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Adam kneeled in front of Nathan as he grimaced in pain, due to the racking sensation that he felt.

He raised his head and screamed, "Nathan, you'd better kill me! Otherwise, I'll return for you and get my revenge!"

Naturally, Nathan replied indifferently, "Since you have a death wish, I'll fulfill it."

Once he wrapped up his speech, Nathan was about to send Adam to hell.

However, someone rushed over and shouted anxiously, "Please hold on a second!"

Everyone turned around and had their eyes glued to a middle-aged man who was in his late forties or early fifties.

The man adorned a complete set of butler uniform. There were several bodyguards behind him. Judging by his appearance, he was the butler of a prominent family.

Indeed, they were right. He was Don, the



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butler of the Black Clan.

Ever since Adam had reached Channing with a bunch of elites, Don followed suit and departed too. He was there on behalf of Mr. Black.

Once Adam dealt with Nathan, he would force Penny into submission. In other words, he would get Penny to give them her consent, forcing her hand in marriage to Mr. Black.

Evidently, he was surprised because things took a drastic turn of events. Adam failed to deal with Nathan. Instead, he had been taken into custody by Nathan.

Don rushed over immediately and begged Nathan to be merciful.

Nathan was certain that Don was the butler of the Black Clan. He could no longer hold back his laughter and asked sarcastically, "Ha! What kind of joke is this? Why are you begging me to show him mercy when you guys are the ones who are coming after me? Don, right? Why don't



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you justify the reason for me to let him off the hook this once?”

Usually, Don was a man with an arrogant demeanor because he was the butler of the Black Clan.

However, since Adam was on the verge of death because Nathan had gotten to the better of him, he dared not to be arrogant in front of Nathan.

Don asserted, “I believe that there must be a misunderstanding behind this particular incident. If Mr. Cross is willing to let our young master off the hook this once, we’ll definitely compensate you for your loss.”

In return, Nathan fell silent and gave it a thought for a few seconds as he cast a contemptuous gaze at Adam.

Eventually, he made up his mind and replied in a callous tone, “Initially, you’d be long dead by now. I have changed my mind since a representative of the Black Clan says he’s willing to compensate for the loss. I’ll auction this filthy life of yours if



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that's the case. The gain of the auction shall be used to compensate for the loss of the injured ones."

A filthy life? Auctioned?

Everyone at the scene exchanged glances and looked at one another with odd expressions on their faces.

Adam felt greatly humiliated because he had never experienced something of this sort, throughout the years, since he had always been part of the Black Clan.

Indifferently, Nathan asked Don, "What do you think?"

Albeit greatly embarrassed, Don had to play along with Nathan. "That's a brilliant idea, Mr. Cross. We are willing to accept your terms."

In return, Nathan nodded. He took a peek at the man who was down on his knees before telling Don, "Let's begin the auction immediately. Why don't you name your price, Don? How much do you think this



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filthy life is worth?"

Don decided to compensate a million for every life Adam's man had taken. He would compensate Thomas for his loss and foot the medical bill on his behalf. Hence, a total of three million would be paid to Thomas.

He finally made up his mind and decided that ten million was the best offer that he had to make.

Once he had everything sorted out, he cleared his throat and told Nathan, "The Black Clan is willing to redeem our master's life for ten million."

Nathan stared at Adam and scoffed, "Huh? Aren't you the descendant of the almighty Black Clan? It seems like there isn't anything great about you either, right? You're merely worth ten million!"

Immediately, Colin played along with Nathan and chided, "Master is right! A few weeks ago, our master had crushed William, one of the Eagleland royals' car, in

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Volk. The car had cost more than ten million. It seems like this filthy creature's life is inferior to a car, huh?"

The moment those at the restaurant had heard Nathan and Colin's words, they exchanged glances and gasped in disbelief.

Meanwhile, Adam was infuriated because he had been humiliated in front of everyone yet again.

In fact, he had a strong urge to instruct Don to raise the price.

On the other hand, Don was sweating profusely. He reached for his handkerchief and wiped his sweat profusely.

D\*\*\* it...This is so awkward...

In a condescending manner, Nathan looked down upon Adam with a grin and told him, "Although your filthy life isn't worthy at all, this is an auction. The person with the highest offer will get the authority over your life. Does anyone have a higher

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offer?"



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As soon as Nathan finished his sentence, he turned around and signaled to Sean, who was nearby.

Initially, Sean was dumbfounded because he had yet to figure out what Nathan was up to. However, he returned to his senses soon and knew that Nathan had wanted him to raise the bar.

Sean had to bite the bullet and adhere to Nathan's instructions. He cleared his throat and offered, "Fifteen million from me!"

Gleefully, Nathan replied, "You have such a great taste, sir! He's quite a great candidate for miscellaneous tasks, such as serving drinks and doing the chores, right? After all, he's the heir of the Black Clan! What a great honor to be served by him!"

Adam's jaw dropped open, the moment he had heard Nathan's words. He was indeed the heir of the Black Clan. It would be absurd for him to become a slave, serving the Smith Family.





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He turned around and glared at Don, signaling for him to raise the bar, to bring him home.

The butler had dared not hesitate. Don counter-offered, "Sixteen million from the Black Clan!"

"That's it? You're only offering another million? It seems like the Black Clan is such a stingy bunch," Nathan pronounced rhetorically.

Thomas, who was gravely injured, resisted the pain and offered, "A hundred million for his life! I want to send him to hell and get him to keep my subordinates company in hell!"

What? Thomas offered a hundred million for Adam's life?

In all honesty, Adam was irritated because Nathan had said that his life was worthless. Although Thomas offered a hundred million for his life, he could not possibly be proud of it because his life would be at stake.

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A hundred million was a huge sum. Don was taken aback by Thomas' offer. Although he was from the Black Clan, he had no authority over such a huge sum of money.

Nathan was exhausted. He asked nonchalantly, "Don, what about the Black Clan? Is it over? If that's the case, I'll have to hand Adam over to Thomas. If he has to be buried alive in the near future, you're not allowed to blame me for being merciless, okay? After all, I have given you the chance to save him."

Eventually, Don's expression morphed drastically. He stopped hesitating and yelled, "A hundred and fifty million! The Black Clan offers a hundred and fifty million to save our young master!"

Everyone engaged themselves in a heated discussion the moment they heard the offer Don had made.

It seemed like the Black Clan is indeed a wealthy clan. They are willing to go to great lengths to save their young master.



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Finally, Nathan glared at Adam indifferently once again. “Your filthy life is indeed quite valuable. I’m warning everyone from Black Clan one last time. Don’t you dare offend me anymore in the future! Otherwise, there will only be seven most revered families in the future.”

He turned around and looked at Don once he finished his sentence. “Transfer the money immediately. Once you’re done, get lost as soon as possible. I don’t want to see any one of you in Channing again!”

Soon, Don reached for his phone and called the patriarch of the Black Clan, Peyton, who had always been known as Mr. Black.

Peyton almost passed out the moment he gathered what had happened.

He had to transfer the money as requested to save his son. Otherwise, he might lose him for real.

Albeit reluctantly, Peyton transferred the agreed sum immediately.



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Soon, Thomas received a hundred and fifty million.

Don finally left with Adam and the injured bunch of elites of the Black Clan in an exasperated manner.

“I’ll have you deal with the compensation for those who have lost their lives. I want you to give each of their families a million. I’ll leave the compensation for the injured ones at your jurisdiction,” Nathan instructed Thomas.

“Yes, Master! Allow me to express my utmost gratitude on behalf of my subordinates,” Thomas replied in a serious tone.

Initially, Thomas was part of the underground. His subordinates were amongst those from the underground. Naturally, they knew what would be in store for them because those from the underground had always put their lives at stake.

They had not died in vain because they



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had secured a fortune that would allow their family members to live a carefree life. That was the best possible outcome for those who had sacrificed themselves.

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In the meantime, Adam finally returned to the Black Clan's place in Northania.

Peyton looked at Adam, who had a broken leg, with an infuriated look on his face.

"What the hell went wrong?" He asked Don.

In return, Don had to bite the bullet and tell him the truth, "Nathan isn't an ordinary man. In fact, he's quite capable because he's affiliated with the North Army. His subordinates are equally as capable as well. Young master isn't a match for Nathan. Cobra and Tigre, two of young master's most countable aides, had sacrificed themselves as well."

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“It seems like we have underestimated Nathan’s capability.” Peyton frowned in return.

Suddenly, he received a call from Cicero, the king of Eagleland and the supreme leader of the Omniscience.

He asked cold-heartedly, “Mr. Black, I have ordered you to kill Nathan to avenge William, my son. May I know how it is going?”

Peyton felt embarrassed. Nevertheless, he replied, “We have been defeated by him because we had underestimated Nathan’s capability. He has gotten the better of us this once. Don’t worry, sir. I will re-evaluate and reflect on the mistakes we have made. Please wait for the great news from us because we are certain that we will definitely get him soon.”

However, Cicero told Peyton, “My son has already recovered. He told me that he wished to get his revenge himself. William has already boarded a flight to your nation. As we speak, he’s on his way over, to your

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place. Hopefully, you'll treat my son with care, Mr. Black. Please work with him and ensure that he gets his revenge."

"William will be here to get his revenge from Nathan? That's great! We will definitely give William our cooperation and aid, wherever it is needed," Peyton exclaimed in surprise.

"Perfect!" Cicero was pleased as well.

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Meanwhile, things had finally returned to how they used to be in Channing.

Penny did not return home for lunch. Instead, she spent her lunchtime in her office because she had plenty of things on her plate.

Therefore, Nathan returned home and packed a few of her favorite dishes with him before making his way back to Penny's office.

Evidently, Penny was overjoyed the



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moment her husband showed up in the office. She expressed her gratitude as she savored the dishes her husband had brought her, “Thank you so much!”

“What’s wrong? Why does it seem like you’re exhausted? Have you run into any trouble at work?” Nathan looked at his haggard-looking wife and asked with a smile gently.

“I guess I can’t keep anything from you, huh? We have run into a few problems lately.” Penny sighed once she finished her sentence.

“What’s wrong?” Nathan asked curiously.

At long last, Penny had decided to tell Nathan of what had happened, without withholding any information from him.

It turned out that one of their clients had been denying payment for quite some time. It was a pharmaceutical drug commerce platform called Corwhale Company.





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Since six months ago, they had been denying them payment. Currently, Cross Group's receivables from the said company had amounted to up to twenty-eight billion.

Penny smiled bitterly and told Nathan, "Corwhale Company has always placed their orders with Cross Group, but they would merely pay a trivial amount of deposits every single time. Our financial department employees had been dispatched to collect the receivables, but their effort was to no avail because those from Corwhale Company would often resort to violence."

In return, Nathan's eyes widened wrathfully as he exclaimed angrily, "What the hell? I can't believe such an absurd company exists! They are generating profit through the products that have been produced by our company, but they refuse to settle their debts."

However, Nathan was baffled and probed once again, "Since those from Corwhale Company have been denying payment, we



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should stop supplying them with our products, right? Why have we been supplying them all along? That doesn't make any sense."

Once again, Penny replied with a bitter smile, "That's because Corwhale Company is a company with a special background. In fact, they're related to you."

"They're related to me?" Nathan's eyes widened as he asked rhetorically.

Penny nodded vigorously and explained, "Yes! Corwhale Company is the subsidiary of the Cross Clan. In short, it belongs to one of the eight most revered families. Cross Family is also a subdivision of Cross Clan. One of the reasons I have been supplying them with our products all along is because they're your cousins. Apart from that, I used to think that Cross Clan was accountable since they are pretty well known."

Her husband was rendered speechless by Penny's words.



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As soon as Nathan uncovered the truth, he reprimanded Penny, “You are overly careless! Although the Cross Family used to be part of the Cross Clan, we’re literally unrelated because it has been years since we’d last contacted one another. To be frank, we’re complete strangers to one another.”

He gave it a thought and suggested, “Even if we’re related to one another, that isn’t a reason for them to deny payment. That’s not how business works, right? After all, a deal is a deal. In short, we will not tolerate them any longer. We will sever the supply from now onwards until they have settled their debts.”

“Alright, I’ll get someone to work on it immediately.” Penny nodded and assured her husband.

“Since those from the Cross Clan have resorted to violence previously, I think that you should put me in charge instead! I’ll deal with those from Corwhale Company personally,” Nathan suggested.



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As soon as Penny heard Nathan's suggestion, she decided to put him in charge because he would be the best candidate to handle the matter since his relatives were most likely involved.

Therefore, Penny nodded and asserted, "Okay!"



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Nathan had always been a bold man. Since he had made up his mind, he would take the matter into his hands and deal with it immediately.

The moment he walked out of Penny's office, he ran into Kylie.

The woman had a white designer's piece on. It was obvious that she had spent quite some time dolling herself up.

Kylie had been relatively free lately because she did not have many tasks assigned to her. Hence, she decided to tag along with Nathan the moment she discovered that he would be heading out to collect the overdue receivables.

There was nothing that Nathan could do about it. He could merely allow her to tag along with him.

Before long, they reached Orientry Building. In short, the headquarter of Corwhale Company. The entire headquarter of the company had been set up inside Orientry Building.

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The moment Nathan and Kylie stepped into the headquarters of Corwhale Company, they realized that the place had been refurbished recently. In fact, it had a lavish interior that would put some five-star hotels to shame.

Kylie could not suppress her irritation anymore. She scolded, “D\*\*\* it! It’s evident that those from Corwhale Company have been denying our company’s payment deliberately. They have the money to refurbish their headquarters, but they can’t afford to pay us twenty-eight billion?”

Suddenly, the receptionist rushed over and greeted them politely, “Hello, sir. Hello, miss. How may I help both of you?”

“We are from Cross Group! We’re here for the President of Corwhale Company, Jonas. It’s time for him to settle the debt and pay us twenty-eight billion.” Kylie finished her sentence with a grim expression on her face.

The gorgeous receptionist had an odd grin on her face the moment she heard Kylie’s

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words. “It seems like it’s another bunch that’s here to demand payment. Sure! Allow me to show you the way to Mr. Cross’s office!”

Another bunch?

Meanwhile, Nathan and Kylie exchanged glances because they were bewildered by the receptionist’s choice of words.

They followed the receptionist and made their way into the elevator. Soon, they reached the president’s office on the highest floor.

The highest floor had been entirely occupied by Jonas. He had turned it into his personal office.

The entire floor had been segmented into different sections. It included his office, a conference room, a lounge, a gym, and an entertainment space.

The receptionist brought Nathan and Kylie over to the gym.

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To be exact, the gym Jonas had set up in his so-called office was on par with an actual gym. It had all sorts of equipment, including dumbbells, treadmills, and a boxing ring in the middle of the space.

Jonas, the president of Corwhale Company, was a fat man.

He had a dozen of fierce-looking underlings by his side. They were beating two men up. It seemed like those two were there to demand payment as well.

“Mr. Cross, allow me to introduce Nathan and Kylie from Cross Group. They are here to collect the overdue payment as well.”

The moment Jonas heard the receptionist’s words, he beckoned and instructed his underlings to stop. By then, the two on the floor had been beaten to a pulp. To be exact, they were on the verge of death.

“You’re Nathan? You’re my cousin, right? After all, we’re both affiliated with the Cross Clan. You should address me





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politely since I'm older than you." Jonas stared at Nathan and grinned as he finished his sentence.

Throughout the conversation, Nathan remained silent with a smile on his face as he stared at those who had been beaten up on the floor.

Jonas burst into laughter the moment he realized that Nathan had his eyes glued to the men on the floor. "These two d\*\*\*ed brats have been sent by Rainbow Company to collect the company's receivables. It's merely a few billion, yet they are constantly showing up at my doorstep to demand payment. I got fed up and decided to teach them a lesson. Boys, chase them out! I don't want them to terrify my beloved cousin!"

Soon, Jonas' underlings rushed over and brought the two gravely injured men out of the so-called gym. It was a horrifying scene as they were bleeding, all while Jonas' underlings brought them out of the confined space.



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Jonas looked at Nathan with an odd smile on his face and invited him, “Let’s go, Nathan. We’ll talk in the conference room.”

Ultimately, Nathan, Kylie, Jonas, and his underlings made their way to the conference room.

Once everyone took their seats, Jonas’ secretary served each of them a cup of tea.

Once again, Jonas looked at Nathan with a grin on his face. He asked, “What brings you here today, Nathan? You’re such a rare guest!”

“I’m here to collect the overdue payment you have been denying all this while. Don’t you think it’s time to return the twenty-eight billion you have been owing Cross Group all along?” Nathan asked with a poker face.

“Nathan, are you serious? Haven’t you seen how those who had shown up at my doorstep, demanding payment ended up? Those two impudent fools are a great



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example!" Jonas narrowed his eyes and warned Nathan with a straight face.

"I beg your pardon because I believe that we are different," Nathan replied nonchalantly.

"Oh? Does that mean you're not going to take the fact that we're cousins into consideration?" Jonas scoffed.

"The fact that we're cousins doesn't change the fact that you are in a huge debt. After all, I believe that's part of the terms of the deal that we have," Nathan replied calmly.

"Yes! You're right! It doesn't change the fact that I have a huge debt, but I don't have the money to settle the debt! I'll be frank with you! I'm in desperate need of money as well. Once I've gathered the required sum, I'll settle the debt once and for all. In the meantime, you should get lost and return to wherever you have come from!" Jonas finished his sentence in an arrogant manner, with a smirk upon his face.



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Consequently, Kylie could no longer suppress her anger. She yelled hysterically, “You’re a rouge and an embezzler! I’ll get those from the relevant departments to deal with you!”

Jonas, his secretary, and his underlings exchanged glances as soon as they heard Kylie’s threat. Eventually, they burst into laughter in the conference room.

In return, Jonas scoffed, “You’re going to get those from the relevant departments to deal with me? The director of the Industry and Commerce Bureau and the judge of the legal counsel are my friends. The chief of police often dines with me. The mayor is one of my guests as well. Apart from that, I’m part of the Cross Clan. Do you really think that you can get someone to deal with me?”

Nathan chuckled and asked rhetorically, “Really? I can’t wait to see if they have the audacity to deal with you or not!”

As soon as he finished his sentence, Nathan reached for his phone and called



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Colin, “Get in touch with the mayor of Channing, the director of Industry and Commerce Bureau, the judge of the legal counsel, and the chief of police immediately. Tell them I’d like to procure their aid and get them to show up in front of me within ten minutes.”



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Jonas burst into laughter once again the moment he had heard the conversation that Nathan had with Colin.

Jonas and his subordinates had found him hilarious because they thought that he was merely joking when he said that he would get those in power to join them within ten minutes.

Similarly, his secretary and the rest of his underlings could not hold back their laughter as well.

After all, the citizens had always been the ones who would be requested to provide their aid to the relevant departments.

It would be impossible for an ordinary citizen to procure aids from the relevant departments because the so-called aids were a double entendre. It might not necessarily mean what it literally was.

Usually, it would indicate that one had gotten themselves in a huge mess. Therefore, they had to be summoned for interrogation.



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In short, Jonas and the rest of his party thought that Nathan was joking because it would be impossible to gather the mayor and the rest of those whom he had mentioned within ten minutes.

Jonas grew full of himself and ridiculed his cousin, "Ha! If you're able to get them to show up in my office, I'll return the money to you. Apart from that, I'll get down on my knees in front of you and address you as my father!"

"Feel free to get down on your knees in front of me, but please don't address me as your father because you don't deserve to be my son," Nathan replied in a callous tone.

In return, Jonas' eyes widened in disbelief. He was infuriated by Nathan's reply.

He could not believe that he had actually run into a man that was far more arrogant than he was.

Concludingly, Jonas warned Nathan, "Fine! If they fail to show up within ten minutes,



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I'm afraid that I'll have to teach you another lesson. I'm sure that you're aware of what's in store for you, right? Hopefully, you won't end up like those two, from earlier."

Within five minutes, Jonas received a call from the receptionist. She told him in a quivering voice, "M...Mr. Cross...S...Something's wrong... T...The chief of police, Zed, is here with a bunch of infantries. T...They had surrounded the building. W...We dared not to get in their way. I...I believe that they are on their way to your office."

The moment Jonas received the call, his mind was all over the place.

Bam!

Suddenly, someone barged into the conference room. Immediately, Zed made his way into the conference room with a dozen of infantries by his side.

Jonas got up from his seat and rushed over to welcome him immediately. "Sir,



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what brings you here today?”

However, Zed pushed Jonas aside and rushed over to Nathan’s side with the dozen of infantries that he had by his side. They greeted politely, “Hello, Mr. Cross!”

“Hey...Please take a seat...” Nathan replied nonchalantly.

Along with his men, Zed nodded and replied, “Yes, Sir!”

Jonas and his underlings’ jaw dropped open because they were dumbfounded. They could not make heads-or-tails with the situation since Zed had greeted Nathan politely.

Eventually, the other few parties showed up in the conference room and greeted Nathan politely.

“I’m the director of the Industry and Commerce Bureau. My name is Alex, Mr. Cross.”

“I’m the judge of the legal counsel. My

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name is Dickson, Mr. Cross.”

“I’m the mayor of Channing. My name is Russell, Mr. Cross.”

Jonas and the rest of his party could not believe their eyes because those in power, whom Nathan had mentioned, had shown up before them, one after the other. Eventually, the mayor of Channing, Russell, showed up as well.

He was on the verge of breaking down because he was merely a trivial member of the Cross Clan. Jonas had never been a crucial member of the Cross Clan.

As a matter of fact, crucial members of Cross Clan wielded great influences, but trivial members such as Jonas were merely the Cross Clan’s slave.

Usually, Jonas would leverage his identity as one of the members of Cross Clan. In return, he would gain all sorts of favors from others because the authorities would take his identity into consideration.



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Throughout the years, he had been living a great life by repeating the same trick over and over again. He would deceive others, telling them that he was affiliated with Cross Clan, demanding them to do him all sorts of favors.

It was evident that he did not expect such an encounter a tough nut, bringing about his own downfall.

Jonas was drenched because he was sweating profusely. He looked at Nathan in horror because he could not believe that Nathan actually had the capability of getting the key figures of Channing to come over, through a mere call.

In fact, those in power had rushed over anxiously because they had no idea what Nathan was up to. Deep down, they were horrified as well.

Finally, Russell broke the silence and asked, “Mr. Cross, may I know why have you summoned us here today? Do you need anything from us?”



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Jonas' face turned pale once again when he heard the phrase escape the mayor of Channing. He could not believe that even the almighty mayor had to talk to Nathan in such a humble manner.

Oh, God! Who the hell is Nathan? What on earth is he capable of?

Jonas's heart sank to the bottom of his stomach as he thoroughly regretted his decision.



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Nathan summarized the incident, then said to Russell Crow and the leaders in an icy tone, "I heard that you're all closely affiliated with him and because all of you are covering for him, he's not afraid of the repercussions of not paying off his debts!"

Russell and the rest were shocked and furious when they heard that.

They knew Jonas, but they were closer with Nathan.

Russell glared at Jonas and questioned him coldly, "Jonas, since when are we that close? How come we don't know about that?"

Jonas started to sweat profusely as he stammered.

Russel continued, "I won't look further into this incident for now, but you must pay off the debts you owe Cross Group immediately. Otherwise, I'll ask the authorities to freeze all your personal and company assets!"



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Jonas trembled in fear as if the words struck him like lightning.

If they freeze my assets, they'll definitely put them up for auction, and the selling price will be much lower than the market value.

If that happens, all my efforts would be wasted!

Blood drained from his face as he begged desperately, "Mayor Crow, I owe Cross Group twenty-eight billion, so how can I pay it off immediately? Please give me another chance and extend the deadline..."

Russel snorted. "There's no use in begging me. You need to ask Mr. Cross if he's willing to give you more time."

Jonas finally realized that Nathan was the one calling the shots instead of Russell and the other leaders.

He stared at Nathan with a panicky expression as his voice quivered. "Mr. Cross..."



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Nathan smirked. “Haha. Weren’t you all that just a few moments ago? Why are you begging me now? I remember you saying that I will face the same fate as the two debt collectors whom you beat into a pulp, right?”

Thump!

Overwhelmed with shock, Jonas got down on his knees instantly upon hearing that.

His entire body shivered while he pleaded, “Mr. Cross, I was wrong. Please give me a grace period given that we’re both Crosses. Otherwise, they will auction off all my assets, and I’ll be dead meat.”

Nathan’s anger subsided slightly when he saw Jonas on his knees, begging for mercy. “Alright, I’ll give you another two weeks. If you don’t pay up by then, you will be doomed.”

Jonas agreed at once, “Sure, sure. I will pay off the debt within two weeks.”

After Nathan, Kylie, Russell, and the



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leaders had left, the only remaining people in the guest room were Jonas and his subordinates.

He slumped into his chair in despair as he dismissed his subordinates.

It took a lot of effort to scam twenty-eight billion from Cross Group!



I probably won't ever make that much money in my entire life, so am I supposed to just give the money back to them?

However, Nathan still has Channing's mayor supporting him. If I don't return the money, he'll definitely come after me. What should I do?

Just as Jonas was about to give up, he had a sudden realization. He then muttered to himself excitedly, "I can ask the elders of the Cross Clan to help me out! Even though I'm a nobody, the elders are qualified to deal with Nathan! If Gregory Cross is willing to help me, I'll only need to fork out a few billion at most! He's the third master of the Cross Clan, and he's



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well connected with people from both sides of the law. Besides, he's even acquainted with the governor of the South, Patrick Ward! Those Channing b\*stards are nothing compared to him!"

He immediately called the third master of the Cross Clan, Gregory Cross. "Mr. Cross, I'm Jonas Cross from the fifth subdivision of the Cross Clan, and I need to ask for your help..."



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The next day, in Cross Group's CEO office.

Nathan and Penny were in the midst of a conversation. With a smile, she said, "You're really amazing. I've never expected that Corwhale Company would agree to pay up!"

Nathan said flatly, "That Jonas guy is very cunning. Hopefully, he will pay us back and not attempt any funny business."

At that moment, Penny's assistant, Jenny, knocked on the door and entered the room.

She informed courteously, "President Smith, there's a group of people outside, and their leader is the self-proclaimed third master of the Cross Clan, Gregory Cross. He even said that he's Mr. Cross's elder, and he requests an audience with you."

The third master of the Cross Clan,  
Gregory Cross!

Nathan and Penny exchanged a glance. It seems like Jonas really doesn't want to



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pay up. He even asked an elder from the clan for help!

Nathan said calmly, "Just let him in since he's already here. I'm curious as to why he's here as well!"

The leader of the group was a man in his fifties. He was dressed even more fashionably than youngsters, wearing a floral shirt matched with a Patek Philippe watch worth millions.

This man was the third master of the Cross Clan, Gregory Cross, and behind him were Jonas and several bodyguards.

Jenny showed Gregory the way as she said politely, "Mr. Cross, please come this way."

In response, Gregory pinched her butt cheeks and broke into a perverted smile. "Thank you, Ms. Jenny."

Jenny flushed with shock and anger, but she wasn't in the position to lose her temper.



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Nathan frowned when he saw what happened, while Penny's expression darkened instantly.

At that moment, Gregory cast his gaze over Nathan and Penny. He couldn't help but let out a gasp of admiration when he saw Penny.

He then grinned at Nathan and asked, "Are you a collateral descendant of the Cross Clan, Nathan Cross?"

Nathan replied calmly, "I'm Nathan Cross from the Cross family in Northania!"

Jonas replied smugly, "He's the third master of the Cross Clan, and according to seniority, you should greet him as Mr. Cross."

Nathan smiled but did not utter a word when he heard that statement.

Who cares about seniority when we're practically strangers? Besides, no one from the Cross Clan ever came to show their respects when my father passed



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away.

It's so ironic how they come and proclaim themselves as relatives now that I have something they want.

Gregory's expression darkened instantly when Nathan didn't greet him at all.

Sensing that something was amiss, Penny hurriedly instructed Jenny, "Go prepare some tea for the elders."

However, Gregory stopped her. "Wait a minute!"

Upon hearing that, everyone looked at Gregory in bewilderment.

Gregory then glared at Nathan and declared, "I want him to prepare the tea for me personally!"

Penny and Jenny exchanged glances before shifting their gazes to Nathan.

However, Nathan remained poised when he retorted, "Why me?"



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Gregory snorted. “The Cross Clan’s rules are stringent. The younger generation must obey their elders. If I ask you to brew tea for me, then you must do so. Besides that, I want the Cross Group to extend the grace period of the Corwhale Company’s debt indefinitely!”

Penny was utterly dumbfounded.

If the grace period is extended indefinitely, it means Cross Group won’t be allowed to collect the debt from Corwhale Company!

Haha!

Nathan finally realized that Gregory had come here to boss him around.

He commanded me to prepare tea for him on purpose, as if I’m his subordinate, and even requested to extend the grace period indefinitely!

Nathan’s lips curled into a smirk as he replied, “I can make tea for you on one condition—you must drink it while kneeling.”



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What?

Everyone was taken aback.

Nathan actually had the guts to ask Gregory to kneel down and drink it!

Rage filled Gregory's eyes, and his face flushed an ugly red.

This is preposterous!

What an insolent brat!

Bang!

Gregory slammed his hand on the table as he bellowed, "Nathan, how dare you talk to me this way when you're just a nobody in the Cross Clan! I will punish you in accordance with the rules of the clan!"

However, Nathan wasn't enraged. He looked at Gregory and his men as he replied calmly, "I think you're mistaken. I'm from the Cross family, not the Cross Clan. We have not been affiliated with your clan for over a few decades. I will welcome you



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wholeheartedly if you're here to rekindle our old ties, but if you're here to cause trouble just because you think we're easy targets, then you've come to the wrong place."

Infuriated by his words, Gregory commanded, "This is outrageous! How dare a lowlife from the Cross family treat me this way! Someone break his legs for me! You're done for today. Not even the mayor of Channing can save you!"

Upon hearing Gregory's command, a few burly men behind him stepped forward to execute his orders.

However, at that precise moment, Colin stepped into the room with the Elite Eight.

Colin barked furiously, "How dare you act this high and mighty in front of our Master! Sit back down!"

A few members from the Elite Eight stepped forward immediately and subdued Gregory's men, who were about to execute his orders.



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Thump!

Thump! Thump!

In no time, the muscular bodyguards were forced back to their seats as they were no match for the Elite Eight.

Colin placed one hand on Gregory's shoulder and commanded in a deep voice, "You should sit down too!"

Gregory winced in pain when he felt an overwhelming force exerted by Colin's hand and was forced back into his chair.

After that, Nathan instructed Jenny to serve the tea.

In no time, several cups of tea were placed in front of Gregory and his men.

Nathan said with a smile, "Nevertheless, I still know how to treat a guest properly. Please enjoy your tea."

But Gregory remained motionless, staring daggers at Nathan. If looks could kill,



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Nathan would probably be dead by now.

Colin bawled, "Our Master is asking you to drink the tea!"

Having said that, he gripped Gregory's shoulders a little tighter, and a soft crackling sound could be heard.

Gregory yelped from the excruciating pain, "I'll do it, I'll do it..."

He hastily took a sip of the tea, but it was so hot that he scalded his tongue and almost dropped the cup.

Penny and Jenny exchanged a knowing glance as they had the same thought in mind, Nathan really is formidable.

Nathan said with a grin, "Mr. Cross, let's talk business now. Regarding your request to extend the grace period indefinitely, I'm afraid I have to say no."

Gregory threatened in rage, "Nathan, I hope you won't regret your decision to oppose the Cross Clan someday."



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Nathan only smiled in response before he turned towards Jonas.

“Since you tried to threaten me, I’ll ask the leaders in Channing to freeze a portion of your assets. Besides that, I want you to pay up in seven days! If you don’t meet the deadline, you’ll bear the brunt of your actions.”

At this moment, Jonas felt even more helpless than before, and a dejected expression crept up his face.

He had spent a lot of money asking Gregory for help because he wanted to renege on paying off his debts.

He had never imagined that his plan would backfire, and now he had lesser time to settle his debt.

Nathan ordered Colin, “Please see them out.”

Upon hearing that, Colin said to Gregory, “Mr. Cross, this way please!”



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Gregory had an indecipherable expression as he prepared to leave with his subordinates.

Right then, Nathan said in amusement, "You're welcome to have tea with me any time."

Gregory almost tripped when he heard that.



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In the Cross Clan's residence in Johnstone City, Northania.

The third master of the Cross Clan, Gregory Cross, was complaining about Nathan to the head of the Cross Clan, Morris Cross.

He bellowed furiously, "Morris, that little brat has gone overboard. I think there's a need to punish him in order to maintain the reputation of the Cross Clan's elders!"

Morris replied nonchalantly, "I thought the Cross family would perish after Zayn died, but I've never expected that Nathan and his wife Penny would manage to unite the Cross family and the Cross Group, even achieving success in the pharmaceutical field. At this rate, the Cross family will definitely become a prominent international company after ten years."

Gregory's eyes widened in surprise. "Morris, what do you mean? Surely you're not thinking about building rapport just because he's successful and ignoring the humiliation I faced?"



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Morris grinned. “What I meant was, the Cross Group has great potential, so if we manage to make it ours, the Cross Clan will be launched to greater heights.”

Gregory exclaimed excitedly, “You’re thinking about taking over the Cross Group! Morris, do you have any ideas on how to do so?”

Morris took out a philosophy book and flipped through it casually before saying in a calm tone, “I plan to wait patiently and see what happens.”

Gregory was dumbfounded. “Morris, did those philosophy books rot your brain? If we don’t take revenge against Nathan and snatch the Cross Group from him, do you think that they will just serve it to us on a silver platter?”

Nathan replied with a grin, “That’s right. I predict that it won’t be long before Nathan gives us the Cross Group.”

Gregory’s eyes widened in surprise. “Why is that so?”



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Morris explained calmly, “I heard that Nathan crossed the Black Clan, and they threatened to kill his entire family. The Black Clan is extremely powerful, so Nathan is no match for them! When Nathan is driven into a corner by them, he’ll have no choice but to serve the Cross Group to us on a silver platter in exchange for his family’s safety. That is how we can get the Cross Group without the need to put in any extra effort!”

Gregory exclaimed excitedly, “That’s a great idea! Haha, we will just wait and see what happens for now. We’ll watch as the Black Clan overpowers Nathan and he comes to us for help.”

Morris smiled in response, wearing the same expectant expression as Gregory.

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At that moment, Nathan, Kylie, and Colin were on a flight to Forthmore City in Northania to attend the seventieth birthday celebration of the General of the North, Geronimo Louie.



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Geronimo used to be Nathan's superior, and Nathan was grateful to the former for promoting him, so he had to attend the birthday celebration.

Incidentally, Kylie was on leave these few days, so she tagged along, regarding the trip to Northania as a vacation.

Nathan had no choice but to let her come with him.

The plane made two fuel stops before they arrived at Forthmore City.

When the plane entered Forthmore City's airspace, two fighter jets whizzed towards them and escorted the plane on each side, respectively.

The passengers gaped in shock at the sight, and they started to speculate what was happening.

Which prominent figure is on the plane right now?

He must be very powerful to be able to





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mobilize two fighter jets!

Kylie, who was seated in the economy class cabin, stared at Nathan with wonder in her eyes because she knew the fighter jets were definitely here to escort him.

Nathan, on the other hand, asked Colin in displeasure, "What's happening here? Didn't I say to keep a low profile?"

Colin smiled helplessly. "Master, I already told them that they're not allowed to go to such lengths to welcome us and attract the civilians' attention, but in the end, they still did it..."

Nathan was slightly peeved. "I'm just here for General Louie's birthday celebration! What a waste of resources!"



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Meanwhile, in the first-class cabin.

William stared at the fighter jets in surprise as a rare smile appeared on his sullen face.

He said smugly, “The Black Clan knows that I’m coming, so they sent two fighter jets to escort me! How considerate of them!”

One of his subordinates, a muscular and handsome blonde man with blue eyes, replied with a grin, “The fact that the Black Clan can mobilize two fighter jets indicates that they’re a force to be reckoned with.”

William agreed, “Indeed. They seem to be quite formidable.”

“But I’m still confused about something. Why can’t they kill Nathan yet if they’re so powerful?”

“Legion, we shouldn’t rely on others to take revenge on our behalf. I guess we will have to kill Nathan with our own hands. The



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Black Clan can only assist us.”

It turned out that the blonde man with blue eyes was a combat expert that William brought from Eagleland, and his nickname was Legion.

When Legion was young, he was sent to train in the most horrific and brutal underground boxing ring on the planet.

There were a hundred new recruits in the Siberian boxing ring, and only one or two survived the gruesome training.

The children were trained to tackle ferocious beasts, and after their training, they could easily kill a thousand-pound grizzly bear with just one strike.

Legion was the only survivor of the training program. After that, he went on to dominate the underground boxing ring by winning all one hundred and seven of his matches and killing every single opponent he faced.

He was a harbinger of death and the

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master of the ring, so everyone called him 'Legion.'

And the fact that William brought Legion along with him was a testament to how much William wanted to exact revenge on Nathan.

At present, Legion seemed calm and poised as he squinted, but his murderous aura was still evident in his demeanor. He merely grinned and replied, "As you wish."

It didn't take long before the plane started landing at the Forthmore International Airport.

Meanwhile, the two fighter jets went on their own ways because they had completed their mission.

In no time, the plane landed, and the passengers alighted from it. Meanwhile, there were twenty black Mercedes Benz cars and an elongated Lincoln car parked at the airport's entrance.

Adam Black held a crutch as he patiently



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waited for William's arrival, along with one hundred underlings in black suits.

When William appeared, Adam stepped forward to greet him, "Mr. William, you're finally here. We've been waiting for you."

William smiled out of satisfaction. "Mr. Black, we appreciate your efforts of going the extra mile to send two fighter jets to escort us. I'm very pleased."

Fighter jets?

Adam was stunned, but he immediately chuckled and replied, "Don't worry about it. You're a very important guest to the Black Clan, so of course we need to welcome you with the highest regard."

"Haha!" Immediately after he said that, a mocking laugh was heard from the side.

When Adam and William turned to look in the direction of the sound, they saw Nathan, Colin, and Kylie.

They realized that Colin was the one who



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laughed just now.

It turned out that Colin heard William and Adam's conversation when they were passing by. He couldn't help but burst into laughter when he heard Adam claim that the Black Clan was the one who mobilized the fighter jets.

How shameless can a person get!

William and Adam were both shocked at first when they saw Nathan, but their astonished expression immediately turned into one of rage.

It was a meeting between enemies!



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When William saw Nathan, he was filled with conflicting emotions of shock, rage, and excitement.

He was shocked and furious because he had never thought that he would meet Nathan here. But at the same time, he was excited because the enemy he had always wanted to eradicate showed up before him.

He smiled menacingly and said, "Haha. It seems like luck is on our side! I intended to look for you, but now that you're here, I don't have to anymore!"

Nathan replied coldly, "It seems like you didn't learn your lesson in Volk."

At the mention of Volk, William's face contorted in rage.

Nathan castrated William when they were in Volk, and because of that, even William's voice started to become more feminine and high-pitched.

A murderous glint appeared in his eyes as