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When Penny saw her, mixed emotions filled her eyes. Nonetheless, she still calmly greeted her, “Lulu McDonald. What a coincidence!”

Lulu pulled out a seat and sat down without asking for permission. “Yes, what a coincidence! And who is this?”

Penny went on to introduce, “This is my husband, Nathan Cross.”

Lulu’s eyes darted around as she casually inquired, “Oh, and what does Mr. Cross do for a living?”

Nathan answered truthfully, “I’m unemployed at the moment.”

Lulu sneered when she heard the answer. “It’s no wonder you’re here eating such cheap food.”

Nathan smiled without denying her claim.

Penny was somewhat displeased and asked, “Lulu, aren’t you here to eat?”

Lulu let out an exaggerated shriek. “Eat? Here? Goodness, I would never eat at such a trashy low-class place!”

Lulu’s words had incurred the glares of the other surrounding customers, in addition to Nathan and Penny’s frowns.

Penny asked, “If you’re not here to eat, then why are you here?”

Lulu answered smugly, “My boyfriend is preparing to make an investment in this area. He’s here to have a look around, so I’ve accompanied him. I usually only dine at Michelin restaurants. Never would I get caught eating cheap fast food like this.”

Nathan stood up. “Penny, I’m done eating. Give me a second and I’ll drive the car around.”

Penny nodded, “Okay!”

Lulu looked at Nathan as he was leaving before she casually said to Penny, “Oh dear, Penny. You were once the prettiest girl at our school. How did you end up like this?”

“I’d heard that you had a child out of wedlock before you were kicked out of your family. Still, I don’t think that you’d needed to settle, marrying yourself off to an unemployed bum.”

Right then, a middle-aged man in an Armani suit walked over, while looking at Penny with bright eyes.

“Lulu, is this gorgeous lady your friend?”

Lulu saw the middle-aged man and immediately leaned in affectionately. “Siegfried, let me introduce you to Penny. She’s my friend from back in university. Penny, this is my boyfriend, Siegfried Humphrey.”

Penny gave a slight nod and politely answered, “Mr. Humphrey looks to be doing well for himself career-wise. Lulu has found a good man.”

Siegfried’s eyes roamed up and down Penny’s body sleazily while he feigned modesty, “No, no. I’ve only just started my business.”

Lulu quickly jumped in. “Siegfried, you’re doing superbly! You were a CEO at Diva Limited; you’ve accumulated all that managerial experience as well as millions in wealth and assets. Now you’re preparing to start your own company, buying a super expensive Benz! That’s the definition of a successful person!”

Lulu turned and looked at Penny. “Don’t you agree, Penny?”

Penny nodded, “I guess!”

Lulu was purposely bragging to Penny, hoping to see some form of jealousy or resentment on her face.

Yet disappointingly, there was not a trace of it to be found.

She quickly switched the conversation. “Oh right! Penny, didn’t you say that your husband was going to get the car? What’s taking him so long?”

“What car is he driving? Don’t tell me it’s some kind of van! Haha, it must be! You’re eating at such a cheap place, you can’t possibly drive a nice car...”

Lulu had not finished her sentence when a BMW M760Li xDrive pulled up in front of the restaurant.

She was thunderstruck to see Nathan getting out of the car.

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Her mouth opened wide in complete disbelief.

Nathan was driving a BMW that was ten times the price of Siegfried’s Benz.

Nathan walked over and smiled politely. “Ms. McDonald. What were you and my wife talking about? It sounded interesting.”

Lulu and her boyfriend Siegfried both flushed red. She quickly waved her hands, “Nothing, nothing...”

She then grabbed her boyfriend, as they ran out with their tails between their legs.

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In the living room at the Smiths.

Sean, along with Samuel and Paul, and some other relatives had surrounded themselves around a very important guest.

This important guest was around twenty-seven years old and was wearing a tailored Armani suit, with a pair of gold-rimmed glasses sitting on his nose. He was emanating a unique and regal aura.

He was none other than Felix Logan, the third son of the Logan family.

The Smiths had a certain standing in Channing. But in terms of the south region or the whole nation, they were practically non-existent.

As for the Logans, they were an aristocratic family, one of the elites. They were many tiers above the Smiths.

At this moment, Sean was grinning at Felix, "Mr. Logan, why did you come all the way to Channing?"

Felix smiled, "Channing is a nice city and is filled with potential. I'm preparing to expand over here."

Sean opened his eyes wide in surprise, "Channing may be good, but it's incomparable to Alberesque."

"The Logans are incredibly prominent in Alberesque and have access to all kinds of resources. Why would Mr. Felix disregard all of that?"

Felix answered subduedly, "I don't wish to rely on my family. I want to try carving out my own path, to prove myself to my father."

Sean smiled, "Is that so? It Looks like Mr. Felix will become a force to be reckoned with, inciting a tsunami of change to the business world in Channing."

Felix answered reservedly, "You've over-exaggerating. I came with a will to learn and put what I've learnt into practice. Also, the reason I chose this place was because there's someone here whom I can't forget."

This perked the interest of Sean and the others, who were keen to know who such a person was.

Felix smiled, "I studied in Channing University and was an alumnus alongside your Penny. I've gone abroad to further my studies these few years, but I haven't been able to forget her. Speaking of, where's

Penny? I haven't seen her?"

The whole Smith family opened their eyes wide when they heard what Felix had said.

Who would have thought, the person Mr. Felix was unable to forget was none other than Penny Smith!

Sean was feeling both excited and awkward.

Excited because Mr. Felix had an interest in Penny and awkward because Penny had been kicked out of their family.

Samuel took the chance to answer, "Mr. Felix, there's something that you don't know. Penny insisted on marrying a useless bum, even at the expense of cutting ties with our family."

Paul also answered regretfully, "That's right. She's with Nathan Cross now and even has a child tying her down. She no longer deserves your consideration."

Sean and the others were filled with regret. If Penny had not gotten with Nathan, they could have married her off to Felix.

To be able to become in-laws with aristocrats like the Logans was something that people would not even dare to dream of.

Sean was carefully letting Felix know that he and Penny were not suited for each other and that they no longer had a chance to be together.

But what came as a surprise to everyone was Felix's next words. "I've heard about Penny's situation over the years. She was raped by a drunkard and bore the child out of wedlock."

"She intended to raise the child alone, but the drunkard, Nathan Cross, had unexpectedly sought her out."

"Penny is a gentle-hearted soul. For her child's sake, she compromised and settled for that useless Nathan Cross."

Felix's gaze darkened. "I don't care about Penny's past. I will get rid of that useless Nathan Cross, and I will give her the happiness that she deserves. I also hope that her relationship with the Smith family can be restored."

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When Sean and the rest of the family members heard Felix's words, they all became visibly excited.

Sean grabbed onto Felix's hand, being quite emotional. "Yes, yes, yes! Mr. Felix, if you can get rid of that

useless Nathan Cross, our whole family is willing to accept Penny and her child back.”

“And I also promise to marry her off to you. We Smiths will become in-laws with you Logans.”

Samuel was concerned, “Nathan Cross is pretty useless, but he’s somehow gotten Benson’s family eating out of his hand. I’m worried that Penny won’t agree to leave him.”

Felix narrowed his eyes and answered, “Don’t worry. I’ll take care of both getting rid of Nathan Cross and winning Penny’s heart.”

The Smiths could not hide their wide grins as they nodded fervently.

Felix continued to converse with Sean and his family for a while before taking his men and leaving the Smith house.

After taking off, one of Felix’s most capable men, Wraith, could not help but speak up, “Mr. Logan, Penny is a used woman. Is she worth it?”

Felix adjusted his gold-rimmed glasses and narrowed his eyes. “I naturally wouldn’t really take her as my wife, but she’s recently taken control of an important project in Channing. This project has a large profit margin. Once I have her, the project will also be mine.”

Wraith’ eyes widened. “So Mr. Felix is actually only intending to use her!”

The corners of Felix’s mouth turned upwards, “I came here to establish myself. I need to use the shortest amount of time to get the best results and prove myself to my father. Penny Smith will be a good stepping stone.”

“Once I have her company and the project, who’s going to interfere with whether I actually marry her or not?”

“Also, she’s quite pretty. I wouldn’t mind having a little fun with a young, married woman like her.”

Wraith grinned knowingly, “Then let me be the first to congratulate Mr. Felix in getting both the woman and the money.”

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At the ground floor of the Cross Corporation.

Nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine fresh roses were laid on the ground in a huge heart shape.

In front of the huge heart was parked an expensive-looking Maserati convertible.

And in front of the Maserati, stood a good-looking guy dressed in a white suit.

This man had on a pair of gold-rimmed glasses and was exuding a regal aura.

He was also holding a bouquet of roses in his hand, smiling while he waited in front of the entrance of Cross Corporation.

Passersby all stopped to look at the scene, and many women gasped in low voices, "Look, a rich guy from some elite family! He looks like he's going to profess his love! It's so romantic!"

"He must be from a super-wealthy family! Look at that Maserati! It's at least over two million!"

"It's such a rarity for someone to not only be so young and so wealthy but also be such a romantic! Look at how he prepared nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine roses! He's so thoughtful!"

This man dressed in a white suit was none other than Felix Logan.

At that moment, he was waiting for Penny to leave her office. It was time for the staff to get off work.

He was prepared to win Penny over with this romantic scene.

Soon enough, the smartly-dressed Penny walked out of the building.

Her beautiful hair was tied up with two locks hanging down, framing her face. She looked like a goddess.

Penny saw the heart-shaped roses on the ground, the Maserati, and the man in the white suit holding a bouquet of flowers.

She was somewhat taken aback, thinking that there was another couple there professing their love. She quickly stepped aside wanting to get out of the way.

And yet, the man in the white suit actually walked towards her while holding his bouquet of roses.

She recognized him right away and exclaimed in surprise, "Felix Logan!"

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"Penny, it's me!"

Felix approached Penny and gazed at her affectionately. "I just came back from studying abroad. All these years that I've been overseas, I haven't been able to forget about you. I came to find you as soon as I came back."

"Penny, I like you. Be my girlfriend!"

Penny froze. While in university, Felix was the Student Council President, whereas she was a member of the council.

Other than that, they had no interactions.

So why was Felix Logan suddenly saying that he could not forget about her while professing his love to her?

She intended to quickly reject him, telling him that she held no feelings for him, as she had a husband and child.

But before she could say anything, the revving sound of a sports car interrupted her.

Everyone standing around automatically looked towards the source of the revving sound.

Then everyone's mouths fell open wide in surprise and disbelief.

A Pagani Zonda, a sports car worth well over thirty million, appeared in everyone's view.

The Maserati shrunk in shame in front of the Pagani Zonda.

What was even more astonishing was that the Pagani Zonda did not decrease its speed, as it bulldozed the heart-shaped roses on the ground, right before stopping in front of Penny and Felix.

Felix's eyes were filled with both anger and shock.

When the windows rolled down, Penny was surprised to discover that the person driving the Pagani Zonda was none other than Nathan Cross.

Nathan frowned at Felix then looked towards Penny. "Honey, get in. Let's go home."

"Okay!"

Penny got into the car, and Nathan drove off with her while all the passerby's looked on in envy.

It was not until Nathan's sports car had disappeared from view did Felix regain his composure.

He looked at the squashed roses on the ground, sensing the odd looks that he was getting from those around him. His face flushed vermilion, while his eyes were filled with resentment.

It took quite a while for Penny, who was sitting in the passenger seat of the sports car, to recover from her shock.

She turned towards Nathan and asked suspiciously, “Where did this sports car come from?”

Nathan answered calmly, “There was only one car at home. Mom and dad took it when they went out to get groceries, as they had to pick Queenie up from school. I didn’t have a car to pick you up, so I had a friend send a car over for me to use temporarily. Who knew that he would send this car over?”

So apparently, Benson and Leah had driven the car out to get groceries, as well as pick, Queenie, up from school.

Nathan then asked Colin to send a car over to him for him to use in the meantime.

Once Colin found out that Nathan needed a car to pick his wife up from work, he immediately delivered the Pagani Zonda over to him.

When Nathan saw the car, he rolled his eyes, thinking that the car Colin had prepared was overly flashy.

But given that Penny was about to get off work, he did not have Colin change cars, deciding to just drive the sports car over.

Who knew that he would coincidentally come across some wealthy dude professing his feelings to Penny. So he ran over all those roses on the ground without an ounce of hesitation, picking Penny up.

When Penny heard Nathan’s explanation, she mistakenly believed that the car was on loan from Thomas Dunn and thus did not have any other queries.

She took a peek at Nathan and asked in a small voice, “Don’t you have any questions for me?”

Nathan answered indifferently, “About what?”

Penny answered resignedly, “About what happened earlier.”

Nathan smiled, “I believe you. No one can take you away from me anyway.”

Nathan’s words made Penny feel a little shy. And also a little annoyed. Isn’t he a little too confident?

But she still chose to explain her relationship with Felix and assured him that she would not harbor any feelings for him.

Nathan grinned and looked over at Penny teasingly, “Penny, have you fallen for me? Is that why you’re rushing to explain things to me? Because you don’t want me to misunderstand?”

Penny’s face blushed a bright red. She retorted in annoyance, “Who’s fallen for you! You’re so full of yourself!”

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Nathan and Penny happily drove home while Felix was standing behind with a dark look on his face.

He had thought that someone as young, rich, romantic, and with an outstanding background as he would be able to easily win Penny over.

And yet his carefully thought out proposal scene was completely rampaged by the Pagani Zonda-driving Nathan, turning him into a laughing stock.

Looking livid, he turned to Wraith, "Look into that Nathan Cross. How on earth could he afford to drive such an expensive sports car?"

"Mr. Felix, I've already done so." Wraith answered respectfully.

Felix frowned, "What did you find?"

"There's barely a handful of Pagani Zondas in China. The one that we saw isn't registered under a personal name but under a company from up North. It's a company car," answered Wraith.

Felix was confused. "Then why was Nathan Cross driving it?"

Wraith chuckled, "The only reasonable explanation is that he spent money and went through some rental agency to rent it."

"There are a lot of people who can't afford to buy luxury cars, yet wanting to impress their friends and relatives. So they just rent cars instead!"

"The daily rental fees, even for high-end sports cars, aren't too expensive. An average person could afford it if they were really determined."

The confusion and outrage on Felix's face evaporated and instead, his mouth turned into a sneer. "Hehe. I knew that my research into him wasn't wrong. He's only a bum that was just discharged from the military. How could he possibly afford to drive such an expensive sports car? So he went to rent it, eh?"

Wraith chose his next words carefully, "But Mr. Felix, Ms. Smith looks a little aloof."

Felix sneered, "Even the wildest horse can be tamed. The wilder they are, the more gratifying it is to tame them."

"What is Mr. Felix's next step?" Wraith asked.

Felix adjusted the gold-rimmed glasses on his nose then answered coldly, "It looks like Penny won't be easy to win over. I guess I'll just have to spend more effort."

He took out his cellphone and looked through the Channing alumni contacts for a number, before

making a call.

The person on the other end was none other than Lulu McDonald.

Lulu was pleasantly surprised to receive Felix's call. Her voice was preppy when she answered, "Felix Logan! It's really you! I'm so shocked that you would give me a call!"

Felix was not intending on beating around the bush with Lulu. He immediately told her that he had wanted to arrange for a gathering between the Channing alumni. He needed Lulu to get in touch with them.

As for all the expenses, he would be the one to take care of them.

Lulu smiled, "Mr. Felix, you can trust me. I'll arrange everything nicely."

Felix continued, "I remembered when we were studying, you and Penny used to be roommates. I quite miss her, so make sure to invite her as well."

Lulu agreed, "Sure!"

The two talked a little more then hung up the call.

Lulu's boyfriend, Siegfried, jealously asked, "Which guy was that? Look at how excited you are!"

Lulu smiled, "It's the third son of the Logan family. But you don't need to be jealous. He's called to have me contact some alumni for a gathering. And I suspect that he's doing this for Penny."

Siegfried remembered meeting Nathan and Penny at the restaurant the day before and how he had been shocked by Nathan's BMW.

But after they had reached home, they asked around for more details on Penny.

They eventually found out that Penny had established Cross Corporation, nabbing one of the biggest projects in the city. She had a bright future ahead of her.

As for Nathan Cross, he was nothing more than a bum who had depended on Penny.

The BMW they had seen the day before was likely Penny's too.

When Siegfried heard that Felix's target was Penny, he relaxed and smiled, "Then we should definitely find a way to hook them up. If we do, Mr. Logan would be so grateful to us, willing to throw some scraps our way. We would then be set!"

Lulu laughed, "Yes, we would!"

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At night, Nathan and Penny were playing games with Queenie when Penny suddenly received a call from Lulu.

“Penny, I can’t believe that you’ve started your own company, became the CEO, even getting your hands on one of the city’s most important projects! And yet you were pretending to be poor by eating cheap fast food? How could you trick your old friend in such a way?” Lulu berated.

Penny laughed wryly, “Lulu, you’ve misunderstood. My company just started out and is still very green. There’s still a long way to go.”

“Also, the company has plenty of debt to be paid off. I wasn’t pretending to be poor, nor was I trying to trick you.”

Lulu laughed, “Alright, I was only joking around with you.”

“Oh right! There’s a Channing alumni gathering at the Empire Hotel tomorrow night. A lot of our fellow schoolmates will be there. You must join us!”

Penny froze. She was not accustomed to joining these type of alumni gatherings and so she automatically rejected it. “I don’t know if I have the time...”

Lulu quickly jumped in, “The gathering is at night, not during the day. Why wouldn’t you be free? Unless you’re looking down on us poor people because you’ve hit the jackpot.”

Penny quickly denied it, “Of course not!”

“Then that’s settled. Remember, it’s tomorrow night at nine, at the Empire Hotel. Don’t be late!” Lulu smiled before hanging up quickly, not allowing Penny another chance to reject the invitation.

Nathan saw Penny’s look of defeat. “What’s wrong?”

“It was Lulu McDonald, the girl from yesterday. She’s said that there’s an alumni gathering tomorrow night and insists that I join. And if I don’t, then apparently I’m looking down on the rest of them,” answered Penny resignedly.

Suddenly, her eyes lit up, as she looked to Nathan expectantly, “Why don’t you go with me tomorrow night?”

“It’s your alumni gathering. Would it be appropriate for me to go?” Nathan asked.

“You’re my husband. What’s so inappropriate about going together?” Penny answered in return.

Nathan was usually disinterested in these type of social gatherings, but since it was Penny asking, he

agreed. “Alright, I’ll go with you tomorrow night.”

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The next night, Nathan and Penny drove their BMW M760 to the Empire Hotel to attend the Channing alumni gathering.

The huge Peony Hall was lit up magnificently.

A champagne tower could be seen, as well as a professional band that was performing light, relaxing music.

Hundreds of beautifully dressed men and women were standing around in groups of two or three, holding either a glass of champagne or red wine in their hands whilst making conversation.

Out of everyone there, the most eye-catching was a good-looking man wearing a white suit with a pair of gold-rimmed glasses perched on his nose.

It was none other than their Student Council President and the third son of the Logans of Alberesque — Felix Logan.

Lulu McDonald and a bunch other men and women had surrounded him, busy brown-nosing him.

“Felix Logan! You truly are the pride of us Channing alumni!”

“How dare you call him Felix Logan! It’s Mr. Felix or Mr. Logan to you!”

“Haha! Mr. Felix, I have a cousin that has recently returned from abroad. She’s really pretty. How about I give you her number later? The two of you can get to know each other.”

Lulu quickly interrupted when she saw that someone was trying to introduce a girl to Felix. “Stop it, John Caulkin! Mr. Felix already has his eye set on someone and it’s one of our alumni! So forget it with your cousin!”

Everyone looked surprised when they heard Lulu’s words. They wondered which schoolmate of theirs was so lucky, as to attract Felix Logan’s interest.

Felix did not answer their questions immediately. Instead, he offered a small smile and asked, “Oh right, why haven’t I seen Penny Smith tonight?”

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Penny Smith!

Plenty of people heard Felix, and even the slowest of them had understood.

The person Felix had his eyes on was none other than the prettiest girl at Channing University during their time — Penny Smith.

Felix had just mentioned Penny when he heard someone gasp, “Speak of the devil. Penny Smith’s arrived!”

Felix, Lulu, Siegfried, John, and all the rest looked towards the entrance and saw a couple entering the hall.

The woman was wearing a long dress with her hair in an updo, revealing her slender neck and sexy collarbone. Looking as elegant as a white swan, was none other than their schoolmate Penny Smith.

And the man standing next to her was Nathan Cross.

Nathan Cross was like fine wine. He looked average at first glance, but the more one looked at him, the more delectable he became.

His charms were unconfined to that on the surface.

And so when most people saw Nathan Cross, their first impression was that he was out of his league with the enchantingly beautiful Penny.

Moreover, the majority of the people there had already heard that Felix was interested in Penny.

Everyone wanted to appease Felix, so when they looked at Penny, they were naturally biased. Some even mumbled, “Gosh, they’re practically Beauty and the Beast!”

When Nathan and Penny arrived at the hall, Felix and the others swarmed up to meet her, greeting her warmly.

Some of them were genuinely happy to see their old schoolmate, Penny. But there were also plenty of others whose enthusiasm had another agenda.

Penny smiled and greeted each one of them, before introducing Nathan. “I nearly forgot! This is my husband, Nathan Cross.”

Nathan smiled and gave a small nod in response.

Felix narrowed his eyes, his gaze flitting across Nathan spitefully.

This was the punk who drove the Pagani Zonda and humiliated me yesterday!

Felix asked deliberately, “Where is Mr. Cross working?”

Nathan kept silent, and Penny answered in his stead. "My husband was just discharged from the military recently. So for the time being, he's resting at home."

Penny had just finished explaining when the burly John Caulkin jeered, "So he's just an unemployed bum!"

A crease immediately formed between Penny's brows when she had heard what John said.

John Caulkin was one of Felix's lackeys back in the day and was always finding some way or the other to suck up to him. Many of their schoolmates had even secretly referred to him as Felix's lapdog.

Penny refuted his claim, "Not unemployed, just resting for a while. If my husband wants to work, he can start whenever he wants."

John snickered, "That's true. I heard that you're the CEO of your own company now. If your husband wanted to work, you could easily arrange something for him."

"But I don't know. Does that make your husband the kind of man who leeches off of a woman?"

Anger flashed through Penny's eyes. She was also worried that Nathan would become so enraged that he would punch John in the face.

But Nathan kept his cool, as Felix jumped in to play the nice guy. He pretended to rebuke John, "You're going overboard, John."

Felix was the one who had started all of this, with John merely joining in with a jab or two. And yet, Felix was now pretending to be the good guy.

The edges of Nathan's lips twitched upwards with a meaningful smile.

Lulu quickly jumped in to smooth things over. "That's right! We're all schoolmates here. This gathering is a chance for everyone to get in touch with old friends, so teasing is allowed! Come, come! Let's all find a seat and have some wine."

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Soon, everyone had gotten themselves a drink and found a place to sit.

Felix gave John a pointed look which he had immediately understood. He grinned at Penny and apologized, "Penny, you know how I am. I was rash with my words earlier, so I want to apologize."

Penny and Nathan were sitting next to each other. She calmly answered, "I didn't take it to heart."

John continued, "That's good. And you can't really blame me. I just feel like you deserve more."

“You were the prettiest girl at Channing University and now you’re the CEO of a company. And yet you’re married to such a useless bum.”

“You know what I think? I think only someone as tall, as handsome, and as wealthy as Mr. Felix is worthy of you.”

Everyone fell silent when they heard John’s words.

Felix was smiling and looking at Penny affectionately, not bothering to hide his intentions towards her.

Penny was secretly quite protective of Nathan. After seeing John insult him repeatedly, she had gotten so angry, nearly losing her temper.

But Nathan took hold of her hand to calm her down, letting her know that she did not need to get into it with them.

Nathan spoke up, “Penny, this gathering seems quite uninteresting. If there’s nothing else, why don’t we go home early and rest?”

Felix became anxious when he saw that Nathan and Penny had intended to leave.

He had plans for that night, so he absolutely could not have allowed Penny to leave so early.

If she left, how was he supposed to win her over?

And so, he hurriedly turned to Penny. “Penny, don’t leave so quickly. I remember back in university, you really liked classical music and you practically idolized the pianist Quinn.”

“According to my sources, she’s been in Channing recently. I’ve already sent someone to invite her over, to have her play something for us. Don’t you want to see a live performance from your idol?”

Quinn was a very famous classical pianist. Her masterful skills were well-known internationally.

But she had rarely performed for just anyone and only held international tours once every so often.

Penny had always loved music since she was a child, especially classical music.

She was already a fan of Quinn while she was still studying. Her heart fluttered hearing that her idol was going to come and perform live.

But in the end, she had still decided to leave.

Even though she had wished to hear her idol’s live performance, she could not bear to have Nathan stay

on, continuing to be insulted.

Nathan could tell that Penny had really wanted to listen to the pianist's performance, so he turned to her and calmly said, "Penn, since you want to listen to the performance, we can stay a while longer."

"That's right. When I found out that Quinn was in Channing earlier, I immediately had someone invite her here. She should be here very soon," added Felix.

Right then, one of Felix's men, Wraith, came up to him.

Felix hurriedly asked him, "Wraith, did you get a hold of Quinn?"

Everyone turned to look at Wraith. All these socialites were feeling proud that they were about to have a chance to listen to Quinn's live performance, and so they waited expectantly for Wraith's answer.

Wraith looked ashamed, "Mr. Felix, I'm sorry. I couldn't get Ms. Quinn to come."

Felix was both bewildered and outraged. "What are you saying? Didn't I say that I was willing to pay however much for her? And did you tell her who I was?"

Logan Smith, the third son from the very prominent Logan family, who was willing to spend a small fortune, was rejected by Quinn!

Felix could not stand such humiliation!

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Wraith bowed his head and said softly, "It's not about the money. I've mentioned you as well. However, Ms. Quinn has a performance right now, therefore she can't come here."

Displeased, Felix said, "Who is this person? How dare he refuse to release Quinn when I want her to come here and perform?"

Wraith whispered, "Sir, Quinn is playing at this dinner party that is attended by the Mayor and the rest of the leaders..."

Felix felt embarrassed immediately. Even though he was from the prestigious Logan family, he was really nothing compared to the Mayor of Channing.

There was no way he had the ability to make Quinn leave that party and play for him here.

Feeling embarrassed and a little disappointed, he said, "I see, so she is playing for the Mayor and the other leaders in the city. That's too bad. What a disappointment! Let's invite her another time then."

Everyone felt a little disappointed as they thought they would be treated to a magnificent performance



by a piano maestro but it turned out to be a major letdown.

Penny was one of them. She knew that Quinn was overseas most of the time and now that she had missed the opportunity to listen to Quinn's live performance, she did not know when she would ever have the chance to do so.

Sensing her disappointment, Nathan suddenly smiled and said, "Penn, if you really want to see the pianist's performance, then I'll give her a call and she will come here and perform for you."

Felix, Wraith, Lulu, Siegfried, and John, together with everyone else was stunned when they heard what Nathan said. Then, they began to burst out in snorts of laughter.

For goodness sake! Even Mr. Felix could not convince Quinn to come here, so how could Nathan Cross, an unemployed bum, get her away from the mayor and the rest of the leaders then?

Felix and the gang sneered while John directly jeered at him. "Hoho, have you looked at yourself in the mirror lately? Even Mr. Felix failed to invite Quinn, why are you, a useless bum, boasting that you can do it?"

This was not the first time John insulted Nathan. However, Nathan had just regarded him as a mere clown and had never been bothered with him.

However, John was getting a little too much. Nathan's face fell and he said coldly, "What are you going to do if I can really get Quinn to come over?"

John could not believe that a bum like Nathan was actually talking to him in that tone. He immediately began to snigger.

John bent down and picked up the ashtray on the table in front of everybody. He emptied the cigarette butts and ashes into a glass of red wine and spat into the mixture.

John then pointed at that revolting glass of mixture and challenged Nathan by saying, "If you can get Quinn here, not only will I drink up every drop from this glass, I will get myself out of here too. But, if you can't get Quinn to come over, then you will finish up this glass and get out the h\*\*\* of here. Do you dare to take up this challenge?"

Nathan replied coldly, "You are just bringing this upon yourself. I am telling you now, you will definitely be downing this glass for sure."

Every single person in the room looked at the both of them and the disgusting concoction with great interest. This is not a challenge for just anybody!

Whoever loses tonight will definitely go down in history for embarrassment!

Everyone was there as a bystander. In fact, many were chuckling as they looked at Nathan, already assuming that he would definitely lose this bet.

After all, Quinn was still performing for the mayor and the other leaders now.

Mr. Felix was of considerable social standing, and even he could not get Ms. Quinn to come with a handsome reward.

How would it be possible for the unemployed bum like Nathan Cross to get her here?

Felix sent John an approving look to applaud him for a job well done.

Penny looked extremely worried and was about to tell Nathan to not be so aggressive. If he loses, he would never be able to lift his head up again.

However, Nathan assured her with a smile, "Don't worry. Since I said I'd get Quinn to come and play for you, she will definitely be here."

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Felix, John, and their gang all sniggered and John jeered at him, "Just keep boasting! I'll give you one hour. You lose if Quinn the pianist does not turn up by then."

Nathan said calmly, "One hour? All I need to do is one phone call and she will rush here."

Felix and his friends burst out laughing again as they teased Nathan for boasting.

Even Penny became anxious as she felt that Nathan was bragging a little too much.

Quinn was playing for the mayor and the group of leaders right now. How could it be possible that one phone call from Nathan would prompt her to leave them behind and rush here?

Even if she were willing to do so, the mayor and the other leaders would never allow that to happen!

However, Nathan took out his mobile phone confidently and called up Colin Dunne. All he said was, "Please get Ms. Quinn the pianist to come to Empire Hotel within ten minutes to play a song for my wife."

After that, he hung up.

John and Felix, together with their gang began laughing out loud again.

John went on to jeer at him. "Hehe, this little guy here is quite good at pretending, isn't he? He could have fooled us easily!"

“You said you’ll have Ms. Quinn here in ten minutes? Doesn’t he know that it is peak hours now? Even if Ms. Quinn were to rush here, it would take her at least half an hour.”

Felix laughed and said, “Since someone wants to show off and disregard the consequences, then be it. As long as he keeps to his promise when he loses the bet.”

John then glared at Nathan. “If he dares to back out, I’ll force the shit in this glass down his throat with my bare hands.”

Everyone was standing aside ever ready to laugh at Nathan while Penny grew extremely anxious.

Time was ticking, and ten minutes was going to be up soon.

John narrowed his eyes at Nathan and said, “Hoho, ten minutes is almost up. Nathan Cross, so where is this Ms. Quinn that you speak of?”

Just as he spoke, there was a huge whirring sound from the outside.

It sounded like a tractor, but it came from the sky.

Everyone was shocked and rushed to the window only to see a helicopter flying towards their building.

Someone then shouted out loud, “This seems to be the mayor’s helicopter. What is it doing here?”

Very soon, everyone watched as the helicopter slowly descended from the sky and landed on the Empire Hotel’s helicopter patch.

Then, two smartly dressed bodyguards chaperoned an elegant and beautiful woman who alighted from the helicopter in a hurry.

Those with sharp eyes instantly recognized that lady as the internationally renowned pianist, Ms. Quinn. They immediately screamed out loud, “Yes, it’s her. The piano maestro Quinn. Oh god, she is really here!”

Suddenly more than a hundred pairs of eyes fell onto Nathan Cross, and each of them was filled with shock and surprise.

Indeed, Nathan was able to get Ms. Quinn to leave the event and rush here immediately in the mayor’s helicopter with just one phone call.

Man, how did he do it?

He must have been someone extraordinary!

Even Felix stared at Nathan with his eyes wide open. He could barely believe what happened right in front of him.

The worry in Penny's face was gone, and it was replaced with a look of genuine surprise.

She stared at Nathan with disbelief and said excitedly, "Nathan, Ms. Quinn is really here."

Nathan smiled and said, "Didn't I tell you that I'll get her here to play for you as long as you wanted to?"

With that, Penny could barely wipe her radiant smile off her beautiful face.