

Apex Chapter 498

Chapter 498 An Accident Doug suddenly gave Javier a call, saying that the research center's lab was on fire! 'Are you f*cking kidding me!?'

Javier had been extra careful to prevent something as destructive as a fire from breaking out in his facility. Just the safety measures and firefighting equipment he had invested in cost him millions of dollars.

In fact, the facility should have been so safe that the fire alarm would have rang the moment someone lit a cigarette inside, making the place even safer than trains and planes. Hence, Javier was now feeling frustrated that the lab had caught fire under such a scenario, a big fire, for that matter.

Javier immediately put on his clothes and left, even asking Suzanne to follow him before he left.

He wanted to find out whether Suzanne had anything to do with this accident. However, when Javier mentioned this to her in the car, Suzanne immediately went mad with rage, even cursing at how useless the security at the research center was.

'Judging by her reaction, she's very unhappy that her research findings will be destroyed.' Javier could tell that Suzanne was not putting on an act, which left him wondering why a fire would suddenly break out.

On the way there, Javier saw a fire truck.

Something had happened to the fire truck, and there was even a body right in front of it. The body was bleeding profusely from its head, so it was most definitely deceased.

The fire truck might have been in a hurry to extinguish the research center fire that it accidentally ran over someone.

However, Javier could not be bothered about that at that moment. Instead, he was more worried about the situation at the research center.

He sped all the way before he finally arrived.

Four fire trucks were putting out the fire, so it was rather obvious just how huge of a fire it was.

In retrospect, only two fire trucks had been dispatched to put out the fire that had broken out in a shopping mall previously.

Even with the four fire trucks working together, the fire seemed to be the equivalent of a gas station catching fire, making the situation extremely dangerous. Looking at the tongues of fire soaring through the sky, Javier gnashed his teeth, causing his cheeks to bulge a little, with the veins on his forehead popping out. Suzanne grabbed his arm and softly consoled him. "It'll be alright...I'm sure it will be, so don't worry. I've kept all the important data in a safe that's resistant to water and fire, so you're only losing the money you've spent on building the research center and buying the equipment."

Although that was rather easy for Suzanne to say, Javier was facing the loss of about a billion dollars worth of assets.

Still, Javier heaved a relief and had to admit that Suzanne could read his mind.

He could earn the money he had lost, but the findings from her research were countless times more precious.

After all, a vaccine for an autoimmune disease could earn hundreds of millions of dollars, so it would be easy money for him as long as the research findings were all right.

But aside from being relieved, he still wanted to find out why the fire had broken out.

After half an hour of hard work, the firefighters finally managed to put out the fire, which marked the beginning of the police's mission.

They had an obligation to find out the cause of the fire, especially when it happened to a major investor like Javier.

Meanwhile, the police had found out from the firefighters that Javier had invested a huge amount of money in anti-fire safety measurements inside the research facilities. After all, they were the ones who had installed them for Javier, so they had a record of what they had done, which was even more detailed than what Javier had recorded.

Yet, not even these safety measurements worth millions of dollars had proved useful...

Of course, the firefighters were not people who would do their jobs so casually. Thus, there was only one explanation for all this—someone from the inside had done this.

The police began investigating the area and gathering evidence, which lasted for more than three hours. During this time, Javier and Suzanne went inside the facility with the police accompanying them to retrieve their data from the safe.

Fortunately, it was just as Suzanne had said. All the relevant research findings and prototype vaccines were completely unharmed.

This fire caused Javier to suffer massive losses, but most were recoverable with money. A few minor experiments would need to be redone, but that would only set them back a little in time.

According to Suzanne's estimation, it would probably take them a month or so to have all the new equipment brought in and restart their experiments.

This did not include the time required to rebuild the factory, which was going to take a much longer time

"Of course, we can't rebuild the factory. Doug's previous plans included him acquiring the plans and records of surrounding medicine manufacturing companies, which include a lot of relevant stuff to our development. Although their facilities won't be as good as ours, it's still an up and running factory at the very least,

"I'll have you negotiate with one of the factories as soon as possible tomorrow so that we can use their facilities for the time being, I want you to gather your subordinates and do whatever you can first. Meanwhile, I'll have Heintensmirtz Inc, deliver the new equipment as soon as possible."

Javier quickly made the arrangements, to which Suzanne was even more in awe of him when she saw how he was able to remain calm and not make rash decisions, keeping his losses at a minimum.

However, Javier could not be bothered with all this at that moment. Instead, he wanted to find out what the cause of the fire was!

After the police investigation ended, they drew a conclusion confidently. Someone had purposely started the fire, even destroying the safety measurements to prevent the fire from spreading. In fact, two of the security guards had been rendered unconscious. The police even found fragments of petrol tanks they managed to extract from some of the charred equipment. Thus, all of these pieces of evidence were enough to prove that someone had deliberately brought petrol into the research center and destroyed the anti-fire safety measures before setting the place on fire, ensuring that it would cause maximum damage.

Most importantly, the perpetrators knew the place very well. They knew how they would ensure the fire would burn the most, the fastest, and the most ferocious.

“Your surveillance equipment is very reliable as the recordings are transmitted wirelessly. The place that stores your recordings is quite far from the fire’s source, so it’s unharmed. Because of this, we’ve been able to look through the recordings and find out that the perpetrator is a man in his forties and riding a blue motorcycle. “According to the surveillance recordings, he came here through the east entrance, even deliberately pointing the head of his motorcycle toward the east when he parked it, probably so that it would be easier for him to escape after he was done setting the place on fire. We’ve already sent out men to investigate along this route.” Right after the police officers gave them a brief of the crime scene’s situation, Suzanne’s eyes suddenly widened.

“The fire truck that had an accident! The guy that died was on a blue motorcycle!”

Thanks to the important points Suzanne had just mentioned, Javier suddenly recalled what he had seen.

He had seen that a fire truck had run into a motorcycle on their way there. The corpse on the ground had indeed been that of a middle-aged man, the motorcycle he had been riding on was a blue one and the direction he had been driving toward matched the route...

They gave this piece of information to the inspector-in-charge, and he immediately gave his headquarters a call. Upon confirming this accident, he immediately sent his men to the police station to gather the information.

After around 10 minutes, the specially approved information was sent to the inspector’s cell phone, including the pictures. He opened it up and took a look, confirming that the middle-aged man who had fallen before the fire truck was indeed their perpetrator! ‘He’s dead? This is unbelievable! How did he die so easily!’” Javier thought that this method of handling matters was simple and crude but especially effective “This is the exact same method the force hides behind the dark and when going against the major families. ‘The moment the perpetrators die, we won’t be able to investigate anything at all since dead men tell no tales.’”

Javier hoped that this incident had nothing to do with the force, but the truth ended up slapping him in the face. The inspector of this case looked through the preliminary investigation results, which showed that the fire truck had been driving as per usual when the motorcycle suddenly drove in the opposite direction from afar. The fire truck had kept honking at the motorcyclist but ended up ramming into the latter, who was traveling at around 62 miles per before crashing, killing the motorcyclist on the spot.

'Looks like the perpetrator purposely killed himself!'

Javier could not stop himself from clenching his fists, and his eyes seemed like they were spewing fire.

'D*mn this force that's hiding behind the shadows! They've managed to f*cking ruin things for me over and over again!'