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Bang!

The loud noise sounded when eight of them put the heavy coffin down.

The dirge had also stopped playing at this moment.

More than two hundred Gehenna's subordinates scattered to surround Nathan, Colin and the Elite Eight.

After that, seven figures of different body shapes, each exuding a strong aura, appeared right in front of them.



They were the remaining Princes of Hell.

They stepped aside to make way for a martial and domineering man. That person, dressed in a black suit with a fur coat, slowly strolled forward.

He was the master of Gehenna, Elijah Pierce the Orcus.

He stared at Nathan indifferently. "It seems like you're well-informed. You know





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your time has come, so you willingly went out for us to kill you," He coldly uttered.

He then added, "But your death alone isn't enough to offset your crime. Your whole family will have to follow along."

Frida, who was hiding in the dark, turned pale when she saw the scene that was unfolding before her eyes.

The Gehenna's Master Orcus had personally come with the Seven Princes of Hell and his elite subordinates.

Nathan, on the other hand, only had a few companions around him. They were like a group of praying mantis compared to the opponents.

What are they going to do?

Frida was beyond anxious. She suddenly noticed how relaxed and collected Nathan was despite being surrounded by the Gehenna

"You're not even worthy to kill me," Nathan





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calmly said to Elijah.

A look of surprise flashed in the latter's eyes.

The Seven Princes of Hell were also wearing the same expression.

Gehenna was the number one mercenary organization in the nation and was backed by many big bosses of Brimmopolis. Other than that, Elijah had sibling-like connections with most of the powerful people in the city. Because of this, Gehenna overtopped even the law.

There was a saying in the circle that described the organization; the Gehenna was the only executor of life and death.

However, who would've thought that someone from a small city like Channing wasn't afraid of the Gehenna? He had even uttered disrespectful words to Orcus himself.

Upon hearing that, Elijah became furious as he smiled evilly, "Such an arrogant



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person. I hope you're competent enough to fight against us. Otherwise, you'll surely die a miserable death."

"Where are the Seven Princes of Hell!" He shouted.

"Here!" They replied as they each stepped forward with murderous looks.

"Kill them all," Elijah coldly ordered. "Let them die beside each other on the street."

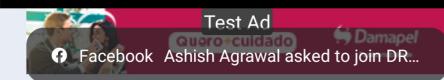
"Yes!"

With that, the Seven Princes of Hell started their move on Nathan and the others.

The appearance of these experts of Gehenna actually meant that Nathan and his men were strong opponents.

They usually wouldn't join forces together. If Nathan weren't the reason behind the loss of the other three members of Princes of Hell, they definitely wouldn't be here.

Frida turned pale when she saw the enemy



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attacking at the same time. Oh no. It's over, It's over for them.

Despite that, Nathan remained calm and unmoving, with his hands on his back.
There was no trace of fear in his stance at all.

"Protect Master!" Colin ordered in his deep voice.

"Yes, sir!" The Elite Eight responded in unison and stepped out together to hold off the Seven Princes of Hell.

Although there were only eight of them, they exuded an army-like vibe with their neat and in-sync movements.

"Attack!"

The Seven Princes of Hell and the Elite Eight immediately pounced on each other.

The Princes of Hell of Gehenna were all top mercenary leaders in Asia.

But the Elite Eight were the best soldiers in





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the North Army. The army had personally selected these young marshals' guards, and each of them was the strongest existence the army ever had.

Right now, the top mercenaries were fighting against the top soldiers.

The result was predictable!



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As soon as their fists bumped into each other, the hard impact of the Elite Eight's punches on the Princes of Hell made them spit out blood and fell on the ground in a painful scream.

Upon seeing this, Elijah widened his eyes in shock.

Where did he find these subordinates? How could they be so powerful that they could defeat my Princes of Hell just like that?

He looked at the Princes of Hell, only to find that three had been knocked down. The other four were severely injured. They couldn't proceed in that dangerous condition.

"How dare you be this impudent in front of me! I'm the Orcus!" He shouted. "I'll kill you myself!"

"Princes of Hell, retreat!" He took off his fur coat and forcefully tossed it aside.

The coat was like a rotating car cover as it





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whizzed towards the Elite Eight.

All eight were surprised as they gave up on besieging the remaining four Princes of Hell to block the incoming fur coat.

Bam!

The Elite Eight stepped back together as they stared at Elijah in shock.

The master of Gehenna really shouldn't be underestimated.

People could see that he was highly skilled and experienced in such battles.

Nathan grasped that Elijah's skills were above even those of the Elite Eight by that action alone.

"You're not his opponents," He blandly informed his subordinates. "Let me handle him."

"Yes, Master!"

The Elite Eight stepped back as ordered.





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Nathan unhurriedly walked out with his hands on his back. He stopped less than five meters away from Elijah. The two glared at each other.

Frida was shocked by Elijah's strength. He had quaked Nathan's elite subordinates just by throwing his fur coat towards them.

That was why she hadn't expected the latter to duel with Elijah.

Is he crazy? His opponent is the master of Gehenna, for heaven's sake!

Elijah smirked at Nathan. "I have to say I'm impressed by your ignorant courage. At this point, I might keep your corpse."

"Are you done with your nonsense?" Nathan responded indifferently.

Elijah's face turned red. "F*** you!" He roared.

His built body surged towards Nathan, and the ground shook with his heavy footsteps.





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"Take this Gehenna Palm!" He howled before connecting his right palm on Nathan's chest.

The impact of his palm was horrifying. It was strong enough to crack the metal open.

Elijah was confident the Gehenna Palm was enough to damage Nathan's bones and organs. He would die on the spot.

Frida almost had a heart attack when she saw this.

However, Nathan raised his hand and easily caught Elijah's wrist, stopping his inevitable technique.

What?

Elijah's pupils dilated in shock.

Frida, the Princes of Hell and all Gehenna's subordinates were also stupefied.

Though surprised, Elijah still angrily raised his leg to kick Nathan's crotch harshly to





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make the latter let go of his wrist.

Seeing this, Nathan sneered and mirrored his movement. He was even faster and stronger.

Pak!

When Elijah only had his knee up, he already received Nathan's deadly kick.

Crack!

The sound of his broken knee echoed as he wailed in pain. Despite that, he still desperately wanted to fight back.

But Nathan never gave him that chance. He locked his enemy's wrist with his right hand as his left fist landed on Elijah's face.

Bam!

The impact of his fist was like an axe chopping on wood. It instantly smashed Elijah's bones, and he spat out blood.

To their surprise, Nathan had actually





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beaten the master of the Gehenna to death just like that!

Frida, the Princes of Hell and their subordinates were all dumbfounded.

Nathan's strength was too terrifying. For him, killing the Orcus of Gehenna was as simple as stepping on a cockroach.



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Nathan turned around to glare at the people of Gehenna. "Who else wishes to taste my fist?"

Thud! Thud! Thud!

When Nathan's eyes roamed over the place, all he saw was the Princes of Hell and their elite subordinates kneeling involuntarily in fright.

He had killed Master Orcus in just one blow. How could they still have the courage to fight against him?

Although this was a battle, nobody could block Nathan's powerful punch.

In a moment, Gehenna, the strongest mercenary organization of the nation, all knelt before Nathan Cross.

"We were wrong, Mr. Cross!"

"Please forgive us!"

"Mr. Cross, we're willing to accept any kind of punishment. Please spare our lives!"





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Mercenaries were regarded as money slaves and battle lackeys. They would actively participate in a battle for money.

Unlike trained soldiers, these bastards didn't have their own faith and beliefs. That was why when faced with a terrifying and undefeatable figure like Nathan, they would unhesitantly kneel to beg for mercy.

Nathan shook his head. "Those who bet their lives for money are completely different from soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. They're much worse."

"These mercenaries aren't worthy of being compared with the soldiers. You think too highly of them, Master," Colin voiced out beside him. "How do you plan to deal with them?"

Nathan glanced at the Gehenna's Princes of Hell and all the subordinates.

"I'm not going to raise a fuss with you since you're just accomplices. But you must disband the Gehenna. From now on, there's no such thing as Gehenna, the





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mercenary organization in the nation. Otherwise, there'll be severe consequences."

Upon hearing this, they all kowtowed to him. "Yes, Mr. Cross. Thank you for sparing our lives."

Soon, they fled in embarrassment after collecting Elijah and the others' bodies.

Once they were out of sight, Nathan, Colin, and the Elite Eight were the only ones there.

Nathan looked at the tree in the middle of a flower bed. "Until when are you going to hide there?"

Hearing this, Frida knew he was aware of her presence as she emerged from behind the tree. "Hehe, Mr. Cross!" she greeted with an embarrassed and awkward smile.

The corners of Nathan's lips curled up.

He had noticed her unsubtle look of disdain in her eyes ever since they met.





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Now she suddenly addresses me with a title?

"Why did you follow me?"

"I overheard you mentioned something about the Gehenna over your phone and was worried that something might happen to you. That's why I secretly followed you."

"Thank you for your concern, then!" Nathan smiled.

He then ignored her and walked towards Riverside to head home. Colin and the Elite Eight were doing their own things by now.

Although he was ignoring Frida, the woman had developed great interest and curiosity about him.

She quickly caught up with him. "Mr. Cross, who really are you?" She questioned, "Your subordinates are amazing and even more powerful than my instructors in the special forces."

"Not to mention how you singlehandedly





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killed Gehenna's master with just a blow. That's incredible. Judging from your skills, you must not be an ordinary person. Why did you decide to live off of Ms. Smith? Care to you explain it to me?" She added.

Nathan glanced at her before saying, "I used to know an old master of Valorous Temple. He was over a hundred years old before he died."

Frida's eyes lit up, "So you learned your mighty skills from him?"

"No!" He replied while shaking his head.

"I just want to let you know that he managed to live over a hundred years old because he didn't butt into people's business."



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Urgh!

Frida was instantly embarrassed and was rendered speechless.

She glared at his back, feeling embarrassed and irritated. Don't be so proud of yourself. With my abilities, I'll definitely find out your true identity.

The next day, Frida did her job as Penny's bodyguard to the fullest. She made sure to protect the latter every step of the way regardless of the situation.

When they clocked off work, Nathan and Penny exited the Cross Group and headed to a café across the street.

Frida followed along, but she sat further away from the pair.

She sat in a location where she could give them privacy yet could be the first to show up if they encountered danger.

She stole a glance at Nathan. His body was sturdy, and his eyes were twinkling





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brightly. The more she stared at him, the attractive she found it to be.

Why didn't I notice how good-looking and manly he actually is?

She became even more certain that he had another identity instead of a man living off his wife.

With that thought in mind, she immediately took out her laptop, switched it on, and opened an internal website.

She could check everyone's information using this website. It was better than the Household Registration's system since it could even check some hidden files.

Of course, many people's files needed permission from the authority to view them.

It would be more difficult to gain permission if the authority were highly protecting someone's identity.

Frida entered Nathan's name and the ID





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number she found last night. Just like that, his file appeared on her screen.

She tried to open the file, but a red exclamation mark instantly popped out. It was a warning that she didn't have permission to view the file.

This file is an SSSSS level top-secret classification. Your viewing permission is insufficient.

Frida was stupefied when she read it.

She widened her eyes to count the letter 'S' with a trembling finger. There's five S! That's the highest level of confidentiality!

How's this possible?

A normal general's file is usually only Slevel. But his file is SSSS level top-secret classification! Who on earth is he?

Am I hallucinating? Is something wrong with my laptop?

Frida couldn't believe it, so she tried to





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open it again by clicking twice. She was greeted with the same warning.

She looked at Nathan in surprise and secretly guessed his background.

Who in the nation would have such highlevel confidentiality at such a young age?

As she was trying hard to guess his true identity, many black car engines were roaring outside.

A group of men in black suits with name cards got out of the cars.

At the same time, many SWAT cars also arrived. One by one, armed officers hurriedly exited the cars.

Frida used to protect the First Lady. She recognized the license plate of the first car as well as the men in black suits. As soon as she saw them, she knew that the people of the Secret Service had arrived.

She looked at the SWAT and Secret Service personnel that surrounded the





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café.

Why did they get dispatched here? Who are they going after? It seems like a serious situation.

Thereon, she looked down and noticed her laptop screen, only to be frightened.

They were probably here to arrest her for her numerous attempts to check Nathan's data. Her actions must've alerted the National Security Agency.

Her jaw dropped in shock as her mind swam back and forth.

Good heavens. Who the hell is that b****d? I only attempted to check his data a few times, yet the Secret Service was already notified!





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Bang!

The café's door was smashed open.

The serious-looking men dressed in allblack with name tags then entered the shop, followed by the SWAT officers.

"Everyone, stop doing what you're doing now! Don't talk! Don't move! We're from the Secret Service, and we're here to arrest a suspect," A man in his forties ordered.

He was Desmond Walter, the person in charge of Channing's Secret Service.

When the law enforcement detected that someone was frequently trying to view Nathan's data without authority, they suspected it was a foreign spy. That was why they had quickly dispatched Desmond and the SWAT to arrest the suspect.

Everyone in the café, including Penny and Frida, were astounded.

The latter knew she was the one who had 'invited' the Secret Service personnel for





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doing exactly that deed.

On the other hand, Penny was bewildered because there weren't that many people in the café.

She glanced at the couple seated not far from them and then at Frida, who was seated nearby. Who are they going to arrest?

Nathan was also frowning slightly. He then noticed Frida's laptop screen and the big red warning on it, which made him freeze for a moment.



He soon realized that she was the one who had been trying to find out his true identity.

She must've tried it a few times if the Secret Service is already here.

He was both amused and angry.

"Suspect? I think you're mistaken. There are only a few people here," He blandly said to Desmond before he and the squad could arrest Frida.





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Some of the temporary task force personnel formed by the SWAT and Secret Service were angered by what he said because they didn't know who Nathan was.

But when Desmond saw him, his expressions visibly changed. He instantly understood what the man meant.

His eyes rolled before he pretended to look around. "Oh no! We're at the wrong place! It's actually the café on the next street," He exclaimed.

"Retreat!"

"Let's hurry to the other street and arrest the suspect!"

Many SWAT and Secret Service personnel were unsure of what was happening, but they quickly followed Desmond to the car nonetheless.

When they were inside the car, one of the subordinates couldn't help but ask, "Sir, this is the right café. The suspect is here.





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Why did you..."

Desmond glanced at the Hot Shots Café through the rearview mirror before shaking his head with a wry smile. "If that man said we're mistaken, then we're mistaken."

"Huh?" His subordinates asked confusedly, "Who is he?"

Desmond wiped his forehead with his handkerchief before responding slowly, "He's the owner of the SSSS level topsecret classification data, the top General of the North and the nation's God of War."



What?

All the subordinates that were in the same car as Desmond were stunned.

They were shocked yet feeling a bit remorseful.

They had the opportunity to meet the svelte General, but they had not recognized him. What a pity!





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Meanwhile, the customers and workers in the café were talking in hushed tones.

In their eyes, the SWAT was a powerful unit, while the Secret Service was a mysterious unit. They never expected both teams to show up right together, trying to catch a suspect.

Even Penny wondered what crime the suspect had done to have alarmed the Secret Service.



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Frida was a little embarrassed as she was the one who had caused the trouble.

Fortunately, Nathan's remark took the heat off her.

She looked at Nathan in admiration because she knew of his true identity.

After all, there were only a handful of highranking officers in the nation. Plus, those as young as Nathan were rare.

When Nathan asked the Secret Service and SWAT to leave, Frida noticed that even the two law enforcement units had to take orders from him.

Since Nathan was also skilled in martial arts, Frida had reason to believe that he was none other than the General of the North.

Hence, Frida looked at Nathan excitedly as if she were worshipping a god.

She had once been a soldier and regarded the God of War as her idol even though





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she had never been able to meet him. Therefore, she felt honored to be able to meet the General in person and even become the bodyguard of his wife.

In fact, she was so excited that she almost couldn't help but scream out loud.

When Penny talked to the customers and staff about what had happened earlier, everyone didn't think it was strange. They merely regarded it as news and eventually stopped discussing it, returning to work as usual.

Later that day, Penny returned to Cross Group and began her work in the CEO office.

After working there for quite some time, Frida felt that her working hours were relatively flexible.

When Nathan was about to take a lift to go downstairs, Frida immediately came up to him and greeted him, "Mr. Cross!"

She successfully rushed into the lift right





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before it closed.

Hence, the lift went down with only two persons in it. Nathan felt slightly uncomfortable when he looked at Frida, who was looking excited and nervous at the same time. It was as if he was a military instructor while she was a newly registered soldier.

After a moment of silence, Nathan asked blandly, "What's wrong?"

Frida said softly, "Thank you for helping me in the cafe. Actually, the Secret Service came because I attempted to find out who you are. Anyway, thank you for saving me."

Nathan replied coldly, "I did tell you that a person who's nosy would eventually risk her neck, yet you didn't listen to me."

Much to his surprise, Frida couldn't help but reply softly, "I'm curious about who you are because you seem so powerful..."

Once she finished speaking, she looked up at him for a while before she continued,





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"Even though I didn't obtain an exact answer from my investigation, I think I know who you are. If I'm not mistaken, you're the General of the North and the God of War of our nation. Besides, you're literally worshipped by every soldier."

Meanwhile, Nathan was surprised that Frida had found out who he was.

Nevertheless, he didn't mind and only reminded her, "It's fine if you're aware of it, but don't tell anyone about it. I don't want to cause trouble to my family and disrupt their peaceful lives due to my identity."

Since Nathan was the God of War of the nation, many enemies were waiting for the opportunity to get rid of him.

Therefore, Nathan didn't want anyone to reveal his identity for fear that his enemies would target his family members once they knew who he was.

Frida nodded repeatedly and said, "Yes, General. I'll keep it a secret and would rather die than reveal it to anyone."





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Much to Frida's surprise, he said gleefully, "It's not necessary. I won't blame you if you reveal it because your life is under threat."

Ding-dong! They finally arrived at the parking area when the lift opened.

Nathan turned to Frida, saying, "Alright, you may return to the office to protect my wife."

Frida immediately stood straight to give him a military salute. She replied in a deep voice, "Understood!"

Nathan flashed her a smile before he turned around and left.

Frida was particularly excited as she watched Nathan's retreating figure from behind.

I've never thought I'll have the honor to meet the General! I guess it's the dying wish of every soldier!

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The news about the death of Elijah Pierce, the leader of Orcus, travelled fast.

In Brimmopolis, Tristan Westwood, the Major General in the Navy, who recently retired, was feeling exasperated as he sat in his study.

In fact, almost no one was aware that Elijah Pierce's father was Tristan.

Ever since they had a daughter, Tristan's wife didn't bear him another child. In the early days, every family was allowed to have only one child since the nation implemented the one-child policy. Besides, given that he was a prominent high-ranking officer in the Navy, he didn't reveal to anyone that he had another child.

Nevertheless, he had had an affair with another woman, who bore him a son later. He was none other than Elijah Pierce.

Because of his status in the Navy, he couldn't officially recognize Elijah as his son.

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Despite that, he took care of Elijah behind the scenes.

In fact, without Tristan's help, Elijah wouldn't have been enlisted in the Dragon Special Force, not to mention receiving intense training to be a martial arts master.

Elijah would have never gotten to know the young masters from the prominent families in the city without his help.

Elijah also couldn't possibly establish Orcus, the largest mercenary army in the nation.

In short, Elijah became a successful and respected figure solely because his father had paved the way for him.

Nonetheless, Tristan never thought that his son would die three days after his retirement.

His heart crumbled into a thousand pieces when he heard the news.





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The Westwood family was a traditional prominent family. Besides, Tristan was even more old-school as he believed that having a son was of the utmost importance to the Westwood family.

As such, Tristan had initially decided to recognize Elijah as his son after he retired. He had planned to accept Elijah as part of the Westwood family and select him as the family successor even if others opposed it.

Unfortunately, his son had died as soon as he retired!

Tristan was exasperated; he smashed the rosewood desk and yelled ferociously, "Damn you, Nathan Cross! How dare you kill my son? I'll make sure the Cross and the Smith family will have no children!"

At that moment, someone knocked on the door twice.

A gorgeous and slim lady, aged around twenty-seven, walked into the study slowly.





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She was Tristan's daughter, Yvonne Westwood.

Yvonne squatted down to pick up the things scattered across the floor and asked politely, "Dad, what's wrong?"

Tristan looked at his daughter coldly and said, "Didn't you guys stop me from accepting Elijah into the family? Didn't you guys oppose my plan to recognize him as my son and part of the Westwood family? Now, your wish came true. A b****d named Nathan Cross from Channing has killed Elijah. From now on, the Westwood family belongs to you because no one will ever compete with you again."

After Tristan finished, Yvonne lowered her head and said composedly, "Dad, you're wrong. How can a woman like me inherit the legacy of the Westwood family? I opposed your plan of bringing your younger brother back for the sake of protecting your reputation. Now that my younger brother passed away, I've fallen apart as much as you have."





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Nevertheless, Tristan said blandly, "Stop acting in front of me! I've lost all my hope since Elijah is dead. I only wish to do one thing now - Kill Nathan Cross to avenge your brother. You can take over the Westwood family once you kill that man!"

Yvonne looked up at him and said, "Dad, don't worry. I did some digging and found out that Nathan and his wife are merely recent entrepreneurs. Besides, they aren't connected to any prominent bureaucrats. I'll kill Nathan in these few days to avenge my brother."

Tristan waved his hand dismissively. "Do it. I hope you can complete this task as soon as possible."

Yvonne nodded in response and left the study.

After returning to her room, she took a shower and put on a floral evening dress and delicate makeup.

She then instructed her underling to get the car ready.





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Soon, she arrived at the villa of the Simon family. It was one of the ten prominent martial arts families of the nation.

After Joseph Simon, the young master of the Simon family, invited Yvonne to his study, she asked straightforwardly, "Joseph, I'm here to ask you for a favor."

Joseph was around twenty-seven years old and was slim and good-looking. However, Yvonne could tell that he was not a kind-hearted man judging from his evillooking eyes.

Since Joseph was part of the Simon family, he practiced ancient martial arts and its lethal martial arts techniques since he was a child. As such, he was now regarded as the top martial arts master without parallel.

Having been born into a prominent family, Joseph was almost a perfect man. Furthermore, he was also good-looking and was skilled in ancient martial arts. Nevertheless, he had an Achilles heel - overindulging in sex.





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After sizing Yvonne up, who looked gorgeous, he shot her a wry smile and said, "Ms. Westwood, how can I help you?"

Yvonne replied calmly, "Please kill someone for me. His name is Nathan Cross. He's a new entrepreneur from Channing."



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Upon hearing that, Joseph frowned a little and asked, "Ms. Westwood, why would you want to kill a guy from Channing?"

"You don't have to know my reason."

Joseph was deep in thought for a while before he said, "Well, I have another question. What will I get for helping you?"

The next moment, Yvonne took out a photo and put it on the desk. She then stated blandly, "Once you kill Nathan Cross, this b***h will be your sex slave."

The beauty in the photo, who looked gorgeous, charming, and had a great curve, was Penny Smith.

Joseph's breath was taken away as soon as he laid his eyes on the photo.

He immediately exclaimed, "My goodness, she's beautiful! Wait, did someone photoshop it?"

Yvonne chuckled. "Rest assured. I promise Penny Smith's looks even more beautiful in





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real life than in the photo."

Joseph was at a loss for a while before he finally tore his eyes from the photo. He then asked Yvonne, "Who is she?"

Slowly, Yvonne put her hair behind her ears and replied, "She's Nathan Cross's wife.
Once you kill him for me, she will be all yours."

Suddenly, Joseph's lips quirked as he said, "Ms. Westwood, you're a smart woman indeed. I can seize Nathan Cross's wife by killing him for you. On the other hand, you don't have to contribute anything to achieve your goal. Don't you think it's a little unfair?"

Yvonne frowned a little and asked, "In that case, what do you want? Please tell me how much money you will need."

Joseph laughed wickedly. "I don't want anything else but you. I want you to sleep with me for one night and be my b***h."

When Yvonne grew furious, Joseph said





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composedly, "Well, I won't force you to accept it. If you're not willing to, let's just forget it."

After pondering over it for a while, Yvonne gnashed her teeth and said, "I'll do it!"

Once she blurted those words, she blushed and crawled toward Joseph like a puppy.

Thrilled by what he saw, Joseph immediately sprang on her.

Three days later.

Nathan and Penny were having a candlelit dinner in a luxury western restaurant in the South of Channing.

After a moment of eating, Penny took out a gift for Nathan and said gleefully, "Here's a gift for you!"

Nathan was a little lost. He asked, "Why are you giving me a gift all of a sudden?"

Penny flashed him a sweet smile. "Today's





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your birthday!"

Nathan was stunned for a while. In fact, he had forgotten his own birthday because no one celebrated it with him ever since his mom passed away.

Much to his surprise, Penny had been aware of his birthday. She had even prepared a gift for him.

Hence, he was touched and said softly, "Thank you."

Penny immediately added, "Open it now and see if you like the gift. Since I rarely give people gifts, I had to pick it randomly."

After Nathan unwrapped the gift, he saw a branded, luxury lighter. It was a limited edition piece.

Penny probably bought it for me because I always smoke.

Nathan plastered a smile on his face and said, "This lighter looks nice. I love it."





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When Penny heard his response, she couldn't help but grin happily.

At that moment, a waiter handed a rose to Penny and said, "Hi, I'm sorry to interrupt. A gentleman asked me to give this to you."

Penny looked at Nathan and asked surprisingly, "Is this from you?"

However, Nathan shook his head in response.

The waiter continued to explain, "It's from Mr. Simon, who is sitting over there. He has also paid the bill and ordered a 1982 Lafite Rothschild for you."

Nathan and Penny frowned simultaneously as they looked towards a table not far from them.

A handsome man, who wore a white suit and had an evil smile, lifted his glass of wine to propose a toast at Penny.

Penny expression turned displeased at once.





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Meanwhile, Nathan said to the waiter coldly, "Throw this rose into the trash bin. Also, get that piece of trash seated at the table to disappear immediately."



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However, as soon as Nathan finished speaking, Joseph Simon with his men came up to them while smiling.

"Sir, were you talking about me just now?

Nathan replied emotionlessly, "I don't care who you are. You'd better get out of my sight this instant."

Apparently unperturbed, Joseph continued smilingly, "It looks like this gentleman really hates me! But that's okay. If you don't want to see me, you may leave now."

Joseph then glanced at Penny, who wore a white dress, and said while flashing her a wicked smile, "Lady, I've asked the waiter to open a 1982 Lafite Rothschild. May I buy you a drink?"

Nathan immediately answered on behalf of her, "No!"

Joseph raised his eyebrows in dissatisfaction before he scowled, "Sir, I'm asking the beautiful lady here. Not you."





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Nathan replied calmly, "And I've answered you on her behalf!"

"Who are you to her?"

Without hesitation, Nathan stated firmly, "I'm her husband!"

Joseph nodded and was seemingly shocked as he said, "Oh, my apologies. I didn't know she's your wife. Sir, in that case, can I buy your wife a drink?"

Nathan stared at him with piercing eyes. "Do you think this is funny?"

Unashamedly, Joseph's lips quirked as he moved closer to Nathan, intentionally provoking him. "Nathan Cross, let me be honest with you. I'm pretty fond of your wife."

Nathan immediately sneered, "Do you wish to die?"

However, Joseph wasn't afraid. He laughed instead and said, "Haha! You're mad. But what can you do about it? I'm





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someone who can provoke you anytime, yet you'll never be able to fight me! Are you angry and dissatisfied? Well, look at you. Do you want to beat me? Come on. I'm standing right here. Touch me if you dare."

While Joseph spoke, he deliberately leaned closer to Nathan in hopes of angering him even more.

Joseph was very confident in himself since he came from the Simon family, one of the ten prominent martial arts families.

Since you asked for it, why not?

As soon as Joseph's last words left his mouth, Nathan raised his hand to grab the rose from the waiter.

He then flung it ferociously at the other man's face.

Joseph was shocked when Nathan struck.

Before this, he had always believed he would never face a worthy opponent.





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But now, he was aghast because Nathan had struck so swiftly that he didn't even have time to dodge.

He could only see a shadow flash across his eyes!

Slap!

The moment the rose in Nathan's hand made contact with Joseph's face, the skin was ripped off, causing blood to drip down the sides of his face.

"Ahhhh!" Joseph couldn't help but shriek in pain.

He instinctively wiped his face and soon noticed that his hand was full of blood.

Joseph was shocked by the sight because it had been just a rose that hit him. However, Nathan had used so much strength that it felt as if he had used a whip instead. Joseph turned furious as his face would be marred by a scar from now on.





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"Nathan Cross, you're risking your neck for this!"

Joseph rushed toward Nathan at lightning speed, looking like a silhouette.

Even Penny couldn't help but cry out when she saw him move, "Nathan, watch out!"

Joseph was about to strike Nathan with his right hand that was shaped like an eagle's claw. He wished to clasp Nathan's neck and kill him immediately.

He yelled furiously, "I'll kill you now!"

Nevertheless, Nathan sneered and lashed him again with the same rose he had used earlier.

Slap!

The next moment, a wound could be seen on the back of Joseph's hand. He couldn't help but scream in pain.

However, Nathan was still furious, so he flung the rose to lash Joseph's face once





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again. Joseph wailed pitifully.



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Slap! Slap! Slap!

After Nathan had lashed Joseph's head with the rose several times, Joseph was severely bruised. He rolled on the floor, wailing in pain.

Penny, as well as Joseph's underlings, were all stunned.

Even though Joseph was an ancient martial arts master, Nathan had beaten him like a child, so much so that he could only roll on the floor and wail in pain.

Nathan then glared at Joseph before he used his right knee to break the man's leg.

As Joseph shrieked in pain again, Nathan said coldly, "This is a small lesson for you. Remember not to take liberties with another person's wife, or you may end up injured badly next time."

Once Joseph's underlings recollected themselves, they hastily picked him up and ran away.





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Nathan then paid the bill and left the restaurant with Penny.

As soon as Nathan and Penny left, Yvonne and her underlings emerged from a corner.

She was deep in thought for a while before saying, "Since Joseph Simon is regarded as the new top ancient martial arts master, I thought he would be able to kill Nathan Cross effortlessly. But it turns out Joseph was merely trash! Nathan beat the hell out of that so-called martial arts master!"

Her henchman, Dominic Walker, couldn't help but ask, "Ms. Westwood, Nathan Cross is tougher than we thought! He's definitely skilled in martial arts because he managed to your brother Elijah and even defeated Joseph effortlessly. What should we do?"

After a moment of silence, Yvonne sneered, "Well, he might be skilled in martial arts, but can he run faster than a bullet?"

Dominic stared at her with eyes wide open





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and asked, "Ms. Westwood, you're saying..."

Yvonne raised her head and said proudly, "I didn't pin all my hopes on Joseph Simon. Anyway, it's now clear that he's merely worthless scum. Before coming to Channing, I had contacted Cooper Fink, senior colonel of the Eastern Naval Forces. He's also my dad's loyal and long-time subordinate. I've asked Cooper Fink to bring his men and meet me in Channing to take on Nathan Cross."

Once Yvonne finished, Dominic said excitedly, "Haha! Cooper Fink is the captain of Dragon Special Forces! That's under the direct command of the Eastern Naval Forces. Besides, he's also a long-time subordinate of Old Master. We'll defeat Nathan effortlessly once Cooper and his men arrive! This time, Nathan Cross will definitely die!"

Yvonne's lips curled into a smile as she said excitedly, "Now that Elijah has died, dad will let me inherit everything that belongs to the Westwood family once I kill





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Nathan Cross!"

Nathan and Penny hopped in their car and were leaving the parking area.

On their way back home, Colin called Nathan and said politely, "Master, I've something to report to you."

"What is it?"

Colin told him honestly, "Many commanding officers in different military districts of the South are aware that today's your birthday. Now, Franklin Wilson and other high-ranking officers have prepared a banquet in the City Guesthouse and wish to have a simple celebration with you."

Colin began to worry even more once speaking.

As a matter of fact, the General had always kept a low profile. Since they held the banquet without getting his permission, he might be pissed off and refuse to attend the banquet.





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Fortunately, Nathan was in a good mood. Besides, since many commanding officers in different military districts of the South come from Alberesque or East Bay to celebrate his birthday, he didn't intend to disappoint them.

After pondering over it for a while, he said blandly, "I don't think it's necessary to celebrate my birthday. But since everyone has come all the way from different parts of the South, they will surely be disappointed if I refuse to attend the banquet. I'll go to the guesthouse later. But remember, just this once."



Colin and the rest grew excited when they heard Nathan agree to it. Colin yelled in glee, "Yes, sir!"



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