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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.