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Debbie raised her head and stared at Nathan in astonishment.

When Kenji saw Nathan, he jumped in shock and stumbled backwards in fear.

His subordinates too looked as if they were face to face with their greatest foe.

But right at this moment, a man dressed in Japanese clothing appeared. He wore wooden clogs on his feet, and his hair was very long. In his arms lay a long katana.

The samurai himself gave off a strong and threatening aura as if he was an unsheathed sword.

He was the main disciple of the Sword God of Japan. He was the new star in Japanese kendo for the past ten years, Daniel Long, also known as Black Dog!

Daniel gazed at Nathan like a grim reaper looking at a poor soul. His voice was emotionless as he said, "I'll only strike once. If you can withstand that, I'll let you go."



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I'll only strike once!

He speaks in such a strong and domineering manner!

Kenji and the others gazed at Black Dog in awe.

No wonder he's the most promising candidate to become the next Sword God of Japan!

Even Debbie and Jenny, who had no clue about battles and kendo, felt the menacing aura emanating from Daniel.

Debbie gazed at Daniel in trepidation, and she began to worry for Nathan.

On the other hand, Jenny was trembling in a corner in fright.

Nathan looked at Daniel and suddenly asked, "Who is Miyamoto Ichiro to you?"

Upon hearing this, Daniel's grim expression finally shifted slightly.



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He said proudly, “He is my master!”

Miyamoto Ichiro was the Sword God of Japan. Tens of thousands of people worshipped him, and his existence was, in fact, a national treasure.

Being Miyamoto’s disciple, naturally, he was proud of that fact.

When Nathan heard that the man was Miyamoto’s disciple, the corners of his mouth lifted slightly.

Three years ago, eighteen countries had sent out representatives to make up the Coalition Army and invaded the North of the nation. Miyamoto Ichiro, the Sword God of Japan, was among those representatives.

Wielding his weapon, Nathan had crushed the Coalition Army, leaving behind destruction and despair in his wake.

Miyamoto had fought against him too, but he hadn’t even withstood a single blow from Nathan before his weapon broke into



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two and his chest split open.

However, Miyamoto was pretty tenacious. Despite his chest being split wide open by Nathan, he didn't die. He had escaped back to Japan.

This matter had been hidden well by the Japanese government. After Miyamoto escaped back to Japan and treated his injuries, he realized that nobody in the whole of Japan knew he had lost so dreadfully to others. So, he continued playing his role as the Sword God.

Right now, Nathan gazed at Daniel, a tiny smile playing on his lips. He said impassively, "Your master couldn't even withstand a blow from me. How dare you make such an audacious claim?"

Daniel's face clouded over. "How insolent of you! Since you dare be rude toward my master, I'll kill you right here today!"

Nathan crossed his arms and stood up. "Come at me then!" He said indifferently.



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With one hand on the katana's handle and the other on its sheath, Daniel squatted down slightly in preparation for an attack.

When Kenji and the others saw this, they became exhilarated.

They knew Daniel was preparing to launch the most impressive attack in kendo, the iaigiri!

In an iaigiri attack, one would usually only strike once.

The katana would leave its sheath, kill its target, and return to its sheath in a single move.

Skilled samurais would move so fast that the attack would become a blur to onlookers.

All onlookers would be able to witness was a single snapping sound. By the time onlookers came around, the enemy would be dead, and the katana would have already been sheathed.



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This was the power and charm of the iaigiri.

Kenji and the others grew excited by the thought of witnessing such a great technique. Grinning, Kenji even muttered to himself, "Haha! We're really lucky to be able to witness Mr. Long's iaigiri skill today! Nathan, you're really lucky to be able to die by the iaigiri!"

Daniel gazed at Nathan and said coldly, "Do you need a similar weapon?"

Nathan shook his head. "Nope. You're not worthy of that!"

Daniel's expression turned cold at his words. "You have a death wish indeed! This strike of mine will teach you a lesson!"

Then, he made his move. His entire body dissolved into a swift shadow as he lunged at Nathan.



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Snap!

In the split second when Daniel lunged at Nathan, his katana had left its sheath.

The sword glinted in the light as it sliced its way toward Nathan's waist in an effort to cut him in half.

Kenji and his subordinates were choked up with excitement. They clapped and cheered, "Awesome!"

Debbie and Jenny were so frightened; they shut their eyes and dared not look.

But at that split second, Nathan made his move.

With two slender fingers, he held Daniel's katana lightly.

Daniel's pupils expanded in shock and terror. *There's someone in this world who can withstand the iaigiri!*

Kenji and the rest were so stupefied that their eyes almost fell out.



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Daniel was supposed to be the best samurai in Japan in the past ten years! The person who was predicted to be the future Sword God, the Black Dog!

How did Nathan withstand such a menacing iaigiri from him?

Nathan's expression was calm as he spoke coldly, "I've withstood your strike. I'll strike next. If you can withstand mine, I'll let you go!"

With a little pressure from his fingers, Daniel's katana shattered like glass.

At the same time, Nathan rushed up to Daniel and punched his chest with his fist.

Bam!

Daniel's chest sank inwards. Blood spurted forth from his mouth immediately.

Then, as if he were a kite with its string broken, he flew backwards and landed on the ground.



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He instantly died from Nathan's blow.

At the sight of the dead Black Dog, chills ran down Kenji's spine. He had thought that with Daniel here, they could wipe Nathan off the face of the earth easily. But he didn't expect Nathan to kill Daniel just like that.

He knew that the next one to die would be him, so he hurriedly warned, "Nathan Cross, don't you dare act rashly! Your VIP guest Debbie Lopez is still in our hands. If you don't want her to die, then let us go!"

Kenji's subordinates were still holding onto Debbie's arms and legs.

One of them had even pulled out his dagger hastily and intended to put it against her neck.

Nathan snorted and slammed a fist down on the coffee table beside him.

The force caused a few boxes of toothpicks to rise and numerous toothpicks to spread out in the air.



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With a wave of his hand, Nathan caused the numerous toothpicks to rain down on Kenji and his men like a shower of needles.

The Japanese men surrounding Debbie fell to the ground, screaming in agony.

Before Kenji could react, Nathan had appeared before him in a flash.

His face paled with fright. At that moment, Kenji subconsciously decided to plea for mercy.

But Nathan had already raised a leg toward him. "You shall die now!"

Bang!

At the impact of the kick, Kenji's body flew backwards and smashed against the wall behind him. He slowly slid onto the ground. Cracks appeared on the wall alongside a human-shaped blood mark...

Debbie covered her mouth with one hand, her face filled with horror.



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Nathan walked up to her and smiled. “Ms. Lopez, so sorry about that.”

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At Miyamoto Ichiro’s monastery in Japan.

Haruto Mitsui rushed into the monastery with a large group of subordinates. When he saw Miyamoto meditating quietly in the main hall, he said with some difficulty, “Mr. Miyamoto, something terrible has happened! My son and your disciple have been...”

Before Haruto could finish speaking, Miyamoto had already raised a hand and said calmly, “I’ve already heard about it.”

Haruto said with anger and grief, “My son and your disciple have died tragically. I plan to personally go over there and punish that murderer severely! I wonder if Mr. Miyamoto would like to accompany me?”

Miyamoto Ichiro was a little hesitant about it.



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Three years ago, he had joined a group of masters from eighteen countries to secretly ambush the North of China. They had all been killed so brutally by the nation's North General that they had to throw away their armor and flee.

He had experienced the worst defeat in his life.

The fear lingered deep in his heart even now. He dared not go over there for fear of meeting that terrifying God of War Ares, the North General.

However, he and Haruto Mitsui shared a deep bond. Besides, his favorite disciple had been murdered.

If word got out that he dared not accompany Haruto to seek revenge, what would people think of the Sword God?

Moreover, the God of War, Ares, was in the North. This time, they were going to the South to seek revenge.

Logically speaking, it would be impossible



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for him to run into that terrifying opponent from the past!

Thinking about this, Miyamoto Ichiro narrowed his eyes and said slowly, "Alright, I'll accompany you to go to the South and kill the murderer, Mr. Mitsui. I'll avenge the deaths of your son and my disciple."



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Nathan returned to Cross Group with Debbie and Jenny.

Penny and a group of senior managers arrived at the entrance to welcome them.

Penny shook Debbie's hand warmly and said with lingering trepidation, "I just heard about your abduction, Ms. Lopez. Thankfully, all of you are safe!"

Debbie answered without thinking, "I didn't know the public order in Channing was this bad!"

When she finished speaking, she suddenly felt that her words were a little inappropriate, so she quickly smiled and added, "But I met a kind and helpful man like Mr. Cross, so I've regained confidence in Channing."

Penny and the others couldn't help but smile.

Nathan, too, smiled and said, "Actually, the public order in Channing is pretty good. What Ms. Lopez faced today was just a



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one-off incident, and we guarantee it will not happen again in the future.”

Debbie was an athlete and an optimistic one at that. Although she faced danger just now, she had pulled herself together by now. So she grinned and replied, “Okay!”

Penny beamed. “This isn’t the best place to chat. Ms. Lopez, this way, please.”

Penny and the others then escorted the Olympic champion Debbie Lopez into the company.

However, Nathan whispered to Penny, “Honey, I’ll hand this over to you now. I need to go to the airport to pick up another brand ambassador of the company.”

Penny was startled. “Didn’t we only hire Ms. Lopez as our brand ambassador? Why didn’t I know about another brand ambassador?”

When Debbie and the others heard what Penny said, they frowned and gazed at Nathan.



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Nathan simply smiled. “This was an order from our company’s chairman. He came to know about our troubles in the matter of hiring an ambassador for the company and how we were even in the danger of losing our credibility because of it. So, he personally got us an ambassador.”

He continued, “It’s the director of the North Army General Hospital who carries the title of ‘Unmatched Talent’, Rupert Rothschild. He’s also known as Dr. Rothschild.”

Penny and the others were stunned by the news.

The chairman of the company who had a mysterious identity and had never shown his face to anybody had invited the leading authority in the medical field, Dr. Rothschild, someone who carried the title of ‘Unmatched Talent’ as their company’s brand ambassador.*How crazy is that!*

Before this, a celebrity named Melanie Zane had spread rumors and caused the credibility of Cross Group to suffer. The company had been in the midst of bringing



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the liver cancer vaccine to the market then, which made the situation worsen.

Although Melanie had apologized publicly and even spent time in prison for it, the negative effects on the company she had caused hadn't been eliminated yet. Many people were still skeptical about whether the liver cancer vaccine would cause some alarming side-effects.

If they could manage to invite Dr. Rothschild, the Unmatched Talent, to be their brand ambassador, such fear would surely be eliminated, considering his status in the medical field. With just a word from him, he would definitely be able to help Cross Group regain public confidence in the liver cancer vaccine as well as improve their company's credibility.

Penny was pleasantly surprised, but she looked at Nathan with suspicion. "Our company's chairman has never appeared. How did you know about this matter regarding Dr. Rothschild earlier than me?"

All the senior managers of Cross Group



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gazed at Nathan with curiosity. What they did not know was that Nathan was the company's new chairman.

Nathan smiled slightly before he replied, "This morning, the chairman called your office, but you weren't in. I was the one who picked up the phone. Sorry, I forgot to tell you about it."

Oh, so that's why!

Realization hit Penny and the others.

Jenny asked in a low voice, "President Smith, since the chairman has invited Dr. Rothschild as our ambassador, what should we do about Ms. Lopez?"

Penny was at a loss upon hearing that question.

But Debbie spoke up unhesitatingly, "Dr. Rothschild is a great man and also my idol. If he becomes your company's ambassador, I'll willingly quit."

Nathan smiled. "There's no need to quit.



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The chairman has said that there will be two ambassadors!”

Penny and the others were very happy about this. It would be more than perfect if Debbie Lopez and Dr. Rothschild both became the brand ambassadors of the company!

Debbie agreed with this arrangement. She spoke excitedly, “President Smith, Mr. Cross, I’ve worshipped Dr. Rothschild for a long time. Will you let me accompany you to pick him up from the airport?”

Dr. Rothschild was the leading authority in the medical field and one who carried the title of ‘Unmatched Talent’.

Penny did not dare allow a second of delay. She, Nathan and Debbie as well as the senior managers drove to the airport in eight cars to pick Dr. Rothschild up.



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At the entrance of Channing International Airport, numerous of luxury cars were parked outside and many VIPs waited patiently with their subordinates.

There were even many reporters waiting nervously with their cameras and recorders.

Everybody seemed to be aware that Dr. Rothschild was coming to Channing!

All the bigshots in Channing were itching to get acquainted with Dr. Rothschild and butter him up; all the reporters in Channing were itching to broadcast this piece of news.

Many CEOs of pharmaceutical companies wished to invite Dr. Rothschild to become their brand ambassadors. In fact, if they could even take a picture of Dr. Rothschild visiting their company, it would be a bonus for their marketing campaigns.

When Penny saw such a massive crowd, she was rather dazed by it.



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At this moment, an army of soldiers from the North in full armor escorted an old but sprightly man out of the airport.

“Dr. Rothschild has arrived!”

The crowd buzzed with excitement.

Everyone tripped over themselves as they surged forward in an attempt to get their invitation across to Dr. Rothschild.

However, they were forced back by the soldiers who used their submachine guns to push them away.

When Penny and the rest saw this, they said worriedly among themselves, “If we go up to him, will we be driven away by these soldiers?”

Nathan laughed. “How is that even possible?”

As he spoke, he walked up to the soldiers. Although Penny and the others were nervous, they had no choice but to follow him.



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When Dr. Rothschild and the North soldiers saw Nathan, elation filled their eyes.

Bam!

The escort team made up of thirty soldiers immediately came to a halt when they saw Nathan. They stood at attention neatly and saluted simultaneously, causing Penny and the others to blink in astonishment.

The people around them were left open-mouthed by the sight as well. They couldn't understand why they had been pushed back by the soldiers when they came forward, yet when Nathan walked up, the soldiers saluted to him so respectfully?

Then, they watched as Dr. Rothschild shook Nathan's hand enthusiastically.

Dr. Rothschild laughed happily and said, "Mr. Cross, long time no see!"

Nathan grinned. "Dr. Rothschild, it's good to see you!"



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The crowd was taken aback yet again. All of them were curious about who Nathan was exactly. *Why is Dr. Rothschild so polite toward him?*

Even Debbie was beginning to wonder about Nathan's identity.

Penny and the other company employees were not so surprised.

After all, they knew Nathan had been the one who invited Dr. Rothschild to conduct surgeries on the few workers who were severely injured at the construction site of Cross Group. So, they were aware of the close relationship between Nathan and Dr. Rothschild.

The reporters on site immediately lifted their cameras, clicking away rapidly when they saw Nathan and Penny standing together with Dr. Rothschild.

At the same time, one of the reporters asked about the relationship between Dr. Rothschild and Cross Group.



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Dr. Rothschild smiled and said that he was here to become the brand ambassador of Cross Group.

The reporter couldn't help but ask, "Dr. Rothschild, some rumors are saying that the new vaccine Cross Group is going to bring to the market has some severe side-effects. What are your thoughts on that?"

Dr. Rothschild said sternly, "You said it yourself that these are just rumors. I'll make it clear right now to all of you. The liver cancer vaccine of Cross Group is a major breakthrough in the medical field of our nation! The vaccine is required to pass through numerous stringent tests and inspections from related departments before being allowed to be sold on the market. I give my word that there are no side-effects."

Since Dr. Rothschild was the leading figure of the medical field, his word was law.

The reporters on site nodded vigorously. Some even recognized Debbie and exclaimed, "Isn't this the Olympic diving



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champion Debbie Lopez? Ms. Lopez, why are you here?”

Debbie grinned at everyone and said, “I’m here as the Cross Group’s brand ambassador too. Besides, I’m also Dr. Rothschild’s fan, and I came to pick him up.”

Dear God!

The news that Debbie Lopez and Dr. Rothschild were both Cross Group’s brand ambassadors took everyone’s breath away.



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On the same day, Cross Group held a massive press conference.

The two heavyweight ambassadors, Dr. Rothschild and Debbie Lopez, attended the press conference.

At the same time, Cross Group announced that the liver cancer vaccine would officially go on sale.

That day, all the major sale platforms of pharmaceutical products placed their orders one after another. In one day, Cross Group had accepted tens of billions of orders, and production was fully occupied until next year.

When the news broke out, the shares of Cross Group climbed to a new high; it reached a limit-up in just a day.

The company's market value was worth over a hundred billion once more and had recovered all the losses caused by the rumors.

Everyone at Cross Group was overjoyed by



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the success. However, there was someone who was displeased by the news.

That person was Vance Schulz, the patriarch of the Schulz family!

Vance ordered his son, Bart Schulz, over and told him sternly, "Your younger brother Marco has ruined everything. He ended up in the hospital, and Kenji Mitsui got killed."

He continued, "Haruto Mitsui from Yoko Financial Group is extremely furious by this. He has brought the Sword God of Japan and arrived here in person. You will go to Channing to meet with them. You must placate them and quell Mr. Mitsui's anger!"

Bart raised his eyebrows and replied, "Alright!"

The next day, at the People's Hospital in Channing.

Haruto Mitsui and Miyamoto Ichiro came to the morgue of the hospital, accompanied by Bart Schulz. They finally



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saw Kenji Mitsui and Daniel Long's bodies.

While Haruto's face was filled with grief, Miyamoto's was expressionless.

After a while, Haruto said slowly, "Mr. Schulz, please arrange for their bodies to be cremated. Then, send the ashes back to Japan."

Bart replied, "Of course."

They then left the hospital.

Bart told the other two, "Mr. Mitsui and Mr. Miyamoto, there is a massive black market auction tonight in Channing. I would like to invite both of you to attend it."

Haruto spoke coldly, "Mr Schulz, we're not here to attend auctions."

Bart smiled. "I know that. But we have the famous calligraphy work 'Safe and Sound' by Wang Xizhi up for bidding at the auction tonight. I'm sure both of you are aware that it is a priceless treasure and a legendary work of art. I just thought Mr. Mitsui and



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Mr. Miyamoto would be interested in it.”

The ‘Safe and Sound’ calligraphy work by Wang Xizhi!

Wang Xizhi’s original work was long lost over time. But the fine copy made later during the Tang Dynasty was as precious and as priceless as the original.

As expected, when Haruto and Miyamoto heard about it, they became very interested, especially the latter.

His face revealed a trace of rare enthusiasm as he said, “Is what you’re saying true?”

Bart grinned. “Of course. This particular ‘Safe and Sound’ work is a fine copy from the Tang Dynasty. The original by Wang Xizhi has been lost over time, so this fine copy from the Tang Dynasty is extremely rare. If you’re interested, I’ll be happy to bid for it and give it to you as a gift.”

The fine copy of Wang Xizhi’s ‘Safe and Sound’ from the Tang Dynasty was surely



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worth over a billion.

Bart was clearly trying to curry favor and also apologize to Haruto and Miyamoto subtly.

After all, Kenji Mitsui and Daniel Long died in the South. The Schulz family had to be responsible for it.

Miyamoto was extremely interested in Chinese calligraphy, especially in Wang Xizhi's works.

He turned to Haruto. "Mr. Mitsui, I am very interested in Wang Xizhi's calligraphy work. Shall we go and have a look tonight?"

As Haruto still needed Miyamoto to help him avenge his son's death, he naturally agreed. "Since Mr. Miyamoto is interested, let's go to the black market auction tonight then."

Upon hearing this, Bart felt relieved. If Miyamoto and Haruto were willing to accept his gift, it meant that they had



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forgiven the Schulz family.



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In an unremarkable-looking restaurant in Channing at night.

Many luxury cars had been parked in the parking lot of the restaurant.

This restaurant held the famous underground black market in Channing. It was known for auctioning off various precious items that could not be sold in normal places.

Nathan, Penny, Dr. Rothschild, Debbie and the others had also arrived at the entrance of the restaurant.

Nathan had wanted to pick out a gift for Dr. Rothschild.

Colin Dunne had told him that the black market auction in Channing had a fine copy of Wang Xizhi's work from the Tang Dynasty.

Thus, Nathan had brought Penny, Dr. Rothschild and Debbie to this auction.

He wished to bid for the rare work to give



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to Dr. Rothschild as a gift.

There were dozens of tables in the restaurant. Many people had arrived from near and far.

Nathan and the others found a table and sat down. After a short while, a group of people came in from outside. It was Bart, Haruto and Miyamoto.

Bart glanced around the room. When his gaze landed on Nathan, his expression changed slightly.

Haruto noticed his look and asked in surprise, "Mr. Schulz, what's wrong?"

Bart told him about Nathan in a low voice. When Haruto heard about it, his face filled with fury, and he glared at Nathan.

Miyamoto, too frowned as he studied Nathan's features. He felt that the man was rather familiar, but he couldn't remember where he had seen him before.

The three of them sat down at the table



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beside Nathan's on purpose.

Naturally, Nathan noticed them. When he saw Miyamoto, his mouth curved up in amusement.

The black market auction began not long after. The first few items to be auctioned were some elephant tusks and tiger bones.

Elephant tusks were a luxurious commodity, while tiger bones could be made into medicine. However, they were both illegal goods.

However, this was a black market auction, after all, so everyone was used to seeing such illegal goods.

After a round of bidding, the tusks and bones were sold to a drug dealer for over a million.

The auctioneer started to bring out other goods.

There were many precious items being



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casually brought out and just as casually bought off.

In fact, there were even items that were considered a national treasure!

After a short while, the last item was brought out. They had saved the best for last; the Tang Dynasty fine copy of the ‘Safe and Sound’ calligraphy work by Wang Xizhi. The starting bid was ten million.

“Ten million!”

“Twenty million!”

Everybody present knew its worth and hurriedly bid for it. In a flash, the value had gone up to a hundred million.

At this moment, Bart raised his hand and said calmly, “The Schulz family from Alberesque. 150 million!”

Upon hearing this, everyone was shell-shocked and turned to look at Bart.

After all, the Schulz family enjoyed a



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prestigious status in the South. If Bart bid for it, it meant that the Schulz family was interested in this 'Safe and Sound' calligraphy work.

Although he had called for 150 million, the real market value of this work was not even close to that value.

However, those present did not dare to offend the Schulz family. They gave up; nobody dared to bid higher than that.

Satisfaction flashed across Bart's face.

This work was worth 300 million, but he was able to buy it at half price. Nobody dared to fight for it because the Schulz family was too intimidating.

The auctioneer announced loudly, "The Schulz family has called for a 150 million bid. Is there anyone who would like to call for a higher bid? Going once, going twice..."

Just as he was going to call out 'sold', Nathan raised a hand and called out lazily,



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“300 million!”

The crowd buzzed with surprise.

Everyone gazed at Nathan in astonishment. Not only were they surprised at his bid, but they were also surprised at the fact that he dared to go against the Schulz family. He dared to fight for the item that the Schulz family coveted!

Bart glared at Nathan in shock and rage.

Haruto then deliberately said, “The bid is too high. Mr. Schulz, let’s just give up!”

Bart shook his head. “No, it’s only a few million. The Schulz family can afford it. Since I’ve said I’ll purchase it as a gift to you, I’ll naturally keep my word.”

After saying so, he raised a hand and said, “The Schulz family offers 310 million!”

He deliberately emphasized the words ‘the Schulz family’ in an effort to warn Nathan not to go against them.

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But Nathan simply smiled and raised a hand once more. "One billion!"



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Chapter 517 Miyamoto Ichiro

Hearing this, the crowd exploded into wild shrieks of amazement.

Such aggression!

Not only did Nathan dare go against the Schulz family, but he had also overwhelmed them with his impressive bid.

Bart's face reddened instantly. Veins popped out in his neck as he thought hard about whether he should bid even higher without holding back.

Haruto spoke up at that moment. "Mr. Schulz, the price is too high. Don't bid further."

Miyamoto too said slowly, "He's right. Just let that man buy this 'Safe and Sound' work by Wang Xizhi. When we leave later, I'll get it from him."

When he heard their words, Bart gazed at Haruto and Miyamoto in disbelief.

A few moments later, joy crossed his face.

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Haruto and Miyamoto's intentions were clear. They had decided to kill Nathan after leaving the auction and steal the 'Safe and Sound' work from him. Bart did not need to waste any more money.

Bart's anger subsided, and he did not raise his bid.

He gazed at Nathan with a sneer on his face. *You brat. I'll let you flaunt for a bit. When we leave later, you'll die at the hands of the Sword God of Japan.*

Nathan had his reasons for making such a high bid.

Other than his promise to Dr. Rothschild of buying Wang Xizhi's calligraphy work as a gift, he also knew that Bart intended to buy the work to give it to Haruto or Miyamoto as a gift.

Nathan did not want such a treasure to be taken to another country, so he decided to go against Bart and stop him from doing so by buying the 'Safe and Sound' work.

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After a short while, the work was handed over to Dr. Rothschild.

Dr. Rothschild's hands trembled with excitement. He shook his head vehemently and said, "This is way too expensive and precious for me to have! Mr. Cross, I think you should keep it for yourself!"

Nathan laughed. "I'm just a warrior. I don't know much about it to appreciate it well. Besides, our bond runs deep. Previously I was under your care for a long time, and I have yet to return you the favor. Please accept this work and keep it as a token of my appreciation."

Dr. Rothschild was the director of the North Army General Hospital and also Nathan's attending doctor.

What Nathan meant to say was that Dr. Rothschild had never benefited from being his attending doctor.

But when Penny heard this, she thought Nathan was referring to the matter where Dr. Rothschild had helped the workers who

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had been injured at Cross Group's construction site.

So, she said seriously, "That's right. Dr. Rothschild, you've helped us before. Furthermore, you've just eliminated the negative rumors about Cross Group and even became our brand ambassador. Yet, you refused to accept any money for that. You must keep this calligraphy work as a token of appreciation from us."

If it weren't a gift from Nathan Cross, Dr. Rothschild would have definitely not accepted it.

In fact, if it were something else, he wouldn't accept it no matter how valuable it was.

But this was Wang Xizhi's calligraphy work. It held too much artistic value for him to refuse.

So, Dr. Rothschild thanked Nathan and Penny. "Since you've said so, I'll accept this treasure and place it under my care temporarily. Upon my death, I'll donate it to

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the museum.”

At this time, the auction was still ongoing. But the rest of the items to be auctioned were rather boring.

Thus, Nathan decided to leave the place with Penny, Dr. Rothschild and Debbie.

They had just come out of the entrance when lightning flashed before their eyes. After a loud thunderclap, drops of rain started to fall from the sky.

Their car was parked a short distance from the restaurant’s entrance.

But Dr. Rothschild who was holding the treasured work and the others did not dare brave the rain.

Nathan noticed a black umbrella by the door and picked it up. “All of you, stay here and wait for me to drive the car over.”

He then went out into the rain holding the umbrella.

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But he hadn't gone too far before stopping in his tracks.

There was someone standing in the rain!

It was a thin, old man wearing a piece of samurai clothing. He was standing in the downpour. On his feet were a pair of wooden clogs while a long katana hung off his waist.

It was the Sword God of Japan, Miyamoto Ichiro.



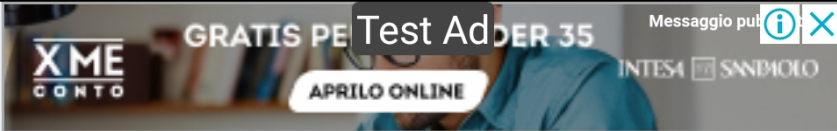
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Miyamoto stood in the downpour, but it was as if his body was surrounded by an invisible shield. The rain did not land on him; it fell within three centimeters from his body instead.

Penny and the others waited at the entrance of the restaurant not far away from them. When they realized Miyamoto was blocking Nathan's path with a sword, they began to panic.

On the other hand, Haruto and Bart were drinking tea while looking out of the window on the upper floor of the restaurant.

Haruto gazed out of the window at Miyamoto, who was completely dry despite standing in the rain. Narrowing his eyes, he said, "His ability has increased again. Him personally killing Nathan Cross is pretty much overkill."

Bart stared at Miyamoto in the rain in astonishment and said with reverence, "The Sword God of Japan is indeed remarkable. We're very lucky to be able to

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witness the Sword God perform today. Nathan is also lucky to be able to die under his blade.”

Miyamoto glared at Nathan coldly. “Are you the one who killed my disciple Black Dog?”

Nathan did not reply. Instead, a smile played on his lips as he said indifferently, “Miyamoto, you shouldn’t have stepped foot in this nation again.”

Miyamoto Ichiro’s expression changed drastically when those words left Nathan’s lips.

It was as if he was an injured bird that had heard the sound of the hunter’s bow again.

In an instant, his face was wiped clean of any murderous intent from before. His imposing aura was replaced with a deep terror that filled his heart and gripped his soul.

As his heart pounded and his hands trembled, he gazed at Nathan with horror

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and said in a quivering voice, "Y-You are..."

Nathan smiled with a trace of amusement as he answered, "Three years ago, during that war in the North, you were lucky to be alive. At that time, I warned you, to never set foot in this nation ever again. You shouldn't have turned a deaf ear to my words."

Boom!

A deafening thunderclap boomed out from above Miyamoto Ichiro's head at that very moment.

Perhaps he was shocked by the thunder, or perhaps he was frightened by Nathan's words, but Miyamoto's body wavered. He almost fell.

The look he shot Nathan was filled with horror and despair, as well as deep regret.

It's him! It's really him!

He was that terrifying enemy whom he had kept at the back of his mind. That General

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of the North, who could exterminate the Coalition Army by himself with just his sword!

With a single strike, that man, the God of War Ares, had not only broken his weapon but had also split his chest open, causing him to escape back to Japan with his tail tucked between his legs.

Miyamoto's heart sank in utter despair.

He could not help but scream in his heart. *It's him! I should have known it's him! Except for him, who would have the ability to kill my main disciple instantaneously? I was so stupid. I really shouldn't have stepped foot in this nation at all. I'm done for!*

Miyamoto's heart filled with regret and anguish. But, at the same time, he wanted to struggle and fight back against Nathan. Such a mix of emotions swirled in his heart as he repeatedly gripped and released the handle of his katana.

When Nathan saw this, he smiled and said,

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“Miyamoto, you couldn’t even withstand a single strike from me three years ago. Have you regained enough confidence to land a blow on me now?”

Upon hearing this, Miyamoto finally realized that the fear he had for Nathan had already been carved deep in his bones. He kept hesitating. He didn’t have the courage to unsheathe his sword when facing the other man.

To a Sword God like him, losing confidence like that was as good as losing the fight.

His entire being turned haggard at that instant. Dispirited, he was like a withered branch that could die at any moment.



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Outside the restaurant, Penny and the others watched Nathan and Miyamoto as they stood in the rain with alarm. They could not hear nor see clearly what was going on between the two of them.

Near the restaurant's window, Haruto and Bart were also doubtful about what was happening. They wondered why the Sword God hadn't made his move yet.

Why bother talking to Nathan Cross? Just kill him already!

At this moment, Nathan held his black umbrella and passed by Miyamoto, saying indifferently, "I came from the North and spent three cold winters there. This year, I face the bitter rain again..."

Miyamoto gripped his katana tightly as he trembled violently. In the end, he still dared not strike Nathan.

When he heard Nathan speak so poetically, a scene flashed before his eyes. It was a scene from the past when Nathan had exterminated the Coalition Army by

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himself with just his sword in the North.

Bodies were strewn everywhere as the blood flowed from the corpses and seeped into the ground. Nathan, clad in the General's uniform and holding his sword, walked across the battlefield in the downpour and hummed these very same words.

Boom!

Lightning flashed as another deafening thunderclap boomed over their heads.

It was as if Miyamoto had gone back to the past. That flash of lightning was eerily similar to the flash of the sword as Nathan attacked him.

"Ah!"

Miyamoto let out a blood-curdling scream. Throwing away his katana and kicking off his wooden clogs, he stepped in the murky puddles on the ground and ran around with a face full of madness.

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He had gone crazy!

Penny and the others, including Bart and Haruto by the window, were all stupefied by what they were seeing.

Haruto was especially alarmed as he stood up quickly and asked, "Why has he gone mad? What's going on?"

Nathan held the black umbrella and watched as Miyamoto ran off in the distance, raving mad. He shook his head and muttered, "I've already warned you never to step foot in this nation ever again, haven't I?"

Nathan then drove his Hongqi toward the entrance. He picked Penny and the others up before driving away.

Haruto and Bart rushed out of the restaurant in a panic and ran after the Sword God.

It was a long time later before they found Miyamoto huddling beside a trash can on the streets.

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Where has all his imposing aura gone?

He looked like a deranged, homeless man wandering the streets.

Gripping a plastic bottle, he danced around the trash can and mumbled, "Don't think I'm afraid of you! I am the Sword God of Japan! Check out my iaigiri! Bam!"

Haruto and the others glanced at each other anxiously. Haruto asked cautiously, "Master! Master, what's happened to you?"

Suddenly, Miyamoto threw the bottle away and screamed as he lay down on the muddy ground, mumbling fearfully, "You're too good! You're too good! I can't even withstand a single strike from you! I've lost. Please have mercy on me! I'm willing to call you the God of War Ares..."

Haruto, Bart and the others were speechless.

When the Japanese men, including Haruto, saw that the Sword God had become mad as a hatter, their faces burned with

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humiliation.

Bart was also rather perplexed by the whole situation. He had long known the greatness of the Sword God of Japan. Besides, he also witnessed with his own eyes how Miyamoto stood in the rain without getting wet, as well as his intimidating aura.

So, logically speaking, Miyamoto was a true and mighty warrior in his own right and not a faker with an undeserved reputation.

But why did he act like a mouse seeing a cat upon seeing Nathan Cross? It was one thing to run away, but another thing to be so frightened that he became insane!

Bart asked Miyamoto in a low voice, "Mr. Mitsui, Master Miyamoto seems to be out of his mind right now. Shall we send him to the nearest mental institution first?"

Haruto nodded and said awkwardly, "Yeah, it's all we can do for now."

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Nathan first sent Dr. Rothschild and Debbie back to their respective temporary homes.

On the way there, Penny couldn't help but ask, "What's up with that man standing in the rain just now?"

Debbie also turned to stare curiously at Nathan.

Nathan smiled. "Nothing. He's just a madman."

Penny and Debbie bought the lie. Only Dr. Rothschild gazed at Nathan with admiration in his eyes.

After all, Dr. Rothschild knew who Miyamoto Ichiro, the Sword God of Japan was. He knew about the heroic incident that had happened three years ago in the North when Nathan had exterminated the Coalition Army by himself with just his sword. In that battle, he had murdered so many people that bodies were strewn everywhere on the battleground.

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Nathan's God of War Ares title had rocked the entire world and became a worldwide sensation after the battle.

Dr. Rothschild was even aware that Miyamoto had faced Nathan before during that battle three years ago.

With one strike from Nathan, his weapon was broken and his chest split open.

Although Miyamoto escaped by the teeth of his skin, that strike by Nathan had turned him into a burnt child dreading the fire.

Thus, when Miyamoto finally recognized who Nathan was, it was as if he was facing a huge bonfire. He was literally scared out of his wits.

Dr. Rothschild gazed at Nathan with reverence in his eyes. He felt proud to be his attending doctor.

There are no so-called peaceful times. It's just that someone else is bearing the cross for us.

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They soon sent Debbie and Dr. Rothschild back to the City Guesthouse, a designated hotel where all guests of the municipal leaders stayed. Colin Dunne stayed there too.

Although the guesthouse was not the best hotel in Channing, since Colin was currently staying here, it was better for Debbie and Dr. Rothschild to stay here too under his protection to avoid any more mishaps to befall the two of them during their stay in Channing.

Debbie headed back to her room to rest, while Dr. Rothschild went off to cajole Colin into playing chess and drink with him. He wanted to take this opportunity to gossip with Colin about how the Sword God of Japan had been so terrified of Nathan that he literally went mad at the sight of him.

The next day, Dr. Rothschild and Debbie Lopez left Channing. One went back to Northania, while the other went back to the North.

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Penny then discussed with Nathan about building another pharmaceutical factory.

After Dr. Rothschild and Debbie became the brand ambassadors for Cross Group, all the rumors had subsided and the negative effects from rumors had been completely eliminated.

The liver cancer vaccine the Cross Group had just listed on the market sold so well that the production schedule was backed up until next year.

Thus, their only current factory in Phoenix did not have the capacity to produce such large amounts of orders.

Blue Sky Corporation in Alberesque, the subsidiary company of Cross Group, possessed multiple production bases.

Besides, the sales of the pharmaceutical equipment manufactured by Blue Sky Corporation were not as good as expected. So, Penny decided to turn one of the Blue Sky Corporation's production bases into the second pharmaceutical

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factory.

She intended to personally go to Alberesque to inspect the various production bases owned by the subsidiary company Blue Sky Corporation and wanted Nathan to come along with her.

Nathan agreed wholeheartedly.

At first, they intended to fly to Alberesque on a plane.

But Leah believed in superstitions and said that the horoscopes told her today was not a good day for them to take a flight.

So, Nathan and Penny had no choice but to drive the Hongqi to Alberesque.

After all, it was just a distance of around 200 miles. They would arrive within a few hours anyway.

Nathan and Penny finally arrived in Alberesque in the afternoon.

The senior management team of Blue Sky

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Corporation welcomed their CEO, Penny Smith, enthusiastically, then accompanied the two of them to inspect several production bases and agreed to Penny's request to turn one of them into the second pharmaceutical factory.

After the inspection tour, the senior management team of Blue Sky Corporation invited Nathan and Penny to lunch.

Penny agreed, insisting on just a simple lunch.

So, the senior management team of Blue Sky Corporation chose a farmhouse restaurant as the lunch venue.

Although the restaurant was just a simple farmhouse, the food was exceptional.

The dishes were all made from the freshest, highest quality ingredients. Even the red wine was from Romanee-Conti but had its labels taken off in advance by the waiters.



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Nathan was aware this lunch would cost at least a million.

Penny, however, thought that these wholesome dishes and the wine without any labelling were rather ordinary.

While they were feasting, a woman standing not far away suddenly exclaimed, “ Is that my best friend Penny Smith?”



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