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Chapter 476 Superstar

Jared smiled to himself. The three most prominent families would surely keep mum when it came to things like that. Otherwise, others might want a piece of it too.

Now Jared knew why so many grandmasters had appeared in Salinsburgh all of a sudden. The three most prominent families must be gathering their forces.

In order for martial artists to attain the grandmaster level, they would need to spend huge sums of money to buy spiritual medicine as supplements. Unless they came from wealthy backgrounds, it would be very difficult for them to achieve a breakthrough.

Therefore, several martial artists had no choice but to work as guards for others. As their abilities increased, they were being paid more as well. Some of the business families would hire martial artists of high caliber as protection for their family members or properties. Such an arrangement would fulfill the needs of all parties involved.

The three prominent families must have offered extremely attractive incentives for so many grandmasters to come running to Salinsburgh.

Just as Jared and Dominic were having their meal, there was a commotion. They looked up and saw a girl dressed in a gown wearing huge sunglasses that covered half of her face. Only her pointed chin and tiny mouth were visible.

There were four bodyguards dressed in suits standing behind her. The moment they walked in, they scanned the place. All four of them looked serious and ready to fight.

Dominic's eyes lit up, and drool was about to come out of his mouth. "Oh my! Is that the superstar, Tessa?"

Jared looked at her and seemed enchanted for a moment. The gown that she was in showcased a good body proportion, in particular, her slim waist. Her fair feet were decked in a pair of high heels. She looked as if she had just stepped out of a painting.

One of her bodyguards called out, "Waiter, get us a private room!"

The waiter replied apologetically, "I'm sorry. All of the rooms have been taken. There are tables available only in the main dining room."

The face of the bodyguard turned cold, and he glared at the waiter. "Think of something."

The waiter was so frightened that he stammered, "T-There's really nothing—"

"It's all right. We'll sit in the main dining room then," said the girl, and she found a table before sitting down.

"Ms. Snyder, Mr. Snyder has instructed us not to-"

"Shut up! I'll just eat and leave!" The girl looked annoyed, so her bodyguard said no more.

Very soon, her food arrived, and she started gobbling down the food knowing that everyone around her was looking at her. It looked like she really enjoyed the food there.

The four bodyguards stood around her with their hands in their pockets. It was obvious they were armed with weapons.

Jared muttered, "Looks like the Snyders isn't an ordinary family."

There were guns in the pockets of all the bodyguards. A weapon like that was forbidden in the country. People were allowed to practice martial arts, but possessing an automatic weapon was an entirely different story. It was almost impossible for anybody to get their hands on such a weapon!

Guns worked on the regular martial artists. However, it would be useless when faced with a grandmaster-level fighter. Against Jared, a gun would be no different from a piece of metal scrap.

Dominic explained, "The head of the Snyders is Jayden. He used to be the boss of a famous entertainment company and had tons of celebrities under his care. The company was doing

very well. Later on, one of their celebrities was caught committing some crimes that affected Jayden's company as a result. When Hickoria stones became the in thing, Jayden went back home and opened a mine. Now, his daughter has become a very famous superstar."

Jared looked at Tessa as he ate his food. However, Tessa did not seem to mind the onlookers' stares. She was only interested in her food. By the look of it, she must be in the spotlight every day and had gotten used to it.

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Chapter 477 Robbers

Dominic saw Jared looking at Tessa and whispered, "Mr. Chance, if you fancy her, I'll find a way to contact her manager. If you are willing to fork out money, all these superstars will be willing to keep you accompanied just like an escort!"

Jared glared at him and said, "Shut up and eat your food!"

Soon, both Tessa and Jared had finished their meal. All of them left the restaurant at the same time.

They saw Tessa go into a Bentley. Her four bodyguards scanned the area quickly before speeding off in a hurry!

Jared and Dominic got into their car and drove off too.

Dominic was driving behind the Bentley. That made Jared a little curious. "What are you doing? Why are you following them?"

Dominic quickly explained himself, "Mr. Chance, you're mistaken. I'm not following her. The hotel that I have booked is just ahead."

When Jared heard that, he leaned back on his seat with his eyes shut to catch some rest.

Bam!

There was a loud sound. Next, Jared's car came to an abrupt stop. That was when Jared opened his eyes in shock!

"What's going on?"

"Mr. Chance, look!"

Dominic was so scared that he had turned pale. He pointed to the front.

Jared saw that a black car without a number plate had rammed into the Bentley that Tessa was in. A few men got out of the black car, and they were armed with knives.

In the Bentley, Tessa and his bodyguards were still giddy from the crash. When they saw people coming at them with knives, one of the bodyguards kicked the car door open and took out his gun.

Unfortunately, the moment he raised his gun, a flash could be seen, and his arm had been chopped off. An agonizing howl rang out.

The very next instant, the knife plunged into his midsection, and there was no more sound from the bodyguard.

Those knife-wielding men moved very quickly. Although Tessa's bodyguards were armed with guns, they were useless in close combat.

Within a matter of seconds, all four bodyguards were dead, and Tessa had been dragged out of the car!

"Who are you guys? Let go of me!"

Tessa struggled with all her might, but it was futile. One of the men took out a piece of white towel and placed it on her face. Tessa became unconscious very quickly.

The group of men carried Tessa into their car and was about to drive off when Jared got out of his car. "How dare all of you abduct a person in broad daylight! Have you got no regard for the law?"

Those men stared viciously at Jared and Dominic.

One of them waved his knife at Jared and said, "This is none of your business. Get lost!"

"This is my chance to play the hero. Why has it got nothing to do with me?"

With a cool smile on his face, Jared went forward.

When those men saw that, they raised their knives and were ready to attack Jared. One look and anyone could tell they were ruthless criminals.

Jared was very calm and charged toward them. When Dominic saw that, he was very worried, but there was nothing he could do. He did not know how to fight!

Then again, he saw the gun that had fallen onto the ground. He might not know any martial arts, but he could still fire a gun!

Dominic rushed to pick up the gun. By the time he was prepared to shoot those men, he realized there was no one left standing. Each and every one of those men was lying on the ground, and there was a deep cut on all of their necks!

On the other hand, Jared was perfectly fine. He opened the car door and carried Tessa out.

He took Tessa back to his own car. When he saw the confused Dominic standing there, he said, "What are you doing? Let's go."

"All right!" Dominic put the gun into his pocket and got into the car.

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Chapter 478 Dirty Deed

"Throw the gun away. If someone wants to kill you, the gun won't be of much use. Instead, you may die faster because of it," said Jared when he saw Dominic put the gun into his pocket.

Dominic had no choice but to cast the gun away and drove them back to the hotel.

Jared carried Tessa into the room and placed her on the bed.

Dominic could not help but admire her fair legs. It's so tempting!

"Mr. Chance, have fun! I'll make a move first."

Dominic knew he would not be able to get a taste of it since Jared was there.

"What fun?" asked Jared in puzzlement.

Dominic pointed at Tessa and stammered, "Y-You have saved her because you want to..."

At that moment, Jared understood. Dominic had thought that he had rescued Tessa just to sleep with her.

"Why on earth are you always thinking about something like that? Go get a bottle of water!"

Jared looked at Dominic and was rendered speechless.

In no time at all, Dominic came back with a bottle of cold water, and Jared poured the entire bottle of the water down Tessa's throat.

Tessa opened her eyes gradually.

"Ah!"

Tessa sat up and saw that she was in a hotel. When she saw Jared and Dominic, her face turned pale.

"Who are you guys? What are you trying to do to me? Let me tell you something. I won't let you get what you want even if I have to die. When my dad finds out about this, he will surely kill the two of you!" warned Tessa while she stared furiously at them.

"Ms. Snyder, this is a misunderstanding. We-"

Dominic wanted to clarify the situation but was interrupted by Tessa.

"I'm mistaken? You guys took me to a hotel. If you aren't planning on doing the dirty deed, then what are we doing here? Even if you kill me, I won't allow myself to be defiled!" yelled Tessa as she held on to her clothes.

Dominic was dumbfounded. Earlier on, when Jared rescued Tessa, he had also thought that Jared wanted to have sex with her.

"Hmph! I knew it! Men are all the same. You are all lusting after my body!" said Tessa through gritted teeth.

"Are you done talking?" asked Jared with a frown.

"What is that supposed to mean?"

"Once you are done talking, you may leave."

With an expressionless face, Jared pointed at the door.

Tessa was taken aback. She looked at Jared in shock and asked, "A-Are you really letting me go?"

"The door is open. No one is stopping you," Jared responded.

Tessa looked at Jared, then at Dominic. In the end, she got off the bed slowly and walked toward the door. Seeing that the two men did not make a move, she made a run for it.

When Jared saw Tessa run out so fast, he chuckled and told Dominic, "Rest early today. Tomorrow, we are going up the mountain."

Dominic nodded and returned to his own room.

Meanwhile, a crowd had gathered at the accident site. Amidst the crowd, a middle-aged man was looking at the damaged Bentley in dismal.

That man was none other than Tessa's father, Jayden. When he arrived at the scene with his men, Tessa was nowhere to be found.

"Mr. Snyder, Ms. Snyder is missing. All four bodyguards are dead. No shots have been fired!" His butler, Henry, walked up to Jayden and reported.

Jayden pointed at those men whose throats had been cut by Jared and asked, "Have you found out about their identities?"

Henry shook his head. "No. But, we're sure that they were the ones who had crashed into Ms. Snyder's car. Furthermore, their knives matched the injuries on Ms. Snyder's bodyguards."

Jayden narrowed his eyes, and a murderous aura exuded from his eyes. "So, it can only mean that my daughter has been taken away by another group of men?"

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Chapter 479 Handsome Reward

"It looks that way. Whoever has taken her away must be very powerful. I reckon he must be a grandmaster. Look at the cuts on their necks. The depth and the length are all the same. It must be done by the same person in a very short amount of time!" Henry gave his analysis.

"Looks like these fellows are really serious this time around."

Jayden began grinding his teeth.

"Mr. Snyder, are you saying that the Larsons and the Fergusons are involved in this?"

"Hmph! Other than those two families, no one in the entire Salinsburgh dares to touch my daughter! Go find out more about it! I believe if they have Tessa, they will approach me very soon to discuss the terms!"

Jayden was so enraged that he looked like he was about to kill someone.

Just then, a servant of the Snyders came running with the news. "Mr. Snyder! Mr. Snyder! Ms. Snyder is back home! She's back home!"

"What?" Jayden was so happy that he immediately rushed back home.

When he got back, he saw Tessa sitting in the living room. She was surrounded by many people, and they were asking her lots of questions.

Jayden looked at her carefully before asking, "Sweetie, a-are you hurt?"

Tessa shook her head. "I'm fine."

Jayden was befuddled and asked, "H-How did you come back? Were you not taken away by someone?"

"It's true that someone has abducted me. After killing my bodyguards, they made me unconscious. When I came around, I found myself in a hotel room with two young men next to me," said Tessa.

When Jayden heard that, his voice went up a notch. "D-Did they do anything to you?"

Tessa shook her head again. "After I regained my consciousness, I thought they wanted to do something despicable to me. But, they didn't. Instead, they let me go."

"Mr. Snyder, perhaps these two men are the ones who have killed Ms. Snyder's abductors. Looks to me they have saved her. Otherwise, they wouldn't have allowed her to come back," said Henry.

"Yes, it certainly looks that way. If those two men really did save my daughter, then I must reward them handsomely!"

Jayden nodded before turning to Tessa. "Do you know where we can find these two men?"

"I only know they are staying at Kenrich Hotel, but I cannot recall the room number. I was in a panic just now and did not get a clear look at it," replied Tessa.

Henry asked Tessa, "Ms. Snyder, please describe the two men. I'll bring someone with me and look for them."

Tessa stood up. "How can I remember? I nearly died of fright just now. But, if I can see them in person, I will surely recognize them. Let me come with you."

Jayden stopped her. "No way. You have just gotten out of danger. I won't allow you to go!"

"Dad! Henry will be bringing some men with us. What's there to be afraid of? Relax!"

Tessa thought otherwise.

"Mr. Snyder, don't you worry. I will look after Ms. Snyder," Henry assured Jayden.

It was only then that Jayden gave in. Later on, Tessa brought hundreds of men from the Snyders and went to Kenrich Hotel.

They went floor by floor. Finally, Tessa found the room that she had been kept in at level four.

Tessa pointed at the room and exclaimed, "This is the one!"

With a gesture from Henry, someone came forward and kicked the door open.

At that moment, they were not sure if the two men had indeed rescued Tessa or if they had other motives. It was better to restrain them before they could find out more.

Once the door was opened, two men rushed in. However, the moment they went in, someone sent them flying with a kick, and they fell to the ground.

Jared knew something was wrong, so he hid behind the door. When the two men went in, that was when he made his move!

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Chapter 480 Half Price

"It's him. He is the one!" Tessa shouted the moment he saw Jared.

On the other hand, Jared frowned and said, "I saved your life, but you are bringing people here for revenge."

"I..." Tessa opened her mouth but did not know what to say.

Indeed, Jared did not do anything to her and let her leave. However, she was still unsure whether he was the one who saved her.

The butler quickly responded with a smile, "Sir, you misunderstood. Ms. Snyder brought us to you so that we find out what happened. Mr. Snyder shall reward you greatly if you are the one who saved Ms. Snyder."

"What's going on?" Dominic rushed to Jared when he heard noises. He was shocked to see many people gathering near Jared. Then, he immediately understood what it was about when he saw Tessa and the butler beside her.

Dominic rushed to Henry and explained, "Mr. Lockwood, there seems to be a misunderstanding. We are the ones who saved Ms. Snyder!"

Dominic frequently bought raw stones for gems. Therefore, he had frequent business dealings with the Snyders. That was how he knew Henry.

"Mr. Wagner, it's you!" Henry was surprised to see Dominic here.

"Yes, I brought Mr..." Dominic wanted to mention Jared's name, but Jared glared at him. Therefore, Dominic stopped himself on time and said, "My friend and I were looking for stones when we saw Ms. Snyder in danger. We managed to save her but found that she was unconscious. Therefore, we had no choice but to send her to a hotel and let her rest until she could wake up and leave."

"I have no reason to doubt your words, Mr. Wagner. Thank you for saving her. Mr. Snyder wants to see you and reward you," Henry said to Dominic.

Dominic could not decide on his own. He secretly glanced at Jared and saw him nodding. Therefore, Dominic smiled and said, "I also want to meet with Mr. Snyder. I wish to discuss stone procurement with him!"

"Mr. Wagner, please come this way!" Henry gestured for Dominic to follow him.

Thus, Jared and Dominic went to the Snyder residence.

Meanwhile, Jayden sat waiting in the living room. When he saw that Tessa was back, he got up immediately and asked, "Tessa, did you find those two men?"

"Yes, it's them!" Tessa pointed at Jared and Dominic.

"Mr. Wagner?" Jayden was surprised to see Dominic.

"Mr. Snyder," Dominic replied with a smile.

"Did both of you save Tessa?" Jayden had a stunned expression.

Dominic nodded and explained, "Yes, we saw someone trying to push an unconscious Ms. Snyder into a car. Therefore, we rushed to save her."

Jayden frowned slightly. "Mr. Wagner, if I remember correctly, you don't know martial arts, right?"

Dominic smiled awkwardly. "Yes, I don't know any martial arts. It was my friend here who fought them and saved Ms. Snyder!"

Dominic pointed to Jared.

Jayden looked at Jared in disbelief. He could see that the kidnappers were skilled fighters. It would take a Grandmaster to kill them all so quickly. However, Jared looked to be in his early twenties. Therefore, Jayden found it hard to believe that he was a Grandmaster.

"Sir, what is your name?" Jayden asked.

Although Jayden still had doubts, he decided to be polite.

"I'm Jared Chance," Jared answered calmly.

"Oh, I see. Since you have saved my daughter, you can tell me what you want. If you would like to buy stones, I can sell you at half the price," Jayden offered generously.

Tessa saw Jared and Dominic when she woke up. Even though Jayden was not sure whether they had saved her, he could tell that they had no ill intentions toward her.

"Half the price?" Dominic was instantly excited.

We can earn incredible profit by buying the stones at half price!