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Jeremy was surprised and angry to receive a call from his son telling him that the Dunnes had injured him.

“The Dunnes? Isn’t the old fart the only man in the house? And he’s lying on the hospital bed now, so who could’ve injured you?”

Ronald suppressed his pain and tilted his head up to glare at Nathan, Colin, and the others. Then, he replied angrily, “Dad, that Colin guy returned from the military and had a few friends with him. They injured over ten of our people.”



Jeremy was furious upon hearing that. “What the hell? I will get my people over right away! How dare they rebel against me?”

After hanging up the call, Ronald, who was on his knees, turned to grin evilly at Nathan. “Your time is up. You should get your coffins ready.”

Colin and Ashley were so scared that they turned pale.



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Nathan, however, remained calm. His lips even curved into a small but cruel grin.

Ty informed Colin and Nathan. "Colin, Nathan, you two really did it this time and got yourselves into big trouble."

"You should flee before Jeremy Wesley arrives, and the farther you go the better."

Colin reassured, "Don't worry, dad. Mr. Cross and I can handle small matters like that."

Ty got even more nervous when he saw how stubborn his son and Nathan were. Ty didn't care about his life because he had led a full life, but Colin was his only son. The family could not afford to lose their only heir!

Ty was nervous as he scolded, "You little idiot! Jeremy Wesley has money and power and can command both the police and the gangsters. He has countless subordinates, and you may be able to beat over ten of his people, but can you handle hundreds of them?"



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Before Colin could speak, Nathan grinned and instructed, "Colin, call a few more people over since your dad is so nervous. That would help make him feel better."

Upon hearing that, Colin replied, "Got it!"

After that, Colin fished his phone out of his pocket and contacted a few Mayberry leaders who were close to the North Army. Colin told them that Mr. Cross wanted them there within ten minutes.

Ronald saw Colin calling the others, but Colin greeted the leaders in their first names, so Ronald didn't know that those people were the leaders of Mayberry. Ronald thought that Colin simply called a few more men who had served with him before.

Ronald scoffed, "Huh! You think you can fight us just by calling a few random idiots over? You can dream on!"

Soon.

Mayberry's Mayor, the Head of the city's



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Investigation Unit, the Commander of the Weapons Department, and ten other leaders showed up. They arrived even before Jeremy.

After all, the General had made the call, and the leaders dared not delay upon getting his order.

Jeremy, on the other hand, needed to call his friends who then had to contact the gangster before they gather up to help.

When the leaders walked into the patient's room and saw Ronald Wesley kneeling on the floor, they were stunned.

They politely greeted Nathan. "Mr. Cross, may we know why you called us over?"

Nathan smiled and explained the situation to them.

The leaders were infuriated when they heard the story. They growled angrily, "Don't worry, Mr. Cross, we will skin that Jeremy Wesley alive when he gets here!"



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“Good!” said Nathan with a grin.

Ty, Ashley, and Ronald all lived in a secluded village where news rarely reached them. As such, they did not recognize any of these powerful figures.

Ty and Ashley thought What is up with these people? Why are all of them so arrogant?

Ronald was so angry that he sneered. I’ve seen people in denial before, but this is a whole other level. You will all be dead soon!



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Soon after.

A loud voice rang up from outside. Jeremy Wesley had hurried over with his subordinates.

He brought over two hundred people, and everyone in the hospital was scared.

“Who has hurt my son? Get your butt over here and die!”

A rude voice rang up, and the man who spoke was a middle-aged plump guy. He was none other than Jeremy Wesley.

Jeremy walked into the patient’s room with a few of his subordinates.

When he saw his son kneeling on the floor with two broken legs, he became even angrier, and he glared at Nathan.

He could see that everyone else was being polite towards Nathan, so Nathan had to be the one who called the shots.

Jeremy narrowed his eyes and spoke



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harshly, “Punk, are you the one who ordered your men to injure my son?”

Ronald complained with hatred in his voice, “That’s the head of those bastards. Dad, avenge me!”

Nathan turned to Jeremy and grinned. “You’re Jeremy Wesley? The one who stole the villagers’ farm, injured Ty, and tried to take advantage of the situation by getting them to sell you their land at a fraction of the price? The village chief who is known as the Living Devil?”

Jeremy scoffed, “Since you knew about my nickname, then you should know how powerful I am.”

“All of you will break your own legs right away and pay my son five million in his medical fee. Only then I will consider sparing your life. If you don’t... Well, don’t blame me for what is going to happen next.”

Nathan chuckled. “You’d have to ask if my people are okay with your terms.”



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Jeremy was momentarily stunned. He then sneered and spoke in a discriminatory tone. "I have over two hundred men outside, and they are all gangsters. Any of your subordinates are welcomed to step up and complain if they're not happy with my terms."

Nathan smiled and instructed, "To those who are upset, step up and tell the chief your name and who you are."

A tall man with a grim expression on stood up immediately. His voice was grouchy when he said, "I am upset. My name is Daniel Sousa, and I am the Head of Investigative Unit in Mayberry!"

Jeremy, Ronald, Ty, and Ashley were stunned when they heard Daniel's name and designation.

Jeremy didn't recognize Daniel in his casual outfit, but his subordinates were hooligans, so they recognized Daniel. "Holy crap! That really is the Head of Investigative Unit in Mayberry!"



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Upon hearing that, Jeremy gasped and he started sweating.

He forced a smile on his face and was about to apologize when another man stood up. This time, it was Charles Brown.

“And me too. I am Charles Brown, the Commander of the Weapons Department!”

“And me, Raymond Dissick, Leader of the State!”

“And me, Stanley McCall, Mayberry’s Mayor!”

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The leaders standing behind Nathan stood up one by one and announced their identities.

Leaders, Mayor, Commanders... each and every one of them was powerful.

Every one of them was a leader based in Mayberry, and any one of them could destroy Jeremy instantly.



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Ronald was stupefied.

So was Ty and Ashley.

In fact, everyone there was taken aback.

Jeremy had turned pale from fear. He was tempted to drag his son off the floor and demanded that he told him who the hell he had offended to get so many powerful figures to show up at the same time.

“So are you still expecting us to break our own legs?” asked Nathan with a smile.

Jeremy trembled, and his lips went dry. Then, he parted his lips trying to speak, but he couldn't form a word.

Stanley scoffed, “You idiot. Mr. Cross is the General of the North, and Colin is the Head of Mr. Cross' Personal Guard. You must be tired of living to have gone after the Dunnes.”

What? Colin is the Head of the General's Personal Guard? And Nathan is the General of the North?!



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Jeremy's blood pressure rose upon hearing that, and he literally spat blood.

He lost his balance and knelt on the floor.

"P-please forgive me, Mayor. Please spare my life, General."

Nathan turned to Stanley and ordered, "Mayor, you deal with this assh*le. I get furious by just looking at him."

"Understood, General," replied Stanley.

After that, Stanley fired Jeremy in front of everyone and instructed the Head of the Investigation Unit to look into Jeremy's wrongdoings over the years. Every crime committed was to be identified, and the Wesleys were to be punished for every single one of their crime.

Daniel replied, "Understood."

Jeremy passed out immediately when he heard that.

Ronald was trembling too, and he looked



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hopeless. He kept murmuring, "Everything is over now. We're dead."

If all their crimes were discovered, they would be killed, and even if their lives were spared, they would still be sentenced to life imprisonment.



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The Wesleys were cuffed and taken away, and an investigation was started on them.

Stanley and the other leaders didn't dare to stay on any longer, so they left after saying their goodbyes to Nathan.

In the end, only Colin, Ashley, Ty, Nathan, and the Elite Eight were left in the patient's room.

Ty and Ashley were still in a daze at that moment.

Ashley later tugged at Colin's hand and asked him excitedly, "Are you really the Head of the General's Personal Guard? And a Colonel? Isn't that a high-ranking post?"

Colin nodded with a smile.

Ty couldn't contain his curiosity either. "Son, is this Mr. Cross your Commanding Officer? The General of the North?"

Colin nodded once more and explained, "Dad, this is the hero of our army, the



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General of the North and the God of War.”

Ty was extremely excited, and he couldn't help blurting, “My son is a Colonel and the Head of the General's Personal Guard. He is the pride of our family!”

Nathan grinned, “Colin is an admirable warrior and a great superior to his subordinates. He worked hard and accomplished all that on his own, so you should be proud of him.”

Colin suddenly turned talkative. “Dad, I am on vacation so I came home. The General happened to have some work to do in Mayberry, so he dropped by to visit you too.”

Ty glowed, and he was so excited that he blabbed, “Thank you, thank you. Sir, you really took care of our family.”

Ty insisted on leaving the hospital that day.

When the villagers learned about how Colin was the General's Personal Guard,



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they all showed up to congratulate the Dunnes. That brought honor to the Dunne family.

Moreover, Jeremy was arrested, so there was an opening for the position of the village chief. The villagers chose Ty as their new chief.

The Dunne family had never been this famous.

Many distant relatives of the Dunne family also dropped by to appease them.

Among those relatives was Colin's distant cousin, Lewis Connor.

Lewis was in the military as well and was a captain in Mayberry's military district.

Lewis happened to have a few days off, and when he heard about his cousin's successful career as a colonel, he quickly went over to congratulate Colin.

That night, the Dunne family hosted a party to welcome Nathan and to celebrate



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with their friends and family.

During the party, Lewis downed a few drinks and was a little tipsy before he whispered to Colin, “Hey, cuz, you’re all powerful now, but I am just a measly captain.”

“I’m not ambitious and will be satisfied if I get promoted by just one more rank.”

Colin smiled. “Work hard. I’m sure the opportunities will come.”

Lewis downed another drink before he muttered, “The opportunities are abundant, but I don’t have the money to get them.”

“I am hoping that you can put in a few good words for me with the General and have him promote me by one rank.”

Nathan was sitting beside Colin and heard Lewis’ words. Nathan was sensitive and noticed that something was off, so he narrowed his eyes at Colin.

Colin understood what message Nathan



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was sending, so the former said, “What are you talking about, Lewis? I don’t get it.”

Lewis was a little drunk by then, and when he heard what Colin said, he thought that Colin had refused to help Lewis. Lewis was upset instantly, “I’m asking you to help me out, cuz. Are you not willing to do that for me?”

Colin replied, “It’s not that. You said that the opportunities are abundant, but you don’t have the money to get them. What does that mean?”

Lewis sobered up quite a bit, but he also became wary. His expression looked weird when he asked, “Are you seriously not aware of that?”

Colin replied, “Of course I am not. Why else would I ask you then?”

Lewis lowered his voice. “You don’t know about it, but the military ranks can be bought. Supposedly, the price of those ranks could go from hundred thousand to tens of millions. It all depended on the



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ranks one buys.”



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Colin and Nathan turned to one another, and they were both shaken to the core.

Colin acted calm and gasped like he was into the gossip, “No way!”

Lewis got nervous when he saw that Colin didn’t believe it. Lewis insisted, “It’s true! At the very least, that’s how the military in Mayberry operates.”

“However, money isn’t the only thing that could determine one’s ranking. It depended on the person’s ability and background too.”

“Take me for example, I could only buy the rank of a major. Anything else would be out of my reach even if I have the money.”

Colin narrowed his eyes and asked, “Okay, so in your case, if you can buy a rank, how much would it cost you?”

“One million,” replied Lewis.

Colin gasped. He turned to look at Nathan, but he had started talking and drinking



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with Ty.

Colin then told Lewis, "I can't really help you with your promotion. As you know, I belong to the North Army while you are with the East. We're in different sections, so there isn't anything I can do."

Lewis was clearly disappointed.

"But I can lend you a million," added Colin suddenly.

What?

Lewis was stunned for a moment. He became excited and asked, "Are you sure?"

"Yes," replied Colin.

Lewis became excited and held his drink up. "You're a true family. I will definitely repay your kindness in the future."

Colin drank with Lewis. All Colin thought about was I'd be glad if you just don't hate me.



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The party ended later and the guests left.

Colin reported the matter to Nathan, and Nathan immediately decided. He banked in a million into Lewis' account.

Lewis was ecstatic when he got the money.

Nathan and Colin stood at the front of the door and watched as Lewis drove away.

Colin commented, "General, my cousin is ambitious, and he desperately wanted a promotion."

"If the military ranks were really up for sale, then he will definitely be promoted soon enough."

Nathan had his hand behind his back, and he looked grim. "This is a very serious matter!"

"Find some way to have our people monitor Lewis. I want to know who he meets and what he does in the next few days."



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Colin replied, "Understood."

Nathan and the others stayed in Colin's house for the next few days.

However, Colin didn't slack off and had his people spy on Lewis.

On the fifth day, Colin rushed to Nathan and reported, "General, we just got the news. Lewis had been promoted."

Nathan narrowed his eyes when he heard that. He sounded cruel when he said, "Looks like the military ranks in Mayberry really are for sale. That Christopher Windsor is really something else!"

Colin couldn't help but ask, "What should we do next, General?"

Nathan replied, "Follow the lead and investigate this matter. We must nab the mastermind!"

"Understood," said Colin.

Nathan then asked, "Who had Lewis been



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in contact with, and who accepted his money?”

Colin answered, “The one who contacted Lewis might be the Head of Christopher’s Personal Guard, Yanis Howard.”

“After Lewis got in touch with Yanis, he spent that one million on tea in a shop owned by one of Yanis’ family members. Two days later, Lewis received the official letter informing him that he had been promoted.”

Nathan scoffed, “They even have a system for it. It’s obvious that this is not the first time they did something like this.”

“Find a way for me to meet this Yanis Howard. He is Christopher’s right-hand man and handles a lot of his dealings. Moreover, he has been working with Christopher for a time now, so he must know a lot. We will get sufficient evidence against Christopher and his people if we want to take him down.”

Colin replied, “Understood.”



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Nathan had just given Colin instructions when he received a phone call from his daughter, Queenie.

He heard his daughter asking anticipatngly through the phone, "Papa, it's my birthday tomorrow. Can you make it back in time to celebrate it with me?"

Her words reminded him that tomorrow was his daughter's seventh birthday.

He curled his lips into an indulgent smile as he made a promise, "Alright, papa will come back to celebrate your birthday with you."

Queenie jumped and cheered excitedly, "Hooray! Papa, you're the best!"

After chatting with her a short while longer, Nathan ended the call.

Subsequently, he made a phone call to Wendy, telling her that tomorrow was his daughter's birthday and that he would be going back to Channing for two days.



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Without any hesitation, Wendy told him she was coming along to Channing; she was eager to meet Penny and little Queenie.

Nathan and Wendy boarded the plane to Channing the next day. Colin and the Elite Eight, however, stayed in Mayberry to continue with the investigation.

Queenie, Penny, her family, and her bodyguard were already waiting for Nathan and Wendy at the exit when they walked out of the airport.

“Papa!” Queenie brightened up the moment she saw Nathan.

She raced toward him, and the latter picked her up in his arms.

Penny and the others followed suit, with Penny looking at Nathan lovingly.

“You’re back!” Penny muttered. It had been a while since she and Nathan had spent time together; their eyes were full of incandescent love for each other.



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Nathan smiled and introduced Wendy to all of them, “Let me introduce you guys. This is my mom’s biological sister, my aunt, Wendy.”

Penny and the others were slightly surprised because Wendy looked young and beautiful, even as an aunt. It was as if she was only in her thirties. They couldn’t help raising their eyebrows at the large age gap between Nathan’s mom and her sister.

After greeting each other, Wendy handed a jade pendant and a jade bracelet to Queenie and Penny respectively as gifts for it was their first meeting.

Penny was pleasantly surprised. “Wendy, is this for me?”

Wendy explained smilingly, “Nathan’s mom is no longer around, but I have always treated him like my son. I’m giving this bracelet to you as the daughter-in-law of the Cross family on behalf of Nathan’s mom.”

Penny’s cheeks flushed red at her words.



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Since Queenie was the birthday girl, she could be the one to call the shots to order her favorite dishes.

Queenie gave it some thought before enumerating them while counting on her fingers. "I like to eat buffalo wings, meatballs, casserole..."

Nathan and the others were slightly bewildered upon hearing her choice of dishes when they realized that those were all common dishes at a banquet.

Penny let out a sigh. "My salary was previously just enough to keep the wolf from the door, so we can't afford to spend a lot on our daily meals. Queenie could only feast when we attended other people's banquets."

She patted Queenie's hair affectionately as she continued, "That's why she doesn't favor a lavish spread of delicacies but is rather fond of these common banquet dishes. To her, these are some of the most delicious foods from her memory."



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Both Benson and Leah sighed when they recalled the rough time they had gone through.

They were grateful to have Nathan as their son-in-law. Without Nathan, they wouldn't be able to get through the rough patch and live a happy life now!

With a smile on his face, Nathan granted his daughter her wish. "Since Queenie likes to eat these banquet dishes, we'll find an authentic farm-to-table restaurant."

Soon, they arrived at a small-scaled farmhouse restaurant and ordered quite a lot of dishes; all of them were common, homely foods.

Just as they were about to dig in, a convoy of jeeps with Mayberry military districts' number plates screeched to a halt in front of the restaurant.

A tall man in his lieutenant colonel military outfit got out of the first jeep.

He was none other than Hayden Howard.



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Standing next to him was the first lieutenant, Jasper Quenton.

About a dozen of soldiers got out of the jeeps behind them.



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Jasper turned his head to face Hayden and asked curiously, "Sir, why are we travelling all the way here to Channing from Mayberry?"

Hayden, a good-looking man with a dignified stature, replied smilingly, "To meet a friend."

Jasper was intrigued. "Is your friend a girl?"

"How did you know?" He blurted in surprise.

Jasper teased, "It's your girlfriend, isn't it?"

"You're talking nonsense!"

Jasper shot him a meaningful smile. "Sir, you can't hide anything from me. If you're not here to meet your girlfriend, why are you all dressed up? You even polished your leather shoes and used cologne today!"

Hayden shot him a resigned smile. "It really is just a friend. I knew her a few years ago when I was the military



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instructor in her university.”

“I understand now. But Sir, you’re a handsome and successful man with a military background... You’re a lady-killer! It’s as easy as snapping your fingers to make her your girlfriend,” Jasper said, giving him a playful punch on the arm.

Hayden reminded him, “You can fool around out here, but don’t speak out of line in front of her. Don’t spoil my chances.”

“Fine. But why didn’t you chase after her at that time? Why did you wait until now?” asked Jasper.

Hayden reminisced for a while before pouring out the whole story to Jasper, “At that time, she was still a university student and I was her instructor; it was inappropriate for a teacher to date his student. I went back to the military base after the military training ended. She was always at the back of my mind even when I was occupied with heavy training missions. It jogged my memory when I saw her interview in a business and



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finance tv show, so..."

"So you travelled all the way here to meet her," Jasper chimed in. "You've talked a lot, but you still haven't told me who she is..."

Hayden replied, "Her name is Penny Smith. She's the CEO of Cross Group, but I guess you don't know her."

"I know her. She's the Business Goddess, isn't she?" Of course, Jasper had heard of her; she was a big cheese in the business world, known as the Business Goddess. With a peculiar expression, he chewed the cud before saying, "But I heard she's married."

Hayden narrowed his eyes. "I know. She's the only daughter in her family, so she was forced to find her parents a live-in son-in-law. That's why she married herself to a kept man. I don't care if she's married!"

You don't?

Jasper's face formed a twisted expression upon hearing his words. He was about to



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ask whether Hayden was going after Penny's hundred billion net worth, but he managed to swallow his words as it was better for him to not lay it bare. If he did, Hayden would definitely get mad at him.

Forcing a simpering smile on his face, he remarked, "Sir, it looks like you truly love her!"

Hayden soon led Jasper and a dozen of his subordinates into the restaurant.

He fixed his lecherous gaze on Penny dressed in a sheath dress.

Not only is Penny beautiful, but she is also filthy rich. I can get both wealth and a beautiful lady in my arms once she becomes my woman. The Howard family will also prosper and become one of the most prominent families!

With a confident grin, he approached their table and greeted Penny, "Hi, Penny!"

Penny was slightly stunned to see Hayden. She exclaimed, "Oh? You're Instructor



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Howard from the university!"

"It has been a long time since we last saw each other!" Hayden held out his hand for a handshake.

Penny was stumped, but she quickly responded, "I'm sorry, Instructor Howard. My husband doesn't like it when I shake hands with other men."

She then went on to introduce Nathan, "This is my husband, Nathan Cross."

Hayden narrowed his eyes as he regarded Nathan with total contempt. "So, you're Penny's husband? Mr. Cross, what do you do for a living? Why didn't you order some better dishes when eating out with your wife's family?"

Nathan slightly frowned when he sensed Hayden's hostility toward him; his gut feeling told him that Hayden was coveting after his wife.

He replied calmly, "I'm just a soldier."



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A soldier?

Hayden sneered as he continued to pick on Nathan, "You said you're a soldier, but don't you know the military rules? Why aren't you saluting me? I demand you to stand up and give me a salute!"

Jasper and the others let out a harsh, derisive laugh; they all knew Hayden was trying to assert his dominant position by deliberately humiliating Nathan in front of Penny.

Penny will definitely admire Hayden and despise Nathan once she sees the former's distinguished air and the latter's wimpiness; Hayden would win her heart in no time.

However, to Hayden's surprise, Nathan sat still, ignoring his order. Instead, he retorted, "You are not worthy of my salute. According to the rules, you're supposed to be the one who salutes me."

What?



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Hayden and his subordinates were shocked by Nathan's arrogant attitude.

Penny and her family quickly exchanged glances as they were baffled by the tension in the air.

Nathan was a general while Hayden only held a position as a lieutenant colonel, so what Nathan said earlier was correct. Hayden should be the one saluting Nathan since the latter was his superior.

Hayden quickly came to his senses and fumed, "I'm a lieutenant colonel, but you're asking me to salute you? Who do you think you are? Tell me your military rank! The military will descend into lawlessness if everyone goes against the rules like you. I'll be sure to teach you a lesson today so that you will learn how to behave in the future."



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“You don’t deserve to know my military rank. But if you really want to, you can call Christopher Windsor and ask him,” said Nathan in a nonchalant manner.

Nathan had long noticed that their jeeps had Mayberry military districts’ number plates, so he asked Hayden to verify his military rank from Christopher, the Mayberry military district commander.

“How dare you address General Windsor’s by his name directly!” Hayden’s face was a mixture of shock and fury.

His father was Yanis Howard, the Captain of National Guards serving under General Windsor.

To him, General Windsor was the most powerful person. He had always bragged about how he knew General Windsor personally, so his anger exploded when Nathan called the General by his name directly.

“People are allowed to call others by their name. That’s the very purpose of having a



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name. We can even call the president by his name, so why can't I call Christopher Windsor by his?" Nathan asked flatly in response.

Hayden burst into angry laughter. He was certain Nathan was nothing but a sharp-tongued old stager.

He had seen a lot of these wayward soldiers; in the end, all of them had submitted to him.

With a sneer, he asked, "Do you really think I can't do anything with you? Which military district are you from?"

Penny and the others' expressions darkened when they realized things had gone out of control.

She tried to introduce a note of levity. "Instructor Howard, my husband didn't mean to offend you. Please don't be mad. Why don't we take a step back and let this matter slide?"

However, Hayden would never



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compromise.

His intention was to humiliate Nathan in front of Penny so that she would realize her husband's wimpiness. That way, Penny would tip the scale in his favor.

He would grasp this golden opportunity to pull Nathan down.

Hayden shook his head as he refused, "No way! Since your husband has said he's a soldier, we should abide by military rules. The military will be in chaos if everyone were to break the rules."

He then turned his head to face Nathan and snickered, "Hey, do you really think I can't do anything with you by not telling me which military districts you're under? I bet you're from the Channing military districts. I can punish you and your superior for your mistake with just a phone call."

Nathan simply smirked, "Go ahead!"

"You're really as stubborn as a mule. I



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wonder which military officer could train and put up with a soldier like you,” Hayden fumed and then made up his mind, “Your superior should receive punishment as well for his subordinate’s mistake.”

He called out, “Jasper!”

Jasper clicked his heels and replied loudly, “At your service, Sir!”

Hayden stood pridefully with his hands behind his back as he sneered at Nathan and instructed Jasper, “Take a photo of him and send it to the Channing military districts authority. Tell them to ask Nathan Cross’s superior to come over immediately to receive punishment for his subordinate’s mistake.”

“Yes, Sir!”

Penny and her family had complicated expressions on their faces.

Hayden held his head high upon seeing their facial expressions; he thought they were impressed by him.



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His subordinates burst into gales of laughter as they commented on Nathan's foolishness in going up against Hayden. He's definitely digging his own grave!

On the other hand, Nathan had a nonchalant look on his face as he was unperturbed by Hayden's threat.

Hayden sneered internally. You're just an impetuous, petty soldier! Not only will I make you bow down to me, but I will also teach you and your superior a lesson!

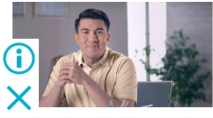
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The sound of engines rumbling could be heard as a motorcade of military vehicles pulled up outside the restaurant.

Those military vehicles included a Hongqi with military number plates, jeeps and military SUVs; the rest were all military



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trucks loaded with soldiers.

Franklin Wilson, the colonel of Channing military districts, got out from the backseat of Hongqi.

A few regiments with approximately thousands of soldiers hop off the military vehicles and instantly fell into rank in a well-trained manner.



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Franklin straightened out his military uniform and military cap before he marched into the farmhouse restaurant with his subordinates following suit.

The passersby, owner of the farmhouse restaurant, and other diners were all stunned by such a sight.

Hayden, too, was stupefied when he saw Franklin and the great number of soldiers, but he brightened up the next moment.

I bet Franklin know I'm the son of Yanis Howard. That's why he attached great importance to this matter and decided to come in person.

He has done me a great honor!

With a flattering smile, Hayden and his subordinates made their way to Franklin. "Major-General Wilson, I never expected you to come personally. I will tell my father you have given us such a huge honor."

Before he could approach Franklin to shake hands with him, however, Callon, the



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Captain of National Guards shoved him away, causing him to be startled.

His jaw dropped when Franklin didn't spare a glance at him, walking past him to march directly toward Nathan instead.

Franklin and his subordinates stood in front of Nathan and unanimously saluted him. "Good day, Commanding Officer!"

Nathan greeted them with a small smile on his face, "Hello, everyone!"

The crowd was dumbfounded, especially Hayden and his subordinates; they were so shocked that their eyes bulged.

Commanding officer?

Nathan Cross is their commanding officer?

How the hell is that possible?

Hayden was clueless, and he couldn't seem to find an answer for his doubts.

Under normal circumstances, no matter



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how great an achievement he had achieved, Nathan could only be a major at most as he was so young.

But why was Franklin Wilson, the colonel of Channing military districts, addressing Nathan as their commanding officer?

Nathan let out a chuckle. "Franklin, what brings you here?"

Franklin answered reverently, "I heard that someone was rude to you by asking you and your superior to receive punishment. I was annoyed when I heard such a ridiculous request, so I came here with my subordinates. I wonder who's the one behaving in such an insolent manner."

With that, he cast his gaze on Hayden and his subordinates.

Hayden's face changed drastically, and he immediately explained, "Major-General Wilson, this unruly soldier actually refused to salute me, so..."

Franklin interjected coldly, "How dare you



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call the general an unruly soldier? How dare you even ask him to salute you?”

General!

Hayden was thunderstruck by his words. His face turned ashen, and his eyes began to fill with horror and despair.

He looked at Nathan in disbelief as he stammered, “He... He... He is a general?”

“That’s right! He’s the General of the North and the God of War. In fact, he serves directly under the president. If I’m not mistaken, you said you want to punish him and his superior. That means you want the president to apologize to you and receive punishment.”

Oh no!

Hayden was toppled over upon hearing Franklin’s words. His legs gave way, and he fell to his knees in front of Nathan.

He sprawled on the floor and begged for mercy in a trembling voice, “General, I’m



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sorry. I'm an ignorant fool to have offended you. I shouldn't be disrespectful toward you. I promise I won't disturb your wife again. My father is the captain of General Windsor's national guards, so can you please forgive me for my father's sake?"



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Nathan raised his brow when he heard Hayden claim he was the son of Yanis Howard.

He had instructed Colin to investigate Christopher Windsor regarding him selling official titles illegally. It turned out that he had a mature and sophisticated channel in carrying out this illegal activity.

Yanis Howard, the captain of Christopher Windsor's national guards, was his trusted aide. Being one of the accomplices, he was responsible for managing Christopher's connections.

Colin's cousin, Lewis, had successfully been promoted after spending a million buying the official title from Yanis.

Nathan had been targeting Yanis; if he could obtain the criminal pieces of evidence from Yanis Howard, it would be a breakthrough to arrest Christopher and all of his accomplices.

Nathan had even instructed Colin to find an opportunity and arrange a meeting for



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him and Yanis.

To his surprise, Yanis's son, Hayden, was the one who ran into his line of fire before he could even meet Yanis.

With a sly grin, Nathan cast a glance at Hayden, who was kneeling in front of him. "Oh? It seems like you have finally learned your lesson, haven't you? Where's the arrogant man I saw earlier?"

All Hayden could do was beg for mercy.

Nathan dismissively waved his hand and instructed Franklin, "Lock them up. Get Yanis Howard to come and get his son! As a father, he should apologize and receive punishment for his son's mistake."

Before this, Hayden had mocked Nathan as an insolent and petty soldier. He had even gotten ahead of himself by claiming that he would punish Nathan's superior.

Now, Hayden himself was the one being locked up while his father needed to receive punishment for his mistake.



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The crowd held complicated expressions at the ironic turn of events.

Hayden was extremely embarrassed; he wished the ground would swallow him up.

Soon, Hayden and his men were taken away by Franklin and his subordinates.

Once they left, Nathan and his family continued to enjoy their meal; they were surrounded by a joyous atmosphere.

In contrast, Yanis, who was far away at the Mayberry military districts, was down in the dumps when he heard the news that his son had travelled all the way to Channing and harassed the general's wife. Franklin, the colonel of Channing military districts, had locked him up for trampling on the general's toes.

He had just received a call from Franklin, asking him to go to Channing to retrieve his son.

Without hesitation, he made a phone call to the Channing military districts. Franklin



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was the one who answered his call.

Yanis apologized for his failure in teaching his son and implored Franklin to let his son off by promising that he would discipline his son.

However, Franklin was unmoved as he turned his request down indifferently. “Yanis, I wish I could help you out, but your son has offended both the general and the president this time. The general is extremely angry with him. He has given out his orders that no one can release your son until you come and retrieve him personally.”

Yanis was abashed as he never thought Franklin would give him the brush-off.

Franklin’s military ranking was higher than him, so he could only rely on General Windsor to help him out.

However, General Windsor was nothing in front of Nathan.

Since General Cross had specifically



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ordered for his presence before the release of his son, General Windsor would be of little help.

In the end, he had no choice but to travel to Channing.

“Alright, I understand.”

With that, Yanis ended the call. He hesitated for a while before choosing not to report this incident to Christopher.

On one hand, he was reluctant to bother General Windsor as it was a small matter. On the other hand, it would be inappropriate for General Windsor to cross the line since the matter involved General Cross.

Hence, he decided to head to Channing personally to apologize to Nathan and retrieve his son.

He took a one-day leave of absence from office and left Mayberry military districts with two of his other subordinates to head to Channing.



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Along their way there, a few black SUVs appeared, blocking their path.

A sturdy man appeared when the rear door of the first SUV was flung open. It was none other than Colin.

Colin and the Elite Eight was carrying out Nathan's order to come and pick Yanis.



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Colin flashed a smile and said, "Yanis, I guess you're going to Channing to meet the general and retrieve your son. We have been waiting for you at our general's command."

Yanis scoffed. He hesitated for a moment but eventually got in the black SUV with his two subordinates.

On their way to Channing, they were flanked by Colin and the Elite Eight.

Yanis began to feel uneasy.

He knew his son had offended Nathan but wasn't Nathan making a big thing out of it by sending his subordinates to fetch him all the way from Mayberry?

Does Nathan have any ulterior motive?

He felt anxious, and he broke into a cold sweat when he recalled the illegal activities he had carried out on Christopher's behalf.

He took a deep breath, trying to calm



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himself down. I shouldn't scare myself! General Cross is just calling me over because he wants to punish Hayden.

Hayden arrived at Channing military districts in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Nathan was enjoying afternoon tea with Franklin in the office.

Callan knocked on the door and uttered, "Sir, Colin and the Elite Eight are back with Yanis Howard. They were waiting outside to meet you."

Nathan exchanged glances with Franklin before he said calmly, "Let them in!"

Colin and the Elite Eight soon brought Yanis into the office. His two subordinates could only wait outside since their low military rank didn't grant them the right to enter the general's office.

Colin saluted and greeted Nathan loudly, "Sir, we have brought Senior Colonel Howard here!"



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Nathan nodded. "You guys have done a great job!"

Yanis steeled himself and saluted Nathan and Franklin.

Nathan shifted his gaze on him and narrowed his eyes as he scrutinized him. "Senior Colonel Howard, take a seat and have some tea."

"Thank you, General Cross!" Yanis answered hurriedly, sitting on the edge of his seat.

Callan, Colin and the Elite Eight left the office and closed the door when Nathan waved his hand, dismissing them.

Soon, Nathan, Franklin and the restless Yanis were the only ones left in the office.

Yanis thanked Franklin when he poured him a cup of tea.

He felt even more unsettled when the two generals were nice and kind to him as he had the feeling that it was the calm before



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the storm.

He braced himself before breaking the silence, “General Cross, Major-General Wilson, I’m here for my son...”

However, Nathan interrupted him, “Before we talk about Hayden’s matter, I want to have a talk with you about something else.”

“General Cross, what can I do for you?” Yanis shifted in his seat while holding his teacup.

Nathan dropped a bomb in a calm yet unrelenting voice, “I heard someone from the Mayberry military districts is involved in the illegal selling of official titles. Is that true?”

Yanis was going to sip his tea, but his hand trembled upon hearing Nathan’s question. He burned his lips with the hot tea and dropped his teacup, which eventually shattered into pieces on the floor.



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He sprang to his feet and tried to wipe his shirt that was wet with hot tea.

Both Nathan and Franklin sneered internally as they traded glances.

From Yanis's nervous reaction, it seems like their crime is more serious than we thought!

Nathan's lips quirked as he asked, "Yanis, why are you so nervous?"

Yanis immediately denied, "I'm not nervous! What you said just now about selling official titles is nonsense. I can guarantee that with my life!"

"Oh? Really?" Nathan scoffed, "Then I want you to meet someone."

Yanis asked dubiously, "Who?"

Nathan called for someone, and within seconds, Colin and two of the Elite Eight members escorted a man dressed in a prison uniform into the office.



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The man in prison uniform was Lewis Connor, who spent a million to buy an official title from Yanis a few days ago.

Yanis's eyes widened the moment he saw Lewis.



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