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Isfrid and her team, who were standing behind Dustin, had it worse. They had difficulty breathing and staggered backward involuntarily.

“Is this what a divine-level martial artist is like? How frightening!”

The crowd looked at each other in apprehension, silently worried.

“Fool.” Dustin sneered coldly at Joshua’s oncoming attack and made a move, landing a fierce **slap** on his face. The thunderous slap sent Joshua into a back flip in the air, and he landed head first onto the ground.

At that moment, everyone was stunned into oblivion.

“What the f*ck!”

Everyone **was** shaken by the abrupt **scene**. No one could have imagined that the previously heroic Joshual would fall by Dustin’s slap, and they wondered if it was a coincidence or an accident.

“Josh!” Jade and Tina’s expression paled as they rushed up to him. They helped him up to his feet while he was still feeling dizzy.

*Josh, are you alright?” Jade was taken aback and worried.

“What happened just now?” Joshua shook his head, appearing dazed. Everything happened so suddenly that he didn’t notice Dustin’s movements. He only felt his sight go dark, and the next thing he knew, he was thrown to the ground.

“You

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were beaten to the ground **by** that bastard,” Jade explained with a strange expression.

“No! That’s impossible!” Joshua could never believe it. “How could he have hit me? I must **have** slipped and fell on my own!”

“That’s right! You must have slipped!” Tina nodded furiously beside him.

“Kiddo! That didn’t count. Let’s go again!” Joshua couldn’t admit defeat. With a tap of his feet, he launched himself out again.

Another clear, booming slap rang out before he was launched back with even greater speed. Joshua suffered a crushing defeat and was badly battered.

The crowd was shocked once again. They could have explained his first victory as the result of a coincidence or accident. But the second victory was absolutely remarkable.

“Let her **go**,” Dustin spat out coldly.

“You

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you’ve gone too far! I won’t be able to sleep if I don’t kill you right now!” Joshua flew into a rage and, pushing the two women beside him away, launched himself toward Dustin for the third time.

This time, instead of **his** empty lists, he took out a dagger from his **waist**. With a weapon in hand, his attack would be exceedingly lethal!

“Go to hell!” As he drew near, Joshua swung his dagger forcefully. A **sharp** whistle was **heard**, and only the

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gleam of the dagger was seen. It aimed toward Dustin’s forehead with fierce velocity.

Dustin stood still, allowing the incoming assault to occur. With a loud bang, the dagger exploded as it came into contact with his forehead, dissipating into sparks of light.

“What?” Joshua’s pupils dilated in horrified shock.

How was that possible?

Dustin had taken his slash head-on, literally. But Joshua was the divine-level martial artist! Any slash of his

would break open boulders. Even a block of steel would slice in half with his previous attack, but Dustin

blocked that attack with his head!

“Impossible! I must have been mistaken!” Joshua shook his head furiously, unable to believe it.

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Joshua gritted his teeth and brandished his dagger again.

“Die!”

He exerted all his strength into this attack, channeling every ounce of his internal energy. He believed Dustin wouldn’t be able to block the attack even if he was made of steel.

“Hmph!” Dustin had clearly lost his patience. As he watched the oncoming assault, he moved and grabbed the blade firmly. Tightening his grip, two crisp metallic crunches were heard, and the dagger made of refined iron was crushed into pieces.

“What?” **Joshua** was bewildered.

Before Joshua reacted, Dustin extended out his arm again, pressing a finger on his chest.

“Boom!”

The next second, it felt as if his bones had disintegrated as he fell limp to the ground. Feeling numb all over,

he couldn't move an inch.

“You What did you do to me?” Joshua was shocked and horrified. He never dreamed that he would be defeated by an unknown kid.

He was a divine-level martial artist! Boulderthorn's direct disciple! He should have been invincible in Swinton

after his return.

Why? Why couldn't he even defeat this punk? Where the hell did he come from?

“Let her go!” Dustin ignored him, looking at him condescendingly **from** above as it he was looking at an ant.

“Punk! You can't be my opponent. What trick did you use?” Joshua still couldn't believe it. He couldn't accept that a small fry like Dustin would destroy an exceptional fighter like him.

“You speak too much nonsense!” Dustin **was** irritated and stomped violently on Joshua's knees.

With a crisp crack, his knees sprayed blood everywhere. Joshua screamed in agony as his face contorted in pain and beads of sweat dripped down from his face.

“How dare you!”

“You insolent bastard!”

When they **saw** Joshua getting injured, the crowd erupted in anger.

A large number of the Hummer family's guards swarmed in from different directions, surrounding Dustin in no time. These **guards** were armed with guns. They had clearly made preparations in advance.

“Rhys! Let **go** of my brother! Otherwise, after my command, you will be shot to oblivion!” Tina screeched, putting on a front.

Even though Dustin **was** powerful, he **was** still a mass of flesh that could get **injured** and bleed. With so many armed guards surrounding him, he wouldn’t be able to escape unscathed.

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“Fire if you dare. I’d like to see who’d die first.” Dustin remarked coldly, without a hint of fear.

“You

fire.

Tina was exasperated. Since Joshua was right beside Dustin, he would also get shot if they opened

“Dustin Rhys! We’re in Hummer Villa. This **is** not a place for **you** to behave atrociously. Let him go! Otherwise, you will regret it!” Jade’s expression was stone cold. She didn’t expect Joshua to be defeated by Dustin either.

However, in this world, bravery changed nothing. Power was more important. Joshua had the Hummer family and Boulderthorn behind him. After she married him, he would also **have** the support of the Grant family. Who

would dare challenge him then?

“I’ll regret it? I’d like to see how much I’ll regret it

!” As he spoke, he stomped on Joshua’s other leg, breaking it.

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After a short moment of astonishment, Joshua let out an ear-piercing scream. He sounded like a pig sent for slaughter.

“How dare you, you imbecile!” Edwin’s eyes almost popped out of their sockets. He couldn’t believe Dustin had the guts to chop Joshua’s arm off in front of everyone. He’d crossed the line!

“You—
how dare you harm Josh!” Jade shrieked. How could a peasant like Dustin dare to rebel against them like this? Did he have a death wish?

“Rhys! You’re dead meat!” Tina screeched. Dustin had humiliated her before: now, Joshua was the one suffering. How could the Hummer family possibly face the world if they didn’t get revenge for this?

“Let her go,” Dustin said coldly.

“Fuck you! You have hell to pay for harming my brother!” Tina snarled.

Dustin didn’t waste his breath. Instead, he brandished his sword and swung it lightly, slicing Joshua’s other arm off. Blood splattered over the floor, and Joshua’s right arm landed in a pool of it. He howled again, his face contorting in a mask of pain. Sweat beaded on his forehead. Now, he was no different from a lamb up for slaughter. His earlier arrogance and dominance had dissipated.

“You abomination!”

“How dare **you!**”

“This is outrageous!”

Dustin’s second attack brought about more furious exclamations. It was bad enough that he’d chopped

Joshua’s left arm off; he’d now made things worse by chopping off the right one as well. It **was** an insult to the

Hummer family’s dignity and pride!

Amidst their fury, the members of the Hummer family came to a conclusion—Dustin was a madman!

“Let her go!” Dustin brandished his sword again. This time, he pressed it to Joshua’s neck. The cold, steely

look in his eyes made the onlookers subconsciously shudder. They'd seen the
ir fair share of nefarious

characters, but this was their first time coming into
contact with the cold, inhumane look in Dustin's eyes. He

wasn't mad, nor had he raised his voice.

On the contrary, he'd been calm and collected throughout the whole exchange
. However, the more he acted

like that, the more terrifying it was. There was no doubt in everyone's minds th
at he would behead Joshua if

the Hummer family didn't do **as** he **said**.

"Let ... let her go!" Edwin forced out through gritted teeth, ultimately choosing t
o give in. He couldn't take this

bet, not with Joshua's life on the line. He'd **already** witnessed **how** ruthless D
ustin could be.

"Dad!" Tina couldn't believe her ears. Were they, the almighty Hummer family,
going to give in to a brat?

"I said, let her go!" Edwin turned to bellow at her. Nothing mattered more than
Joshua's life.

Tina bit her lip **and** loosened Natasha's ties.

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As soon as she was free, Natasha gave Tina two tight slaps. Tina stared at he
r, dumbfounded. "That's only the interest you owe me. I'll
collect the **rest** of my debt later."

With that, she turned and strutted toward Dustin. She'd never been the type to
suffer in silence—since she'd been slapped, she had to return the favor.

"Why, you- Tina gnashed her teeth, looking humiliated. Dustin and Natasha w
ere too obnoxious for words!

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“Dustin, we’ve already let her **go**, so it’s your turn!” Edwin tried his best to suppress his rage. If not for Dustin pulling such dirty tricks, he wouldn’t be in this situation!

“I didn’t say anything about letting anyone go.” Dustin obviously wasn’t going to let the matter slide. “You

abducted Ms. Harmon and harmed members of the Harmon family. Do you think I’ll let you off the hook so

easily?”

“Rhys, I’m warning you— don’t take this too far!” An ugly look crept onto Edwin’s face. “This is the Hummer

family’s territory; you’re dreaming if you think you can walk out of here unscathed! Now, I’m giving you **a** chance. Let Josh go, and I won’t begrudge you for everything that’s happened before this. Otherwise, **you**

won’t step a foot out of here without getting injured!”

Jade added, “He’s right! Let Josh go, or you’ll be making an enemy out of the Grant family!”

Dustin didn’t say anything and glanced at Natasha. If she were to give the order, he’d behead Joshua without batting an eye. However, Natasha said calmly, “Losing both arms is good enough to teach him a lesson. Leave

him alive for now.”

She wanted nothing more than to kill Joshua, but he was an esteemed disciple of the Boulderthorn Guild and

Jade’s fiancé. If she were to take his life, she’d only be causing trouble for herself. Dustin **would** also become

public enemy number one to the Boulderthorn Guild and the Grand family. Things wouldn't be so easily

resolved then.

Dustin nodded. "Alright. I can let him live, but he still **has** to pay for what he's done." With that, he kicked Joshua in the abdomen, sending him flying as he howled in pain.

Edwin and the others cried out his name and ran over to him, helping him up. He spat out a mouthful of blood

as his face contorted in a mask of pain. He forced out through gritted teeth, "Dad, he—he destroyed my

cultivation!" That earlier kick had shattered his core.

"What?" Edwin and the others were horrified. Joshua would be no different from a cripple with his cultivation and core destroyed. Edwin's eyes bulged with rage as he roared. "How dare you ruin my son's future, you brat!" They could find a way to reattach Joshua's limbs, but there was no way to recover from a shattered core.

"Dustin, you and your whole family s

dead meat! From this day onward, you're the Grant family's biggest enemy! I'll chase you to the ends of the earth!" Jade shrieked, her face filled with deep hatred. Joshua had been her ticket to a great future: Dustin's kick had ruined everything.

"I bet you didn't think karma would come back to bite you in **the** ass when you bullied and murdered innocents. *Dustin said coolly. "What **goes** around comes around—since you committed crimes against others, I'm here to commit **crimes** against you and give you a taste of your own medicine."

'Dustin Rhys! From this day onward, the Hummer family, the Grant family, and the Boulderthorn Guild will be

out for your blood! We **won't** rest until you're dead!" Edwin roared.

“Come at me with everything you have. I’d like to see what you have in store for me.” Dustin didn’t even flinch. He would’ve beheaded Joshua with the first swing of his sword if not for the consequences it would bring Natasha. Then again, he didn’t intend to let the Hummer family off the hook. If they really chased him to the

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ends of the earth, he’d eradicate them.

“Shoot him! Hurry!” Tina shrieked.

“Yes, ma’am!” A team of gun-wielding bodyguards cocked their guns and aimed them at Dustin. However, before they could pull the trigger, Dustin **swung** his sword. A beam of light shot toward the bodyguards, slicing them clear through their waists. In that instant, pained cries pierced the air. That was only a portion of Dustin’s ability, and he’d taken out more than twenty people with a single swing of his sword!

“T–this...” Everyone else was dumbfounded—they didn’t dare move.

“Let’s go.” Dustin didn’t linger. He kept an eye on Natasha and the others to ensure their safety while walking out. Tonight, he’d singlehandedly dealt a devastating blow to the Hummer family. He was invincible!

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As they walked out of Hummer Villa, Natasha, who’d put up a strong front earlier, suddenly felt her knees buckle under her. She almost fell flat on her face. Dustin quickly caught her and asked worriedly. “Are you

okay? Do you feel sick?”

“No. I’m just out of strength. My knees feel like jelly.” She shook her head. She’d been on edge earlier; now that

she could relax, she felt weak.

“Ms. Harmon, I’ll carry you!” Istrid stepped forward and volunteered to help her

“I don’t want to inconvenience you when you’re seriously injured,” Natasha **said**.

“I’m fine. These injuries mean nothing.” Istrid patted her chest to show she was okay.

“You’re seriously injured if I say so!” Natasha’s tone suddenly became stern. She glared at Istrid.

“Huh?” The realization dawned on Istrid when she glanced at Dustin. “Oh, uh, yeah. I feel really dizzy.”

“I’ll do it.” Dustin looked helpless as he swept Natasha into his arms. She had a strong personality but was only an ordinary woman—she had to be in shock after experiencing an abduction.

“Thanks for tonight.” Natasha smiled sweetly and leaned her head against his firm chest. His masculine pheromones made her heart race. Perhaps this was what people meant when they talked about a sense of

security.

“It’s no big deal. I couldn’t stand by and watch when a friend’s in trouble, right?” Dustin smiled.

“Am I only a friend?” Natasha raised an eyebrow, looking slightly bitter.

“What else could you be?” Dustin pretended not to know what she was talking about.

“Hmph! You’re so dense!” Natasha frowned and chomped down on his shoulder. Dustin hissed in pain but didn’t dare retaliate. “This is a mark I’m leaving on you. You belong to me for as long as this is around. I’ll bite you to death if you dare reject me!” She bared her teeth as she spoke.

Dustin grimaced but didn’t dare say anything to refute her. He savored the feeling of

her soft and pliant body in his arms; he couldn't help feeling aroused as her sweet scent enveloped him. They hadn't known each other long, but he'd unknowingly

started to fall for the vivacious woman. That was why he'd been so anxious when he heard about her being abducted. It was also why he'd devastated the Hummer family.

At this moment, Hummer Villa **was** in a mess. Dustin had crashed the place and slaughtered their men with a single blade, even **crippling** Joshua, who was the Hummer family's pride and joy. The Hummer family's dignity and arrogance had been flung to the ground and repeatedly stomped on.

"Dad, I'm crippled I'm crippled!" Joshua howled as he lay in bed. With his core shattered and cultivation destroyed, his life was over.

"Josh, don't panic. I'll immediately have our men search for a miracle doctor. I guarantee I'll spare no expense and pay any price to have you cured!" Edwin said.

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Jade nodded vigorously. "He's right, Josh. You'll definitely recover from this! The Grant family has an abundance of rare medicines. I'm sure **they'll** help to restore your core!"

"A full recovery isn't the only thing I want—I also want to get revenge! I want that Rhys brat to pay for this!" Joshua snarled.

"Don't worry, I've already informed Mark about this. He'll be here in no time. That brat will be **dead** meat when

Mark arrives!" Jade said.

"Mark?" A trace of hope flashed in Joshua's eyes at this. "No matter how powerful that brat is, he's no match for Mark!" Joshua had only achieved divinity a few days ago. He'd yet to fully adapt to this change, and his foundation had been shaky. That was why he could only manifest 50 to 60 per cent of his abilities. Marcus Kent, on the other hand, had already achieved divinity thr

ee years ago and had even ranked among the Heavenly Immortals. He was more than enough to deal with Dustin.

“Killing him swiftly would be letting him off easy. I say we go after everyone related to him so that he can see what it’s like to be public enemy number one!” Tina spat.

“You’re right. Issue an order for everyone to focus on catching Dustin and his posse. Whoever brings me his

head on a platter will receive a reward of a billion dollars!” Edwin commanded. With that, everyone in the

Hummer family got to work. As the word spread, everyone was raring to go, especially when they heard about

the reward.

At Park Place.

Jessica paced the living room, looking worried. Ruth also fidgeted restlessly, obviously anxious. Quentin was

the only one who looked unruffled. In truth, he’d been delighted by the news of Natasha’s abduction. If

anything were to happen to her, there was a high chance of him taking over the company. Of course, in a best-case scenario, both Dustin and Natasha would die at Hummer Villa. **That** way, Quentin would finally have

gotten his revenge!

“Mrs. Harmon!” The butler ran into the living room.

“So? Is there any news on Natasha?” Jessica’s heart leaped to her throat. Though she believed the Hummers wouldn’t do anything rash, she couldn’t be absolutely sure.

“The shadow guards just sent word back that Ms. Harmon’s been rescued. She’s a little roughed up but is fine

as a whole,” the butler said.

“That’s **great!**” Jessica **heaved** a sigh of relief, looking joyful.

“I knew she’d be fine! How could anything happen to her?” Ruth laughed.

Quentin gnashed his teeth, looking pissed. He’d stuck around for so long to receive such terrible news—

what **was wrong** with the Hummer family? **How** weak could **they** be, allowing Natasha to get away so easily?

“As expected, we made the right choice by mobilizing the shadow guards. Otherwise, this rescue mission

wouldn’t **have** been so successful.” Jessica smiled.

“Mrs. Harmon, the shadow guards weren’t the **ones** who rescued Ms. Harmon,” The butler’s expression

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became a little odd.

“Who else could it be? Don’t tell me the Hummers voluntarily let her **go.**”

“The Hummers didn’t free her of their own volition, **and** neither did the shadow guards

contribute to rescuing Ms. Harmon,” the butler said. “Mr. Dustin Rhys was the one who singlehandedly saved her. He slaughtered Darkwrath, Lightwrath, Judge, and the Hummer family’s elite army. No one in the Hummer family **was a** match for him!”

His words dumbfounded Jessica and the others. Dustin had singlehandedly defeated so many people? Was he truly human?