

# An Understated Dominance by Marina Chapter 906

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"Unreasonable? Oh, Nikki. You're more biased than I expected!" Dustin laughed out loud.

"Why didn't you try to reason with Edith when she broke her word? Or when she stabbed me in the back or ordered you to drug us?"

"And why didn't you tell her to be reasonable when she tried to kill me earlier?"

Dustin sneered, "You're only telling me to be reasonable because you're going to lose. Don't you think the way you're acting is repulsive?"

Nikki kept quiet when he was in danger. However, now that Edith was in trouble, Nikki jumped out and tried to guilt him into letting Edith go.

How disgusting.

"I..." Dustin's rapid-fire questioning rendered Nikki speechless.

She ran out of excuses and could only put on a tough front.

"I'm doing this for you, Dustin! Madam Edith is well-known in the martial world. Being on her bad side would mean that you have more enemies.

"That'll just be dangerous for you."

"I've already become enemies with most of them anyway. What's one more?" Dustin shot back.

He was the enemy of both Balerno and Glenstead's martial arts alliance. Adding the Jade Maiden Sisterhood to the list wouldn't make things worse.

"Y-you stubborn man!" Nikki was exasperated.

There was no way Edith would have lost to Dustin if she weren't injured.

Nikki was trying to help Dustin. But he refused to accept her help and even intended to make the Sisterhood his enemy.

He must be crazy!

"I don't want to waste my time on you anymore." Dustin was getting annoyed.

"I'll let you guys go because of Nelson, but this will be the last time. If you guys piss me off again, be prepared for the consequences!

"Now, get out!" He practically roared the last sentence.

A terrifying pressure fell on the Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples, causing the women to shrink back in fear. Even Nikki was startled and couldn't speak.

"Hurry, bring Edith away!"

Letitia was the first to react. She ordered some disciples to carry the unconscious Edith, and they

ran for the door.

She knew that it was their loss today.

Fortunately, cum was su alive. at meant that they would get a chance in the future.

"Dustin Rhys, come out here!" someone suddenly roared.

The voice reverberated throughout the manor and caused the nearby birds to fly away.

"What?" The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples froze up.

Before they came to their senses, someone kicked the gates down, causing the door to shatter.

A group of strong, hostile martial artists appeared.

"Who are you? How dare you storm into my manor!"

Dustin walked out of the ballroom and glared at the invaders.

"You better take a good look at who I am, Rhys!" A handsome man emerged from the group.

It was Terry Doyle!

"You?" Dustin was surprised.

"What are you doing here?"

"I'm here to challenge you to a duel to the death!" Terry seethed.

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Ever since Dustin defeated him, Terry had been steadily recovering, biding his time. And now, it was finally time for revenge.

"You're weaker than you were last time. How are you going to fight me?" Dustin sized up Terry.

Although Terry's core had been restored, his cultivation was nowhere near what it was before. Now, he was merely a low-level martial artist.

"I never said I would fight you. The one who's going to fight you is my mentor!" Terry humphed.

"And who's that?" Dustin asked.

"Listen well. My mentor is the famous Augustus Kline!" Terry declared proudly.

Everyone was shocked.

"What? Augustus Kline? Isn't he a grandmaster?"

"That's right! Augustus Kline is well-known in the martial world. He's one of the five ultimate grandmasters of Balerno!"

"Holy shit! Who the hell is this guy? How did he become Augustus Kline's disciple?"

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples were shocked. They saw grandmasters as beings that resembled God.

The martial world also believed that anyone weaker than a grandmaster was trash.

To grandmasters, strength and status didn't matter. That was, unless one was a grandmaster.

So, every martial artist in the world wanted to become one. After all, a grandmaster stood higher than anyone else.

"I see. But so what?" Dustin seemed unfazed.

"So what?" Terry was stunned. "Don't tell me you don't even know who my mentor is!"

Most people would be scared after hearing Augustus' name, yet Dustin was oddly calm.

"Does it matter? I'm going to accept his duel anyway," Dustin replied casually.

"He accepted it?" Everyone was shocked.

"Holy shit! Is he crazy? How could he challenge Augustus Kline?"

"This is a real grandmaster we're talking about, someone as strong as a god! He must be suicidal to

challenge someone as powerful as that!"

"How foolish!"

Aside from shock, the crowd was also visibly looking down on Dustin. They believed that no matter how strong Dustin was, he would still be beaten into a pulp.

"You sure are reckless!" Terry chuckled coldly.

"Alright, then. Since you seem so eager to die, so be it. Here's the letter. Catch!"

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"Alright. You can choose the time and location," Dustin answered.

Previously, he had challenged Terry to a duel. Now that Terry was returning the favor, he couldn't

back down.

"Good. We'll meet at Shinefield Lake tomorrow afternoon," Terry said.

Then, he sneered. "You better not run away with your tail tucked between your legs!"

With that, Terry left with his men.

"What gave this man the balls to accept Augustus Kline's duel? He must be crazy!"

"An idiot like him has no idea how scary a grandmaster is. He'll definitely regret it later!"

"Tomorrow's going to be interesting."

The Jade Maiden Sisterhood disciples commented in malicious glee. They didn't think someone ordinary like Dustin could win against a grandmaster.

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The next day, the news had spread far and wide. Dustin, the genius martial artist, had challenged Augustus, the grandmaster D

The battle was set to happen at the battle ring in Shinefield Lake

Many people were excited to hear about the duel

Ever since Dustin won the Knighthood Society Tournament, all eyes were on him. The attention only became more intense as he became the prime suspect in Paul's death

People from both alliances caught wind of the duel And now, everyone was eager to watch the battle unfold

By dawn, many martial artists had arrived at Shinefield Lake Most of them came because of Augustus

Augustus was a well-known grandmaster. His name was familiar to the people in Balerno.

He had been laying low for the past few years. But it didn't diminish his fame

After all, grandmasters were extremely rare. Most martial artists could only dream of meeting one

Inside the gazebo by the lake, many important figures had gathered together.

That included Ronald Reeds, the senior members of the alliance, as well as several geniuses. A

few Hill family members were also present.

"Sir Reeds, is the duel really going to happen? Will that guy actually challenge Sir Augustus?" Spring asked.

"Most likely. The Doyle family already issued the challenge. It'll happen later in the afternoon in Shinefield Lake." Ronald nodded.

His spies had been keeping an eye on Dustin. That was why Ronald knew everything that happened in Zephyr Lodge.

"Is he crazy? Why would he challenge Sir Augustus?" Spring was confused.

"Hmph! That foolish brat! He better not think he has the right to challenge a grandmaster just because he did okay in the tournament," Autumn sneered.

Although Dustin was one of the strongest among his peers, he wasn't a match for someone as strong as Augustus. A grandmaster was on a completely different level.

"Dad, do you think he's hoping to be killed?" Torben asked.

"Hoping to be killed?" Autumn frowned. "What do you mean?"

"Just think about it. Dustin killed Grandpa and became the alliance's enemy. He also ingested Septemortis.

"He knows he isn't going to live long, so today's his last chance at fame. After all, being killed by Sir Augustus will be much better than dying to poison," Torben explained.

No wonder Dustin had the balls to challenge Augustus. He must be hoping to die today.

Being killed by a grandmaster was a much more noble way to die. It was better than having poison tear him apart from the inside.

"We meet again, Sir Reeds, someone said playfully.

Everyone turned and saw Conrad smiling as he walked in with his men.

"What brings you here, Su Melling? **Ronald** was surprised.

"I heard about what's happening. There's no way I'd miss out on the show," Conrad answered.

He stroked his beard. "After all, it's been years since I watched a duel involving a grandmaster."

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Conrad never left after Paul passed away. After all, he was curious to see how Balerno would handle this issue.

"Since you seem so interested, why don't you take a seat?" Ronald smiled and invited everyone to

Conrad headed straight to the seat next to Ronald and sat down "What do you think will happen during today's battle. Sir Reeds?"

"A fight, of course," Ronald replied

"You're a funny man, Sir Reeds Conrad smirked

Then, he said, "From what I heard, Sir Augustus is doing this to avenge his disciple I bet that genius you like will have a hard time today.

"That's how life is. He'll have to decide his own fate Ronald was calm.

"Balerno rarely finds a genius like him. Are you sure you can bear to let him go?" Conrad smiled slyly

"He may be a genius, but if he's a terrible person, he's nothing more than a nuisance," Ronald answered swiftly.

"He's right! That man killed my father. He deserves to die!" Autumn spat.

"Well, we'll see what happens." Conrad's smile deepened. He said nothing more.

He was there solely to enjoy the show. And he couldn't wait for more internal conflicts within the Balerno martial arts alliance to break out.

"Wow, look at those beautiful women!" someone from the audience shouted suddenly.

Everyone turned to see a group of gorgeous women approaching them, each holding a sword.

They were from Jade Maiden Sisterhood!

"Holy shit! Where did those chicks come from? They're gorgeous!"

"Looking at their outfit, they should be from Jade Maiden Sisterhood."

"Jade Maiden Sisterhood? I've heard that its disciples only consist of beautiful and talented women. I guess it must be true!"

"I couldn't be happier to see so many pretty women I'd die a happy man if I could get one of them as my wife!"

The men were excited by the new arrivals.

Female martial artists were rare, but to see a group of beautiful female martial artists? It was given that they became the center of attention.

"Brittany, are all Balerno martial artists like this? They're like disgusting pigs."

"This tiny place is nothing compared to Oakvale. You should keep your expectations low."

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After her brutal beating last night her face was a mess. She didn't dare to show it to anyone

"He's here one of the Sisterhood & disciples exclaimed

Everyone followed the direction she was pointing and saw a confident figure approaching.

It was Dustin'

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When Dustin appeared, everyone's glares shot toward him like arrows. The crowd's eyes were filled with anger, resentment, shock, and scorn

Because of Paul's death, Dustin became public enemy number one. So, everyone was eagerly waiting to see Augustus tear him apart.

"I didn't expect so many people to turn up. Cornelius surveyed the crowded lakeside and saw the hostile gazes.

"They're probably here to watch me make a fool of myself." Dustin was unfazed. He already knew that this wasn't going to be any ordinary duel.

"Sit, why don't we give up? A duel against a grandmaster is no joke.

"Your life is more important than your pride," Cornelius warned in a low voice.

He knew that Dustin was powerful. However, Augustus was one of Balerno's renowned grandmasters.

The gap between the two of them was just too big. So far, no one has ever escaped the fate of being crushed by grandmasters.

"Why would we run away when we're already here?" Dustin replied calmly.

"Sir, grandmasters are far stronger than any human can be. They're practically gods compared to regular martial artists. Please think this through!" Cornelius' expression was grim.

"Don't worry. I know my limits." Dustin smiled.

Augustus might be strong, but Dustin wasn't weak, either.

"Dustin..." Just then, Nikki appeared. She looked conflicted.

"Yes, Ms. Horst?" Dustin's smile disappeared. His expression turned cold.

The two of them had become strangers after yesterday night.

"I hope you forfeit the battle," Nikki said seriously.

"And why should I?" Dustin responded.

"For your life, of course," Nikki preached.

She added, "Sir Augustus is a strong grandmaster. You're no match for him. If you fight him, you'll die!"

"That's none of your business. You should be caring for your mentor." Dustin remained emotionless.

"Stop acting like this. I'm telling you this for your own good. Why would you risk your life for nothing?" Nikki frowned.

"And how do you know I'll lose when the battle hasn't even begun?" Dustin retorted.

"Duh! Sir Augustus is a grandmaster, but what about you?" Nikki lectured patronizingly.

She believed that her victory was pure luck

"So what are you trying to say? Dustin remained unaffected

Listen to me. Just give up losing the battle better than losing your life. Besides, surrendering to Sir Augustus isn't humiliating." Nikki added

"Are you done? Then step aside. Dustin walked straight past her

"Hang on" Nikki rushed over to block Dustin again

Hesitantly, she began. I won't stop you if you insist on doing things your way. However, before that I hope you can return the Jade Maiden Scripture to me

After Edith passed out, the Jade Maiden Scripture disappeared from her arms. So, Nikki immediately assumed that Dustin must have taken it back