

## **The Man's Decree 541**

### Chapter 541 Showdown

Just as he spoke, Fabian clasped his hands together and began blowing into them.

Suddenly, a jarring shrill rang out from his mouth.

It was accompanied by the intense gurgling of the water in the lake. Subsequently, a whirlpool appeared as if there were countless giant creatures within it.

"Mr. Chance, be careful! He is about to summon the poisonous creatures!" Liam warned Jared anxiously.

Looking down at the water, Jared leaped into the air.

Just as he did, countless venomous parasites shot out from the water and swarmed him.

There were so many of them that they managed to block off the sun as they enveloped Jared. There was simply no escape for him.

Soon, the parasites swallowed Jared with their numbers and wrapped him in a cocoon. As a result, he fell into the lake with a splash and quickly disappeared from sight.

Slowly, calm returned to the lake, and the only thing that was left was the occasional bubble that floated to the surface.

Meanwhile, Tristan and the four elders turned pale in shock when they saw what happened.

"Everyone, run!" Liam suddenly cried out as he turned around to flee.

Without Jared, they were no match for Fabian. All that awaited them was death.

Grabbing Megan by the arm, Tristan too began to run.

"Hahaha, I can't believe how naive all of you are. No one can escape from my grasp!" Fabian burst into laughter. Despite that, he made no move to pursue them, for he already had other plans in place.

When they saw that Fabian wasn't chasing after them, Tristan and the others heaved a sigh of relief.

However, before they could get far, they heard a slithering sound. The next moment, venomous snakes crawled out from both sides of the valley. One by one, they raised their heads and hissed, blocking the group from escaping.

At the sight of the snakes, everyone was stunned. Stopping abruptly in their tracks, no one dared to move forward at all.

"Go on, run! Why aren't you running?" Fabian gradually appeared from behind them.

With the snakes in front and Fabian behind them, everyone in the group, especially Megan, began to grow anxious. As a girl, she had never encountered such a situation before. In fact, Jared and Fabian's fight in particular looked like a battle between immortals to her.

Liam looked at Fabian and pleaded, "Mr. Quillen, on account of us having served you for so many years, please have mercy on us."

"Mercy?" Fabian scoffed. "After working so long for me, don't you know what I do to traitors?"

The four elders' expressions turned solemn instantaneously, for they didn't dare imagine what they were about to face.

"Guys, since only death awaits us, why don't we fight for our lives? If we fall into his hands, we are done for!" Liam thundered with gritted teeth.

"Fight it is!"

The other three elders unsheathed their weapons. Instead of accepting death, fighting would give them a chance of survival. After all, a terrible fate awaited them if they were captured.

"Captain Walsh, protect Ms. Simmons!"

After handing Megan over to Shane, Tristan stepped forward to join the battle, knowing that the elders needed all the help they could get.

Given that he was injured, Shane was relegated to protecting Megan. Despite his urge to join in, he was aware that he was too weak in his current condition to do so.

Fabian burst into mocking laughter. "Hahaha, do you think a bunch of pests like you can defeat me?"

"Attack!" Liam roared as he charged forward, brandishing the weapon in his hand.

"Charge!"

"Die!"

The three elders, together with Tristan, surged ahead as well.

#### Chapter 542 Concealed Weapon

The combined strength of four Senior Grandmasters and a regular Grandmaster wasn't something to be underestimated.

As four swords were thrust in Fabian's direction, Tristan supported them by shooting countless flashes of light with a wave of his fan.

At that moment, everyone unleashed their ultimate techniques. Even Tristan fired out the concealed weapons he had prepared for life and death situations.

"Hmph!" Fabian snorted.

With a wave of his hand, he grabbed the four swords belonging to the elders and broke them in half. After that, he sent them flying back with another wave of his hand.

At the same time, Fabian's other hand moved swiftly to intercept all the concealed weapons Tristan had hurled at him.

“Did you actually expect these weapons to hurt me?” Fabian snorted before sending Tristan flying with a palm strike.

In the end, none of them landed a scratch on Fabian. Instead, all of them suffered grievous injuries.

Having subdued the elders and Tristan, Fabian didn’t attack them further. Instead, he turned his attention toward Megan.

“Given how pretty you are, I wonder what Mr. Simmons would do if he finds out that you have fallen into my hands.”

Fabian broke into a devilish smile as he walked in Megan’s direction.

Terrified, Megan hid timidly behind Shane.

Shane gave Fabian a grim look. “I’m the captain of the Department of Justice. Do you know what the consequences of killing me are?”

“Hahaha, are you threatening me? Let me tell you, my Five Poison Technique is about to be completed. When that happens, I won’t have to be afraid of the Department of Justice at all. Even if Theodore were to come here, he would be powerless against me!”

Fabian laughed deviously as he continued walking toward Megan.

Left without a choice, Shane gritted his teeth and launched a punch at Fabian despite the pain he was enduring.

With a half-hearted palm strike, Fabian threw Shane to the side. There, Shane watched helplessly as Fabian grabbed Megan.

“You b\*stard, let go of me! Let go!”

Unfortunately, Megan’s desperate struggles were futile.

“Megan, don’t worry. As long as you obey my words, I won’t hurt you.”

The moment Fabian finished, he reached out his hand in an attempt to strip her.

He wanted to take indecent pictures of her and blackmail Dante into submitting to him.

Just when he was about to pull off her clothes, he suddenly felt his head spin, causing him to release his grip on Megan.

Terrified, Megan hurried to Tristan’s side and looked at Fabian fearfully.

“Megan, there’s no need to fear. He has been struck by my poison needle and won’t survive for long.”

Tristan was delighted to see Fabian in that condition.

It now appeared that the concealed weapons that Tristan shot Fabian with were just decoys. Hidden among them was an inconspicuous needle. If one wasn’t looking carefully, it was impossible to have spotted it.

While the other weapons were nothing more than a distraction, that particular needle was the crux of Tristan's attack.

Watching Fabian's staggering figure, everyone couldn't help but feel jubilant. Once he was killed by the poison, all of them would be safe.

Soon, Fabian sat on the ground with his legs crossed. He then gave Tristan an icy glare. "Have you forgotten that I'm the godson of the Poison King? It's impossible for a single poison needle to kill me. Once I have expelled it out of my body, I will make you wish you were better off dead."

With that, Fabian took out a clay bottle. After opening it, he picked out a green parasite that was the size of a fingernail. Without any hesitation, he swallowed it at once.

"This is a poison-absorbing parasite. It will quickly clear my body of the poison within it."

Closing his eyes, Fabian sat in silence.

Even though this was the best time to attack Fabian, none of them had the ability to do so due to their injuries. As for Megan, she was just an ordinary girl who was incapable of doing any actual harm.

#### Chapter 543 You Are Too Weak

With the poisonous snakes blocking their escape, everyone had no choice but to watch Fabian gradually expel his poison.

Meanwhile, at the bottom of the lake, Jared was sitting still like an old monk, not moving a single muscle. Countless parasites were tearing at his body, desperate to inject their venom into him.

In a very short time, Jared's body was filled with a large concentration of poison. However, he used his Focus Technique to convert them into spiritual energy to be stored in his elixir field.

As for the parasites attacking him, all of them began to die once Jared had drained them of their venom. With their bodies all dried out, they gradually floated to the surface.

In the blink of an eye, the parasites biting Jared grew lesser, while their dead corpses gradually covered the entire surface of the lake.

As the amount of spiritual energy within him increased exponentially, bubbles slowly emitted from his body, causing the surface of the water to boil.

Buzz!

Suddenly, a turbulent ripple emerged on the surface of the water the moment Jared opened his eyes. At that moment, he had achieved the peak of the Foundation Phase after absorbing the energy from all the venomous parasites.

If one were to touch the lake's water, one would realize it was no longer freezing cold. Instead, it would actually feel warm to the hand.

Meanwhile, Fabian, who was using his own parasite to cleanse himself of the poison within him, opened his eyes. Suddenly, he dropped his jaw and allowed the parasite to squirm out of his mouth and back into the clay jar.

“What an unbelievably weak technique. Did you expect to take my life with just a poison needle? This is nothing but a joke!”

Fabian shot Tristan and the others a vicious glare.

Now that Fabian had recovered, the group felt so disheartened that the hope in their eyes faded away.

“Aren’t you going to kneel and beg for your lives? Perhaps, I will let you go out of compassion,” Fabian asked as he swept his gaze across the group.

In spite of that, no one pleaded for mercy. After all, they were cognizant that Fabian wasn’t going to let them go. All he was doing was humiliating them.

When he didn’t get any response, Fabian was infuriated. He sneered with a cold glint in his eye, “Since no one wants to beg for their lives, I will let all of you experience what it feels like to be poisoned. In fact, my poison won’t kill you right away. It will instead torment you for forty-nine hours before your body festers into mush.”

Just as he spoke, Fabian took out a sachet that contained a powder-like substance which he prepared to hurl in their direction.

At that moment, everyone was stricken with terror. Megan was already in tears, while the others had fearful expressions on their faces.

Right when everyone assumed that they would be killed, a loud splash was suddenly heard from the lake.

The next moment, a water column ascended into the sky. On top of it, there was a figure sitting with his legs crossed.

“Mr. Chance! It’s Mr. Chance!” Tristan recognized the person on it.

At that moment, Jared shot an icy glare at Fabian, sending a chill down his spine.

Turning around, Fabian was dumbstruck by the sight of Jared.

As for the others, they were ecstatic to see that Jared was alive.

“Impossible! How can this be? There were so many poisonous creatures. Why did they fail to kill you?”

Fabian couldn’t believe his eyes. The poisonous creatures are capable of killing even a herd of elephants. How did Jared manage to survive?

“Now that you mentioned it, I would like to thank you for them,” Jared sneered as his body gently floated to the ground.

When Fabian looked in the direction of the lake, he was shocked to see that it had turned black, covered with the bodies of dead parasites.

Chapter 544 Is There Something Good

“Argh! I’m going to kill you! I spent so many years raising all of them!”

When he saw that all his beloved poisonous creatures had been killed, Fabian lost his mind and launched a devastating punch in Jared's direction.

Letting out a snort, Jared disappeared from sight. Before Fabian could react, Jared appeared in front of him and smashed a punch right into his chest.

Caught off guard, Fabian was thrown into the air by the impact. Jared leaped after him and unleashed another punch.

Every single punch that landed on Fabian would send him flying further from the ground. It wasn't until his body was more than twenty meters in the air that Jared finally stopped and descended to the ground.

As for Fabian, he fell back down at terminal velocity, cratering the ground when he crashed. The impact was so great that the mask he was wearing cracked in half and fell off.

With the mask broken, all that was left was a horrible and disfigured face that looked just like a ghoul. He looked so terrifying that Megan screamed in fright.

After puking a mouthful of blood, Fabian wanted to get back up but failed to do so no matter how hard he tried. Looking at Jared with terror in his eyes, he couldn't believe that Jared's strength had increased so much that he was unable to counterattack at all.

"Is this the best you can do?" Jared looked at Fabian with contempt.

"Jared, y-you can't kill me. Otherwise, my godfather will never let you go. If you release me, I will hand over the Crescent Sect and everything it owns to you," Fabian offered while seething.

"You cannot be any more shameless. Crescent Sect never belonged to you, so it's not yours to give in the first place. Besides, after killing you, wouldn't it still belong to me anyway?" Jared sneered.

Stunned, Fabian's horrible-looking face darkened further. "If you kill me, you will make enemies of the whole of Mapleton."

"So what if I do? In fact, I'm looking forward to them seeking revenge on me. That way, I will have an excuse to get my hands on all the poisonous creatures in Mapleton."

Just thinking about how the poisonous creatures were able to increase his cultivation filled Jared with anticipation. He couldn't wait for the people of Mapleton to come for him.

"You—" Coughing out more blood due to his rage, Fabian was rendered speechless.

Subsequently, Jared stomped his foot on Fabian's head, crushing it right away.

Meanwhile, Tristan and the rest were shocked at how brutally Jared killed Fabian.

"Are you guys all right?" Jared asked as he swept his gaze across them.

The group nodded. Although everyone was injured, none of the wounds were fatal.

"That's good. Come inside with me, and let's see if there's anything interesting."

As Jared jumped onto one of the boats, everyone got to their feet and followed him.

When they saw the corpses of the poisonous creatures strewn all over the lake, everyone felt a chill down their spine.

Soon, the boat arrived at the opposing shore. As for the rest of the Crescent Sect members, all of them were already on their knees, waiting for Jared's instructions. After watching him kill Fabian with their own eyes, no one had the courage to challenge him. Furthermore, the only reason they were forced to obey Fabian was that the parasites were controlling them.

"Mr. Chance, we hope that you will forgive them, for they used to be Mr. Simmons' men. Fabian gave them no choice when he used the parasites to control them," Liam pleaded on the men's behalf.

Sweeping his gaze across the men of the Crescent Sect, Jared suddenly waved his hand and covered all of them with a red ray of light.

The very next moment, everyone grimaced in pain before grabbing their own throats with twisted expressions.

"Mr. Chance—"

Liam thought that Jared was trying to kill them all.

Before he could finish, many of them began to retch. They then threw up the parasites within them, which slithered all over the place to escape.

#### Chapter 545 Reassuring Her

It was only then that Liam realized that Jared was helping the members of Crescent Sect remove the parasites within them.

"Thank you, Mr. Chance," all of them thanked Jared in unison.

After nodding in acknowledgment, Jared entered the Crescent Sect's main hall. When he saw the clay vessel on the table, he broke into a smile as he dipped his hand into it.

Inside, the parasites bit Jared's hand savagely but died quickly after that.

"Does the Crescent Sect have any pills or herbs?" Jared asked Liam.

"Yes, we still have some recovery pills and a bunch of herbs. Nevertheless, Fabian has sent most of them back to Mapleton," Liam explained.

"Organize everything. Make sure no one touches them as I'll be looking to use them," Jared instructed.

Liam nodded without question. Whatever Jared wanted, they would comply unconditionally.

By the time Jared led Tristan and Megan back to the Simmons residence, it was already dark. As for Shane, he returned to Jadeborough grievously hurt. Shaken by the experiences from the trip, he strived to reflect upon his own character and change for the better.

The moment Megan reached home, she thundered at Dante, "Dad, what else are you hiding from me?"

When Dante heard Megan's question, he knew that she had found out everything about the Crescent Sect. Letting out a sigh, he answered, "Megan, I'll explain it to you later. For now, there's something I need to discuss with Mr. Chance."

After Jared gave Tristan a look, he quickly led Megan away.

"Mr. Chance, have you killed Fabian?" Dante asked.

Jared plainly explained, "He's dead. As for the four elders and the rest of the Crescent Sect's men, I have removed the parasites from their bodies and given them back their free will. If you want to continue as the leader of the Crescent Sect, you can still order them—"

"Me?" Dante smiled wryly. "At most, I have only five days left to live. The last thing on my mind is being a sect leader. Instead, it's my daughter I'm worried about. I understand that you are spoilt for choice when it comes to the ladies. But since you're still not married, I wonder if she—"

Jared raised his hand to stop Dante. "I already have a girlfriend. Beside, I'm sure you're well aware of who your daughter fancies."

Dante sighed in resignation. "They will never be together in the end."

Shaking his head, Dante continued, "Mr. Chance, I want to hand the Crescent Sect over to Megan. Therefore, I hope you can stay a few more days to help her."

"No problem. I'll also get Tristan to stay. Other than helping her, both of them will have more time to bond," Jared replied with a smile.

Dante returned the smile and didn't say anything further.

The next day, Jared and Tristan accompanied Dante and Megan back to the Crescent Sect base.

Having returned to the place he founded after many years, Dante was filled with emotion.

Meanwhile, Jared used the pills and herbs from Crescent Sect to continue his cultivation. Now that he was at the peak of Foundation Phase, he was about to break into Transcendence Phase next.

As for Dante, he taught Megan what she needed to know, while Tristan helped to clean up by the side.

Five days later, Dante passed away. Megan pleaded sorrowfully with Jared to save him, as the latter was like an immortal to her.

Unfortunately, he wasn't one. Even if he was, it was still impossible to change fate. Now that Dante's time was up, there was little Jared could do.

After Dante was buried, Jared ordered Tristan to stay back to help Megan and also to comfort her. After all, she had just lost her father. Once everything was settled, he took a flight back to Horington.

Chapter 546 Twenty Percent Discount

Tristan had booked a first-class ticket for Jared. Hence, it was Jared's first time in the first-class cabin.

After locating his seat and settling down comfortably, he closed his eyes to rest and waited for the plane to take flight.



At that moment, a young couple dressed fashionably entered the cabin. The lady had an oval-shaped face and was wearing a pair of sunglasses. After checking her ticket, she sat down beside Jared. As for the man, his seat was in front of Jared's.

After the lady took her seat and glanced at Jared, she knitted her brows with scorn.

She looked to her companion. "Logan, I don't want to sit beside this person. He looks like a country bumpkin and smells."

Logan gave her a look. "Just bear with it for the moment. Once the plane takes off, I'll switch seats with him."

He didn't want to cause any trouble, for those who could afford to be in the first-class cabin were not ordinary people.

Pouting, the lady looked upset. "Fine. However, you had better check if there are still tickets to Tessa's concert. After all, I don't want this trip to be a waste of time."

"All right, all right. My dad has a friend in Horington that's really powerful. I think his name is Tommy. I heard that whenever he stomps his foot, the entire Horington would tremble," Logan boasted.

"In that case, you should contact him right away and get us two tickets. I really like Tessa. However, I don't understand why she is holding a concert in such a small city like Horington."

The girl appeared puzzled.

Logan nodded. "Fine. I'll give him a call right now. You should sit down and wait first."

Despite having his eyes closed, Jared was listening to their conversation. When he heard that Tessa was having a concert in Horington, he figured that it had something to do with him.

"Can it be because she knows I'm from Horington? That's why she's organizing a concert there?" Jared frowned slightly.

If that's really the reason, she will definitely come to see me. When that happens, what am I going to tell Josephine?

It was bad enough with Lizbeth provoking him occasionally. With Tessa around, Jared felt as if he was going to break down.

"Kid, kid..."

Just when Jared's imagination was running wild, a middle-aged woman patted Jared on his shoulder.

Jared opened his eyes at once and asked, "Madam, what is it?"

"Oh, I heard that first-class tickets this time around get a twenty percent discount. Did you get a discount too?" the middle-aged lady asked politely.

"Madam, I'm sorry, but I've no idea. My friend bought me the ticket, and this is my first time in first-class," Jared replied.

"Oh!" The lady didn't say anything further and returned to her seat.

When Logan heard that it was Jared's first time on the plane and that his ticket was bought by a friend, a haughty expression appeared on his face.

"Hey man, move to the front seat. I want to sit next to my girlfriend," Logan ordered arrogantly.

After glancing at Logan, Jared ignored him and leaned back in his seat with his eyes closed.

In response, Logan was infuriated. "Hey man, did you hear what I said? I told you to vacate your seat. You had better not get on my nerves!"

Jared continued to ignore him and didn't even bother to open his eyes.

"Damn it!" Logan cursed. Just when he reached out to grab Jared's collar, Jared's eyes snapped open before he intercepted the man's wrist.

Just like an iron claw, Jared was holding Logan's wrist in a death grip. The massive force he applied caused Logan to break out in a cold sweat and yell in pain.

Chapter 547 Wait And See

"Ouch! Let me go!" Logan wailed.

Anna scolded Jared, "Let go of him at once, you country bumpkin!"

Jared just turned around and stared at Anna. She shut up immediately at Jared's menacing stare.

He released his grip on Logan after that. If he had used more strength, the guy's arm would have been broken.

Seeing that, Anna hurriedly got up and massaged Logan's arm.

"How dare you, rascal! Let's see what happens when we reach Horington." Logan hurled a threat at Jared but did not dare to change seats with him again.

Concerned, Anna asked, "Are you okay, Logan?"

"I'm fine. I just didn't expect that country bumpkin to be so strong. He'll realize that he shouldn't have crossed me once we get off the plane later!" Logan scoffed.

Soon, the plane landed at Horington Airport after three hours of flying.

Since Jared didn't bring any luggage on board, he got up and walked out of the plane as soon as it landed. The young couple followed him closely behind.

"I've texted Tommy. I have to make sure this rascal's leg is broken today!" Glaring at Jared's back, Logan gritted his teeth and swore.

"What about the tickets?" Anna asked.

"Don't worry. I'll get the seats in the first twenty rows," Logan promised.

"That's wonderful, Logan! I love you!" Anna exclaimed as she planted a kiss on Logan's cheek.

Jared saw Tommy waiting for him at the airport exit. He had texted Tommy that he would be arriving at Horington before the plane departed.

“Mr. Chance.”

Tommy hurried forward the moment he saw Jared.

Jared looked at Tommy and nodded slightly. “Not bad. I see that you are getting better in a few days.”

Tommy smiled. “This is all thanks to you, Mr. Chance.”

“Let’s go.” Jared headed for the car.

When Jared saw the embarrassed look on Tommy’s face, he remembered something and asked, “Are you waiting for someone else?”

“Yes, Mr. Chance. I have an old friend whose son is coming to Horington to watch a concert. He has asked me to take care of his son while he’s here,” Tommy replied.

Jared remembered the young couple on the airplane and recalled that the guy mentioned Tommy’s name. Nodding, he said, “Let’s wait for a while then.”

At the same time, the young couple exited the airport and looked as if they were chasing after someone.

“Logan, how did that man vanish before us?” Anna asked unhappily.

“Don’t worry. He can’t go that far. As long as he’s in Horington, I’ll find him!”

After taking out his phone, Logan looked at a photo in his gallery and started searching for someone at the airport exit. The man in the photo was none other than Tommy.

Soon enough, Logan found Tommy and ran towards him with Anna following behind.

“Uncle Tommy, I’m Logan.”

Logan introduced himself to Tommy hurriedly.

Although he did not see Jared, who was already sitting in the car, Anna spotted him immediately.

At the same time, half of Jared’s face was revealed as he lowered the car window.

“Logan, it’s him! It’s the guy!” Pointing at Jared, Anna exclaimed to Logan.

Logan turned toward the direction that Anna was pointing and saw Jared. Glaring at him, he said, “Uncle Tommy, this was the guy who bullied me on the plane! Look at my arm, it’s still swollen!” Logan immediately flashed his arm to Tommy.

“Aren’t you some kind of big shot, rascal? Let’s see what happens next...” Anna smirked.

Chapter 548 I Am Not That Type Of Person

Ignoring them, Jared looked at Tommy and asked, “Are they the ones you are waiting for?”

With cold sweat on his forehead, Tommy slapped Logan in the face and scolded, “What do you think you are saying? How dare you talk to Mr. Chance so rudely?”

Logan couldn't believe how Tommy had slapped him and just looked at Tommy as the latter apologized to Jared. "I don't know what they did to you, Mr. Chance, but I'm no more than just a friend to his father. I'll get someone to throw them into a river now..."

Logan and Anna were horrified by what Tommy said. Anna even started crying.

"Forget about it. Just let them go."

Jared waved his hand and wound up the car window.

"You're in luck today. Get yourselves plane tickets and get out of here..." Tommy spat and left them immediately after he got in the car.

The young couple was left standing at the airport exit like idiots as they watched the car drive away.

Over at the mansion on Dragon Summit, the kitchen was all covered in smoke because Josephine was busy preparing dinner.

"Didn't I tell you not to trouble yourself with all the cooking? Now the whole mansion smells really awful! Not to mention that you've only been away for a few days," Lizbeth pinched her nose as she said.

"No, I must learn how to cook and be a good housewife. I cannot lose Jared to some other women because of that!"

Ignoring Lizbeth's advice, Josephine continued cooking.

For some reason, Lizbeth's face flushed after she heard what Josephine said. "I'm not going to steal Jared from you..."

"I wasn't referring to you, but if you really like him too; we can always share him! When that happens, we can bully him all we want..." Josephine said jokingly.

However, Lizbeth's heart was thumping. She couldn't figure out why she always felt that way every time Josephine joked about her stealing Jared.

"What are you thinking, Lizbeth?" Lizbeth said to herself in her mind and instantly felt calmer. Then, she sat down on the couch and continued watching the television.

Soon enough, Josephine finished preparing a table full of dishes. It might not be as delicious and appetizing, but at least she tried her best.

Tommy arrived at the mansion with Jared the moment Josephine was done cooking.

The minute Jared entered the house, he instantly knew what was going on when he saw how smoky the kitchen was.

"Jared! You're back! Look at what I've prepared for you..." Josephine announced proudly to Jared.

"Hmm... Smells good! I'm hungry!" Jared took a deep breath and said with a satisfied smile on his face.

"Really? If you're hungry let's sit down and eat now!" After Josephine invited Jared to sit at the dining table, she turned to Lizbeth and Tommy and said, "Hey, come on and join us for dinner!"

“No thanks!” Tommy quickly waved his hand and rejected Josephine’s offer. “Phoenix has already prepared dinner for me.”

“Wow, Tommy! I didn’t know that you and Phoenix are living together!” Jared smiled mischievously.

Tommy’s face reddened as he replied, “We’re not young anymore and I think our relationship has reached that stage.”

“The two of you should also start living together since you’ve confirmed your relationship. Just stop being pretentious!” Lizbeth said to Jared and Josephine.

“No way! I will only live with him after our wedding.” Josephine hurriedly shook her head.

“As you wish, but you don’t know if you will regret waiting until the wedding night. Some other women might just throw themselves at him...” Lizbeth smirked.

Not knowing how to react, Josephine glanced at Jared. After giving Lizbeth a glare, Jared smiled reassuringly at Josephine and said, “Relax, I’m not that kind of person!”

#### Chapter 549 Share With You

Josephine laughed. “I doubt that you would have the guts to do so anyway.”

Lizbeth wanted to leave the mansion right after Tommy had left because she couldn’t stand Josephine’s food—her cooking skills were terrible. However, she barely walked out of the house when Josephine dragged her back to the dining table and forced her to try the dishes.

Lizbeth had no choice but to sit down unwillingly. On the other hand, Jared was enjoying the food that Josephine prepared. His praises made her very happy.

Sensing Josephine’s gaze on her, Lizbeth forced herself to pick up the cutlery and eat something.

Halfway through dinner, Jared’s phone rang. He stood up as he picked up the phone.

“Jared, are you at Horington right now?”

It was Ingrid who called him.

“Yes, Ingrid. Why?” He sounded a little nervous because he thought she was in some kind of trouble.

“Tessa Snyder is going to have a live concert at Horington in five days. Can you get some tickets for me since you are so capable?” Ingrid asked softly.

“Sure!” Jared agreed to it without hesitating.

Ingrid hung up the phone happily after Jared agreed to help her. However, Jared felt a little reluctant because he didn’t want to interact with Tessa for fear of getting seduced by her beauty and charm. After all, she was a true beauty and he was so afraid that he would just melt and give in if he were to spend more time with her.

Alas, he had to contact her personally because he made a promise.

After keeping his phone, Jared sat down again.

“Who was it?” Josephine asked curiously.

“Ingrid called to ask me to get her some tickets for Tessa Snyder’s concert,” Jared replied.

Lizbeth hurriedly asked, “Are you able to get them then? It’s impossible to get the tickets even if you offer to pay a higher price now. I didn’t get any tickets either.”

Jared nodded. “Yes, I can.”

“Can you help me get one too?”

Lizbeth believed that Jared had the ability to get a few tickets for them.

“Sure!” Jared agreed without hesitation.

“I am so envious! It’s so nice to have a capable boyfriend, you can solve almost everything!”

Lizbeth was genuinely envious of Josephine.

“If you are really so envious, let’s share him!” Josephine laughed mischievously.

Blushing, Lizbeth did not reply to that.

Just as they were about to finish dinner, the doorbell rang suddenly.

“Who can it be?” Josephine was confused because they rarely had visitors.

“I’ll go take a look.” Jared got up and went for the door.

Standing at the door was a pretty lady. Although she was wearing sunglasses, Jared immediately recognized her as Tessa Snyder!

“You really are staying here!”

Tessa smiled happily the moment she saw Jared.

“How did you find my house?” Surprised, Jared turned around and glanced at Josephine.

He didn’t know how to explain the situation to Josephine because Tessa was looking at him with lovey-dovey eyes. Jared dared not think of the consequences that he would face if Josephine saw that.

“Easy! You gave my dad your address. I’m here to deliver the stones.”

Tessa pointed at the truck parked not far away. “Here are the stones that you wanted. Aren’t you going to invite me in?”

“You should go back now, it’s a bit inconvenient for now. I’ll call you later as I have something to ask you,” Jared said anxiously.

“What’s the matter? Is it about the concert?” Tessa asked.

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Before Jared could reply, Josephine, who was at the dining table, asked, “Jared, who is it?”

“Oh! It’s just the deliveryman!” Jared hurriedly replied.

“You’re hiding a woman inside? Who is it?” Tessa asked curiously as her interest was piqued.

“That’s my girlfriend. It’s not what you think,” Jared explained.

“I want to see how pretty your girlfriend is to deserve such a capable boyfriend like you. I’m so envious!” Tessa barged into the house as she was saying that.

Jared wanted to stop her but he couldn’t possibly carry her out.

Tessa barged into the house and saw Josephine and Lizbeth eating dinner. They were shocked at Tessa’s sudden appearance.

Tessa was surprised to see that the two ladies in the house were very beautiful. She couldn’t tell which was Jared’s girlfriend.

Lizbeth was briefly stunned before she exclaimed, “You’re Tessa Snyder?”

Josephine was exhilarated when she realized that the woman before her was Tessa Snyder.

“Hello!” Tessa greeted smilingly.

“Hello! Please have a seat.” Lizbeth invited Tessa in and poured her a cup of tea.

Jared came over and introduced Josephine to Tessa, “This is my girlfriend, Josephine.”

Tessa scrutinized Josephine and smiled, “Hello Josephine, you’re so pretty! No wonder Jared is head over heel for you...”

Tessa held her hand out in an attempt to shake Josephine’s hand.

Josephine was confused. “Ms. Snyder, do you know my boyfriend?”

She never heard from Jared that he knew a superstar like Tessa.

“Yes, Mr. Chance even stayed over at my house once,” Tessa replied.

“Really?” Shocked, Josephine glanced at Jared.

Lizbeth looked at Jared unbelievably.

“It’s not what you think it is! Nothing else happened during the time I stayed over at her house,” Jared hurriedly explained.

Sensing that he was only making things worse, he looked to Tessa for help.

Tessa laughed. “Don’t worry, Ms. Sullivan. Mr. Chance was only staying over because he needed to negotiate with my family over a mining business.”

“I’m here to deliver the stones to Mr. Chance since we’re business partners now.”

Josephine realized that Tessa was referring to the time when Jared followed Dominic to Mount Hickoria.

“All is good, Ms. Snyder. Please come in and have a seat!” Josephine invited Tessa in welcomingly.

“You ladies have a talk, I’ll arrange for the stones to be unloaded.”

Jared quickly found an excuse to go away because he didn’t know what else to say.

He ordered his men to shift the spiritual stones to the yard. The spiritual stones might mean a lot to him, but they were just useless stones in the eyes of other martial artists and most people.

After all the spiritual stones were unloaded, Jared went back to the living room and saw Josephine, Lizbeth, and Tessa laughing together. Why could girls act like they knew each other from a long time ago so easily?

“I’ve unloaded the spiritual stones. If there’s nothing else, you may take your leave. By the way, aren’t you having a concert in a few days? Do you have a few tickets left to give me?” Jared asked Tessa.

“Of course!” Tessa stood up and replied, “I’ll give you tickets to the first row so that you can see me clearly.”

As Tessa spoke, she winked at Jared, causing him to look away hurriedly.