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Joey smiled. "Cut the nonsense. I'll help you with it! Three!"

When the word 'three' was uttered, Black Dragon moved with a blinding speed.

Before Chris realize what was happening, Black Dragon appeared in front of him.

He pulled the trigger instinctively, but Black Dragon grabbed the barrel and forcibly directed it upwards.

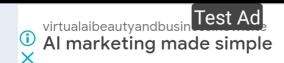
With a loudbang, the bullet was fired at the ceiling.

Black Dragon then landed a punch on Chris' chest. When Chris fell backward and spit out blood, Black Dragon snatched away his gun easily.

Chris' men saw what happened and pounced on Black Dragon furiously.

They were all Marines, but they weren't a match for Black Dragon.

Black Dragon's punches were powerful and



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fast as lightning; he knocked out all the marines in one swoop and caused them to sustain heavy injuries.

Joey hugged Ferlyn and grinned slyly. "Your boyfriend is useless. Why not be with me instead?"

Ferlyn replied loudly, "Don't get too cocky. My boyfriend knows a lot of powerful people, and he can ask a lot of policemen, special forces, and soldiers to assist him with just a call. If you're a real man, give him the opportunity to call for help. I promise that you'll regret your actions."

Joey took a look at Chris, who was dressed in a captain's outfit, and smirked. "He's just a captain and he dared to mess with me. He even asked the marines to help him, but too bad they can't even get near me. Very well. I will make the Smiths bow to me."

He then glared at Chris cockily and said, "Don't say that I didn't give you a second chance. Call for reinforcements right now. I don't care if it's the special forces,

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policemen, or the military. Use all your connections and ask for every form of help you can get."

When the Smiths heard that, they got excited because they thought that Joey was digging his own grave.

Ferlyn said smugly, "Joey Lund, you're doomed. My boyfriend will ask for the help of a few thousand men."

The Smiths were very confident in Chris' abilities!

However, Chris started to panic. He started to sweat profusely and he didn't make the call even after a long time.

He also wanted to call for the help of a few thousand men to take care of Joey, but he couldn't!

He was just a captain, not a general!

Joey saw that Chris was panicking and perspiring profusely, so he asked in a mocking tone, "What happened? Didn't you



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boast about your connections just now? I'm giving you a chance to ask for help right now. Why are you not doing anything?"

The Smiths started to grow anxious. Sean exclaimed nervously, "Chris! Call for reinforcements!"

Chris felt despondent. I want to call for reinforcements too, but I'm not like General Nathan Cross. How can I even call for help?

Hold on!!

General Nathan Cross!

Chris suddenly recalled Nathan, his girlfriend's sister's husband!

His eyes sparkled with excitement as he declared loudly, "Fine. I'll call for reinforcements right now."

He then took out his phone and called Nathan. He said softly, "Mr. Cross, the Smith Family and I are in some trouble in the White Swan hotel. Please come and



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help us."

Nathan replied, "Don't worry. I'm already at the entrance."

Chris was stunned at his words as he stared at the entrance.

In the next moment, Nathan, who was holding onto his phone, barged in with Penny, Kylie, the casually dressed Colin Dunne, and the Elite Eight.



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The Smiths were frustrated. Wasn't Chris about to call his general for help to deploy some troops here?

Why did he call Nathan Cross instead?

Joey squinted and stared at Nathan's posse.

Someone approached him and whispered, "Mr. Lund, he's Nathan Cross, the beautiful lady beside him is the goddess of Channing, Penny Smith."

Upon hearing that, Joey cast his gaze on Penny.

Penny was wearing a tight, white dress. The fitting dress highlighted her natural curvature perfectly and made her look sexy and elegant, just like a white swan.

Joey gaped in admiration as he stared at Penny.

Afterward, Joey glared at Nathan and scoffed, "Haha. I thought you called some formidable general of some sorts. It turns



out that your backup plan is Nathan Cross!"

However, Chris, who was panicking just now, seemed poised now that Nathan was here.

He rubbed his injured chest and snorted. "Forget about my backup plan. The only thing you need to know right now is that you will regret your actions tonight."

He then ignored Joey and approached Nathan despite his crippling injuries. He greeted him politely and subserviently, "Mr. Cross."

The Smiths were stunned. Why is Chris, who was capable of calling several thousand men to obliterate the Griffins, treating Nathan with so much respect?

Besides that, this was a life-and-death situation, so why did Chris not call his general for help? Why did he call Nathan instead? It couldn't be that Nathan was even more powerful than the general right?



Penny, who stood beside Nathan, seemed confused as well.

Nathan stared at Chris and cocked his eyebrows slightly. "Are you alright?"

Chris complained to Nathan as if he were a child grumbling to his father, "They bullied us. Not only did they humiliate Ferlyn and hurt me and my men, but they also even broke Mr. Smith's leg."

Nathan glared at Joey and said coldly, "Joey Lund, you're the most despicable person I've ever seen. I originally planned to make you leave Channing by tomorrow's sunset to spare your worthless life, but now it seems that you don't even want to live to see tomorrow's sunrise."

Joey burst into laughter. "You look like a stoic person, so why are you making me laugh with the things you said? Don't you know who I am? I am the son of the most powerful family in Horton of the East, and my father is the chairman of the East's committee. The Lund Family's power is immense, and even Governor Patrick Ward



of the South is a close friend of my father's. How dare a piece of thrash like you try to oppose me?"

Everyone broke into murmurs when they heard what Joey said.

No wonder the Lund Family planned to rule over the South. Besides being overwhelmingly powerful, Todd Lund and Governor Patrick Ward of the South were close friends.

They had power and connections, so whoever tried to oppose the Lund Family was really digging their own grave!

The Smiths started to worry because Chris hesitated in calling for help and the Lund Family's power was immense.

Maybe something really bad will happen to the Smith Family tonight!

Joey stared at Nathan with a satisfied expression. "It's still not too late if you feel remorseful now. Kneel down, apologize, and ask your wife to drink with me. Maybe



if I'm in a good mood I will pardon you from death."

Everyone stared at Nathan, and Penny started to become anxious.

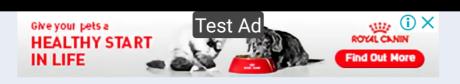
But before Nathan could say anything, Colin Dunne snorted. "Who are you to ask Mr. Cross to kneel before you?"

Joey was utterly furious now that he saw that Nathan paid no heed to his words and even Nathan's subordinates dared to mock him.

He raised his voice, "Black Dragon, Nathan doesn't want to kneel down. Lend him a helping hand."

"Yes sir!"

Black Dragon replied before charging at Nathan with the speed of lightning.





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Everyone became agitated when they saw how Black Dragon charged so explosively and rapidly at Nathan.

However, Nathan stood with his arms behind his back and ignored the murderous Black Dragon as if he didn't even see him.

Black Dragon was a very powerful figure in the East, and even the other prominent figures in the East were afraid of him.

Black Dragon never thought that despite that, Nathan was acting so smugly around him and ignoring him.

This sparked his ire and he decided that he needed to teach Nathan some manners. He wanted to injure Nathan tragically.

He was about to approach Nathan when Colin, who stood beside Nathan, stepped forward and blocked him.

Colin snorted. "You're not even worthy of Mr. Cross' time!"

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Black Dragon bellowed furiously, "Then I shall kill you first!"

He then swung a punch at Colin's chest.

Colin didn't avoid it. Instead, he swung a punch of his own at Black Dragon's chest as well.

They did the exact same thing and their punches landed on each other almost simultaneously.

Black Dragon's strength was horrifying; he could shatter a large rock and kill a bull with just one punch.

Despite that, when his punch landed on Colin's chest, he felt like he was punching a piece of very tough metal. A dull thud could be heard and his right arm was numbed from the impact.

Colin was just like an unmovable mountain as he stood motionless.

Meanwhile, Colin's punch landed on Black Dragon's chest as well.

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Bang!

A few of Black Dragon's ribs were broken. He groaned in pain and shuffled backward before he barely managed to keep his balance. Blood seeped out of his mouth as he stared at Colin in horror.

Where did Nathan find a subordinate this powerful?

Nathan smirked slightly and said in a monotonous tone, "Joey, it looks like your subordinate is just as useless as you!"

Joey was utterly infuriated as he shouted, "Black Dragon!"

Black Dragon knew that Mr. Lund was genuinely furious this time because Mr. Lund ordered him to kill.

He clenched his teeth, took out the gun that he snatched away from Chris, and pointed it at Nathan as he bellowed, "Look at what this is. Kneel down before my Master if you don't want to die." X

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Everyone gasped in horror.

In the meantime, Colin and the Elite Eight instinctively stepped in front of Nathan and Penny to protect them.

The National Guards' responsibility was to protect the General, so they wouldn't hesitate to sacrifice their own lives if that meant defending their General.

Black Dragon shouted menacingly, "I have 20 bullets in this gun, and that's way more than the number of people you have.

Nathan Cross, do you think that they can protect you? I'm ordering you to come out now and kneel down before my Master."

Nathan raised his hand to ask Colin and the Elite Eight to step aside. He then stepped forward and said in amusement, "You're all bark and no bite. How dare you point a gun at me?"

Black Dragon never thought that Nathan would be so haughty even when a gun was pointed at him.

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He was so irate his hands started to tremble as he raised his voice, "Kneel down, I'll count to three, One...two..."

"Three!"

Nathan was the one who shouted the word 'three' and he also snapped his fingers when he said that.

Black Dragon clearly didn't expect that Nathan would be so stubborn even when he was about to die and he never thought that Nathan would finish the countdown for him.



He pulled the trigger instinctively, but when Nathan snapped his fingers, two snipers were fired from a building opposite of the White Swan hotel.

The two snipers fired simultaneously and the bullets appeared all of a sudden.

The first bullet hit Black Dragon's right arm, which was holding onto the gun. The impact from the collision blasted Black Dragon's arm right off.

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Before Black Dragon could even scream in pain, the second bullet hit his body.

A bloody pit the size of a bowl could be seen on Black Dragon's chest after the bangwas heard. His corpse was sent flying over ten meters before landing on the ground.

Joey, his men, and the guests in the hotel gaped in shock.

Joey glared at Nathan in terror. "You!"

Nathan said coldly, "I warned you not to point a gun at me. You're like the amateur who insults the professional."

Afterward, he instructed Colin, "Ask our brothers to come in and show them what real marksmanship is like!"

Colin took out a walkie-talkie, turned it on, and instructed, "Come in, all of you!"

Thud...thud...thud...thud...

The stomping noises from people running

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in military boots could be heard as heavily armed special troops charged inside in a poised and efficient manner.

The hotel was completely surrounded by armed soldiers right now.

A commander strode towards Nathan and saluted. "Two thousand Dragonfury special troops are already in position. Please give us your command."

Nathan said flatly, "Load your guns!"

The commander instructed loudly, "All troops, load your guns!"

Click!

The shrill sound of guns getting loaded could be heard as the two thousand troops were getting armed and ready to fire.

The deafening sound was just as loud as an explosion, and it made everyone's hearts race

Color drained from Joey's face as he



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trembled.

Nathan glared at Joey coldly and asked, "Are you gonna ask me to kneel down now?"



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Joey Lund opened his eyes slightly as a sneer formed on his face. "Hehe, did my father find out that you people captured me and used the Lund Family network to force you to set me free before daylight?"

Nathan Cross didn't answer his question, but calmly said, "When you were captured just now, you told me that you were going to kill my family when you got out."

Joey squinted and smirked. "So you were scared!"

Nathan directed his gaze at Joey. "Tell me that you were just joking around, that you were just angry and said some things you didn't mean."

Joey Lund grinned. "Hehe, who the f**k's joking around with you?"

"You probably don't know how the Lund Family does things in the East."

"I really don't. Pray tell," Nathan spoke in a relaxed manner.



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Joey's flashed a sly smiled. "The Lund Family is ruthless. My dad has a nickname in the East called The Judge."

"What does that mean?" Nathan questioned.

"Nothing much. It's just that all my father's past enemies were completely wiped out by him," Joey laughed and said.

He then spoke with a half-smile, "I'm not trying to frighten you. When I say I'm going to kill your family, I will most definitely kill your family. When I get out of here, you and the Smith Family will die."

As he spoke, his expression gradually went crazy. He looked at Nathan elatedly and spoke cruelly, "Don't worry. I won't kill your beautiful wife and your daughter, Queenie Smith. I heard that she's extremely attractive even though she's still a little girl. I won't kill them. I'll use them to pleasure myself, hahaha..."

Joey continued mocking Nathan, "Are you afraid now? Furious, regretful, yet feeling



helpless and powerless?"

Nathan shook his head. "No, but I don't have any doubts now."

"What do you mean?" Joey was appalled.

Nathan didn't answer him, but instead called out in the direction of the door, "You can come in now!"

With a swing, the iron gate was opened again. Colin Dunne entered with a group of soldiers.

Joey's eyes widened. "What are you planning to do?"

"Take him away!" Colin callously ordered his subordinates.

The soldiers immediately took Joey Lund out of the prison and headed straight in the direction of the mountain behind the military base.

Joey felt a growing sense of unease as they continued on their path.

He glanced at Nathan with uncertainty. "Aren't you going to let me go because of the pressure from the Lund Family? Where are you people taking me?"

"We're here," Nathan remained expressionless.

Joey observed his surroundings and realized they were in a shooting range.

Under the moonlight, there was a large number of heavily armed infantry in the shooting range. They have seemingly been waiting for some time.

Joey's face turned pale abruptly. There was terror in his eyes as he turned his gaze towards Nathan. With a trembling voice, he said, "Y-Y-You, don't tell me you're going to shoot me."

Nathan smiled. "Hehe, Your Excellency is really forgetful. I did tell you that you won't live to see tomorrow in the White Swan Hotel."

"Also, you wanted to kill my family.

Shouldn't killers be ready to face death themselves?"

As he finished saying this, Nathan raised his arm.

"Take the criminal Joey Lund to the execution grounds to be executed by shooting," Colin exclaimed loudly.

A few soldiers escorted Joey by force to the shooting grounds.

Several soldiers who were responsible for the execution were inspecting their guns and ammunition, while the rest of the troops were tasked with maintaining order at the scene. They stood with their heads held high in standard military posture.

Joey had expected Nathan to release him in the middle of the night, but not only did he have no intention of letting him go, but he was also going to execute him.

Joey Lund couldn't hold himself back any longer. He struggled frantically and roared out, "Nathan Cross! How dare you intend

to kill me! Don't you know how influential the Lund Family is in the East? Even the governor of the South..."

Before he was able to finish speaking, Nathan interrupted, "Stop yelling. I have already summoned all the people you mentioned here to watch your execution."

What?

Joey Lund was dumbfounded.

Nathan raised his hand as a group of people appeared on the scene.

Governor of the South, Patrick Ward, premier of the South, Tristan Simmons, commander-in-chief of the military district of Alberesque, Theo Crawford, and more than a dozen other people, all of whom Joey Lund was bragging about emerged in front of him.

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These people were assembled by Nathan in less than three hours from different cities in the South.

The reason they were summoned by Nathan was simple - to witness an execution, to see Joey Lund get shot with their own eyes.

Joey felt like he was struck by lightning. Every ounce of strength in his body faded away as he slumped to the ground.

He was shuddering, with his back drenched in sweat and despair in his eyes.

All the people he was bragging about a few hours ago were nothing in the face of Nathan Cross.

Not only could they not save him, but they also had to rush over from different places in the dead of the night just to watch him get executed.

Joey felt the world crash onto him. With desperation and fear, he stared at Nathan, then asked hoarsely, "Who... are you?"

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Nathan looked over at Joey's ashen gray face and smiled silently.

It was then Colin spoke up, "General, the time has come. Do we begin the execution?"

"Send him off," Nathan replied.

Joey's pupils dilated as he finally realized Nathan's identity - he was the General.

Gunshots went off.

Joey Lund, dead.

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When Nathan Cross and Chris Perry reached the Channing Hospital, it was already past 12 midnight.

Samuel Smith was still in the surgery room. His right leg was broken by Black Dragon's kick and had to be surgically reattached.

Penny, Sean, and the rest of the Smiths

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were waiting anxiously in the corridor outside the operating room.

When they saw Chris and Nathan, they greeted them with joy before asking them about the events that had occurred.

Chris, who was standing next to Nathan, seemed to be constrained.

Nathan maintained his composure and spoke with a smile, "Joey Lund has done many evil deeds. The military has already executed him."

The entire Smith Family was in shock when they heard what Nathan had said.

When Joey Lund was caught, he was talking about how great the Lund Family was. Even the top leaders of the South were acquainted with the Lund Family.

Everyone assumed Joey Lund was going to be released fairly soon. When that happens, the Smith Family would be the one in trouble.

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How was it that, only after a few hours, Joey Lund was executed?

"You cannot live by committing crimes. There was already a substantial amount of cases against the Lund Family. Joey Lund made himself the center of attention this time, so it's no surprise that he was punished," Nathan stated.

This caught the Smith Family by surprise.

Sean's gaze fell on Chris as he asked ambiguously, "Chris, are your wounds alright? Why aren't you speaking?"



Chris felt awkward when he heard this, so he answered hastily, "My wounds aren't severe anymore. Mr. Cross will tell you everything you need to know."

Mr. Cross!

The Smith Family exchanged looks yet again.

Why was Chris being so formal to Nathan?

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Also, when they were at the White Swan Hotel, Joey was extremely arrogant and demanded that Chris call for reinforcements. The reinforcement that Chris called was Nathan Cross.

Sean squinted and asked a question that was bothering him for some time, "Chris, why did you call Nathan when you were requesting for backup?"

Penny, Paul, Miles, Ferlyn, and May focused their attention on Chris and Nathan. The same question was puzzling them as well, and they wanted an answer.

This made Chris feel even more embarrassed. He stuttered and stammered. In the end, he bit the bullet and said, "This... I'll leave it to Mr. Cross to do the explaining."

The crowd furrowed their eyebrows when they heard this.

Penny questioned Nathan suspiciously, "Nathan, would you care to explain?"

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"It's very simple. Captain Perry sent me a message before he went to the White Swan Hotel. He needed me to bring in reinforcements from the Channing military district, which he had already contacted beforehand," Nathan answered smilingly.

"I was responsible for helping Captain Perry bring in reinforcements, so if an emergency were to occur, I would be the first one he calls."

It dawned on the crowd what had happened when they heard it.

Penny narrowed her eyes. "Really?"

Nathan blinked. "Of course. If you don't believe me, ask Captain Perry."

Chris nodded profusely, "Yes, yes. It's exactly as Mr. Cross says."

Penny reached out and asked Nathan to hand her his phone.

He had no choice but to give it to her.



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When Penny accessed his phone, she looked through it to check the messages between Chris and Nathan.

Chris instantly panicked because he didn't send anything to Nathan that night. Their lie was about to be seen through.



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However, what astonished him was when Penny exclaimed, "Hmm, Captain Perry did send a message to Nathan at 7 p.m. asking him to bring in reinforcements from the military district of Channing. He also told Nathan that he's already contacted the top brass of the military district."

Chris was startled when he heard this. He secretly pulled out his phone and saw that the same message was on his phone.

What was going on?

He didn't send anything to Nathan Cross. Mobilizing the military was all Nathan's doing. It had nothing to do with him.

He stared in disbelief at Nathan.

When he saw Nathan's convincing smile, he suddenly realized that this was all his doing.

Nathan Cross was the General of the North. Just one word to the communications company and they could have easily added such a message into



both their phones.

Only after seeing the messages on Nathan's phone were the Smiths willing to believe that the military was mobilized by Chris Perry.

Nathan was only Chris' errand boy.

Ferlyn spoke triumphantly, "Sis, what are you doing? What are you insisting on?"

"Don't tell me that after seeing Nathan being so imposing in the hotel you believe the army was sent in by him?"

"Haha, you're too naive, sis. Brother-in-law doesn't have that kind of authority."

Sean nodded and added, "I also suspected Nathan to be the one who mobilized the army, especially since Nathan was the one who commanded the soldiers to capture Joey Lund."

"He was just flaunting another person's power. The one who does have actual power is my boyfriend Chris," Ferlyn



giggled.

Everyone in the Smith Family complimented Chris. If it weren't for him, the Smith Family would have been in big trouble.

Chris was drenched in sweat and spoke with trepidation, "Actually, most of the credit tonight should go to Mr. Cross."

Ferlyn pouted. "He's just your errand boy. What's so great about that?"

Chris felt distressed and wanted to defend Nathan.

Nathan, however, shot a glance at Chris, shutting him up before he could talk.

Ferlyn, please stop slandering Mr. Cross. In fact, I'm not even worthy of supporting Mr. Cross, Chris thought to himself.

Undermining Mr. Cross to praise me is as uncomfortable as being roasted on a fire!

The next day, a bombshell was dropped on



Channing.

Many rich and famous people in Channing had originally thought that the Lund Family was powerful. They assumed that Joey Lund was going to be set free quickly after being arrested.

Never in their wildest dreams would they have imagined that Joey Lund could be executed by the military.

When the dignitaries of Channing heard this news, they were confounded.

Many people began to wonder what had happened.

The 'truth', which came from the Smith Family of Channing, began to spread like wildfire - Although Ferlyn Smith's boyfriend, Chris Perry was only a captain, he was recognized by some of the higher-ups in the military.

Joey Lund was bullying the Smith Family, so Chris Perry reported the situation to his leaders. This led to them mobilizing the



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army and exterminating Joey Lund.

The East, Horton City.

In the Lund Family, Todd Lund was enraged. He ranted angrily at the family members, subordinates, retainers, and followers in the house, "Damn it! How dare the Smith Family from Channing and a puny captain kill my son! This is unreasonable!"

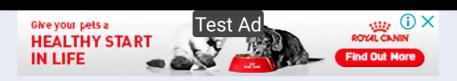
Everyone in the Lund Family lowered their heads in silence.

Todd Lund continued asking ferociously, "What was the explanation provided by the top brass in the South?"

Todd's brother, Tyson stepped forward and answered in a heavy tone, "Brother, I called the governor of the South, Patrick Ward, to inquire about this, but all he did was offer his apologies."

Todd's face was warped with anger.

"Patrick Ward and I were brothers. This is how he treats me now that my son is



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dead?"

"Brother, Patrick Ward's term is about to be over in half a year. He couldn't care less about anything that was going on," Tyson Lund responded.

"Asking him to punish Chris Perry, Nathan Cross, and the Smith Family is probably impossible. To avenge my nephew, the Lund Family will have to do it ourselves."

Todd nodded. "Yes, revenge is a dish best serve cold and should be done by yourself."

"Brother, get ready to go to Channing. We don't have much information on Chris Perry, so he is highly unpredictable. We'll not make a move on him yet."

"As for Nathan Cross, Penny Smith, and the rest, they will pay for the death of my son."

"Yes, brother!" Tyson Lund clasped his fists and responded.

With the death of Joey Lund, Penny and the Smith Family were worried that the Lund Family of the East would come to seek revenge.

But to Penny's surprise, there was no news from the Lund Family for several days.

Was it possible that the Lund Family had learned their lesson with the death of Joey Lund and stopped stirring trouble?

This thought put Penny's mind at ease.

However, instead of the Lund Family causing trouble, there was a problem with the Cross Group.

Ever since the Cross Group released the liver cancer vaccine into the market, countless orders came pouring in. So far, a sizeable amount of vaccines have been produced.

It's just that many retailers paid a deposit and took the vaccine but have not paid the outstanding balance.



The Cross Group has sent people to collect the payments multiple times, but these distributors have been delaying the payments repeatedly.

Today, President Penny Smith convened a meeting with the higher-ups of the Cross Group to discuss this matter.

During the meeting, general manager Peggy Sharlton lashed out, "These distributors have made a lot of money by selling our vaccines. However, they owe a lot of money to our company and are reluctant to settle their debts."

Robin Shepard, the treasurer of Cross Group, spoke with a wry smile, "Our financial report is pretty good, but the company hasn't recovered most of the payments and funds."

"If this continues, we're bound to fall into a financial sinkhole sooner or later. It's going to become a big deal if it's left unchecked."

The president's secretary, Jenny, was also restless. "President Smith, numerous



companies go bankrupt due to financial problems. We must deal with this problem as soon as possible."

Penny wrinkled her brows. "These distributors chose to cooperate with us and have made so much money. Why are they deliberately defaulting on our payments?"

Peggy smiled bitterly and answered, "President Smith, there's no such thing as too much money. Some bosses even delay paying their workers' wages, let alone our payment."

"Also, they're purposely bullying us when they found out the head of the Cross Group is a female."

When she heard this, Penny's face fell.

She and Peggy were the president and the general manager of the Cross Group, respectively.

They were both women, so stating that the Cross Group was being managed by



women wasn't wrong. However, Penny was unable to accept the fact that they were being bullied just because they were women.

"Who owes the Cross Group the most money now?" She asked calmly.

"Kayden Cook. He runs the Evergreen company and is the one who has taken the largest amount of vaccine products from us. So far, he owes us more than a billion in payment," Robin answered swiftly.

Penny slammed her palm on the table and spoke in a dissatisfied tone, "It's him. The first person we have to take care of is him. Who do you guys think would be the best candidate to ask him for the money?"

The senior management of the Cross Group believed that they needed to solve the problem of distributors owing them money, but when it came to discussing who to send as a representative to collect the money, they were voiceless.

It was apparent that if collecting money



was easy, they would've done it a long time ago, and this meeting wouldn't have taken place.

Who was willing to do such laborious work?

When Penny saw that no one volunteered to go, she turned to the treasurer, Robin Shepard. "Robin, I'll send you to look for Kayden Cook and have him return the money. Can you do it?"

Robin replied uncomfortably, "President Smith, I already called him several times before. I even asked to meet him in person, but he ignored me every single time. I'm all out of ideas."

To Penny's surprise, Robin rejected her personal orders because he was afraid.

This irritated Penny very much. She turned to face the other executives. "Robin isn't confident enough to collect this debt. Who else here has the confidence to do it?"

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The executives lowered their heads in complete silence.

Kayden Cook was an infamous scoundrel who had many connections and was known for raising a bunch of vicious thugs.

Nobody dared to collect money from him.

Not to mention, this money was for the company. Nobody was willing to risk their lives to collect cash that didn't belong to them.

The production manager, Benson Smith, noticed that his daughter, Penny was furious at the situation.

He stood up and said, "President Smith, why not let me have a shot?"

This caught Penny by surprise. "Dad, are you sure?" She whispered to him.

Benson chuckled, "I was a sales manager back then, so I often dealt with distributors. I can still figure out what they're thinking. Let me talk to Kayden

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Cook. Perhaps I might be able to get the money back."

Seeing as there were no other volunteers, Penny had no choice but to agree. "Alright. Don't force yourself, dad. It would be great if you were able to collect the money, but don't worry if he doesn't pay. We'll figure something out."

"Okay!" Benson smiled.

That morning, Benson drove to the Evergreen company carrying a briefcase to look for Kayden Cook.



Penny had just walked into the CEO's office in the afternoon when her assistant Jenny rushed in. "President Smith, there's been a major problem! The production manager, Benson Smith, was beaten up by Kayden Cook's men when he went to collect the money!" She reported frantically.

"What did you say? My dad was beaten up?" Penny's voice cracked.

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Jenny spoke with difficulty, "Yes. Not only did Kayden Cook not repay his debts, but he also even condoned his subordinates to beat up Mr. Smith."

"Where is my father now? How are his injuries?" Penny questioned, her expression visibly distraught.

"Mr. Smith's only sustained minor injuries, all of which are flesh wounds. He's tending to his wounds in the production manager's office right now," Jenny responded quickly.

Penny immediately rushed to the production manager's office floor and arrived outside of Benson's office when she heard this.

Benson's frail voice resonated from behind the door, "Who is it? Come in."

Penny brought Jenny along and opened the door. As soon as she stepped inside the office, she was greeted with Benson's bruised and battered face.

"Dad! Did that Kayden Cook beat you up?"

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Penny's tone was abnormally furious.

Benson muttered embarrassingly, "I went to collect the money from him. He lives in a mansion, has several luxury cars such as Bentley and Rolls-Royce parked in his garage, wears branded clothes, and wears a Rolex watch, yet he tells me that he's broke."

"I got a little worked up and made some excessive comments which caused him to call his men and beat me up."

"But my injuries aren't anything serious. It's all just flesh wounds."

"This man is outrageous! Let me call him personally," Penny snapped.

She took her phone out and called Kayden Cook as she finished speaking.

Kayden Cook was a rude and brazen man. When he answered Penny's call, there wasn't a hint of fear in his voice.

He insisted that he didn't have money for

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the time being and warned her to stop sending people to harass him or something bad might happen.

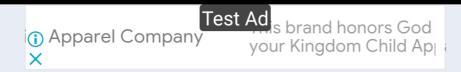
After that, Kayden spoke in a perverse tone, "Hehe, President Smith, you don't have to send anyone to collect the money next time."

"If you really want to collect the money, come talk to me in person. There's plenty of time for us to talk in a hotel room. Who knows, maybe after a night of talking, I might just return your money to you."

How could Penny not catch on to Kayden Cook's sloppy thoughts? She castigated him, "Kayden Cook! You've gone too far! Do you want me to sue you and make you a defaulter?"

Kayden chuckled, "You, suing me?"

"The attorney general of Channing is Peter Russo, and he's a good friend of mine. We even had a meal together yesterday. It's useless for you to sue me."



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"As for wanting to make me a defaulter, that's practically impossible. Peter Russo's got me covered, hahaha."

Penny's blood boiled as she trembled and spoke wrathfully, "We'll see about that."

She hung up the phone in a fit of rage.

That was when Nathan knocked on the door and entered.

When he saw Benson's injuries and Penny trembling with rage, he was perplexed. "Dad, Penn, what's going on?"





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Penny told everything to Nathan without sparing a single detail.

When he finished listening, Nathan's face sank. "This Kayden Cook is too cocky," he said frigidly.

"He's using our company's vaccine products to fill his own pockets, yet he doesn't want to pay off his debts, even going so far as to beating people up."

The truth was, the thing that pissed Nathan off the most was that Kayden Cook had lecherous thoughts about Penny.

"I wanted to take legal action against him, but he told me he had people in the court and the procuratorate," Penny stated with a frown.

"He said he had close ties with Peter Russo, so there's no use for us to sue him."

Peter Russo?

A smile formed on Nathan's face. "Honey, take dad to the hospital. I'll deal with this



situation."

"I promise that he'll come crying and begging dad for forgiveness, then return all the money he owes to our company."

Figuring it was impossible, everyone in the office shook their heads simultaneously.

Kayden Cook was a scoundrel, a rude and brazen deadbeat.

He was also familiar with the people in the court and the procuratorate. It would already be good enough if Nathan were to be able to collect even a fragment of what Kayden Cook owes.

As for Kayden returning the full amount of money and begging for forgiveness from Benson, it would be nothing short of a fantasy.

Nathan smiled again. "We'll see."

Penny and Jenny accompanied Benson to the hospital to treat his injuries.



Nathan also left the company. He went to the restaurant opposite their company and called the Mayor of Channing, Russell Crow.

Russell Crow was horrified when he received the call from Nathan. He greeted Nathan with respect and fear, "Mr. Cross, do you need anything?"

Nathan smiled and spoke, "Nothing much. I'm just inviting you over for some tea."

Teal

Russell shivered when he heard this. In the public sector, there was nothing positive about inviting someone over for tea.

For instance, inviting someone over for tea at the police station or the Department of Justice - these were not things that people looked forward to.

Now that Nathan Cross was inviting him over for tea, he was frightened out of his wits.



Nathan added, "I'm at the Rose restaurant. When you come here, bring the attorney general Peter Russo with you."

Russell Crow was stunned when he heard Nathan's words. He vaguely guessed that this incident must have something to do with Peter Russo.

For all he knew, Peter Russo might have offended the General

While he threw insults at Peter Russo in his mind, Russell Crow spoke respectfully on the phone to Nathan, "Yes, Mr. Cross. I will bring Peter Russo with me immediately."

Soon, Russell brought Peter with him to the Rose restaurant. After knocking on the door, they entered the room Nathan was in.

"Meet Mr. Cross."

"Hello, Mr. Cross!"

They couldn't hide the fear on their faces when they met Nathan. This was



especially true for Peter, who had just been told that Nathan was the General of the North on their way here.

He felt like a mouse who was facing a tiger, so frightened that he didn't dare lift his head nor take any deep breaths.

"You're both here!"

Nathan was making tea. He didn't ask them to sit, so they stood there trembling with no intention of sitting down.

After pouring two cups of tea, Nathan pushed the cups to the front. He stretched his arm out at Peter Russo and Russell Crow, then said, "Sit."

The two of them sat down hurriedly, but they only dared to sit on the edges of the chairs. They sat stiffly, almost like how a student would when meeting the principal.

Nathan squinted his eyes. "Have some tea"

Peter and Russell immediately went along



and picked up the minuscule teacups.

"I've invited the both of you here today for two things. One, to treat you to some tea, and two, to ask Prosecutor Russo about something."

Peter responded hastily, "I am listening. Give me your orders, Mr. Cross."

Nathan asked casually, "I heard that you're quite close to Kayden Cook?"

Peter's eyes widened when he heard this. His face displayed a mix of emotions.

He was indeed good friends with Kayden. He knew that the Cross Group had tried to sue Kayden several times, but he had waved them off each time.

He had helped Kayden a lot, and Kayden even treated him to dinner yesterday as appreciation.

Now the General was asking about his relationship with Kayden Cook. What was going on?



Peter was perturbed and quickly disassociated their relationship, "I am acquainted with him, but I don't know him well."

Nathan quirked his lips. "That's not what Kayden Cook said. He said you guys were practically brothers."

Peter was terrified. He abruptly denied, "No, no, I've only just met him before. We're not even friends, let alone brothers."

Nathan smiled, "But the Cross Group has tried to sue Kayden Cook for not paying his debts multiple times before and have never succeeded. I've heard that you were the one who rejected those cases."

"Furthermore, even Kayden Cook himself has said that he has people in the court and the procuratorate. You're the one who's covering for him."



As Peter Russo's face suddenly turned red, he began to sweat too.

Even though he only had some tea, Peter felt very uncomfortable, as if he had some hard liquor instead.

He immediately knelt and said with a trembling voice, "Mr. Cross, I didn't..."

However, Nathan replied composedly, "You still have the nerve to say you didn't do it!"

Since Peter was petrified, he lay on the ground and begged in his trembling voice, "I... I'm sorry."

Nathan sneered, "Did you receive any benefits from him?"

Peter told him everything, "No, I didn't. But he did buy me a drink once."

After a while, Nathan said, "Lucky you. Do you know what you should do next?"

As soon as Nathan finished, Peter replied right away, "I'll call Kayden Cook right away



and demand him to repay the debt. Even if he can't repay all of the money at once, I'll make sure that he pays in installment."

However, Nathan said coldly, "Do you think I'm begging him for the money?"

Peter was startled and stared at Nathan blankly.

At this moment, Russell glanced at Peter and lowered his voice as he spoke, "What you mentioned was the normal procedure. But who do you think Mr. Cross is? How can you deal with Kayden Cook with your usual method, given that he is so arrogant? You must make sure that he repays the money today and begs Mr. Cross to accept it."

Then Nathan said blandly, "Besides, he beat my dad. I want him to come to my office in person and kneel before my dad. Can you do it?"

As Peter felt that he was being put in a difficult position, he replied hesitantly, "Well..."



Since Peter couldn't give him an answer, Nathan said, "You don't have to do it if you think it's difficult!"

Peter was aghast and worried that he would lose his job as the attorney general if he refused to do it.

Thus, he nervously said, "It's not difficult at all. I'll make sure that Kayden Cook repays the money and begs Cross Group to accept it. Besides, I want him to come to Cross Group in person and apologize to Mr. Smith."

Once he made the promise, Nathan glanced at Russell. "You heard what he said. If he fails, he doesn't have to come to this restaurant anymore. Send him to the Department of Justice to get a cup of tea instead."

"Understood!" Russel immediately answered.

At this moment, Peter was startled once again. I must accomplish it, or else I'll come to a sticky end!



Kayden came back to the mansion of the Cook family in his Mercedes-Benz.

As he was about to arrive at the entrance, a Hongqi suddenly appeared and blocked his car.

When the window of the Hongqi was rolled down, Nathan asked smilingly, "Is that Mr. Cook?"

On the other hand, Kayden said furiously, "Who the hell are you? You blocked my way."

Nathan continued smilingly, "You must be too busy and have forgotten me. I'm from Cross Group and would like to ask if you will pay back the money to us."

Once Kayden heard it, he gave Nathan a wry smile and said, "F*** you. When Benson Smith asked me to pay up just now, my men beat the hell out of him. Do you want to be next?"

Nathan replied, "So, you're saying that you're not willing to?"



Kayden immediately laughed it off and said, "Did you see my luxury car and the mansion in front? These are all mine! Well, I have the money but just won't do it. What can you do to me?"

After Kayden answered arrogantly, Nathan gave him a wry smile and said, "Since you said so, it's settled."

Kayden was a little confused and asked, "What's settled?"

However, Nathan ignored Kayden and said over the phone, "Alright, you can do your job."

The next moment, numerous vehicles from the court, attorney general's office, and police station rushed towards them with running sirens.

Soon, hundreds of officers of the joint enforcement operation led by the attorney general Peter Russo hopped out.

Kayden looked at the scene and stammered, "Peter, why are you here?



What do you want to do here?"

However, Peter yelled at him with a deep voice, "Mind your manners! How dare you call me by my first name? Don't try to curry favor with me because I'm not close to you."

At this moment, Kayden was stunned. Why does Peter Russo, who enjoyed drinking with him, become another person all of a sudden?

After a while, Peter took out a warrant and said sternly, "Kayden Cook, you have owed Cross Group a billion and refused to repay the money. Now, we have to enforce the law and demand you to repay the money at once."

Kayden glanced at Nathan and said slowly in the hope of buying time, "I'll definitely repay the money, but unfortunately, I don't have it now. Let me think of a solution to collect the money, and I'll definitely pay it back in the future."

Nevertheless, Peter Russo said coldly,



"Since you can't repay the debt, we will have to seize all of your property. Move!"

The next moment, the joint enforcement team rushed into Kayden's mansion. Swiftly, they began to make an inventory and seal his property for the auction tomorrow.

Besides, even Kayden's driver was dragged out of the Mercedes-Benz before two enforcement officers seized the car.

After a while, Kayden couldn't hold his emotions and yelled pitifully, "Please don't seal and auction my property. I'll repay the money now."

Nathan flashed him a smile and said, "It's nothing unusual about repaying the money that you borrowed. I'm glad that you're not as arrogant as before. Besides, repaying the money isn't enough. Since you hurt my dad, I want you to kneel and apologize before him."



As Kayden stared at Nathan with fear and anger, he said, "Dream on!"

Nathan said blandly, "I don't really mind. But if you don't repay the money by this evening and apologize to my dad, your property will be auctioned off at the lowest price. Besides, you'll soon be blacklisted by the authorities too!"

As soon as Nathan finished, he hopped in his Hongqi and left.

Shocked and furious, he turned around to ask Peter while lowering his voice, "Peter, what's going on?"

However, much to Kayden's surprise, Peter answered professionally, "What do you mean? You refused to repay the money and even inflicted injuries upon someone. Therefore, the joint enforcement team is here to enforce the law against you now."

When Kayden looked around his mansion, all valuable things were sealed and moved out. Even his family was driven out of it.



As he felt extremely nervous, he pulled Peter's sleeve and begged him, "Peter, please do me a favor and tell me what really happened."

Peter squinted his eyes when he replied, "Are you aware of the news that Joey Lund, Master of the Lund Family of The East, was shot dead?"

Kayden nodded with mixed feelings and said, "Yes, I heard of it!"

Then Peter sneered at him, "Do you think you're more powerful than the Lund Family of The East? How dare you refuse to repay the debt to Cross Group and even beat one of the members of the Smith Family?"

Kayden glanced around and said to Peter while lowering his voice, "Peter, to tell you the truth, I didn't wish to refuse to repay the debt. Instead, I fell behind on the repayment on purpose. Two days ago, Tyson Lund, the second Master of the Lund family, secretly met all retailers of the liver cancer vaccine in Channing. Mr. Lund ordered us to fall behind on our debt



repayment to Cross Group."

Peter was shocked and immediately asked, "Why is that so?"

Kayden opened his arms when he replied, "Obviously, the Lund Family wants to cripple Cross Group and finish off the Smith Family to avenge Joey Lund. Mr. Lund said that falling behind on our repayment is only part of the plan because he will target Cross Group with various methods. When Cross Group is entangled in various crises, its stock prices will drop drastically, and the Lund family will then swoop in to acquire the entire Cross Group at a low price."

Peter was shocked to find that the Lund Family had been secretly scheming against Cross Group to take revenge against the Smith Family.

If Cross Group was an ordinary company, Tyson Lund's scheme might actually work.

However, now that Peter understood that Cross Group belonged to the wife of



General of the North, he believed the Lund Family wouldn't have a chance to cripple Cross Group.

As such, Peter wore a poker face and told Peter coldly, "Since we used to be close to each other, here's some advice for you."

Kayden nervously replied, "Sure, I'm listening!"

Peter continued, "If I were you, I'll repay the debt by any means necessary within the time frame requested by Mr. Cross. Then, go to Cross Group to kneel and apologize to Mr. Smith sincerely."

Once Peter finished, Kayden stared at him. "My god! Peter, are you giving me some advice or pulling my leg?"

Peter sneered, "Well, I've already given you my advice. If you insist on siding with the Lund Family to go against Mr. Cross, I'm afraid that you'll suffer an even worse fate than Joey Lund."

As Kayden was frightened but dubious, he



continued to ask, "Peter, who really is Nathan Cross? Do you know something about him?"

Peter wore a poker face once again while uttering, "No comment!"

Kayden groaned, "But I owe Cross Group one billion. How can I possibly get so much money at such short notice?"

"Oh, you'll find a way if you wish to live," Peter replied blandly.

Shocked by what Peter said, Kayden couldn't help but try to sound him out again, "Is Nathan Cross really that terrifying?"

However, Peter only gave him a smile in response and put his hands behind his back. After that, he left Kayden to give instructions to the joint enforcement team to seize Kayden's property.



At about 4.30 p.m., Nathan and Penny helped apply some ointment on Benson's bruises for the second time.

Benson couldn't help but ask, "Nathan, you said confidently in the afternoon that Mr. Cook will repay the money and apologize to me. But it's about time to get off work now. Why haven't we seen anyone yet?"

Penny rolled her eyes at her father and snapped impatiently, "Dad, Nathan said it off the top of his head. Why are you taking it so seriously?"

Actually, Benson felt that he had become a laughing stock in the company. After all, he failed to get Peter to repay the debt and was beaten by him instead.

Therefore, he wished that Nathan could really get Kayden Cook to the company to apologize to him. Otherwise, he would be ashamed of himself.

After his daughter advised him, he couldn't help but heave a sigh and replied, "I'm actually aware that to get the rogue to



repay the debt and apologize to me in person is impossible. But I'm still furious because his men beat me.

Before Penny wanted to comfort her dad, Nathan smiled at him and said, "Dad, you can rest assured that he will come to kneel before and apologize to you because I said so."

At this moment, Penny was nervous and kicked Nathan with her high heels. She then complained, "Damn it. Why do you always have to brag about everything?"

Right after Penny finished, Jenny knocked on the door hastily and said, "President Smith!"

Penny wore a poker face and asked, "What is it? Why are you so nervous? Please mind your manners."

Jenny looked very surprised. "President Smith, Mr. Cook has arrived. He wants to repay the debt and apologize to Mr. Smith in person."



As soon as Jenny finished, Penny and Benson stared at each other with their eyes wide open. My goodness! He's really here!

Even though Penny was surprised by Kayden's arrival at first, she soon recollected herself and said coldly, "This man didn't only fall behind on his debt repayment but beat my dad. Let him in."

Soon, Kayden, who looked pale-faced, walked into the office with his four lackeys.

As soon as he saw Nathan, he knelt immediately and begged with a trembling voice, "Mr. Cross, I've transferred one billion to your company's bank account to repay my debt. And now, I purposely came here with some of my subordinates to sincerely apologize to you and Mr. Smith."

Penny, Benson, and the employees who sneaked a peek were all stunned when Kayden and his lackeys knelt before Nathan.



Isn't that the arrogant Mr. Cook who refuses to repay the money? Why does he kneel before Nathan Cross?

When Nathan realized that Kayden was frightened, he frowned slightly and asked, "Why are you suddenly afraid of me? Did Peter Russo tell you something?"

Kayden answered while shivering, "Yes..."

Since Kayden felt that Peter was aware of Nathan's identity, he purposely invited him to lunch and got Peter drunk.

When Peter was drunk, he revealed to Kayden that Nathan was the General of the North.

Kayden was stunned the moment he heard about it.

After that, he hastily borrowed some money from friends, sold the shares of his company, and even mortgaged his villa and luxury car. Only then, he managed to successfully raise one billion and repay his debt to Cross Group.



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Afterward, he brought along his four lackeys, who beat Benson, to Cross Group to apologize and beg for mercy.

Meanwhile, Nathan was furious as he thought to himself. Peter Russo can't keep a secret at all.

He stared coldly at Kayden, who was lying on the floor and shivering, and sneered, "Why are you apologizing to me for beating my dad? Apologize to my dad now."

"Yes!" Kayden nodded non-stop and crawled across the floor towards Benson.

Soon after that, they kowtowed to Benson repeatedly and begged, "Mr. Smith, it was my fault. Please forgive us and let us go."



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Benson was excited when Kayden knelt before and apologized to him. Besides, he felt that he regained his dignity when the employees sneaked a look from outside.

This is all thanks to my beloved son-in-law!

Staring at Kayden and his lackeys, Benson asked with a haughty expression on his face, "Will you touch me ever again?"

Kayden immediately replied pitifully, "No. We'll never do it again."

In the end, Benson was still a gentleman. Since Kayden and his lackeys apologized, he held back his anger and only sneered, "I won't let you off the hook next time if you do it again."

As soon as Benson finished, Kayden immediately said, "We'll never repeat it."

Meanwhile, Nathan said coldly, "Although my dad forgives you, I still have to teach you a lesson for beating him. Each of you has to break one of your hands!"



"Yes sir!"

Surprisingly, Kayden was relieved when he heard that Nathan only wanted them to break one of their hands. The next moment, he immediately grabbed a paperweight on the desk and brutally smashed it against his left arm.

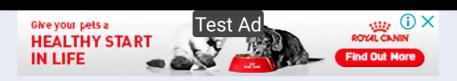
Crack! Everyone present could hear the cracking sound of the bone and Kayden's wail.

This guy really broke his own left arm by himself!

Soon, his lackeys immediately followed suit and broke their own left arms by themselves.

At this moment, Penny, Benson, and the employees who sneaked a look were stunned.

Nevertheless, Nathan seemed emotionless and said blandly, "Get out now."



As such, Kayden and the rest ran off like some miserable dogs.

The employees of Cross Group, who were present and witnessed everything, were all stunned at that moment, with only one thought in mind. *Mr. Cross is indeed overbearing*.

After Kayden and his men left for a while, Penny and the rest eventually recollected themselves.

Penny glanced at Nathan shockingly and asked, "How did you do that?"

Nathan explained gleefully, "It's simple. I discussed the matter with Russell Crow, mayor of Channing. He was very concerned about it and immediately formed a joint enforcement team to force Kayden Cook to repay his debt."

Penny and Benson still couldn't believe it and continued, "Is that true?"

Nathan said smilingly, "Of course. Since Cross Group is worth more than a hundred



billion, it is now an important source of tax revenues to Channing."

After he explained it, Penny and the rest believed his story and felt that the mayor was a good leader.

When it was time to get off work, Nathan didn't go home with Penny but drove to the attorney general's office instead. Once he arrived, he asked specifically to meet Peter Russo.

In Peter's office, Nathan sat on a chair and smoked a cigarette gracefully while Peter was nervously reporting everything to Nathan

After Peter finished his report, Nathan's lips quirked when he said, "So, Tyson Lund instructed Kayden Cook and a group of liver cancer vaccine retailers to fall behind on their debt repayment to Cross Group deliberately. And that's because he wanted to create a crisis of financial distress to Cross Group?'

Peter nodded and replied, "Yes, Peter



Russo told me that in person."

Nathan continued composedly, "Do you have any other news?"

Peter immediately said, "Yes. When Kayden Cook invited me to lunch in the afternoon, I agreed to it on purpose and managed to get a piece of important news from him."

Once Peter finished, Nathan yelled, "Say it!"

Peter continued, "Since Tyson Lund arrived secretly at Channing, he had been staying in Millennium Times Club. Word had it that he invited a group of business partners of Cross Group to create more troubles for the company."

Suddenly, Nathan's lips quirked. "That's interesting!"

Meanwhile, Peter felt uneasy and sneaked a glance at Nathan nervously from time to time.

When their eyes met, Peter was shocked



and immediately lowered his head.

Nathan said composedly, "You made an unforgivable mistake by revealing my identity. But considering that you did get some useful information, I'll let you go this time."

As such, Peter immediately felt relieved and said excitedly, "Thank you, Mr. Cross..."

After putting out the half-smoked cigarette on the ashtray, Nathan stood up and said, "Tell Kayden Cook to keep his mouth shut. If someone revealed my identity once again, I'm afraid both of you won't enjoy a comfortable life anymore."

Peter replied anxiously, "Yes, I promise that both of us will keep our mouths shut."



The night began to close in when Nathan walked out of the attorney general's office.

A Hongqi was parked in front of the entrance of the office.

When Nathan came up to the car, Colin hopped out and opened the door for Nathan respectfully.

After that, Colin returned to the driver's seat to drive the car.

As Colin was about to start the car, he asked Nathan while looking straight in front, "General, where do you want to go now?"

Nathan said blandly, "I heard that Millennium Times Club in Channing is an interesting place."

As soon as Colin heard it, he couldn't help but raise his head and sneaked a glance at Nathan from the rear-view mirror.

As far as he knew, Millennium Times Club was a well-known brothel in Channing.



Colin felt a little strange and thought to himself. Why would General want to visit that place all of a sudden?

Even though Colin was dubious about it, he dared not to ask any questions.

Half an hour later, they arrived at the outdoor parking area in front of its entrance.

As soon as Nathan and Colin hopped down, someone with a familiar voice yelled from afar, "Nathan!"

When both of them turned around, they saw a Porsche 711 behind them. Besides, Kylie craned her neck and glared at Nathan.

Nathan was a little shocked and asked, "Kylie, why are you here?"

After Kylie pulled over her car, she hopped down and sneered, "I saw your car at the crossroads from afar just now and followed you out of curiosity. But I didn't expect you to come to such a place. I'll tell



Penny when I get home later."

Nathan laughed and said, "Sure!"

Then, he brought Colin along and walked towards the entrance of the club.

Meanwhile, Kylie stared at them with her eyes wide open. She couldn't believe that Nathan dared to enter the filthy brothel for the pleasure of the flesh even after she discovered it.

As such, she immediately ran to catch up with them furiously.

When Nathan noticed her, he smiled, "Didn't you say you want to go home and complain about me? Why are you still following me?"

Kylie sneered, "I've to keep an eye on you!"

Nathan gave her a wry smile but didn't stop her from following him.

After a while, Nathan, Colin, and Kylie arrived at the entrance of Millennium



Times Club.

Meanwhile, several security guards in their black suits were standing at the entrance. Their captain spread his hand to stop them from entering the club and said in a deep voice, "I'm sorry. Only members are allowed to enter the club. Please show us your member card."

However, as soon as he finished, someone put a thick pile of money worth more than ten thousand in his hands.

He was stunned and could only stare at Nathan with his eyes open.

Many guests were generous in spending their money in Millennium Times Club. Nevertheless, they would only spend it on women and never tipped the security guards more than ten thousand.

As his poker face slowly changed, he put a flattering smile on his face. "Sir, this..."

While Nathan only smiled in response, Colin, who stood next to him, said in a



deep voice, "Our Master does not need any member card. Wherever he goes, he will be the VIP."

As the captain grasped the pile of money in his hands, he slowly glanced at Nathan, who looked graceful, his fierce henchman, and the cute lady beside him.

He thought to himself. Even a blind person can tell that this young man must be from a noble and prominent family.

With that in mind, he gnashed his teeth, bowed politely, and said, "Our guest of honor, please come in."

Initially, Kylie thought that they would brush Nathan off since the club was only open to members.

Nevertheless, she didn't expect Nathan to enter the club effortlessly. She snorted and caught up with them in a huff. After all, she had to keep an eye on Nathan to make sure that he wouldn't mess around with other women.



As soon as Nathan and the rest entered the grand lobby, a female manager came up to them and asked politely, "Sir, what can I do for you?"

Nathan replied blandly, "Where is Tyson Lund?"



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The female manager was at a loss for a moment but immediately asked smilingly, "Oh, are you one of Mr. Lund's guests? Mr. Lund reserved the grandest Diamond Hall in our club. But you're early because Mr. Lund and the other guests haven't arrived. I can show you the way. You can get lounge in the Diamond Hall while waiting for their arrival."

After that, she brought them to the grandest hall in Millennium Times Club - Diamond Hall.

The Diamond Hall looked majestic and had more than a hundred cassette decks.

When Nathan sat on a random cassette deck, Colin dared not to sit and stood respectfully beside him.

However, Kylie ignored him and sat right beside Nathan.

After a while, the manager asked Nathan if he wanted any drinks.

Since Nathan didn't feel like having tea in



this kind of environment, he replied blandly, "Anything will do."

The manager nodded smilingly and left the hall.

Soon, a beauty walked into the hall in her high heels while holding a bottle of wine. She was tall, wearing a high-slit dress, and had a pair of fair-skinned and long legs.

The beauty greeted flirtatiously, "How are you, sir? I'm Babe. I'm here to accompany you and have fun together so that you won't feel lonely."

Nathan grinned and asked, "What kind of fun?"

When the beauty glanced at Kylie, who looked hostile to her, she giggled and sat next to Nathan on the other side.

She asked coyly, "How should I address you?"

"I'm Mr. Cross!" Nathan replied blandly.



Babe's lips curled up coquettishly when she said, "I can do whatever you desire - be it games or even a short performance, perhaps? Not only that, but you can also even discuss philosophy or advanced mathematics with me."

At this moment, Nathan, Colin, and Kylie were all surprised to know that the beauty was talented in different ways.

Nathan's lips quirked slightly when he said, "That's a bit interesting!"

As Babe giggled, she came up to Nathan with her hourglass figure and purred alluringly, "Mr. Cross, I actually have several PhDs in different fields. But what I know best is to serve a man."

As Kylie looked at her, she became more hostile and was about to ask the lady to stay away from Nathan.

Nevertheless, Nathan said before she could utter a word, "Is it true that you'll do everything as I wish?"



Babe looked at him with her enchanting eyes and answered, "Of course!"

After Nathan nodded in response, he pointed to the front and said, "Okay. Go to the front and do a hundred pushups for me!"

The seductive look on Babe's face suddenly fade away and was replaced by a look of pure shock.

She stared at Nathan with her eyes and mouth opened and asked, "Mr. Cross, what did you say?"

She thought she heard it wrong, yet
Nathan still said composedly, "Didn't you
say you'll do everything as I wish? Well, I
don't really have a hobby other than
watching others standing straight like a
soldier and doing pushups. Oh yeah, I love
watching them doing endurance rounds
too."

Colin tried very hard not to laugh, yet Kylie couldn't help but giggle. She suddenly felt that her brother-in-law was somehow a



jerk who liked to makes a fool of someone.

Babe felt that she was wronged by this man.

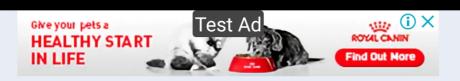
Excuse me, but men would die for a gorgeous girl like me to serve them with my voluptuous body. But why did Mr. Cross ask me to do pushups instead? Everything I did for him just now was in vain!

Since Babe was reluctant to do it, he gently put an Amex Black Card on the table. After that, he said, "You'll get ten thousand for every pushup. Does that make you feel better?"

Babe stared at it with her eyes wide open and said, "I'll do it!"

She gritted her teeth and went to the front helplessly. After that, she began laboring to do pushups.

Meanwhile, Kylie chuckled and whispered to Nathan's ears, "Nathan, if I weren't here today, will you still be a gentleman like you are now?"



However, Nathan only flashed her a smile and didn't answer the question.



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Babe did several dozen pushups and stopped. On one hand, she was exhausted, but on the other, she felt that Nathan was only making a fool out of her.

He might be rich but definitely won't pay me ten thousand per pushup!

However, she was startled the moment she stopped at her thirtieth pushup.

That was because Nathan immediately transferred three hundred thousand into her account.

Although she was tired at first, she immediately became excited and energetic.

She wished to rush towards Nathan and tell him that she could continue to do pushups. Besides, she could also stand straight like a soldier and even train with them if that were all it would take to get easy money.

Unfortunately, the guests had eventually arrived at the hall.



They were bosses of top retailers of pharmaceutical drugs. And tonight, they came to this place purposely because Mr. Lund invited them.

Some of them knew each other while some didn't.

Even though Nathan was a big shot in Cross Group, the retailers didn't know him because he rarely dealt with business partners. They even thought that he was merely one of the retailers who received the invitation.

After a while, more than a hundred guests arrived at the hall.

Apart from retailers, some of the guests were raw material suppliers of Cross Group.

In other words, many business partners of Cross Group were invited by Tyson Lund to be here tonight.

Suddenly, someone yelled, "Mr. Lund of The East has arrived!"



After a while, an imposing and chunky man came into the hall with his underlings.

It was none other than Tyson Lund, the second master of the Lund Family of The East.

Once the guests saw Tyson Lund, they immediately rushed forward to flatter him.

Tyson Lund squinted his eyes gleefully and sat at the head of the table.

On the other hand, his four bodyguards: Thunderstorm, Raging Fire, Terrifying Thunder, and Scarlet Lightning, kept a murderous look and stood beside him.

When everyone was seated, Tyson Lund began, "I've invited everyone here tonight to discuss the plan to cripple Cross Group again."

Everyone seemed full of doubt, and one of them asked curiously, "Mr. Lund, didn't we discuss the matter two days ago? Why did you invite us to discuss it again?'



At this moment, Tyson suddenly sneered, "Because one of you bowed to Cross Group and repaid the money back to them. I'm furious as such action has foiled my plan."

Murmurs washed over the hall, and everyone was taken aback at the sudden news. Who in the world would disobey Mr. Lund's order and bow before Cross Group?

After a while, Tyson Lund waved his hand at his underlings. Soon, they carried a gunny sack and threw it to the ground.

Then, Kayden Cook, who was bloodsoaked, came out from the gunny sack strugglingly.

Tyson was infuriated when he found out that Kayden fully repaid his debt to Cross Group.

Therefore, Tyson instructed his men to kidnap him as a deterrent to the rest.

Tyson said coldly to everyone, "All of you must cooperate with me to bring down



Cross Group. Anyone who dares defy me will be the next Kayden Cook."

After Tyson warned the guests, he instructed Thunderstorm, one of his four bodyguards, "Break his neck. Let them know what will happen if they defy me."

Thunderstorm, who was strong and had messy hair, grinned hideously and said, "Yes, Mr. Lund!"

On the other hand, everyone was petrified as they looked at Thunderstorm came up to Kayden to break his neck.



At this moment, someone suddenly scoffed, "Hah! It looks like there are a lot of spineless cowards here."



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When everyone was shocked, Tyson Lund yelled angrily, "Who was that? Who was talking?"

Nathan, who held a glass of wine and stood on the corner, said composedly, "Me!"

At this moment, Tyson, the four bodyguards, and everyone present in the hall fixed their gazes upon him.

Tyson was at a loss for a while before he asked, "Who are you?"

Nathan laughed and replied, "Why did you come all the way from The East to bring me down but don't even know me?"

Tyson stared at him in disbelief and said, "So, you're Nathan Cross? Well, you're aware that I'm coming for you and have invited everyone to discuss strategies to bring you down. However, you still dare to be here. I admire your courage."

Much to Tyson's surprise, Nathan smiled at him and said, "Why should I be worried



about some nobodies like you guys?"

Tyson laughed and said furiously, "Hmph! Don't be cocky! My initial plan was to cripple Cross Group bit by bit and acquire the company. Only after that, I'll deal with the Smith family and you. But since you're already here and can't wait to die, I might as well fulfill your wish."

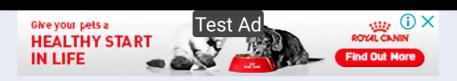
The next moment, Tyson yelled, "Thunderstorm, Raging Fire, Terrifying Thunder, and Scarlet Lightning!"

The four sturdy and tall bodyguards, who still kept a murderous look, answered together, "Yes, sir!"

Tyson yelled again, "Where are the fifty Fearless Warriors of the Lund Family?"

Fifty men, dressed in black and holding katanas, answered in unison, "At your command, sir!"

After Tyson paused for a while, he smiled hideously and said, "Everyone, move now and tear Nathan Cross apart."



Once Tyson gave the order, his four bodyguards and fifty Fearless Warriors surrounded Nathan. They were ready to tear him apart in no time.

Since the bosses were scared to death, they immediately moved and stayed as far away from him as possible.

However, Nathan remained composed when he laughed and said, "Haha. You have quite a lot of underlings. But unfortunately, they're all rubbish. Colin, destroy them all!"

"Yes, master!" Once Colin answered, he strode forward and was ready to fight with all of them at once.

Slowly, he curved his finger and said, "Fight me!"

Thunderstorm, Raging Fire, Terrifying Thunder, and Scarlet Lightning glanced at each other for a while and screamed, "Kill him!"

As soon as they finished, Thunderstorm



took the lead to rush toward Colin.

Meanwhile, Colin also sped off to fight Thunderstorm head-to-head.

Wham!

The next moment both ran against each other ferociously like two sturdy rhinoceroses.

After everyone heard the sound of bone cracking, Thunderstorm curled up his body, vomited blood, and was sent flying by Colin.

Once Colin defeated Thunderstorm, Raging Fire and the group of Fearless Warriors followed suit.

A pitched battle between them ensued right away.

Since Raging Fire and the Fearless Warriors surrounded Colin, Terrifying Thunder and Scarlet Lightning rushed toward Nathan to kill him.



Terrifying Thunder, who was two-meter tall and particularly sturdy, yelled furiously, "Thunder Strike!"

Immediately, he waved both of his fists toward Nathan.

His movement was so swift that an ordinary person could hardly differentiate the shadows from his punches.

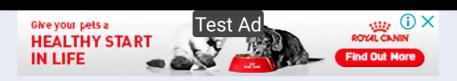
Tyson couldn't help but grin proudly when he saw this.

Meanwhile, some of the audience were familiar with wrestling and mixed martial arts. They couldn't help but scream, "That's f***ing dope! Sh**! LET'S GET IT ON!"

However, Nathan's lips quirked in disdain when he sneered, "Calm down, ladies. It's just an eye cherry!"

As soon as he finished, he threw a punch against him.

Thud! Nathan successfully punched Terrif



ying Thunder right in his face.

As his face was sunken and soaked in blood, Terrifying Thunder fell right away and couldn't even scream in pain.

"Lightning kicks!" With the help of his runup, he leaped and was about to throw his kicks with lightning speed.

"You're jumping like a kid." Once Nathan finished, he aimed at a spot composedly and threw a kick against Terrifying Thunder.

Wham!

Once Nathan landed his KO kick on Scarlet Lightning, he was sent flying like a kite with a broken string. He was already dead after he fell to the floor.

At this time, Tyson stared at him in disbelief.

Meanwhile, Kylie was so excited that she flushed crimson due to the adrenaline pump. She murmured to herself gleefully,



"How did that even... Nathan's skill is indeed above all!"



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Even though Nathan only threw a punch and a kick, Terrifying Thunder and Scarlet Lightning, the so-called masters of martial arts, were already dead.

Meanwhile, Colin shattered Raging Fire's defense with a punch and kicked him on his head right away with lightning speed.

Whack! Raging Fire was killed on the spot before he could even utter a single sound.

As such, the four bodyguards were all sacrificed.

Nevertheless, the several dozen Fearless Warriors remained bold. They stepped on their partners' blood and continued to swing their katana ferociously.

As most of them surrounded and attacked Colin, a dozen of them turned around and rushed toward Nathan.

Kylie and Babe, who were not far from Nathan, couldn't help but scream in fear.

However, Nathan was still calm when he



said, "They're just a bunch of fearless but useless rubbish."

The next moment when he struck the table heavily, a plate of nuts was sent flying.

Then, Nathan swung his hand and deflected countless nuts toward the Fearless Warriors as swift as arrows.

They immediately screamed in pain and fell as if Nathan shot them with a machine gun.

The audience was appalled after witnessing Nathan defeated more than ten Fearless Warriors at once.

On the other hand, Colin penetrated the enemies like a ferocious tiger and threw his punches and kicks as fast as lightning. At the same time, many of his opponents shrieked with pain and fell.

Tyson and the others finally recollected themselves after the clash ended. However, the four bodyguards and fifty Fearless Warriors of the Lund family were



already in a welter of blood.

Meanwhile, Colin was covered in blood as he returned to Nathan's side and said politely, "Master, I have eliminated the underlings. What should we do with their leader?"

Their leaders was none other than Tyson Lund.

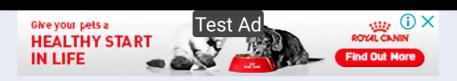
Nathan stared at Tyson, who was petrified, and said coldly, "It seems like the Lund Family hasn't learned from their own mistake!"

Nevertheless, Tyson replied bellicosely, "Nathan Cross, let me warn you that I'm Tyson Lund of the Lund Family. Don't you dare touch me!'

Really? Well, let's give it a try.

Colin moved swiftly and stood before Tyson as soon as Nathan called out to him

Before Tyson could react, Colin grabbed



his neck with his sturdy right arm and lifted him like a fat toad.

Crack! The next moment Colin broke Tyson's neck. Tyson's legs convulsed for a moment and eventually stopped.

Slam! After that, Colin threw his corpse down on the floor.

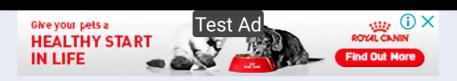
Nathan stared at Tyson's corpse and said emotionlessly, "There, and that's that."

Meanwhile, the bosses in the hall were fearful of Nathan when they looked at them.

Tyson Lund came to no good in the end for trying to bring down Cross Group.

Therefore, everyone in the hall was petrified for being an accomplice in Tyson's scheme.

Slowly, Nathan shifted his gaze from the corpse and fixed it upon the business partners of Cross Group. After a while, Nathan said, "Warm greetings to our



honored business partners of Cross Group."

The guests couldn't help but tremble while acknowledging him, "Greetings to Mr. Cross!"

After that, Nathan bowed to help Kayden up and asked, "Mr. Cook, are you alright?"

Although Kayden was injured badly, he was flattered because Nathan was concerned about him. He quickly answered, "I'm fine. Thank you for your kindness, Mr. Cross."

Nathan nodded and replied, "Cross Group always cares about our business partners. Besides, I, Nathan Cross, always treat my friends with respect. But if anyone wishes not to continue his or her partnership with Cross Group nor treat me as a friend, you may leave now."

Just as expected, none of the bosses left the hall. After all, Cross Group was already the top corporation in Channing, while they made a lot of money by selling its liver cancer vaccine.

Who would actually consider leaving when everyone made a lot of money with the help of Cross Group?

Besides, they agreed to work with Tyson Lund only because they dreamed about reaping more profit when the Lund Family acquired Cross Group in the future.

Nathan glanced at everyone and said composedly, "I believe everyone wants to gain a lot from Cross Group. However, what you did was against the company's interest!"

As soon as Nathan said it, many of them sweated out of nervousness, whereas several timid bosses even knelt before him and begged for mercy.

Considering that Nathan didn't hesitate to kill Tyson, they were scared to death that



he would kill them as well.

After several of them knelt, the rest of the bosses nervously followed suit and begged for mercy, "Mr. Cross, we're sorry for what we've done. We shouldn't have listened to the Lund family to put Cross Group to trouble. Please forgive us this time."

Since everyone apologized, Nathan said coldly, "I can give you a chance this time. However, everyone has to reduce their market shares by half and give it to Kayden. Does anyone have any objections?"

Huh? We have to reduce our market shares by half?

Although they were all reluctant to accept it, no one dared to raise any objection. They agreed to it right away instead.

Meanwhile, Kayden was euphoric about taking over half of the market shares owned by the bosses. Although he was injured, it was a blessing in disguise as he



would make a lot of money soon!

Therefore, Kayden immediately knelt before Nathan and kowtowed many times as he said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Cross. Thank you very much..."

When Kayden was thanking him, Nathan said, "Cross Group will not wrong any friends who are sincere to work with us. Kayden, you should work hard from now on. You should've known what I'll do if you dare scheme against Cross Group.

Once Nathan finished, Kayden immediately replied nervously, "I'll never do it, Mr. Cross. I'll never betray you even when someone points a gun at me!"

However, Nathan only smiled in response.

After that, he shifted his gaze from Kayden to the rest and warned, "As for those who have fallen behind on debt repayment to Cross Group or replaced our quality raw materials with inferior ones, go back tonight and think about what you should do."



All those who heard it paled instantly and promised to make amends once they left the hall.

After Nathan finished giving his commands, he left the hall with Kylie and Colin.

As Babe stared at Nathan, she had mixed feelings and murmured to herself, "I can hardly find such a man elsewhere! For God's sake! Why did God let me encounter such an outstanding man yet didn't give me a chance to be close with him? Well, I'm considered a beauty, but why didn't he fall for me?"

Babe felt that she was obsessed with Nathan and couldn't forget him from now on.

She regarded herself as someone who had both looks and brains. Unfortunately, Nathan wasn't fond of her at all.

Just as she was upset about the thought, she suddenly saw Nathan returning to the lobby and walking towards her with a



smile on his face.

Her heart fluttered all of a sudden, and she felt particularly nervous and elated at the same time. Is he trying to get my contact number now?

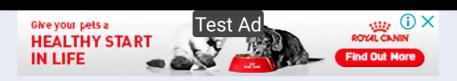
Even though she was getting more and more excited, she still pretended to be calm and asked smilingly, "Mr. Cross, what can I do for you?"

Nathan nodded and replied, "Yes, I need your help!"

Once Nathan said it, Babe was excited and asked as if she was expecting some good news, "How may I help you?"

Nathan pointed at a plate of snacks on a table and continued, "I remember that my wife loves snacks, and the crystal chicken feet snack tastes good. Can you give me a doggy bag for it? I want to bring it for my wife."

As soon as Nathan finished, Babe looked at him with a stiff smile.



Colin, who stood beside Nathan Cross, stared at them blankly. On the other hand, Kylie heaved a sigh as she thought to herself. My god! Nathan really pampers Penny.



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