

Penny was perplexed at his request, "Why does my husband have to wait outside?"

Richard merely grinned, "Because I don't like having a third person when I'm discussing matters with someone.

Another opinion will only complicate matters and in the end, the discussion will not be productive."

"If Ms. Smith is not comfortable with my working style, then I don't see the point of us even having the discussion. Please find someone better qualified for the job."

For the sake of the three workers in critical condition, Penny could only speak to Nathan in a hushed tone, "Nathan, why don't you wait for me outside?"

Nathan peered at Richard Steele, "Sure."

Only Richard and Penny were left in the room after Nathan had left.

Penny took the initiative and spoke, "Dr. Steele, what's the price I have to pay for you to operate on the three workers?"



Richard Steele then raised two fingers. Penny replied, "Two million? This is quite standard with your normal charges for the riches. I can do with two million."

He grinned wickedly, "Whoever said two million? I'm talking about two billion per surgery. Ms. Smith. Your surgery will cost six billion in total!"

Penny widened her eyes in disbelief as her voice croaked, "Six billion? Aren't you being too unreasonable?"

Richard retorted, "Six billion is fair. You're basically under the scrutiny of media for the construction site accident. Everyone in Channing is having their eyes on this, wondering whether the three severelyinjured workers will survive."

"I'm risking my reputation to perform the surgeries for you. Six billion is a fair price considering the risk I'm bearing."

Penny was astounded at his justification.

Richard peered at the porcelain skin



showing through her collar and grinned wickedly, "Of course, if you don't want to pay the six billion. There's another option for you."

"That is if you lie down on top of the desk and have sex with me. I'll save all three of them with no charges then."

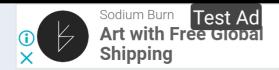
Penny's face turned crimson red and gritted through her teeth, "Shameless!"

She turned around to leave afterward.

However, Richard stopped her and stared at her lustfully, "Ms. Smith, don't rush to leave. You should keep in mind that in all of Channing, no, even in all of North, I'm the only one who can help you out."

"If you refuse me and your three workers die from the accident, then it would be a serious construction site accident. Your company will suffer the repercussions while you as the project manager will be locked up as well."

He added, "So my advice is, you'd better



spread your legs and please me."

Penny was about to slap him with a blatant rejection when she suddenly heard a loud thud. The reception room's door was kicked open, and Nathan came in with a darkened expression.

Richard regarded the murderous Nathan and subconsciously retracted himself with fear. "What- What are you trying to do?"

Nathan Cross lifted his hand and slapped Samuel Steele across the face, hard.

The sheer force from the slap knocked a few of Steele's teeth out and made him spurt blood. The momentum of the slap had even sent him flying across the room and the desk was toppled over by his weight.

Nathan stared impassively at him, "How does a perverted person like you become Dr. Rothschild's student? I'm giving you a chance for retribution. Go to Channing Hospital later in the afternoon and apologize to me, kneeling. Or else, you're



screwed for life."

Nathan held Penny's hand and they left right after.

A few staff came rushing in after Nathan and Penny left. They hurriedly steadied him and asked, "Dr. Steele, are you alright?"

Half of Richard Steele's face turned swollen from the impact, and even a few of his teeth had fallen out. It was his first time getting beaten up like this.

However, he was incensed at Nathan Cross's remark. How dare he ask me to apologize to him while kneeling? Who does he think he is?

Steele grimaced and his face turned hideous, "I'm the only one who is able to save the three patients in all of Channing. How dare this bastard threaten me?"

"Okay, I'll play along and go to the hospital in the afternoon. These two bitches better be prostrating themselves to me later. I will



not operate on the three patients otherwise!"

Steele had harbored a more evil thought in his mind. Even if Nathan Cross and Penny Smith begged at me, I will still let the patients die.

He vowed to let Penny Smith suffer the repercussions of the construction site accident.



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Nathan and Penny walked out of Adventist Private Hospital, and Penny heaved a long sigh, "Now that you've hit him, I don't think it's possible for him to operate on the three workers even if we promise to him six billion."

However, Nathan reassured her, "It's okay. Dr. Rothschild will handle the patients. I will make sure this pervert suffers a fate worse than death if he does not apologize to me, kneeling later."

Penny could only shake her head, thinking that her husband had his head up in the clouds again.

Nathan then followed Penny home. She was dead beat because she did not sleep a wink last night.

Meanwhile, Benson Smith and Leah Smith made lunch and the family got together for a meal.

The Smiths were in low spirits, forming a stark comparison to Nathan.

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Meanwhile, the TV was broadcasting news on Channing. A reporter was denouncing the construction site accident at Asiatic Mall.

The reporter deplored, "The construction site accident has caused the injury of 32 people. Three workers are currently in critical condition. It is said that the person in charge, Penny Smith, is only a young woman in her twenties. Besides, it has been found out that she does not have any experience in capital construction. This accident is most likely caused by her negligence. After a thorough investigation is done on the root cause of the accident, she will be remanded and charged for her oversight."

Benson and Leah's expressions changed drastically after hearing the news. They hurriedly switch off the TV.

Penny could only smile bitterly. Defamation and fame are just two sides of the same coin.

A number of people had turned green with

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envy when she had gotten the tender for the Asiatic Mall project.

However, after the incident at the construction site, they turned their backs against her, and could not wait to see her behind bars.

Besides, she knew that an investigation was ongoing.

If it was indeed due to negligence on her part, and the workers had become casualties of the accident, then she might really have to face jail time.

With these thoughts in mind, she lost her appetite. Penny had a few bites and went into her room to take a nap.

Before taking her nap, she reminded Nathan, Wake me up after half an hour. Even if we couldn't get Richard Steele to operate for the three workers, we have to try our best to get the second-best alternative."

Nathan replied calmly, "Don't worry, I have

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my plans."

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Penny dragged her knackered body back to the room.

Benson and Leah could not hold it in any longer after Penny had left and hurriedly asked Nathan, "Nathan, is it true that Penny might go to jail for that serious construction site accident? It's all over the news."

Nathan reassured the two, "Don't worry, mom and dad. A few workers were hurt but there were no casualties. The accident isn't considered serious. Penny is going to be alright."

Benson and Leah visibly relaxed at Nathan's explanation. However, they were still worried since the news reporter had mentioned that there were three workers who were still in critical condition.

Queenie then pulled at the corner of Nathan's shirt and looked at him nervously, "Daddy, you cannot let mommy go to jail. I'm scared that I won't get to see mommy

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again."

Nathan picked up his daughter and pinched at her nose lightly and teased her, "Don't talk nonsense. Daddy will not let mommy go to jail."

Queenie's eyes gleamed with delight, "Really?"

Nathan smiled, "When has daddy ever lied to you?"

Queenie then chuckled and replied excitedly, "Yes! Daddy always does what he says. Daddy is the best!"

Penny had wanted to sleep for half an hour. However, she woke up and realized it was already four in the afternoon.

I've slept for four hours straight!

Nathan did not wake me up as I asked him to!

Penny was enraged and hurriedly got off the bed. She headed out of the room and ×

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saw Nathan in the living room.

She had wanted to question Nathan on why he did not wake her up when Nathan interrupted her with a grin on his face, "Honey, you're awake just in time. We have to get to the hospital. The doctor who's going to operate on the three workers will arrive at Channing Hospital soon."

Penny was stumped. Did Nathan look for another famous surgeon while I was asleep?

Her anger dissipated into thin air at the thought, and she was quite touched as she gazed at Nathan.

Nathan's so considerate this time. He secretly arranged for everything when I was asleep, seeing as I had lost sleep the night before.

Penny could not help but gaze tenderly at him. Silly, you didn't sleep a wink last night too. You wanted me to rest when you did not even rest yourself.

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She followed Nathan out of the house and asked him gently, "Nathan, which surgeon did you engage? Is he trustworthy?"

Nathan merely grinned, "I trust him with my life. You'll know who it is when you get to the hospital."



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They arrived at Channing Hospital in no time.

The ICU was in a chaos.

One of the workers' condition had worsened and he was in need of surgery immediately.

The head of the surgical department,
Bennett Xander was explaining to the
family members that the operation only
had a survival rate of about 10%, and
convinced them to sign the surgery
consent form for the hospital to be able to
operate on him immediately.

The family burst into mournful sobs and refused to sign the consent form.

Dr. Xander and the family members swarmed Nathan Cross and Penny Smith when they saw the two of them approaching.

Dr. Xander took the initiative to talk to Penny. "Ms. Smith, one of the patients' condition has worsened and he is in need



of immediate surgery."

One of the family members then chimed in, "Ms. Smith, Dr. Xander told us the survival rate for the surgery is only 10%. How can we bring ourselves to sign the consent form?"

"Ms. Smith, didn't you promise to invite Dr. Steele to operate on them? Where is he?"

Penny stuttered and could not answer their burning questions. She cast a helpless look at Nathan as she was also curious about the famous surgeon he had allegedly invited to perform the surgeries.

A voice could be heard coming from the crowd before Nathan could answer her.

Everybody turned their heads to locate the source. A man with a swollen face could be seen. It was no other than the unethical doctor, Richard Steele who had been knocked out a few teeth by Nathan Cross.

Richard Steele walked over to Nathan and Penny's side, eyeing them with contempt.



Dr. Xander eyes glinted at the sight of Richard Steele, and he was pleasantly surprised, "My goodness, it's Dr. Richard Steele, Dr. Rupert Rothschild's student from Adventist Private Hospital!"

Dr. Xander excitedly chipped in, "If Dr. Steele is operating, I think it's safe to say that we have a survival rate of 50%!"

The family members murmured excitedly when they realized the man was Richard Steele.

It's great that Ms. Smith has invited him to perform the surgery!

However, their enthusiasm was dampened when Richard Steele clarified, "I'm sorry, people. I just happened to pass by here, I'm not here to perform the surgery."

The family members' hopes were shattered into pieces upon hearing his words.

They then cast doubtful glances at Penny, "Ms. Smith, didn't you say you will get Dr.



Steele to perform the surgery? What happened?"

Penny was burning with anxiety and hurriedly said to Richard Steele, "Dr. Steele, I promise to pay you six billion for the three workers' surgeries."

The crowd went silent at the mention of six billion.

They knew Richard Steele was the 'Doctor for the Rich'. However, they did not expect him to go over the top.

The family members kept silent. They thought Penny was sincere enough, seeing as she was willing to fork out six billion to save the three workers' lives.

However, they were about to get even more taken aback at what Richard Steele was about to say.

Richard Steele sneered at Penny's remark, "Hah! Six billion is just for my hard work. But you did not agree to the amount, and your husband has me beaten up, even



having the audacity to demand that I come apologizing to him, kneeling."

Richard Steele then shamelessly added, "My condition is not just the six billion now."

Penny's face grimaced at his words, "What other conditions?"

Richard Steele then shot a glance at Nathan, "Other than the six billion, I want Nathan Cross to kneel and apologize to me. Not only that, I want him to lick my shoes while he's at it!"





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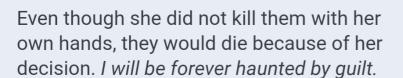


The crowd clamored and was silently condemning him for being not only greedy but unethical as well.

Penny Smith's face went as white as paper as she was trapped in a difficult position.

There was no way for her to say yes to Richard Steele's conditions. It was impossible to ask Nathan to apologize to him, kneeling, let alone licking his shoes.

However, no one else could save the three workers who were in critical condition, it would be akin to her letting them die.



Penny trembled from the mountainous pressure and all colors drained from her face as she was overwhelmed by the dilemma.

It was at this moment that Nathan grabbed her hand, giving her the strength she needed the most at that instance.



Nathan regarded Richard Steele impassively, and spit out, "How dare a quack like you demand me to beg you?"

Richard Steele's eyes widened at Nathan accusing him to be a quack.

Nathan Cross then turned to face the family members and said in a low voice, "Everybody, Cross Corporation has invited the most competent person to perform the surgeries for the workers. He's the North Army Hospital's director, Rupert Rothschild."

The crowd went mute at his announcement.

Richard Steele was stunned for a moment before bursting into a mocking laugh, "Haha! You're bluffing!"

"Who are you to be able to ask my teacher to come to Channing to perform surgeries on these three lowly workers?"

"I swear to kneel down and apologize to you right away and to forever resign as a



medical practitioner if you're able to invite my teacher here."

The crowd then turned their attention back to Nathan Cross.

They were hoping Nathan was not bluffing. However, they knew that the chances of having Dr. Rothschild performing the surgeries were slim.

Even Penny was anxious at his remark and spoke to him in hushed tones, "What are you getting at? Are you still messing around at this moment?"

Nathan merely smiled, "I'm not messing around. This quack is going to apologize to me kneeling down today, and he's going to resign as a doctor from here on in."

Penny could not stand his delusion any longer, "Since you've invited Dr. Rothschild, where is he now?"

Nathan's lips curved into a thin smile. and he pointed a finger toward the sky.



The crowd was stumped. Richard Steele then mocked, "Do you mean he's thousands of miles away? What a ridiculous fella!"

Nathan replied impassively, "I'm not saying he's thousands of miles away. I'm saying that Dr. Rothschild is here and that he's descending from the sky soon."

Richard Steele burst into laughter while the others shook their heads in reprove.

Is he mental? Dr. Rothschild isn't a god, how could he descend from the sky?

It was at this moment that a loud noise could be heard coming from above.

The crowd was stunned, and they ran out of the building to pinpoint the source.

They lifted their head, and to their surprise, three armed helicopters were hovering in the sky.

The three helicopters landed on the helipad slowly. Afterward, a white-bearded



old man could be seen heading out of the helicopter accompanied by a number of Northern soldiers.

The white-bearded man had a vibrant complexion despite his old age. The crowd was once again in an uproar, "My goodness, it's really Dr. Rothschild, the director of the North Army General Hospital!"

They were very excited at the sight of Dr. Rothschild. Some even wanted to walk up to him and greet him.

However, before they could get near Dr. Rothschild, they were stopped short by the soldiers guarding him.

Rupert Rothschild spotted Nathan Cross and Penny Smith in the crowd straight away.

He could not help himself but look at Nathan Cross with pure admiration.

He smiled at the sight of Penny Smith standing by Nathan's side.



As the personal doctor for the General, he was concerned with when Nathan Cross would decide to start a family, as would other people who cared for Nathan.

Nathan did not indulge in debauchery and did not seem charmed by women. Rupert had worried that Nathan would be akin to a great general who used to vow he would never start a family unless he had wiped out the enemy.

Rupert Rothschild was glad to see that a good match for Nathan was standing right beside him.



Rupert Rothschild did not take heed of the crowd and walked straight toward Nathan Cross and Penny Smith.

He grinned at the two, "Mr. Cross, Ms. Smith, I came straight from the Channing International Airport via a private plane and headed here in a private helicopter. I suppose I'm not late to rescue the patients right?"



The North Army soldiers turned excited at the sight of Nathan Cross.

They straightened their backs and stood up straight like a pole.

Nathan smiled, "Dr. Rothschild, you're just in time. A worker's condition has worsened just moments ago and in need of urgent surgery."

Penny Smith could not believe her eyes. Her usual calm demeanor disappeared, and she even stuttered when she greeted him, "Dr.- Dr. Rothschild, it's really you."

Dr. Rothschild chuckled, "Yes, it's me. I heard Nathan and you require my help. So, I rushed here immediately."

Everyone at the scene then cast a curious glance at Nathan Cross and wondered who he is. How was he able to invite Dr. Rothschild here?

Even the mayor for Channing would not be able to invite someone like Dr. Rothschild here.



Of course, Richard Steele was the one to take the greatest punch of all.

The man's face went paperwhite at the sight of Rupert Rothschild, and he almost peed himself.

Richard Steele wanted to dig a hole and jump into it to hide from Dr. Rothschild.

He knew his teacher all too well. Even though Rupert Rothschild was a benevolent doctor, he detested evilness.

If Dr. Rothschild knew of his wrongdoings, he would truly be done for in the medical community.

Dr. Rothschild had spotted him even though he prayed fervently to be translucent.

Besides, Dr. Rothschild had already heard of what happened on the way to the hospital.

He knew Richard Steele had tried to take advantage of the situation by trying to



extort Penny Smith, demanding an astronomical figure for the operations, and his indecent request to Penny Smith.

Even his repulsive request of asking Nathan Cross to lick his shoes.

Dr. Rothschild wasted no time in briefing the department heads of Channing Hospital to prepare for the surgery, including the anesthetization of the patient. He was ready to operate on the worker whose condition had worsened.

After he was done, he swiftly changed his tone, "However, before I start, I have some cleaning to do."

His tone was firm and domineering.

Richard Steele seemed like he had just been struck by the lightning when he heard Rupert Rothschild's words.

Dr. Rothschild then turned around to face Richard Steele after he was done briefing the department heads. His gaze was icy cold when he regarded Richard Steele,



"Bastard, are you aware of your wrongdoings?"

Richard Steele's voice was shaky, "Teacher!"

Dr. Rothschild bellowed, "Kneel!"

Rupert Rothschild was not only Richard Steele's teacher but also a titan in the medical community. He held an unsurmountable position in the army as well.

His order made Richard Steele's legs turn to jelly. The latter got down on his knees immediately.

Dr. Rothschild was infuriated at the sight of Richard Steele and shouted at him, "Do you still remember my first lesson? One has to establish virtue before studying medicine!"

"I've long heard about you using the skills you learned from me to gain lucrative profit but I did not want to interfere."



"Who would have thought that you would stoop so low for money? From now on, you're no longer my student."

"I will also ask for the Medical Association to revoke your license as a medical practitioner."

Richard Steele shuddered at Dr.
Rothschild's words, crying as he circled his hands around Dr. Rothschild's legs.
"Teacher, please forgive me, it's all my fault..."

Dr. Rothschild was impassive toward his pleading, "You should ask Mr. Cross for forgiveness instead."

Richard Steele cast a glance at Nathan Cross, and he widened his eyes in disbelief. Is he saying that I can only survive if Nathan Cross forgives me?

Richard Steele threw his dignity out the window, and he crawled to Nathan Cross and Penny Smith, kowtowing to them as he pleaded for their mercy, "Mr. Cross, Ms. Smith, I'm really sorry. I beg you guys to



put in a good word to my teacher and let me go this time."



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