

The Man's Decree 371

Chapter 371 Josephine Is Here

"I don't know about the others. But the Phoenix Regiment is definitely going to fight for a share of the Whitaker family's properties. To be honest with you, I have already gotten two real estate agencies of the Whitaker family." Phoenix displayed a cold smile.

"Phoenix, this is preposterous..."

Upon hearing that, Zachariah slammed the table wrathfully, his gaze filled with hostility.

"Why? Do you want to fight?"

Phoenix showed no weakness at all.

At the moment, the two of them were just about ready to pull out their weapons. All the other martial arts families watched closely and did not say anything.

"All right, that's enough..."

Before a fight could break out, Luke stood up and tried to ease the situation. "Based on the rule, what Phoenix said is correct. However, it is a special case between the Whitaker family and the Jantz family. Why don't you both make some compromise? Why don't the Jantz family give out half of the Whitaker family's properties? That will solve everything!"

"That's impossible..."

Zachariah immediately refuted, "I won't give out even a single penny. I swear I will make you pay it if you insist on getting a share!"

He was beyond exasperated. He would not give up a single property of the Whitaker family. After all, he still needed the money to buy the herbs needed for Crescent Sect.

Being the peacemaker whenever there was a conflict within the alliance, Luke was caught in a rock and a hard place when he saw how Zachariah refused to give in. It seemed to him that a fight could not be avoided this time.

"Let's go with the old rules then. We'll compete in the arena!"

Just then, Bane, who had been keeping silent all the while, suddenly weighed in. Upon saying that, he stood up and left the scene.

"Sure. Let's meet in the arena after three days!"

Bane's suggestion was exactly what Zachariah wanted. The latter left abruptly as well after saying his piece.

"Arena it is! Do you think I will be afraid?"

Phoenix showed no sign of being intimidated and with a harrumphed, she left too.

In the end, Luke was the only one left. He let out a helpless sigh and waved toward the crowd. "All right. The conference is now dismissed..."

The Warriors Alliance Conference only lasted less than ten minutes and ended on a tense note. Even though many martial arts families were not satisfied with the outcome, they were fully aware of their strengths. With that, they had no choice but to keep silent.

Two days later, at Lizbeth's house.

Jared sat at the dining table, where Lizbeth had prepared a table full of dishes. For the past two days, Lizbeth did not allow Jared to go out because she was worried that the Jantz family might come for him. Yet, to her bewilderment, the Jantz family did not make a move. In fact, they seemed to have forgotten all about Jared.

When Lizbeth was done preparing the meal and was just about to sit down to eat, the doorbell rang.

Her heart skipped a beat at that. Fear overwhelmed her instantly as she thought of the Jantz family.

"Let me get it..."

Noticing Lizbeth's stiff expression, Jared stood up and was about to walk to the door.

However, Lizbeth stopped him and told him to sit down before she headed toward the door cautiously.

"Sit down. I'll get it..."

The moment she opened the door, she was stunned by the sight that greeted her. "Josephine? Why are you here in Summerbank?"

Josephine was standing outside with some fruits in her hands.

"I got worried about Jared, so I came!"

Josephine smiled faintly.

"Josephine..."

Hearing her voice, Jared ran to the door excitedly. He felt utterly touched when he saw her.

"Jared..."

Josephine jumped into Jared's arms.

During these few days, Josephine had been worrying herself sick in Horington. After all, Summerbank was not as safe as Horington.

Seeing Jared and Josephine's intimate action, Lizbeth stumbled backward, suddenly unsure of what to do.

"It smells nice. Did Lizbeth cook?"

Josephine stared at the table full of dishes.

"Yes, she can cook well. I've been eating her dish these two days."

Jared nodded.

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Upon hearing that, Lizbeth got anxious and immediately explained to Josephine, “Josephine, I was just worried that the Jantz family might come after Jared. So I asked him to stay at my place. He’s been sleeping on the couch...”

Noticing Lizbeth’s nervousness, Josephine flashed her friend a smile. “Lizbeth, there is no need to explain yourself to me. I trust you guys!”

Lizbeth was left embarrassed by Josephine’s words.

“Did you come here alone? Wasn’t it dangerous?” Jared asked Josephine.

“Tommy sent me here. He went to park his car and should be here soon...”

As soon as she finished her sentence, Tommy came in.

“Mr. Chance...” Tommy greeted Jared humbly after seeing him.

“How is it? How are you feeling?” Jared asked with concern.

“I’m feeling fine. In fact, I feel better than before!” Tommy laughed.

“Come on in. Let’s have a meal together. I’ve cooked more dishes today!”

Lizbeth invited Josephine and Tommy to the table.

After eating, the two women went off shopping. It was their favorite thing to do, after all.

Meanwhile, Jared brought Tommy to the Phoenix Regiment. He figured that he should introduce the latter to Phoenix as they were both his subordinates.

“My Lord, do you mean to say that Phoenix Regiment belonged to Dragon Sect too?”

On their way there, Tommy asked Jared with shocked expression.

“That’s right. Phoenix recognized my Dragon Ring right away!”

Jared nodded firmly.

“I didn’t expect the biggest gang in Summerbank is one of ours. With this, you have nothing to fear in Summerbank!”

Tommy was both startled and in awe.

At Phoenix Regiment, Phoenix personally came to welcome Jared.

She was stunned momentarily upon seeing Tommy beside Jared. However, she immediately recollected herself and nodded at Tommy with a smile.

Tommy was stunned, too, upon seeing Phoenix’s smile.

“Hello, I’m Phoenix!” Phoenix extended her hand for a handshake.

Tommy’s face flushed red as he nervously shook Phoenix’s hand. “I’m Tommy!”

“Mr. Lewis, I can see that you’re as great as the rumors say. As the underground king of Horington, your reputation precedes you.”

Phoenix started flattering Tommy.

“Thanks for the compliment...”

Even though Tommy was a great elite, he paled in comparison to Phoenix in terms of strength and influence.

After chatting for a while, Phoenix invited Jared and Tommy to a secret room.

“My Lord, I have something to tell you. The Warriors Alliance will be holding an arena match tomorrow. Since the Jantz family is working against you, I intend to kill Zachariah in the match!” Phoenix said.

“Do you have confidence in it?” Jared questioned.

“Yes!” Phoenix nodded without hesitation. “To be honest with you, my strength is now on par with that of an Internal Energy Grandmaster. I have been hiding my real power so that I could surprise them at the right moment!”

“Well, since you’ve said so, you have my full support in your decision.” Jared nodded. “Can I go watch the arena match?”

“Of course! You can go with me tomorrow if you’d like, My Lord!” Phoenix responded.

After staying at Phoenix Regiment for around half an hour, Jared left with Tommy.

On their way home, Jared suddenly popped a question at Tommy with a smile. “Tommy, what do you think of Phoenix?”

“She’s not bad, I guess. She’s good-looking and strong too...” Tommy responded without much thought while driving.

“Then, I shall match make you two when there is a chance!”

In truth, Jared had noticed how Tommy had been staring at Phoenix secretly. Not to mention how Tommy’s gaze was filled with admiration when he did so.

“My Lord, I don’t think that that’s appropriate. There is a huge gap between our strength, after all...” Tommy muttered with a dejected expression.

“Don’t worry about it! Just leave it to me!”

Upon saying that, Jared leaned back against his seat to rest.

At the mansion of the Jantz family.

Zachariah stood respectfully in Venicus's room with a beautiful wooden box in his hand.

At the moment, Venicus was sitting on the bed with his eyes closed while conjuring magic with his hands. Balls of green flames were floating around like wisps.

Zachariah was amazed by what he saw. Even as a Master of internal energy, that was the first time he saw such an astonishing technique.

Huff!

Suddenly, Venicus shouted, and the green flames melded together, followed by a deafening explosion.

Boom!

The jarring noise was so loud that all the glassware in the room rattled.

After the flames exploded and the smoke dissipated, a green-colored pill appeared in Venicus's hand.

"This is an explosion pill. After consuming it, it can instantly double your strength. However, it only lasts for three hours. Once the time is up, you will return to your original state," Venicus explained before he casually tossed the explosion pill to Zachariah.

"Thank you, Master Venicus. Here, this is a thousand-year-old ginseng. Please take it as an offering from me to you," Zachariah placed the wooden box on the table and said.

"Good!" Venicus nodded and waved his hand, signaling Zachariah to leave the room.

After Zachariah went out of the room, Venicus's face broke out in excitement. He jumped down from his bed and opened the wooden box. Then, he carefully put the thousand-year-old ginseng into his pocket.

In actuality, many mages were able to create an ordinary pill like the explosion pill. However, not many people from the martial arts world knew about this. Therefore, they would worship mages as a god. After all, they were oblivious due to the difference in their profession.

Venicus was overjoyed to have obtained a thousand-year-old ginseng in exchange for an ordinary explosion pill.

"Mr. Jantz, it took you a lot of effort to find the thousand-year-old ginseng, and you're just giving it away?" Puzzled by his decision, Leonardo asked when he saw Zachariah walking out of Venicus's room.

"Hahaha! What would you know?" Zachariah exclaimed with the explosion pill in his hand. "This pill will instantly double my strength, and I'll be undefeatable in the arena tomorrow! Do you think I'm just fighting for the Whitaker family's assets? No, I want the whole Warriors Alliance! I want to be the leader! With this explosion pill, everyone will have to obey me!"

"As expected of Mr. Jantz."

Leonardo didn't expect Zachariah's end goal to be the Warriors Alliance.

The next morning, many people rushed to the arena venue on the outskirts of Summerbank. Among them were people from martial club families in the Warriors Alliance and many people from business families.

Anthony brought the Department of Justice and set up a perimeter around the area to prevent anything unexpected from happening.

He was well aware that the Department of Justice couldn't interfere in the affairs of the Warriors Alliance. Even if something brutal happened, the Department of Justice could only watch. However, he was responsible for protecting the safety of the surrounding area.

Jared took Josephine and Tommy along and followed the people from the Phoenix Regiment to the venue.

Lizbeth, on the other hand, was on the move with the Department of Justice. She was an investigator, after all.

"Phoenix, don't force yourself when you're fighting against Zachariah later. Only kill when you can, and retreat if you can't. The Jantz family's days are numbered anyway," Jared warned Phoenix in the car.

"Don't worry, Mr. Chance. I have full confidence in this fight!"

Phoenix smiled.

Jared could tell that the woman had accumulated a substantial amount of strength over the years. Otherwise, she wouldn't be this confident.

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Soon, the car finally rolled to a stop at the entrance of the venue. Dozens of investigators from the Department of Justice could be seen standing guard at every entrance, checking every vehicle.

Lizbeth walked over and advised, "Jared, you have to be careful. There are many people from the Jantz family, and all of them are experts. One of the cars just drove past the investigators and nobody knew who was in the car."

"I got it." Jared nodded.

Lizbeth waved her hand to let Jared's car into the venue.

When they entered, they passed by some more investigators who were guarding the place. However, with Phoenix by his side, they easily gained access.

The moment Jared and Phoenix got off the car, they immediately attracted the attention of the crowd.

After all, the fight between Phoenix and Zachariah was the main event of the arena that day. Everyone was excited to see who will come out victorious.

"Mr. Jantz, isn't that Jared?"

At that moment, Leonardo pointed at Jared, who was standing right beside Phoenix.

Zachariah frowned. He glared at them with eyes full of killing intent. After all, the enemy was right in front of him, and it was only natural for him to be angry.

“Why is Jared together with Phoenix?”

Zachariah was confused.

Leonardo shook his head as he didn't know the answer to the question either.

“What the f*ck...”

Wilbur, who was behind Zachariah, was infuriated when he saw Jared. He immediately rushed toward him.

“Jared, you must have quite the balls to show up at this place! I will kill you today and avenge my sister!”

Wilbur stomped toward Jared and immediately threw a punch at him.

However, Jared didn't dodge the punch, nor did he retaliate. It was Phoenix who reached out to grab Wilbur by the wrist and gave him a stern warning. “Wilbur, if you dare lay a finger on Jared, I will make your life a living hell.”

Phoenix's tone sounded so threatening that it sent chills down Wilbur's spine.

He was well aware that compared to Phoenix's strength, he was evidently inferior.

“Wilbur, get back here!” Zachariah shouted at Wilbur.

Wilbur snorted at the two of them before turning back to Zachariah.

At the moment, the crowd had their eyes glued to Jared.

Recently, Jared's name was prevalent among the martial arts families. However, many of them had never seen him in person.

“What the hell? This is Jared? He looks so young. How did he destroy the Whitaker family at such a young age?”

“Why is Phoenix with him? And why is she protecting him? Are they lovers?”

“Shush! Cut the nonsense! Be careful not to get yourself into trouble. Didn't you hear her addressing him as Mr. Chance? Seems like the young man is not an average person.”

“Ooh, I bet a good show's coming our way. It seems that the Jantz family and the Phoenix Regiment will be fighting to the death!”

Everyone began discussing among themselves. They were all looking forward to the fight.

Phoenix led Jared to his seat, and they were seated opposite the Jantz family. The people from the Jantz family glared at Jared with eyes full of anger, but Jared couldn't be bothered by it. Instead, he kept his gaze trained on the person next to Zachariah, who was wearing a hat with his head lowered all while stuffing his face with snacks.

Jared couldn't see the face of the man in the hat. However, he could feel a surge of spiritual energy from the man's body.

Everyone in the martial arts world exuded a faint aura from their bodies. However, this man was surging with spiritual energy, and Jared couldn't help but keep his eye on him.

"Did the Jantz family also recruit a cultivator?" Jared frowned slightly. But after some meticulous observation, he realized that the spiritual energy of that man was faint, unlike an energy cultivator.

"Be careful up there," Jared warned Phoenix.

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"Don't worry, Mr. Chance. I know what to do," Phoenix responded confidently.

She didn't understand what Jared was trying to say, and Jared didn't explain any further. Instead, he simply focused on the person from the Jantz family. Jared wouldn't let it slide if they were to use any underhanded attacks.

As a fellow member of the Warriors Alliance, Luke announced the start of the fight loudly in the arena, "Thank you all for participating in this battle. In the Warriors Alliance, any disputes that couldn't be mediated will be resolved in the arena with fists. However, there will be no mercy in the arena. No one will be allowed to complain, whether injured or dead. This is the rule of the arena!"

He continued, "This time, the Jantz family and the Phoenix Regiment have a disagreement on the issue regarding the Whitaker family's property. Thus, Zachariah and Phoenix will be fighting it out in the arena and the victor shall be in charge of the issue. Now, let's welcome our fighters to the stage!"

"Hang on!" Just as Luke finished, Zachariah jumped into the arena.

"What is it, Zach?" Luke asked.

Zachariah nodded before glancing at the crowd. Then, with a deep voice, he declared, "In today's battle, I won't be just fighting for the Whitaker family's property. The Warriors Alliance has been established for more than ten years and it has always been lacking a leader. This is not beneficial to the growth of the Warriors Alliance. Hence, I have decided to take advantage of today's opportunity to become the leader. If anyone has an opinion, I welcome you to challenge me in the arena!"

The audience gasped upon hearing what he said, and they started to murmur among themselves.

"Zachariah, what is the meaning of this?"

Bane immediately stood up from his seat and asked with a grim expression.

After all, he would never agree to Zachariah becoming the leader of the Warriors Alliance because the Schmidt family would lose their standing in the alliance should the latter succeed.

Luke's expression turned grim as well. He turned toward Zachariah in anger. "Zach, the four of us have been managing the Warriors Alliance all these years and we have always been at peace. But now you're

proposing to be the leader of the alliance all of a sudden? You should curb your greed, lest you lose your current status if you fail!”

Just then, Phoenix got up from her seat as well. She leaped into the arena and started throwing insults at Zachariah. “Zachariah, you sure spout some big words, huh? You should take a good look at yourself in the mirror. Are you even qualified to be the leader?”

At that moment, Zachariah was faced with accusations from all three families. However, he remained unfazed and said with a sinister smile, “I said it already. If you have an opinion, tell me with your fists. Words are useless.”

“What is going on with Zachariah today? He actually challenged the three families alone.”

“Could he have obtained some miraculous power? Could the current strength of the Jantz family even compare to the three families?”

“What a day! I’m looking forward to it. Who knows, the face of the Warriors Alliance might change tomorrow!”

The audience began chattering among themselves.

“Zachariah. I, Bane Schmidt, would like to challenge you to a fight!”

When he finished, Bane put on a fighting stance.

Initially, he planned to sit back and watch the fight. However, he didn’t expect Zachariah to want to claim the entire Warriors Alliance as his own and even wanted to become the alliance leader. Bane would never let that happen.

He was also an Internal Energy Grandmaster, and his strength should not be underestimated. Otherwise, he would not be one of the four top elites in the Warriors Alliance.

“Don’t do this to yourself, Bane. You can’t defeat me.”

Zachariah gave bane a cold glance and spoke arrogantly.

“We won’t know until we try! Bring it on, Zachariah!” Bane’s face was filled with fury.

Then, he instantly released an overwhelming burst of aura that completely engulfed the arena.

Chapter 376 Faith

“Please be careful, Bane.”

Luke seemed to have noticed something and reminded Bane.

Then, Luke and Phoenix walked toward the arena together.

“Since you insist, I shall show you my true power then!”

Zachariah also released a burst of monstrous aura as he spoke.

The aura of the two clashed violently, and a gust of wind blasted across the arena. However, the audience did not feel a thing because the arena was specially built. No matter how fierce their aura was, it will never affect the people outside of it. Otherwise, the battle between the two Internal Energy Grandmasters would destroy the entire venue.

“Vortex Spear!” Bane roared loudly. He waved his hands in the air and instantly manifested a spear in his hand.

An Internal Energy Grandmaster could create objects by converting their body’s martial energy into various weapons and even control their aura to attack.

With the spear in hand, Bane drew several flowers in the air. In the next moment, the flowers turned into sharp objects and flew toward Zachariah at high speed.

“As expected of an Internal Energy Grandmaster. He’s too powerful!”

“Looks like Bane is even stronger than before. It seems he has been holding back his true power the entire time!”

“This time, Zachariah has met his match!”

When everyone in the audience saw Bane’s technique, they were amazed and started chattering.

Tommy, who was next to Jared, even had his jaw dropped when he witnessed Bane’s technique. His eyes were lit with flames of envy. After all, he was the underground king of Horington, but he found out that his strength was a joke compared to any of them when he arrived here.

Tommy felt inferior and ashamed of the vast difference in power.

Jared noticed his glum expression and patted him on the shoulder with a smile. “Don’t worry. Your strength will definitely surpass them.”

“Really?” Tommy looked at Jared with eyes shimmering with hope.

“Of course. Don’t you believe me?”

“Of course, I do! I have full faith in you!” Tommy nodded hurriedly.

He was absolutely confident in Jared’s strength. He also believed that his abilities would get even more powerful with Jared’s help.

Back in the arena, Zachariah faced the high-speed barrage of spear flowers head-on. He snorted coldly with disdain on his face before lightly tapping his finger in the air. Ripples suddenly appeared before him and vaporized the incoming spear flowers, making them disappear without a trace.

Bane was shocked. He didn’t expect Zachariah to nullify his attack with ease.

“Vortex Slash!” he roared and jumped high into the air. The spear in his hand multiplied into countless spears, surrounding Zachariah.

“Hmph! Is that all you got?”

Zachariah scoffed. Then, a thin layer of white mist appeared and wrapped around his body.

When the spear in Bane's hand came into contact with the layer of mist, it instantly shattered into particles of martial energy.

"What?"

Bane was shocked once again. He quickly took a few steps back.

Everyone in the audience gasped upon witnessing this feat. They didn't expect Zachariah to be so powerful. No wonder he dared to declare his intention of becoming the leader of the Warriors Alliance!

Phoenix was also frowning. She didn't expect that Zachariah would be hiding his true abilities all this time.

"It's my turn, Bane," Zachariah said.

The moment he was finished, his body immediately became an afterimage before reappearing in front of Bane in less than a second.

Bane didn't have the time to react. He received a palm strike to the chest and spewed blood from his mouth.

Even after defeating Bane, Zachariah didn't seem to have the intention to stop. He continued to attack Bane with simultaneous palm strikes, and the sounds of impact resounded across the arena.

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In the end, Bane was sent flying out of the arena before plummeting to the ground. His body was drenched in blood. Even if he survived the attack, he would continue to live the rest of his life as a cripple.

The Schmidt family rushed forward and carried Bane away. Rage was written all over their faces. However, the rules of the alliance were absolute. Even if Zachariah were to kill Bane, the Schmidt family would not be able to do anything about it.

"Zachariah, you have already won. Why did you commit such a cruel act?" Luke frowned and asked in dissatisfaction.

"Those who support me will prosper, while those who oppose me will perish. Anyone who dares to stop me from becoming the leader of the Warriors Alliance will die. Now, which one of you is brave enough to step into the arena?"

Zachariah's tone was haughty and full of arrogance as he glanced at everyone with a grim expression.

The audience fell into silence in an instant. After Zachariah displayed his power, nobody dared to step into the arena.

The Jantz family members were ecstatic. They knew that if Zachariah managed to become the leader of the Warriors Alliance, the Jantz family would be the dominant family in Summerbank.

Sighing, Luke shook his head and returned to his seat.

He knew that he was not Zachariah's match. As such, he could only watch the latter being full of himself in the arena.

"Zachariah, it's too early to celebrate."

Phoenix leaped into the air and landed gently on the arena.

"Phoenix, even if you didn't come up, I would still kill you. You have been going against me from the very beginning. But that will end today."

Zachariah instantly directed his aura to oppress Phoenix as he spoke.

"Hmph!" Phoenix snorted coldly. Then, she released a terrifying aura from her petite body to contend with Zachariah's.

"They're equally matched." Jared looked at the two of them in the arena and casually said.

"Mr. Chance, will Phoenix be in danger?" Tommy suddenly became nervous when he heard Jared say that they were equally matched.

Jared glanced at him and smiled. "Even if Phoenix is defeated, her life won't be at risk. So don't worry."

Tommy's face was flushed red from the tension. Then, he looked toward the arena anxiously.

In the arena, Phoenix and Zachariah's auras clashed fiercely. They both had a murderous look on their faces.

"It seems that you've been hiding your true strength, Phoenix."

Zachariah narrowed his eyes slightly and said in a somewhat surprised tone.

"Hmph! Get ready to be even more surprised!"

Phoenix opened her arms, and a white light flashed behind her. The beam of white light immediately transformed into a phoenix and circled above Phoenix's head.

Zachariah and everyone in the audience looked at Phoenix in disbelief.

"Phoenix Fire!"

Phoenix brought her arms together and pushed toward Zachariah. Immediately, the hovering phoenix let out a deafening cry, flapped its wings, and dived toward Zachariah.

Zachariah was horrified. He quickly brought his hands to his chest and created a barrier in the air in front of him with a massive amount of martial energy.

Boom!

The barrier began to crack when the phoenix collided fiercely with it. After a second hit, the barrier shattered almost instantly.

Zachariah fell heavily to the ground before spewing out a mouthful of blood.

"Mr. Jantz!"

“Father!”

The members of the Jantz family exclaimed in shock.

The audience, on the other hand, looked at Phoenix in disbelief. They didn’t expect that Phoenix, who was but a petite woman, to hide such a terrifying power.

“Nicely done!”

Watching Phoenix knocking down Zachariah, Tommy couldn’t help cheering out loud.

Phoenix looked at Zachariah indifferently and said with a look of disdain on her face, “Zachariah, you’ve lost. Your dream of becoming the leader is now shattered.”

“No, I won’t lose. I can’t lose!”

Zachariah got himself up and wiped the blood off the corner of his mouth. Then, he took out a green-colored pill from his pocket and swallowed it.

Phoenix was bewildered, having no idea what Zachariah had just eaten.

Chapter 378 Are You Scared

Before long, the aura on Zachariah’s body began to spike, pushing Phoenix back.

Phoenix quickly channeled the internal energy from her body, desperately resisting Zachariah’s terrifying aura.

However, the latter’s aura crushed her defenses and brought her down to her knees.

The sudden turn of events stunned everyone in the audience.

Tommy, who was previously overjoyed, suddenly became anxious.

Jared frowned and shouted toward the arena, “Phoenix, you can’t win. Retreat immediately!”

When Phoenix heard Jared’s voice, she quickly got up and rushed toward the edge of the arena.

“Hmph! You’re not getting away that easily!”

Zachariah flew in the air and landed a fierce kick on Phoenix’s back, sending her flying out of the arena like a broken kite while spewing out blood.

Jared frowned. He jumped and caught Phoenix in mid-air and infused his spiritual energy into Phoenix’s body.

“Phoenix!”

Tommy rushed forward as well. When he saw how pale Phoenix was and how she had her eyes closed, his heart thumped in agony.

He glared fiercely at Zachariah in the arena, wanting to avenge Phoenix. However, he knew he wouldn't stand a chance against the man. With his strength, he might not even be able to defeat the bodyguards from the Jantz family, let alone Zachariah.

At that moment, Tommy secretly vowed that he would train hard to be able to protect his beloved woman in the future.

After accepting the spiritual energy from Jared, Phoenix's complexion gradually improved, and she slowly opened her eyes.

"Mr. Chance, I—"

Phoenix felt ashamed to even look at Jared.

She swore that she would defeat Zachariah, but she ended up being defeated.

"Just save your breath for now and focus on staying alive."

Jared stopped Phoenix from talking. Then, he looked at Tommy and said, "Tommy, take care of her."

Tommy nodded. He then picked up Phoenix and walked back to his seat.

Holding his crush in his arms, Tommy trembled slightly. Even Phoenix, who was severely injured, could feel how Tommy's heart was beating rapidly.

"Well, anyone else dares to challenge me? Anyone?"

After sweeping his gaze across the audience contemptuously, Zachariah exclaimed, "From today onwards, I shall be the leader of the Warriors Alliance! I will kill anyone who goes against me!"

Zachariah was extremely full of himself, but no one dare to refute his words. Any thoughts of fighting back had been nullified when he defeated Bane and Phoenix.

"Don't forget about me!"

Jared spoke slowly as he floated into the air, gliding toward the arena.

"Jared, I will settle the score between you and the Jantz family in the future. Today is about the Warriors Alliance. Since you're not a member of the alliance, you have no right to step into the arena!"

That day, Zachariah only wanted to become the leader of the Warriors Alliance, not to seek revenge from Jared. Hence, he didn't want the latter to ruin his moment.

"I killed your daughter and her family. Here I am standing before you, yet you refuse to fight me. Are you scared?"

Jared smirked.

Everyone from the audience gasped upon hearing his words. They thought Jared must have lost his mind to provoke Zachariah even after witnessing his overwhelming strength.

To them, a young man like Jared could never overpower an Internal Energy Grandmaster, no matter how talented he was.

Even if he had trained since he was a fetus, it would be impressive for him to achieve the strength of an internal energy martial artist at his age.

Josephine clasped her fingers anxiously and looked helplessly at Jared. She was afraid that no one would be able to save Jared if he ended up in danger.

Chapter 379 You Are No Match

“Do you have a death wish, Jared?” Zachariah shouted furiously.

Him taunting me publicly like this is a blatant threat to my authority! I must kill him today or no one will ever respect me in the Warriors Alliance!

“You don’t have to take it upon yourself to kill this guy, Dad! I’ll avenge Lucy and our family!” Wilbur said as he jumped in front of Jared and glared at him with murderous intent.

Zachariah lowered his guard and reminded Wilbur, “Be careful! This guy is no pushover!”

“Don’t worry. I’m going to make him suffer a fate worse than death today!” Wilbur muttered through clenched teeth.

He wanted nothing more than to tear Jared from limb to limb on the spot.

Zachariah jumped down the stage and stood to watch beside them. This way, even if Wilbur failed to kill Jared, he would at least be able to ensure Wilbur’s safety.

“I think you should let your old man fight this battle instead, Wilbur. You’re no match for me!” Jared said mockingly while pointing a finger at Wilbur.

“We’ll see about that!” Wilbur yelled angrily as he charged at Jared.

A faint layer of mist could be seen around Wilbur’s fist as he charged it with internal energy, forming ripples in the air as he swung it at Jared.

“Whoa! I didn’t know the Jantz family’s kid has gotten so powerful!”

“With that level of internal energy, he’ll become a Master of internal energy in no time!”

“Looks like the Jantz family really is going to dominate Summerbank in the future!”

Everyone in the crowd was shocked when they saw Wilbur’s strength.

Jared simply sneered as he stepped slightly to the side, dodging it completely.

Wilbur paused for a split second in surprise before turning around to throw another punch at him.

Once again, Jared evaded it by moving to the other side with a sliding motion.

Enraged by Jared’s agility, Wilbur shouted angrily, “Hey! Why don’t you fight me head-on like a man?”

“All right, then...”

With that, Jared stopped moving and stood there to face Wilbur’s incoming punch.

“Has he lost his mind? He could easily kill a bull with that level of power in his punch!”

“A bull? I wouldn’t be surprised if he punched a hole right through a concrete wall!”

“Jared must be so terrified that he’s completely stunned!”

The crowd could be heard chattering among themselves.

Luke was the only one who kept quiet as he watched on from the side. Although he wasn’t the strongest, he saw right through everything with those sharp eyes of his.

No one can hide their true strength from me, not even Zachariah and Phoenix. As a result, I usually try not to offend anyone, which is why I usually play the role of the mediator in most conflicts. Wilbur may appear powerful, but he is no match for Jared at all. In fact, Jared’s strength is on a whole new level that even I can’t determine...

Overjoyed that Jared was just standing there waiting to take his punch, Wilbur increased the amount of power he put into his attack.

Right as his punch was about to land, Jared reached out and grabbed him by the fist all of a sudden.

Wilbur gasped in shock when he realized he couldn’t move his arm at all. It felt like his fist had been clamped tightly in a vice.

The crowd went silent as well. Nobody was expecting Jared to catch Wilbur’s punch so effortlessly like that.

Realizing something was amiss, Zachariah jumped into the air as he shouted, “Wilbur, be careful!”

Crack!

A loud and crisp sound could be heard as Jared crushed Wilbur’s wrist.

“Ahhhh!”

Wilbur went pale and screamed at the top of his lungs in pain.

The next thing he knew, the energy from Jared’s body was surging through his like crazy.

Chapter 380 How Dare You Kill My Son

Pow! Pow! Pow!

A few loud noises could be heard as Wilbur’s clothes were shredded into pieces and went flying everywhere. Blood came spraying out of every joint in his body like they had been shot by bullets.

As Jared let go of his hand, Wilbur collapsed to the floor in a pool of blood.

“Ahhhhh!” he screamed from the agonizing pain with a contorted look on his face.

“Wilbur!”

Zachariah ran forward and held his son’s body in his arms.

Blood kept flowing out of Wilbur's mouth as he mumbled weakly, "Dad... It hurts... It really hurts..."

"Stop talking, Wilbur! I'm going to save you right now! You'll be okay!"

Zachariah quickly transferred his internal energy into Wilbur's body, but it was no use. Eventually, Wilbur closed his eyes and stopped breathing.

"Wilbur! Wilbur!"

Zachariah kept shouting his name, but Wilbur could no longer hear him.

The crowd went deathly silent from the shock upon seeing Jared kill Wilbur.

"How dare you kill my son? I'll tear you to pieces! I'll kill all of your family members!" Zachariah roared at the top of his lungs as he fired up his internal energy.

"Fate is what decides if one lives or dies in the arena. If we go by your logic, shouldn't Bane's family come after you for revenge? You did cripple him, after all," Jared replied with a sneer.

"I don't give a d*mn about them! I just want you dead!"

Zachariah kept his gaze fixated on Jared while a terrifying aura enveloped the entire arena, forming a barrier around it.

The aura was so intense that some of it leaked out of the barrier, and those standing near the arena could feel its power as they watched on in fear.

One could only imagine how scary Zachariah's power must have been if his aura was strong enough to affect those outside of the arena.

Both Phoenix and Tommy began to worry for Jared's safety.

However, even in the face of such terrifying power, Jared remained completely calm as he stared Zachariah down and said disdainfully, "Just throw everything you've got at me, old man! I'm the one who killed your son and daughter, and I will have you join them very soon!"

Hearing Jared mention his children angered Zachariah to no end, prompting him to punch at Jared while shouting angrily, "Go to hell!"

Having consumed an explosion pill which doubled his strength, Zachariah's internal energy was raging throughout his body as it enveloped his huge fist, giving it a golden glow.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

After a few soft cracking noises were heard, the barrier shrouding the arena shattered, and a huge shockwave was sent in all directions.

Those standing close to the arena were forced to back away as they felt an overwhelming sense of dread and experienced difficulty breathing.

"This is way too scary!"

Despite being confident in Jared's abilities, Tommy's faith began to waver when he saw Zachariah's aura.

"Raging Tiger Punch!"

Ripples formed in the air as the martial energy from Zachariah's fist took the shape of a fierce tiger.

With a deafening roar, the tiger lunged straight at Jared with its jaws open wide enough to swallow him whole.

"Jared!" Josephine screamed in fear.

Phoenix and Tommy were sweating profusely with their fists tightly clenched.

"I don't think Jared will be able to dodge this blow!"

"He's clearly petrified by the sheer power behind it!"

"It's such a shame that a young talent like him ended up offending the Jantz family..."

Everyone in the crowd shook their heads out of pity for Jared.