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Squale, Cyclops, and the pirates burst into laughter the moment they heard Nathan's words.

Consequently, Squale turned around and glanced at Cyclops as he asked, "He says he will show us some mercy and allow us to die comfortably as long as we set these two women free. What do you think?"

Cyclops tightened his grip and held on to Penny's wrist firmly as he looked at Nathan with a spiteful expression. "Ha! I want them both! Besides, he's not leaving here alive anyway. Let's chop his head off and bring it back to our boss as an offering."



The moment they wrapped up their conversation, Cyclops detected a figure through the corner of his eyes.

In a flash, Nathan, who was initially a few feet away, appeared right in front of Cyclops.

Cyclops was taken aback by Nathan's presence. His expression changed





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because he was horrified and infuriated at the same time.

He set Penny free immediately as he tried to throw a punch at Nathan in the face.

In return, Nathan snorted contemptuously and held on to Cyclops' oncoming fist causing Cyclops' eyes to widened in disbelief.

Crack!

Without any hesitation, Nathan broke Cyclops' right wrist in front of the others.



Argggh!

Cyclops shrieked in pain for a few seconds, and in that few seconds, Nathan had rendered him defenseless.

The fierce-looking man couldn't produce any sound anymore, let alone screamed because he had been put in a chokehold by Nathan.

Grabbing Cyclops's neck with all his might,





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Nathan lifted him up in front of Squale and the rest of the pirates as though one of their leaders was merely a defenseless child.

Cyclops, who was one of the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair, couldn't even begin to defend himself. He tried to struggle out of Nathan's hold, but his effort was to no avail.

Consequently, Squale and his men were completely stunned by what they're witnessing.

Nathan cast a stern gaze at Cyclops and informed him coldly, "No one is allowed to bully my wife. From the moment you laid a finger on her and gripped her wrists, you're already as good as gone to me."

Cyclops was horror stricken upon hearing Nathan's words. He tried to break free with all his might as he struggled over and over again.

Nonetheless, he couldn't break free no matter how hard he tried because Nathan's





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grip was extremely powerful.

Crack!

Nathan tightened his grip and snapped Cyclops' neck. Cyclops' eyes bulged and he died on the spot as though he was a defenseless prey that had fallen prey to its predator

Bam!

Thereafter, Nathan cast Cyclops' corpse aside nonchalantly as though he was getting rid of a random piece of trash.



Upon getting rid of Cyclops, he turned around and set his gaze on Squale and the remaining pirates.

The petrified pirates finally returned to their senses the moment they detected Nathan's stern gaze.

Squale had a perplexed look on his face as he stared at Nathan. A few of his subordinates, who were by his side, placed their dagger on Frida's neck. Obviously,





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they were afraid of Nathan.

Nonetheless, Squale put on a calm front and warned, "Damn it, brat! It seems like you're quite a capable one, huh? Even Cyclops' no match for you. However, did you forget that one of your woman is still in our hands? Her life is at stake as we speak. So hurry up and get down on your knees if you want her stay alive."

Hearing Squale said she was one of Nathan's women, Frida flushed embarrassedly.

Meanwhile, Penny, as well as Leah, Benson and Kylie who were in the car, didn't notice the trivial change of expression on Frida's face because they were too busy being concerned about Frida's wellbeing.

At that moment, Nathan noticed Colin who showed up from afar. Colin signaled Nathan and indicated that the snipers were ready. They could carry out the rescue operation and take the pirates out at any time.





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"You want me to get down on my knees in front of you?" Nathan replied with a smirk on his face.

"Mr. Cross, you don't have to be worried about me! Don't get down on your knees! I only ask that you avenge me once they've killed me!" Frida yelled and stopped Nathan.

"If you refuse to get down on your knees, I'm afraid my crazy subordinates will resort to something brutal soon. Maybe they will undress her in front of everyone so that everyone can get to enjoy a pleasing scene. Or perhaps they will slit her throat and kill her right in front of you," Squale scoffed with a vicious grin on his face.



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Nathan spared a glance at those who had their dagger on Frida's neck and replied scornfully, "I can guarantee you that they won't be able to do any of that."

In return, Squale sneered and thought it would be necessary to teach Nathan a lesson.

He yelled and instructed, "Tourte, strip this gorgeous lady using your dagger. Let's show everyone her busty figure. I'm sure it's a feast for the eyes!"

A dwarf-looking man grinned wickedly the moment he heard Squale's instruction. He stretched his arms and reached for Frida's clothes with the dagger he had with him, planning to remove the buttons one after another using the dagger.

Frida was about to retaliate against the pirate, but the pirate's accomplices placed their daggers on her neck and warned her, "Stop moving around!"

Using the dagger, Tourte was about to remove the first button with a perverted





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look on his face.

By then, Nathan couldn't keep his calm anymore. He said coldly, "You should have seen this coming your way!"

The moment he finished his sentence, he raised his right arm and swung downwards.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

A few deafening buzzes could be heard as the snipers fired several consecutive shots.



Consequently, Tourte and the pirates, who had placed their daggers on Frida's neck, was shot and taken out.

Blood spewed everywhere as bullets passed through their heads. In the end, they collapsed to the ground, having breathed their last.

What?

Squale was stupefied when he saw that





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his underlings was taken out simultaneously within a few seconds.

Frida looked at the corpses of the pirates by her feet. Although she was equally horrified, she was slightly excited deep down.

She looked at Nathan in adoration and thought to herself. Mr. Cross is such an exceptional man! He doesn't even have to go after them personally. Within a few seconds, he has defeated and crushed the pirates mercilessly.

Meanwhile, Penny and the rest, who had been taking cover inside Nathan's ride, were equally astonished.

Nathan looked at Squale and asked scornfully, "Are you still going to kill me? Do you want me to get down on my knees in front of you?"

Squale was trembling in fear. He could barely stand properly by then because he was utterly horrified.





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He surveyed the surroundings in an attempt to seek out the snipers that launched the series of ambush, but his effort was in vain because he couldn't detect them at all.

Since Nathan had several snipers on standby, Squale knew what would be in store for him should he try to flee. Therefore, he gave up on the thought of escaping.

He got down on his knees in front of Nathan and begged for mercy in a pitiable front, "Mr. Cross, please forgive me! Please let me off the hook for once, Mr. Cross! I have to take care of my parents and my child. Please!"

"Who sent you to kill me?" Nathan's eyes glinted wrathfully as he looked at Squale.

Squale hesitated for quite some time before he stuttered, "I-It's an instruction from our boss, Mr. Blackwood."

"I don't recall offending Odysseus before. Why did he send you to come after me?





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Why the hell do the pirates from Demon's Lair constantly go after the cargo that's exported abroad by Cross Group?" Nathan probed further as he wanted to figure out the truth.

"Actually, Tristan from the Westwood Family of Brimmopolis was the one who had requested our boss' aid to get rid of you." Squale lowered his head and spilled the beans.

Realization dawned on Nathan as he figured out what was going on. Elijah was Tristan's son. Tristan must have had reached out to the pirates from Demon's Lair and acquired their aid to avenge his son.

Squale crawled all the way over to Nathan's front and bowed over and over again. He apologized, "Mr. Nathan, please forgive me..."

Suddenly, he reached for the dagger he had been hiding all this while and plunged it towards Nathan's abdomen area in a swift motion. "Go to hell!"





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Penny and the rest tried to warn Nathan immediately, "Nathan, watch out!"

Before Squale could reach Nathan with his dagger, the latter had already raised his leg and kicked the former with all his might, aiming for his jaw.

Squale's jaw shattered upon impact with Nathan's merciless kick and he was sent flying backwards. By the time he landed on the ground, he had passed on.



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Soon, a fleet of police cars arrived with their sirens wailing.

Along with a dozen of policemen, Zed alighted from the police car and rushed over to Nathan's side. He asked anxiously, "Mr. Cross, Ms. Smith, is everything fine?"

Penny replied, "Mr. Walker, thank God you're here! These men are pirates who tried to harm us. My husband was only trying to protect us..."

Actually, Penny was afraid Zed would misperceive Nathan as a murderer and take him into custody. Therefore, she tried to explain the situation to Zed immediately.

However, Zed interrupted Penny before she could finish her sentence. "Ms. Smith, we are aware of the fact that they are a bunch of pirates affiliated with those from Demon's Lair. We have been keeping an eye on them all this while. In fact, our snipers cooperated with Mr. Cross to take out the pirates. Thankfully, we manage to save Ms. Hampton in the nick of time."





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"Wow! The snipers that have saved Frida are part of the police force? That's awesome!" Penny was surprised.

Zed replied with a smile and assured Penny, "That's right! Well, Mr. Cross, Ms. Smith, we shall take over from here. You may leave now."

"Alright. Thank you, Mr. Walker." Nathan replied politely with a smile.

With that, he got into his ride and departed with Penny, Leah, Benson, and the rest of his party.



Colin, who had been hiding behind the scene, showed up the moment Nathan departed.

"Hello, sir!" Zed saluted politely.

In return, Colin nodded and instructed, "Get rid of the pirates' corpses discreetly. Do not announce the outcome of the operation because we don't want to alarm our foes."





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Zed looked at Colin in disbelief because he couldn't fathom the rationale behind his instruction. Hence, Colin explained, "The bunch of pirates has offended Mr. Cross. Thus, he has made up his mind to get rid of those affiliated with Demon's Lair within a week."

The moment Zed figured out Nathan's plan, he couldn't believe his ears because the pirates from Demon's Lair were a capable bunch.

They had always gone rampant at the borders of their country. Their leader, Odysseus, or Mr. Blackwood as everyone call him, was the leader of the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair. In short, he had a total of more than a thousand subordinates.

Not to mention Odysseus was a cunning man. Whenever a country tried to take him into custody, he would take cover in another country. Hence, no one had ever gotten the best of him thus far.

However, now that the outlaw had offended the General of the North, perhaps





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he would be doomed soon.

In the end, Zed nodded and assured Colin, "Understood, Sir. We will get rid of the corpses discreetly. We won't get in the way of the general."

"Great!" Colin was pleased.

Meanwhile, a ship that had disguised itself as a freighter was making its way through the high seas.

The interior of the said ship had a lavish touch to it. Obviously, it had been refurbished in an ostentatious manner.

The mixed stench of smoke, perfume, and men's bodily scent permeated throughout the space, creating an odd combination of smell.

Topless men could be found everywhere in the cabin. They were either lying or sitting around. All of them had two things in common; they are equally fierce looking, and they had guns by their sides.





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These men were none other than the pirates of Demon's Lair.

Some of them were enjoying a cup of drink with the women they had abducted, and some were gambling with the jewelry and monies they had ripped off of others.

The largest suite in the cabin had been occupied by Odysseus, the pirates' leaders.

Currently, the man was dressed in a white bathrobe as he sat on the leather chair in his suite. His chest was exposed, and a few scars can be seen on it. It seemed like he had been shot and cut in the chest previously.

A few women of different colors kneeled in front of Odysseus. Every single one of them had a pair of dull eyes because they had to serve the man against their will.

There were another five men of different builds in front of the women. They stood in front of Odysseus respectfully.





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The five of them were none other than five of the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair. They were Odysseus' most dependable aides.

One of the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair, Typhon, told Odysseus in a serious tone, "I have bad news, boss."

Odysseus leaned against the leather chair casually and helped himself with the grapes served by the gorgeous lady by his side. He asked nonchalantly, "Has another nation dispatched their navy to come after us again?"





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Odysseus frowned and asked, "What's wrong? I thought they had been dispatched along with some of our men to infiltrate the South? They are supposed to go after Nathan in Channing, right?"

In return, Typhon replied with a bitter smile on his face, "According to our intel, Cyclops, Squale, and the men they brought with them had been completely wiped out. It seems like they couldn't take Nathan out. Instead, they had been taken out by Nathan."

"What?" Odysseus' eyes widened in shock as he expressed his disbelief. "Cyclops and Squale has been by my side for years. They are part of the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair as well. They are, by no means, weak at all. How the hell did they lose the fight against Nathan?"

As soon as Typhon heard Odysseus' words, he explained, "Boss, Mr. Westwood used to be the rear admiral of the navy. He's quite a capable man as well, but he has actually come to us for help in getting rid of Nathan. This shows that Nathan isn't





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as weak as we have perceived him to be."

"You're right! It seems like I might have underestimated Nathan's capability!"
Odysseus nodded and asserted.

"What should we do next, boss?" Typhon and the remaining Seven Kings of Demon's Lair asked.

"I believe it's time for me to infiltrate Channing personally since we have a deal with Mr. Westwood. Apart from that, we can't possibly allow Cyclops and Squale, who were two of our important comrades, to die in vain. I'll definitely avenge them and kill Nathan." Odysseus snorted once he finished his sentence.

However, Typhon and the rest of Odysseus' underlings were dismayed upon hearing their leader's announcement.

As Typhon couldn't hold himself back, he tried to persuade Odysseus, "Boss, I don't think it's necessary for you to go after him personally. After all, he's just one man."

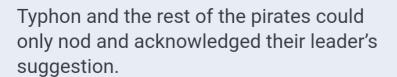




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The remaining Kings of Demon's Lair went along with Typhon and said, "He's right, boss! What should we do if the navy decides to come after us once you're away?"

"We have been staying away from those from this particular nation throughout the years. I don't think they will pick on us. Besides, we're currently working for Mr. Westwood. I'm sure you guys are aware he used to be the rear admiral of the navy, right? Even if the navy comes after us, I'm sure Mr. Westwood will take care of it on our behalf," Odysseus reassured his underlings.



Suddenly, Typhon asked once more, "Boss, how many of us are you bringing with you? I'm sure you'll need a few of us to go after Nathan with you, right?"

Odysseus gave it a thought and replied, "I'll have Orque, Puolpe, Mouette, and Croc to





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go after Nathan with me. Apart from that, I'll get a hundred elites to tag along as well."

The chosen ones amongst the Seven Kings of Demon's Lair replied synchronously, "Yes, sir!"

Once Odysseus made up his mind, he turned around and ordered, "Typhon, you'll stay behind and take charge of the ship. I want you to lead everyone and disguise the ship as an ordinary freighter. Infiltrate the sea near Channing and be on standby once we depart."

"Yes, sir!" Typhon replied.

Two days later, the members from the senior management of Cross Group gathered around in a conference room in Channing at the South.

They were having a rough time as they tried to decide on the next best course of action

It turned out that half an hour ago, the





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region's most renowned pirate, Odysseus, had sent his men to Cross Group. They demanded Cross Group to pay a toll worthy of ten billion.

The underling of Odysseus made himself clear that those from Demon's Lair would stay away from Cross Group's cargo in the future should they pay the toll as demanded.

Otherwise, the pirates from Demon's Lair would plunder everything Cross Group had whenever they try to send their cargo via the sea.

Therefore, the members of Cross Group's senior management were in the middle of a heated discussion to decide the next best course of action.

Some of the members suggested giving in to the pirates' demand. After all, their employees' safety and wellbeing should come first.

However, there were a few members who were against the idea of paying the toll.





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They would rather use air freight in the future at a higher premium rather than giving in to the pirates' absurd request.

There were another few who suggested getting in touch with the cops and procuring aids through legal means.

Naturally, there were several who were against the idea of getting in touch with the cops because they were afraid the pirates would be infuriated, let alone getting rid of them once and for all.

Just as everyone was quarrelling with each other, Nathan made his way into the conference room.

Penny was having a hard time deciding the next best course of action as well and her eyes gleamed the moment she saw Nathan. Immediately, she told Nathan about her concerns and asked him, "You're the chief advisor of Cross Group. What should we do next? We have to secure the best interest for the company."

The moment Nathan heard the details, he





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had made up his mind. He couldn't believe Odysseus had the audacity to show up at their doorstep to threaten them after they had stolen from Cross Group.

Nathan smirked and assured his wife, "My advice is to give them nothing. Instead, we'll get rid of them once and for all!"

Penny and the members of senior management were appalled by the man's arrogant remark.

After all, even the navy couldn't get rid of Odysseus and the pirates from Demon Lair's, yet Nathan had the guts to defy and pick on them.

They found Nathan's plan absurd because it seemed too good to be real.

Seeing everyone's doubtful eyes, Nathan reassured them, "The words that I have uttered are all facts and within three days, you'll be able to see for yourself whether I'm telling the truth or not."





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It took the members of Cross Group's senior management quite some time before they returned to their senses.

Immediately, someone raised their objection against Nathan's suggestion. "Nathan, Odysseus is one of the most fearsome pirates in this region. In fact, he's the leader of Demon's Lair; the one that dominates the sea. The Seven Kings of Demon's Lair are his subordinates and they have always been known as a brutal bunch. Even the navy of several countries failed to get rid of them. Do you really think you will be able to take him out?"



Another member of the senior management said, "That's right! Odysseus has warned us to transfer the requested sum to his account before the clock strikes twelve tomorrow. Otherwise, he will take action against us starting tomorrow. I'm afraid the life of everyone in this conference room will be at stake if we refuse to give in to his request!"

Nevertheless, Nathan reassured everyone in a calm and collected manner, "Don't





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worry. No one's life will be at stake. By twelve o'clock tomorrow, I will get rid of him once and for all. Please be patient for the time being."

Since everyone had conflicting viewpoints and opinions, Penny decided to take the matter into her hands and announced, "No matter what, Cross Group will never give in to the pirates! We won't pay them the toll they have demanded either! I'll get in touch with the cops and request them for their aid as soon as this meeting is over! Apart from that, the company's recent exported goods will be freighted through the air for the time being."

As Penny was the chairman of the board of directors and the president of Cross Group, she has the rights to make the final decision personally.

The members of the senior management couldn't rebuke Penny's decision since she had made up her mind. They decided to carry out her instructions for the time being.





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Before long, the members of the senior management was dismissed and they returned to their respective positions.

With the meeting over, Nathan and Penny were the only ones left in the conference room.

Penny massaged her temples as she was extremely worn out. Truth be told, she knew the cops wouldn't be able to get rid of the pirates as well, let alone Odysseus and those from Demon's Lair.

As a matter of fact, air freight wouldn't be the optimal solution because it would increase the cost of production in the long term. Hence, it was merely a plan to get rid of their urgent needs.

Nathan took a seat by Penny's side because he knew what Penny's concerns were.

He held his wife's hand and assured her with a smile, "What's wrong? Don't you have faith in me? Are you afraid that your beloved husband won't be able to get rid of





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the pirates and Odysseus?"

In return, Penny rolled her eyes and replied with a poker face, "Nathan, I know what you're capable of. In fact, ordinary pirates aren't your match. However, we're talking about Odysseus. Even the navy from several countries had a hard time dealing with him. Do you really think you will be able to take him out?"

Nathan raised his eyebrows in return and asked rhetorically, "Perhaps the reason why the navy of other countries isn't able to take him out is because they're relatively weak? If the navy of our nation has the intention to take Odysseus and those from Demon's Lair out, we will be able to get rid of them within a few minutes."

"However, they have never been one of the navy's priorities all along. Since I have promised you to take them out, I won't allow any single one of them to survive! If you don't believe me, shall we make a bet?"





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"What sort of bet?" Penny's eyes widened as she was intrigued. She looked at her husband curiously.

"Let's bet on whether Odysseus and those from Demon's Lair will be taken out before twelve o'clock tomorrow!" Nathan suggested.

"What's the reward if you win the bet?" Penny asked in return.

"If I'm able to take the pirates out before twelve o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow, you have to kiss me," Nathan replied with a grin on his face.

Penny flushed embarrassedly upon hearing his request. She avoided her husband's gaze and said. "Stop fooling around!"

The moment she finished her sentence, she thought about it and realized Nathan was her husband. Since they were husband and wife, it wouldn't be considered as fooling around even if she were to kiss him.





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Feeling embarrassed, she tried to divert the topic and asked in return, "What happens if you lose the bet?"

"If that's the case, I'll kiss you! Sounds like a fair deal to me." Nathan smiled and replied.

Penny found her husband's reply hilarious and absurd at the same time. "Hey! It doesn't sound fair at all, okay?"



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Once Nathan finished teasing his wife, he made his way out of Cross Group's headquarter.

Colin, the Elite Eight, Thunderstorm, and Waves, had gotten their rides ready. They had been waiting for Nathan in front of Cross Group's headquarter.

Once Nathan walked out of the building, he got into the black SUV that was parked in front of the fleet of cars.

The fleet of cars departed and made their way over to their designated destination.

On the way, Colin reported, "Sir, I have located Odysseus' current whereabouts. He has infiltrated Channing with four of his most trusted aides, and a bunch of pirates. They're currently staying at Blackwood resort."

Nathan recalled the glorious past and murmured to himself, "Back then, as long as the ships of our nation hoisted our nation's flag, they would make it through even the most perilous region unscathed





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because no pirates dared to offend the ships of our nation! How dare Odysseus and those from Demon's Lair pick on us! They should have stayed away from Cross Group's freight! I can't believe they have the guts to show up at our doorstep and demand a toll. I'm pretty sure they have a death wish! Let's head over and grant Odysseus his wish immediately!"

"Yes, sir!" Colin replied and ordered the drivers to head over to Blackwood resort immediately.

In the meantime, Odysseus had reserved the whole luxurious resort by the beach to himself for a week.

Hence, the entire resort had been occupied by the pirates Odysseus had brought along with him.

At the moment, Odysseus was having a great time with his subordinates; Mouette, Croc, Orque, and Puolpe. They were surrounded by gorgeous ladies as they helped themselves to all sorts of drinks.





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Odysseus asked Orque, "You have sent your subordinate to get in touch with those from Cross Group, right? What's their response?"

"Boss, their faces turned pale the moment they realize who they're dealing with. I'm sure they will transfer the money to you by tomorrow. I can't believe it! It's ten billion that we're talking about!" Orque was delighted.

In return, Odysseus scoffed, "Ten million ain't much for those from Cross Group! Since Cyclops and Squale is dead, we can't possibly let those from Cross Group off the hook unscathed, right?"

"Boss, what about Nathan? When are we going to take him out?" Orque asked.

"As soon as we get our hands on the money, we'll take Nathan out! Once we have achieved our goals, we'll get in touch with Typhon and leave immediately,"
Odysseus sneered and instructed.

"Hahaha! This is such a great deal! I can't





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believe we'll get to kill two birds with one stone! After all, we get to finish Mr. Westwood's request and generate a fortune for ourselves!" Orque and his comrades burst into laughter as they were overjoyed.

While Odysseus and the pirates were having the best time of their lives, a man broke the silence in a callous tone and greeted them, "Indeed, it does sounds like a great deal. After all, you will be taken out by me personally. You should be grateful because it's an honor."

Odysseus and the pirates were taken aback by the sudden appearance of another party. They turned around and looked in the direction of the entrance.

What they saw was a tall man walking in with a bunch of people behind him. They were taking their sweet time as they entered the resort.

The man was none other than Nathan. Odysseus recognized Nathan because he saw his photo while going through his

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information previously.

He gasped in shock and exclaimed, "It's you, Nathan Cross!"

At that moment, the pirates Odysseus brought along with him showed up out of nowhere and rushed over to his side.

"Hurry up!"

"Surround them! Since they have hurt one of us, they have to bear the consequences of their actions!"

Before long, a hundred elites that Odysseus brought along with him had completely surrounded Nathan and his men.

Certain that the tide was now in his favor. Odysseus came back to his senses while putting on a calm front and greeted, "Nathan, I can't believe you have the guts to show up in front of me. Are you that eager to meet with your maker? I believe we have some scores to settle since you've killed Cyclops and Squale!"





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At that, Nathan merely cast a scornful gaze at Odysseus and the bunch of pirates who had them surrounded. He told them, "I have some scores to settle with you as well. However, I'm giving you one last chance to surrender yourself. If you're willing to turn yourself in, I'll let you off the hook for once."

Surrender? Turn ourselves in?

The moment Odysseus and the bunch of pirates heard Nathan's words, they exchanged glances and burst into laughter.



They found Nathan's warning to be hilarious because he was obviously outnumbered. They thought Nathan must have been joking.



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Odysseus replied with a smirk, "Ha! Since you have a death wish, I'll do you a favor and grant you your wish! My kings, charge and kill them all!"

The moment the Kings of Demon's Lair heard Odysseus's instruction, they replied synchronously, "Yes, boss!"

Mouette, Croc, Orque, and Puolpe charged towards Nathan as they decided to make the first move.

"Insolent fools! Intercept them!" Colin instructed.

Similarly, four of the Elite Eight sprinted forward to intercept the Kings of Demon Lair.

An intense battle broke out between them immediately as none of them bothered to hold back against one another.

Undeniably, Orque, Croc, Mouette, and Puolpe were fairly skilled because all of them had the skill to take out ordinary hitmen easily.





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However, they were going up against the General of the North's personal bodyguards.

The Elite Eight had been handpicked by Nathan from the North Army to become his personal bodyguards. Obviously, the Kings of Demon Lair wouldn't be a match for them because they were the elites amongst elites.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Within a few minutes, the Kings of Demon's Lair were defeated by four of the Elite Eight simultaneously.

They were sent flying and finally landed on the ground with a heavy thud.

Spitting out blood, the King of Demon's Lair were gravely injured to the point that they could no longer move a muscle.

What!

The pirates' jaw dropped because they couldn't believe their eyes. Obviously, they





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were taken aback by the drastic turn of events.

Similarly, Odysseus' eyes widened in disbelief. He was as shocked as his underlings because the Kings of Demon's Lair were his most capable aides, and with their feral fighting skills, they rarely come across formidable foes.

Usually, they would easily outmatch their foes, but they had been taken out by Nathan's subordinates without a hitch today.

It seemed as though Nathan's subordinates were the ones Odysseus should be wary of.

With that thought in mind, Odysseus glared at Nathan with a serious look on his face. He knew he should stop underestimating Nathan and start to take him seriously. At the same time, he couldn't help but doubt Nathan's actual identity.

Who the hell is Nathan? Why does he have





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such strong and insanely capable subordinates by his side?

In return, Nathan cast a scornful gaze at Odysseus. He suggested callously, "Odysseus, are you ready to surrender yet?"

Surrender?

Odysseus was aware of what would be in store for him because he had committed all sorts of offenses throughout the years. He was certain that death would be the only outcome if he were to turn himself in as demanded.

Therefore, he would never surrender himself. In fact, most of the mainstay of Demon's Lair who was by Odysseus' side shared a similar thought.

They were certain that death would be the only outcome if they were to turn themselves in. Since Nathan and his party were greatly outnumbered, they decided to try their luck and fight till their last breath.





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Perhaps they would be able to turn things around and defeat Nathan in the end.

After all, they were there under Mr. Westwood's request. Since Mr. Westwood was affiliated with those from the military, they thought he would be able to set them free once again.

Besides, Typhon was on standby with the remaining eight-hundred pirates by the bay of Channing. They would rush over to their comrades' aid any time Odysseus reached out to them for help.

Odysseus regained his composure and sneered at Nathan, "The elites of Demon's Lair are here with me! Do you seriously think we will turn ourselves in when you are greatly outnumbered by us? You must be kidding, right? Get him, everyone! We must take him out at all costs!"

The moment Odysseus uttered his instruction, the hundred ferocious-looking pirates reached for their weapons and rushed towards Nathan.





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Once again, Colin instructed, "Get yourselves ready to engage in combat!"

Immediately, Colin, Thunderstorm, Waves, and the Elite Eight sprinted forward to intercept their foes.

One after another, the pirates tried to force their way through to reach Nathan.

However, Colin and his comrades would get in their way. An intense battle broke out between both parties.

The pirates had all sorts of weapons with them, including tridents, axes and knives. In fact, some of them even had guns with them.



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Colin, who was from the North, was both a veteran soldier and a veteran marksman.

Although the scene was chaotic, he noticed there were quite a few pirates who stood where they were and made a motion to draw their guns. Hence, Colin was certain that some of the pirates were equipped with guns.

He took a few steps back immediately while evading the brutal pirates' attack along the way. He reached for his gun and fired several consecutive shots at the pirates who were reaching for their guns.

The pirates, who were still in the process of drawing their guns, were all shot between the eyes before they could even grasp the situation.

In the meantime, Thunderstorm, Waves, and the Elite Eight were carrying out their duties, defending Nathan diligently.

As the fight goes on, it became clear that the pirates weren't a match for the Elite Eight in terms of combat skills. From the





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moment the battle began, there had been casualties amongst the pirates.

Nevertheless, the pirates were a ruthless bunch. They behaved as though they weren't afraid of death at all.

The moment their comrades collapsed to the ground, the pirates behind would step on their comrades' blood and make their way across their comrades' corpses. They showed no signs of stopping because they were determined to fight until their last breaths.

The battle grew even more intense as time went by.

Even though Odysseus had the upper hand in terms of quantity, the pirates he had with him were no match for Nathan's subordinates in terms of combat skills. Eventually, they shrieked and groaned in pain as they collapsed one after another.

Odysseus knew he had to think of something soon. Otherwise, he would be defeated if his underlings were to be taken





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out at such a pace.

Just as he was racking his brain for a plan, Odysseus' eyes gleamed the moment he detected Nathan because Nathan had been taking cover behind his subordinates ever since the battle began.

Therefore, Odysseus decided to take Nathan out first because he was certain he could render Nathan's subordinates immobile as long as he could get his hands on their leader.

Odysseus was sure that if he could kill or take Nathan as hostage, Nathan's subordinates would definitely cease fighting immediately.

At that moment he glimpsed Colin reloading his gun out of the corner of his eye.

Without any hesitation, Odysseus reached for his retro-looking revolver, took aim and pulled the trigger as he approached Nathan. "Go to hell, Nathan!"





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Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

As Odysseus marched towards Nathan, he fired six consecutive shots at once, spending all the bullets within the revolver.

He was pretty confident of his marksmanship and was sure that he had his gun aimed at Nathan's head. However, he was utterly dumbfounded when he saw Nathan managed to evade every single shot fired.

The moment Odysseus fired the shots, Nathan moved sideways nonchalantly. In the end, the bullets could only whizzed past Nathan, hitting nothing.

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The man shouted in shock, "How is that possible? You're faster than a bullet!"

All of a sudden, Nathan's figure blurred. In the blink of an eye, he had made his way over to Odysseus' side and showed up in front of him.





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Nathan remarked callously, "I may not be as fast as the bullets, but I'm definitely faster than you!"

Odysseus was infuriated. He made use of his guns as a gauntlet and attempted a punch at Nathan's face.

Seeing that, Nathan simply raised his hand and caught Odysseus' wrist, intercepting Odysseus' punch before it could reach him.

Odysseus' eyes glinted in bewilderment and he was shocked to his core.

Without a second thought, Nathan snapped the pirate's wrist to render him immobile.

Arghhhh!

The man shrieked in pain due to the excruciating sensation he felt.
Immediately, he attempted to throw another punch at Nathan using another hand.





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Once again, Nathan intercepted the man's punch and broke the man's wrist in a similar manner for another time.

Arghhhh!

Odysseus groaned in pain once more. The man was drenched in sweat due to the racking sensation he felt as both his wrists had been broken.

Finally, Nathan raised his leg and sent the man flying with an earth-shattering kick.

In fact, Nathan had been pretty merciful. Since he wanted to keep Odysseus alive, he didn't go all out against him. Otherwise, he would have sent the renowned pirate all the way to hell with his kick.

"W-Who the hell are you!" Odysseus, who had collapsed to the ground, looked at Nathan with fear in his eyes and asked with a quivering voice.

He was certain that Nathan wasn't just a run-of-the-mill businessman due to his horrifying combat skills and insanely







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capable subordinates.



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"Who the hell are you?" Odysseus looked at Nathan and repeated his question.

Nathan walked towards Odysseus casually. He looked down at the injured Odysseus on the ground and told him in a cold-hearted manner, "It won't be necessary for you to know who I am because jerks like you don't deserve to live. To be honest, you'd be long dead if it weren't because I had intended to hand you over to the relevant departments. I want the media to cover the news of your arrest. I can't wait for those who holds a grudge against you to feast their eyes upon the pathetic state you have been reduced to!"

Odysseus was taken aback by Nathan's words.

He got infuriated and yelled wrathfully as he glared at Nathan, "Don't you get full of yourself, punk! Although I have been defeated by you, my subordinate, Typhon will rush over to our side soon with our remaining comrades of Demon's Lair! If you dare to lay a finger on me, I'll get him





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to kill every single family member of yours!"

Before Nathan could respond to Odysseus' words, the latter prattled on, "Do you really think it'll be the end of me if you hand me to those from the relevant departments? Ha! You have no idea I'm acquainted with Tristan, the retired rear admiral of the navy, right? I'm sure Mr. Westwood will save us. Once we're set free again, we'll come after you and your family! We'll definitely get our revenge in the most brutal method! Are you afraid of what's in store for you yet, you punk?"



Odysseus stared at Nathan with an arrogant look on his face the moment he finished his speech.

However, Nathan remained calm as though he couldn't be bothered by Odysseus' harsh remarks. He merely smirked in return.

"Not bad! To think that you actually have a back-up plan in store. You're pretty smart to have Typhon and the remaining pirates





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on standby. Not to mention, you tried to use the relationship you had with Tristan as a leverage and threaten me. It's such a pity though, I'm afraid the pirates and Typhon are being taken out as we speak. As for Tristan? He has brought upon his own downfall as well. Since he has quite a lot on his plate, I'm sure he won't be of much help," Nathan looked at Odysseus and announced sarcastically.

The pirate couldn't believe his ears because Nathan's remarks didn't seem to make any sense.

Typhon and my boys have been taken out? Tristan has brought upon his misfortune? W-What's going on?

He looked at Nathan in disbelief and yelled, "What sort of nonsense are you talking about? Typhon has infiltrated Channing with thousands of elites. It's impossible for them to be taken out altogether! And you're lying about the misfortune that will befall Mr. Westwood too, right?"





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Just as Odysseus uttered his words, the battle between the Elite Eight and the pirates of Demon's Lair had come to an end.

Colin and the rest of his comrades were completely unscathed, but hundreds of the pirates had been murdered mercilessly while a majority of them had been gravely injured.

"As soon as I reached this resort, I have instructed the navy of the South to commence the operation. The whole naval forces had been dispatched to go after Typhon and the rest of the pirates. I'm certain they have been taken out by now," Nathan looked at Odysseus in the eyes and assured him.

"You must be lying to me! Typhon has infiltrated the South discreetly under my orders! It's impossible for you to know about our whereabouts beforehand! Who the hell do you think you are to be able to command the whole naval forces of the nation?" Odysseus yelled hysterically as he was enraged.





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"Ever since you decided to get your hands on the goods of Cross Group, I have had my eyes on you and the pirates you're leading. I'm determined to get rid of Demon's Lair once and for all. Hence, I sent my men to keep an eye on you and Typhon since a few days ago. Truth be told, I'm aware of every single agenda you had gotten yourself involved in the past few days. As for my actual identity, I don't think I'm obliged to tell you," Nathan replied as he smirked.

However, Odysseus refused to believe Nathan's words because he thought Nathan was merely bluffing.

He was about to rebuke the man's statement once again, but synchronous sounds of infantry marching in could be heard all of a sudden.

Someone yelled in a serious manner loudly, "Hurry up! Secure the perimeter immediately! No one is allowed to leave without the general's permission!"

Soon, fully equipped special forces





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showed up and marched into the resort in an intimidating manner.



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The fully equipped special forces secured the perimeter the moment they showed up. Every one of them was armed with submachine gun. They had their muzzles aimed at Odysseus and the bunch of pirates.

Odysseus and his injured bunch of underlings were utterly dumbfounded by the presence of the armed forces.

Usually, the policemen would be the ones who would go after them. Odysseus was shocked because the military had shown up instead. Judging by the emblem they had on their uniform, it seemed like they were the Dragonfury Special Forces.

The sight of the emblem made Odysseus realize that something was wrong. He had an ominous premonition about what would be in store for them.

Just then, a man who was dressed in the uniform of a lieutenant colonel marched in

He had a few officers by his side. They





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rushed over to Nathan and Colin's side immediately and saluted Nathan respectfully.

"Sir, my name is Mark. I'm the Deputy Commander of Dragonfury Special Forces affiliated with the North Army. I have brought along two thousand elites with me, and we have secured the perimeter of Blackwood resort. Awaiting your next order, sir!"

The Dragonfury Special Forces? Don't tell me he's the General of the North?

The moment Odysseus heard the title of Mark and the way he addressed Nathan, his face turned pale and haggard.

Similarly, his heart sank to the bottom of his stomach as he regretted his action.

Finally, he realized the reason why Nathan could get rid of those from Gehenna easily. He was the General of the North. It must have been a piece of cake for him to take Elijah out.





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Obviously, Tristan, who was merely a retired rear admiral, wouldn't be a match for Nathan, the General of the North either.

Realization dawned on Odysseus that Nathan wasn't joking when he said he could command the naval forces to take the pirates of Demon's Lair into custody.

He could finally made sense of Nathan's warning. In fact, he was indeed in a world of trouble, just as Nathan had warned him about a few minutes ago.

It turned out Nathan was the nation's God of War. He was none other than the renowned General of the North. It was only natural that he had been so arrogant in front of them.

Oh, God! What sort of big shot have I offended!

At that moment, Odysseus felt he would be better off dead.

Currently, Odysseus held a strong grudge against Tristan because he was the reason





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behind the misfortune that would soon befall him.

If Tristan hadn't got in touch with him and demanded a favor from him, he would never have picked on Nathan in the first place.

As of now, Nathan had yet to deliver his instruction to the Dragonfury Special Forces because he hadn't decide on the next best course of action.

He asked nonchalantly, "The naval forces of the South had been dispatched to annihilate the pirates of Demon's Lair. What's the latest progress?"

In return, Mark held his head high and replied respectfully, "Sir, we have received words from the naval forces of the South five minutes ago. They have completely annihilated the pirates of Demon's Lair. The person in charge, Typhon, has been taken into custody as well."

Once he finished his sentence, he turned around and beckoned one of his





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subordinates over. A member of the special forces rushed over with a military exclusive laptop.

Immediately, Mark switched on the laptop and showed Nathan a collection of photos.

The pirates' ship had been surrounded by countless navy fleets in the middle of the sea. The naval forces had boarded the ship and taken the pirates into custody, and the hostages had been rescued.

Typhon, Odysseus' most trusted aide, had been taken into custody with his hands cuffed. The pirate's face was bleeding excessively as the naval forces escorted him to the naval fleet.

Nathan beckoned the said infantry to show Odysseus the photos.

The moment Odysseus saw the photos, his face turned deathly pale as he stared into the distance dejectedly.

He knew he was as good as gone because he had picked on the General of the South.





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Apart from that, Nathan had gotten rid of his base of operations and the pirates who had sworn loyalty to him.

"Do you still want to kill me?" Nathan asked rhetorically as he looked at Odysseus.

Odysseus shuddered upon hearing that. He snapped himself back to reality and wriggled over to Nathan's front. He bowed and begged for mercy, "Sir, please forgive me. I will turn myself in and surrender. Please give me another chance to turn over a new leaf! I'm willing to bear the consequences of my actions. I don't mind spending a few years behind bars. Please give me another chance!"

Nathan scoffed, "Oh? Correct me if I'm wrong, but I heard that you wouldn't show mercy to anyone else when you rob the freights. Some told me that women were the only ones that would be taken into custody alive. Did you give those innocent merchants another chance? It seems like you didn't show them any mercy as well, right?"





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As soon as Odysseus heard Nathan's reply, his limbs turned rigid because he knew what Nathan was up to in his mind. He could foresee the future that was awaiting him.

Nathan beckoned and instructed, "Take them into custody immediately! Hand them over to the juridical department. I want them to atone for the sins they have committed."

"Yes, sir!"

Soon, the special forces took Odysseus into custody. They brought them out of the resort in an orderly manner.

By then, countless reporters had already gathered outside of the resort.

They put their cameras to work as soon as they detected the presence of Odysseus and the pirates. Naturally, this particular incident would make it to the nation's headline soon.