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Chapter 1536 Panic

“Your Majesty, I did try to stop him, but the hacker is more skillful than me, and I failed to stop him,” a weak male voice belonging to the hacker she hired, Ollie, sounded from the other end of the line.

That was the first time he had ever run into a hacker that was more competent than him. The hacker’s firewall was also stronger than his.

“Find someone who’s better than you! We must stop him!” the queen mother hissed furiously.

“I’ll have to ask my senior, Gaston, for help, then,” Ollie answered after a brief deliberation.

Ollie was the second-best hacker in the country. Apart from this hacker who was currently hacking into their security system, the most skillful hacker around would be his senior, Gaston.

Without hesitation, the queen mother ordered, “Get him to do it, then!”

The man fell silent at once as it wasn’t easy to get his senior to agree to help them out.

The more outstanding a hacker was, the less willing he was to work for others. Gaston was a prime example, for he would only accept cases that caught his interest.

“Why aren’t you saying anything?” the queen mother snapped impatiently.

“Gaston doesn’t accept cases easily,” Ollie answered hesitantly.

The queen mother snorted. He doesn’t accept cases easily? He will if the payment is enough.

Arrogantly, she announced, “Tell him I’ll pay him five billion if he successfully stops the hacker.”

Indeed, getting paid five billion for one case was an inviting offer.

“I shall try to contact him. Don’t put the blame on me if he refuses to accept the case,” Ollie said. Hearing that, the queen mother grunted in acknowledgment.

After cutting the line, Ollie contacted Gaston. The latter was about to reject the offer when he heard that the hacker was more competent than Ollie. At once, his interest was piqued.

Switching on his computer, Gaston started typing on his keyboard furiously. Soon, he hacked into Ollie's computer and saw that Ollie's network had been intercepted. A devilish smile flitted across his lips.

Interesting. Since when did such a hacker exist in our country?

His fingers flew over the keyboard as he typed furiously.

Meanwhile, Arielle was still at her computer when she realized someone was trying to hack into it. Her gaze narrowed as she typed on the keyboard furiously. Instantly, she managed to track the hacker down. She pressed a few commands, and the hacker's computer screen went blank. A smile nudged her lips. Trying to hack my firewall? Dream on!

Gaston chuckled. "Interesting. This is interesting!" With that said, he tossed his computer aside and got up to get another laptop he kept aside. Once again, he tried to hack into Arielle's computer. Alas, her firewall was too strong, and he couldn't bypass it.

Hmm, this is getting more challenging!

Gaston loved challenges. As he typed on his keyboard, the codes flashed on the screen. Suddenly, a few words appeared on his screen.

If you don't stop, don't blame me for being ruthless!

The warning did nothing to deter Gaston. On the contrary, he grew increasingly excited. After all, this was the first time someone had dared to threaten him. Naturally, he refused to stop, for a strong rival could motivate him to get stronger!

The moment he typed something, his laptop leaped into action. Gaston could only watch as the other hacker copied all his data. He tried to switch off his laptop but to no avail. His laptop remained on no matter what he pressed.

At once, he began to panic. Grabbing his laptop, he tossed it to the ground forcefully.

D*mn it!

Despite knowing that his action wouldn't stop the hacker from getting his data, he couldn't help breaking his laptop in fury.

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Right then, his phone rang with a call from Ollie. Ollie wanted to know if he had blocked the attack and successfully hacked into the hacker's system. Hearing that, Gaston roared at him angrily.

"Gaston, what's wrong?" Ollie asked cautiously.

Gaston might be hot-tempered and unpredictable, but this was the first time he had ever lashed out at Ollie. Thus, Ollie couldn't stop fear from creeping up on him.

"What happened?" Gaston laughed in anger. "The hacker ended up copying the data on my laptop!"

Hearing that, Ollie gasped in shock. He had never expected that Gaston wouldn't be a match for the hacker.

"T-The data shouldn't be important, right?" Ollie kept his voice low. "Normally, we save important data on our flash drives."

Usually, people would save important data on a flash drive instead of their computer. After all, they might run into a hacker who could hack their computer anytime.

Gaston fell silent at his words.

Indeed, most people would usually save a copy of their important data on a flash drive and delete the original copy on the laptop. However, Gaston was the top hacker in Turlen. It had never crossed his mind that someone would hack into his laptop and copy his data one day.

"I had no idea someone could actually hack into my laptop!" he barked. With that said, he hung up and kicked a chair beside him to vent his frustration.

When Ollie told the queen mother about Gaston's failed attempt, she got so furious that her eyes turned red.

"Is there no better hacker available?" she asked.

Ollie remained silent, although a thought flashed across his mind. The best hacker around is the one who is currently hacking our system.

"For now, this hacker is the best," Ollie responded calmly.

The queen mother cut the line, utterly enraged. She didn't know if the hacker hacked into her network deliberately or was only doing that for fun.

Meanwhile, after Arielle copied Gaston's data, she hacked into the queen mother's banking system. Her eyes narrowed when she saw a huge sum of money being transferred out on the day she got shot.

When Harvey came in and saw her grim expression, he asked, "Do you need my help? I knocked, but you didn't answer. I was afraid something had happened to you, so I came in without getting your approval."

Arielle didn't blame him for coming in. Shaking her head, she said, "I don't need your help. I can do this myself."

Harvey nodded and gave her a glass of water.

"Thanks!" Arielle accepted the glass of water and thanked him.

"There is no need to thank me, so you may drop the formalities," came Harvey's answer before he turned to leave the room. The door clicked shut behind him.

He had decided to forget about Arielle. It might seem easy, but it was difficult to accomplish in real life.

Back then, he had purposely told Xavier that the young lady he slept with was his future wife. He was actually trying to relay the message to Arielle and Vinson.

Perhaps they won't feel guilty if I fall in love with someone else.

Arielle turned and glanced at the door. Squinting her eyes, she started reflecting on whether she was being too formal with him.

After pondering briefly, she decided to treat him like a friend. Since they were friends, there was no need to make things awkward.

She sipped on the water Harvey offered her and placed the glass aside. Staring at her computer, she started typing furiously again. Five minutes later, her lips curled up into a smile.

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Chapter 1538 Send Away

Arielle had hacked the queen mother's computer and phone. That way, she would know every move the queen mother makes.

After that, she switched off her computer. The medicine worked well, but it wasn't effective enough for her to recover completely in just a few days. Besides, she had just survived a gunshot. It would take at least weeks for her to heal completely.

Back in the palace, the queen mother was infuriated by the hacking of her network. She had no idea what the hacker wanted and what else the hacker hacked into besides her security system. The very thought made her extremely apprehensive.

After calming down, she dialed a number. "Can you find a powerful hacker for me?"

"Hacker? Did you get into trouble?" A man's voice rang out, seemingly anxious.

Warmth spread across the queen mother's heart. He's still the same. He cares about me no matter what.

"A hacker hacked into my security system. I don't know whether he's hacked into something else too. That's frustrating," the queen mother revealed with a sigh.

Hearing that, the man fell silent.

"Don't worry. I'll ask around and let you know later."

The man promptly regretted that he agreed to let his son major in economics instead of hacking skills. If his son knew how to hack, he could be of help to the queen mother.

"Mm." The queen mother heaved a sigh of relief. She then thanked the man and hung up.

After the call ended, she rested her head on one arm and massaged her temples.

"Your Majesty, should we send that woman away?" Monisha came in and asked in a low voice. Her gaze was directed at the queen mother.

The queen mother's headache intensified when Monisha reminded her of Cindy.

"What about her?"

Frowning, Monisha revealed, "She wants you to keep your word by sending her to Manchernius."

She has dirt on me but wants to go to Manchernius? Seriously?

"If she wants to leave, grant her wish. What does she think Manchernius is? Even if she has money, it isn't a place where she can do whatever she likes. She'll regret it when she gets there," the queen mother said calmly. Clearly, she didn't take Cindy as a threat.

In truth, the queen mother couldn't care less about Cindy, but Monisha didn't share her sentiments.

“Your Majesty, you prompted her and Henrick to take action on Maureen. What if she reveals that to someone else?” Monisha asked worriedly.

She didn’t want Cindy to leave. In fact, she felt that it was best to keep Cindy in the palace for the rest of her life. After all, the palace was huge, and it would be easy for them to lock Cindy up in a spacious area anywhere as long as it was in the palace.

“What do you think I should do?” the queen mother asked impatiently.

She wasn’t in the mood to deal with Cindy now.

“Cindy might have her own ulterior motive, but she did get rid of your enemy.” Monisha thought about it and suggested, “There are many empty rooms in the palace. Why don’t we lock her up in a secluded area? That way, she can live without any worries for the rest of her life.”

The queen mother nodded approvingly. “That works. All right, then. You’ll be in charge of the matter. Since we’re not going to release her, you’ll have to keep an eye on her. Don’t let her escape again.”

Monisha nodded. This time, she would keep a close eye on Cindy.

Taking a break, Arielle pulled out her phone. A lot of data was sent to her phone, so she opened them. When she heard the content, fury flashed in her eyes.

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Chapter 1539 Vicious

A wave of fury washed over her, and her eyes turned red. Clenching her jaw, she sent a punch onto the desk angrily. One could even see the veins popping up on her fair arms.

Arielle knew that Cindy and Henrick were the ones who caused her mother’s death, but she had no idea that the mastermind was none other than the queen mother, who was also her grandmother.

She clenched her fists with all her might as flames of anger and hatred engulfed her.

How could she be this vicious? Never mind if she didn’t want my parents to be together. She had already forced my father to marry the current queen, and they had a child together. Why did she kill my mother? Why? My mother didn’t even know where my father was. She couldn’t find him anywhere. Was there a need to wipe her out? Did she do anything wrong?

The thought of her mother dying at a young age caused her heart to break into a million pieces. The pain turned her inside out.

Pressing her chest, she said nothing as tears streamed down her cheeks.

“Mother, I shall avenge you!” Arielle promised solemnly as she wiped the tears off her face. Her voice was icy, and her gaze shone with determination.

Grabbing her phone, she sent a text to Vinson.

Vinson realized his phone was buzzing and found an opportunity to see what it was. His heart skipped a beat when he realized it was a text from Arielle saying: I miss you. He immediately gave her a call.

“Vinson,” Arielle answered his call with a soft voice.

Vinson grunted in acknowledgment. His brows furrowed together as he asked, “What’s wrong? Did something happen?”

Arielle had only spoken briefly, but he immediately knew something was off with her.

“I’ve always thought that Cindy and Henrick were the ones who killed my mom. However, the mastermind was, in fact, the queen mother, who is also my grandmother.” Her voice was desolate. “Isn’t that funny? She has my dad under control, and yet she still forced Henrick and Cindy to kill my mom. How could she be that vicious?”

The malicious hatred in her last sentence was evident.

If the queen mother appeared before Arielle right now, she would definitely kill the former without hesitation to avenge her mother.

On the other hand, Vinson wasn’t surprised, for he had seen more horrible and vicious things before.

“How did you find out it was her?” he asked.

“I monitored her phone and computer,” Arielle explained icily as a flash of hostility appeared in her gaze. I will never forgive the queen mother. That will never happen. Even though she gave birth to my father and is my grandmother, I will make sure she pays for what she’s done.

“Don’t be sad. I’ll support you no matter what your decision is. I’ll always be by your side,” Vinson comforted her. His heart ached when he heard her voice. How I wish I could give her a hug right now!

“I want to take revenge for my mom. If she didn’t force Cindy and Henrick to take action, I don’t think they would have been capable enough of harming my mom.”

Arielle's eyes reddened when she mentioned her mother. Maureen's death would remain a thorn in her heart forever. Although Andrea adored Arielle and showered her with affection, she wasn't Arielle's biological mother. Arielle had wanted nothing more than Maureen's love, adoration, and company when she was growing up.

If the queen mother wasn't that heartless, Maureen would still be alive and well.

Vinson's gaze darkened. "Yes. Let's take revenge for Maureen together."

There was no need for them to show any respect for the evil elderly lady.

Right then, the queen mother had no idea her deepest, darkest secret had been revealed, and she was staring at her computer in fear.

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Chapter 1540 Will You Accept This Job

She shut her computer down hastily as her entire body trembled. What was that? Why did it suddenly appear out of nowhere? Who could it be? Was it that hacker? Why did he show me that?

The usually calm queen mother was currently flustered. Beads of sweat formed on her forehead. If this is leaked out, my reputation will be destroyed!

Shaking profusely, she grabbed her phone and made a call. "Can you get me a hacker soon? It's urgent."

She tried hard to tamp her emotions down, but the person on the other end of the line could sense that something was wrong.

"What's wrong?" the person asked, concern evident in his voice. There wasn't time for them to chat, so the queen mother said hurriedly, "I'm fine. I need a hacker immediately. Can you find me one as soon as possible?"

I've built my reputation painstakingly for sixty years. I can't let it get destroyed in the blink of an eye!

"Don't worry, I've asked around. I haven't received any replies, though." The person sounded worried. "Why can't you share your worries with me? What happened? Perhaps I can be of help."

"It's fine. I can deal with that myself. All you have to do is get me a hacker." There was no way she would reveal her misdeeds to the person.

I can't tell him about it. He mustn't know about it.

With that said, she cut the line. Recalling the content she saw on her computer earlier, she took a deep breath and made another call.

“Is Gaston still available for work?” she asked earnestly after the call was connected.

Her computer had been hacked, and she wanted Gaston to upgrade her firewall so that the hacker couldn't hack into her computer again. Most importantly, she wanted Gaston to negotiate with the hacker and buy the content so that the hacker wouldn't send it to anyone else.

“Uh, I'm not sure,” Ollie answered. Previously, Gaston failed to block the hacker's attack and even lost his own data in the process. He wasn't sure if Gaston would accept the queen mother's job this time.

“Ask him about it. I'll offer him the same pay as long as he can do it,” the queen mother urged.

“All right. Let me ask him.”

While the queen mother was his employer, Gaston was his senior. Thus, he would definitely side with Gaston.

The queen mother knew she couldn't force Gaston against his own wishes despite her status.

Hence, she added, “Do your best to convince him to take up the task. If you succeed, I'll double your annual salary.”

Hearing that, Ollie gaped in disbelief. No one would say no to money, so he promptly agreed. “I'll do my best to convince him,” he promised earnestly.

After the call ended, he contacted Gaston and told him about the queen mother's request.

“Gaston, will you accept the job?” Ollie asked cautiously.

Despite asking that, he knew that Gaston would take up the job. The harder the challenge was, the more motivated Gaston would be.

Without hesitation, Gaston agreed readily as he wanted nothing more than to avenge himself.

With that, he got himself a new laptop with the most advanced firewall available. He couldn't wait to see if the hacker could still bypass his new firewall.

Of course, he had to complete his mission first. He hacked into the queen mother's computer and discovered the content that the hacker had sent to her earlier. At once, he stopped in his tracks.