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It was evening when Nathan returned to his home located at Riverside. At this time, his mother-in-law had already prepared the food.

Benson, Kylie, and Queenie were already sitting at the table, ready to have dinner.

Noticing that Penny was nowhere to be seen, Nathan frowned and asked, "Where's Penny?"

Benson answered with a bitter smile, "She's working overtime with some of the executives of the company. It seems like the company has run into a huge trouble. She wants to discuss it with everyone so they can come up with a plan to prevent it from worsening."



It turned out that although Penny had decided to not compromise with the Pirate King's demand of paying the ten billion toll, she knew that by going against the Pirate King's extortion, they would evoke the wrath of the Pirate King, Odysseus Blackwood. So she wanted to discuss with the executives of the company to





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formulate a set of follow-up protocols.

Nathan didn't know whether to laugh or to cry. "I already told her I would settle this trivial matter. I guess she's still worried after all. Forget it. You all can have dinner without me. I'll stop by the company for a bit."

As soon as he finished speaking, Nathan grabbed his car keys and left.

At that moment, it was already nightfall. The city lights shone brightly under the night sky.



When Nathan reached Cross Group, it was already about seven in the evening.

There was a long table in the middle of the conference room. Sitting on both sides of the table were the executives of Cross Group. Penny, on the other hand, was sitting in the chair of the president and presided over the meeting.

The main issue that was being discussed at the meeting was Cross Group's rejection





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of the Pirate King's extortion. The executives were at a loss of what to do should the Pirate King, Odysseus Blackwood, decided to take revenge on Cross Group, and perhaps even going as far as to murder them.

Just then, the people who suggested paying the toll to save themselves before began clamoring in succession.

"We should have gone with my suggestion and paid them the toll to ensure our safety."

"That's right. Now that we've rejected paying them, we'll be facing the wrath of Odysseus Blackwood and his men. Who's to say we'll make it out of this alive?"

"President Smith, I already told you, reporting this to the police is useless. They're only good for catching petty thieves and thugs. What are they supposed to do against large-scale pirates?"

"That's right, President Smith. You were





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the one who was unwilling to spend the money to ensure our safety. Now, everyone's lives are in danger because of you. What are you going to do about this?"

Penny furrowed her eyebrows in frustration. She was in a difficult position. Paying the pirates meant that she would be going against her own principles, not to mention ten billion was a huge sum of money. It was Cross Group's hard-earned money, so how could they have just given it away?

Not paying the pirates, however, meant that the lives of the executives of Cross Group would be at stake. If anyone of them were to die at the hands of the pirates, Penny would have to shoulder the guilt for the rest of her life.

She tried to comfort them, "Keep it together, everyone. The reason I convened this meeting is precisely to talk about this problem. Let's see how we can hire more bodyguards to protect everyone's safety..."

However, many of them weren't buying it.





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Someone continued yelling, "Are bodyguards even useful? They're pirates of the Demon's Lair. Odysseus Blackwood is known as the God of the Sea. Under his command are the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair, all of which are extremely powerful pirates. Can our bodyguards really handle such people?"

Right at that moment, Nathan pushed open the door to enter. He spoke indifferently, "If any of you are afraid, you're free to resign and leave Cross Group. Naturally, they won't come looking for you since you're not part of Cross Group anymore."



Everyone at the scene fell silent when they heard Nathan's words

They were reluctant to resign because Cross Group had excellent benefits.

When Penny saw Nathan appear, she instinctively felt a lot more in control. She quietly breathed a sigh of relief and stood up. She whispered to her husband, "Hubby, why are you here?"





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Nathan smiled and answered, "Weren't you all going to fight among yourselves if I hadn't come?"

Everyone, including Penny was stunned.

Nathan carried on speaking with a smile, "I've already told you all that I'll deal with Odysseus and his band of rampant pirates before noon tomorrow. Why won't you guys believe me?"

Penny couldn't help but whisper back, "Hubby, Odysseus is the Pirate King. He won't be as easy to handle as you think..."

Before Penny was able to finish her sentence, Nathan was already chuckling. "Odysseus has already been captured. The Demon's Lair has fallen."



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#### What?

Penny was dumbfounded when she heard Nathan.

The executives of Cross Group were also astonished.

The notorious Pirate King, Odysseus Blackwood has been captured, and all his subordinates have been wiped out?

After the initial shock, everyone shook their heads and stated that it was impossible.

Many smaller countries in the past have declared that they would find Odysseus and put him and his goons behind bars.

However, none of them have ever succeeded.

If countless nations have failed, how is it possible for Nathan to wipe out Odysseus and his entire pirate fleet?

Penny was also skeptical and asked





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Nathan quietly, "Hubby, are you telling the truth?"

"I might lie to other people, but I definitely won't lie to you," Nathan replied with a grin.

After he finished speaking, Nathan glanced at his watch before turning to face the executives of Cross Group. His face was impassive as he said, "If you don't believe me, turn on the TV to watch the news right now and see for yourself."

Watch the news?

Once again, everyone was shocked by Nathan's words.

Penny's assistant, Jenny, was the first to react. She picked up the television remote and turned on the TV that was attached to the wall.

The time was just a little over seven in the evening, so every TV station was broadcasting the evening news.

The host on the television spoke with





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impeccable articulation, "Today, a band of pirates called the Demon's Lair, who has been terrorizing the nearby waters for a long time, was attacked by the navy fleet of the South. The band of pirates were wiped out ..."

A series of pictures appeared on the TV screen, which showed the South's navy fleet boarding the pirate ship, capturing the pirates, and saving the hostages.

Everyone was astounded when they saw the event unfolding before their eyes.

The screen then switched to a familiar background that everyone know of - the Channing Blackwood Resort.

Large numbers of fully equipped special forces can be seen maintaining order at the scene. The leader of the Demon's Lair, also known as the Pirate King Odysseus Blackwood, was then dragged out by two burly soldiers.

I can't believe the Pirate King, Odysseus Blackwood has been arrested by the





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#### military!

At that moment, Penny and the executives of the Cross Group were completely baffled.

The next moment, sounds of cheers filled the conference room.

"Wow! It's true! The Pirate King, Odysseus has been captured!"

"It's just as Nathan had said, Odysseus and his gang of pirates have been completely wiped out before noon tomorrow!"

"My God! Our nation's military is so powerful and badass!"

After cheering on the military, Penny and the rest soon turned their attention to Nathan.

They remembered Nathan's confident vow of wiping out the gang of pirates.

How did he do it?





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There was a perplexed look on Penny's face as she sized Nathan up. She then questioned him, "Nathan, how did you do it?"

Jenny and the rest couldn't hold back their curiosity as well and spoke up, "That's right! You were able to get it right. How did you do it?"

Nathan looked at Penny, then smiled and said, "Honey, it's time I tell you the truth. I'm actually the General of the North. I was the one who mobilized the army to wipe out those pirates..."

Before Nathan could finish, Penny rolled her eyes and interrupted, "Stop with the nonsense. If you're the General, doesn't that make me the General's wife? Be serious now. How did you do it?"

Jenny and the rest added, "Yeah! Mr. Cross, stop playing around. Hurry up and tell us how you did it!"

Nathan was at a loss for words. What I said was the truth, but nobody believed







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Seeing that nobody believed him, Nathan could only laugh and come up with a random story, "Alright. It's actually because the lot from Demon's Lair is too brazen. Not only did they rob our goods, but they also extorted us. So, I told the city officials about the situation that we're up against. The city officials took the matter very seriously and reported it to the military. Who knew Odysseus Blackwood and his pirates would be wiped out just like that."

It finally registered to Penny and the rest about what had happened when they heard Nathan's story.



The general manager, Peggy Sharlton flashed a smile and said, "Of course they have to look out for us. The Cross Group is the nation's leading pharmaceutical company. Not to mention it also plays an important role in Channing's economic taxation. The officials won't just leave us to be bullied by pirates."





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With Odysseus' arrest, Cross Group's crisis was also averted.

Penny ended the meeting and returned home with Nathan.

When they arrived home, they realized Benson, Leah, Kylie, and Queenie were also watching the news.

When Benson saw Penny, he said excitedly, "Penn, do you remember the Pirate King, Odysseus Blackwood, the one who robbed our company's goods out in the open sea? He and his subordinates have been arrested by the military!"

"That's right!" Penny replied with a grin,
"Nathan promised me before that the
pirates would be wiped out within a week. I
thought he was just bragging then. Who
knew that the officials actually listened to
his reports and wiped out those pirates."

Benson and Leah couldn't stop smiling when they heard this. They agreed unanimously that Nathan was their family's lucky star and was able to turn all





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their misfortune into fortune.

Kylie, however, rolled her eyes and thought to herself, There's no way Nathan's that lucky. He must have mobilized the army to wipe Odysseus and his men out. Even if he really did report it to the Channing officials, the military will have to go through a tedious approval process before they're able to take action. There's no way they can move in so quickly!

After dinner, Penny, who was feeling depressed before, was now extremely relaxed.

She decided to take Kylie out on a shopping trip.

The two ladies drove to the Emerald Shopping Plaza, which was a famous shopping paradise in Channing.

The two of them visited many jewelry and clothing stores and left with numerous bags of various sizes. They then stopped at the shopping plaza's open-air café for some drinks.





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Suddenly, several SUVs with military car plates roared by, attracting the attention of the surrounding passersby.

Even Penny and Kylie noticed the distinctive cars.

What they didn't expect was that these SUVs came to a halt on a street not far from where they were.

A tall man dressed in a Major General's uniform exited the vehicle together with a few other soldiers.

The people around exclaimed out loud, "Oh my, it's a general! He's still so young."

"That's right. He must have some serious skills to be a Major General at such a young age."

"He's so handsome and amazing. It would be great if my future husband is as brilliant as he is."

After getting out of the car, the tall Major General scanned his surroundings before





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casting his eyes upon Penny and Kylie, who were still sitting at the café.

His lips curled up slightly, revealing a playful smile as if he were a hunter who had just found his prey.

He led his soldiers and headed in the direction of Penny and Kylie.



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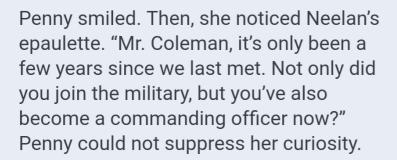


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"I can't believe it's really you, Penny. It's been five or six years since we last met, right?"

Penny was stunned when she saw the man who was dressed in full military uniform and bore the insignia of the Major General. It took quite a while for her to recognize him. "Oh, you are Neelan Coleman from college!"

Neelan, who was wearing the Major General uniform, said while smiling, "Looks like this Ms. Smith still remembers me. It's an honor to be remembered by such a pretty lady."



Neelan laughed, "I am only a Major General now, a general with the least rights. It's not worth bringing up."





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Penny had always been respectful towards soldiers. She said immediately, "A Major General is also a general, and to be a commanding officer is an impressive feat. Neelan Coleman, you really are a young and promising man. All our classmates are going to be proud of you!"

Neelan laughed, "I am only carrying out my duty by serving the public."

Penny felt that Neelan had changed a lot over the years.

During their time in college, Neelan was well-known for being a rascal. He would borrow money from some of his classmates and fail to pay it back. He even committed petty theft and fraud.

Penny was overwhelmed by Neelan's drastic change. She chuckled, "You are indeed a commanding officer now. You've matured a lot in terms of personality and your depth of thinking."

"Oh, right! Why did you come here? Are you on duty?"





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Neelan shook his head and laughed, "No, I am here just to meet you."

Penny was confused. "You came here just to see me?"

Neelan grinned, "Yes. Remember how I borrowed money from some of my classmates years ago? I couldn't afford food at that time and borrowed two hundred from you. I haven't had the chance to return it to you until now."

Penny giggled, "I have completely forgotten about that."

Neelan said loudly, "I have always kept this on my mind, even when I was in the military. I wanted to return the favor and repay your kindness."

"Not long ago, I heard that the goods in your company had been frequently robbed by pirates, and they even went to your company to extort money."

"After knowing this, I got help from the marine military to exterminate the pirates





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from Odysseus."

Both Penny and Kylie widened their eyes.

Penny asked him in shock, "What? The pirates were wiped out because of you? And you did it for my sake?"

Neelan straightened his back and said, "Of course. You lent me a helping hand when I was in trouble. Besides, you are the most beautiful classmate I have in college. I have always remembered your kind heart and beauty."

"After knowing the actions of Logan from Odysseus, I was irritated and decided to wipe them all out."

"I went to great lengths for a pretty woman hahaha..."

Penny was stupefied.

However, rage was growing within Kylie.

Kylie stared at Neelan. She almost could not keep her rage in.





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The truth was, the extermination of Demon's Lair was carried out by Kylie's brother-in-law, who had mobilized the marine force. However, Neelan was the one who got all the credit.

At that moment, there was deep suspicion that Neelan was lying. Kylie also suspected that Neelan was lying about being a Major General.

Neelan was tall and strong, so he seemed befitting of the military uniform he donned.

Kylie peeked at the few soldiers who were standing behind Neelan. She immediately noticed that something was off.

Although they were trying hard to stand tall, none of them carried the aura of a real soldier.

Besides, attentive as she was, Kylie observed that some of these soldiers had ear piercings while some even had hair that was longer than the standard length allowed in the military.





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This was not how a soldier on duty should look like!

Kylie squinted her eyes. She was certain that Neelan and the soldiers behind him were bluffing. They might have seen the news on television and disguised themselves as soldiers to scam Penny.

After all, Penny was the chairman and president of the Cross Group. If Penny were scammed, he could make loads of money from her.

Nevertheless, judging from how Neelan claimed that everything he did was for Penny, it was possible that he was also interested in Penny's beauty aside from money.

Now that she thought about it, Kylie fumed with anger.

She sat on a chair and pretended to be on her handphone. She surreptitiously took a few photos of Neelan and sent them to Nathan.





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She also sent a message to Nathan detailing all that had happened up to this point.



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Just like Kylie predicted, Neelan was not a Major General. He was just a lowly conman.

Since a year ago, Neelan and his friends had been pretending to be soldiers to scam bosses of companies.

They earned loads of money with the excuse of helping to settle problems for these huge corporations.

They would flee after receiving the money each time. Usually, the people who had been scammed would not have the courage to report this to the police.

That night, after watching the news, Neelan found out that the president of the Cross Group was the prettiest girl in college, Penny Smith.

An idea popped into his mind. Neelan decided to try his luck and swindle Penny for once.

If his plan succeeded, he would get both wealth and love. This would be his





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greatest achievement in life.

Judging by Penny's surprised expression, he figured that his plan was going smoothly.

Penny snapped out of shock and said, "So it was Mr. Coleman who lent us a helping hand. I am very thankful for that."

Neelan grinned, "No problem. I can do anything for you."

Penny froze. "You must be joking, Mr. Coleman..."

Neelan took on a serious look and said solemnly, "Ms. Smith, I wasn't joking."

"Actually, I have always had a secret crush on you since college."

"Now that I am the Major General of the North Army, a subordinate of the General of the North, I can finally express my feelings for you in the open."

Penny hurriedly denied, "No, General



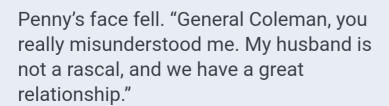


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Coleman. I think there has been a misunderstanding. I am married, and I really love my husband. It's impossible for a relationship to blossom between you and me."

The corners of Neelan's lips lifted. "I know that you are married."

"Not only that, but I also know that your husband was the drunkard who forced himself on you when he was drunk a few years back. I heard that he paid you a visit and started living off you. Rest assured. I will help you teach this rascal a lesson."



Neelan refused to believe what Penny had said.

He heard that Nathan had slept with Penny a few years ago when he was drunk and caused her to give birth to a child out of wedlock.





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A year ago, Nathan reappeared and came to find Penny. He had clung to Penny since then.

Nathan was just a useless crap who was living off Penny.

The reason Penny denied his statements was probably to retain her prestige as a Business Goddess. She would not want bad rumors about her to spread.

Neelan mocked, "Ms. Smith, I know that you are forced to be with Nathan, that bastard, to protect your reputation. Believe me. With my current status and capability, I can settle him easily."

"I will call him right now and ask him to come here. If he knows what he should do and leaves you, I will let him go. If not, I will immediately order my subordinates to shoot him."

Upon hearing this, Penny panicked.

Just as she was about to stop Neelan from being impulsive, a Hongqi drifted





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past and stopped by the roadside.

A man got out of the car. It was Nathan Cross.

"Hubby, why are you here?" Penny's voice cracked as she called out to Nathan.

Nathan smiled as he answered, "Kylie told me that both of you bought a lot of stuff and asked me to come over to help out."

Neelan narrowed his eyes and stared at Nathan stonily. He asked coldly, "So, you are Nathan Cross?"



Nathan looked at Neelan and the few brats behind him. He chuckled, "Yes, I am Penny's husband, and you are?"

Before Neelan opened his mouth to answer, one of the soldiers behind him bellowed at Nathan, "Are you blind? Can't you see our army uniform? Can't you see the general's badge on Neelan's uniform?"

Neelan raised his hands and motioned for his subordinates to keep calm. He looked





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at Nathan arrogantly, "I am the Major General of the North Army, a subordinate of General of the North. My name is Neelan Coleman."

Nathan nodded but frowned almost immediately, "You are a subordinate of the General of the North?"

Neelan put his hands behind his back and replied proudly, "That's right!"

Nathan asked, "Then why do I not recognize you?"

Neelan widened his eyes. He found Nathan's question hilarious and absurd at the same time. "I am the subordinate of the General. Why should you know me? Who are you to say that?" Neelan asked.



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Nathan smiled without giving any explanation.

Neelan glared at Nathan in an unfriendly manner and said coldly, "You came just at the right moment. I know you bullied Ms. Smith and refused to move out of the Smiths' house in the past. I'm warning you to never show your face around Ms. Smith ever again. Scum like you don't deserve her."

Nathan retaliated calmly, "Who do you think deserve her then?"

Neelan pointed at his nose and declared loudly, "Me of course!"

He turned towards Penny and continued, "Ms. Smith, I've liked you for a long time and have become the Major General of the North, second only to the Commander-inchief. You will be the wife of a General if you agree to marry me."

Everyone's gaze landed on Penny.

Anticipation was written all over Neelan's





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face.

He thought Penny would definitely choose him over Nathan since he was the General of the North, whilst Nathan was just a drunkard and a scoundrel.

However, Penny's stood by Nathan, and that shocked everyone. She held on to Nathan's hand, raised her head and said firmly, "General Coleman, I have to correct you one more time. Nathan and I are in love. I, Penny Smith, will only have one husband in this lifetime and that is Nathan Cross."



Not only were Neelan and his subordinates shocked, but even the onlookers also found it hard to believe!

Neelan was livid. He bellowed, "Ms. Smith, he doesn't deserve you. I'll prove it to you."

With that, he pulled out a gun, pointed it at Nathan and yelled, "Brat, get on your knees now and admit that you have never loved her, or I'll shoot you."





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Nathan sneered, "No one has ever pointed a gun at me because they're all dead after doing so. I hold a lot of respect for soldiers. The thing I hate most is seeing someone posing as a military officer to bully others. I'm giving all of you here one last chance. Turn yourselves in at the police station, or you're done for."

A look of panic spread across Neelan's face.

He tightened his grip on the gun and screamed in rage, "Get on your knees now. I will shoot you on the count of three. I'm the Major General. No one will give a damn even if I kill you."

Nathan smirked, "I don't believe you! You're not a Major General. I'm more experienced with guns than you are with a lighter. The gun in your hand is a fake."

The corner of Neelan's eyes twitched. He was left with no choice but to continue with his plan, "One...Two..."

Penny went pale with fright. "No, please





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don't shoot!"

Nathan smiled, "There is no need to beg him. That is a fake gun."

Nathan looked at Neelan and said coldly, "Please continue. Let me do it for you, three!"

Neelan looked really uncomfortable. He realized Nathan had noticed that he was holding a fake gun; otherwise, he wouldn't be so certain.

With that thought in mind, he retreated and said fiercely, "You're a brave one, young man. I won't slaughter the innocent since I'm a soldier. Seeing that you and Ms. Smith are so in love, I will give you my blessings. Alright, let's go!"

Neelan and his subordinates were prepared to leave.

However, a convoy of army trucks suddenly pulled up beside them.

Soldiers equipped with submachine guns





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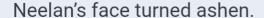
alighted the army trucks and assembled swiftly.

"Hurry!"

"Secure the parameters."

Neelan and everyone else were stunned to see themselves being surrounded by the army.

Nathan smiled and said, "Aren't you the Major General of the North? These are the Dragonfury Special Forces from the North. Should I ask them if they even know who you are?"





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Two thousand Dragonfury elites surrounded Neelan and his men.

Mark Lee, who was dressed in a Lieutenant Colonel military uniform, headed towards them with his troop of soldiers.

Mark and his fellow soldiers saluted Nathan in unison.

Nathan returned the salute as he smiled and said, "Deputy Commander Lee, you came just at the right time. This guy here claims that he is the Major General. Can you tell us if he is speaking the truth?"

Neelan was already trembling with fear when he saw that he was being surrounded by so many soldiers.

But what shocked him most was seeing how Mark saluted Nathan.

They might be dumb, but not dumb enough to not realize that Nathan had ties with the North Army. Moreover, seeing how these soldiers paid Nathan the utmost





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respect, he must be some high ranking officer in the army.

They've been exposed!

Mark nodded, turned to Neelan and his men and said coldly, "Which department are you guys from? Show me your military ID."

Neelan sweated profusely as he stuttered, "I-I don't have it with me."

Mark replied coldly, "Is it that you don't have it with you, or you don't have it at all?"

Neelan could only steel himself as he bellowed, "What are you talking about? I'm going to skin you alive. Who is your superior?"

Mark snorted, "Skin me alive? You won't even be able to rip these clothes off of me even if you really are the Major General. I am the Deputy Commander of the Dragonfury Special Forces, Mark Lee and I report directly to the General of the North. Do you want to make a call to the General





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himself?"

What?

The man before them was directly under the command of the General of the North!

Neelan's face changed as he stammered, "I-I won't take things to heart. You better let us leave now or else I will raise this to your superior. Just wait and see."

Mark replied coldly, "You may not have taken it to heart, but I think I have. Seize them!"

Immediately, a troop of soldiers equipped with weapons arrested Neelan and his men.

Mark then instructed, "Take a photo of them and check their IDs."

The soldiers took photos of Neelan and his subordinates and uploaded their photos into the database to verify their identities.

Very soon, the results were out.





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One of the soldiers reported in a loud voice, "Sir, the results are out. This guy is called Neelan Coleman and has a lot of criminal records in the police database. He's just a swindler, nothing to do with the military, let alone the General."

Another soldier handed the pistol he took from Neelan over and reported, "Sir, their weapons are all fake. This is just a lighter made of brass and shaped like a pistol."

The crowd was dumbstruck, especially Penny. She just realized Neelan was a fake.

She was shocked and angry as she was under the impression that Neelan was the one who had eliminated the pirates.

Mark looked at Neelan coldly, "Is there anything else you would like to say?"

The color drained from Neelan's face as he stuttered, "S-Sir, I'm sorry. We're all very sorry..."

Mark bellowed, "I want you to apologize to





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Mr. Cross and Ms. Smith at once!"

Neelan turned to Nathan and Penny with a pitiful expression and said in a small voice, "Mr. Cross and Ms. Smith, I'm sorry. I'm not some General but a swindler. I hope that both of you can forgive me."

Nathan replied calmly, "I can forgive you, but the law will not let you off. What should we do with them, Deputy Commander Lee?"



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Mark's Dragonfury Special Forces were directly under the command of Nathan. On top of that, Mark was also Nathan's most trusted subordinate.

After spending so much time with Nathan, he knew Nathan's temperament very well.

Hence, he suggested, "Since these guys like to pose as the North's soldiers, I think it's best that we send them to the North and let them serve for ten years. That will teach them a lesson."

Nathan chuckled, "Then we will do as you say, Deputy Commander Lee."

Mark replied in a loud voice, "Yes, Sir!"

He then instructed his men, "Arrest them and send them to the North. They will be serving in the corrective labor camp for ten years."

#### Boom!

Neelan and his subordinates felt as if they had been struck by lightning. Their bodies





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trembled violently as they fell into despair.

Ten years!

The price they had to pay this time around was way too big. Moreover, the North was covered with ice and snow. They were not even certain if they could survive ten years of corrective labor.

Neelan and his subordinates deeply regretted their actions. They couldn't help but burst into tears.

Unfortunately, there was no use crying over spilled milk. They were soon taken away by the military.

The onlookers dispersed after the Dragonfury Special Forces left with Neelan and his subordinates.

Nathan, Penny, and Kylie were the only ones left behind.

Kylie couldn't stop herself from looking at Nathan with admiration.





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How dare they pose as the General of the North. You idiots! Don't they know that my brother-in-law is the General of the North himself? She thought gleefully.

Penny finally came back to her senses as she said, "My gosh, he really is an imposter. Nathan, how did you know about it from the very beginning?"

Nathan replied with a smile, "I've noticed how strict the North Army are when it comes to discipline after spending a few years there. They are not allowed to parade around in their uniform unless there is official business, let alone threatening to kill innocent people with their pistols. Moreover, they had pierced ears and long hair. How could this be the image of a military officer? So they're obviously fake."

Nathan continued, "Furthermore, I've spent a lot of time in the North. How could I not recognize him if he is second only to the Commander-in-chief? I informed Deputy Commander Lee the moment I confirmed he's an impostor since I get along rather





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well with him. Deputy Commander Lee then brought his troop over to handle him."

"Oh, I see..." Penny finally got to know the truth.

She smiled bitterly and continued, "He really caught me by surprise. I thought he was the one who had helped Cross Group wipe out those pirates."

Nathan replied, "How is that even possible? I've told you that my superior took that very seriously when I reported the incident to him and the army wiped out those pirates."

Penny nodded, "Of course, I believe you!"

Nathan smirked, "If so, then isn't it time for you to carry out your promise?"

Penny suddenly recalled Nathan had joked with her saying that she had to give him a kiss if he managed to settle the pirates.

She blushed with embarrassment and said shyly, "Do I kiss you here?"





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Nathan smiled, "Let's wait till we get back home!"

Kylie was confused by their conversation. She asked curiously, "Penny, did you make a bet with Nathan? What promise do you have to carry out?"

Penny blushed, "This has nothing to do with you. Just stop asking."

Kylie nodded but her eyes kept traveling between Penny and Nathan, trying to figure out their bet and that made Penny feel really embarrassed.



Westwood Family in Brimmopolis.

Tristan held his son's photo as he lapsed into silence in the study room.

At the moment, an old servant with high cheekbones and deep-set eyes entered the room and said softly, "Sir, I have bad news. Odysseus and his men were exposed when they barged into the Southern shores. They had been wiped out by the navy."





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Tristan raised his head and said without any emotion, "What a useless piece of shit. Never mind. I will kill Nathan and avenge my children myself."



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At night, in the master bedroom of a villa in Riverside Garden.

Nathan was cupping Penny's face as he kissed her red lips.

With reddened cheeks, Penny closed her eyes and hummed. Despite her embarrassment, she subconsciously wrapped her arms around Nathan's neck.

In the beginning, the two were careful and inexperienced. Soon, they found their pace and started kissing passionately.

Just as Nathan was about to make another move, he heard his daughter's voice.

"Papa, Mama, what are you doing?"

Both Nathan and Penny were stunned. They turned around to find that their daughter, who was supposed to be asleep, was rubbing her eyes and staring at them in a daze.

Nathan and Penny jerked away from each





other very quickly like they were the same ends of two magnets.

Penny's face remained red as Nathan coaxed their daughter, "Papa and Mama were hugging each other."

Abruptly, Queenie uttered, "No. You're kissing. That's how couples on TV kiss."

Upon hearing her words, Nathan was unsure how to react.

On the other hand, Penny's blush darkened as she reprimanded, "You're a kid. Why are you watching TV? You're not allowed to watch the TV for the following week."

"Huh?"

Queenie pursed her lips as tears brimmed in her eyes.

The next day was a weekend.

Sean sent someone to invite Nathan and his family to the family home, stating that there were matters to be discussed.





When Nathan and his family heard the news, they were stunned.

All of them had similar thoughts. What does Sean want to discuss?

Despite their suspicion, Nathan and the rest of the family came to the Smiths' family home.

As there were honored guests in the family home today, the place was bustling with activity.

Sean led Samuel, Paul, and the others as they welcomed the guests.

These guests were from the Snyder Family.

The Snyder Family used to have a close relationship with the Smiths, and they were once family friends.

However, the Snyder Family had later moved to Brimmopolis.

Their business expanded, and eventually,





they started looking down on the Smiths. It had been years since the two families had contacted each other.

Recently, the Snyder Family had been interested in expanding into the military pharmaceutical industry. It was then they found out that the granddaughter of the Smiths, Penny, was one of the new leading figures of the pharmaceutical industry.

Hence, the head of the Snyder Family, Gideon Snyder, immediately brought members of his family to Channing to catch up with the Smiths. Furthermore, he told them that he wanted to meet with Nathan, Penny, and her family.

When Nathan and his family entered the house, Sean was chatting merrily with Gideon

The moment Sean saw Nathan and the rest, he turned to smile at them. "Nathan, Penny, you're finally here."

After Nathan and his family greeted Sean, Sean introduced Gideon to them. "This is a





family friend, Gideon Snyder. The Snyder Family is a prominent figure in the food and beverages industry in Brimmopolis. Their high-end restaurants are all over Brimmopolis. Moreover, Gideon is closely connected to many officials in Brimmopolis. He's a man of high status there!"

Nathan and his family greeted Gideon politely.

Gideon smiled at them. "Nathan and Penny, the two of you are the leading figures in the pharmaceutical industry, and the Cross Group is a leading company too. I hope we'll have the opportunities to cooperate in the future."

Penny smile and said. "Mr. Snyder, it'll be an honor for the Cross Group if we can learn from you."

Penny's words were words spoken out of politeness, but unexpectedly, Gideon agreed to it. "You two young ones were lucky that the Cross Group had become the leading company in the nation's





pharmaceutical industry. However, both of you are still young. The Smith Family is not well-established in both the political and military world. In the current society, you won't go far without any major support."

Both Nathan and Penny, including the rest of the Smiths, were dumbfounded by his words. What does Gideon mean?

Gideon continued with a smile, "But, don't worry. The Snyder Family has been in Brimmopolis for dozens of years. We're well-established in the upper-class society in the nation. We're well-connected with the governors and mayors in the political world and the major generals from the military. Since the Snyder Family and the Smith Family are family friends, I'll definitely take good care of you."

Nathan frowned as he thought, Is he being kind, or is he trying to take credit and boast?

Penny, too, felt a little awkward, but she did not want to embarrass Grandpa. With a faint smile, she muttered, "We'll thank you





in advance then, Mr. Snyder."

Gideon waved his hands. "There is no such need. I'm an old friend with the Smiths. Moreover, I've brought my family to Channing this time. Not only am I going to catch up with you, but I'm also planning for us to become closer."



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Upon hearing his words, the Smiths were confused.

Sean could not help but say, "Snyder, you're making me confused. As family friends, aren't we already close enough? How else are you going to make us closer?"

Gideon chuckled, "That's not enough. We're not close enough yet. We have to be one family."

## One family!

Nathan, Penny, and the rest of the Smiths were dumbfounded.

Gideon smiled as he looked at the doll-like Queenie in Nathan's arms before beckoning a boy behind him over. "Come here, Huxley."

Everyone turned and landed their gazes on the teenage boy.

The boy was Huxley Snyder, and he was one of Gideon's grandsons.





As Huxley's parents were close relatives, Huxley was born with an intellectual disability. Right now, he was drooling and playing with a toy duck.

Gideon called out his name repeatedly several times, but it was as if Huxley heard nothing as he continued to play with his toy as he drooled.

Feeling awkward, Gideon cleared his throat before saying to Nathan and Penny, "This is my grandson, Huxley. He's always been an honest boy. I know the two of you have a daughter, so I was thinking of engaging my grandson with your daughter. After the engagement, our family will become one. We'll expand our influence and become stronger together."

#### What?

The expression on Nathan and his family changed, and so were Sean and the rest.

It was common for wealthy families to have arranged marriages for a union.





It was even more common for arranged marriages to be set even before the children were born.

However, Huxley was a teenage boy who did not know how to even greet his parents. All he could do was drool.

They could not believe that Gideon was trying to engage this grandson of his to Queenie.

Nathan was the first to have a gloomy expression on his face.

As her father, he could never let his daughter become a sacrifice for the family, let alone be engaged to a boy with an intellectual disability. This was destroying his daughter's happiness!

Penny also had a grim look on her face as she forced the words out. "Mr. Snyder, our daughter is still young. We won't be considering her marriage for a while. Let's just forget about this..."

Immediately, the expressions of Gideon





and the rest of the Snyders turned dark.

Gideon's eldest son, Devin, shouted, "Penny, it is an honor for your family to unite with the Snyders through marriage. Don't you get on our nerves!"

Not expecting the situation to turn out this way, Sean hurriedly said to Gideon, "Snyder, let's talk things out. Don't be angry..."

Gideon narrowed his eyes and said in a placid tone. "Smith, I'm not trying to embarrass you, but you're trying to do that to me. Don't think you're now impressive just because the Cross Group is a leading figure in the pharmaceutical industry. I know many important figures in both the military and political world. All I need to do is to talk to them for a while, and they'll teach the Smith Family and the Cross Group a lesson."

Sean, Penny, and the others went pale.

It was true that the Smith Family did not have any support in the political and





military world. If Gideon were determined to go against the Smiths, there would not be any good ending for them.

Just as they were frightened out of their wits, Nathan's lips curled into a smile as he sneered, "How boastful is that!"

The moment the words left his mouth, everyone gasped in surprise.

Gideon was provoked. "Brat, what did you say?"

Nathan answered, "I am telling you that the Snyder Family is nothing to me. It's best that you stop being a rascal. One more thing, my daughter is my precious, and I won't agree to her marrying a boy with an intellectual disability just for the sake of the family. Now, you can scram before I get angry."

The Snyders were shocked and infuriated. They had not expected that Nathan would reject them. This is ridiculous!

Gideon was furious and pointed a finger in





Nathan's direction. "I'm going to give you three days to send your daughter to our family for the engagement. Otherwise, you'll pay for your actions."

Nathan uttered, "I don't need three days. I'll give you my answer now itself. My daughter will not be marrying your grandson. You can scram now."

Gideon trembled in anger. After telling them that they would regret this, he left with the rest.



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