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Chapter

Chapter 206 The Barrets 'Dominance " Is that ... the Barrets 'patriarch?" #minedt The ones who had been around long enough recognized him instantly. Their expressions darkened. The Barrets had spent over thirty years climbing to the top of West Listin. For the first twenty years, one man ran everything. He had connected every major player, opened every door, and built a dynasty from scratch. People called him a legend, but no one knew much about him. Only one name followed him - Jordan Barret. "Grandpa," Henry said as he bowed deeply.

Not far off, Peter rushed over with stiff legs and a pale face, barely keeping it together. Jordan gave Henry a strong pat on the shoulder, his eyes gleaming with pride. "That's more like it. That's the kind of fire a Barret man should have. "Then he turned toward Peter. The second his gaze landed on the heavily made - up woman clinging to Peter's arm, his look hardened. "You disgrace the name, "he snapped." You share the same blood as your cousin, but look at you. Look at him. Why haven't you learned a thing? All you ever chase is women and cheap pleasure.

"He pointed straight to the edge of the stage, his voice as sharp as steel." Get out of my sight. Right now. If I catch you wasting your time again, you're out. The Barrets have no place for the useless." Peter's face drained of color. He stammered something, bowed quickly, and scurried off without looking back. Of everyone in the family, the one man he feared most was this one. Jordan, even in his seventies, still ruled the Barrets with an iron grip. Nothing

happened in the family without his say . Yvette leaned closer to Grace , her voice suddenly cooler .

"Is that your grandfather?" Ever since Henry tried to trap Madeline on stage, the tension between them had grown stiff and cold. Grace gave a small nod. She knew Henry had crossed a line tonight, but there was no stopping what had been set in motion. This was the Barrets' way forward, and no one could slow it down now. 1/5 13 13 Wed, Oct 15 Charples 20% The Wavets Finnsname 必零 #fixligher! Leander raised his glass and took a slow sip of red wine. A quiet smile curled at the edge of his lips. He hadn't expected someone like Jordan to be the one behind the curtain.

"Jordan Barret," a voice called out from across the hall. Richie Xanderson, the patriarch of the Xandersons, stepped forward. He was the patriarch of the Xanderson family, second only to the Barrets in West Listin. A cane supported his steps, but his voice was steady, and his presence was solid as stone. "You've been off the scene since you stepped down from the Barret Group more than ten years ago. People thought you had gone into quiet retirement. And now, you show up out of nowhere, demanding that every family here give up thirty percent of their businesses?

You sound like a man talking in his sleep ." Richie was one of the few men alive who could speak to Jordan as an equal . They had built their empires during the same era , brick by brick . And while their methods differed , their influence had always been neck and neck . " We might not match the size of the Barrets ," he said , " but our companies are our own . And now you expect us to just hand them over because you said so ? You threaten to lock us in if we don't

comply ? That's not like the man I remember . " He stood face to face with Jordan without a single trace of fear in his voice .

More guests started to chime in , calling out Jordan's power play . Voices rose one after another , some angry , others calm , but all firm . Not one of them was willing to back down . The Barrets were strong , yes . But together , the people in that room represented half of West Listin's wealth and muscle . They weren't the type to be bullied . Jordan's eyes narrowed as he stared at Xanderson . His lips curled into a look of contempt . " Richie Xanderson , " he said . " Still the same loudmouth after all these years . Always stirring the pot , always playing the rebel .

"He kept his hands behind his back, his stance relaxed but commanding. His voice rang through the hall with the weight of years." Ten years ago, I might've hesitated. But not anymore. I have the power and the nerve to say what I just said. If anyone here refuses to hand over thirty percent, then no one walks out of this plaza. "Henry stepped forward beside him, his tone cold and biting. 2/5 1313 Wed, Oct 15 Chapter pth the Parts Dominance." Don't bother calling for help. We've cut off all signals. Inside and out, the place is locked tight.

We've got three hundred of our best men outside this hall . If anyone tries to leave , I promise they'll regret it " He clapped once . In the next moment , the doors around the ballroom flew open . Lines of black - suited bodyguards marched in , calm and silent . They raised their weapons , and the barrels turned inward like a black tide pressing on the crowd . Richie didn't blink . His voice was as low and steady as ever . " What is this , Jordan ? " he asked . " Are you declaring war on all of West Listin ? You really want to stand against every powerful family in this city ?

"Jordan nodded once . "That's exactly what I'm doing ." Richie let out a quiet chuckle . "You think you can make us bow down with this show of force ? You really believe the Barrets are strong enough to bend all of us ? You've put too much faith in your name . "He took a single step back . And from behind him , a man in a black leather jacket stepped into view . His presence was heavy , and the air shifted again . The man looked plain at first glance . His build was average , and his face was forgettable . But his hands told a different story .

They were massive - nearly one and a half times the size of a normal man's . When he stepped forward , the air around him shifted , and a wave of heat rippled through the space . People nearby flinched as if a furnace had just been turned on beside them . Richie raised a hand and pointed straight at Jordan . " Mr. Westington ," he said clearly , " grab that old man and bring him down ." The man didn't speak . He simply moved . In a blink , he lunged forward like a drawn arrow . He was fast , precise , and merciless . The rule was simple : take down the leader first .

That had always been the way . He crossed ten feet in a single step . Jordan's bodyguards didn't stand a chance . The man raised one wide palm and swept them aside . Both men flew backward and hit the floor hard . Blood sprayed from their mouths as they landed . Gasps rippled through the crowd . People froze where they stood . None of them had seen power like that . Not from a bodyguard . Not from anyone in this city . This man wasn't just trained - he was built for destruction . Jordan didn't budge . He stood straight and calm , not even shifting his weight . His eyes didn't blink .

His expression didn't change . The attacker felt something strange but didn't stop . He was only a few feet away now . He reached out to grab Jordan's throat . 3/5 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 206

The Banels Dominance Then, a wind whipped across the stage. Finisher A hand came in from the side and slammed into his arm. The man had to pull back, forced to abandon his attack and brace for the counter. A nearby table flipped over with a loud crash. Plates scattered and glass shattered as the force rolled through it. The man stumbled back three paces, feet sliding across the marble floor.

Another figure staggered slightly but held firm . It was Henry Barret . Everyone turned . The crowd stared , stunned and silent . Henry - the polished heir , the charming gentleman , the man who smiled through every confrontation - had just blocked the strongest fighter any of them had seen . People couldn't believe it . Henry stepped back slowly , five measured steps . His palm burned from the hit , but he didn't flinch . He lifted his hand , stared at it for a second , and then gave a lopsided grin . " Crimson Palm , " he said . " You've got some skill . " The man's eyes narrowed .

He had trained for decades . He had reached Elite Grandmaster level . He had assumed taking Jordan would be easy , but Henry had just stopped him - and Henry wasn't far behind him in strength . Jordan tilted his head toward his grandson . " First time going toe - to - toe with an Elite Grandmaster , " he asked . " So , how did it feel ? " Henry laughed softly . " Pretty exciting , " he replied . " But still nothing like going a few rounds with you . That kind of pressure is on another level . " Jordan stepped forward . " You use Crimson Palm , " he said .

"You must be Crimson Hands, also known as Mr. Westington. The one who made a name for himself in North Listin." Mr. Westington's face stiffened. His chest tightened. Jordan had seen straight through him with barely a glance. Even Richie's expression

shifted . He could feel the weight in the air . " Who are you really? " Mr. Westington asked . His voice came out low and guarded . No ordinary retired CEO could know so much about him . Jordan didn't answer . He just let out a breath and raised one hand . 4/5 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 205 The Barrets Demingher The temperature dropped .

The air pressed in from all sides like a collapsing wall . 2200 Finished Mr. Westington's knees buckled . His body dropped hard onto the floor . He hit the tiles with a sharp crack and couldn't rise again . His eyes widened . His mouth fell open as he stared ahead in disbelief . He had trained for decades . He stood at the edge of martial mastery . Even most legendary fighters couldn't bring him down like that - not with one move . Only one kind of person could do that . One of The Four Extremes . If Jordan was on par with those four ... The thought sent shivers down his spine .

Jordan looked down at him, his tone sharp and cold. "You learned Crimson Palm from Timothy Crimson, didn't you?" I took Timothy down in three strikes. That was before you had even stepped into a training ground. And now you think you can act tough in front of me? "Mr. Westington's face twisted with fear. His hands shook. His voice cracked." You ... You're the Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger? "Send Gifts

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Finished Mr. Westington nearly screamed the name . His voice broke apart , and his eyes filled with panic . Fear poured out of him like a flood . Timothy had been his mentor . In the world of martial arts across Listin , Timothy was a giant . They called him the "Hands of Chaos . " He had trained dozens of elite students , and his Crimson Palm

technique was so famous that it spread across three states . People admired it , but they feared it more .

Twenty years ago , when Timothy turned 48 years old , he broke through a major barrier and became a Martial Sovereign . His fame reached its peak . He was confident , untouchable , and proud . During that time , he boldly accepted a challenge from an unknown fighter . That fight ruined everything . It shattered his pride . It wrecked his spirit . The man who faced him didn't just defeat him . He crushed Timothy so badly that he left with broken bones , shattered energy , and a permanent injury that stopped him from ever advancing again . Mr.

Westington , as Timothy's disciple, had grown up hearing that story . The man who beat Timothy had no real name . People in the underground martial world of Listin only called him one thing - the Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger . He had crushed his mentor's life's work in a single match and vanished afterward , but not before becoming a living legend . Eighteen years ago , he disappeared without a trace . That was the same year Grayson Shire , known as the Jade Emperor , rose to power . Everyone suspected there was a connection . Even though the Demon Tiger vanished , his legend never died .

Every martial family in Listin remembered his name. He was the ghost that haunted their histories. Mr. Westington never imagined that the same man who had once humiliated Timothy was standing right in front of him now. He never thought it would be Jordan Barret. Jordan, the business tycoon of West Listin. The man who turned the Barrets into the city's most powerful family. No one had ever guessed that Jordan had

once ruled the martial world with an iron hand . Jordan didn't say a word . He lifted one hand , and the crushing pressure that held Westington to the ground vanished .

The weight disappeared , and Mr. Westington stumbled to his feet , 1/4 13.13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 207 Someone Wall gasping for air . His face was pale , and his back was damp with sweat . He turned to Richie , his eyes wide . " Old Mr. Xanderson , " he said , barely able to get the words out , " I can't do anything . He's the Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger . " Richie stared at him like he'd been struck by lightning . His mouth opened , but nothing came out . He had known Mr. Westington for years . They had shared stories over drinks , laughed at the same legends .

And he had heard all the tales about the Demon Tiger . Everyone had . The man had once cast a shadow over the entire region . Families had either followed him or been destroyed . The Xanderson family had been one of those that chose to obey . No one had ever seen his face . Now , Mr. Westington said that same man was standing right in front of them . That it was Jordan . Richie looked at Jordan , and his voice caught in his throat . " Jordan ... You ... " His hand shook as he pointed at him . But he couldn't speak . He just stood there , frozen .

"Richie, "he said, "your family used to follow my lead. You should've known this would come around again. Your father disobeyed me once. I crushed him for it. Are you planning to make the same mistake? "Then, he raised his voice just enough to fill the hall." Every single one of you will hand over thirty percent of your shares. You'll work for the Barrets. That's your only way out. "The crowd that had stood so tall a

moment ago - dressed in suits , dripping with wealth - now sat like children in detention . Their faces turned pale . Their hands trembled .

They all knew the name . They all knew the history . The Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger had risen from West Listin . And nearly every family in that room had once been forced to kneel to him . Now he was back . And there wasn't a single person brave enough to stand up . Because the truth was brutal and simple . If one challenged him , they died . If one served him , they lived . 2/4 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 207 Someone Will 198 Finished And everyone in that room understood one thing - Jordan Barret wasn't a man the police could handle . He wasn't just a businessman . He was a storm .

The red mark on Henry's palm slowly faded . He had taken a clean hit from Mr. Westington , an Elite Grandmaster , using nothing but his own strength as an Advanced Grandmaster . And he hadn't even flinched . That alone was enough to fuel his pride . He scanned the room . Every corner had gone quiet . Not a single person dared to speak . The fire in his chest only burned hotter . Nearly all of West Listin's powerhouses were gathered here tonight , yet the Barrets had silenced them all with just one display of force . That was the weight of a Barret family finally awakened .

In Henry's eyes , he could already see the future laid out before them . The Barrets rising to the peak of Listin . Their name spreading across the entire country . " You've got one minute ," Henry said . His tone was cold and certain . " Your answer in sixty seconds will decide your family's fate ." Jordan stood tall beside him . A ring sat on his finger , catching the light as his gaze swept over the crowd . His eyes pierced through

the silence like ice, and everyone felt it land on them. It sank deep and spread cold through their bones. Richie gritted his teeth. He was sixty - five.

He had thought the Xanderson family was set . Their future looked steady . He had even started imagining peaceful years ahead . But now , once again , he had to make a call for the family's survival . " The Xanderson family agrees ," he said at last . His head lowered slowly as he spoke . That bow wasn't just for Jordan . It was the moment the Xanderson family gave up its pride and bent the knee . From this point on , they would follow the Barrets . " The Hendrickson family agrees . " " The Lyall family ... " " The Canary family ... " Once the Xanderson family folded , the rest followed .

No one had the nerve to refuse . No one even thought about it . Jordan looked over the room again . His face stayed calm . There was no triumph in his eyes . No pleasure . For him , this was just how things worked . In the martial world , strength ruled . And when you had strength , power and money followed like shadows . He turned and looked toward the stage . There was judgment in his eyes . 3/4 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 207 Someone Will : And then he nodded . " You have the mettle to be a part of my family ." Henry was overjoyed . His grandfather recognized his eye for people .

Finish Madeline stood there under the lights , surrounded by more than a dozen bodyguards in black . But she didn't panic . She didn't fidget . She only gave a quiet shake of her head , calm and clear . " I'm sorry , Old Mr. Barret , " she apologized . " I'm not planning to marry into your family . I'd like to leave . " Her voice was level and polite . She didn't show a drop of fear . Jordan's lips curved faintly . " You've got spirit , girl . If

you marry into my family , no woman in Listin will match your status ." He stepped a little closer , his voice low but steady .

"So, I'll ask again. You really don't want to become part of the Barrets?" Madeline didn't even blink. "I already said no, "she replied. For the first time, a flicker of severity lit up in Jordan's eyes. Henry stepped forward, his face darkening. "Madeline," he said, "I told you. Whether you say yes or no, after tonight, you're already mine. "He glanced around the hall, then met her eyes again." You think you can just walk out of here? "Madeline's eyes caught the light. A soft smile spread across her lips like spring bursting through winter.

"You're right," she agreed. "I can't walk out, but someone else can take me." Henry narrowed his eyes. "Who?" A voice answered from behind him. "Me, of course." Henry snapped his head around. Leander stood by the edge of the stage, holding a wine glass, stepping forward with calm in his eyes and steel in his step. Send Gifts

Chapter 208 Who Are You " Me, of course." 22 Leander's voice sliced through the thick silence like a steel wire. In a few calm strides, he reached the foot of the stage. He turned slightly, casting a cold side glance at Henry. His gaze held nothing but indifference and quiet contempt. " If you Barrets want to throw your little empire party and swallow up West Listin, that's between you and whoever's dumb enough to care. " I didn't come here for any of that. I came to see her perform. The show's over, and now I'm taking her with me.

If you've got half a brain, you'll move those dogs out of my way. They're standing where I'm walking. "His voice carried something dangerous. The tension made Henry pause. The entire plaza had been sealed off. The Barrets had called in their top enforcers. Almost every major

family had already surrendered . And still , Leander stepped forward like none of it mattered . Like the fear in the air didn't belong to him . People stared , frozen . No one expected this . Some felt a quiet jolt of admiration . Even Richie had bowed out .

And yet Leander stood firm, eyes steady, throwing himself into the lion's den without blinking. "You idiot. You seriously think you can act tough right now?" Peter pushed forward before Henry could say a word. His face twisted in a smug grin. "You hit me at the mall earlier. You think I forgot about that? And now you're trying to take my cousin's woman? You've gotta be suicidal." You think you're better than the Barrets? You told my cousin to get lost like it was nothing. Why don't you show us that same cocky act again?" You like to fight? Then, go ahead.

Let's see if you can actually walk out of here with her . " The woman clinging to Peter's arm grinned like she'd just unwrapped a gift . She had been waiting all night to see Leander crushed under Henry's heel . Leander looked at Peter with a glance so sharp it could cut glass . He didn't say a word . 1/5 13.13 Wed , Oct 15 0 Who Are you His mouth curled into a faint smirk before he turned to Henry . " Is that your answer too ? " Henry crossed his arms and chuckled . " Leander , I'll admit it . You've got guts . You really think you can stand here and take Madeline from me ?

You're either bold or just plain dumb . " I told you . She's mine . No one touches her . And you ? You think being some race - track hotshot means something to me ? " You're nothing . You can't even decide whether you live or die . " If I wanted , I could crush you under my shoe . That Southwest racing legend stuff ? It's a joke . You're a joke . " Jordan still hadn't moved . He hadn't

glanced at Leander . Men like that came and went . They always talked loud . They always burned out fast . Going against his grandson for a woman ? That was suicide .

Further in the back, Grace watched with a tangled look in her eyes. She had admired Leander's speed and charm, but this wasn't the racetrack. In a world ruled by martial might, his title meant nothing. Yet something didn't sit right with her. Yvette and Ginny weren't tense or worried. They stood off to the side sipping drinks, as if none of this concerned them at all. Henry's words rolled off Leander like dust in the wind. He didn't flinch or respond. He turned toward the stage. Two men in black stood guard between him and Madeline, each one built like a stone wall.

Leander didn't speak . He lifted one hand and reached forward . His palm brushed the air with quiet force . The guards stiffened . Their eyes went blank . A moment later , they collapsed where they stood , folding to the floor like broken mannequins . The rest of the guards moved , rushing toward him from all sides . Leander kept walking . Every step he took knocked someone back . Bodies flew through the air like broken chairs . The path cleared with every pace Ten steps later , he stood in front of her .

He looked at Madeline like he was seeing her for the first time all over again , and his smile carried something soft and full of memory . 2/5 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 20s Who Are You A 700 Firshad " You were perfect tonight , " he said gently . Then , he reached out his hand and spoke with the same calm voice she remembered from years ago . " Let's go . " " Yeah . " Madeline gave a soft nod and reached out , gently tugging on Leander's sleeve . That one small motion pulled them both into something that felt like a memory - something long gone but still alive in the quiet between them .

She followed him closely, not saying a word. Together, they walked past Henry like he didn't exist. They didn't flinch, didn't hesitate. They just moved toward Yvette and Ginny. Henry didn't move either. He stood there, his eyes full of fire. He couldn't believe what he'd just seen. Leander had crushed more than a dozen trained bodyguards like he was swatting flies. "We're leaving," Leander mentioned. He nodded toward Yvette and Ginny. They stood at once and joined him without hesitation.

The four of them walked toward the doors, straight into the line of cold black gun barrels waiting at the exit. "Henry." Jordan turned his head. His voice was flat, his eyes empty, like he was already mourning a dead man. "If you want a woman, go earn her yourself." Henry caught the message. A twisted grin spread across his face. So what if Leander could fight? It was nothing but showy tricks. Flash over substance. To someone like him - an Advanced Grandmaster - it meant nothing.

He stepped forward, his body blurring like a shadow, and then launched toward Leander in a straight line. His palm surged with inner strength. He aimed straight for Leander's spine. The air around his hand burned hot with the force of his inner power. Just as he was about to strike, his hand slammed into something invisible. It felt like hitting a solid wall made of wind and steel. The shock snapped through his arm and scattered his power like it was nothing. A sharp burst of blood shot from his mouth. His body whipped backward like it had been flung by a catapult.

He crashed through one table , then another . Glass and splinters exploded around him . Plates shattered . His body skidded across the marble floor until it hit the wall with a dull , echoing thud . " No ... f * cking way . My martial power ... is gone ... " 3/5 13:13 Wed, Oct 15 Chapter 208

Who Are You Finished Henry gasped for air. Blood dripped from his lips, but he didn't feel it. He could only stare at Leander, his eyes wild and full of fear. He didn't even know what had hit him. One second, he was attacking, and the next, something hit him from the inside out.

It didn't just knock him back - it invaded him . It tore through his body and shattered everything he had built . His core . His strength . His future . Years of cultivation disappeared in the blink of an eye . Jordan's face dropped . He stood frozen in disbelief . He thought Henry could take Leander down without breaking a sweat . He had felt that energy earlier . It had swept through half the plaza like a storm . It wasn't just strong . It was refined . Condensed . Lethal . Without wasting time , Jordan vanished and reappeared beside Henry .

He grabbed his wrist and poured in his own energy . The truth hit him like a punch . His face turned to stone . " You destroyed his martial power ? " His voice shook with rage . His eyes turned bloodshot . Henry wasn't just another fighter . He had been the future of the Barrets - the one Jordan had raised , trained , and built up . And now he was ruined . The future of the family was ruined . " D * mn you . I'll kill you! " Power erupted from Jordan's body . His robes whipped and snapped in the air , even though there was no wind . The weight of his fury blanketed the entire hall .

He stomped the ground , and the tiles cracked beneath his foot . Then he launched forward , tearing across the floor in a single bound . His fist came down like a wrecking ball . Wind blasted through the room . Tables and chairs flew like they'd been hit by a bomb . The chandeliers above trembled and swayed . Every guest in the room froze . Their blood ran cold . This was the strength of the Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger , but

Leander didn't even turn his head . He just raised one arm and swept his palm backward . The air collapsed with a low , muffled burst . Jordan's fist stopped cold .

A tidal force crashed into 1/5 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 208 Who Are You Finished him . It crushed his strike , folded his energy back into itself , and flung him off the ground . He staggered back , boots scraping against the tile . Each step left a deep dent in the floor . It took five steps for him to stop sliding . His fury drained out of him , leaving only shock behind . Jordan was one of the most powerful men in the martial world . In all of Astria , barely four people could challenge him head - on . And yet Leander had stopped him with one strike . Casual . Effortless .

Jordan's chest rose and fell . His voice turned low . His eyes darkened . " Who the hell are you? " Send Gifts 。 60

Chapter 209 Powerful Enemy 68), Finished Grace had stayed in her seat, frozen. But the moment Henry flew backward and hit the floor hard, blood pouring from his mouth, she jumped to her feet in shock. Her eyes widened as disbelief took hold of her face. Then she saw Jordan move. He shot forward with a fierce strike aimed at Leander. In Grace's mind, that was it. Leander wouldn't survive. But what happened next burned into her memory.

Jordan - the man who ruled the Barrets from the shadows, the martial legend once known as the "Sky - Tearing Demon Tiger" -was forced back by a single palm strike from Leander. It wasn't even a full strike. It was light, almost careless. Grace stood rooted in place. Her sense of reality slipped. How could someone as young and unknown as Leander push Jordan back? How could that even be possible? Jordan slid

backward . His feet dug into the polished floor and left clear imprints , each one half an inch deep . He staggered three full steps before stopping .

And he was just as shaken as Grace . In all of Astria , only three fighters had ever made Jordan truly cautious . At the top of the martial world , there were only two he actually feared . And yet a young man with no name , no reputation , had just made him stumble . His eyes went wide . His stare grew cold . For the first time since he arrived , Jordan didn't look like the one in control . " Who are you ? " he asked . Leander didn't answer . He didn't even turn around . His eyes stayed fixed on the line of Barret bodyguards pointing guns at him .

"Tell your dogs to move," he said, voice quiet and steady. "Or I'll do it myself." He stood there, facing down a dozen loaded weapons. He didn't blink. He didn't flinch. The way he stood - calm, unshaken - sent a chill through the room. People started whispering. Some stared with awe, others with fear. No one had expected this. Not here. Not against the Barrets. Not in front of Jordan. And yet, it happened, and the one who made it happen was a young man barely twenty years old. Jordan's eyes twitched. He could hear the threat. And it wasn't a bluff.

Still , he said nothing . Leander raised one hand . With a sharp motion , he pulled through the air . A violent gust slammed forward . 1/4 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 200 Powerful Enemy 零 面 Fisherd The guards flew sideways like dolls tossed by a child . Their weapons and bodies crashed into the wall with a heavy thud , knocking paintings loose and cracking marble . " Shoot him ! " someone shouted . The rest of the guards

panicked . Their fingers pulled the triggers almost in unison . The plaza echoed with rapid gunfire . Yvette , Ginny , and Madeline stood just behind Leander.

They flinched when the shots rang out . There was fear in their eyes , but none of them moved . Leander didn't either . The bullets rushed toward him . Then everything stopped . The air seemed to freeze . What happened was seared into the memories of the audience . All ten rounds from the pistols hovered in midair , just three feet from his body . They didn't fall . They didn't spin . They just hung there , caught by something no one could see . Someone gasped . " W - What is this ? " Even Richie stood stunned .

The old man who had seen almost everything could hardly process what was in front of him . All across the room , shock turned to panic . A few women screamed . Others could only watch with their mouths open . It looked like something from a science fiction film . A barrier made from nothing but pressure . A forcefield that no bullet could pass . " Is that ... an energy barrier? " " Could he be a Martial Sovereign? " Even Mr. Westington , the Xandersons' elite protector , lost his composure . His lips parted in disbelief .

To force inner strength into a solid defensive ring - to stop bullets without lifting a finger - that was something only Martial Sovereigns could do . But even the best of them could only form a weak shimmer on their skin . Leander had done more than that . His shield had stopped bullets in open space , a full yard away , and it looked as firm as steel . Jordan stood behind him , fists clenched . He could stop bullets too . But not like this . Not with this kind of reach . Not while shielding three others . The guards were frozen . They stood still with wide eyes and trembling hands .

Their weapons dropped to their sides as their confidence cracked . And then Leander moved again . He lifted a finger . He pressed it gently against the invisible wall in front of him . 2/4 13:13 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 200 Powerful Enemy Finisher Leander flicked his finger , and the air shifted . The bullets hanging still in front of him snapped backward like they were yanked by invisible strings . Each round slammed clean into the arm of the man who had fired it . One by one , the guards cried out as their hands burst open from the impact .

Pistols hit the ground with heavy thuds , and the entire row of Barret enforcers dropped into chaos , groaning and clutching their wounds . The room fell dead quiet . No one said a word . No one dared to move . Jordan's hand twitched . The same man who had crushed dozens of masters in his lifetime now stood frozen , his face locked in disbelief . Grace stared at Leander , her breath caught in her throat . The man she had dismissed as a bold , talented driver was now something else entirely . The power she just witnessed wasn't luck or skill .

It was something terrifying - something buried deep inside him that shattered every assumption she had made . Henry sagged beside a chair . His body shook violently . Blood poured from his lips again , and his head rolled to the side . He was barely conscious . The thought that he had once tried to kill Leander twisted through him like a knife . A moment ago , he believed he could crush the guy like a bug . But that man - the one who just reversed a hail of bullets without lifting a foot - was no ordinary fighter . He was a monster in plain clothes . And that move just now ?

Even Jordan might not have been able to pull it off. Leander finally turned his eyes on Jordan. "You Barrets wanted to set a trap here tonight, for the bluebloods, "he said, voice low and calm." That's your business. I don't care. But Henry tried to kill me. So, I crippled him. That's the consequence. "He looked Jordan straight in the eyes." If you want to take a shot at me for that, go ahead. But be sure. Because if you come at me again, I won't hold back. And when I'm done, there won't be anything left of you or this plaza." He didn't raise his voice.

He didn't lean in . But the weight behind those words hit like stone . Jordan stiffened . The chill rolled down his spine , deep and sharp . He didn't doubt a single word . Before he could speak , Leander's eyes narrowed . He moved fast , stepping in front of Yvette , Ginny , and Madeline . A wall across the plaza erupted with a deafening crash . Stone and metal blew inward . Shards flew everywhere . People screamed . Some hit the floor . Others ran for cover . Through the smoking hole , the surface of the lake glimmered quietly .

But something else was 3/4 13.18 Wed , Oct 15 AL there Seven figures stood on the water . They weren't floating . They weren't flying . They were standing . Their feet pressed gently into the glassy surface like it was solid ground . Like the water itself had chosen to hold them up . Inside the hall , no one could move . Even the air felt heavy . From the seven , one stepped forward . A woman - tall , blazing with fiery confidence - walked across the lake like it was nothing . She locked eyes with Leander and smiled . " Jeff Ashcroft , " she said .

Her voice carried like silk wrapped around a flame . " We told you . We'd come back for you ." Leander didn't blink . He didn't flinch . However , Jordan stumbled back a half step . His jaw dropped . His throat went dry . " Jeff Ashcroft ? " he said under his breath . The name hit him like a wrecking ball . That was the Iron Sovereign . The one who stood at the top of the Astria Power Index . The man who single - handedly took down both Grayson and Tsaric . And now Jordan knew . Leander wasn't just strong . He wasn't just skilled . He was Jeff Ashcroft himself . Send Gifts 60 °.

Chapter 210 Encirclement " Jeff Ashcroft? ": His mind reeled . His heart pounded . A cold sweat broke across his back . Finished Everything made sense now . The impossible skill . The unstoppable force . The calm like death . Leander was barely twenty . He had already broken into the ranks of the Martial Sovereign . He had shrugged off bullets like dust and forced Jordan to retreat with a single strike . It couldn't be anyone else . There was only one man like that in the entire world . The Iron Sovereign . Jordan stood still , shaken to the core . He didn't speak . He didn't breathe . He just thanked whatever luck he had left that he hadn't struck again . Because if he had ... he would have been dead . Grayson had fallen . Tsaric had fallen . Both of them died under a single man , in a single fight . Leander could have ended him without a second thought . Henry's face twisted in horror . He grabbed at his chest . More blood poured from his mouth . And the only thing left inside him was despair . " He's Jeff Ashcroft?" Henry had been crushed . His martial power was gone , and so was the

future he had clung to . All he had left was rage .

He thought his grandfather would stand up for him, would destroy Leander for what he did. But now the truth had landed like a hammer - Leander was the Iron Sovereign.

The same man Jordan warned them never to provoke. And if even Jordan feared him, how was Henry supposed to get justice? Grace stood frozen. Her eyes stayed locked on Leander, and her lips trembled beneath her fingers. She remembered the warning clearly. Jordan had told her and Henry that there were only two people in Astria no one should ever mess with. At the top of that list was Jeff - the most dangerous man alive.

She used to daydream about meeting Jeff someday , just to see what kind of man could hold the entire martial world in awe . And now she realized he had been sitting beside her the whole time . She had dismissed him . She had mocked him . She had no idea . Leander didn't react to any of their stares . Their fear meant nothing . He kept his eyes fixed on 1/4 13:14 wed , UCT 15 8200 Chapter 210 Encirclement the lake . Finished Seven figures stood on the water without moving . Not one of them needed support or tricks . They just stood there , calm and ready .

The one who had spoken earlier was Evelyn - the Flame Witch . Leander had faced her before outside Highway Six . This time , she had come with back - up . Fauster , the Crimson Blade , was behind her . So were five others , unfamiliar but deadly . Leander's lips curled with cold amusement . " I let you two walk that night ," he said , voice steady and quiet . " Now you come back with five friends ? You think that'll make a difference ? " Jordan snapped out of his daze . He followed Leander's gaze and looked across the water .

As his eyes passed over each of the seven , his expression tightened . His chest rose slowly as he took it in . " They're with the Arbitration Office ? " He hadn't seen them in person before , but he knew what they were . Every Martial Sovereign in Astria had heard the rumors . The Arbitration Office was a shadow force , a hidden blade in the dark . No one wanted to cross them . Each of their members was said to be a Martial Sovereign at minimum . Many had gone far beyond . Jordan's voice dropped lower as he listed the names . " The Flame Witch , Evelyn . The Crimson Blade , Fauster .

The Iron Fist , Wayne . The Man of Fire , Einhart . Stormcaller , Taylor . Doug the Ripper ... and that last one ... the Masked God of War ? " He hadn't met most of them , but he recognized the pressure . Their energy filled the air like a mountain pressing down . Every one of them had crossed into the Pre - Transcendent Realm . Usually , the arrival of one such figure would shake the entire martial world . Now seven stood together , aimed at one man . Jordan's throat tightened . He looked at Leander again . The people he was facing had enough strength to take out a small army by themselves . He didn't understand what had drawn this much firepower , but the answer didn't matter . They were here to kill . Evelyn stepped forward again , and her voice turned sharp behind the sweetness . " You're right . Fauster and I weren't strong enough last time . You left us bruised, and we haven't 2/4 13:14 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 210 Encirclement A forgotten . That's why we brought five more . Seven Arbitrators , all for you . You should've finished the job that night . Finished " Now you're outnumbered , and every one of us has crossed into Pre - Transcendent .

Jeff , do you really think you can take us all ? " Then , the man in the suit stepped up . He looked polished and calm , like a diplomat at a high-level meeting . " Jeff, " he said . " I'm Wayne . We haven't met before . I'm the temporary field leader of this squad . You already heard what Evelyn had to say . Join us . " There's nothing but benefits . You can do anything you want . No one will get in your way . All we ask is that when the Office calls , you answer . That's it . " I don't see why you'd turn something like that down ." He sounded practiced . Confident .

He was used to getting people to listen . Leander stood with his arms behind his back . His face didn't change . His voice stayed quiet . " I already told you no , " he said . " That night . Clear as day . I meant it . So , why are you still asking ? " Wayne's eyes hardened , and a colder tone crept into his voice . " Jeff , I'm only going to say this once , " he said . " This is your last shot . Think carefully . You killed Tsaric . He was one of ours . " If you won't join the Arbitration Office , then we have no choice . The seven of us will bring you down . You're strong , sure .

But do you really believe you can hold your ground against seven Pre - Transcendents working together? " "This lake, " he said, his voice turning sharp and final, " will be the place where the legend of the Iron Sovereign comes to an end. "The threat no longer hid behind words. It stood naked in his tone, heavy and cutting. Jordan glanced at Leander again, his heart pounding. If he had been in Leander's shoes, he would've accepted on the spot. Pride meant nothing when seven Pre - Transcendents were staring you down.

Even the man at the top of Astria's Power Index couldn't take on odds like that . No one could . In his mind , there was no choice at all . Only survival . However , Leander gave him an answer no one expected - he smiled . " End my legend ? " he repeated softly . He raised one finger and wagged it at the seven figures across the lake . " I let two of you walk 3/4 13:14 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 210 Encirclement #Finished] away last time , " he said . " And now you brought five more . That's fine . Saves me a trip . It'll be cleaner this way .

"He curled his fingers into a fist , and the cracking of his knuckles echoed through the stillness . His eyes lit up with a rising fire . "I don't fold to threats , "he said . "I don't take orders . I've always done things on my own terms . And if the Arbitration Office wants a fight , then I'll give you one . "I already killed two of you . Killing seven won't change anything . I don't care how many you bring . "He stepped forward again . "Come on . All of you . Let's finish this . "The moment the words left his lips , he surged ahead .

In a single step, he crossed the space and landed on the water. Ripples danced around his feet, but he stood firm, as if the lake itself bent to hold him. Jordan watched in stunned silence, barely able to form a thought. Leander hadn't just turned them down. He had walked straight into a death match against seven of the most dangerous fighters in the world, and he looked like it was just another evening stroll. Inside the plaza, no one could speak. They didn't know who these people were or what had started all this, but they could feel it in the air.

Something ancient and deadly had taken hold . The atmosphere pressed down on them , thick with tension . The storm was moments away from breaking . Send Gifts 。 60 4/4 13:14 Wed , Oct 15 From Outcast to Overlord The Unyielding Heir