

From Outcast to Overlord: The Unyielding Heir

Chapter 251 Celebration 54 Finished At that dinner , it didn't matter how well - read Victor was , how rich Colin from Ravenridge seemed , or how stunning Yvette looked . The second Skyler walked in with that shiny new acceptance letter from Southern Wyvern Blade , everyone's attention shifted to him . Freshmen leaned in to serve him food like he was royalty , while older students threw compliments his way without stopping . It was like the whole table revolved around him . Skyler emptied every glass handed to him .

He drank hard and fast , and by the time he hit double digits , his face was red , his voice loud , and his presence impossible to ignore . He laughed like the room was his . Leander , on the other hand , stayed silent through most of it . After speaking once or twice early on , he faded into the background completely . No one noticed him until the meal was nearly done , when Skyler finally turned and acknowledged him . " Leander , you're from Ravenridge Senior High , right ? Actually , a bunch of folks here are your upperclassmen . I'm one of them too !

" The alcohol had peeled away Skyler's usual pretense . His words came out smug and cutting . " Let me give you some advice . You had something good . Why didn't you hold onto it ? " I heard you scored 1595 on a monthly exam once . Even if you didn't hit that on the SAT , a 1200 would've been enough . You could've walked into Mornwick , Listin , or Fortshire without even trying . " But no , you dropped out . You chose to be

Frankie's watchdog . Gave up your future just to stand around his villa . You seriously don't regret that ?

" He tried to sound like a caring older brother , but his tone gave him away . He didn't want to help . He wanted to humiliate . Sure enough , people started glancing at Leander , their eyes full of mockery . Almost everyone there had come out of Ravenridge Senior High . Other than the younger students still in school , the rest were already in college - most in top - tier schools . Even the ones who didn't get in anywhere fancy still managed to land somewhere respectable .

Academic pride was a heavy thing , and once they found out Leander had dropped out , they barely tried to hide their judgment . When they heard he did it to work under Frankie , that judgment turned to scorn . Frankie might have been the top dog in Ravenridge , the kind of man nobody dared mess with . 1/5 13:59 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 251 Celebration 64) #Finished But just because people feared him didn't mean they respected the ones under him . In their eyes , Leander wasn't a loyal follower . He was just another lackey . They were only calling Leander an employee out of courtesy .

But the truth , as they saw it , was simple . Leander was Frankie's dog . " Skyler , that's enough . " Yvette's expression turned cold in an instant . Earlier , when two guys had mocked Leander , she had shut them down without holding back . But with Skyler , she had stayed quiet - until now . " Skyler , whatever Leander chooses to do with his life is his call . I don't care if you're older . That doesn't give you the right to lecture him . And he's not Frankie's errand boy . Don't go making wild assumptions . " As she spoke , she reached over and placed her hand on top of Leander's .

She gave him a quick look , silently telling him not to respond . Leander smiled lightly and gave a small shake of his head . Skyler's comments didn't get under his skin at all . He had no reason to fight back . It felt like an ant trying to pick a fight . If one were in a bad mood , maybe they'd step on it . But if one were relaxed , they'd ignore it completely . Leander had eaten well , had his fill of wine , and didn't care about whatever game Skyler was playing . Skyler saw Yvette step in for Leander , and though he clearly didn't like it , he forced a smile .

" Yvette , don't take it so seriously . I had a bit too much to drink and got carried away . My bad ." He waved it off , then raised his voice so the whole table could hear him . " Alright , looks like dinner's wrapping up . I've got a little surprise planned . I'm inviting everyone to a party tonight ! " It's at Maplebrook Manor . Jeff Enterprises is throwing a celebration , and it's gonna be packed with top names from all over Mornwick . And guess what ? Your favorite celebrity - the national sweetheart , Maeve - is gonna be there too !

" As soon as he said that , the room buzzed with excitement . Faces lit up , and the mood shifted in an instant . " Skyler , are you for real ? Jeff Enterprises is throwing a party at Maplebrook Manor ? And Maeve's gonna be there ? That's insane ! "

Maplebrook Manor wasn't just some upscale spot . It was the flashiest , most luxurious place in all of Ravenridge . People talked about it like a myth . Aside from Colin , no one at the table had 2/5 13:59 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 251 Celebration ever been inside . Just hearing the name was enough to stir their curiosity .

Finished But the real shock was Maeve . She wasn't just famous . She was the star . Her name hit harder than any fancy building . Hearing she'd be there turned the whole room electric . Yvette glanced at Leander , her expression tight . Just a couple of nights ago , there had been a charity event at Maplebrook . And now another one ? A celebration ? Leander touched the bridge of his nose , and it clicked . Frankie had told him earlier that Maeve's ad shoot had just wrapped .

They were throwing a party for it tonight , but Leander had been too focused on his Southern Wyvern Blade training to care . " It's true , " Skyler said , flashing a smooth grin as all eyes turned to him . " A buddy of mine from the military just got back to Ravenridge . His dad asked him to attend , so he brought me along . " He held his glass up slightly . " Since we're already together , I thought , why not bring everyone ? It's a great chance to see how the upper class in Mornwick throws a party . " The group buzzed with excitement , but someone frowned . " We weren't invited .

Will Jeff Enterprises even let us in ? " Those kinds of events didn't play around . Everyone who walked through those doors either had millions or a last name that opened doors . Most of the group carried themselves with pride , but they knew their limits . They weren't elite -not yet . Skyler shook his head and waved a hand . " You guys don't have to worry . My friend's tight with Jeff Enterprises . We're close . It's easy for him to get us in . " Even Colin lifted an eyebrow . He had enough clout to get in solo . But bringing a whole group ? That took serious weight .

Colin turned slightly and glanced at Leander . The others didn't know , but Leander was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises . Colin was curious now . Who exactly was this " friend

" Skyler kept talking about ? The table broke into chatter and praise , all of it aimed at Skyler . Compliments came from every direction . Skyler looked pleased and let the attention soak in . Then , he turned to Yvette . " Yvette , come on . It's rare we all get together like this . Let's head over and have a good time . Leander , you work with Frankie , so you must know Maplebrook well . Why don't you come too ?

I owe you a drink anyway - for what I said earlier . " 3/5 13:59 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 281
Celebintion 64 Finished His tone was calm , and the smile on his face seemed genuine . But everyone could tell he wanted Yvette and Leander to go . That party was his stage , and they were the audience he needed . Yvette looked at Leander , waiting for his answer . Leander's lips pulled into a lazy , dangerous grin . " Well , since he's being so friendly about it ... Let's go check it out . " Skyler's eyes lit up . He grabbed his phone and sent off a quick message .

Meanwhile , in the largest private room at Maplebrook Manor , a tall , sharp - looking young man spun a porcelain wine flask between his fingers . " Dad , a friend of mine is coming tonight . He's on the main team for Wyvern Blade , and he's bringing a few classmates . Can you save them some seats ? " Across the room , a man stood by a table , flipping through files . He paused , then looked up . " Main squad of Wyvern Blade ? " He thought for a second and gave a firm nod . " Of course . Put them in the VIP section , on the left . " The young man smiled and thanked him .

Then , a spark of excitement crossed his face . " Dad , you always said Mr. Leander is a martial arts master . One of the best in all of Astria . Please , you've got to introduce me tonight . " The man finished with the documents and slipped them into a folder . When he

turned around , there was deep respect in his expression . He clearly held Leander in the highest regard . " I will . I keep my promises . You just got back from your military post , so I'll make sure Mr. Leander gives you some guidance .

" With his help , maybe you won't rule the world - but you'll be a force no one can ignore . " His voice was steady and sure . His short beard bristled as he straightened his coat . This man ? Frankie , the CEO of Jeff Enterprises .

Chapter 252 Josiah Wainwright 64 Finished The student council crowd streamed out of the restaurant , still buzzing from dinner . Laughter echoed as they split into groups , all headed toward Maplebrook Manor . For most of them , Maplebrook was the stuff of legends - a place dressed in luxury , spoken of but never seen . Tonight, thanks to Skyler , they finally had a chance to walk through those fabled doors . Nobody wanted to miss it . Many came from rich families , and almost all had their own cars . They slid into plush leather seats , windows rolled down , engines purring to life .

One by one , they drove off in pairs or trios . Leander stood alone at the curb . Yvette and Ginny stayed with him , hands raised under the glow of the streetlight , trying to hail a cab . But it was rush hour . Cabs passed without slowing , every seat already full . From inside their warm cars , the others watched . Some wore smug smiles . Others shook their heads . Scorn sat heavy in their eyes - for Leander . And pity followed - for Yvette . In Victor's car , Eleanor sat in the back beside Jade . She watched the scene unfold , then sighed and shook her head . " I don't get Yvette .

Colin or Skyler - either one of them is a hundred times better than that guy . " Leander has no skills , no charm . He's rude , and now he's making Yvette stand there in the cold

with him . Even Ginny's stuck waiting because of him . It's pathetic . " She let out another long sigh and turned toward the window . Eleanor shook her head . She and Yvette were friends , and she thought it was a shame Yvette picked a broke kid over someone better . Jade and Victor traded quiet looks . Neither spoke , but the tension between them hung in the air . They knew better .

Leander wasn't just some broke kid . He was the chairman of Jeff Enterprises . He didn't lack money . He just didn't care to flash it around . " Eleanor , " Jade said softly , " you really shouldn't speak so soon . Leander's not what he seems ." Eleanor's laugh was low and bitter . " No kidding . A broke guy chasing a Sitwell , and she's standing there like some side character , trying to catch a ride . That's not simple . That's just sad ." 1/4

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#Finished She turned away and stared through the glass .

Her eyes found Leander again , still standing there like he didn't have a care in the world . Calm . Silent . Still . He never looked out of place , no matter the moment . Something twisted inside her . If he hadn't kept everything hidden so well , maybe she would've seen him clearly . Maybe she wouldn't have let her chance slip away . And the regret only deepened . Across the street , a black Jeep rolled up beside the curb . The window slid down with a low mechanical hum . Skyler leaned out , smiling just enough to pretend it was friendly . " Yvette , still waiting on a cab ?

Leander didn't bring a car ? " His voice was casual , but his tone was full of mockery . A silver Ford stopped behind him . Dean stuck his head out the driver's window , his grin wide and obnoxious . " D * mn , this is how people flirt now ? " Back in school , if you

wanted to chase after the prettiest girl , you showed up in something nice . Benz , Porsche , roses - something . These kids today ? Man , they've changed . " He raised his voice on purpose . Yvette and Ginny could hear every word . From the back seat , someone let out a laugh that cut through the street like broken glass .

Leander slid one hand into his pocket . His eyes scanned the cars without a word . The light in them changed , just for a second . The indifference faded , and something sharper took its place . He had let them talk because he didn't care . But even ants got crushed when they bit too hard . Yvette's eyes turned cold . Her face hardened , and the air around her seemed to still . Dean saw her through the windshield , his smirk fading . He slammed the gas , and the Ford sped off without another word . Skyler stayed at the window , leaning on the edge like nothing had happened .

" Yvette , cabs are tough to get right now . Why don't you ride with us ? We're all going the same way . " Her gaze didn't flinch . Her voice stayed even . " No thanks , Skyler . You guys go ahead . We'll take care of ourselves . " Yvette's firm tone made Skyler nod . " Alright . We'll wait outside Maplebrook Manor . If you can't find a cab , just give me a call . I'll 2/4 13:59 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 282 towah Wainwright come back for you . " He gave Leander a final glance , then drove off Finished Once the car turned the corner and Yvette was out of sight , Skyler's smile disappeared .

His eyes went hard , and his hands clenched the wheel . The plastic strained under his grip . He didn't get it . Yvette chose a guy who didn't even own a car . She'd rather freeze at the curb than sit beside him . His chest burned . His hands clenched his steering wheel so hard , it nearly got bent out of shape . " Leander ... when we get to

Maplebrook , I'll show you what real power looks like . " By now , the others had already left . Only Leander , Yvette , and Ginny stood by the road . Yvette turned toward Leander . Her voice dropped , full of guilt . " Leander , I'm sorry .

" I brought you here tonight because I wanted Skyler to face the truth . I wanted him to let go of whatever he's still hoping for . I thought he might corner me at the party and say something weird , and I didn't want to handle that alone . " I didn't expect it to go like this ." Earlier , she had taken Leander's hand just to stop him from reacting . Years ago , Skyler had saved her once . That memory still lingered , and she didn't want things to turn ugly between the two . But now , seeing how Skyler behaved , she felt sick about it . Leander shook his head . His voice was calm .

" You really think that kind of nonsense could get to me ? " A cab pulled up . Leander stepped forward first . " Come on . Let's see what Skyler has planned ." Yvette glanced at Ginny . Ginny gave a quiet sigh and followed . The three got into the cab . Twenty minutes later , they arrived at Maplebrook Manor , Out front , luxury cars lined the lot . Bright paint and polished chrome reflected the glow from overhead lights . License plates from every part of the region showed just how far guests had come . Skyler , Victor , and the rest stood waiting near the curb .

When Skyler spotted Yvette , he stepped forward with a bright grin . 3/4 14:00 Wed Oct 15 2 You made it . I was about to come back for you ." Yvette only gave a short nod . Her expression stayed cold . Skyler didn't seem to mind . He motioned to the group , and they all headed toward the main entrance . The front of Maplebrook was alive with movement . Men in tailored suits and women in sleek gowns stepped from sleek sedans

and exotic cars . Every guest carried the weight of money and power . They walked with confidence and watched everything like hawks .

By the door , a young man stood tall in a sharp black suit . A white flower sat on his lapel . He stood like a soldier , rigid and still , with his chin high and his shoulders set . When he spotted Skyler's group , his mouth lifted in a quick grin . He strode over and gave Skyler a hard punch to the shoulder . " Took you long enough ." Skyler laughed and slapped his chest . " Come on . I could never forget Ravenridge's top party spot ." He turned to the others . " Everyone , this is the guy I mentioned . We served in the military together . " His name's Josiah Wainwright .

Five years ago , he was one of the most famous guys in Ravenridge . They used to call him one of the ' Three Princes of Ravenridge . I'm sure you've heard of him ." The group stiffened in surprise . A young man in glasses adjusted his frames and spoke in a low voice . " Wait ... Josiah ? Frankie Wainwright's son ? " Send Gifts 60

Chapter 253 The Stubborn Star The name sent a ripple through them . Back then , Josiah had been something else - loud , wild , untouchable . Frankie had built an empire , and Josiah walked in his shadow like a king in waiting . He had ruled the young clite in Ravenridge . Frished Two other heirs had run with him . The three of them moved through the city like it was theirs . People called them the " Three Princes of Ravenridge ." It all changed when Josiah was shipped off to the military . The other two left the city as their family businesses grew . Slowly , the legend faded .

Now , here he was - flesh and blood . Leander stood at the back . He watched it all with a smirk tugging at his mouth . So , this was the big shot Skyler had hyped up ? Frankie's son ? Skyler gave Josiah a pat on the shoulder and turned to introduce the group . " Josiah , these are my fellow student council members from Ravenridge Senior High . Some of them are juniors . " Josiah stood tall . His eyes swept across the group . He paused briefly on Yvette and Ginny . The rest barely caught his attention . He nodded and said nothing more . Nobody dared complain .

Josiah's place in Ravenridge's social world was too high . Back then , he outshone nearly every other heir . Now that Frankie had partnered with Mr. Leander in Mornwick and become the CEO of Jeff Enterprises , Josiah's reach stretched even further . He wasn't just another rich kid . He was the heir to a man who ran entire cities . " Since you're all with Skyler , " Josiah said , " follow me . My dad knew he was bringing guests , so he reserved a VIP table for you - right next to the stage . " The students froze for a beat , then lit up .

Just getting inside Maplebrook had felt like winning something huge . Even a spot in the back corner would've been enough . Now they had front - row seats . They would be dining beside the people who shaped the city's future . It felt unreal . Eleanor's gaze followed Skyler until he vanished into the crowd . A storm churned behind her

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Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 54 The Stubborn Star calm eyes . Finished She wasn't clueless . Frankie had given them that front - row table because of Skyler , plain and simple . That alone made it clear what kind of pull came with being in Wyvern Blade .

If someone like Frankie , who ran an entire city , was willing to make space for them , then Wyvern Blade wasn't just powerful - it was untouchable . Her mind moved fast . Maybe now was the time to lower her pride and stick closer to Skyler . Inside Maplebrook Manor , the main hall was glowing . A red carpet stretched across polished floors , lined with flowers in full bloom . Gold lights poured down from chandeliers . Every inch of the space gave off wealth and class .

The student council had barely stepped in when they felt it - that quiet weight that came from being surrounded by true power . These weren't just big names . They were movers . They were people who built industries and controlled legacies . This was a world the students only dreamed about . Their eyes wandered , full of wonder . Some stared in awe , others looked like they were holding their breath . Each of them imagined one day they'd be the ones sitting up front , shaking hands with giants , talking like they owned the place . Josiah led them to their table .

He said a few polite things , then stepped away with Skyler . The two slipped into a quiet corridor , the soft hallway lights casting long shadows . " So , which one's the guy you're having trouble with ? " Josiah asked . Skyler crossed his arms and tilted his head toward Leander with a sharp grin . " That one . " Josiah followed his glance . Leander sat relaxed , casually digging into his food like he had no one to impress and no reason to care . Josiah let out a low chuckle . He'd met his fair share of young elites back in the day . Most of them folded under pressure .

He used to crush them without trying . And now here was Leander -just some guy in plain clothes , leaning back like the room belonged to him . Aside from his looks , he

didn't have anything on Skyler . " You're in Wyvern Blade , and you're calling me for backup on this guy ? " He gave Skyler a sideways look , the corner of his mouth curling up . Skyler let out a dry laugh through his nose . " Please . I could bury him with one finger . But Wyvern Blade isn't just some club . Astria still has 2/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 753 The Stubbom Star its hands on it .

I can't be reckless , not this early . 64 420) Finished " I just made the cut . I don't have status yet , and I barely know any major players . That's why I called you ." Josiah nodded slowly . The pieces clicked into place . " Alright . I got you . Leave it to me ." Skyler grinned widely and clapped him on the back . " You're solid , man ." They stood there for a moment . The tension around them felt like steel . They didn't need to raise their voices . Their presence was enough to clear a space . Josiah gave a small smirk . His voice held that proud edge .

" You know , when we met in the military , I figured we'd stick together . Now you're in Wyvern Blade , and I'm playing catch - up . " My dad's introducing me to a top martial artist soon . Once I get inner strength down , I'm going to take the Wyvern Blade exam too . I'm not letting you leave me behind ." Skyler nodded once , hard . " I'll be waiting . " They talked a little more , then Josiah said he had other matters to handle . Just before walking off , he asked without thinking . " What's that guy's name ? " Skyler let out a slow chuckle . " Leander . " Josiah paused .

The name rang a faint bell . He frowned , trying to place it , but nothing came to mind . He waved and left . Skyler returned to the table . Suddenly , the lights dimmed . The room went still . A screen flickered to life above the stage . A woman appeared in soft

focus , dressed in a flowing gown . Her dark hair drifted in the wind as she stood alone , the breeze tugging at her sleeves . Her face was gentle , quiet , and beautiful . It was Maeve . She held a photo in her hands . In the picture , she and a young man smiled together , completely lost in each other .

3/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 2700 The scene changed Years passed . Maeve now wore makeup that made her look aged . She sat in a rocking chair , holding an old black - and - white photo . The man from the earlier image was now just a framed portrait . A tear slid down her cheek . Her voice , soft and worn . filled the room . " If there had been a Phoenix Essence Pill back then ... maybe we would've had more time . The screen faded . A single bold line flashed across the screen , advertising the product . Leander raised an eyebrow . His lips twitched slightly . The ad wasn't bad .

It had a little depth . The lights rose . A wave of clapping swept through the hall . Then Maeve stepped onto the stage . " She's really here ! " someone whispered near Leander's table . They were just a few steps from the front . The group lit up . Their eyes widened , and some of them leaned forward in their seats . This was the closest they had ever been to the national star . Leander sat quietly . His posture didn't shift . His gaze stayed level . Maeve wore a pale blue gown that shimmered under the lights . She looked like royalty . She didn't sing .

She simply gave a short speech , thanking Jeff Enterprises and expressing her gratitude . After she finished , she stepped off the stage . Eyes followed her every move . The room filled with murmurs as young heirs scrambled to invite her to their tables . She turned them all down . At Leander's table , no one dared speak . They sat still , barely

breathing , hoping she would pick them . Then Maeve's eyes paused . She seemed to spot something - or someone . She started walking toward them . Skyler had just lowered himself into his chair . He glanced up , caught sight of her , and froze .

Maeve was heading straight for their table . Maeve had always seemed like someone from another world - shining , perfect , and far out of reach . But now , as she walked toward their table , Skyler's heart pounded so hard it made his chest tighten . Maybe she knew he was a Wyvern Blade team member . Maybe that was why she was heading straight for him . 4/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 253 The Stubborn Star The thought made his hopes spike , and sure enough , Maeve was coming their presence turning every head in the room . way , her 64 Finished The whole table froze . No one moved .

Their expressions twisted in shock . Maeve - the star of the country , the face of a thousand billboards - was walking up to them . It felt unreal . A few of the younger students blushed so hard they looked like they might pass out . They didn't know whether to stand , smile , or just breathe . Skyler snapped out of it first . He shot to his feet , straightened his posture , and gave a practiced smile . He pulled out a chair for her with a smooth gesture . " Ms. Maeve , please- " But before the last word even left his mouth , she walked past him without a glance . She didn't slow down .

She didn't even acknowledge him . Instead , she stepped over to a short , armless couch . One person already sat there , but she slid in beside him anyway . She curled her legs up , leaned in , and sat firm like she had every right to be there . Her teeth sank

lightly into her bottom lip . Her stare stayed sharp and stubborn . The man beside her was Leander . Send Gifts 10

Chapter 254 Get Out Maeve - the woman adored by millions - had just ignored everyone and sat right next to Leander like it was normal . Her arm brushed his . Her side leaned into his . She didn't flinch . The room erupted in disbelief . " Did you see that ? Maeve just sat with some random guy . " " She's on the same seat . What the hell is happening ? " " Who even is he ? Is he some heir we don't know about ? " " No way . Give her back , man ! " The mutters turned into a mess of envy and outrage . Leander , who had been invisible seconds . earlier , now sat under a thousand burning stares .

The attention wasn't on Maeve anymore . It was all on him . Skyler and the others at the table stared , stunned . Nobody blinked . Nobody moved . Maeve , perfect and famous , was practically pressed against the most average guy in the room . He didn't even own a car . Yvette stayed calm . She didn't look surprised . She already knew what had happened between them . She had watched Leander cut Maeve off , cold and final . And she understood Maeve too well . The woman would never walk away without a fight . Yvette got it .

Her own feelings for Leander had become something she couldn't control either . No matter how far he fell , she would still follow him . Ginny's eyes widened . She had heard about Maeve and Leander , but watching it happen in real time was something else . Jade , Victor , and Colin could only sigh . " Even someone like Maeve fell for the Jeff Enterprises chairman , " one of them muttered . Across the room , a young man

stood holding a bouquet of roses . He had planned to hand them to Maeve and finally talk to her tonight . But now , he stood frozen . The roses drooped in his hand .

His face turned People started whispering . Businessmen and heirs scanned Leander from head to toe , trying to 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 754 Get Out guess his background . What kind of guy could pull someone like Maeve into his orbit ? (64) Finished Leander held a slice of watermelon . He wasn't expecting this kind of behavior from Maeve . He turned his head slowly and met her gaze . Her eyes burned with something raw . But he didn't blink . His voice came out flat and calm . " I don't like sharing seats . Move ." The room fell silent .

Anyone else would have begged for a moment like that . They would have snapped a picture . They would have replayed it for the rest of their lives . But Leander didn't even hesitate . He told her to get off . People at the table , including the guy with glasses and Eleanor , nearly lost it . Maeve , right next to him , and he acted like it meant nothing ? Just one photo would send them viral . One short video could launch a career . But now , Leander was about to blow it all up with a single sentence . Skyler's brows tightened . None of this made sense .

Why would Maeve act like this with someone like Leander ? Did they know each other ? That was impossible . A regular Joe like Leander , friends with Maeve and a close one at that ? He started to piece things together , but Maeve's next move made everything clear . " I'm not moving , " she said . Her voice was steady . Her tone held no room for argument . " I'm sitting right here . Wherever you go , I'm going too ." She leaned in

even more . Her jaw clenched . Her gaze didn't waver . Since the night Leander walked away from her without flinching , she had been spiraling .

She threw herself into her work , filmed the Phoenix Essence Pill commercial , and tried to forget . But the more she pushed it down , the more it built up . The second she saw him tonight , all that control snapped . She just wanted to be near him . It didn't matter what he said . It didn't matter how cold he looked . Leander sighed . He didn't want to be pulled back into it . But she kept chasing him , showing up when he least expected it . He gave her a glance and looked away . He didn't say another word . Maeve didn't speak either .

2/4 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 154 Get Out 64) inished She just stayed there , pressed against him like she wasn't going anywhere . It felt like watching two people locked in the middle of a silent argument . If Frankic hadn't banned reporters from the venue , every news site in the country would have their headlines . " Wait ... they really do know each other , " someone whispered . " And they're not just close . They're tied together . " Everyone who used to look down on Leander now stared at each other in disbelief . None of it added up . He didn't even own a car .

At most , he was Frankie's errand runner . Maeve , on the other hand , was a national icon - flawless , untouchable . There shouldn't have been any overlap between them . " Why does this guy always have women hanging around him ? " someone muttered under their breath . " Is it just his face or what ? " Skyler locked his jaw and kept his eyes forward . He was an official member of Wyvern Blade , yet somehow , nobody

noticed him . Meanwhile , Leander - someone he thought wasn't worth a second glance - kept drawing all the attention . And not just any attention .

Beautiful women kept showing up around him like it was normal . A short distance away , a man in a clean white suit stood stiff , fists clenched so tight his knuckles faded to white . The bouquet in his hand tilted , nearly slipping from his grip . He looked every bit the perfect gentleman . His suit was spotless , his style was sharp , and his features were striking . He had admired Maeve for years , but back then , she had been engaged to Troy Levington . Out of respect - and fear - he had never made a move . But yesterday , Troy made a public announcement . The engagement was off .

The second he heard that , the man dropped everything and rushed to Ravenridge . He believed his chance had finally come . And now , there she was - Maeve - sitting shoulder to shoulder with some nobody . His blood burned . He turned to Josiah and asked , " Josiah , who the hell is that guy ? Do you know him ? " Even through the anger , he stayed level . He never acted without knowing what he was up against . Josiah gave a cold laugh . He didn't need to guess what his friend was thinking . " Name's Leander . Dropped out of high school .

From what I've heard , he's been working for my 3/4 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Fini - had dad Probably handling odd jobs or security " He gave a smirk and shrugged . " If you wanna go after him , be my guest . I've got your back . " The man's face tightened . That was all he needed to hear . He had been careful at first , just in case Leander was somebody important . But if he was nothing more than one of Frankie's lackeys , then there was

nothing to worry about . With Josiah on his side , not even Jamero - Frankie's right - hand man - would stand in his way . And Leander ? He didn't even count .

The man took one sharp step forward , then another , and crossed the room in seconds . He came to a stop right in front of Leander . " You're Leander , right ? " he said . " You're just a foot soldier for Frankie . Who the hell gave you the right to sit at the VIP table ? And what makes you think you can sit next to Ms. Maeve ? " His finger pointed toward the exit . " Get out . " The room changed . The air tightened . Every conversation died off , and all eyes shifted toward Leander . His tablemates didn't say a word . A few leaned back in their chairs , quietly watching .

The kid finally pissed off the wrong person . Send Gifts

Chapter 255 Not Enough " Get out . Right now . " 64 Finished The man stood tall , sharp - eyed , voice full of frost . He didn't raise it , but the edge in his tone cut deeper than a shout . He kept pointing to the doors without blinking . This banquet was full of high - ranking names - wealthy families , business leaders , and powerhouses across Mornwick . Leander had no place here . At most , he should've been by the wall in a black suit , not eating at the table meant for VIPS . The man had done his homework . And he didn't pull punches . People from other tables turned to look .

Even a few powerful guests leaned over to see what the fuss was about . " People really love messing with that kid , " someone whispered under their breath . Skyler didn't move . He folded his arms and watched with cold satisfaction . His lips lifted just slightly . Leander raised his eyes and met the man's glare . His face didn't change . " My seat has nothing to do with you , " he said . " And you think you can make me leave ? Based

on what ? " The man sneered . His voice lowered . " Based on my name . Adrian Smith . " The room shifted again . This time , people gasped out loud .

Those who hadn't recognized him now stared with full attention . " Adrian Smith ? " someone repeated . Skyler's gaze narrowed . " One of the Three Princes of Ravenridge ? " Years ago , there had been three young men who stood above the rest in Ravenridge's elite circles . Josiah was one . Adrian was another . And Adrian wasn't just some rich kid . He was the heir to Reginald Enterprises . Back then , Reginald Enterprises ruled the real estate industry in Ravenridge . As the company grew , it expanded into all of Mornwick and started branching out into the larger Astria region .

1/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 255 Not Enough During that time , Adrian had left the city to study abroad . 64 Finished And now , five years later , he returned . Not quietly either . He showed up at Jeff Enterprises ' celebration banquet , right in the middle of the spotlight . When the shock wore off , the mood changed . Whispers turned into grins . Everyone turned back to Leander . Of all people to challenge , he just had to go toe to toe with one of the Three Princes ? He didn't stand a chance . Maeve sat beside Leander , her lashes low , her face still .

She knew Adrian was stepping up because of her . But she didn't say a word . She didn't plan to . She knew Leander . Adrian wasn't even on his radar . Not even a hundred Adrians would be enough to rattle him . She didn't want to shield him . She wanted him to be annoyed . She wanted to stay in his life , even if it meant lighting fires under his feet . " Adrian Smith ? " Leander said the name slowly , like it meant nothing .

While everyone else stared , unsure of what would happen next , he sat still , calm as ever . Leander's voice hit the room like a whip crack . " Never heard of you .

Nobodies like you shouldn't be anywhere near me. Go bark somewhere else and stay out of my face . " And you ? You're not even close to being qualified to challenge me . "

The air shifted . People nearby blinked like they couldn't believe what they'd just heard . Some sneered . Others looked like they were watching a car crash in slow motion .

Everyone in Mornwick knew there were only a handful of names Adrian wouldn't mess with . They were the type who dined with his father , but Reginald Leander wasn't one of them . Not even close . " Wow .

This kid's really asking for it ." A few older businessmen shook their heads . Most of them had brushed shoulders with Mornwick's upper crust . They knew every heir worth naming . But Leander ? He didn't ring a bell . He wasn't one of them . He had no legacy . No reputation . Nothing . So , hearing him call Adrian unqualified just sounded like nonsense . " Oh yeah ? " Adrian narrowed his eyes . The smirk on his face tightened . But before he could speak , Josiah stepped forward .

2/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 255 Not Enough : 64 Finished He joined Adrian's side and stared down at Leander like he was studying something under his shoe . " Skyler told me you walk around like you're better than everyone else . I thought he was exaggerating . But you really do act like a prince . " You're just one of my dad's errand boys . You're lucky you even got to sit at this table . That only happened because Skyler and I looked the other way . " You think Adrian can't challenge you ? Fine . Count me in , too . " Josiah and Adrian stood shoulder to shoulder now .

Their presence swept across the room like a dark cloud . It wasn't just attitude . It was power . And everyone in the room could feel it . People straightened in their chairs . Some sat back slowly . Some glanced around to see who else was watching . Two of the Three Princes of Ravenridge were standing together . These weren't just spoiled heirs . They were backed by Frankie and Reginald . And when they moved , the city moved with them . Only the Halloway family could stand in front of that kind of pressure without flinching . Everyone else would fold . Skyler didn't say anything .

He just smiled . He had been waiting to strike Leander later , but this was better . Now he could sit back and enjoy the scene . He wanted to see Leander get crushed . Leander looked up at the two of them . His eyes didn't flicker . He just laughed softly and shook his head . " Still not enough . " That one line landed like a rock dropped in still water . People froze . Some blinked in disbelief . A few let out quiet scoffs . He wasn't just bold now . He was delusional . Going up against one of them was already reckless . Standing tall against two was just plain stupid .

He looked like he was clinging to some last bit of pride , trying to hold onto something he should've let go of . But it was pointless . His pride would be crushed under these young men's power . Everyone knew how this would end . The tougher he acted now , the harder he would fall later . Josiah and Adrian didn't laugh this time . 3/5 14:00 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 255 Not Enough Their smiles were gone . Their eyes turned cold . " Who's got the guts to act like Josiah and Adrian are nobodies ? " a voice called out with a mocking edge . 64 Finished A new figure stepped through the crowd .

He moved in with ease and stood beside the other two . " Man , you've got guts . Two of the Three Princes are standing right in front of you , still playing tough ? " " Well , guess what ? I'm Elric Ruth . And I'm here to make it three ." and you're The room felt like it stopped breathing . Elric . The final piece . The last of the Three Princes . Now they stood together , not scattered or separate , but unified . And every one of them had their eyes locked on Leander . Even the most powerful families in Mornwick would think twice before challenging that lineup .

The Halloway family might hold the line . Everyone else would collapse under that weight . This wasn't a celebration anymore . It was a trial . And Leander was the one on the chopping block . Elric folded his arms across his chest . His smile was smug and cold . " So , what now ? All three of us are standing here . You still think we're not worth your time ? " The people sitting at Leander's table could barely hold back their laughter . Especially those close to Skyler . In their eyes , each one of the three could crush Leander on their own . Now all three were here . Together .

Not even ten Leanders could make it out of this in one piece . " Three Princes of Ravenridge ? " Leander let out a soft chuckle . He shook his head slowly . People thought he was finally coming to terms with the situation . They figured he was about to give in . That maybe , just maybe , he'd realized how far over his head he was . But then he opened his mouth again . And the room stiffened . " Even the three of you together still aren't enough . "

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Leander's voice didn't shake . His eyes didn't flinch . He didn't look like a man facing three giants . He looked like someone brushing off a crowd of nobodies . A few guests turned away . Some sighed . Others just shook their heads . Finished All three of the legendary heirs were here . They had shown up in force . And Leander ? He hadn't flinched once . Most people would've begged . Most would've backed down . But Leander didn't . He stood there , calm and unmoved , like none of them mattered .

This wasn't confidence anymore . It felt like madness . Adrian let out a dry chuckle , his voice dipped in scorn . " You're a funny guy , kid . But being bold doesn't mean a d * mn thing . You said what you said , and now you're gonna pay for it . What do you think's coming for you after this ? " He slid one hand into his pocket , eyes narrowed and cold . His smile curled like he was already looking at a dead man . In his mind , Leander was already done for . When he glanced at Maeve and saw her sitting there , calm and still , not even blinking , his grin widened . She didn't speak .

She didn't move . That was enough for Adrian to assume she'd lost faith in Leander too . Across the room , Skyler leaned back in his chair and gave a slow shake of his head . " Leander ... I really thought I'd have to get my hands dirty dealing with you . But now ? You're not even worth it . " He watched the way Josiah and the others moved in . Then , like something just clicked , he stood up and walked over . He stepped beside Josiah and patted him on the shoulder . " Hey Josiah , think you can let this slide ? Just this once . For me . " He didn't care about Leander .

He just wanted to show off for Yvette . Leander had stirred up trouble , and Skyler saw an easy chance to act like the savior . He wanted to prove he had the power and pull of a real Wyvern Blade member . All he needed was Yvette watching . As soon as he spoke , Elric and Adrian turned and gave him sharp looks . They were waiting to see what kind of fool dared to speak up for Leander . 1/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 256 You Talk Too Much A64 64 Finished Josiah stepped in fast , not wanting things to spiral . " Guys , let me introduce someone . This is Skyler .

We served the military together . He just got into Wyvern Blade ." A murmur rippled through the crowd . Even Adrian and Elric stiffened slightly . " Wait ... Wyvern Blade ? " Just hearing that name pulled the tension tight . That kind of status didn't come easy . It didn't matter who your father was - people respected that title . Even their fathers would've stepped carefully around someone like Skyler . The arrogance faded . Adrian's tone shifted instantly . " Skyler , man , " he said with a stiff smile . " What are you trying to say here ?

" Skyler stood tall , his posture crisp , his expression smooth . He made the Three Princes look like they were standing in his shadow . He nodded to them , then spoke in an even voice . " Look , I know Leander messed up . So , I'm stepping up and apologizing for him . " He's not exactly my buddy , but I brought him here tonight . So , if you could let this one go , I'd owe you . " His voice stayed calm and polite . Not begging , but not pushing either . Eleanor and a few others nodded quietly . Skyler looked gracious , stepping in when he didn't have to . It made him seem mature .

Everyone could tell Skyler and Leander weren't close , but here he was , putting himself on the line . It made him look good . Leander still hadn't moved . He just sat there , steady as a stone . Calm , still , silent . He looked more like a statue than a man . Eleanor frowned . She leaned toward Yvette and whispered , " How can you possibly like someone like him ? " Colin and a few others nearby smirked behind their hands . They knew better . They knew Leander wasn't someone you could pressure , no matter who you brought to the table . The Three Princes were fooling themselves .

" Skyler , are you seriously doing this for him ? " Josiah asked , his tone caught between surprise and suspicion . But then something clicked , and his eyes narrowed . He glanced at Elric and 2/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 256 You Talk Too Much Adrian . 64 Finished Adrian caught the signal . He stepped forward , raised his chin , and spoke loud enough for the whole room to hear . " Skyler , since it's you , we'll let him off the hook . " But only if he kneels and says he's sorry . Or , he can crawl under my legs .

Either way , he's paying up . " Josiah and Elric crossed their arms and nodded . " Come on , isn't that a little much ? " Skyler frowned , but inside , he was grinning . This was exactly what he wanted . He didn't care if Leander got hurt . He wanted to push him so far that even if he got out , he'd never forget the humiliation . If Leander knelt in front of everyone or crawled on the floor , he'd be a joke for life . Meanwhile , Skyler would look like the guy who tried to help . " Skyler , we're doing this for you , " Adrian said . " That's the deal . He picks one .

" " If he won't pick , then get out of the way . Because we're not letting this go . " " 1 Adrian's eyes locked on Maeve again . Seeing her so close to Leander made his blood

burn . He didn't just want to beat him . He wanted to crush him in front of her . " Leander , " Skyler said , turning toward him with a fake sigh . " What are you waiting for ? " " Skyler just handed you a way out . You really gonna make him regret it ? Get down and say you're sorry , or this won't end well . " " Yeah , Leander . Why are you still sitting there ? " People at the table started chiming in .

They were fed up . They thought Skyler had handed Leander a lifeline , and Leander didn't even care . Maeve tilted her head and smiled slightly . She knew who she was sitting next to . And she knew what he could do . Then , finally , Leander stood . 3/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 756 You Talk Too Much 64 Fimshed " You want me to say sorry ? " he said , staring right at Skyler His voice was soft but steady . " Skyler , I used to think a Wyvern Blade guy might actually be worth something . But now I see you for what you are . Just another backstabber hiding behind someone else's power .

" I gave you too much credit . " Leander moved forward slowly and passed Skyler without even looking at him . " Save your fake concern . That phony attitude of yours ? It's pathetic . And your acting's not fooling anyone . " Maybe the others bought into Skyler's performance , but not Leander . He wasn't just another face in the crowd . He was a true martial master , one of the few alive . Tricks like that couldn't slip past him . By the time his words faded , Leander stood face to face with the Three Princes of Ravenridge . " I thought about ignoring you .

You're just a bunch of loud , spoiled kids . But you talk too d * mn much . " Then he raised his hand and made a single sweeping motion . Send Gifts 60 B

Chapter 257 How Dare You Elric got hit first . 64 Finished The moment the force struck him , both of his legs gave out with a snap , and he was hurled sideways . He crashed through table after table , wood splintering and chairs toppling as his body plowed through the room like a wrecking ball . Adrian felt a heavy blow crash into his chest . His ribs cracked , and he flew backward into the stage , crushing every piece of equipment in his path . Metal shrieked , lights burst , and the speakers collapsed on top of him . Josiah had a strong build and quick reflexes .

He threw his arms in front of his chest just in time . But the impact still broke both of them . Bones popped . His body launched across the hall and crashed down far from where he started . He was the only one of the three still conscious , but he was barely holding on . His eyes stared in disbelief as he staggered to his knees . " You ... How dare you hit us ! " It didn't make sense . Leander didn't even look dangerous . But in one move , he took all three of them down - at Jeff Enterprises ' banquet , in front of hundreds .

They had planned to deal with him later , when the party was over , maybe out in the parking lot . No one in their right mind would have caused a scene here . This was Jeff Enterprises . Disrespect here was the same as asking for death . Even their fathers wouldn't dare . But Leander didn't blink . He broke bones , destroyed furniture , and knocked the three of them out of the spotlight like they were nothing . Skyler stood frozen behind him , eyes locked on Leander . " He's ... an inner - level martial artist ? " he muttered . He had felt it the moment Leander moved . That wave of pressure .

That surge of power . The way he took down Josiah , Elric , and Adrian with nothing but a flick of his arm - Skyler couldn't do that even if he used everything he had . He had never imagined that the man he'd looked down on was just as skilled as him . No , maybe more . 1/5 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 23 10 Dare YOU " That can't be right ... "

64 Finished While he stood there in shock , Leander lifted his chin and stared down at Josiah . His voice dropped to a calm , freezing pitch . " Some people might be scared to act here . I'm not one of them .

" I can kill you here and now , and it won't bother me one bit . He kept one hand in his pocket . His gaze never left Josiah . His expression was empty , like the fight hadn't even warmed him up . Guests turned their heads . Every face was tight with shock . "

Who the hell is this guy ? He just knocked down all three of them like it was easy . " And at Jeff Enterprises ' banquet , no less . That's basically declaring war on the whole company . Has he lost it ? Tons of Mornwick's greatest back it up , and the ruler of Mornwick himself is the one keeping things under control .

" " Sure , he's strong . But after this? He's finished . Jeff's people will crush him . " The room buzzed with whispers . No one tried to stop the fight . Even with the tables shattered and blood in the air , they just sat there watching . Some even looked excited . Plenty of powerful figures were in the room . Frankie . Gumus . Tommy . Men whose names alone carried weight in Mornwick . If they wanted Leander dead , they didn't need to lift a hand themselves . They only had to give the word . " You son of a b * tch ! I'll kill you ! " Elric finally snapped .

His body dragged across the floor , legs twisted and useless . Rage burned in his eyes . Hatred spilled from every breath . He had lived like a king since birth . No one had ever touched him . But now ? Leander had broken him . And he couldn't take it . " You're dead ! I'll chop you into pieces and wipe out your whole bloodline ! " Adrian sat slumped against the wreckage , ribs broken , barely breathing . But his voice stayed sharp and full of venom . Leander looked down at them both . He didn't flinch . His voice didn't rise . " Really ? " he said , quietly .

There was no pity in his eyes as he shook his head . 2/5 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 257 How Dare You 64 Finished " I was only trying to give you a warning . But clearly , you're still too dumb to listen . " In that case , you won't get another chance . " He closed his hand into a fist . A sharp snap ripped through the air , so sharp it sounded like bone splintering in every direction . The room tensed . Some people froze in place . Others felt their skin crawl . Elric and Adrian let out screams . Their bodies jerked like they were being crushed by something invisible . Their limbs folded .

Their faces twisted . Their bones groaned and cracked under the pressure . And then it happened. Their bodies imploded . Their chests caved in . Their spines snapped . Flesh and bone collapsed inward . They didn't just fall . They burst . Two bodies - whole and living - became nothing but broken pulp on the marble floor . Blood sprayed across the carpet . Bits of flesh scattered near the guests . The two of them were gone , their shapes destroyed , their lives ended in seconds . Everyone stopped breathing . Some people gasped . A few took a step back . One woman screamed .

Another man lost his balance and stumbled into his chair . It was no longer a party . It was a nightmare . Skyler stood stiff behind Leander , his face pale as chalk . His eyes bulged like they might fall out . He had just witnessed something that shattered every idea he had about strength . Leander never even touched Elric or Adrian . He only raised a hand and clenched it from across the room . That single move crushed both men into mangled piles of flesh and bone . They didn't even look human anymore .

Skyler used to believe that reaching the level of inner strength meant he had glimpsed the deeper side of power . But what he saw from Leander wasn't some technique or hidden trick . It . was raw and terrifying . It was something far beyond him . The two guys who had sat with him and mocked Leander earlier started shaking all over . One of them dropped to the floor with a heavy thud . They had joined in on the taunts just minutes ago . Now they stared at what was left of Elric and Adrian , too scared to breathe . If Leander turned toward them , would they meet the same end ?

Nobody wanted to find out . The entire room fell into a heavy silence . Not even a breath could be heard . The big - name 3/5 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 257 How Dare You 64 Finished businessmen who had weathered markets and crushed rivals for years sat frozen in their seats . Their faces showed one thing - fear . They didn't see Leander as a man . They saw something else . Something dangerous . Josiah trembled from head to toe . He snapped out of his shock just long enough to face Leander , his voice filled with panic . You ... What the hell did you do ?

You killed them right in front of these people ! " Leander looked straight at him . He didn't blink . His voice was flat and cold . " You'd be joining them if Frankie weren't your

dad . " Your father wouldn't even dare raise his voice at me . But you ? You had the guts to join these fools and come at me . So , tell me , who gave you that kind of courage ? " As soon as Leander spoke , Josiah's face changed . His thoughts spun fast . One name shot through his head . There was a man in Mornwick who stood above all others . Even Josiah's proud father bowed to him .

The one who built Jeff Enterprises from the ground The man Frankie had promised to introduce him to . The one who could teach a single technique and change the rest of his life . up . Mr. Leander . And now , hearing Leander's voice , hearing that tone - it finally clicked . Just then , a sharp shout ripped through the tension in the air . " Who the hell is stirring up trouble here ? " Everyone turned at once . Frankie , Tommy , and Gumus - three of Jeff Enterprises ' top men- stepped through the crowd .

Behind them came a dozen men in black , all muscle and presence , moving with quiet precision . The guests let out a collective breath . With those three in the room , surely the chaos would stop . Surely someone would take control . But as the trio approached and saw Josiah on the ground , arms clearly broken , something shifted . Frankie's eyes narrowed . A shadow of anger passed through them . They kept walking . Then Leander turned around . And that one glance froze all three men where they stood . Their legs locked like they were bolted to the floor . Their expressions twisted in shock .

" Mr. Leander ? " Frankie said , his voice low and tight . " Mr. Ashcroft ! " 4/5 1401 Wed , Oct 15 Miris Dare Y # Coused Tommy and Gumus lowered their heads at once and bowed . Their voices carried the weight of respect . The moment those words left their mouths , the room cracked open . People gasped . Josiah stood there like he'd turned to

stone . His mind went blank . His body stopped moving . It all made sense now . No wonder the name Leander had sounded familiar . Frankie had once told him about Mornwick's Mr. Ashcroft . The one who ruled the city from the shadows . Send Gifts .

Chapter 258 Convinced The remainder of the power behind that name froze Josiah . 64 J Finished He was the man who had created Jeff Enterprises and stood above every power in the region . The very man Frankie wanted to introduce him to . The one who was supposed to become his mentor . If Mr. Leander could teach him some moves , he could rise to the top and even show his inner strength for Wyvern Blade's selection . And that man had been sitting in front of him the whole time . At Leander's table , every face shifted . Frankie , Gumus , Tommy - each of them was a major player in Mornwick .

But now , they stood before Leander with their heads bowed . The man everyone thought was just some dropout now had titans kneeling to him . " Mr. Ashcroft ? " someone whispered nearby . One after another , business tycoons and elites began murmuring . These weren't common folk . They had seen enough to recognize power when it stood in front of them . Who else could they be talking about ? It must be the one who ruled Mornwick and controlled Jeff Enterprises from the shadows . "

Mornwick's Mr. Ashcroft ? " " God , it's really him . The rumors were true . He's young .

I never believed it . " " They say he's untouchable in martial arts . That must've been his power that crushed Elric and Adrian . " The whispers turned to a storm . Every eye fixed on Leander . The men looked shaken . The women stared in awe . Some looked like they were seeing a legend walk among them . Across all of Mornwick , there was no name more feared or more respected than Mr. Ashcroft . " That's Mr. Ashcroft ? "

Skyler's face twitched again . His lips parted , but no sound came out . Since making it into Wyvern Blade , he thought he was untouchable . He looked down on almost everyone .

Josiah . Frankie . Anyone without his badge . He thought nobody in Mornwick could truly scare him . 1/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 258 Convinced 零 64 Finished Except for a few names . And now , one of those names was standing in front of him . The man he mocked . The one he tried to belittle . The one he had called weak . He had dug into Leander's background . Found out he lived at Number One , Rivergate Haven . Knew he was close to Frankie . So , he figured Leander was just Frankie's runner . Some low - tier assistant . Nothing worth a second thought .

But now that belief shattered like glass . Leander wasn't just some middleman . He was Mr. Ashcroft - the man who ruled over an entire province . The one whose name made even powerful men fall quiet . Skyler's vision narrowed . The pride he'd held so tightly slipped away without a fight . He was twenty - three , chosen for the Wyvern Blade program , and on track for greatness . But Leander was even younger . And he had already built a world - dominating empire , controlled assets in the billions , and stood at the head of a global powerhouse .

In every category - wealth , reach , reputation - Leander was unmatched . Not just among their peers , but across the board . Even Skyler had to admit it now . Whatever he had done , it wasn't enough . Not by a long shot . His chest felt crushed under a weight he couldn't shake . He had thought Leander was some cocky kid . An easy mark . But now , that same man stood at the top like a dragon in flight . Skyler couldn't even

see the peak from where he was standing . In the hall , Ravenridge's three strongest figures bowed low before Leander . He didn't even nod .

He kept his hand in his pocket and turned to Josiah . " You told me I didn't belong in the VIP section . You tried to throw me out . Say it again . " Josiah's arms hung limp at his sides . The pain was sharp , but it was nothing compared to the chill crawling up his spine . When he met Leander's eyes , it felt like he had fallen into a frozen pit . He had never seen Leander before today , but he had heard the stories . Frankie spoke of Leander with a respect he reserved for no one else . That alone had told Josiah Leander was far beyond ordinary . And now he had seen what that meant .

Leander had snuffed out two heirs like it was nothing . He didn't even break a sweat . Josiah's whole body started to shake . " You stupid b * stard ! " Frankie's voice cracked like thunder . His palm struck Josiah across the face , snapping his head sideways . " You ran wild in Ravenridge , acted like nobody could touch you . I had to pull strings to send 2/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 258 Convinced you to the military , hoping it would toughen you up ! L64 J Finished " I figured a few years would knock the arrogance out of you . But look at you now - still the same d * mn fool !

" Why in God's name did you cross Mr. Leander ? You tried to throw him out of this room ? Do you know why I'm even allowed to host this banquet tonight ? Why I still have a place in this city ? " It's because of Mr. Leander ! Everything I have - everything we have - came from him . And you still had the nerve to challenge him ? What the hell were you thinking ? " The veins on Frankie's forehead bulged . His rage flared . He

kicked Josiah square in the ribs and sent him tumbling . He had wanted to take his son to Leander after the banquet . He had planned to ask Leander for guidance .

Maybe even get him to help Josiah awaken inner strength . But now ? Josiah had spat on that chance . He had done more than screw up . He had turned himself into a liability . " Kneel ! " Apologize to Mr. Leander ! " Frankie's shout rang across the hall . Josiah's eyes went wide . He couldn't believe what he had just heard . His father , who had always shielded him , was ordering him to kneel . In front of everyone . " Dad ... " His arms were useless . His body throbbed from the blows . Surely this was enough . Surely he had paid . He didn't move . " I said kneel ! " Frankie didn't wait .

He stepped forward and drove his foot into the back of Josiah's knees . Josiah crumpled to the ground . " You're not getting up until Mr. Leander forgives you . You can stay here and rot if you have to ." Frankie's voice wavered for a second , but he gritted his teeth and didn't back down . To him , Leander wasn't a man . He was a force of nature . Even if his son had crossed the line , there was no saving him now . 3/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15
Chapter 25 Convinced Finished Josiah clenched his jaw until his teeth felt like they'd crack . Rage and shame tangled in his gut .

But when he looked up and saw Leander's cold , hollow stare , all of that heat bled away . His head dropped . " Mr. Leander ... I am sorry ." The words scraped out of him like broken stone . One of the so - called Three Princes of Ravenridge , kneeling here , begging for forgiveness . Leander didn't blink . His hand stayed buried in his pocket . His eyes didn't even flicker . " What you did tonight was enough for me to kill you . But

you're Frankie's son . So , I only broke your arms . Do you accept your punishment ? "

Josiah's teeth ground together , but he gave a nod . " I accept it .

" Leander looked away like Josiah wasn't even there . " Next time this happens , you won't leave alive . " Then he turned . His eyes landed on Skyler , who looked like the blood had drained from his face . Skyler's heart dropped into his stomach .

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Chapter 259 Unreachable As Leander stared at him , it felt like the whole room had gone quiet . 64 Finished He had never imagined this . That Leander could be Mornwick's Mr. Ashcroft . Not in a million years . Skyler had grown up in this city . He knew the name . Knew what it meant . Even with his spot in Wyvern Blade , even with his pride , he hadn't earned a fraction of what Leander already had . Leander ran an empire worth billions . His reach stretched across nations . His men - Frankie , Gumus , Tommy - were powerhouses in their own right . And beyond all that , Leander was a master .

A real one . The kind who could end lives with a glance . Skyler wasn't just behind him . He wasn't even in the same league . And to think , he had looked down on Leander . Thought he was nothing . Now that truth hit him so hard , it made him sick . At the table , Eleanor and the others didn't say a word . They sat frozen . Leander didn't spare them a glance . His eyes locked on Skyler . His voice cut through the air . " Skyler , I told you before . If you want to pursue Yvette , that's your business . Do whatever you want , just don't drag me into it . " But instead , you came for me .

" You tried to play games behind my back . Sneaky little moves . Pathetic , don't you think ? If you want to go at me , just say it . I'm right here . " Leander's smirk stayed on his face , calm and mocking . Skyler's fists tightened , and his eyes shifted again and again . He stood still for a while , then loosened his fists and took a step back . "

Leander , " he said through gritted teeth , " I underestimated you . I never thought you'd be Mornwick's Legend . " " I lost tonight . Completely . " That step back was him bowing his head .

It was quiet , but it said everything - he wasn't Leander's equal . His voice stayed steady , but his eyes burned with unwilling fire . " I'll admit I lost today . But that doesn't mean I'll always lose . " Mr. Ashcroft , right now you hold a state under your name . You run Jeff Enterprises . I can't 1/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 259 Coreachable argue with that . Your power , your money , your name - it's all far ahead of mine . 64 #Finished " But I swear , after ten years inside Wyvern Blade , after I've been hardened and trained , I'll rise higher than you ever have .

I will never let myself fall behind you ." Every word hit hard . His stare sharpened . After this night , he would leave behind every distraction . Love , pride , comfort - none of it would matter anymore . He would devote himself to Wyvern Blade and train until the day came when he could stand eye to eye with Leander . He would never forget tonight . One day , he would step on Leander's name . " Oh ? " Leander looked at him with mild interest and scanned him from head to toe . " You think getting into Wyvern Blade will make you strong enough to beat me ?

" He shook his head and let out a dry , amused smile . " You've got guts . I'll give you that . So tonight , I'll let you off . " Now get lost . " Skyler's face went stiff . As a chosen member of Wyvern Blade , he rarely faced disrespect . Outside of commanders and direct leaders , no one dared speak to him like that . But with Leander , he didn't even dare talk back . The scene of those two young heirs crushed to death was still fresh in his mind . He grabbed his coat from the chair , turned , and marched toward the exit . His eyes brighter with every step .

burned Leander didn't glance his way . He acted like Skyler was already gone . Skyler clenched his jaw and disappeared into the dark . Leander never once took his words seriously . Skyler thought he was important , but he had just stepped into the early phase of inner strength . Even with ten or twenty more years , he would still be far beneath Leander's reach . His spot in Wyvern Blade didn't matter either . Leander had already taken the role of Chief Instructor . That made him the top figure in the entire organization . To him , Skyler was just another foot soldier .

Frankie came forward with his head low , guilt written all over his face . " Mr. Leander , my useless son crossed the line . If you're still upset , I'll accept whatever punishment you decide . " 2/4 14:01 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 54 Lory batle 零 Finished Leander waved a hand lightly . " It's already over . Don't bring it up again . You're not your son . I know the difference " Frankie finally let out a breath of relief . Then Tommy stepped forward , leaned in , and lowered his voice . " Mr. Ashcroft , what should we do with the bodies ? " He was talking about Adrian and Elric .

Their broken bodies still lay on the floor . " One was the young heir of Reginald Enterprises from the Smith family . The other was the Luth family's prince from Luth Global Holdings . How do you want to handle this ? " Tommy watched Leander's face closely , his stomach twisted in knots . He knew how cold Leander could be . Taking lives meant nothing to him . But Adrian and Elric weren't just regular heirs . Their families were part of Astria's top fifty corporations . Their fathers were powerful men with ties to both business and politics . Leander had killed them in front of a crowd .

Even if there wasn't solid proof , even if he used martial arts to cover the cause , those families wouldn't just walk away . Both companies were giants . Their influence reached high , and even Astria's government supported them . If they teamed up and came looking for revenge , Jeff Enterprises might have to take it seriously . And Leander couldn't just kill every executive in broad daylight . Astria still had laws . " Smith family ? Luth family ? " Leander laughed , calm and dismissive . " Send their bodies home .

Tell both families that if they have a problem , they can come straight to me . Whether it's me or Jeff Enterprises , we're not backing down ." He stood as the Iron Sovereign , the strongest ranked force in all of Astria . He had taken down masters stronger than most people could imagine . Why would he care about two business dynasties ? If they wanted blood , then they had better be ready to pay in full . Being powerful didn't just mean strength . It meant daring to use it . He didn't raise his voice , but the table nearest to him caught every word .

The former classmates sitting there turned pale . Shock kept them silent . Leander wasn't even twenty , yet he stood tall , unshaken by the threat of Astria's top corporate

families . His confidence struck deep . None of them could look away . 3/4 14:02 Wed ,
Oct 15 10 Lsteachable 零 #Finished " So , this is the real him ... " Eleanor , who had
once mocked him with snide remarks , felt her heart sink . Regret hit her hard . She had
thought Yvette was clinging to some flashy nobody . A guy with a little edge and nothing
else .

But now she realized- Yvette had picked a diamond buried in plain sight . By the
riverside , Skyler stood alone at the bridge , staring at the crashing waves below . His
eyes blazed with fire and defiance . That night , he had gotten word that Wyvern Blade
would soon welcome a new Chief Instructor . Graham had told them this person came
from an incredible background and had unmatched power . After everything , Skyler
made himself a promise . He would train harder than ever . He would climb . And one
day , he would stand above Leander . " Leander , so what if you're Mr. Ashcroft ?

So what if you're the boss of Jeff Enterprises ? So what if your martial arts are
unbeatable ? " Give me time . I'll train under the new instructor . One day , I'll rise to a
place even you reach . " can't Send Gifts 60 。

Chapter 260 Shire Family : 43 (6) Finished As Leander stepped out of Maplebrook
Manor , the sound of hurried footsteps echoed behind him . He didn't turn , but the
sharp rhythm on the stone path said enough . Maeve was running . Still in her formal
gown , she gripped the hem to keep from tripping as she chased after him . Her heels
struck the ground hard with each stride . The manor staff nearby stood frozen , stunned
to see her tear across the courtyard without a shred of restraint . She reached him
breathless , eyes shining with stubborn fire . " You're just gonna leave ?

" Leander looked at her , his voice cool and distant . " What else would you expect ? "

Maeve bit her lip . Her hands were shaking . " You don't have anything to say to me ? "

He stood tall . His face gave nothing away . " I already said everything that mattered . "

Her voice cracked , full of pain and disbelief . " You said it , but I didn't understand it . "

You told me you never felt anything for me . That I was just someone you happened to save . But did you ever ask how I felt ? " You were everything to me . You were the one I believed in .

For over two years , my sister and my father told me you were dead . Do you have any idea what that did to me ? " Now I finally find you , and you treat me like a stranger . Like I don't even deserve the chance to be near you . " She took a step closer , tears running freely . " What am I supposed to do ? " By then , she could barely speak . The sobs came hard and heavy . She had thought she was strong . She had kept her pain locked inside for years , pretending she was fine . But now that he stood right in front of her , she realized she had only ever held on because of him .

Leander was the one thing that made her strong . And also the one thing that could break her . " Ask your father . Ask father . Ask your sister . Don't ask me . " His voice stayed cold . He moved past her without stopping . 1/4 14:02 Wed Oct 15 ure Family " Ice Cube ! You can hate me , but you better listen ! " Maeve shouted at his back . Her voice was loud , raw , and full of heartbreak . " These past two days , I've made up my mind ! Finished "No matter what you say , no matter what you feel , I'm not leaving . Not in this life or the next . You're stuck with me .

I don't care where you go . I'll follow you until the day I die ." Her voice rang out into the open night . Yvette and Ginny had just stepped outside . They heard everything . Neither of them moved . They just stared from afar , unsure of what to do . Leander stopped . His eyes lowered slightly . This girl really was hopeless . He let out a slow breath . Ever since his secret had come out , he knew this was going to happen . Maeve wasn't going anywhere . He paused , then turned to face her . His gaze was calm , but his eyes held something deeper- quiet and heavy like a sky before a storm .

" Let's make a deal . " Maeve wiped her tears . She stepped toward him quickly and nodded . " For the next three years , let's not see each other . Not unless it happens by chance . " If three years pass and your feelings haven't changed , then I'll let you stay by my side . " Maeve's lips trembled , but she managed a small smile through the pain . " Okay . That's our deal . I'll keep away from you for three years . " But after that , you better not shut me out again . You have to mean it . " Leander gave a quiet nod . " I will . I don't go back on my word .

If your heart's the same after three years , I'll let you stay ." As soon as he finished , he turned and disappeared into the night . Maeve stood in place , eyes fixed on the darkness where he had vanished . Her tears had stopped , but her resolve had only grown stronger . " Three years , huh ? " She whispered to herself . Her eyes were clear now . 2/4 14:02 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter 260 Shire Family 64 Finished " Ice Cube , you're never getting rid of me . " Three years from now , I'll cash in on that promise , and I'm not letting go . " Far ahead , Leander walked in silence .

He had only agreed to the deal to buy time . He figured that after three years , her feelings would fade , and she'd let go on her own . He had no idea just how wrong he would be . The next morning , after a quiet night at the villa , Leander answered a call from Madeline . " What ? Your grandfather called ? He wants you to come back for his seventieth birthday ? " The second she said it , Leander's eyes narrowed . He had once lived with Hazel and Madeline for a while . Life back then was quiet and poor . The three of them barely scraped by .

But to Leander , Hazel was warm , gentle , and thoughtful . He had always believed she was just a kind woman from a small village . But eight years later , when he returned and found out she had passed , everything changed . That loss hit hard . And with it came the truth . Hazel wasn't just some village woman . She had been born into a powerful family in Cranfordale . Her relatives had begged her not to be with Madeline's father . They weren't married , and when she got pregnant , they turned on her . They accused her of shaming the family and threw her out .

They told her to leave the man and end the pregnancy . But Hazel refused . She left everything behind and chose love . She followed Madeline's father into the countryside and gave birth to her daughter . She never expected that the man would abandon her and vanish . After that , she had no strength to go back or face the people who had rejected her . So , she stayed in the village and raised Madeline on her own . During all the years Leander lived with them , he had never heard her speak about her past . No one ever came to visit . Her family had erased her .

And now , out of nowhere , they wanted Madeline back . Leander didn't understand it . Something about it just didn't sit right . " Leander , I really don't get why they came to me , " Madeline said , her voice small and unsure . " But when my mom was still alive , she told me she felt guilty for what she did to her family . She asked me not to hate them . She said if I ever had the chance , I should go see my grandparents . 3/4 14:02 Wed , Oct 15 Chapter PPO Shoe Tamuly Finished " I never had the nerve to reach out . And now they're the ones calling me ...

I don't know what to do Her voice shook as she spoke . She might have been Astria's rising star , but at heart , she was still a teenage girl . Faced with strangers who shared her blood , she didn't know where to begin . Ms. Shire's family , huh ? " Leander murmured . His eyes dimmed slightly . Hazel had been like a mother to him . She had cared for him with the kind of quiet strength he'd never forgotten . Even now , her voice and smile often drifted through his memory . After a long pause , he finally said , " Madeline , you've never seen them before .

Maybe this is chance to meet your family . You should go ." " Will you come with me ? " she asked . Her voice was soft , almost timid , but filled with hope . " Of course . They were Ms. Shire's kin . I should go pay my respects too . " your He didn't hesitate . His gratitude toward Hazel ran deep , and it extended naturally to the family she came from . When the call ended , Leander leaned into the couch and glanced at Madeline's message . He whispered to himself . " The Shire family of Cranfordale . The top military house , huh ." Send Gifts 60