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## The Mans Decree Chapter 417

Chapter 417 I Will Buy Them

On the other hand, Isaiah was enraged. "What are you talking about? Do you even understand how stone gambling works? I have a whole batch of Hickoria stones with me. You've got a lot of nerve, claiming that they aren't worth thirty million!"

"Dominic, where did you meet this foolish man? Amongst the dozen or so stones that I examined earlier, you could vaguely see the bright colors underneath the surface. Besides, I'm sure you also witnessed it with your own eyes. Now, this man dares to claim that they aren't worth three hundred million?" Benjamin rose to his feet and declared, "In my opinion, this batch is worth more than three billion! If you don't want it, I'll take it."

Earlier, Benjamin sang praises about the stones' quality. Now that Jared had blatantly said the exact opposite, Benjamin couldn't help but blow his top.

"Mr. Patterson, please calm down," Dominic said hastily. He glanced at Jared doubtfully. "Mr. Chance, there's no denying the high quality of these Hickoria stones. Furthermore, three billion isn't too hefty of a price. Why don't-

"Are you doubting my words?" Jared interjected coldly.

"Not at all. How could I not trust you, Mr. Chance!" Dominic replied with a shake of his head.

"If you trust me, don't buy this batch of stones." Without another word, Jared strolled off to the side and continued to fiddle with the spiritual stone.

Jared's curt response left Dominic in an awkward position. In the end, the latter relented and regretfully informed Isaiah, "Mr. Ferguson, please accept my sincerest apologies. I won't be purchasing this batch of stones anymore."

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Though Isaiah appeared startled, his look of shock was quickly replaced with one of anger instead. "Dominic, even Mr. Patterson himself has testified for the stones' quality. I can't believe you're trusting the words of a mere youngster over Mr. Patterson's advice." Isaiah scoffed incredulously. "Since you don't plan on buying them, I'll just bring my stones somewhere else! I am sure some other customers will profit from these stones."

Although Dominic was reluctant to decline Isaiah's offer, he couldn't bring himself to go against Jared.

"Mr. Ferguson, let me take these stones then. I'll teach these youngsters a lesson. How could they let such an opportunity slip by?" Benjamin said as he walked toward Isaiah.

"Mr. Patterson, I am willing to sell them to you at a lower price of two hundred and fifty million. However, you'll need to transfer the money to me on the spot."

"No problem. I'll send you the money right now," Benjamin agreed enthusiastically. I can't believe that he's offering me a fifty million discount. This bargain is the perfect golden goose!

Even so, Benjamin didn't have the funds to pay the entire payment and called a few of his friends to cover the leftover cost. He also contacted a few men to transport the stones back.

About an hour later, Benjamin finally obtained enough money and sent it all to Isaiah without a second thought.

The sight of the stones, now in his possession, left Benjamin overwhelmed with excitement. Nevertheless, his cold glare swept toward Dominic. "Let me show you the high quality of these Hickoria stones. How dare a youngster like you call them rubbish!"

Smugly, Benjamin ordered his men to bring forth a dozen of stones and cut them open. He was confident that he'd find precious gemstones within these stones.

Upon seeing this, Isaiah blurted, "Mr. Patterson, I have a long journey ahead of me. Hence, I'll be taking my leave first. I wish you the best of luck with your stones."

"Mr. Ferguson, don't leave so soon. You'll need to stay and prove them wrong!" Benjamin quickly held onto Isaiah's sleeve.

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Left with no choice, Isaiah was forced to remain by Benjamin's side.

From afar, Dominic could only watch on helplessly. Despite his envy and admiration at seeing Benjamin open the stones, Jared's refusal barred him from proceeding with the transaction and making a handsome profit.

In the blink of an eye, the stones were cut open. However, its insides left everyone stunned.

All the stones split apart to reveal nothing but empty air. These stones were nothing more than ordinary pebbles and rocks. Moreover, fissures appeared across the stone's surface once it was opened.

Quickly, realization dawned upon everyone. The bright green and red colors they'd seen earlier appeared to have been painted on the stones. Hence, there was nothing of note in these stones.

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"H-How is this possible?" Benjamin's eyes grew twice as large. Like a madman, he shook the stones, hoping for something to appear within them.

"Crack open all of these stones right now!" he bellowed.

In no time, more stones were cracked open. Despite that, all the stones yielded similar results as nothing of value was found in them.

"There's no need to open them anymore. It is nothing more but a waste of your time," Jared remarked as he rose to his feet.

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Languidly, he tossed the spiritual stone aside. He'd already drained it of all of its spiritual energy.

This unexpected turn of events left Benjamin dumbstruck. When the truth dawned upon him, he swayed on his feet like he was in a daze. After regaining his senses, he lunged toward Isaiah in a fit of rage. "How dare you lie to me! Give me my money back!" he snarled as he grabbed Isaiah's collar.

Similarly, Isaiah dropped his respectful demeanor and pleasantries. He shoved Benjamin away and snapped, "Aren't you aware of the rules in stone gambling? It's not my fault that you made the wrong judgment!"

Once Isaiah freed himself from Benjamin's grasp, he spun on his heel and intended to leave. Yet, Benjamin refused to give up. "Stop them! Don't let them take a single step out of here."

Quickly, Benjamin's men rushed forward to surround Isaiah. Nevertheless, Isaiah had come prepared too. His bodyguards leaped into action against Benjamin's subordinates. In the span of a few seconds, they'd defeated all of Benjamin's men.

Isaiah snorted haughtily. "You brat, I haven't forgotten about you. It'd be best if we never cross paths again," he warned Jared in a menacing tone.

After the threat, Isaiah and his bodyguards left the scene.

Promptly, Benjamin crumpled to the floor as he burst into tears. He'd gone so pale that his skin appeared gray in color.

After all, he'd purchased these worthless stones by borrowing money from others. How am I going to return the money that I owe?

With a final glance at Benjamin's weeping figure, Jared beckoned at Dominic. "Let's go."

Dominic nodded. Respectfully, he trailed after Jared as the duo departed elsewhere. After witnessing the events that transpired earlier, Dominic's respect for Jared grew tenfold. If I hadn't listened to Jared, I would have ended up in Benjamin's shoes.

Along the journey, Dominic asked, "Mr. Chance, where are we headed to?"

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"We are going stone gambling. I want to see every stone that Summerbank has to offer. I'm short of money right now," Jared replied.

"All right!" Excitedly, Dominic heeded Jared's instructions and brought the latter to the stone gambling street in Summerbank's shopping district.

Throughout the entire afternoon, Dominic brought Jared to every stone gambling stall. Under Jared's keen eye, every stone he picked contained precious jewels.

Since Dominic knew the streets like the back of his hand, the duo managed to see every type of jewel. These jewels ranged in color from imperial jades and blood reds to icy blues. Immediately, Dominic would trade these jewels for cash.

"Mr. Chance, we earned two billion this afternoon!" Dominic cried out in excitement when he sent Jared back home in the evening.

In contrast to Dominic's elation, Jared leaned against his chair and closed his eyes for a much-needed rest. To him, two billion was still too little. Furthermore, Jared spent the entire afternoon exhausting his spiritual energy and felt incredibly drained.

After sending Jared home, Dominic took a portion of their earnings for himself before transferring the rest to Jared. Before Jared left, he reminded Dominic to acquire more stones, especially the ones from Mount Hickoria.

Truthfully, Jared wasn't interested in Hickoria stones. Instead, he had his attention fixated on the spiritual stones. If he managed to get his hands on more spiritual stones, it meant that the discovery of spiritual stones in Mount Hickoria was not merely a coincidence.

The moment Jared stepped inside the house, he caught sight of Josephine, who was lounging on the couch. Upon noticing his return, she leaped up and hurried to his side. "I thought you went out for lunch? Why did you only return during dinnertime? I was getting bored out of my mind!"

"Where's Lizbeth?" Jared asked.

"What's the matter? Do you miss her?" Josephine questioned as she narrowed her eyes.

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### Chapter 419 A Family

Under Josephine's intense scrutiny, Jared couldn't help but feel exasperated. Sometimes, I genuinely can't understand what's going through a woman's mind.

"I was just curious as to why she isn't here to keep you company," Jared explained.

"Lizbeth has her work to attend to. She can't possibly keep me company every day. She has been skipping work for the past few days to stay with me. Have you handled all your matters in Summerbank? Why don't we return to Horington tomorrow? I feel ill at ease leaving my dad alone at home," Josephine said bitterly.

When Jared heard this, a slight frown graced his forehead. Since he hadn't accumulated enough money and was yet to get his hands on the medicinal herbs he was reluctant to leave Summerbank so soon. Additionally, Jared planned to drop by the Martial Arts Gathering that would be taking place next week.

"Oh, if you still have things to settle, we can remain here for a few more days. I was simply making a suggestion," Josephine hastily added when she noticed the troubled look that marred Jared's face.

Smiling, he voiced, "It's all right. I can take you back to Horington tomorrow. However, I won't be staying there for long as I still have unfinished business here."

After careful consideration, Jared decided that it would be a good idea to send Josephine back to Horington. She'll be much safer there. If she remains in Summerbank, the members of the Crescent Sect and the Fergusons might come looking for trouble.

Okay." Josephine nodded in agreement.

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At the break of dawn, Jared contacted Phoenix and transferred all of his money to her. He also pled for her help in delaying the payment to Herb Palace. After repeated assurances that he would pay up the rest soon, Jared hung up the call and prepared to set off.

When Tommy caught wind of Jared and Josephine's plans to return to Horington, he quickly drove to pick them up.

"Tommy, there's no need for you to go back with us. You should look for a reliable person to assist you in organizing Templar Regiment." As Jared was aware of Tommy and Phoenix's budding relationship, he wanted them to spend more time together.

When Tommy caught onto Jared's implication, a faint blush dusted his cheeks. "Mr. Chance, I have personal plans to handle some matters regarding Templar Regiment as well. I'll tag along when you return to Summerbank."

Jared merely smiled in reply and said nothing more.

Hence, Tommy drove Jared and Josephine back to Horington.

It was already evening when they arrived at Horington. Instead of visiting Dragon Bay, Jared and Josephine made a beeline for the Sullivan residence.

"Dad, we're back!" Josephine called out excitedly the moment she stepped through the doors.

William, who'd been sipping tea on the balcony, lit up when he heard his daughter's greeting.

"Come on and take a seat." William waved his hand to signal them to come over.

Jared set down a bag on the table. Inside it was packed with Summerbank's local specialties. "Mr. Sullivan, I brought you a few gifts from Summerbank. Though I'm not sure if they'll be to your liking."

"Haha! Don't worry; I'll surely enjoy anything you've picked out for me." William heartily chuckled as he poured a cup of tea for Jared.

While Jared sat opposite William, Josephine sidled close to her father and leaned on his shoulder like a little child.

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“Jared, you must have faced quite a myriad of problems in Summerbank, right?” William asked.

“Well, I have solved them all,” Jared replied with a small grin.

“Don’t try to shoulder all of the burdens alone. After all, we are a family. Please don’t hesitate to ask us for any assistance that you might need,” William advised.

“Sure.” Jared nodded in affirmation.

All of a sudden, William reached into his pocket and brought out a bank card. He slid it over to Jared and said, “Jared, there’s around five billion in this card. Although it’s not much, please feel free to use it as you please. I heard that you’ve been struggling with money recently.”

William’s offer caught Jared entirely off guard. This five billion was the Sullivan family’s entire fortune.

“Mr. Sullivan, I can’t accept this. You spent your whole life building up the Sullivan family’s industries. How could I possibly take your fortune?” Jared assumed that William had sold off all of the Sullivan family’s assets.

“Jared, I overheard your phone call earlier. Knowing that you needed money, I contacted my father. Please accept it. Besides, I am the only heir of the Sullivan family. Eventually, I would inherit all of my father’s fortunes,” Josephine explained.

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Chapter 420 Killing Everyone Who Stands In The Way

It was only then that Jared realized why William had asked him if he had encountered any problems.

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“Jared, you are underestimating the Sullivan family. Although five billion is a lot of money, it didn’t just come from the sale of my assets. In fact, a lot of it actually belongs to you, such as the proceeds from the sale of the revitalizing pills. Also, since everyone is aware of your relationship with Josephine, many businesses approached us for collaboration. Hence, those projects made us a lot of money too.

“Also, if it weren’t for you, I wouldn’t have been able to take over the Scott family’s businesses at a low price. Therefore, you should take the money, as you deserve all of it. If it isn’t enough, we’ll think of another way. After all, we are family,” William explained to Jared.

Warmed by William’s gesture, Jared nodded as he kept up the bank card. At that moment, he had gathered enough money to pay Herb Palace.

When he saw Jared accept the money, William broke into a smile and continued, “Now that you’re back, both of you should get some rest, as there will be a banquet at Glamor Hotel tonight. Mr. Grange and Mr. Lowe wanted to hold a dinner in your honor when they heard of your return. Also, there’re plenty of tycoons in Horington who can’t wait to ingratiate themselves with you.”

Jared smiled wryly. In truth, he didn’t enjoy attending such events. However, since it was on Walter and Glen’s invitation, he agreed to attend out of respect for them. After all, both of them had done him many favors.

When William invited Jared to rest at the Sullivan residence, Jared declined. He preferred to return to Dragon Bay which was richer in spiritual energy. Ever since he had achieved Foundation Phase, he didn’t get a chance to cultivate his strength.

Subsequently, William instructed Josephine to return with Jared. Right before they left, William reminded, “Josephine, you have to take good care of him. Also, I’m not someone conservative. Therefore, I’m looking forward to both of you having a child so that I can spend my time playing with my grandchild.”

“Dad, what are you saying? We aren’t even married yet. How can you say such things to your daughter?”

Blushing in embarrassment, Josephine glared at William.

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"That's no problem at all. Both of you should get registered tomorrow, and I'll organize the grandest wedding Horington has ever seen!" William suggested with a smile.

"I'm not going to continue this topic with you."

As Josephine left with Jared in tow, William burst into hearty laughter while watching them go.

Having spent a long time on the road, Josephine was exhausted upon returning to Dragon Bay. While she lay down to rest, Jared transferred his money to Phoenix and ordered her to purchase the herbs as soon as possible.

After that, Jared sat down with his legs crossed and began his cultivation training. Ever since he was elevated to Foundation Phase, his demand for spiritual energy continued to increase.

Just when he started training, his phone suddenly rang. It was a call from Phoenix.

Once the call connected, Phoenix's anxious voice rang out. "My Lord, something terrible has happened. All our subordinates within the Jantz family mansion are dead!"

"When did it happen?" Jared furrowed his brows.

"I think it happened in the morning. I made a mistake by not checking then. By the time I found out, they were already dead," Phoenix explained, blaming herself for what happened.

As a result, Jared's expression darkened. Even though he had returned, he had left some men behind to watch the Jantz family mansion. But now, all of those men had been killed.

"Do we know who did it? Could it have been Derek or a member of Crescent Sect? Or perhaps, someone else altogether?" Jared asked.

"I'm not sure. Nevertheless, since the perpetrator failed to find you there, he will definitely head over to Horington. My Lord, you have to be on your guard!" Phoenix reminded Jared.

"All right, I understand." Jared ended the call after that.

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Subsequently, his eyes were filled with murderous intent. I will definitely show those who stood in my way no mercy!

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