

The Man's Decree 121

Chapter 121 Might As Well

Slap!

Before Zayne could even finish his sentence, another slap came his way.

"Jared..."

Slap!

"I..."

Slap!

As Zayne opened his mouth again, another tight slap quickly followed. He was beaten up to a pulp.

Finally, Zayne didn't dare to even open his mouth anymore. Instead, he just stared at Jared with fearful eyes.

Not only Jared, but the rest of them were also absolutely terrified after witnessing what happened to Zayne. None of them dared to speak a word anymore. Lydia was trembling so badly as she sat down quietly on her chair. She was worried that if she said another word, a slap was going to land on her face as well.

Gradually, their gazes ended up on Xavier. Since he was the general manager of the company, surely he was supposed to do something about what had just happened. Hence, everyone was eager to see what would happen to Jared.

To everyone's surprise, Xavier kept silent, and his grim expression remained. The atmosphere in the room was so tense that it was suffocating.

"That's enough. Serve the dishes!" After a few minutes, Xavier finally broke the silence.

Everyone was baffled by what they heard. Millions of questions were running through their minds. After what Jared has done, why did Mr. Jennings still keep him around for dinner? Shouldn't he have just fired him on the spot instead?

Could it be that there's something going on between them behind the scenes?

It can't be!

Based on how they talked to each other just now, it was obvious that they aren't even friends!

Where did he get the courage to beat up Zayne? Also, why did Mr. Jennings not do anything about it?

As Maria was busy attending to Zayne's swollen face, she couldn't take her fiery eyes off of Jared.

Soon after, the waiters started bringing in the dishes.

Every single one of the dishes looked appetizing and expensive.

Only when the table was filled with sumptuous dishes, did the gazes shift away from Jared. Right then, everyone was salivating at the sight of such luxurious food.

Jared took his fork and dug in first.

Although everyone seemed to have something to say about Jared eating before Xavier, none of them actually said a word. Well, they wouldn't have dared since Xavier didn't seem to mind.

"Let's eat, everyone. Don't be shy!" As soon as Xavier finished his sentence, everyone started devouring the food. It was a rare opportunity for them to taste such lavish dishes.

Although Hilda was amazed at the sight of the dishes served, she kept her cool. Unlike the others, she didn't snatch for the food shamelessly.

That put her at a disadvantage because the plates had emptied before she even had the chance to try.

Jared noticed how shy Hilda was. Hence, he started taking the food on her behalf. "Hilda, eat up! Since you're not paying, you might as well just eat to your heart's content!"

In a blink of an eye, Hilda's bowl was filled to the brim.

Xavier was observing Jared's behaviors. What does Josephine see in him?

Throughout the dinner, Xavier didn't eat anything at all. Instead, he kept checking his watch as though he was waiting anxiously for something to happen.

"Jared, I need to use the restroom." Hilda stood up and got out of the room.

After a few minutes, Hilda ran back into the room anxiously. Her face was as pale as a sheet when she sat down next to Jared.

"What's wrong, Hilda?" Jared questioned.

"I-It's nothing." Hilda shook her head violently.

But as soon as Hilda finished her sentence, the door to the room was kicked open. Then, four burly men walked through the door.

"Hey, little girl! Did you not realize that you've knocked me? Don't you need to apologize?" one of the men asked Hilda.

"I-It was an accident. I'm sorry!" Hilda stood up abruptly and started apologizing to the men.

As everyone was shocked by the forceful entrance made by the men, Xavier flashed an unnoticeable smile.

## Chapter 122 Are You Trying To Kill Me

The men he was waiting for had finally arrived.

The four burly men were standing behind Felix when Xavier met him earlier.

“Do you think you can get away just by saying sorry? At the very least, you must have a drink with me as compensation for knocking into me.” The burly man smiled insidiously.

“In that case, let’s have a toast.”

Hilda wasn’t afraid of a drink. In fact, she had a bottomless capacity for alcohol.

After pouring two glasses of wine, she offered one of them to the burly man.

While doing so, the man touched Hilda’s hand on purpose, causing her to yelp and drop the glass. Consequently, the wine was spilled all over him.

“Da\*n it! How dare you splatter wine over me?”

In a fit of rage, the man raised his hand in an attempt to strike her.

Jared got up and pulled Hilda behind him. With a cold glint in his eye, he said, “I offer my apologies on her behalf.”

When the man snuck a glance at Xavier, Xavier gave him a knowing look in return. He quickly understood that Jared was Xavier’s target.

“Who do you think you are to apologize on her behalf?”

The burly man grabbed Jared by the collar and prepared to drag him out of the private room.

Since they had found who they were looking for, they wanted to drag him out to a secluded place and take him out. After all, killing him in public was not an option.

However, Jared grabbed the burly man’s hand and made a slight but forceful twist, causing the man to loosen his grip in pain.

“I hate it when people grab my collar. Take this as a warning,” Jared plainly remarked.

The man was infuriated when he saw his reddened wrist.

Although Xavier was surprised to hear Jared’s brazen words, he thought that it would only accelerate the time of his doom.

“Kid, are you trying to be a hero? Let’s do this outside if you have the guts,” the man challenged.

“No problem,” Jared readily agreed.

When Hilda saw that Jared was going out with the men, she quickly held him back. “Jared…”

“Don’t worry. I’ll be back soon.”

After gently smiling at Hilda, Jared left with them.

When she saw Jared leave with the burly men, Hilda attempted to run after them. However, she was quickly stopped by Maria.

“Hilda, what are you trying to do? Those are vicious men. Since Jared dared to go with them, he must have confidence in beating them.”

Even though Maria was trying to reassure Hilda, she was secretly hoping that Jared would be beaten to death instead.

Watching Jared being brought away, Xavier's smile widened. He then returned his attention to everyone who was shocked and gestured with his hand. "Everyone, please continue."

Upon hearing his words, everyone returned to their seats and the atmosphere became lively again.

"I hope that idiot Jared will be beaten to death," Zayne hissed.

With his face still hurting, he was filled with overwhelming hatred for Jared.

The rest of the group shared his sentiments, as none of them were concerned about Jared's well-being at all. Only Hilda was worried for him.

While everyone was making merry in the private room, Jared followed the four men to the back of the building.

With few people around, the four men surrounded him at once.

Looking at them, Jared smirked. "I can feel how intense your murderous intent is. Are you planning to kill me?"

The man who had his hand twisted by Jared earlier replied, "Kid, someone wants you dead, so don't blame us for doing our job. Instead, you should just blame your unfortunate fate. Now, I'll make this a quick death to lessen your suffering."

Just as he spoke, the four of them drew out their daggers and stared viciously at Jared.

"Since I'm going to die soon, can you tell me who hired you to kill me?" Jared asked, after sweeping his gaze at the weapons in their hands.

## Chapter 123 Against The Rules

"No, that's against the rules!" One of the burly men shook his head.

"Since you can't. I'll just have to ask your boss."

With that, Jared walked toward the manager's office upstairs.

The four men were stunned. Not only was Jared not afraid of them, he even viewed them with contempt.

"Da\*n you!"

With a roaring cry, they sprang to action and thrust their dagger at him.

Jared waved his hand without even looking. The four men suddenly felt a forceful strike on their wrist, causing them to drop their daggers onto the floor.

Stupefied, they gawked at Jared as he ascended the stairs.

They had no idea what just happened. In fact, they didn't even see Jared make any contact with them. In spite of that, they had dropped their daggers and saw a bleeding cut on their wrists.

It wasn't until Jared was out of sight that the four men regained their senses and ran in pursuit.

Meanwhile, inside the manager's office, Felix furrowed his brows slightly with a cigar in his hand.

Prior to this, the balance of power in Horington's underground was equally split between the Templar Regiment and Crimson Dragon Gang. As for the other minor gangs, they were barely worth mentioning.

However, after Steven, the leader of the Crimson Dragon Gang, was injured, he left Felix in charge. Therefore, Felix didn't dare make any reckless moves. Without Steven around, there was no way they could defend themselves against any attacks by Tommy.

Furthermore, Felix had seen with his own eyes how Jared had defeated Steven and was consequently shocked by his strength. He even wondered to himself where Tommy found such a powerful subordinate.

At the same time, Steven had gone to seek out his master, Francis. As long as he could bring Francis back, the Crimson Dragon Gang would be able to stand toe to toe with the Templar Regiment.

Bam!

Just when Felix was looking out the window pondering about the gang's future, his office door was kicked open with a thunderous bang.

Without even looking, he snapped, "F\*ck, who dares to enter my office without knocking?"

The moment he turned around, he was so taken aback that his eyes flashed with horror.

After all, Jared, the man who defeated Steven, was standing right in front of him.

Nevertheless, Jared didn't know who Felix was. Although Steven had brought a large group of people to Walter's banquet, Jared didn't fight anyone else but Steven alone.

"Are you the manager of Vintage Restaurant?" Jared asked the shocked Felix.

When he realized Jared wasn't aware of who he was, he nodded at once. "Yes, I am. What can I help you with?"

"Just a while ago, your subordinates told me that someone has hired them to dispose of me

"Hired them to kill you?" Felix knitted his brows slightly. Suddenly, his eyes opened wide while his body began to shiver.

He had remembered Xavier's request for him to kill someone. Unfortunately, he didn't expect Jared to be the target.

Just when Felix was stumped, the four burly men rushed into the room.

"Mr. Lawson, the kid is strong. The four of us were no match for him and couldn't stop him from coming up here," one of the burly men reported.

When he realized Xavier's target was undoubtedly Jared, Felix almost collapsed onto the floor.

He was now filled with regret. If he had known it was Jared, he wouldn't have taken the job regardless of how much he was paid, let alone one million.

Despite how strong Steven was, he was easily defeated by Jared with just a kick.

#### Chapter 124 A Curse

"Mr. Chance, I didn't know it was you. If I did, I wouldn't have accepted the job!"

At the sight of Jared, all Felix could do was lower himself and apologize.

"Do you know me?" Jared furrowed his brows.

Felix smiled awkwardly. "I saw you at Mr. Grange's banquet where you defeated our leader."

"Since you know I'm the one who beat Steven up, shouldn't you be exacting your revenge? Why are you still being so courteous?" Jared was puzzled. All this while, the Templar Regiment and the Crimson Dragon Gang were at odds with each other. Given that he had beaten up their leader, he should have been treated as the enemy.

Instead, Felix was so respectful to him that it bordered upon being sycophantic.

"Mr. Chance, you must be kidding. Considering how capable you are, I would need to have a death wish before revenge crosses my mind," Felix explained candidly.

Smiling, Jared was surprised by Felix's frankness and how he savvily maneuvered around the situation.

"In that case, can you now tell me who wants me dead?" Jared asked.

"Xavier, he paid me a million to do it." Felix didn't dare hide the truth. The rules no longer mattered when his life was now at risk.

Jared snickered in response, as his suspicions were spot on.

After Jared was gone, Felix realized that he was drenched in sweat.

"Mr. Lawson, was our leader really defeated by that man? He looks way too young," one of the burly men asked in astonishment.

Felix's expression turned grim. "Tell the men that no one is to touch that b\*stard until our leader is back."

"Understood!" After nodding in acknowledgment, the four burly men went off to spread the word.

Meanwhile, back in the private room, Xavier and the others were drinking jubilantly. Both he and Zayne were particularly delighted to see Jared being led away.

Given that the general manager and department manager were enjoying themselves, everyone else naturally followed suit.

When he finally had his fill, Xavier stood up and waved his hand. "That's all for today, as we still have to work tomorrow. I hope all of you will do your best for the department."

Given how happy he was, Xavier's face was blushing red from all the alcohol he consumed.

Since he had declared the night over, everyone took their leave obediently.

"Jared isn't back yet. Are we not waiting for him anymore?" Hilda asked in concern.

"Hilda, didn't you hear what Mr. Jennings said? He has ordered us to go home early and rest, as we still need to go to the office tomorrow. Are you planning to disobey his order?" Zayne roared in return.

An anxious look descended upon Hilda's face. Even though she didn't dare to go against Xavier, she was still worried about Jared's safety.

"Hilda, forget about him. Who knows, he might have sneaked home without our knowledge. Let's go back first," Maria persuaded.

Considering the situation, Hilda had no choice but to go along with them.

Meanwhile, Xavier muttered under his breath with a smirk, "Jared is never going to return."

However, just when everyone was about to leave, the door to the private room opened, and in walked Jared.

"Jared?"

Everyone was stunned. They had assumed that he would've been beaten to a pulp by then.

Xavier in particular was taken aback. Didn't they agree to dispose of Jared? Why is he suddenly here?

"Jared..."

At the sight of Jared, Hilda threw herself at him.

"H-How did you come back?" Xavier asked in disbelief.

Jared sneered, "Since the matter is resolved, it's natural that I return. Mr. Jennings, are you hoping that I won't?"

## Chapter 125 Ganging Up

When Xavier saw the mischievous look in Jared's eyes, he felt a chill down his spine. Getting a grip of himself, he quickly answered, "What are you talking about? All that matters is that you're back."

"Jared, you returned at a bad time, as we have finished for the evening. If you still want to eat, there are some leftovers which you can have. Or else, they'll just go to waste," Zayne suggested sarcastically.

Zayne's comments caused everyone to burst into mocking laughter.

"Oh? Does your mouth not hurt anymore?" Jared snapped with a smirk.

Zayne cringed at the comment while covering his face with both hands.

“Zayne, just ignore him. Let’s go.”

Worried that Jared would strike Zayne again, Maria quickly pulled him away.

After everyone was gone, only Jared and Hilda were left in the room.

“Jared, if you’re hungry, we can grab a bite outside instead of having leftovers here,” Hilda proposed.

“Did you not have your fill?” Jared gave her a surprised look.

“When you were taken away, I was worried about you. So…” Hilda admitted that she barely ate anything.

When the look on her face made him feel guilty, Jared replied with a smile, “Come, let’s go grab a bite.”

With that, Jared left with Hilda.

Meanwhile, outside Vintage Restaurant, Zayne cordially opened the car door for Xavier. “Mr. Jennings, please…”

After taking a step, Xavier backed out of the car. “You guys go on ahead. I just remembered that I have some unfinished business to deal with.”

Xavier wanted to question Felix about what happened. If Felix had failed, he then wanted his money back.

“Mr. Jennings, if there’s anything you need, I can deal with it for you,” Jared asked with a smile while approaching them together with Hilda.

“Jared, who do you think you are to be able to deal with Mr. Jennings’ matters?” Zayne snorted before turning to Xavier. “Mr. Jennings, I can help you with whatever you need.”

“It’s a private matter. You guys should leave first.”

Just as he spoke, Xavier glanced at Jared before reentering Vintage Restaurant.

“Jared, didn’t you arrive in a Bentley? Now that we’re leaving, is it coming to pick you up? Since I haven’t seen a Bentley before, can you get your friend to drive it here to show me?” Lydia suggested sarcastically all of a sudden.

“That’s right, I want to see a Bentley too!”

“Count me in! I want to check out how this friend of Jared actually looks.”

“Let’s pray that you didn’t come in a Bentley and travel home on a scooter.”

The crowd began to ridicule Jared.

“Why should I let you see it?” Jared sneered.

“You’re just bragging. You never had such a friend at all!”

“It’s too easy to get away with boasting nowadays. If it was illegal, you would have been arrested a long time ago!”



“It doesn’t matter if it was. After all, Jared has been arrested before. Have you forgotten that he was recently released from prison?”

With the crowd backing each other up, they peppered Jared with snide remarks, simply because they wanted to ingratiate themselves with Zayne.

When he heard their comments, Zayne was caught up in their fervor and forgot the pain he suffered earlier. Hence, he piled on the insults, “I heard that Jared was cheated upon when he came out of prison. Given what a loser he is, how dare he brag in front of us?”

With a darkening expression, Jared raised his hand, striking fear into Zayne.

In fact, Zayne was so terrified that he covered his face with both hands and hid behind Maria.

“Jared, what are you doing? If you dare touch him, I will not let you off!” Maria scowled.