



Chapter 1121 You Cannot Beat The Lindberg Family

Nathan chuckled, “Everyone is welcomed at our event.”

When Penny saw Nathan there, she couldn’t help whispering, “Hubby, they are here to make fun of us. Why are you...”

Nathan gestured for Penny to remain calm. He had his ways of dealing with those bullies.

Hugh scanned the place before he grinned and said, “Nathan, why is your event so dull? Shouldn’t you have at least invited some celebrities to come support it?”

Jenny couldn’t stop herself from cussing, “You pretentious prick! You are the one who snatched all our guests and celebrities away.”

That insult didn’t bother Hugh. He simply turned to Nathan and scoffed, “Nathan, you can’t beat the Lindberg’s. If you change your surname and bow down to our family, I promise I will get countless celebrities and reporters over for your event.”

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Nathan replied calmly, "There's no need for that. A lot of celebrities and reporters are already hurrying over, so we don't need your help."

Peter mocked, "Celebrities and reporters hurrying over? You're fooling yourselves."

Hugh remained polite and smile. "It's fine. I'd like to see how long you can remain stubborn. I'll play this game with you until you finally break."

That was when someone shouted from outside the hall. "The reporters are here!"

Penny and the others were delighted because they thought that those were the reporters that Nathan had brought over.

However, Penny and the others became stunned when they saw the reporter.

That wasn't a regular reporter. The reporter in question specialized in spreading rumors and humiliating his targets.

That reporter's nickname is Hound.



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He was great at discovering other's private matters and secrets, so he was loathed by many.

Penny and the others were stunned instantly.

Hound had a microphone with him and had brought his photographer and assistant over.

He had his microphone pointed at Nathan and Penny as he asked loudly, "Penny Smith, is it true that your husband got drunk a few years ago and raped you? Our sources tell us that this is why you were pregnant before you got married and gave birth to your daughter, Queenie Smith."

Penny turned pale. She and Nathan had their history and they went through a lot.

But that was kept in private, so she never thought that the tabloids would get their hands on the information.

When Hound saw that Penny wasn't replying, he redirected his microphone to



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Nathan and asked, “Mr. Cross, you raped Ms. Smith a few years ago. Were you imprisoned because of it? Do you consider yourself a rapist?”

Without waiting for Nathan’s response, Hound directed the microphone at Penny’s face and probed, “And Ms. Smith, why would you choose to be with a rapist like him? Do you think you guys are a good match?”

Penny was so furious that she was trembling when she heard the reporter’s questions.

Everyone was so surprised that they even forgot to chase those reporters away.

Hugh and the others stood at the side and watched the show in delight.

Hound saw, from the corner of his eyes, that Hugh was happy, so Hound pushed even more. He wanted to humiliate Nathan and Penny.

“Ms. Smith, I’d like to ask if...”



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Hound didn't get to finish asking his question before Nathan ordered, "Slap him!"

Colin attacked as soon as Nathan finished speaking.

Colin grabbed Hound by the hair and dragged Hound up before slapping him hard across his face.

Slap! Slap! All it took was a few slaps to get Hound to bleed.

Colin remained furious as he instructed, "On your knees!"

After saying that, Colin kicked Hound's knee.

Thump!

Hound's left knee was dislocated, and he screamed in pain before he knelt down in front of Nathan.

Hound's photographer and assistant were scared and stunned.



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Nathan declared, "I welcome anyone who'd like to interview, but they must be courteous. If they are only here to cause trouble, then they will end up as he does."



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Nathan turned his attention to Hugh after he finished speaking. Their eyes met while the latter sneered at him, "You'll welcome every reporter? Are you expecting more reporters to attend your press conference? I've already taken care of the major TV stations and news outlets' reporters in the South and the East. None of them will show up. You should stop your desperate struggle."

Nathan replied with a scoff, "As if I'd be interested in the TV stations and news outlets in the South and the East. I've invited all the reporters from the top 15 news channels. The reporters from the South and the East will have to wait for their turn even if they make it here."

What? He invited all the reporters from the top 15 news channels?

Everyone was astonished by Nathan's claim.

After a long while, Hugh finally regained his senses.

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He couldn't help but laughed while pointing at Nathan, "Haha! You really are something else, Nathan. How can you lie blatantly with a straight face? You said you've invited the reporters from the top 15 news channels? Not even us, the Lindberg family, can invite them. Who do you think you are?"

As he spoke, the sound of car engines revving could be heard from the outside of the hotel.

A convoy of cars drove into the hotel, each with their respective news channel logos.

They were followed by several helicopters that flew in the sky.

All the cars came to a full stop just as the helicopters landed safely.

Many famous reporters wore their employee name tags while holding microphones, and a large group of media outlet staff carried their equipment and got off from their transport.





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These famous faces that one could normally only see on the television flocked into the venue together.

Hugh was so shocked by what he witnessed that his eyes nearly fell out of their sockets.

Peter and the rest were equally astonished. They could hardly believe what they were witnessing.

Penny and all the executives of Cross Group were surprised by the sight.

“Reporters are here! All of them are famous ones!”

“You’re the best, honey!” Penny turned and launched herself into Nathan’s arms before she kissed him on his cheek.

Hugh, Peter, and the Lindbergs remained in a dazed state.

All these people are famous reporters. Even the Lindbergs would find it hard to invite even one of them, yet all of them are

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here now.

The Lindbergs were all frozen in front of the lineup of the reporters and the camera setups.

Once Hugh saw Zayden Williams, the leading figure of all these reporters, he hurriedly took his son and subordinates to meet him. He said with flattery, “Mr. Williams, what brings you here?”

Zayden ignored Hugh and stretched out a hand to push him aside. The reporters and the crew members followed behind and headed toward Nathan and Penny.

Hugh was left in shock once again.

Goodness! Are they here for Nathan?

Zayden smiled at Penny. “Pleasure to meet you, President Smith. I’m Zayden Williams. We came to know that your company has developed the cure for liver cancer. This news has travelled to the entire country and surprised the whole medical industry throughout the world. Would you permit us

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to take part in the launching of Q-Than?"



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Penny's face flushed with excitement, and she replied elatedly with a somewhat shaky voice, "Of course, Mr. Williams. Thanks for coming!"

"Hi, President Smith. I'm Pedro Daniels from CNN."

"Pleased to meet you, President Smith. I'm Hamilton Wood from Fox News."

"Happy to meet you, President Smith. I'm Rebecca Johns from CNBC."

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All the famous reporters greeted Penny with a smile.

Every camera and video recorder present pointed toward Penny.

All the crew intentionally focused on Penny and avoided getting Nathan into the frame.

They would cut him out from the news broadcast during the post-production,



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even if the crew accidentally filmed him.

Penny was flattered and happily greeted all the reporters individually.

The Lindbergs were utterly stunned as they watched the scene in front of them unfold.

At that moment, Hilary Collins, the director of the East's TV station, hurriedly led a group of reporters from his station.

Hilary was sweating profusely when he greeted Zayden, and he said while looking at Penny with eagerness, "We've cleared our schedule to make time exclusively for you today, President Smith. We'll report the news of your company's latest product launching."

Penny had never imagined seeing the local media that had been called away at the last minute by the Lindbergs making it back.

It suddenly dawned on her that Nathan was the one who had invited these famous



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reporters, and the local media was alarmed by the fact. Therefore, Hilary quickly hurried over here with his group of reporters as soon as he could.

Before Penny could say anything, Zayden reproached him coldly, "Mr. Collins, we had the coverage rights to the Cross Group's product launch. You need my approval to participate in the interview."

He then added, "Besides, the Cross Group's Q-Than launching is breaking news, yet you didn't even come to cover the news. I have great concern for your professionalism. I'll talk to your superior after this. It seems like you're not fit for your position. Be ready to get a new job!"

Zayden's words struck him like thunder, and his face immediately turned ashen as he contemplated those words in despair.

I only ordered every reporter from the station to not take part in the Cross Group's product launch to help Hugh out. How did I end up losing my job instead?



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The Lindbergs were stupefied upon hearing the remark.

Suddenly, someone shouted at the door, "The guests have arrived!"

A moment later, a group of fancily dressed men and women with their personal bodyguards walked in leisurely while the crowd gazed at them in amazement.

In front of them stood a man and a woman dressed in major general uniforms.

The man's name was Gus Jenkins, and the woman's name was Hailey Zimmer. Both of them were well-known singers. They were also the chief and deputy chief of the Armed Forces Entertainment of the North Army.

There were many singers and artists behind them. These people were the common faces on a red carpet, although they looked nothing like the average celebrities.

The Lindbergs, Penny and the Cross



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Group's employees were equally stunned this time around.

A few moments later, Penny and her staff began ravishing with joy.

Good lord! Nathan has even invited celebrities! On top of that, they're all superstars! How cool was that!



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## Chapter 1124 We Need A Heavy Handed Approach

After seeing the popular duo on TV, many big names in the drug pharmaceutical industry, as well as foreign reporters, rushed over to attend the product launch of Cross Group.

By noon, there were countless reporters and bosses gathered at the venue.

Penny, who was decked out in office wear, came on stage while holding a microphone in hand. She thanked everyone for their participation before Cross Group's product launch officially begun.

Nathan stood in the most inconspicuous corner, smiling as he looked at the press conference that was underway. Hugh and the rest stood beside him.

Hugh stared at Nathan in shock and asked, "How did you do it? You've invited Mr. Williams, all these famous reporters, and even Gus Jenkins, Hailey Zimmer! You even got celebrities here."

Nathan turned to glare at them. "I would've



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normally amputated your legs for causing my wife trouble. But seeing since you're my late mother's brother, I'll forgive you one more time. However, keep this in mind. Don't push your luck because this is your last chance."

Hugh's expression turned grim because no one had ever dared to talk to him like this.

However, he still couldn't see through Nathan's capabilities, so he didn't dare act rashly. Hence, he replied bitterly, "I'll find out who you are and get even with you, brat!"

Nathan exclaimed coldly, "Now scram!"

Hugh scuttled away with his son and subordinates.

He immediately called his home in Brimmopolis to inform the Lindberg family of the occurrence after coming out of the hotel.

The Lindberg family investigated Nathan's background at once.



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Soon, the Lindberg family called Hugh and told him, “We’ve looked into his details. That couple doesn’t have any political background. The only reason he could invite those reporters and celebrities was because of Zayden Williams. That man’s father died of liver cancer. He has always hoped the cure for liver cancer will be available soonest possible so that no more people will die from it. Nathan must have made use of his wish and therefore successfully invited him.”

Hugh was shocked and angry to hear that. He roared in anger, “I knew it! Yet here I was thinking about how he could invite all those people. It seems like he took advantage of Mr. Williams’s wish and used him to bring all the reporters and celebrities here.”

Peter chided, “This guy seized the opportunity. But it was a false alarm. Dad, we shall never forgive him. Let’s waste no time. We need a heavy-handed approach!”

Hugh nodded in acknowledgement.  
“Yeah!”



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At the official launch of Cross Group's Q-Than.

Dozens of news channels broadcasted the news simultaneously, including many foreign TV stations and media.

Cross Group became world-renowned in the pharmaceutical industry overnight.

Cross Group had already previously launched the liver cancer vaccine, and now it was the special meds for it. It was not an exaggeration to say that they had made significant achievements in all aspects in the prevention and treatment of liver cancer.

Orders came flooding in throughout the whole country and even from abroad right after the news of Q-Than's official launching was broadcasted.

Within a short period of time, Cross Group's factory had scheduled its production until the next year.



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Penny separated domestic orders from foreign ones. The production line of the two had begun at different pharmaceutical factories.

The domestic price of Q-Than was subsidized; there was a subsidy of up to 90% for poor families. The cost of Q-Than purchased by local, indigent patients was not much more expensive than any other ordinary drugs.

Penny's goal was to make Q-Than affordable for domestic destitute patients so that they can be cured, even if it meant running Cross Group at a loss.

However, the exported cost of Q-Than by the company to foreign countries was expensive. It was priced at 10,000 per box.

It was reasonable, as the imported drugs from foreign countries were pretty pricey. For example, special drugs for leukemia could cost up to tens of thousands per box.

That being the case, the special meds'



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exported price to foreign countries at 10,000 a box was considered cheap.

In fact, to be cured of liver cancer with just tens or even hundreds of thousands was a dream come true for many foreign patients. For that reason alone, many were eagerly waiting for Q-Than to be exported to their countries.

It was not seen as a costly item to them. To regain a healthy body with just tens or hundreds of thousands was a steal!

Penny's strategy was to make more money in foreign markets to make up for losses in the domestic market so that she could help more liver cancer patients locally and abroad.

The Cross Group's stock price hit the upper limit of the day once Q-Than was successfully on sale officially and received innumerable orders.

The Cross Group's stocks had a high chance of hitting trillions in sales.



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Penny's net worth doubled, and her company officially become the leading pharmaceutical company in the country. It instantly became an empire no one could shake.

Nathan and Penny returned to their hometown and paid their respects to his parents buried in Tiverton Mountain. It was a fulfilment of Zayn's wish before his death.

The next day, the two of them set off to return to Channing of the South.

As soon as Nathan and his entourage returned to Channing, they received a distress call from Benson, his father-in-law.

"Nathan, we're in trouble!" Benson's voice sounded anxious through the phone. His mother-in-law, Leah, could be heard crying in the background.

Nathan was taken aback at his words, but he quickly consoled him, "Dad, I hear mom crying. What's wrong?"

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Benson replied in a shaky voice, "Your mother went to pick Queenie from school today, but the young girl was abducted right after she exited the school gate."

What?

Nathan's expression immediately darkened while Penny's face turned white as a sheet.

Nathan furrowed his brows. "Don't worry about it. I'll investigate the matter at once and rescue Queenie."

He hung up right after saying that.

Penny started crying out of anxiety, "Honey, who kidnapped our daughter? What should we do now?"

"Calm down, darling. I'll get someone to figure out the situation." Nathan did his best to comfort her.

He had headed to Horton and brought Colin and Elite Eight with him, but he had left Thunderstorm and Waves behind to



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secretly protect his family. Yet, his daughter had been abducted.

A speeding car rushed over and stopped in front of Nathan. Thunderstorm and Waves, who had bloodstains at the corners of their mouths and shirt plackets, got off the car together.

Both of them kneeled in front of Nathan and said in embarrassment, "Mr. Cross, please punish us. We couldn't protect Young Miss, and she was kidnapped because of our incompetence."

Nathan asked in a deep voice, "What happened?"

Thunderstorm replied shamefully, "There was a group of people who came prepared out of nowhere to kidnap Young Miss. Waves and I caught up and fought them, but they had skilled men. Eventually, they overcame us, and we were taken down..."

Waves added, "After we were struck, they took Young Miss with them and left the scene swiftly. Those men were well-



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trained.”

Thunderstorm bowed his head and said,  
“Mr. Cross, we couldn’t protect Young Miss  
properly. Please punish us!”



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After listening to them, Nathan was lost in deep thought.

Colin said in a low voice, "General, it should be the work of the Lindberg family."

Penny's face instantly turned ashen as she remarked in horror, "Will they smuggle my daughter to Africa as a hostage?"

"Don't worry. They will not send our daughter to Africa; I won't allow them to. I'll rescue Queenie soon."

He gave Colin orders after, "Find out the person responsible for this, Queenie's whereabouts, and prepare for a rescue mission."

"Yes, sir!"

Nathan went home with Penny first to meet his parents-in-law and his cousin-in-law, Kylie.

Benson and Leah blamed themselves for losing their granddaughter. They cried frantically and hugged Penny while Kylie

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comforted them.

Not long after, Colin made a call to report to Nathan that it was indeed the Lindberg family of Brimmopolis who kidnapped Queenie.

Nathan followed up with a question, “Where’s my daughter now?”

Colin replied, “Hugh and his men wounded Thunderstorm and Waves. They then took Young Miss on their family’s private plane, and they’re currently on their way back to Brimmopolis.”

After Colin said this, he lowered his voice deliberately and whispered a suggestion to Nathan, “General, if the fighter jets of Channing Military District take off now, they should be able to catch up with the Lindbergs’ private plane and intercept them in midair—”

Nathan raised his hand and chimed in, “No. It’d be too dangerous. I can’t let my daughter take the risk. She is safe in the meantime. The Lindbergs just abducted

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her to Brimmopolis, so there's no reason to take the risk of midair interception. In that case, arrange a private plane for me. I want to pick up my daughter from Lindberg's residence in Brimmopolis myself and teach them a lesson."

"Yes, sir!"

Penny planned to follow Nathan when she heard he was going to Brimmopolis to pick their daughter from Lindberg's residence in person.

But he asked her to accompany her parents at home as they were emotionally unstable, and he was worried about them. So, he asked everyone not to worry and told them he'll be back with Queenie soon.

A commanding officer's private plane propelled into the sky from Channing Military district airport in the afternoon.

Night fell after a few hours of flying, and the private plane finally arrived in Brimmopolis, where the city lights were all well-lit.



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When Nathan's plane came to Brimmopolis' airspace, five fighter jets whizzed toward it, and it was accompanied by escort flight.

After knowing the God of War's return, Brimmopolis' officials prepared the grandest welcome for his arrival.

Nathan's private plane safely arrived at Brimmopolis International airport in no time.

The military had already taken over the area around the airport.

There were more than a hundred honor guards lined up neatly at the entrance of the airport.

Furthermore, there were thousands of heavily armed military soldiers around. They stood on guard with excited expressions on their faces as they watched the private plane land slowly.

Nathan made his way down the aircraft's stairs after he had exited the plane. His

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black combat boots creaked with every step he took.

There were thousands of soldiers lined up in square formations; everyone looked at him in adoration.

He was the youngest God of War and the top general in the country.

“Music!” The captain of the honor guards commanded loudly.

Military music immediately sounded. All the soldiers’ movements were neat and uniform as they lifted their hands to salute and shout in unison, “Welcome to Brimmopolis, Sir!”

Nathan strode across the red carpet with Colin and the Elite Eight, and then he reciprocated the soldiers’ salute on the scene.

As he walked, he remained stoic and questioned Colin, “Didn’t you tell the officials of Brimmopolis to keep a low profile?”

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Colin answered with a wry smile, “Yes, I did. But it seems like they didn’t get the message.”

It was a pretty high profile for a welcome ceremony!

He was greeted by honor guards and thousands of soldiers. Moreover, soldiers had been deployed to guard the surrounding of the airport.

Countless numbers of people were standing around the airport in bright-colored attire.

These people were either the heads of prominent families or the bosses of large corporations.

All these influential and powerful individuals gathered together spontaneously after hearing a rumor about the general’s arrival to Brimmopolis today. They all rushed over to welcome him.

All these individuals wanted to get acquainted with him as it’d be the greatest





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honor if they could invite him to their household for a meal.

The Lindberg family Matriarch brought a few prominent family members along with her and waited anxiously with the heads of the other families outside the airport.

The Matriarch stared into the airport with eager expectations and mumbled, "General of the North. The God of War. If we could make the general take an extra glimpse at us, our journey all the way here will be worthwhile."



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“The General is here!”

At the airport’s exit, a large group of prominent men who were waiting shouted in excitement.

From a distance, they saw a large group of heavily armed soldiers clustering around a man as they walked out of the airport.

It was a pity that it was too far for them to catch a glimpse of the General.

After having waited for a long time, the group of prominent men from Brimmopolis started to lose their cool. They began to push their way towards the General.

They wanted to invite the General to the banquet they had prepared in celebration of his arrival.

Before they could get any closer, however, the soldiers who were tasked to secure the perimeter pushed them back with their guns.

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The Lindberg family Matriarch could only watch from afar as the General left in a car.

She sighed. “Despite having such a large group of prominent figures from Brimmopolis, we didn’t even get an opportunity to greet the General. Yet here we were fantasizing about organizing a banquet for him to celebrate his arrival. What a load of bull\*\*\*\*. Let’s go home!”

Meanwhile, Nathan, Colin, and the Elite Eight went to see Major General Will Long, who was in-charge of the Capital Garrison stationed in Brimmopolis.

Will grinned when he saw them. “General, aren’t you on holiday visiting your relatives in Southania? What brings you here to Brimmopolis?”

Nathan replied with a smile, “I’m here to deal with some personal matters.”

Will inquired immediately, “Do you need any help?”



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Shaking his head, Nathan answered, “No, it’s a small matter. I can handle it myself.”

Will nodded. “Alright. If there’s anything you need, don’t hesitate to ask. There’s a lot I can help you with in Brimmopolis.”

Nathan smiled. “Alright, I’ll definitely trouble you if I do need anything.”

In truth, Will was just a Major General, but his status was a lot more important than his rank suggests.

He was in charge of the Brimmopolis Capital Garrison; he was responsible for the defense of the city and its leaders. It was a position only one who was trusted by the President could hold.

Therefore, although Will was just a Major General, he wielded a lot more power and influence than his rank suggested. He had the approval of the President.

Nevertheless, it was obvious that Will was ingratiating himself with Nathan.



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It was unavoidable, given that Nathan was the God of War and the nation's top general.

More importantly, the nation's President and his wife loved Nathan a lot and treated him like their own son.

Therefore, Will often treated Nathan with great respect and took every opportunity to curry favor with him.

After chatting with Will for a while, Nathan said, "When you're free, please help me send my regards to the President and the First lady."

Will grinned. "Sure!"

"However, if you could drop by and see them personally, I'm sure they will be more delighted," He added.

Nathan shook his head. "I'm only here to deal with a small personal matter. Besides, the President has a busy schedule. He doesn't even get enough sleep. Hence, I don't want to bother him and waste his



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precious time.”

Will nodded in response. “That’s true. The President is indeed constantly occupied.”

After chatting for a while longer, Nathan got Will to prepare a few black SUVs for his temporary use. With that, he left with Colin and the Elite Eight.

Colin and the group drove the three SUVs and left the army base.

Colin asked Nathan, “General, are we now heading to the Lindberg Residence to pick Queenie up?”

With a solemn expression, Nathan replied coldly, “That’s right. To the Lindberg Residence! Not only am I going to pick up my daughter, but I’m also going to teach them a painful lesson.”

“Yes, General!”



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At the Lindberg Residence.

A Lincoln Limousine and a few Mercedes-Benz slowly drove through the gate and arrived at the front porch.

The Lindberg family Matriarch alighted together with all the other prominent members of the Lindberg family.

Holding the crying Queenie, Hugh Lindberg led Peter and the others out to personally welcome the Matriarch, "Mom, you're back!"

When the Matriarch saw Hugh, Peter, and the others, she nodded and said, "I see you have just returned from your trip. This must be Angela's granddaughter and also Nathan's daughter, Queenie.

Hugh nodded. "That's right. The girl's name is Queenie Smith."

The Matriarch looked at Queenie, who was still crying.

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Although she was crying her heart out, it was difficult to hide her fair and exquisite features.

Anyone could see that she would grow up to be a gorgeous beauty.

Upon seeing her, the Matriarch exclaimed, "She looks just like your sister when she was little! However, she can no longer be known at a Smith. Her name from now on will be Queenie Lindberg."

Hugh added with a smile, "I have already sent her photo to the African warlord, Akin. He is very satisfied with the hostage we have proposed to send him. In fact, he has even requested that we expedite the process."

The Matriarch was puzzled. "Any member of the Lindberg family can qualify as a hostage. Why would that African warlord be particularly interested in Queenie?"

Hugh replied in a low voice, "Mom, do you know Akin is known as the Tyrant of Africa? He has many fetishes such as



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killing, cannibalism, and even pedophilia!”

“My guess is that when he saw Queenie’s exquisite features, he took a liking to her for her beauty. Therefore, he has been rushing us to send her over to him,” He added.

The Matriarch looked on at Queenie with a sense of pity as she frowned. She remarked, “If this child is sent to Africa, I’m afraid she will be miserable.”

Hugh shrugged. “It’s an inevitable choice as we work with Akin on too many projects, including oil fields, gold mines, and even diamond mines. Due to a lack of trust, we had to agree to their age-old tradition of exchanging hostages.”

“As long as our projects in Africa are hugely profitable, sacrificing one child is definitely worth it. At most, we can compensate Nathan financially later on.”

Having heard her son’s suggestion, the Matriarch nodded in agreement.



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## Chapter 1128 Nathan Has Arrived

As she walked with Hugh into the hall, she asked, “By the way, what was Nathan’s reaction when you took Queenie away by force?”

Hugh pursed his lips and sneered, “What else can he do? At most, he can come to Brimmopolis to protest against it, but I don’t think he has the guts to do so.”

The Matriarch nodded. “Although the Cross Group wields meaningful influence in Southania, they do not stand a chance against the Lindberg family of Brimmopolis in Northania.”

She mumbled lowly, “I don’t think he will come to Brimmopolis to cause us trouble...”

Suddenly, a few of the Lindberg family servants stumbled in from outside with their faces covered in blood.

Behind them was a muscular man with gleaming eyes. He strode into the hall with a group of his subordinates.



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It was Nathan.

As the servants scrambled inside, they yelled in a trembling voice, "Oh no! Someone has fought their way into our house! It's Nathan Cross! He has even beaten up the security guards..."

What?

Nathan's here? And he has even barged into our home?

Surprised and furious, everyone looked on as Nathan entered with his men.



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When Queenie, who was in Hugh's arms, saw Nathan, she couldn't help but shout out excitedly, "Daddy!"

Wanting Nathan to hug her, she struggled to reach both her arms out to him.

Unfortunately, Hugh prevented her from running back to Nathan by holding on to her.

When Nathan saw that his daughter was alright, his mind was instantly put at ease. However, his gaze turned frostier the moment he saw Hugh and the others.

Meanwhile, waves upon waves of Lindberg family retainers arrived.

"Quick!"

"Quick!"

"Surround the trespassers and protect the Matriarch!"

In a blink of an eye, hundreds of Lindberg family retainers and elite guards



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surrounded Nathan and his followers.

At the same time, the Matriarch was being protected by her family members. It was as if she was an empress overlooking everyone else.

She watched Nathan with intrigue and could barely hide her smile as she spoke, "Nathan, you're definitely braver than that deadbeat dad of yours. When your dad was pursuing my daughter, I disapproved of their engagement and challenged him to come to see me. However, he never did dare come as he was frightened out of his wits. Instead, you are brave enough to come here for the sake of your daughter!"

Meanwhile, Hugh scoffed, "He's either oblivious to the difference in strength or just being reckless."

The Matriarch stared at Nathan and said in a merciful tone, "Nathan, I will not hold this against you on the account of your mother."

"Furthermore, I will give you one last

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chance. If you change your surname to that of your mother's and join us, you will be protected by the Lindberg family and gain access to our family's resources. How about that?"

Nathan replied impassioned, "A true man doesn't change his name. I refuse your offer."

"Besides, you Lindbergs are a cruel family. You were willing to watch my mother die of poverty and sickness back then. And now, you intend to send my daughter to Africa as a hostage. All of you are just heartless scum. I don't see any point in joining a family like yours!"

Like a sharp knife, Nathan's words pierced through the Lindberg family's hypocrisy and angered every single one of them.

Hugh was the first to protest angrily, "There's no point in joining the Lindberg family?"

"The Lindberg family are one of the prominent families of Brimmopolis. We



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have business interests in every corner of the globe, and our network stretches into every segment of society within the nation. Even many of the African warlords are connected to us.”

He continued, “Receiving a simple business lead from us will open many avenues for you. It will allow you to expand your business by more than ten times! Even if I have three days and three nights, it won’t be enough to tell you all about the benefits and influence the Lindberg family has. Yet you question what’s the point of joining us?”

“Such naivety!”

Nathan coldly replied, “I know how great you guys are. But do you believe I can destroy you just by saying one word?”

Hugh was stunned to hear Nathan’s response.

Even the Matriarch gaped in shock.

Everyone within the hall who had heard





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Nathan gasped in disbelief.

At the next moment, Hugh sniggered.

“Haha! What a load of bull. You can destroy us just by saying a word? Who do you think you are? Do you believe you and your men won’t walk out of here if I say the word?”

Nathan replied, “Just based on you and this lot of useless bums?”

Hugh cursed, “Damn you!”

At that moment, the Matriarch interrupted them. In an indifferent tone, she said, “Nathan, I don’t want to argue with you. I’m asking you one last time if you will change your surname and join us.”

Standing up with his hands behind his back, Nathan replied calmly, “A dragon doesn’t live with snakes while a tiger doesn’t walk alongside dogs. That’s my answer!”

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A dragon doesn't live with snakes?

A tiger doesn't walk with dogs?

Impudence!

Absolute insolence!

This is unacceptable!

At that moment, every single member of the Lindberg family, including the Matriarch, grew infuriated.

The Master was so angry that she stomped her ivory cane onto the ground with a bang.

With a fearsome expression, she exclaimed, "You and that despicable mom of yours are equally rebellious! Your mom died of poverty because she didn't listen to me! If you go against me, you will suffer the same fate!"

"Men! Capture them and imprison them in the cellar. Let them reflect on their mistakes inside as they die a slow and

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painful death,” She ordered.

The cellar in the backyard was known as the Lindberg family’s Black Cellar.

It was often used to imprison family members or servants who have committed mistakes so that they can reflect on their actions in isolation.

For serious offenders, they would be imprisoned inside till they died.

The Matriarch was visibly furious given that she had ordered Nathan and his men to be locked up in there for life. They would never see the sun again.

At her cue, more than ten Lindberg family retainers approached Nathan and his men in an intimidating manner, intending to capture them all.

Nathan sneered, “You want to imprison me for life and not ever let me see the sun again? The Lindberg residence is simply too small. It doesn’t even deserve to hold me in.”



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When the Matriarch and the others heard Nathan's words, they sniggered.

They were keen to see the pitiful look on Nathan's face once he was imprisoned in the Black Cellar.

At that moment, the Lindberg family subordinates were close enough to pounce on Nathan like tigers.

However, Colin called out, "How dare you disrespect Mr. Cross. You must die!"

With that, Colin and the Elite Eight sprang into action.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

In a blink of an eye, the Lindberg family subordinates were sent flying in every direction. They crashed to the ground, all gravely wounded as they lay in their own blood.

What?

Hugh and the others widened their eyes in

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shock.

Firstly, they were surprised that Nathan dared to fight back. Secondly, they were stunned by how strong his subordinates were.

Meanwhile, the Matriarch's already dark expression darkened further.

She snapped, "It's been a long time since anyone caused any trouble here or dared to harm a member of the Lindberg family. And yet you idiotic piece of sh\*t dare to challenge me?"

"Men, capture them now!"

Upon her orders, the rest of the Lindberg family associates and their men approached Nathan and his subordinates eagerly.

However, a burly middle-aged man with a dark complexion and stubbles across his face stood out and exclaimed, "I'll capture them!"



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That man was none other than the Lindberg family's disciplinarian; his nickname was the 'Black Judge'.

When Hugh and Peter kidnapped Queenie, it was the Black Judge who had wounded Thunderstorm and Waves. He was one of the more formidable fighters within the Lindberg family.

When the Matriarch saw that the Black Judge was going to deal with Nathan, she put on a smug smile and ordered, "Break all their limbs and throw them into the cellar. Don't open the door until they're all dead."

The Black Judge acknowledged her request, "Yes, Matriarch!"

He then turned to face Nathan and his men. He scoffed, "Young man, how dare you cause trouble in the Lindberg residence! Prepare to be severely punished!"

After shooting a glance at the Black Judge, Nathan wasn't bothered to fight him.

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Hence, he calmly called out, 'Colin!'

"At once!"

Striding out, Colin approached the Black Judge with an indifferent expression.



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