

## **The Man's Decree 341**

### **Chapter 341 Home Alone**

Nothing beats a home-cooked meal! Jared was looking forward to his mother's cooking.

Although he knew Hannah and Gary weren't his biological parents, he still loved them the same.

"Mom?" Jared yelled out again after getting no response the first time.

"Where did they go? Have they gone out for a stroll?" Jared grumbled softly as he made his way into the dining room. That was when he saw a piece of paper on the dining table.

He picked it up and saw it was a letter written to him by Hannah.

He then read it out loud, "Your dad and I are moving back to our old house for a while. Please take good care of yourself. I've made some yummy dishes and kept them in the refrigerator. If you're hungry, you can heat them up. On a different note, please be nice to Josephine because she deserves that much. Your dad and I will not forgive you if you ever break her heart! While we are away, don't hesitate to bring Josephine over. With her care, I can at least not worry as much about you! Also, I'm looking forward to having a grandchild! Please see to it!"

Jared couldn't help but smile upon reading the letter. Now I know why they've moved back. It's because they want Josephine and me to have some time alone! As a matter of fact, it would be inappropriate for Josephine to move in while his parents were around because they weren't married yet.

Jared kept the letter. Well, it's safer for them to be away for a while, considering the enemies I've made. It's too risky to have them staying in Horington for the time being.

After that, he went to the refrigerator to grab some dishes before heating them up.

After the meal, Jared took out the jade pendant he had taken from the Whitaker residence. The pendant had a dark shade of green, and the finishing was pristine. What a nice jade pendant!

While Jared was checking the pendant out, he bit his finger and dripped a drop of his blood on it. Suddenly, the droplet of blood was absorbed by the pendant.

The corners of Jared's mouth curled into a smile upon seeing that. Then, he shut his eyes and held the pendant tightly with both his hands. With that, a faint golden aura was emitted from his grip.

While surrounded by a golden light, the pendant started floating in the air when Jared let go of it abruptly. In it, a dark swirl of energy was bouncing around.

Behind the dark shade of energy, a blood-red light was present. In an instant, it was as if the pendant had turned itself into a race track. Both shades of light were chasing after one another.

"Crush!" Jared uttered.

With that, Jared opened his eyes and directly shot a ray of light at the jade pendant.

Clank!

The golden light around the pendant disappeared, and it dropped to the ground. At impact, the pendant broke into two pieces.

As soon as the pendant split into half, a dark red droplet of blood was seen flowing out of it.

Jared picked up both the pieces and wiped the blood off one of them. He then mumbled, "This is good stuff!"

While holding both the pieces, he transferred some of his spiritual energy into them. After that, he found some red strings and tied them onto both the pieces.

With this, I'll know right away whenever Josephine is in danger! Not only that, it can even protect her from at least the first blow! Jared smiled and rang Josephine on the phone.

Jared had realized that no matter how strong he was, he couldn't be in two places at the same time. If something bad happened to Josephine, there was no way he could find out in time, let alone be there to protect her.

However, things would be different with the jade pendant. Not only did he infuse it with his blood, but he had also transferred some spiritual energy into it. Now that I have two pieces of it, I can protect her without even being near her! Both of us will have a piece of it each. With it, a telepathic link will be established. I'll know instantly if she's in trouble.

"Hey! What is it? Do you miss me already?" Josephine asked on the phone while still having her mouth full of food.

### **Chapter 342 Token Of Love**

"Don't flatter yourself! I'm not missing you. I have something for you. Please come over to Dragon Bay!" Jared stubbornly denied it.

In actuality, they were both thinking about each other all the time.

"Hmph! You're so stubborn! What are you giving me? Why don't you send it here instead?" Josephine smiled.

"You need to be here to collect it personally! Hurry up!" Jared hung up the phone immediately after.

Jared had his reason for asking Josephine to visit him instead of sending the pendant over. He wanted her to know that he was alone at home and get her to stay with him.

Hmph! How dare he hang up on me! Josephine pursed her lips and changed before heading to see Jared.

Upon arriving, Josephine tidied herself up and put on a bright smile as she walked into the mansion. Since I'm going to see his parents, I must be presentable!

However, Josephine didn't see anyone around when she made her way into the living room. Instead, she only saw Jared coming out of the kitchen alone.

Josephine took another cursory glance around the house, looking for his parents.

If his parents were home, Josephine didn't dare to behave casually.

"Stop looking around! My parents moved back to their old house!" Jared flashed her a smile.

Upon hearing that, Josephine let out a sigh of relief.

It wasn't that his parents were difficult to be around. It was just that if there were elders present, Josephine would always be walking on eggshells. For her, it was important to always maintain a good impression.

Josephine pinched Jared's ear and asked, "How dare you hang up on me?" Since his parents weren't around, she was herself again.

"Ouch!" Jared howled before apologizing hurriedly, "I was wrong! I won't ever hang up on you again!"

Since Jared had already apologized, she let go of his ear at once. "What do you have for me?"

Jared took out the pendant. "Wear this. With it, I'll know immediately when you're in trouble!"

Josephine took the jade pendant and examined it. Baffled, she asked, "Why is it only half of it? Where's the other half?"

"Silly, the other half is with me!" Jared took out his half of the pendant and placed it side by side with hers. At that moment, a faint golden light could be seen flickering when both the pieces were reunited.

"Not bad!" Josephine flashed a smile before putting it on. "Who's making your meals if your parents aren't around?"

"You, of course! Otherwise, why would I ask you to come over?" Jared's mouth curved into a naughty grin.

Josephine rolled her eyes at him. "Why should I? We aren't even married yet. As a matter of fact, I'm not even your girlfriend! So why should I take care of you?"

"Well, you've accepted my token of love when you accepted the pendant. From now on, you're my girlfriend! Hence, you have to take care of me. Besides, my mom says so!" Jared passed her the letter written by Hannah.

Josephine couldn't help but blush uncontrollably when she read about how Hannah was looking forward to having a grandchild. She gave the letter back to him and said, "Since it's Mrs. Chance's instruction, then I guess I'll stay with you for a few days! Nevertheless, we must sleep in separate rooms! Don't you get hanky-panky with me at night!"

"Don't worry. Do I look like someone who would do such things?" Jared was over the moon upon hearing that Josephine would stay with him.

At that precise moment, Jared looked like a young man who had fallen in love for the first time despite the fact that he was actually a ruthless murderer.

That evening, Jared sat on the couch as he gradually absorbed the area's spiritual energy. Although it wasn't much, it was better than nothing. It was impossible to only cultivate when he had rare herbs with him.

## Chapter 343 Burnt

As for Josephine, she was on her phone looking for recipes online to cook for Jared. Since she was brought up in a rich family, she had never been required to cook a meal in her life. Despite that, for him, she was willing to learn as she cooked, regardless of how hard it was for her.

Jared's eyes were filled with love when he saw Josephine busy making dinner for him in the kitchen.

Right at that moment, Jared's phone rang.

It was a call from Walter, and he asked courteously, "Mr. Chance, are you free now? General Long would like to meet you. He's the head of the Department of Justice in Summerbank!"

"Department of Justice? What do they want from me?" Jared frowned.

"I'm not sure about that. He just told me he's hosting a dinner party at Glamor Hotel, and he'd like you to be there!" At that point, Walter had no idea what Jared did in Summerbank. He was merely delivering Anthony's message.

"All right, I'll head there now!" Jared nodded and hung up the phone.

After that, he stood up and walked toward the kitchen to tell Josephine not to cook anymore.

As soon as he stepped into the kitchen, he was met with a dark cloud of smoke. Quickly, he went to the stove and took the pot away from the fire.

"Ah! What happened?" Josephine panicked when she saw the smoke coming out of the pot.

When Jared opened the lid, he saw the pasta was burnt to a crisp. The bottom of the pot was even covered with a layer of black residue.

Josephine then looked at Jared innocently after taking a glance at the pot. "Oops. I've forgotten to put water in the pot!"

Jared burst into laughter and exclaimed, "It's okay. We don't have to cook anymore. Someone has invited us to dinner!"

"Who?"

"Mr. Grange called and said General Long from the Department of Justice in Summerbank wants to meet me at Glamor Hotel!" Jared answered truthfully.

"General of the Department of Justice?" Josephine furrowed before widening her eyes anxiously. "Is this about what you did to the Whitaker family in Summerbank?"

With that, realization had finally dawned upon Jared. "That could be it!" I don't know him personally. Since he had requested to see me, something must be up!

"Then should we just bail?" Josephine's face was filled with anxiety.

"Don't worry. We should be fine." Jared reassured. Since I've already gotten rid of all the surveillance cameras, there's no way it could be traced back to me.

After getting changed, Jared and Josephine arrived at Glamor Hotel. To his surprise, there were other people invited to dinner as well. Since he didn't just invite me specifically, maybe he's not looking for me for what happened to the Whitaker family.

Indeed, William, Glen, and other influential people in Horington were also present. They were there to butter Anthony up since he was from Summerbank.

Everyone was greeting Jared as he walked in because almost everyone invited knew him. In response, Jared responded accordingly.

In one of the corners, Lizbeth was in her uniform as she carefully watched every movement of the attendees. She was stupefied when she saw Josephine.

She hurriedly walked up to her and asked in shock, "What are you doing here, Josephine?"

"Lizbeth? What are you doing here?" Josephine was equally shocked to see Lizbeth. She then cast a gaze upon Lizbeth's uniform and complimented, "You look good in your uniform!"

"I'm here to accompany General Long!" Lizbeth proceeded to size Jared up and queried, "Who's he to you?"

Josephine took a glance at Jared before shifting her gaze toward the pendant that was on her. "He's Jared. He's my boyfriend!"

Since she had accepted his token of love, their relationship was finally official. Josephine was ready to introduce him as her boyfriend.

#### Chapter 344 Responsibility

"Jared?" Lizbeth gasped in shock. "He's your boyfriend?"

"Huh? What's the matter?" Josephine questioned after seeing the look on Lizbeth's face.

"Lizbeth, this is Mr. Chance. He's the person you asked me to call, so now you've met him!" Walter suddenly strode over and smiled.

"Grandpa, why didn't you tell me Jared is Josephine's boyfriend?" Lizbeth frowned and grumbled.

"Well, you didn't ask! Besides, I had no idea if they had gone official. I wouldn't want to jump to conclusions, you know!" Walter answered helplessly before asking, "How do you know Ms. Sullivan?"

"Grandpa, I went to the same university as Josephine! Of course, I know her."

This time around, it was Josephine's turn to discover a baffling fact. "Lizbeth, Mr. Grange is your grandpa? Why didn't you mention that when we were in university?"

Back then, Walter was a renowned government official in Summerbank. It was safe to assume that a grandchild of such a prominent individual would be more than eager to show off. However, not once did Lizbeth mention it to Josephine.

"I didn't want anyone to know about my family background because I want to rely on my own capabilities!" Lizbeth explained.

"Lizbeth has always been a strong-headed girl! She never wanted to rely on others to get what she wants." Walter's heart was aching for her as he said that.

Upon sparing Lizbeth a couple of glances, Jared was impressed. Nowadays, all the youngsters are still relying on their parents to make a living. This girl is quite impressive.

"Grandpa, can't you see how good I'm doing, although I don't rely on anyone in our family? Don't worry about me, okay?" Lizbeth flashed a smile.

"Indeed! You're all right, Lizbeth. Keep up your good work with General Long. Who knows? Maybe one day you can even take his place!" Walter laughed and continued, "All right, I shall go over and greet the others. You guys carry on."

After Walter left, Jared and the others went to their seats. Lizbeth couldn't help but keep sizing Jared up. While doing that, she looked like she had a lot of questions for him.

"Could you come over, Josephine?" Suddenly, William waved at Josephine and asked her to go over to him. It seemed like he had some people he wanted to introduce to her.

Josephine stood up before saying apologetically, "Excuse me, Lizbeth. I'll be back in no time!"

"Oh! Go on!" Lizbeth nodded.

Since Jared and Lizbeth were alone at the table, he finally asked, "Ms. Grange, I suppose you have some questions for me?"

Although Lizbeth was taken aback, she questioned, "Are you responsible for what happened at the Whitaker residence?"

"Yes!" Jared answered without hesitation.

Jared's swift confession had caught Lizbeth completely off-guard. She was lost for words.

After seeing Lizbeth keeping mum, Jared asked, "Have you guys organized this just to get to me?"

"You're right!" Since Jared wasn't one to beat around the bush, Lizbeth didn't hold back either. "We're here to bring you back to Summerbank."

Jared then took a glance at everyone at the scene. It seems like there are less than ten officers from the Department of Justice. Besides, none of them look like they could fight.

"You're expecting to apprehend me with the people you currently have here? What if I refuse to comply? Are you going to take me by force?" Jared asked calmly without showing any hint of hostility.

Lizbeth was rendered speechless for a moment. Since this man can wipe out the whole of the Whitaker family, I'm sure we won't be able to bring him back on our own.

"Regardless of our chances, we must try our best because that's our responsibility!" Lizbeth was very determined.

## Chapter 345 Wiped Out

With a faint smile on his face, Jared sipped his tea in silence.

“What are you two talking about?” Right then, Josephine had returned to the table.

“Oh! Nothing!” Lizbeth answered hastily.

Evidently, Lizbeth didn’t want Josephine to know about it.

“Jared, Mr. Grange asked you to go over. I’ll stay here to catch up with Lizbeth!” Josephine patted his shoulder.

“Oh, all right!” Jared nodded before walking toward Walter.

At that moment, Walter was alone with a middle-aged man at the table.

As soon as Jared arrived at the table, Walter immediately introduced him to Anthony, “Mr. Chance, this is General Anthony Long from the Department of Justice in Summerbank!”

“Hi, General Long!” Jared greeted respectfully.

In response, Anthony just nodded and gestured for Jared to take a seat.

“Mr. Chance, General Long had been asking about you. He’s very impressed with you!” Walter exclaimed the moment Jared sat down.

“You didn’t have to go through the trouble if you wanted to arrest me! Such a waste of money!” Jared chuckled coldly.

Both Walter and Anthony were utterly perplexed, albeit for different reasons.

“What are you talking about, Mr. Chance?” Walter was curious.

“I’ve wiped out the Whitaker family, and they’re here to take me in!” Jared said it in a way as if wiping out the whole of the Whitaker family was something insignificant.

“So, it was you? You took out the Whitaker family?” Anthony questioned coldly.

“Yes. It was me. In fact, please let me know if there are any members of the Whitaker family that are still alive. I’ll kill all of them!” It seemed like Jared had no intention of hiding anything.

“Well, I guess my job is done! Since you’ve already confessed, I’d need you to follow me back to Summerbank after dinner!” After saying that, Anthony suddenly unleashed a domineering wave of aura.

The man had a strong presence as the general of the Department of Justice.

Jared responded with a cold snort, “Do you think you’re capable of doing that with the few people you have here?”

All of a sudden, Jared shivered slightly and unleashed a wave of murderous energy. With that, Anthony's aura disappeared almost instantaneously. All he could do was stare at Jared with bewilderment written all over his face.

"Please calm down, Mr. Chance!" Finally, Walter had caught up with what was going on with the two of them. He shifted his gaze toward Anthony and said, "If you're here for Mr. Chance, I'd suggest you leave now. There's no way you could apprehend him. Besides, the Whitaker family is reaping what they sow!"

"Mr. Grange?" Anthony stared at Walter in puzzlement.

Although he was the general of the Department of Justice, he dared not disrespect Walter, for he was his mentor. It was also because of Walter's influence that Lizbeth became Anthony's trusted personnel.

Walter then proceeded to inform Anthony about how Josephine was kidnapped. Also, he told him everything about how Kane brought his men over to Horington to kill Jared. As for what happened in Yeringham, Walter had no clue about what Jared did. Hence, he didn't reveal any information on that.

Anthony fell silent upon hearing Walter out. The atmosphere in the air grew more awkward by the second.

Meanwhile, Lizbeth and Josephine were chatting away happily.

"Josephine, how long have you known Jared?" Lizbeth suddenly asked.

Josephine pondered for a moment and answered, "I've known him for about two months!"

"Two months? And you both are already in a relationship? Do you know Jared well? Do you have an idea who he is exactly?" Lizbeth grew anxious when she found out that they'd only known each other for two months.