When Sean and his family saw how Nathan was 'taken away', they were terribly anxious.

They rushed to Riverside at once.

Penny, Benson, and Leah were watching a cartoon with Queenie in the living room.

When Penny's grandfather arrived with his family in tow, looking panicked, she was stunned. "Grandpa, what happened? Why do you look so anxious?"

Sean stuttered, "Penn, something bad had happened. The soldiers had just taken Nathan away!"

What?

When Penny and her family heard the news, their faces paled drastically.

"Grandpa, what happened?" Penny asked worriedly.

Sean did not beat around the bush as he gave an explanation of everything that had



happened.

When Penny heard Nathan was brought away by Tristan and Franklin's troops, she felt her head spinning and she almost lost consciousness.

However, she forced herself to stay calm.

Her face turned ghastly pale as she bit her lip bitterly. Nathan is in trouble. I need to hang on because he's waiting for me to save him!

When Benson and Leah found out their son-in-law had been arrested, they panicked at once and didn't know what to do.

Sean urged, "The only way left is to find someone to help us."

"Our family isn't backed up by any politicians or military leaders, so I can't help in saving Nathan."

"Penn, your company is doing very well. You must've known many influential men.



Think of someone who can contact both Tristan and Franklin? We need that person's help."

Everyone gazed at Penny intently as she was their only hope.

Penny felt bitter because she didn't know anyone who knew Tristan.

The faces of everyone she knew flashed across her mind. Suddenly, she thought of someone.

Seth Carney, one of the Brimmopolis Four!

Recently, Seth visited his friends in Channing. He organized a cocktail party in Soho Club tonight and invited every elite member of the high society. She had received an invitation but turned it down.

Right now, Penny had no choice but to call Seth and ask for his help to save Nathan.

Seth was one of the Brimmopolis Four, an influential and powerful man.



If he was willing to help them, then Nathan would escape unscathed.

Hence, she dialed Seth's number at once.

Meanwhile, in Soho Club.

A bunch of elegantly dressed people from the high society were fawning over a man clad in casual clothes. This dashing man was none other than Seth Carney.

Seth swept his gaze across the socialites but didn't see the lady he came here for.

He frowned before he inquired, "Why isn't Penny Smith, the Business Goddess, here?"

One of Seth's men, Heinz, who was in charge of sending out the invitations, reported, "Sir, I sent the invitation to Cross Group yesterday afternoon, but she declined it. She said she'll be here if she has the time."

One businessman from Channing cut in, "Mr. Carney, I don't think she'll come. She's



married and is close to her husband, Nathan Cross. Besides, she doesn't like to socialize and attend parties."

Seth was rather disappointed upon hearing that.

He was one of the Brimmopolis Four, he was rich and powerful.

And he was used to celebrities, socialites and pretty CEOS throwing themselves at him. He didn't care if they were married because they simply couldn't resist his good look.

This time, he had his set eyes on Penny and invited her to his cocktail party. However, he had never expected her to decline his invitation.



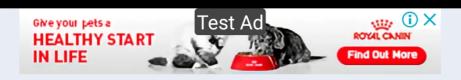
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Heinz noticed his boss looked upset so he suggested, "Sir, since Ms. Smith isn't cooperating, do you want me to send someone to pick her up by force?"

Before Seth could reply, his phone rang.

He took out his phone and answered the call. "Seth Carney."

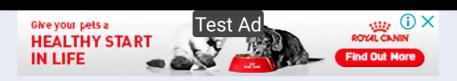
Penny's voice sounded on the other end of the phone. "Hello, Mr. Carney. This is Penny Smith from Cross Group."

An amused grin flitted across Seth's face. "Oh, so you're the Business Goddess. Where did you get my phone number from?"

"Your phone number is on the invitation that you delivered to me," Penny replied truthfully.

Seth blinked in realization and chuckled, "Ms. Smith, why are you calling me?"

Penny hurriedly explained, "I need your help, Mr. Carney. My husband had



offended the retired Major General, Tristan Westwood."

"The Channing army had just arrested him. Can you help me ask the Major General to release my husband?"

Upon hearing her request, Seth responded playfully, "Sure, that shouldn't be a problem."

"But Ms. Smith, you refused to attend my cocktail party. That means you didn't even think of me as a friend. Why should I help you save your husband then?"

Penny answered at once, "Mr. Carney, I have no one else to turn to. You're my last hope. If you're willing to save my husband, I'll reward you handsomely."

Seth smirked. "I don't need money. If you want to save your husband, come to Soho Club and have a few drinks with me."

"If you please me, I'll save your husband."

Penny was really worried about Nathan, so



she agreed to go instantly.

After hanging up, she told her family and left with the car keys in her hand.

Not long after Penny had left, Nathan came home.

When he opened the door, he was surprised to see his in-laws, his daughter, Sean, and everyone else in his house.

Benson and the others were astonished and elated to see him. "Nathan, how did you get them to release you? Penn had gone to ask for help to save you!"

Nathan furrowed his brows. "Save me? Didn't I tell Grandpa the Channing army invited me over for a cup of tea? I'm fine."

Sean and the others were dumbfounded.

He asked, "Huh? Are you saying they didn't find fault with you?"

"Of course not. You said Penny asked for help to save me, right? What is going on?"



Nathan responded.

Benson told him everything. "She thought the army had captured you, so she went to ask for Seth's help. Seth is one of the Brimmopolis Four. But he wanted her to drink with him before he agrees to help."

What?

Nathan's face fell at once. How dare he ask my wife to drink with him? Does he have a death wish?

"This is ridiculous! How dare he?" Nathan uttered harshly.

"Where's Penny's bodyguard, Frida? Why didn't she stop Penny?"

Benson replied in a tiny voice, "Frida asked for a day off as she was unwell. She's at the hospital now."

No wonder! If either Frida or Kylie were here, they'd know that I'll be fine. They'll stop Penny from going to Seth too.



With that, Nathan turned to leave.

At Soho Club, Penny had already downed eight glasses of brandy.

Her cheeks were flushed and she was already tipsy.

Seth was sitting on the sofa with his legs crossed. He studied Penny with narrowed eyes. She seemed more alluring when she was drunk.

Then, he signaled a woman seated by his side with a meaningful glance.

The woman immediately got the hint and refilled Penny's glass with a grin. "Ms. Smith, this is the ninth glass."

Penny knew she was drunk, so she waved her hands drunkenly. "I-I can't. I can't drink anymore."

The woman reminded her. "You have made a deal with Mr. Carney. He will save your husband only if you drink nine glasses of brandy. Now that you don't keep to your



end of the bargain, how do you expect him to save your husband then?"



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Penny was tipsy and about to lose consciousness, but after hearing the woman's reminder, she raised her glass at once. "I'll drink it."

Everyone began to cheer for her.

They knew Seth wanted to make Penny drunk. It was blatantly obvious that Penny was going to knock out after drinking this glass of brandy.

Heinz leaned closer to Seth and grinned. "Sir, I've prepared a room for you. We can help you bring Ms. Smith there later."

Seth's lips curled up in a smirk. "Good job!"

Penny, whose cheeks were flushed red, picked up the ninth glass and was about to drink it.

Suddenly, a muscular arm appeared and grabbed her wrist.

A voice rang out, "Stop drinking now!"

Penny jolted upon hearing that. So she



looked up abruptly and saw Nathan.

"Honey!"

She got up at once, but the moment she stood up, she felt the world spinning around her.

Penny collapsed into Nathan's arm and fainted.

As Nathan held his wife, he was utterly shocked, angry, and distressed to see the state she was in. She got so drunk because she was trying to get someone to save him.

Picking Penny up, he told her, "Let's go home!"

He then turned away with Penny in his arms.

However, Heinz and his men blocked his way and refused to let him leave.

Heinz told him icily, "Mr. Carney didn't say you can leave."



Nathan frowned and turned to Seth, who was still sitting on the sofa.

Seth lit up a cigarette and smoked while his legs were crossed. He smiled faintly, "You can go, but leave Ms. Smith here. I'll send her back when I'm done with her. Just wait for her at home."

Nathan's expression darkened. "I'll allow you to kneel and repeat your words."

What?

Did he just tell Mr. Carney to kneel and repeat his words?

Everyone at the club looked at each other while Heinz and his men glowered at Nathan angrily.

Seth wasn't mad at all. Instead, he found it interesting.

No one dared to speak to him loudly in Brimmopolis, let alone in Channing.

How did Nathan dare to ask him to kneel



and change his words?

What an interesting man!

He smirked evilly and teased, "You want me to kneel and change my mind? Ha! What do you want me to say?"

"Do you expect me to tell you that I want to sleep with your wife? And that you should just go home?"

The crowd burst into laughter.

Heinz grinned widely. "Sir, how interesting. He insists on asking you to be honest with him!"

Seth was all smiling. "Haha! Some scoundrels like to see their wives with another man. I've heard of that, but this is the first time I've ever met someone like that."

Everyone gazed at Nathan suggestively before breaking into fits of laughter.

Heinz stared at an obviously upset Nathan



and provoked him deliberately. "Hey, young man. Mr. Carney had made himself clear. Leave your wife here and wait for her at home."

"When he has had enough of her, he'll send her home."

Nathan uttered coldly, "I see you have a death wish. Colin!"

Hearing this, Colin headed toward Heinz and his men without even waiting for Nathan's order.

Heinz had twenty over skillful fighters with him.

He smirked at Colin and threatened, "Fool, we'll kill you!"

Colin raised his hand and slapped Heinz across the face.

His slap was as swift as lightning and as loud as thunder bolt

Heinz belatedly realized something was



wrong so he tried to avoid that slap, but it was too late. All he could do was to watch Colin's palm coming closer before his eyes.

Slap!

That was a very loud slap.

Just like that, Heinz spat out a mouthful of blood with broken teeth as he flew to the side. The force had crushed his entire facial bone.

He hit the table and landed on the ground and lay there motionless.

What?

Heinz was around the same size as Colin, but a mere slap from Colin sent him flying!

Oh dear, Nathan's right-hand man is so powerful!



Seth frowned as he sat on the sofa. He hinted at the twenty over men to attack them.

"Cripple them!" one man shouted among the crowd.

Within a second, these men took out their weapons like batons and whips before leaping towards Colin and Nathan.

Colin took a light step forward before charging toward them without fear.

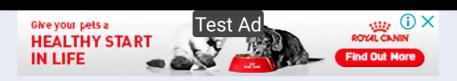
Some men were afraid of Colin, so they slid past him and went to Nathan.

Nathan was still holding Penny in his arms. When the men came to him, he snorted and lifted his leg to kick them.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Before they could even get nearer to Nathan, he had already kicked them in the chest, sending them flying backward.

Meanwhile, Colin was like a predator in his



element as every single opponent dropped one by one.

Soon, all of them were lying in a huge pool of blood.

What?

The crowd was dumbstruck.

Seth was smoking nonchalantly on the sofa, but when he saw how his men were defeated, his eyes widened in shock. The cigarette between his fingers fell to the ground, but he didn't even realize it.

Nathan held Penny in his arms and gave Seth a deadly stare.

Seth only snapped back to reality when he met Nathan's eyes.

He lost that arrogance in him earlier and he could not hide the fear in his eyes as he bellowed, "How dare you hurt my men?"

Nathan replied in a frigid voice, "Believe it or not, I'll finish your men then cripple you."



Fear was written all over Seth's face. "Don't you dare!"

Nathan remained calm. "Colin, finish him now!"

Colin inquired in a low voice, "Sir, how do want me to do it?"

Nathan looked at Penny in his arms and turned to leave. However, his voice echoed across the room, "Castrate them!"

Everyone there was shocked to hear Nathan's order.

Seth was petrified and he started screaming. "How dare you? Do you know who I am?"

"I am one of the Brimmopolis Four, Seth Carney from the Carney family. If you touch me, I can guarantee you there will be a bloodbath in Channing!"

Colin strode over to Seth and loomed over him. "Are you done with your nonsense?" he asked impatiently.



Seth's eyes rounded and he parted his lips to say something, but Colin had gone ahead to raise his leg and stomped down on Seth's crotch.

Thud!

Colin's forceful kick crashed Seth's manhood and even crushed the sofa.

"Ahhhhh!" Seth let out an excruciating scream and rolled around the floor with his hands on his crotch.

The crowd was completely dumbfounded by the gruesome sight.

Colin stared at Seth who was rolling around in agony and told him icily, "Stop scheming to get someone else's wife. Well, I don't think you'll ever do that again since you can no longer do so."

Colin turned to leave and caught up with Nathan.

The crowd only snapped back to reality after Nathan and Colin disappeared from



view.

Someone shrieked in fear, "What are we doing? Call the ambulance and the Carneys!"

It was then that everyone came back to their senses.

Then they hurriedly called the ambulance and informed the Carneys. The scene was total chaos.

It so happened that Seth's father, Chester, was visiting his friends at Alberesque of the South.

When Chester heard about his son's injury, he was both shocked and furious. Without further delay, he took his private jet and headed to Channing.

There, he got into a helicopter and flew to the rooftop of People's Hospital in Channing.

Soon, he arrived outside the operating theater with his two aides.



A nurse had just walked out from the operating theater to get some supplies.

Chester stepped forward and grabbed the nurse by her hair with a savagely fierce expression on his face. "How is my son doing now?"

The nurse nearly cried from the pain as she explained, "We're trying our best to save the patient. I came out to retrieve some supplies."

Chester released the nurse and told her in a very authoritative tone, "If my son dies, everyone in the operating theater will have to die along with him."



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The nurse was terrified and hurriedly fled the scene.

Then, Chester turned to the people waiting outside the operating theater asked without any expression on his face, "Who can tell me what had happened to my son?"

Soon, someone explained everything to Chester, including his son's warning at the scene.

Chester's face darkened. "Good. If something happens to my son, everyone who attended the cocktail party will pay the price. No one will be spared!"

Everyone fell silent instantly as their faces turned white as sheet.

Half an hour later, the door to the operating theater opened, and the doctor walked out.

Chester immediately asked about his son's condition.

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The doctor seemed afraid as he replied, "The patient is fine, but he has lost his reproductive organs."

What?

Chester's expression changed drastically as he emanated a horrifying murderous aura.

Benson, Leah, and Sean and his family were waiting anxiously.

Finally, the door swung open.

They saw Nathan walking in with Penny in his arms.

Benson exclaimed delightedly, "Nathan!"

Leah blurted out, "What's wrong with Penn?"

Nathan told them, "Seth forced her to drink a lot in exchange for his help to save me. She is very drunk but she is alright. Just don't worry about her." Chapter 1275 The Carneys Are Here To Cause A Scene

After Benson, Leah, and the others heard what Nathan had said, they were relieved.

Sean inquired, "By the way, did Mr. Carney get upset when you brought Penn away from the party?"

"I don't think he had time to get upset at me now," Nathan responded coolly.

Huh?

Sean and the others were taken aback by his words for none of them understood what he meant.



Nathan held Penny in his arms while walking towards their room and told them, "That scum forced Penn to drink with the intention to make her drunk so he could assault her sexually."

"When I arrived at the scene, he even reprimanded me rudely and threatened me. I punished him so he'd learn his lesson."

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Sean and the rest were shocked.

But he immediately regained his senses and asked worriedly, "My dear, how did you punish Mr. Carney? What lesson did you teach him?"

Sean and the rest knew Seth was one of the Brimmopolis Four. The Carneys were very influential in Brimmopolis, and their actions would affect the nation greatly.

They were worried that Nathan might have offended Seth and provoked the Carneys. If that happened, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Nathan merely grinned. "It was not very serious. I castrated him, that's all."

Sean nearly fainted when he heard that.

All the Smiths started wailing too. "Oh, dear. How could you castrate Mr. Carney?"

"You've committed an atrocious crime! It's not something small!"

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Nathan was honest. "I would've killed him on the spot if this happened in the past. Thus, I would say I manage to control myself and spared his life."

"That's enough for now. My wife is drunk and needs to rest. Please leave now as you people will disturb her if you continue staying here."

Sean and his family exchanged looks upon hearing Nathan's words.

There was no way out of this so all of them left. Nathan had already castrated Seth so all they could do now was to pray for their own safety.

Benson and Leah were terribly distressed too. However, they didn't blame Nathan but helped him take care of their drunk daughter.

After drinking some tea, Penny went to bed.

Right then, Frida and Kylie returned home.

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They were very surprised when they heard what had happened earlier.

However, since they knew Nathan's hidden identity, they weren't afraid of the aftermath.

Instead, they consoled Benson and Leah, telling them not to worry.

Right then, Nathan could hear someone arguing outside the window of his room.

Frowning, he pulled the covers up for Penny and left the room.

"What is going on, Frida? Why is it so noisy out there?" he asked.

Frida went out to see what was going on and returned to give him a report. "Mr. Cross, it seems like the Carneys are here to cause a scene. They assaulted the security guard, but Colin and his men managed to stop them."

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The look in Nathan's eyes turned cold. "Come, let's go and take a look."



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Nathan left the house with Frida in tow. Kylie, Benson, and Leah who was holding Queenie in her arms, followed behind him curiously.

In front of Nathan's house, there was a face-off between two sides.

One side was led by a tall and well-dressed middle-aged man, Chester Carney. He had brought nearly a hundred men with him.

The other side was led by Colin, who was flanked by the Elite Eight.

There were also a few security quards at the scene. Their limbs were broken as they lay groaning in pain on the floor.

Upon seeing the injured security guards, Nathan's face fell as he asked in a cold voice, "Which one of you hurt them?"

When Colin and the Elite Eight heard Nathan, they went to greet him at once. "Sir!"

Chester gazed at Nathan as his eyes

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flashed with killer instincts. However, his voice remained calm as he asked, "Are you Nathan Cross?"

Nathan answered coolly, "Yes. You are?"

Chester stuck his chin out. "I'm Chester Carney of the Carney family!"

"Why are you here?" Nathan asked.

Chester's voice was very cold. "Stop pretending. How dare you castrate my son? You're going to die for harming him."

"Die?" Nathan smiled faintly.

Chester roared, "Yes! You and your family must die! Those who attended the cocktail party tonight but didn't stop you from hurting him must die too!"

"Everyone involved must die so I can avenge my son!"

Benson and Leah's faces ashen upon hearing his announcement.

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However, Nathan retorted, "Then do you know you must also die for disturbing my wife who is resting now?"

Chester glanced at him oddly and snorted, "Seems like you want to do this the hard way. Spider!"

At his order, a 190cm tall man with long limbs walked out from his side.

This man was Chester's number-one fighter, Spider.

Spider had long limbs. He seemed tall with hardly any muscles on his body.

Nevertheless, if you took a close look, vou'd realize that his muscles were firm like blocks of metals. Which meant he could be very lethal in fights.

Besides, he was light on his feet. It was obvious that he was a top fighter who encompassed both power and speed.

Spider gazed at Nathan, his gaze devoid of any emotion. He asked in a hoarse voice,

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"Sir, what are your orders?"

Chester narrowed his eyes and ordered, "Break all his limbs, but don't kill him for now."

"I'll torture him by killing his relatives and friends one by one in front of him, so he'll die helplessly and painfully."

Spider nodded. "Got it!"

With that, he strode towards Nathan.

His legs were long, allowing him to take huge steps. His pace quickened as he ran swiftly like a beast.

Colin came to him and blocked his way. "If you want to hurt my master, do so over my dead body."

Without hesitation, Spider kicked the ground and leaped up like a spider with his kick directed towards Colin's head.

The kick was as swift as lightning.



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Colin was slightly stunned by his speed and lifted his arm to block the attack.

As Spider's kick landed on Colin's arm, he could feel a sharp pain shooting up his arm.

Meanwhile, Spider seized the opportunity to get past Colin and leaped towards Nathan.

Two of the Elite Eight stood in his way. "Stop!"

Thud! Thud!

Both of them were defeated by Spider in no time. Spider skipped past them and headed straight for Nathan.

Swoosh!

Spider's right hand reached out like a claw, intending to rip off Nathan's arm.

Nathan scoffed and grabbed his opponent's wrist.

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Spider was shocked by his move as he tried to attack Nathan's stomach with his knee so he'd release his grip on his wrist.

However, Nathan returned him a favor by raising his leg and delivering a powerful kick which was faster than Spider's.

Crack!

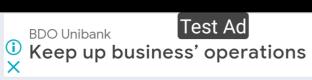
Nathan's kick landed on Spider's kneecap. With a clear crack, his bone snapped and his leg was broken.

Before Spider could even wail in pain, Nathan's right fist landed on Spider's face.

Thud!

Spider's facial bone crushed into pieces, and his face was disfigured in an instant. He didn't even get a chance to scream as Nathan's punch killed him instantly.

Nathan threw his body aside like he was a dead dog. Then, he stared at Chester who was in a state of shock as he announced icily, "Congratulations. You've made me



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angry."



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Chester quickly regained his composure and retorted coldly, "You have even defeated Spider. It looks like you have a trick or two up your sleeve."

"Well, you may be able to defeat one man, but you can't defeat all of my henchmen!"

He paused before ordering his men, "Go! Whoever kills Nathan Cross will be awarded ten million!"

At his order, his other henchmen took action at once apart from his bodyguards.

They charged at Nathan like a pack of wolves.

"Protect Sir!" Colin ordered.

Together, he and the Elite Eight stepped up to face the Carneys.

Within seconds, they were engaged in a fight.

Chester's henchmen were the top fighters of his family.



Each of them could fight as well as soldiers of the Special Forces. Under normal circumstances, they could take ten men each.

Hence, Chester thought his henchmen would settle Nathan's gang in no time.

However, what happened next left him utterly dumbfounded.

Colin and the Elite Eight tore through the crowd of opponents like a tiger running loose on a flock of sheep. Wails rang around as the Carneys' henchmen fell one after another.

This wasn't a battle. It was simply a massacre.

The fight started in a flash and ended abruptly as well.

Soon, the Carneys' henchmen were all groaning in pain on the ground as their limbs were broken

Nathan looked at a terrified Chester and



asked in a cold voice, "Do you still want to kill my family and everyone who was involved?"

Chester snapped back to reality. He scrutinized Nathan from head to toe as if he wanted to figure this man out.

Then, he let out a cold laugh and said, "Young man, looks like you and your men are highly skilled, huh?"

"Nevertheless, no matter how skilled you are, you are no match for my gun!"

With that said, he pulled out his gun and pointed it at Nathan.

The turn of events shook the Smiths greatly.

Nathan, however, stayed calm. He glanced at Chester's gun and replied, "How dare you show off your stupid gun in front of me?"

Chester sneered, "Ha! Useless gun? There are 20 bullets inside which is enough to kill



everyone here. Now, I want you to kneel before me!"

"You're threatening me with that gun of yours?" Nathan inquired without a hint of fear.

Chester's face darkened as he threatened, "If you don't, I'll shoot you right in the head."

Nathan grinned. "You haven't even pulled out the firing pin. How will you shoot me right in my head?"

Taken aback, Chester lowered his head and noticed he hadn't pulled out the firing pin yet. There was no way the gun would work.

After hearing that, he pulled out the firing pin immediately; but at that point in time, Nathan shouted, "Colin!"

A veteran soldier and master sharpshooter, Colin took out his gun from his belt without hesitation. Without even aiming, he fired a shot in Chester's



direction.

Bang!

The bullet hit Chester's right hand, sending blood gushing out from the wound.

With a horrible wail, Chester released his grip on the gun, and it dropped to the ground with a thud.

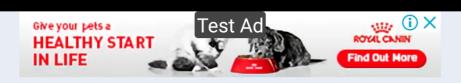
His face was twisted in pain and anger.

His bodyguards were about to take action, but Colin pointed his gun at them and ordered coldly, "Don't move unless you have a death wish."

With that said, Colin walked towards Chester and kicked his gun away.

Nathan looked at Chester who was lying on the floor and said, "Kneel!"

Chester's face darkened at once. "What? I'm one of the Carneys. Our family is influential in Brimmopolis and the entire nation. How dare you ask me to kneel at



your feet?"

"Believe it or not, my family will make you regret that you were even born!"



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Nathan turned to Colin and instructed, "Since he doesn't want to kneel, send him to hell."

Colin pointed his gun at Chester. "I'll count to three. Three, two..."

Colin counted swiftly, he gazed at him coldly like a butcher waiting to chop the meat. It was obvious that he wasn't joking.

Before Colin could count to three, Chester's knees dropped down in humiliation.

Nathan scoffed, "I thought you are stubborn, but it turns out that you're nothing but a coward."

"If you want to survive, tell your family to transfer ten billion to me in exchange for your life."

"Before the money reaches my account, you shall kneel here. You can only leave after I receive the money."

"If the money isn't here before the next

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morning, that means your family has given up on you. My men will send you to hell."

What?

Chester was in a fury of grief. "How dare you threaten me and blackmail my family?"

Nathan replied calmly, "What do you mean by 'threaten' and 'blackmail'? I think punish is a more suitable term."

With that, he turned and walked into his house with his family.

Before he left, he commanded Colin, "Send the injured security guards to the hospital. If the Carneys agree to pay us to release him, donate the money to Channing for the development of the city."

Colin answered, "Yes, Sir!"

The news of Chester and Seth's mishap reached the Carneys in Brimmopolis soon.

The Carney family was a prominent family

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in Brimmopolis. They were wealthy enough to overthrow the country, but ten billion wasn't a small amount that could be gathered in two hours.

It was almost dawn when a sum of money that amounted to ten billion was banked into Channing government's bank account as stipulated.

Chester was forced to kneel for almost five hours before he was finally released and sent to the hospital.

The next day, Chester and Seth were both transferred to a private hospital in Brimmopolis.

Meanwhile, in the Carney residence in Brimmopolis.

The head of the Carney family, Myles, was talking to his brother Martin, Craig and Clark in their luxuriously decorated living room.

Martin couldn't help but ask, "Myles, why did Old Master Jordan summon y'all

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there?"

Myles took his cup of tea and said, "Old Master Jordan's apprentice, Tristan, was involved in a fight with the General of the North. The General arrested Tristan and locked him in jail. So, he was terribly upset about that."

"Tristan is Jordan's apprentice. He is also part of the East faction. The General's action had humiliated Jordan and us."

Martin and the others were astonished. Then, they asked in a tiny voice, "Myles, did Old Master Jordan order us to go against the General?"

Myles' twitched his lips. "The General had contributed a lot in the North, but he rose through the ranks too quickly. He became the top general in our nation at a very young age. Hence, many people within the system were upset over that fact without voicing it."

"Many members of the East faction are reluctant to work under him. They have

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been scheming to bring him down and take over his position."

"This time, with the arrest of Tristan, he had successfully ignited the wrath of our members. Therefore, Jordan has decided to teach him a lesson."

Martin gasped. "Looks like our faction is going against the upstarts of the North army."

Myles sipped on his tea and replied, "This is a battle between both powers. We just have to cheer for Jordan behind his back."



Something occurred to Myles as he frowned and asked, "By the way, what happened to Chester and Seth in Channing? I heard they are still lying in the hospital! I've just returned from the Jordans, so I haven't had time to visit them yet."

His brother, Clark, immediately answered furiously, "They were beaten up in Channing!"

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He then explained everything to Myles.

Myles flew into a rage after hearing what had happened. "This is ridiculous! How dare a little businessman in Channing bully the Carneys!"

"Who will avenge Chester?"

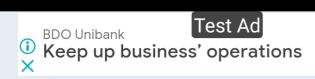
Craig stood up immediately and uttered, "Myles, I'll go."

Craig was an instructor of the Tigris Special Forces in Brimmopolis. As a colonel, he was rather skilled in fighting.

The soldiers under him were also skilled as well.

Myles nodded. "Good. You can handle this then. You must avenge Chester so the others will know the consequences of bullying the Carneys."

Craig replied, "Aright, Myles."



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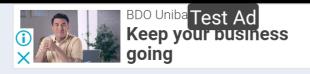
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Meanwhile, in Channing. Nathan was seated near the window at the Cloud Palace on top of Axis of Channing while enjoying his meal.

Colin stood beside Nathan to report something to him.

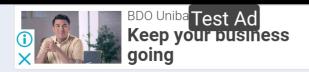
"Sir, our men in Brimmopolis had just sent over some unbelievable news," he reported sternly.

Nathan asked casually, "What is that?"

Colin replied in a low voice, "Old Master Jordan had gathered many members of the East faction yesterday to discuss how to bring you down."

Nathan furrowed his brows. Then, he relaxed and said calmly, "The older generation has been looking down on the younger generation all this while."

"Especially since I've risen through the ranks too swiftly. I've achieved what they couldn't even achieve in decades in just a few years."



"I know they are not convinced and got upset with me."

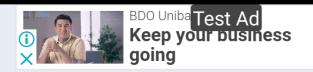
Colin acknowledged, "Yes, Sir. You've achieved many great feats in battles, and the President even entrusted you with important tasks. These old men had been upset with you all the while!"

"I heard that Old Master Jordan and the East faction are furious because you captured Tristan. Jordan had already decided to lead the East faction to battle against you to quash the upstarts in the North army."

Narrowing his eyes, Nathan uttered calmly, "Who cares about what others think? We must be optimistic and smile at the hurdles life throws at us."

"They can do whatever they want. We'll do our jobs and ignore them."

Colin agreed. "Yes. I'll relay your orders to the North Army and tell them not to go against the members of the East faction."



Nathan nodded. "Good!"

Something popped up in Colin's mind as he said, "Sir, do you know who I saw this morning?"

Nathan was taken aback. "Who did you see?"

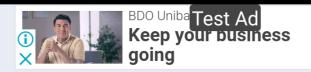
Colin was excited. "The retired instructor of Drageon Special Forces in the North, Ronan!"

Nathan who was usually calm turned excited at once. "What? Are you talking about my teacher, Instructor Ronan?"

Nathan was specially recruited into the Drageon Special Forces back then. The first instructor he met was none other than Ronan.

Ronan had taught him many things.

He wouldn't have achieved everything he had today without the support and advice from Ronan.



However, Ronan retired because of old age.

When Nathan was promoted to a General, he sent his men to Ronan's house to invite him to his investiture ceremony.

Unfortunately, Ronan and his family were no longer living there and could no longer be contacted.

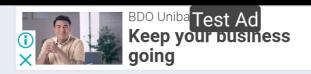
He couldn't believe Colin managed to run into his teacher right in Channing.

Nathan inquired happily, "Where is he? Why didn't you bring him to me?"

Colin smiled. "Sir, Instructor Ronan is your teacher. I dare not ask him to come to you as that might seem rude."

"After I bumped into him, I followed him secretly and recorded his address. I think it's better if you pay him a visit yourself to show him some respect."

Nathan nodded hurriedly. "You're right. I was too excited. I should be the one who



visits him!"

"Get my car and some gifts. I want to visit Instructor Ronan now."

Colin replied loudly, "Yes, Sir!"

Soon, Colin got the car and bought gifts like fruits, cigarettes, liquor, and sweets.

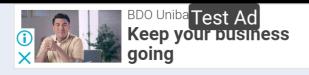
Nathan headed to his teacher's house with only Colin by his side. He was eager and thrilled.

Not long after, Colin arrived at a ghetto in the heart of Channing.

There were many old and rundown houses in the ghetto. The owners had rented the old houses to migrant workers while waiting for the government to demolish the place.

When Nathan's Hongqi arrived, everyone in the neighborhood stared at him in astonishment

Nathan came down from his car and



asked in surprise, "Instructor Ronan stays here?"

Colin nodded. "Yes, he's in that rented house."



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Nathan and Colin walked to the rented house. It was the worst house around as it was old and shabby. The rent should be around two hundred a month.

Besides that, Nathan saw a lot of trash inside the house through the window. It seemed like a vagrant was living here!

Nathan's frown deepened. "Are you sure Instructor Ronan lives here?"

Colin answered in a tiny voice, "Yes, Sir!"

Right then, an old man who happened to pass by spotted them. He studied them carefully before asking, "Are you here to look for Ronan the Cripple?"

Ronan the Cripple?

Suddenly, Nathan recalled Instructor Ronan hurt his right leg before his retirement. He couldn't walk properly because of that injury.

Nathan nodded. "Yes. Do you know where he is now?"

The old man pointed ahead. "He is working at the supermarket as a mover these few days. Try your luck there."

Soon, Nathan and Colin arrived at the only supermarket in the ghetto. It wasn't even a supermarket, but a convenience store that was slightly bigger.

There was an old man in tattered clothes sitting at a table next to the supermarket.

He had a plate of mac and cheese and a bottle of cheap liquor on the table with some snacks on the side. It was obvious he was going to eat his lunch after working hard.

However, he was holding the bottle of liquor in his hand as he stared at a little girl playing not far away.

Then, a bitter smile appeared on his face.

Right then, someone spoke to him. "I heard that if someone smiles without reason, he might either be too bored or too miserable."

The old man raised his head at those words.

He saw a tall man whose eyes twinkled like stars with a well-built subordinate by his side.

That man was Nathan.

The old man's eyes grew wide. His initial expression of shock turned to excitement. "Y-You're Nathan Cross!"

Nathan straightened his back and saluted him respectfully. "Nathan Cross, new recruit! Reporting for duty, Sir!"

The old man in tattered clothes was none other than Nathan's teacher, Ronan.

He grabbed Nathan's hand as his voice trembled. "Nathan Cross, it's really you!"

Nathan held Ronan's hand and asked, "Sir, I've sent my men to look for you but to no avail. What happened to you?"

Ronan let out a long sigh.

Smiling bitterly, he answered, "I've been traveling across different cities and had roamed the streets for a few years. You couldn't find me as I was homeless."

Nathan said, "But fate has brought us together again, Sir."

He helped Ronan to his seat before asking what had happened to him.

It turned out that Ronan's daughter went to an entertainment company to be a trainee but lost contact with him after that.

At the same time, his wife also fell terribly sick.

Hence, Ronan sold everything under his name and brought his wife to visit many doctors. They also traveled across the country to locate their missing daughter.

However, it was almost impossible to find their missing daughter.

As his wife's health deteriorated, Ronan spent a lot of money on her and ended up

spending all of his savings. In the end, he had no choice but to move into the cheapest house in the ghetto while working to earn money to pay the medical bills as his wife was still in the hospital.

Actually, since Ronan hadn't paid the medical bills for a while, the hospital had already stopped treating his wife. He was utterly lost and miserable right now.

Nathan's voice lowered as he stared at his teacher who seemed much older than his age, "Sir, don't worry. I'll help you with your wife's illness and find your daughter."

Ronan didn't know Nathan was now the General, but he trusted his student. He was about to thank Nathan gratefully when an arrogant voice rang out.

"Damn it, old thing. Why are you still here?"

Nathan raised his head and saw a welldressed man flanked by his entourage. They gazed at Ronan nastily.