

Chapter 1309 Planned Trip To Eplistan

Even though Will was sincere and he extended a personal invitation, Eplistan was still a distant country. Both Loraine and Marco, being prominent figures, were cautious about invitations that might pose a threat to their safety.

Loraine and Marco exchanged hesitant glances.

Just then, a tall, slender man in black stepped forward, gracefully bowed to Will, and said softly, "Your Majesty, Princess Caroline has safely returned to the country and has been placed in confinement as you instructed."

Loraine's eyes widened as she recognized the man as Mr. K.

Mr. K lifted his head and met Loraine's gaze, his expression one of surprise. "Ms. Torres, I understand that Princess Caroline offended you. As the one who brought her here, I offer my sincere apologies on her behalf."

Loraine cleared her throat and responded, "Let's move past that."

Will then took over the conversation. Turning to Mr. K, he said, "Actually, I would like to invite both of them to visit our country."

Mr. K, with a warm smile, exclaimed, "Ms. Torres, it would be a pleasure to host you. Eplistan is a beautiful country with a delightful climate. It would be great for you to see it firsthand, even if only for a brief visit."

With both Will and Mr. K extending such a warm invitation,

Loraine considered it thoughtfully before nodding in agreement. "Very well. After some preparation, we will visit Eplistan. We appreciate your hospitality, Your Majesty."

Marco's expression shifted slightly at her words, but Will's face lit up with genuine pleasure. He praised Loraine for her decision before departing with Mr. K.

As soon as Mr. K disappeared through the door, Marco couldn't contain his frustration. "Loraine, why did you agree to visit their country? It feels too hasty. Even though they apologized, I'm still wary of King Will's intentions after everything with Princess Caroline."

Loraine continued to enjoy her meal, her gaze thoughtful.

After a moment, she turned to Marco and said, "This is part of the job. Besides, you're coming with me, right? We can spend more time together this way. Uncle Damon's influence is well known, and Eplistan is keen on strengthening diplomatic ties with our government. I believe we won't encounter any danger there."

Marco fell silent, mulling over her words. After a pause, he replied, "You do have a point."

Given that the project was a collaboration between Universe Group and Solar Company, frequent interactions between them were inevitable.

The idea of embarking on the journey together made Marco see it as akin to a honeymoon. His excitement grew, and he took Loraine's hand. "I'll rearrange my schedule to make time for this trip!"

Loraine, amused by Marco's sudden enthusiasm, laughed. "Come on, we're going there for work, not for dates."

As Loraine leaned closer, Marco instinctively wrapped her in his

arms and kissed her forehead. "It's natural for me to look forward to our time together. Be assured, I won't neglect our work."

"Sweet talker," Loraine giggled, her laughter mingling with Marco's as he chuckled.

The two shared a moment of intimacy before remembering they were in a restaurant. Although it had been booked by Will and was empty of other patrons, they quickly regained their composure.

Loraine pulled out her phone to check out famous spots in Eplistan, deciding to explore with Marco once their work was done there. "After we finish our work, let's take some time to explore. I'm not familiar with Eplistan at all."

Marco nodded in agreement. After finishing their meal, they went their separate ways.

Back at Solar Company, Marco, dreaming of a romantic trip abroad, began handling work matters. Just then, the office door suddenly opened, and Carl walked in, worry etched on his face.

He informed Marco, "Boss, our prior investigation into the agency caused quite a stir. It seems someone is trying to cause us trouble."

Chapter 1310 A Mole

Marco's brow furrowed as he listened to Carl's report. His voice was cold as he asked, "What have you found out?"

Carl handed over a document, and Marco took it, scanning its contents.

Carl continued, his voice low, "There are significant forces backing that agency. Our investigation into it has made our activities too visible. The combined influence of the Cruz family and Solar Company has stirred up unease among other powerful factions in Zodiac."

Marco's gaze hardened. "Who's primarily targeting us from behind the scenes?"

Carl answered, "The Dury family mainly. Their leader has already obstructed several of Solar Company's projects. It seems he's determined to keep you from overshadowing them in the city. He's demanding a meeting, or else he'll ally with other influential families to continue making trouble for us."

Marco's lips curled into a sneer. "Demanding a meeting? How dare they be so arrogant."

He slammed the document onto the table, his eyes icy with anger.

He then looked at Carl and said, "Keep gathering intelligence on the Dury family. This document doesn't provide enough information."

Carl nodded. "I've already begun a covert investigation since they targeted Solar Company, and I've noticed something odd."

Given the Dury family's current capabilities, they shouldn't have known about our investigation, but when I looked into the agency, the Dury family somehow was aware of it. I suspect there may be a mole among us."

A mole?

Marco's eyes turned icy once more. He fell silent, deep in thought. This situation was not just about business—it involved Loraine's safety. Someone had dared to challenge him. If he discovered who it was, he'd make them pay for this.

Carl hesitated before adding, "Before you joined the Cruz family, the Dury and Cruz families were already at odds. The Dury family's eldest son is well respected among Zodiac's elite, but your return and rising reputation have overshadowed him. He might have a grudge against you."

Marco's frown deepened. He had encountered many such men before, and while he had dealt with them effectively, the appearance of a mole within his own ranks made this situation more pressing. He needed to quickly find out who had tipped off the Dury family.

Marco raised his head again and said, "Carl, arrange a meeting with the Dury family. I need to meet Mr. Dury to understand what he really wants. Also, keep an eye out for our mole. Make sure that you find out who's leaking information without drawing attention to yourself."

Carl nodded and left in silence.

Just then, Marco received a message from Loraine, informing him that she had booked their plane tickets to Eplistan for a few days later and had already notified Will of their visit.

A smile spread across Marco's face as he read Loraine's message, but his attention was quickly diverted by the sound of hurried footsteps outside his office door.

Carl opened the door with a long face. "Boss, I've just contacted the Dury family. They said they won't be available for a meeting until a few days later, and they insist that you attend in person."



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