

The Man's Decree 401

Chapter 401 Stone Gambling

"What's that? Let's go have a look!"

Josephine got curious, and she pulled Jared over with her.

"That's stone gambling. They're like this every day. I really don't understand men, yelling all day at a pile of rocks."

Lizbeth said in a puzzled tone.

Jared wasn't curious at first, but when Lizbeth mentioned stone gambling, he immediately became interested, and he might even win himself some jade stones to make jewelry for Josephine.

"To these men, this pile of stones is just like the luxury cosmetics to you women."

Jared gently smiled and walked over.

"Da*n! Imperial jade! It's an imperial jade!"

Before Jared and the others even got there, they heard a round of applause from the crowd.

"Hahaha! I'm rich! I'm rich!"

Immediately afterward, someone started to laugh wildly. It was apparent that this person was the one who bought the stone.

However, when Jared heard this voice, he furrowed his brows as the voice sounded very familiar.

On the other hand, Lizbeth's expression turned dark. "Oliver. That bast*rd came here to gamble on stones."

Then, Lizbeth rushed toward the crowd in anger.

Jared suddenly remembered that the voice he heard was the voice of Lizbeth's younger brother, Oliver.

As Jared and the others approached the crowd, Oliver laughed wildly and jumped around with a stone in his arms.

"Mr. Grange, I'm very sorry. This is not your stone. You cannot take it!"

Then, a middle-aged man walked over to Oliver and took the stone from his hand.

However, Oliver didn't give the stone away. Instead, he hugged it closer to his chest. "Why? I bought this stone. Are you taking it back because it is an imperial jade?"

The middle-aged man smiled and said, "Mr. Grange, you said you bought the stone. But have you paid for it?"

"I gave you the money already. I paid a deposit of one hundred thousand!" Oliver shouted.

“Hahaha! Don’t you know the rules of stone gambling? You have to pay for the stones upfront. You only paid the deposit, and you claim this stone to be yours? Stop daydreaming!” The middle-aged man said disdainfully.

“Come on, Joseph. How can you say that? In the past few times, I have only paid the deposit before opening the stones. At that time, all the stones I got were junk, and I never heard you mention anything about paying upfront. I had always paid you the balance afterward.”

Oliver was a little anxious. He asked angrily, “You’re telling me now that I should have paid upfront after I won an imperial jade? You’re obviously trying to trick me.”

“Trick you? This is the rule of stone gambling. Hand over the stone. Otherwise, don’t even think of leaving!”

As Joseph spoke, three burly men instantly surrounded Oliver.

Oliver was a coward so his face instantly turned pale in fright. However, he didn’t want to hand over the priceless imperial jade. He held the stone tightly and said, “Joseph, my sister is from the Department of Justice! If you dare to touch me, she will never let you off!”

“So what? Even the Department of Justice has to obey the rules.”

Joseph smirked.

Oliver hugged the stone tightly and refused to let it go. Joseph signaled with his hand for his men to grab the stone from him. When the three burly men got closer to Oliver, Lizbeth rushed in and quickly knocked them down.

“Lizbeth!” Oliver was delighted to see Lizbeth.

“Ms. Grange, as one of the Department of Justice, how could you attack the people? Are you trying to oppress the civilians?” Joseph’s expression turned grim.

“How could I stand and watch you injure my brother? Even if I injured you, it counts as self-defense!”

Lizbeth glared at Joseph and said.

Chapter 402 What Is Wrong With That

“Ms. Grange, you must have proof to support your accusations. Did you see me hitting your brother? Besides, your brother took my stone and didn’t return it. He committed robbery. As someone of the Department of Justice, are you going to let it slide?” Joseph smirked and asked as he wasn’t intimidated by Lizbeth at all.

“Lizbeth, don’t listen to him. I bought this stone. I have paid him the money!” Oliver hurriedly explained to Lizbeth.

“Shut your mouth!” Lizbeth angrily shouted at Oliver, “I’ll deal with you once we get home!”

Seeing that Lizbeth was furious, Oliver held onto the stone with both hands and lowered his head in silence.

“Joseph, I overheard your previous conversation with my brother. In the past, my brother could open the stones by just paying the deposit. But you denied it once he got something good. You’re obviously trying to trick him!”

Lizbeth was clever. She could discern the trap set by the owner of the stone gambling store to trick Oliver.

“Ms. Grange, you have to be careful with your words. We are all honest merchants. Besides, everyone here knows that the rule of stone gambling is to pay upfront. I used to let him open the stones with a deposit because I pitied him. Is it wrong that I stopped doing that today? Is it against the law?”

Lizbeth was finally rendered speechless.

“Give him the stone.”

Jared and Josephine squeezed themselves in from the crowd at this critical moment.

“Jared, my dear brother-in-law!” Oliver’s eyes glimmered when he saw Jared. “This is imperial jade and it’s worth at least a few million. How can I simply return it to them?”

Lizbeth and Jared were terrified when Oliver addressed Jared as his brother-in-law in front of Josephine.

Josephine was stunned. She looked at Jared and Lizbeth in confusion.

“Oliver, you prick! How many times have I told you that I have nothing to do with Jared. He is not your brother-in-law. How could you spout such nonsense? Josephine is Jared’s girlfriend, and she’s my classmate!” Lizbeth blushed and yelled at Oliver.

Oliver was stunned for a moment. That was when he realized that Jared was holding hands with Josephine. It turned out that Jared wasn’t his sister’s boyfriend. It was all a misunderstanding.

Although Oliver was a little disappointed, he knew he shouldn’t address Jared wrongly in the future. Hence, he hurriedly explained to defend himself, “What’s wrong with that? Josephine is like a sister to me, why can’t I address him as my brother-in-law? Am I right, Josephine?”

That was the first time Oliver met Josephine, but he regarded her as his sister like she was an old acquaintance.

Lizbeth was perplexed by Oliver’s words. However, Jared was quite impressed. Although Oliver was timid and cowardly, his ability to react was extraordinary.

Josephine was delighted to be regarded as Oliver’s sister. She turned to Lizbeth and asked, “Lizbeth, is this the naughty younger brother you used to talk about in school?”

Lizbeth nodded and glared at Oliver.

“Josephine, you have to help me. I bought this stone with my money. They are obviously trying to trick me!”

Oliver knew that Jared was an extraordinary man. After all, Jared had good relations with the Phoenix Regiment; hence, he must be someone special.

That was why he wanted Josephine to help him. All he needed was just a word from Josephine, and Jared would have no choice but to help him. After all, they lived in a society where men would always listen to women.

Josephine glanced at Jared and said, "Jared, help him!"

"Oliver, give them back the stone. Since there are rules, we should follow the rules," Jared turned to Oliver and said.

"But Jared, this is an imperial jade. It's worth several million!" With an anxious expression, he hinted at Jared desperately. He thought Jared didn't know what an imperial jade was.

Chapter 403 No Refund

"Give it to them. This stone is worthless."

Jared said once again.

Before Oliver could speak again, Lizbeth scolded, "Return the stone right now! You're such an idiot. No wonder you got swindled. Just take this as a lesson!"

Oliver didn't know what to say. In the end, he gritted his teeth and tossed the stone to Joseph helplessly. Then, he lowered his head with a dejected look on his face.

"I told you, the stone is worthless. It only had a thin layer of imperial jade on the surface. If you cut deeper, there would be nothing in it."

Jared patted Oliver on the shoulder to comfort him.

"Really?" Oliver quickly raised his head in surprise.

If what Jared said was true, the stone would be worthless, and he wouldn't suffer any losses.

"Of course!" Jared smiled gently.

Joseph sneered upon hearing Jared's words. "I've been in the stone gambling business for decades. My judgment can't be worse than a kid in his twenties. With such green coloration on this stone, there must be at least three pieces of imperial jade in it!"

"If you don't believe me, you can make another cut and see it for yourself!" Jared said to Joseph.

The crowd immediately became interested when they overheard their conversation. They gathered around and shouted, "Make another cut!"

"Okay, I shall make one more cut!" Joseph said.

Then, he passed the stone to his subordinate, and the subordinate meticulously cut the stone again.

After cutting it again, there was indeed nothing inside, not even a bit of green.

This time, everyone was stunned. Even Joseph gasped in disbelief.

“Don’t stop cutting!” Joseph yelled at his subordinate.

After another cut, there was still nothing inside.

In the end, the stone was cut into shards, and there was only a thin layer of imperial jade with nothing else inside. It was indeed a worthless piece of rock.

At that moment, Joseph was dumbfounded. The crowd looked at Jared in astonishment.

“Hahaha! Great! This is great! Hurry up and refund my deposit!”

Oliver laughed happily. If it weren’t for Jared, he might have lost his money again.

Joseph glared at Jared fiercely before turning toward Oliver. “No refund. It’s the rule of my store. You can only pick another stone!”

“No. I don’t trust you anymore. Give me back my deposit!”

Oliver didn’t want to gamble at his store anymore.

“As I said, no refund. Either you pick another stone, or leave!” Joseph said domineeringly.

“You!” When Oliver was about to get angry, but Jared stopped him.

“Can I pick whichever stone I want with one hundred thousand?” Jared asked.

“Of course. You may choose any stone you want from this pile.” Joseph pointed to the pile of stones behind him.

Jared glanced at the pile of stones and discreetly shook his head. There was no imperial jade in the pile of stones, not even an ice stone.

However, when he looked over at the messy pile of stones in a bag nearby, he trembled slightly.

“What about the stones over there? Can I choose from that pile?” Jared pointed to the messy pile of stones and asked.

“Those are worthless stones that have been cut open. If you want to pick one, it will be ten thousand.” Joseph glanced at the messy pile of stones and said.

“Jared, those are all worthless stones that have been cut open. You won’t get anything good,” Oliver hurriedly advised.

The stones had all been cut open. However, they were repurchased by the stone gambling store after the first cut. Hence, the price was pretty low. If the stones were cut three or four times, they would have no value at all.

Jared ignored Oliver. He walked directly toward the stones and began to choose.

Soon, Jared had already chosen ten pieces of stones. Looking at the stones that had already been cut, Oliver sighed over the one hundred thousand Jared had wasted.

Chapter 404 Regret

Since Jared was the one who gave him the money, Oliver figured he should not say anything more. If I make him happy now, maybe he will provide me with more money. After all, he is loaded!

“That’s all. Cut them, please!”

Jared threw those stone in front of Joseph.

Joseph looked at the pile of stones and sneered. “Let’s be clear. There will be no refund if there is nothing inside these stones. Don’t try to accuse us of cheating and ruin the reputation of my shop!”

“Cut the crap! Just cut them!” Jared shouted.

With that, Joseph gave an order to his subordinate. “Cut them!”

Soon, one of the stones was put on the machine and was slowly cut open.

“Ice stone! It’s an ice stone...”

Someone with keen observation shouted right away.

Indeed, after the stone was cut completely, an ice stone shone brightly inside.

“Hahaha. It’s ice stone. Now we won’t lose any money...”

Oliver let out a laugh after seeing that.

Even though ice stone was not exactly precious, it could sell for at least a hundred thousand or two. With that, they would surely make a profit.

“You guys are so lucky...”

Joseph snorted.

Jared smiled and did not say anything, waiting for the other stones to be opened.

Soon, another stone was cut open. Again, it was an ice stone.

The following third and fourth stones were all ice stones. Everyone on the scene was shocked by that. Joseph could not help but stare at Jared with a bewildered look.

Overwhelmed with excitement, Oliver took a bag and put in the stones that were already cut open. He urged Joseph, “Hurry and cut the rest. Stop wasting our time!”

When the fifth stone was cut open, everyone was stunned by a green light inside it.

Even Joseph froze on the spot.

Oliver stared at it for a while and cheered like a mad person, "It's imperial jade!"

The crowd went into an uproar after seeing that shocking scene.

"Who is this guy? I've never seen someone so lucky. How could he get imperial jade out of debris?"

"This is not luck! This is a miracle!"

"Cut the crap! Evidently, this guy is an expert. No one can be so lucky!"

Joseph's expression turned utterly ugly upon hearing those comments.

"Don't stop. Hurry up and cut the rest," Oliver told Joseph.

"I am not selling anymore. We won't sell the remaining stones. I will refund you..."

Joseph started taking back the remaining stones.

Jared approached him and grabbed his wrist. "I don't want the money. I only want the stones. I have paid for them. How could you go back on your words?"

"That's right. How could you go back? There are so many witnesses here!"

Oliver also walked over and grabbed Joseph.

"Do you have any idea whose shop this is? How dare you lay your hands on me?" Joseph snorted.

The next moment, more than ten strong men rushed out from inside.

"What are you guys doing? How dare you ignore my existence!" Lizbeth was enraged upon seeing that.

After all, she was from the Department of Justice, yet those people showed no respect to her at all.

"Even if your general comes, I won't be afraid. This is Mr. Wagner's shop. How dare you create a scene here!"

Joseph looked full of pride as he had the support of the Wagner family behind him.

The Wagner family was one of the best in Summerbank. Not to mention, Luke from the Warriors Alliance was one of the four directors of the Warriors Alliance.

"Even if this shop belongs to the king, you will have to cut all the stones."

Jared had a grim look on his face.

"D*mn it. So what if I refuse? What are you going to do about it?"

Joseph did not want to give in.

Jared landed a punch at Joseph, causing the latter's nose to bleed. He had been holding back his strength, or else Joseph might have been dead already.

“F*ck! How dare you hit me? Kill them...”

Joseph wiped the fresh blood off his nose and shouted an order toward his subordinates.

Those subordinates charged toward Jared with their weapons in their hands. When Jared was about to respond, Lizbeth stood in between them. She was not capable of fighting those elites from the martial families. However, these subordinates were still within her league.

Bang! Clash! Thump!

In the blink of an eye, all the subordinates got defeated by Lizbeth. They ended up either with a broken arm or a broken leg. Lizbeth went all out as she had been utterly pissed for being ignored.

Upon seeing that scene, Joseph staggered a few steps behind. “Okay, okay. You guys are in deep shit! Don’t ever think of leaving this place!”

Joseph took out his phone and made a call. It was obvious that he was calling Dominic.

“Young man, please wrap up your stuff and leave. You should not cross the Wagner family. They are not easy opponents...”

Someone among the crowd advised Jared.

“Lizbeth, we...”

Oliver started to get worried and frightened when he saw Joseph making a call. After all, the Wagner family was not someone to be trifled with.

“Oliver, don’t be afraid. You’ve got me,” Jared uttered composedly as he saw Oliver’s frightened look.

Oliver nodded slightly. “Okay. Don’t you know some people from Phoenix Regiment? Please call them. Then we won’t have to be afraid of the Wagner family!”

“We’re only facing the Wagner family. There’s no need to trouble Phoenix Regiment!”

Jared sneered.

The crowd could not help but shake their heads upon seeing Jared’s arrogance. They thought he would pay a huge price for his ignorance of the Wagner family’s power.

Before long, a young man in his twenties appeared, with a fan in his hand. A group of men followed him closely.

“Who the h*ck dare to cause trouble in my family’s shop?”

His voice had reached the ears of the others before he arrived.

Jared glanced at the young man and noticed the latter resembled Luke. However, their personalities were a big contrast. Luke was a mature man and was cautious with his every move. However, his son looked utterly boisterous and bold.

Nevertheless, Jared did not feel any martial energy coming out from this young man. It seemed like he was not a martial artist. How could Luke's son not be a martial artist? His father is an Internal Energy Grandmaster.

Joseph immediately walked over when Jared was having doubts and welcomed the young man.

"Mr. Wagner, that's them..."

Joseph pointed at Jared and the rest wrathfully.

The young man glanced at Jared and Lizbeth and then shifted his gaze toward those subordinates moaning on the ground. "You've kicked a fuss in my place and injured my men. Ms. Grange, even though you are from the Department of Justice, you should give me an explanation."

"Dominic, your men cheated my brother first. You are the one who should explain!"

Lizbeth cast a furious look at Dominic.

"I only know that you kicked a fuss and beat up my men. I know nothing about anything else. If you apologize and compensate for my loss, maybe I can let this drop and spare your lives!"

Dominic waved his fan, looking extremely smug.

"What if I say no?" Jared displayed a cold smile at Dominic.

"Then, don't even think of leaving this place!"

As Dominic finished his sentence, his men surrounded Jared instantly.

Only a relatively slim elderly stood still beside Dominic.

Jared scanned roughly and discovered that all those men were internal energy martial artists, much stronger than those thugs earlier. Meanwhile, that slim elderly beside Dominic released intense martial energy. His energy was almost equivalent to Luke's.

Chapter 406 Deep Trouble

"It is either you apologize or die? Your choice..."

Dominic threw Jared a condescending look. He had never encountered anyone who dared to reject his order. Jared was the first one.

"Can I take the third option?" Jared smiled.

"The third option?" Dominic was stunned momentarily.

"That's to let you guys die..."

As Jared spat out those words, his body exploded with energy.

All those martial artists surrounding him held their breath upon sensing his scary aura. They felt as though huge rocks were pressing them down.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

They fell to their knees one after another, struggling in great pain. They began spitting fresh blood from their mouths.

The crowd gasped in awe upon witnessing that scene.

The slim elderly widened his eyes as his body trembled incessantly. He almost fell to the ground when he sensed Jared's aura. Fortunately, it was not directed to him or he would not be able to hold his foot too.

"Who exactly are you?" The elderly stared at Jared cautiously.

"I am Jared Chance." Jared opened his mouth composedly.

The elderly's expression turned ugly, his gaze filled with horror. "So are you Mr. Chance?"

The elderly was the butler of the Wagner family. Even though he did not see the matches at the arena, he had heard about Jared's reputation. Plus, Luke had sent him to the Jantz family's mansion to invite Jared a couple of times. However, Jared was in solitary training, so he failed to meet the former.

He recalled the scary aura that Jared had just released. He confirmed this was indeed the man who killed Zachariah.

"Mr. Chance, forgive our ignorance. We didn't mean to offend you. I hope you won't take this to heart!"

To the crowd's bewilderment, the elderly knelt before Jared.

"Clyde, what are you doing?"

Dominic widened his eyes, unable to believe what he saw.

In the Wagner family, Clyde's status was equal to Luke's. Their strength was almost the same level as well.

How could he bow to a young man? That's a great humiliation for the Wagner family!

"Shut up!" The elderly cast a furious look at Dominic. The latter was shocked and did not dare to say anything more.

Jared stared at the elderly who was kneeling in front of him. He did not say anything but turned toward Oliver. "Oliver, pack the stuff and let's go!"

Oliver nodded and immediately packed those stones without delay. With that, they left the shop.

Clyde waited until Jared was no longer within his sight before he got up.

"Mr. Wagner, our stones..."

Joseph was beyond panicked after seeing how Jared had taken away all the stones.

Slap!

Before Joseph could finish his sentence, Clyde slapped him so hard that his face swelled up instantly!

“Clyde, what the h*ll is going on?” Dominic could not wrap his head around it.

“Mr. Wagner, we are in deep trouble! We must discuss this matter with Old Mr. Wagner!”

Clyde let out a long sigh and left with Dominic.

Luke stomped his feet in exasperation in the Wagner residence upon hearing the incident.

“Bast*rd! Unfilial son! I will kill you...”

Luke was about to cast a ruthless slap toward Dominic’s face.

However, he was stopped by Clyde. “Old Mr. Wagner, it would be useless even if you kill Mr. Wagner now. What we need to do now is to make Mr. Chance change his impression of the Wagner family!”

“Yes. You are right. I should go and apologize to Mr. Chance personally!”

Luke kept nodding as he ran back to his room. A moment later, he came out with his collection of herbs.

Dominic knelt on the floor and could not stop trembling. He looked at Clyde indignantly. “Clyde, who exactly was that guy? What are you and Dad so afraid of him?”

Chapter 407 Apology

“Mr. Wagner, he was the man who killed Zachariah in the arena. He also destroyed the Whitaker family and the Jantz family. Do you want the same thing to happen to the Wagner family?” Clyde explained sternly.

Dominic paled in fright as he choked on his words upon hearing that. “I had no idea... What should we do now?”

“Bast*rd, follow me...”

Luke dragged Dominic with him and left.

Inside the Jantz family’s mansion, Jared, Josephine, and Lizbeth were having a meal.

“Lizbeth, you don’t have to go back to your place tonight. Why don’t you stay here? Then, I will have company!”

Josephine told Lizbeth.

“I don’t want to be a third wheel. What should I do when you two spend the night together? Am I going to be the audience?”

Lizbeth smiled.

Josephine blushed as she shot Lizbeth a glare. “Nonsense. We two are innocent. We’ve never slept together...”

“Your relationship is official. It’s fine even if you did. It will be great if you guys can have a baby soon!”

Lizbeth teased Josephine.

“Forget it. I don’t want to be a mother so soon. I still want to have fun!”

Josephine rolled her eyes at Lizbeth.

Jared did not utter anything as he immediately finished his food and left the table. Indeed, women like to talk about anything!

Sitting on the couch, Jared intended to have brief training. Yet, a subordinate entered the house.

“Mr. Chance, the head of the Wagner family is here to see you...” the subordinate reported.

Jared was not surprised at all. He knew Luke’s character quite well and saw that coming.

“Please tell him I’m busy!” Jared waved his hand.

The subordinate left at once.

Outside the mansion, Luke and Dominic were waiting impatiently. Luke was holding an elegant gift box in his hand.

Seeing the subordinate come out, Luke immediately approached him. “So what did Mr. Chance say?”

“Mr. Chance is busy!” The subordinate closed the door upon saying that.

Luke and Dominic were stunned momentarily as they froze on the spot.

“Dad, what should we do now?” Dominic asked cautiously.

Slap!

Luke slapped Dominic abruptly. “You kneel here until Mr. Chance is willing to see us!”

Dominic did not dare to disobey his order. Without hesitation, he knelt in front of the entrance. Meanwhile, Luke went back to his car and waited.

At night, the thunder roared suddenly, and the rain started pouring down. Luke sat in the car, staring at Dominic who was caught in the rain. His face was utterly indifferent.

The following day, the sky turned bright as a rainbow formed in the sky.

“It’s so beautiful...”

Josephine and Lizbeth were delighted to see the rainbow.

Jared took a deep breath and did some stretching. Just then, a subordinate came and whispered something in his ears.

Jared was stunned momentarily. His lips curled into a smile. “Let’s go out and take a look.”

The door of the mansion was opened, and Jared walked out. He saw Dominic still kneeling on the ground, his body all wet. He looked extremely messy, and his gaze was decadent.

Seeing Jared had finally come out, Luke immediately ran over to him. “Mr. Chance, my son is really foolish, and he has offended you. It’s all his fault! I hope you can spare his life.”

Upon saying that, Luke immediately passed Jared the gift box. Jared did not need to look inside. He knew what was inside simply by sensing the spiritual energy coming from inside.

“Mr. Wagner, you’re being too generous. It was merely a small misunderstanding. There’s no need for the trouble. Please take your son back or he might catch a cold!”

Jared smiled as he accepted the gift box and handed it to his subordinate.

Luke was delighted with Jared’s response and thanked him profusely, “Okay, okay. Mr. Chance, thank you for your generosity. I will be holding a luncheon at my place this noon. I hope I have the honor to serve you!”

Chapter 408 Let Me Worry About It

“Sure. I will be there by noon!” Jared nodded.

Jared needed someone mature and careful like Luke to work for him. That was why he agreed to go to the Wagner residence.

“Then, I will be waiting for you at my place, Mr. Chance!”

As such, Luke took Dominic away. By then, Dominic was all worn out and almost lost his consciousness.

Shortly after Luke left, Tommy and Phoenix came. Jared’s lips curled into a smile as he noticed the expressions on their faces when they looked at each other. They’re into each other!

“My Lord, Herb Palace sent their men and asked for the final payment. They said the herbs were ready. They will send the order once they receive the final payment,” Phoenix told Jared with a low voice.

“Okay. I will try to collect the fund. Please sell all the properties of the Jantz family at a low price. Keep this mansion. See how much money you can collect...”

Jared frowned slightly.

It was indeed challenging for him to collect a few billion in such a short time. He did not have much business in hand, except for selling some revitalizing pills. Plus, the sales of the pills were not very good recently. Moreover, Jared barely had time to make those pills.

Even though Templar Regiment and Phoenix Regiment were large, they were still a gang. They did not own many properties, and they still needed to support a lot of subordinates. Hence, they would not be able to help financially.

“Okay!” Phoenix nodded firmly. “But I fear it would be difficult to sell them within such a short time. Nevertheless, I have sent men to Herb Palace and asked for a few days of grace!”

“My Lord, what about I sell all the properties of Templar Regiment in Summerbank too? I might be able to get some money. After all, Templar Regiment is just a rabble. I only discovered that I was a joke after I came to Summerbank!”

Tommy uttered.

Jared glanced at Tommy and smiled faintly. "Do you want to settle down in Summerbank too?"

"I..." Tommy's face reddened as he did not know how to respond to Jared's question.

Phoenix lowered her head and smiled secretly.

"You can find someone you trust to manage Templar Regiment. After the herbs from Herb Palace arrive, I will make a pill to help you improve your strength in the shortest time..."

Jared knew what was in Tommy's mind. He knew the latter wanted to come to Summerbank as Phoenix was here. However, Phoenix's strength was beyond him by a huge gap. Without a doubt, that could be considered an embarrassment for Tommy.

"Really?" Tommy's eyes lit up with surprise. "My Lord, thank you so much!"

"You're with me. Of course, I don't want you to lose to others. I hope all my men in Dragon Sect are the best in the world!"

Jared patted Tommy's shoulder and smiled.

"If only we know where the other regiments are. There are thirteen regiments in total. I'm sure we will be able to collect a huge sum of money."

Tommy suddenly heaved a sigh.

"All right. Just try your best. Let me worry about the money. You guys go ahead and have a walk in the city. There are many nice streets here!"

Jared waved his hand with a smile.

Phoenix blushed as she walked out. Meanwhile, Tommy cast a grateful look at Jared and followed Phoenix.

After they left, Jared furrowed his brows. Where am I going to get a few billion? It's not a tiny amount.

If I am out of options, I will have no choice but to seek help from William. However, even though the Sullivan family is the top wealthy family in Horington, I wonder how much cash they have in hand. If most of their wealth is in the form of assets, it will take some time to convert them to cash.

Around noon, Luke sent a car to fetch Jared. Dominic was the one driving.

Dominic had changed into new clothes, and he looked better. After seeing Jared come out, Dominic opened the car door humbly. "Mr. Chance, please!"

Chapter 409 Work Together

Jared nodded and entered the car. Dominic then drove carefully toward the Wagner residence.

Despite Dominic's arrogant behavior, he didn't dare to show any disrespect in the face of Jared's absolute power. In fact, even his father was extremely polite toward Jared.

His phone started ringing while they were still on the road, but Dominic didn't dare to answer it. Instead, he stole a glance at Jared to see how he responded.

"Just go ahead and take the call, man! I'm not going to kill you for doing so!" Jared said with a helpless chuckle.

Having gotten his permission, Dominic answered the phone.

"Mr. Wagner, Mr. Ferguson has just arrived at the port. The stones have been loaded into the cars and will be delivered to us by the afternoon!" said the man on the phone.

"Okay, got it!"

Dominic was about to hang up the phone when the man continued, "Mr. Ferguson said that these stones are from Mount Hickoria, so he wants you to prepare more money!"

"Hickoria stones, huh?" Dominic paused for a moment before continuing excitedly, "No problem! Just make sure he brings them all to me! Don't let him share them with anyone else!"

The look of excitement on his face did not fade even after he hung up the phone.

Curious as to why Dominic was so excited, Jared asked, "What are Hickoria stones?"

"Oh, you didn't know? Hickoria stones are stones obtained from Mount Hickoria. Due to its high rate of production, precious gemstones like imperial jade and flaming ruby are all processed from Hickoria stones. That's why they are worth more money. If we can get our hands on these stones, then we'll be able to make a fortune even if we process them ourselves!" Dominic explained.

As it turned out, he actually knew quite a lot about gemstones.

"Assuming we are able to increase the gemstone's production rate to a hundred percent by only processing the stones that contain gemstones, how much money can we make?"

Jared became interested in gemstones when he realized the potential to profit from them.

"It's impossible to increase production rates to a hundred percent, but if we are able to make it happen somehow..." Dominic paused mid-sentence and stared wide-eyed at Jared through the rear-view mirror. He had just recalled how Jared had picked ten stones out of the pile, five of which turned out to contain gemstones inside them. Although Dominic hadn't checked the other five, he could see where Jared was going with that question.

"Well, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that one could become the wealthiest person in the country!" he continued excitedly.

Jared nodded. "This really is a profitable business, then!"

"If you're knowledgeable in picking out gemstones, we could work together on this! I'll give you fifty percent of the shares! No, I'll give you eighty percent of the shares! I'm happy with just twenty percent of it! All you have to do is examine the stones for me when they arrive!"

Dominic's heart was racing as he said that.

If we're able to pick out the stones containing those precious gemstones for ourselves, then I'll profit greatly even with just twenty percent of the shares! We can also sell the remaining ones at the stone gambling store and profit from them even more!

"Do you really trust me that much?" Jared asked with a smile.

Dominic nodded profusely. "Of course I do! You've proven your exceptional skill with your performance yesterday! I've never seen anyone as great as you in the world of stone gambling!"

"All right, then. I happen to be a little strapped for cash at the moment, so I'll take you up on your offer!" Jared replied.

Dominic was overjoyed when he heard that. "Thank you, Mr. Chance! Thank you so much!"

Luke and a group of men were waiting for them at the front door by the time Dominic and Jared arrived at the Wagner residence. He even opened the door for them and ushered them into the house.

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Upon entering the main hall, Jared saw that Luke had prepared an incredibly grand feast for lunch. Everyone waited until Jared sat down at the main seat before sitting down themselves.

"You're being a little too generous here, Mr. Wagner! A simple lunch would've sufficed!" Jared exclaimed with a faint smile as he looked at the dishes laid out before him.

"A simple lunch when you have graced us with your presence? Absolutely not! Only the best hospitality is good for you, Mr. Chance!" Luke said while pouring him a glass of wine.

He then turned toward Dominic and continued, "Raise your glass and apologize to Mr. Chance, Dominic!"

Jared waved at them. "That won't be necessary. It's no big deal, really. It'd be really petty of me to have him apologize over something so minor!"

Luke nodded profusely. "You may not know this, but my son has always been lazy and disobedient! He has no talent for martial arts whatsoever! All he does is obsess over these rocks every single day! After this, I'll have him shut down his stone gambling store and stay away from those stones!"

"I know what I did wrong, Dad. I won't behave so arrogantly anymore, so please let me keep my store!" Dominic pleaded anxiously after hearing that.

Luke glared at him angrily as he shouted, "Shut up! You would've died if it weren't for Mr. Chance's generosity and kindness! Forget about your stone gambling store! You're going to stay home from now on!"

"I really can't close the store, Dad!"

"Why the hell not?" Luke yelled.

Recalling how he had offered Jared eighty percent of the shares, Dominic said, "Because Mr. Chance is a major shareholder and also the boss of my stone gambling store!"

Luke paused and turned to look at Jared in confusion.

Jared nodded as he said, "Dominic is right. I am indeed planning on buying the shares of his stone gambling store. We all have our own unique talents, and martial arts isn't suited for everyone. I think Dominic has a talent for stone gambling!"

Da*n, I wasn't expecting Dominic to become business partners with Jared at all! Oh, well... At least the Wagner family is now another step closer to Jared!

With that in mind, Luke said, "In that case, I can rest assured that he will manage his business properly under your supervision."

People kept approaching Jared to propose toasts throughout the banquet, but he didn't decline any of their toasts. Thanks to the protection from Focus Technique, his body remained unaffected regardless of how much alcohol he consumed.

At one point, Jared noticed that Luke seemed troubled as he kept staring anxiously out the window.

"Mr. Wagner, I can excuse myself if you have other business to attend to."

"Oh, no! Not at all! You see, I have another son who is training in martial arts. I told him to come home for lunch in hopes that you could give him some pointers, but he hasn't returned yet!" Luke explained with an angry look on his face.

"Practicing martial arts? Why would you send him outside for training when you are so proficient at it?" Jared asked in surprise.

Luke is quite famous in Summerbank for being an Internal Energy Grandmaster. Why would he have his son train with someone else?

Luke let out a wry chuckle as he replied, "That may be the case here in Summerbank, but my proficiency is nothing outside of Jazona! There are tons of martial artists out there far more skilled and powerful than I am!"

Jared was a little shocked. "What? You mean there are people out there more powerful than Grandmasters?"

Since he wasn't a martial artist and didn't cultivate martial energy, he assumed that achieving the Grandmaster level was the greatest feat possible.