie . " Luca's words struck like a meteor into the earth , shocking everyone . The entire

Walsh family froze , and Ryan collapsed into his chair . Grayson Shire was a monster they feared like the plague , yet he had been slain by Leander .

If that were true , then Leander would only be more terrifying . Just as everyone was lost in disbelief , Melissa asked with curiosity , " Mr. Luca , since you're ranked on the Astria Power Index , does that mean he's on it too ? " " Of course ," Luca nodded . " How could he not be on it if someone like me is already on it ? " " If that's the case ... " Melissa's eyes sparkled . " What rank is he ? " Hearing her words , Luca paused and thought solemnly .

Then , he replied in awe , " He is ranked number one in the Power Index ." 3/4 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 185 Help Number One on the Power Index 15 Finished In that split second , the whole crowd fell silent . Send Gifts 60

From Outcast to Overlord The Unyielding Heir Chapter 186 The Arbitration Office 50 Finished As soon as Luca finished speaking , the entire room fell silent . Even though most people didn't fully understand what the Astria Power Index represented , they could still sense its immense weight . Luca was a formidable figure - an honored guest of the Walsh family . Even the old patriarch , Ryan , treated him with deference . The entire Walsh family bowed to him , a clear sign of how terrifying his status was . Yet , even someone like Luca only ranked fourteenth on the Astria Power Index .

Leander , however , was number one . The difference between them wasn't something ordinary people could even begin to imagine . Ryan's face turned ashen . He had still

held on to a sliver of hope for revenge , but now , it completely crumbled . He never expected that Leander wasn't just a business icon , but also a top - tier martial powerhouse . Even Grayson - the nightmare that haunted the Walsh family - had died at Leander's hands . If Leander could take down Grayson , then the Walsh family stood no chance , no matter how much they threw at him .

Arthur , still seething over his son's death , now felt as if he'd been drenched in ice water . He stood frozen in place , stunned , not moving an inch . After a long silence , Ryan finally sighed . " That's enough . With Alfie's personality , I always knew trouble would come sooner or later . But this time , he's dragged us into something we can't handle . No one in our family can go up against someone like Leander . " He patted Arthur on the shoulder , snapping him out of his daze , and continued , " Arthur , you'll head to Ravenridge in Mornwick tomorrow . Do exactly as Mr.

Ashcroft instructed - handle every matter properly . Then , meet him in person , apologize , and make peace ." Arthur opened his mouth to speak , but couldn't get the words out . In the end , he just nodded . All his former pride and confidence had faded entirely . Melissa , the family's princess , watched with deep curiosity on her alluring face . She was desperate to know just how terrifying the man at the top of the Astria Power Index truly was . More than anything , she wanted to witness for herself what it looked like when the undefeated number one stepped into a fight .

Luca , the Martial Sovereign of his time , glanced at the defeated Walsh family and gave a helpless smile . If they didn't follow Leander's instructions , there was only one path left for them - destruction . After all , they were dealing with the Iron Sovereign - Jeff

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Leander , are you really Mr. Ashcroft ? " In the business class cabin of the flight to Ravenridge , Monica still hadn't shaken off the shock . She looked at Leander , wide - eyed .

Next to her , Linden looked like he wanted to say something , but couldn't find the words . Yvette sat quietly beside Leander , no longer the aloof ice queen . Her eyes sparkled as she stared at him , emotions surging in her chest . Leander sat up and gave Monica a gentle smile . " Ms. Hollis , I'm sorry for keeping it from you . Yes - Mr . Ashcroft is me . " Linden swallowed hard . Regret hit him like a tidal wave , and he wished he could disappear into the floor . From the start , he'd looked down on Leander , never taking him seriously .

In his eyes , people like Colin or even Shiloh had more promise , more potential . He had even told Yvette to stay away from Leander . was But now , when their entire family had hit rock bottom , it was Leander who stepped in , crushing the Walsh family , a force they couldn't even begin to challenge . And it turned out he was no ordinary man - he was the legendary man in Mornwick , the one everyone called Mr. Ashcroft , the secretive chairman behind Jeff Enterprises . Linden had spent . years trying to get an introduction to him . hoping for just one meeting .

In the end , the man he respected and wished to befriend had been the same young man who had come to his house for dinner multiple times . Whether it was uniting the Mornwick elite , leading Jeff Enterprises , or bringing the Walsh family to their knees - any one of those accomplishments would be enough to define someone's life . But

Leander had done them all . Across all of Astria , there were maybe only a handful of people in his generation who could come close - and even they were already in their thirties or forties . And yet , he'd once told his daughter not to choose him .

Looking back now , Linden felt like a complete fool . Monica felt the same . She had opposed Yvette being with him , had tried to steer her toward Colin using so - called " reality " as her argument . But now that Leander's identity had been revealed , all she felt was the sting of humiliation . " Leander , thank you . Thank you for helping us . " All the emotions she had been holding in came down to that one heartfelt sentence . She stood up , about to bow to Leander . However , just as she began to bend , an invisible force held her in place , stopping her from bowing .

Startled , she looked up and saw Leander gently press his fingers in the air . It felt as though 214 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 186 The Arbitration Office unseen hands had settled on her shoulders , guiding her softly back into her seat . Finished " Ms. Hollis , what are you doing ? " He gave a slight wave of his hand . " Back when I had nothing - when I was struggling to survive - you gave me some money . It wasn't much , but it was a lifeline . It helped me get through some of the hardest months of my life . The kindness you showed me back then is something I'll never forget .

Now that your family's in trouble , how could I possibly turn my back on you ? " I've already bought back the Sitwell Residence . Once you're home , you can move right in . The Linsky Group will be returned as well , and from now on , your path forward will be smooth . If anything like this ever happens again , call me . If I'm not around , reach out

to Frankie . Anyone under Jeff Enterprises will go all - out to help you . " Linden was drowning in guilt , while Monica didn't know how to face him anymore .

To her , Leander now felt like more than just family - there was respect in her eyes , even a trace of awe . When their flight landed in Ravenridge , Leander parted ways with Yvette and her family at the airport . He had just taken a few steps when Yvette caught up to him . " Is there something else ? " He turned his head slightly . Yvette had just changed out of her wedding dress . She now wore a clean , stylish outfit that made her look both elegant and refreshed . Her eyes shimmered , but her voice was quiet . " Why did you come back to save me ?

" He looked her in the eyes , a faintly amused expression flashing across his face . " If I hadn't , would you really have gone through with marrying Alfie ? " He wagged his finger at her . " Remember this - some things might seem impossible for you , or out of reach . But for me ? They're nothing . So don't ever pull something that foolish again . " With that , he turned and walked away , leaving her standing alone in the breeze . She stood still for a long while . Then , slowly , her lips curved into a warm , radiant smile . " He was worried about me , wasn't he ?

" Nine months had passed since Leander vanished . Now , out of the blue , he had resurfaced in Listin . The news barely made a ripple , like a single drop falling into the ocean - but it still spread . And plenty of people heard . Far away , atop a skyscraper in Scelor , a blond man in a sharp suit stared at the message on his screen . His fingers tapped rhythmically on the desk , and his eyes gleamed with a cold , dangerous light . " Jeff , you've finally shown yourself . We've been looking for you for a long time .

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Chapter 187 The Plan 50 Finished " Jeff , we've been looking for you for a long time . "

The blond - haired middle - aged man stared coldly at the computer screen , eyes narrowing as a chilling light flashed within them . After a long pause , he picked up his phone and spoke in a crisp , commanding tone . " Alice , issue an S- level assembly order . Summon the other six arbitrators . I want them in my conference room within twelve hours . " A mechanical response came through .

He ended the call , intertwined his fingers , and looked toward the eastern horizon through the window , eyes sharp and resolute . Twelve hours later , six figures had gathered in his conference room . Their appearances and clothing were varied , clearly from different corners of the world . Two women , four men , each carrying distinct energy . Some were stunning , others unremarkable . A few faces were so ordinary they'd vanish into any crowd , but their presence was anything but .

Even the servers moving through the room with tea and water were trembling , as if some oppressive , unseen force had sunk into the air , making it hard even to breathe .

One woman , all curves and crimson lips , lounged back in her chair with an air of wicked confidence . Her gaze swept over the blond man who had summoned them . Her voice was husky , dripping with seduction , enough to make any average man lose control . " Wayne , what's this about ? An S - level assembly order ? You'd better have something good . Otherwise , I'm coming for answers .

" She had been watching lavender bloom in Ruffy just twelve hours earlier , and the sudden order had pulled her away from that beauty - an interruption she did not appreciate . " Yeah , " said a tall man beside her , dressed in a pristine tailcoat . With a flick of his wrist , the wine in his glass twirled up into the air and streamed directly into his mouth . " An S - level assembly order means something serious . You know that . If you can't give us a good reason , the fallout's on you . " His irises glowed an eerie , unnatural red . There was danger in them .

The other four didn't speak , but their stares bore into Wayne . They wanted answers . Wayne , sitting at the head of the table , steepled his fingers and remained calm . " Believe me , I wouldn't have summoned you if it wasn't worth your time . " With a tap , the projector activated , and a striking image of a young man appeared on the screen . " Well , well , " the red - lipped woman purred , licking her lips . " A face like that makes me want to skip the briefing and get straight to dessert . " She was Evelyn , known for her mastery of dual cultivation and seduction arts .

Every man she took to bed made her stronger . It was her way- training , traveling , and bringing lovers . Young , handsome ones were her favorite , and this boy's face clearly thrilled her . Wayne's voice cut in , sharp and cold . " Evelyn , rein it in . Do you even know who he is ? " She gave a lazy shrug , reclining in her chair . " Some young heir ? Enlighten me . " 1/3 17:42 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 187 The Pian 2200 Finished Wayne sneered . That's not just some kid . That is Jeff - the Iron Sovereign . You really think your little charm spells will work on him ? " " What ? He's Jeff ?

" Silence dropped over the room like a hammer . Every pair of eyes froze on the screen . Even Evelyn sat up straighter . The name echoed in their minds - it had been unavoidable lately . In the international martial world , " Jeff had become a legend . Leander had no idea that his battle at Glidewing Mountain - where he killed Grayson and Tsaric , two of the Martial Sovereigns alive - had made waves beyond Astria . The story had global , traveling faster than wildfire . " He's that young ? " Evelyn muttered , stunned . gone Wayne glanced at her but didn't answer .

Instead , he addressed the group . " You're here because of him . You all know the story - nine months ago , at Glidewing Mountain , Jeff took down both Grayson and Tsaric . Then , he disappeared . But now , he's resurfaced . According to the latest intel , he was spotted in Listin just yesterday . " Wayne closed the projection and tapped his fingers lightly on the table . " Before we get to the main agenda , let me ask you something . Jeff killed both Tsaric and Grayson alone . If any one of you were in his place , could you have done the same ? " The room went dead silent .

Within the Arbitration Office , there was a ranking system that measured the combat ability of top fighters around the world . Tsaric and Grayson were both A- level - high - tier experts , even by their standards . Matching either one of them one - on - one would already push the limits of most of them . But to take on both at the same time - and win was another level entirely . A middle - aged woman in a black trench coat finally broke the silence . " We couldn't do it . But what does that have to do with why we're here today ?

" Wayne scanned the others ' faces before continuing , " The S - level assembly order wasn't my decision . It came straight from the Chief Arbitrator . I spoke to him three hours ago . He put me in charge of this and confirmed Jeff's power rating himself . " He paused briefly , letting the moment settle . " It's S - level , " The words hit like a thunderclap . Everyone's expression changed instantly . " What ? S - level ? " A burly man in a duckbill cap blurted out , his face twitching . " S - level is for those in the Transcendent Realm . How could he be rated that high ?

" According to their internal rankings , Martial Sovereigns typically fell under A- , A , or A + . To qualify for S - level , one had to reach the Transcendent Realm - a state that required more than just talent . Every S - level figure they'd ever encountered had trained for over a century . 2/3 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 A Chapter 187 The Plan : Leander , barely out of his teens , didn't seem to belong in the same league . 50 #Finished Wayne crossed his arms and gave a slow shake of his head . " Honestly ? I couldn't believe it either . But that's what the Chief Arbitrator told me .

Jeff took down both Tsaric and Grayson effortlessly , and he wasn't even using his full strength . He may not have crossed into the Transcendent Realm yet , but his actual power isn't far off . That's why he has to be treated as S- level . " The room fell into another heavy silence . Even with the Chief Arbitrator's words , it wasn't easy to digest . No one under twenty had ever been rated S - level in the entire history of the Arbitration Office . Just then , a quiet voice came from the corner . The masked man who had been silent until now finally spoke . " The S - level rating is obvious .

" The moment he said , the room shifted . Everyone -including Wayne and Evelyn - fell still . Among the seven , he was the undisputed strongest , and no one dared challenge his authority . " Wayne , " the masked man said , " just tell us why we're here ." Wayne nodded . " There are two reasons for this meeting , " he said clearly . " First , we want Jeff to join the Arbitration Office . " His tone darkened . " If that fails , we destroy him before he becomes unstoppable ." Send Gifts 。 60 3/3

Chapter 188 The Storm Is Coming , Strong Enemies Approaching 50 Finished As Wayne's words fell , the room plunged into silence . Even the masked man - the strongest among them - narrowed his eyes under the hood , a rare flicker of tension betraying his calm . " So , you're saying the higher - ups want us to bring Jeff into the Arbitration Office ? And if he refuses , we kill him ? " The glamorous woman's expression twisted in shock . For all their arrogance , the Arbitration Office always weighed its interests first .

Provoking an S - level powerhouse without cause wasn't strategy - it was suicide . " Wayne , just be honest , " the man in the black trench coat said , voice like steel . " Why do they care so much about Jeff ? You know as well as I do - challenging someone like him could tear this place apart ." " I know . The higher - ups know too . But this isn't negotiable . Jeff must either join us or die . Because he killed one of our own , " Wayne replied . He tapped the table , then flicked his finger . A pulse of inner force shot out from his palm , summoning a cup from across the room into his hand .

" You may not have known this , but Tsaric - the Sword Master of Yamora - wasn't just some wandering powerhouse . He was one of us - a fellow arbitrator . Not internal - he was an external

arbitrator , personally appointed by the Chief Arbitrator . But make no mistake - he was family .

" It was because of his affiliation with us that his strength surged over the past decade . He was on the brink of the Transcendent Realm . " The others looked at each other , shock lingering . None of them had known this . But now , it made sense .

The Arbitration Office had a rule as old as the organization itself - unchanged for centuries : no internal member could die by an outsider's hand . If an arbitrator fell to someone beyond the Arbitration Office , that person had two choices- join and replace the fallen , or become an enemy of the entire Arbitration Office . There was no third option . The consequences were absolute . Everyone present , including Wayne , let out a heavy breath . In all their years - some serving over two decades - this was the most dangerous and challenging mission they had ever faced . " So , what now ?

" the masked man asked . " We try to convince him to join ? " He slowly sat back down , a sign of the weight he now attached to this matter . Only someone like Leander - who stood atop the Astrian martial world - could make him that serious . 1/3 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 188 The Storm Is Coming , Strong Enemies Approaching & 50 Finished " Yes , " Wayne nodded . " The Chief Arbitrator was clear . If he refuses , we are to capture him alive . That is our top priority . " Then he delivered the final blow .

" Because he is going to be the next Chief Arbitrator . " The room erupted in stunned silence . Everyone turned to Wayne , eyes wide with disbelief . Chief Arbitrator ? Since the day they became arbitrators , this had been the seat they all dreamed of - the highest authority , commanding half the organization , capable of deploying anyone with a single order . Yet none of them had ever been qualified . Leander had no record , no service , and wasn't even a member

. A brawny man with a blood - red blade strapped to his back shot to his feet , fury radiating from him . " Wayne , are you insane ?

The Chief Arbitrator must have at least forty years of experience in the organization . Even if he joins , he's a complete outsider . What qualifications does he have ? " Though the others stayed quiet , the same question was written all over their faces . Wayne scanned them calmly . " I don't expect you to like it . I don't either . But this decision comes from the Chief Arbitrator himself . " He let that sink in . " Unless one of you plans to challenge his authority ? " The fire in the room dimmed instantly . No one spoke . One by one , their gazes fell away .

The strength of the Chief Arbitrator was no secret . If he wished , he could defeat everyone in the room as effortlessly as drawing breath - no one dared defy him . " Jeff's potential has already been thoroughly evaluated , " Wayne said steadily . " The Chief Arbitrator made it clear - he isn't just the future Chief Arbitrator . He may very well become one of the next Supreme Arbiters . " That pronouncement stunned the others into silence . Any lingering doubt was swept away by disbelief . A Supreme Arbiter - just the thought of it left them shaken .

Even the Chief Arbitrator , for all his power , was merely a subordinate to those ten . He answered them , followed their commands like any other . The Arbitration Office was home to thousands of elite martial experts , yet in its long history , there had only ever been ten Supreme Arbiters . Each one was a near - mythic figure with strength that exceeded even SSS - level ratings . They could withstand modern military firepower , command fear on a global scale , and stand alone at the pinnacle of the martial world .

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Approaching 50 Finished Everyone here respected Leander's strength , some even

feared it , but to compare him to those legends was unthinkable . And yet , the Chief Arbitrator believed he had what it took to join their ranks . Wayne laced his fingers and continued in a calm , steady voice . " No one's come close to that level for centuries . Gareth once had a shot , but he came with too much baggage - family ties to the military , political roots in Astria . Too risky . So , the Office backed off .

" But Jeff is different . He started from nothing . No family name . No government backing . No political weight . Everything he has , he earned himself . " Wayne's tone sharpened . " He's young , yes , but he's ruthless . Decisive . Unflinching when it comes to killing . He carries himself like a general , a natural - born commander . That's exactly the kind of rare talent our organization needs ." His eyes flickered with a cold certainty . " That's why all seven of us are going to Astria . We are bringing Jeff back . " The other six finally nodded . The fog had lifted .

They still couldn't shake their astonishment , but now they understood what was at stake . No matter how absurd it seemed , the mission had been made clear - they had to make it happen . Then , breaking the silence , the masked man spoke at last . " And if he refuses to join ? If we fail to capture him alive , what then ? " Everyone turned to Wayne . They had all wondered the same thing . Wayne slowly raised one hand , shaped it like a blade , and dragged it across his neck . " Then we kill him . " Send Gifts
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The Arbitration Office had quietly placed Leander on their list . After a brief preparation , the seven arbitrators split up and infiltrated Astria in secret , unbeknownst to Leander himself . Back in Ravenridge , after settling matters with Monica and her family , the Walsh family from Listin personally paid a visit the very next day . Not only did they return all of the Linsky Group's shares , but they also shared most of their resources in Mornwick . The corporate giants who had once taken part in suppressing the Linsky Group came one after another to apologize to the Sitwell family .

Linden was caught between anxiety and joy , not knowing how to handle the sudden goodwill . Yvette watched several high - powered tycoons behaving like juniors in her home . It all clicked- this was all because of Leander . She let out a quiet breath , her eyes shining as emotion welled up inside her . You've rewritten my fate too many times . Is there even room left in my heart for someone else ? The self - pity and despair she once clung to had long faded . No matter how Leander felt about her , she knew there would never be another man for her .

On the top floor of Ninecrest Group , Leander reclined on a leather couch , flipping through documents Frankie had brought him . " Mr. Leander , our group's value has now entered the world's top fifty and continues to rise . Previously , to establish the Phoenix Essence Pill's credibility , we used specialists for endorsement . " But now that it's well - established and influential both at home and abroad , the marketing team recommends finding a major celebrity to endorse the next campaign , " Frankie reported respectfully . " I've shortlisted a few names .

Once you decide , I'll start negotiations . " Leander closed the folder and set it aside . " A celebrity , huh ? If it's for Phoenix Essence Pill , pick someone young and popular - either a pop star or actor with solid domestic influence . Narrow it down from that list . " Frankie nodded ,

already confident in his choice . After chatting a bit more , Leander left the group building . Half a month to go before heading to Highcliffe University .

As he walked under the sunlit sky , Leander's thoughts were already in Highcliffe - where promises still waited , where someone 1/3 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 189 You Are Actually Leander : was still waiting for him , and where the Ashcroft family owed him an explanation . 50 Finished At Rivergate Haven , Villa No.1 , just as he was about to relax on the couch , the doorbell rang . He opened the door . " It's you ? " he said calmly . Yvette stood there , bright - eyed . " Something wrong ? " Leander asked . " Did the Walsh family go back on their word ? " She quickly shook her head . " No.

They returned everything and helped my dad establish partnerships with several major companies . I came just to see you . " She tilted her head and smiled . " Not going to invite me in ? " Though Yvette had always had a certain allure , she typically carried herself like an aloof goddess - unapproachable and cold . Now , every smile was gentle . But Leander seemed unmoved . " Suit yourself , " he said , waving her in . Seated in the living room , Yvette took the juice he offered and finally got to the point . " Leander , would you come with us to Listin again ? " He looked puzzled .

" Didn't we just settle things with the Walsh family ? " " There's an elite auction being held in West Listin these days . Madeline will be a special guest- she'll be performing . It's her first real concert since stepping into the entertainment industry . She invited me and Ginny to go ." She hesitated , then continued gently , " In the nine months you were gone , she kept trying to find news about you , but never could . She's still upset about what happened at Water Paradise- hasn't forgiven herself . She's been wanting to say sorry , but never got the chance .

I was thinking that if you went , it would mean the world to her . If she saw you there , I know she'd be happy and feel more confident . " Her gaze held his , nervous yet hopeful . Her reason was genuine , but part of her wanted him there , too . " Her first concert ? " Leander rubbed his nose . Since his last parting with Madeline , his feelings for her had cooled . At the thought of the late Hazel and the little girl who once followed him everywhere , he softened . " Alright . Let's go have a look . " Yvette's face lit up in joy .

That afternoon , Leander , Yvette , and Ginny boarded a flight to West Listin . Leander leaned back by the window , watching the clouds pass while the girls chatted about Madeline's recent growth . 2/3 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 189 You Are Actually Leander 50 Finished " She's turned down so many commercial gigs , " Ginny commented . " Been studying music seriously , composing her songs . That one she sang for us - she wrote it herself ! She's going to be one of the top pop stars in all of Astria ! " Yvette nodded . " She's got real talent .

Glorious Entertainment is putting everything into shaping her image . If things keep going this way , she could be as big as Maeve . " She glanced at Leander . She knew well that Madeline's rise was thanks to the man sitting beside her . One word from him had carved out a smooth path for Madeline's future . Just then , a sweet voice came from across the aisle . " Hi there ! " They turned to see a curvy young woman smiling warmly . " Were you talking about Madeline from Glorious Entertainment ? " Yvette and Ginny exchanged surprised glances . " Yes , we were . She's a close friend of ours .

You know her , too ? " The girl nodded . " Then , you must be Yvette and Ginny - Madeline mentioned you . I know her too ! We haven't known each other long , but we're good friends . What a coincidence , meeting you here ! Nice to meet you . I'm Grace Barret . " Delighted by the

unexpected connection , the three quickly warmed to each other and chatted easily , their shared social circles giving them plenty in common . At one point , Yvette turned to Leander . " Leander , this is Ms. Barret . She lives in West Listin and is one of Madeline's good friends .

" As soon as Yvette said his name , Grace's eyes sharpened , her smile vanishing . She studied him for a long moment , her expression shifting . " So , you're Leander ? The one Madeline can't stop talking about ? " Her tone was sharp , full of mockery and disdain - nothing like the friendliness she'd shown the girls . Send Gifts 60 3/3

Chapter 190 A Reunion with Madeline 50 Finished " So , you're Leander ? I've heard so much about you . " Grace narrowed her eyes and , after giving him a quick once - over , let out a dismissive chuckle . She and Madeline had become fast friends due to a business partnership between their families and Glorious Entertainment . The two hit it off immediately , sharing common interests and unique insights into music , quickly growing close . During Madeline's time in West Listin , they met nearly every day , and one name she constantly brought up was " Leander .

" Though she never went into much detail about him , it was obvious to Grace that this so - called " Leander " meant a lot to Madeline . The emotional weight behind the way she spoke about him was unmistakable , and it piqued Grace's interest . In her mind , this " Leander " could very well be her brother Henry Barret's number one rival . She had assumed that for someone to matter so much to a rising pop star like Madeline , he must be a top - tier heir or perhaps the son of a high - ranking official .

However , after seeing him in person today , she realized she couldn't have been more wrong . This " Leander " Madeline talked about all the time was just an ordinary student dressed in dime - a - dozen brands - he didn't give off even the faintest air of prestige . Compared to her brother Henry , this guy was light - years behind . " That's me . "

Leander leaned against the window and gave her a curt nod . He only glanced briefly at Grace before turning back around , not even bothering to greet her , as if she weren't worth a second of his attention . What the hell ?

Grace's expression faltered , her pretty eyes twitching in irritation . The Barret family was , without question , the most prominent household in West Listin . Their business empire spanned nearly every major city in the region . Grace's name was known far and wide . Yet she was now being blatantly snubbed by someone like him ? This was a first . Seeing the shift in Grace's expression , Yvette and Ginny exchanged a knowing look . They had already gotten used to Leander's attitude - it wasn't their first time dealing with it . Yvette smiled politely at Grace . " Apologies , Ms. Barret .

That's just how he is . He's not exactly good with strangers ." She had said it to smooth things over , not to actually apologize . 1/5 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 190 A Reunion with Madeline 50 Finished Given Leander's current status and overwhelming strength , he didn't owe anyone anything . Even if he ignored everyone around him , no one would be in a position to demand an apology . Grace's initial impression of Leander had already hit rock bottom . She gave a cool nod and , deciding not to bother with " insignificant people , " went back to chatting with Yvette and Ginny .

" You guys are headed to West Listin to visit Madeline ?" she asked casually . " Yeah , she has a commercial gig tomorrow night . We're here to support her , " Ginny replied with a smile . " Oh ? So , he's tagging along too ? " Grace asked , her eyes glinting as she gestured toward Leander . The two girls nodded , and Grace's heart leapt . Ever since Madeline first arrived in West Listin , Henry had been smitten with her . He treated her with unwavering attention and made sure she was protected at every turn , playing the role of a devoted gentleman .

Yet despite all this , their relationship hadn't progressed beyond casual friendship . There was no talk of romance , let alone anything serious . Even with Grace trying to help behind the scenes , Madeline's attitude remained firm - she had no intention of getting closer to Henry . Grace blamed all of this on Leander . But now he was finally here - and heading to West Listin , no less . As long as the two men appeared side by side in front of Madeline , she was confident that Henry would shine far brighter , showing Madeline what a real catch looked like . And then ?

Winning the girl's heart would only be a matter of time . " Leander ? " She scoffed to herself . " A regular student like him standing next to Madeline ? Please . Only someone like Henry is worthy of her . " This trip to West Listin - I'll make sure you finally understand the difference between yourself and real high society . The more she thought about how Leander had ignored her earlier , the more eager she became to see him utterly humiliated in front of West Listin's elites - unable to even lift his head in front of Madeline .

Half an hour later , their plane landed at West Listin Airport . Grace arrived at the exit a few 2/5 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 190 A Reunion with Madeline minutes ahead of the others , where a stretch Bentley was already waiting . 50 Finished " Yvette , Ginny - hop in ! " She waved as Leander's group emerged . " Madeline's staying at the Boya Hotel . It's one of our properties - I'm heading there now . We're going the same way ." Yvette and Ginny looked pleased but didn't answer right away . Instead , they turned to Leander . " Let's take it .

No point grabbing a cab when we've got a ride waiting , " he declined with a shrug . As he stepped in , he gave Grace a small nod . " Thanks , though ." Grace's brow twitched . She scoffed inwardly at what she saw as a shameless attempt to take advantage of a free ride . Leander took the front passenger seat while the three girls sat in the back . The whole way there , Grace was puzzled . She couldn't wrap her head around why two girls like Yvette and Ginny - both stunning and clearly intelligent - were so obedient around a guy like him .

If you put them in any high school or college , they'd easily be campus queens with tons of admirers . Why were they tagging along with Leander like this ? Taking his lead ? Seeking his opinion before doing anything ? Was it just because he was good - looking ? No way . They both spoke with the grace and confidence of someone used to high society . They were no naive girls , but their attitude toward Leander made no sense . Could he be some kind of hidden heir ?

She racked her brain , but even across all of Mornwick and Listin , she couldn't think of any influential family with the surname Ashcroft . Still deep in thought , she didn't realize

they'd arrived until the car stopped at the entrance of the Boya Hotel . " We're here .
Let's go . " Grace led them into the grand lobby . Yvette and Ginny both looked around
in mild awe at the lavish decor - it felt like stepping into a royal estate . This place could
rival Ascendia's Water Paradise in its opulence .

Seeing their reaction , Grace smiled proudly and introduced , " This is the only five - star
hotel in West Listin . My family owns sixty percent of it . My brother's been managing it ,
and he just invested another two hundred million to convert the back into an eco - park .
We can check it out later . " " Madeline's staying in the presidential suite on the top floor
. I'll take you to her . " As she spoke , her eyes flicked to Leander , hoping for a reaction
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3/5 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 190 A Reunion with Madeline 50 Finished When she
mentioned the investment worth 200 million , both Yvette and Ginny visibly reacted -but
Leander didn't even blink . He didn't seem the least bit impressed by the lavish
surroundings . That caught her completely off guard. Just as they reached the elevator ,
the doors slid open - and a man and woman stepped out side by side .

The woman wore a pure white dress that hugged her graceful curves , tall and elegant ,
exuding a goddess - like innocence with every smile ; the man looked to be around
twenty - three or twenty - four , tall and handsome in a pale blue suit . His hair was
slicked back neatly , and he wore black - rimmed glasses , giving him the air of a refined
academic . Together , they made a striking couple , drawing glances from everyone in
the lobby . None of them recognized the man , but the young woman ? That was
Madeline Gardner .

" Madeline , I booked a table at the Royal Pavilion in Sousand Isle tonight . I even brought in a few famous Mornwick chefs just for you . Want to go after your recording session ? " the man asked with a gentlemanly smile . Madeline smiled politely . " Mr. Barret , two of my best friends just arrived from Mornwick . I'll be spending the evening with them . But thank you for the kind offer . " Despite the gentle rejection , the man didn't seem fazed . In fact , he laughed lightly . " I see . Then I won't intrude on your girls ' night .

But if you're out late , let me know - I'll send someone to take you back to the hotel . " " Thank you , Mr. Barret ." Madeline nodded slightly . " Madeline ! " Yvette and Ginny , seeing their long - lost bestie , ran over excitedly . " Yvette ? Ginny ? " Madeline's eyes lit up , and she threw her arms around them . " Didn't you say you'd be here this afternoon ? I was planning to pick you up after my session ! " Yvette beamed . " We wanted to surprise you ! " With the three of them together , the hotel lobby instantly felt brighter .

The man beside them stood with his hands behind his back , watching with a gentleman's smile . After a few warm greetings , Ginny grinned mischievously . " That surprise was just the warm - up . We've got something else that's going to blow your mind . " She exchanged a look with Yvette , and they stepped aside at the same time .

4/5 17:43 Tue , Oct 14 Chapter 190 A Reunion with Madeline 50 Finished Madeline blinked , looked up , and saw the handsome young man standing not far away . She froze . Her body trembled . She couldn't believe her eyes .

The next second , she broke into a run and threw herself straight into Leander's arms .
Behind her , the once - composed young man in the suit instantly went stiff - his face
darkening as fury surged in his eyes . [Send Gifts 60 5/5](#)