

Chapter 131 A Penny

Yolanda was caught off guard, as she had no idea how much Jared could afford. Hence, she asked, "Jared, Rhino is asking you how much are you willing to compensate him? I would like to remind you if it wasn't for me, Rhino would've crippled you no matter how rich you are."

Yolanda tried to scare Jared, hoping that he would be willing to fork out more to avoid any physical punishment.

When Rhino heard how Yolanda sang his praises, he couldn't help but break into a smile.

"Is this enough?" Jared raised a finger.

"Do you think ten thousand can satisfy me?" Rhino sneered with a grim expression.

"Jared, what are you thinking? Rhino isn't a beggar. How can you offer only ten thousand?" Yolanda admonished Jared while desperately signaling him with her eyes.

"I didn't say ten thousand." Jared shook his head.

"Even a hundred thousand is too little," Rhino retorted.

At that moment, Yolanda fell into a dilemma because a hundred thousand was a huge sum. Considering Jared had just been released from prison, there was no way he would have that kind of money.

"Rhino, just look at him. Ten thousand is probably his limit. As he has just gotten out of jail, he barely has any money at all," Yolanda pleaded on behalf of Jared.

"Just out from prison?" Rhino was caught by surprise. "No wonder he is so ruthless and has some guts. I don't care whether he has the money or not. A hundred thousand just won't do for hitting me."

At Rhino's refusal, Yolanda turned to Jared again. "You should increase your offer. If you don't have enough, I can lend you everything I have. But, I have to be clear that you must pay me back. After all, I'm only loaning you the money on Hilda's account."

"I wasn't talking about a hundred thousand either." Jared shook his head.

Yolanda was stunned to hear his answer. In contrast, Rhino's face lit up in ecstasy. Nevertheless, he hid his emotions and responded coldly, "Are you talking about a million then? If you really can pay a million, I will let this matter slide. Moreover, I'll even allow you to work for me since you're an ex-convict."

"I was talking about a penny."

Just as he spoke, Jared took out a penny from his pocket and flicked it over.

When he realized what Jared meant, Rhino was outraged, "Da*n it, how dare you diss me? I'm going to kill you!"

Even Yolanda couldn't hold back her anger. "Jared, what's the meaning of this? Why are you only offering a penny? After all that I have done for you, why aren't you the least bit cooperative? Da*n, I

have had it with you!” Yolanda exploded. If it wasn’t for Hilda, she wouldn’t even have cared about Jared.

After she got out of the way, Rhino grabbed a chair and swung it at Jared.

Having brought more than ten men with him, he was no longer afraid. Therefore, he attacked with all the ruthlessness he could muster.

Just before Rhino could land his strike, Jared flicked the coin out from his hand. The coin shot out like a bullet and struck Rhino’s wrist.

As an excruciating pain descended upon him, Rhino threw the chair aside. Checking his wrist, he realized that it was bleeding profusely.

“Kill him! Just kill him!” Rhino thundered.

At his cue, his men charged at Jared while brandishing the weapons in their hands.

“Jared!” Hilda exclaimed at the sight.

Just when she wanted to shield Jared, Yolanda forcefully held her back.

If she had joined in the fray, Hilda would have just thrown her life away for nothing.

Chapter 132 Regret

Despite facing more than ten men, Jared was calmly seated and barely moved a muscle.

Suddenly, he grabbed some peanuts from the table flung them out in their direction.

When the men saw Jared throwing peanuts at them, they made a face and didn’t bother to dodge, assuming that the peanuts were harmless.

But soon, all of them regretted it at once.

Upon impact, they felt as if they were hit by bullets instead. One by one, they trembled momentarily before collapsing onto the ground. Every one of them had a cut on their hands where blood began to flow out.

Rhino was stunned by what happened. As if he was spellbound, he watched as his subordinates were all howling in pain.

“Wh-what happened?” Rhino gulped nervously.

No one answered him, and even Yolanda was stupefied. After all, she had not expected Jared to be so powerful. Turning around, she gave Hilda a look, as she felt that she deserved an explanation about who Jared really was.

At that moment, even Hilda was taken aback. She never knew Jared was capable of taking down more than ten men with just peanuts. It was simply unfathomable.

Staring at Rhino, Jared questioned, “Are you still planning to kill me?”

Just when he attempted to answer, words just wouldn't come out after he saw the look on Jared's face.

In fact, it took him a while before he regained his senses. After taking a few deep breaths to calm down, he replied, "Kid, I got to admit that you know a thing or two, but do you know who I am? I'm a member of the Crimson Dragon Gang, and this street belongs to us. Now that you have hit me, you have made enemies with the entire gang."

"So what if I did? If you're so tough, why don't all of you just come at me?" Jared couldn't help but sneer.

With his face fuming red, Rhino took out his phone and made a call.

Even though no one knew who he was calling, they were certain it was for reinforcements.

Soon, Rhino broke out into a smug smile after the call had ended. "Kid, now that Mr. Lawson is coming, you're doomed. Even if you have nine lives, there's no way you're going to escape."

Rhino had called Felix. With Steven away, Felix was left in charge of the Crimson Dragon Gang in his stead. Now that there was an issue, Felix was the man Rhino was supposed to escalate to.

The mention of Felix's name caused Jared to break into laughter. After all, he had just left Felix's office and didn't expect to see him again so soon.

"Perfect. I'll be right here waiting. Let's see how this Mr. Lawson that you talk about will do to me," Jared remarked with contempt.

However, the mere mention of Felix caused Yolanda's face to turn pale. After giving Hilda a look, she whispered in her ear, "Hilda, you should persuade Jared to leave now instead of maintaining this bravado. Let me tell you, Mr. Lawson is a lieutenant of Steven, head of the Crimson Dragon Gang. He is so ruthless that Jared would definitely lose his life if he comes later."

Frightened by the prospect, Hilda nodded slightly. Then, she approached Jared and muttered, "Jared, we'd better go. It's getting late."

Chapter 133 Nine Lives

Hilda didn't reveal to Jared how powerful Felix was, as she was cognizant of his over-inflated ego. If she had been frank, Jared would never want to leave.

After glancing at Yolanda, Jared turned his attention to Hilda and suggested, "Hilda, you and Yolanda should go first. I'll be leaving in a short while."

Jared's refusal to leave simply intensified Hilda's worries. Thus, she had no choice but to speak the truth. "Jared, Yolanda just told me that Mr. Lawson is very strong. Hence, it's better if we don't challenge him."

"Don't worry. I'm not afraid." Jared smiled faintly.

When Yolanda saw how stubborn Jared was, she had no choice but to admonish him aloud, "Don't assume that you are invincible just because you know a thing or two. Mr. Lawson is a key lieutenant of

the leader of the Crimson Dragon Gang, and he is an extremely skilled fighter. In fact, even if there were two or three of you, you would still be no match for him. Therefore, do you still want to stay back?"

"What's there to be scared of?" Jared responded with nonchalance.

'You...' Yolanda almost exploded. Finally, desperately pulled Hilda along with her. "Hilda, let's just leave him and go. Given that he has offended the Crimson Dragon Gang, there's no way he will survive to see tomorrow. It's not worth it for us to be dragged down with him."

With that, Yolanda forcefully towed Hilda away. Even though Rhino didn't want to let them go, he didn't dare to utter a single word of protest, as he was worried about being assaulted by Jared again.

Not long after the ladies were gone, a few cars came speeding in and screeched to a halt in front of the stall they were at.

When the owner saw what was going on, he fled into his cabin in fear. At the same time, the other patrons began to flee. Only those who were brave enough stayed back to watch from afar.

Everyone knew of Felix's terrifying reputation. Therefore, no one dared to offend him for fear of losing their lives.

At the sight of the cars, Rhino hurried forward to open the car door in a sycophantic manner.

Chomping a cigar in his mouth, Felix alighted from the car. The authority he exuded awed the onlooking crowd.

Facing Felix with a remorseful expression, Rhino greeted loudly, "Mr. Lawson!"

"Rhino, look at you. You're nothing but a disgrace!" Looking at Rhino's miserable expression, Felix furrowed his brows. "Where's the troublemaker?"

"Mr. Lawson, he's sitting right there." Rhino pointed at Jared.

As Felix's gaze trailed the trajectory of Rhino's finger, his body shivered at the sight of Jared, causing the cigar he was smoking to drop onto the ground.

When he saw how petrified Felix was, Rhino was stunned. He quickly picked up the cigar and explained, "Mr. Lawson, he's just one man but has some decent skills. In fact, he had even defeated all of my men."

At that moment, Felix was so enraged that he wanted to give Rhino a piece of his mind.

Jared doesn't just have some decent skills. He is actually so strong that Steven was defeated with just a kick. Consequently, there's no one in Horington who could fight him at all.

"Mr. Lawson!" At that moment, Jared looked at Felix in a mischievous manner. "Looks like fate has brought us together again."

In response, Felix broke into a servile smile and walked up to Jared. "Mr. Chance, I'm sure you're just joking. Looks like it's my fault for not disciplining my men again."

At that moment, Rhino was shocked. With a bewildered expression, he looked in Felix's direction.

“Your subordinate claimed that I wouldn’t be leaving this place alive even if I had nine lives,” Jared related with a smirk.

“That’s impossible. With your skills, no one in Horington can stop you.” Felix smiled awkwardly before turning to Rhino. “Rhino, get your ass over here.”

Chapter 134 Buying A Car

Astounded, Rhino had no choice but to trudge forward as instructed.

“Get down on your f*cking knees and apologize to Mr. Chance!” Felix landed a kick on Rhino.

Thud!

With that, Rhino dropped to his knees in front of Jared.

“Enough, you can drop the act. Before Steven comes back with his master, I won’t do anything to your gang. Unless, if you get on my nerves.”

Jared was well aware that Felix was just pretending to be respectful.

After all, he had become the Crimson Dragon Gang’s mortal enemy ever since he defeated Steven. Therefore, there was no way Felix would sincerely respect him.

Just as he finished, Jared got up to leave. A cold glint glistened in Felix’s eye as he watch Jared’s silhouette disappear.

“M-Mr. Lawson, who is he?” Rhino asked curiously as he got back to his feet after Jared left.

Slap!

Suddenly, Felix responded with a forceful slap.

“Let me warn you, the next time you see him, please stay as far as you can away from him. He was the one who defeated Steven. Hence, you should be counting your lucky stars for not losing your life today.”

With that, Felix left with his men, leaving Rhino behind trying to recover from the shock.

Meanwhile, back in their neighborhood, Hilda waited anxiously for Jared. As for Yolanda, she had left after sending Hilda home.

“Hilda, why aren’t you going in? Who are you waiting for?” Chloe asked when she saw Hilda loitering outside.

“Mom, you should go in first. I’m waiting for Jared,” Hilda replied with an anxious expression.

“What happened to Jared? Why didn’t both of you come home together?” Chloe asked when she saw how worried Hilda was.

“He...” Hilda was suddenly tongue-tied, as she didn’t know how to explain to her mother.

“Hilda, where’s Jared? Aren’t you both supposed to come back together?”

At that moment, Hannah and Gary came out of the house.

When she saw Jared's parents, Hilda didn't want them to worry. Hence, she quickly made an excuse. "He's busy with work so he will be a little late."

"What is he doing? It's already past office hours. How can there be so much work to do?" Hannah grumbled.

"Mrs. Chance, you should go back in first. I can wait for him here."

Hilda urged them to go back in, as she didn't know when Jared would be back or if he could even make it home.

"We were planning to give both of you a surprise, but Jared still isn't back even though it is so late," Hannah commented with a sigh.

"Surprise?" Hilda was stunned.

Chloe quickly explained, "Since taking public transport to work is inconvenient for both of you, Mr. Chance has bought a car to make your lives easier. We planned to surprise Jared, but he is still not back."

"Mrs. Wallace, you paid for the car too. Therefore, it's considered a gift from both families to the children," Hannah added right away.

"I only contributed a few thousand which isn't significant. You guys paid for all the rest," Chloe commented with a smile.

"This car is for both of them to start off. Once they have settled into their jobs, they can buy their own. Now that we're old, this is all the help we can give," Gary explained.

"That's very true. Going forward, we will have to rely on both of them," Chloe agreed with a nod.

Having heard their conversation, Hilda blushed in response. It felt as if both parents were treating them as a couple which was something Hilda didn't object to.

After spending a lot of time with Jared recently, Hilda noticed that she had developed feelings for him.

Chapter 135 Indignance

Unfortunately, she had no idea where Jared stood in their relationship.

"It's getting late. What are you chatting about out here?"

At that moment, Jared approached them with a smiling face.

"Jared..."

Upon his return, Hilda rushed up to him and scrutinized him for any injuries.

With Chloe and Gary saw her reaction, both of them broke into a smile.

Only Hannah sighed. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if I can see both of them get married with my own eyes?"

When Jared heard the comment, he felt the urge to explain that he only saw Hilda as a sister. However, underneath everyone's hopeful gazes, he couldn't bring himself to say it.

"Mom, don't worry. I will definitely find a cure for your eyes," Jared reassured her instead of clarifying their misunderstanding.

"There's no need to worry about me, as I'm used to it. Both of you should focus on your jobs. Once you have saved up enough, you can buy a matrimonial home and a car. As for me and your dad, there's nothing more we can do to help," Hannah commented with a guilty tone.

Given that Jared wasn't married yet, she felt bad that Gary and she couldn't financially support Jared any further.

"Hannah, don't say that. Their happiness is all that matters. After all, I don't need anything at my end." Chloe patted Hannah on the shoulder.

Despite being filled with mixed emotions when he heard those words, Jared still didn't know how to break the news to them.

"Jared, Mr. Chance has bought you a car. We can drive together to work from tomorrow onward," Hilda informed Jared in order to change the subject.

After all, their parents were getting ahead of themselves by discussing their marriage. Since they weren't even in an official relationship yet, such talk was simply too early.

"Jared, your dad spent the whole day outside just to get you this car. Although it isn't much, it's certainly more comfortable than taking public transport," Chloe added.

After walking downstairs together, Jared and Hilda saw a white Ford parked there. At first glance, one could tell right away that it wasn't a new car.

"Jared, this is a second-hand Ford. Nevertheless, the mileage is still low, and there was only one previous owner. Also, it's in pretty good condition and only costs forty thousand. Hence, I bought it for you. That's the best I can do..." Gary explained with an apologetic expression.

Gary's words tugged at Jared's heartstrings. "Dad, it's a great car. Now that I can make a living, there's nothing for you to worry about anymore."

"Mmm-hmm. We're glad to see you finally have a good job. As long as you work hard, you will definitely afford everything you want in the future," Gary encouraged Jared with a nod.

However, Jared was planning to quit his job after a few days, as it was getting in the way of his training. But now, he had to put the idea on the back-burner until he could reassure his parents about it.

The next day, when Jared drove the second-hand Ford to work, he was expectedly ridiculed by his colleagues. Nevertheless, he didn't mind it at all.

As for Hilda, she too didn't care about what others said. At that moment, the thought of being able to travel to and fro from work together with Jared felt blissful to her.

Just when they arrived at the office, Zayne came over and ordered, "Jared, you'll have to collect all the debts today or you'll be fired."

Zayne hated Jared to the core, especially after what happened the night before. Not only did Jared hit him in public, but he humiliated him too. Hence, there was no way he would forgive Jared.

After staring coldly at Zayne, Jared simply ignored him. Instead, Hilda became nervous about it.

"Mr. Carlson, there are so many of them. How is it possible that Jared recover them all? Aren't you just making things difficult for him?"

Although Jared didn't say a word, Hilda felt indignant at Zayne's demand.