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"Ms. Lindberg, I'll get right to the point since there's only the both of us here," Ben said somberly. "Since you've been in the company of Sir Robert for quite some time, you should know he's an avaricious person. As of now, he won't regard you as an equal because you don't have a strong backing. Not only will you not gain anything from negotiating with him, but you may even infuriate him."

"That's true."

Charlotte lowered her head in deep thought. If Zachary didn't come forward during the incident regarding the refund of my investment fund, Sir Robert might've already pocketed that twenty billion. He's an unreasonable man, so it's pointless no matter how I plan to negotiate with him.

"I suggest you let us handle this matter," Ben advised. "Please be assured. Based on my understanding of Mr. Nacht's character, he won't harm Sir Louis. Especially..."

He felt slightly awkward to speak of it. "Especially if he knows there's nothing between you and Sir Louis. He will be even lenient with him."

"Mm." Charlotte nodded. "I agree with the arrangement. Anything else you want to add?"

"Two more things..." Ben glanced at Lupine as he said earnestly, "I want to ask you for Lupine's hand. I will take good care of her. Please believe me."

"I believe you, but-"

"I know you need her too. I'm not saying now, but in the future, after the matters of the Lindberg family are resolved, and everything has settled down..."

"I don't have any objections if she's willing." Charlotte felt gratified. "I'm happy that you brought this up with me."

"Thank you." Ben nodded his head with gratitude. "Lastly..." His voice trailed off as he hesitated to tell her about Zachary's condition.

Will Mr. Nacht chase me out if I tell her? With his character, he might really do so. I don't care about myself, but currently, he needs people he can trust by his side, so I can't leave at such a juncture.

"You want to talk to me about Zachary?" Charlotte guessed accurately then lied, "I already know about his condition."

"Huh? You..." Ben held his tongue before he could spill any information and pretended not to understand her words. "Know about what? I don't understand."

"Stop acting." She intended to sound him out. "Hayley told me about it. I knew all of you had warned her and Sam not to tell me the truth. But think about it. Is Hayley closer to you guys or me?"

Ben lowered his head, concealing the solemn expression on his face. Her words make sense. After all, Hayley is quite naïve and doesn't have any idea about power or status. She only knows that Ms. Lindberg is the closest person to her. Therefore, the warning and reminder from the Nacht family might be ineffective toward her. She might really have told Ms. Lindberg everything with a bit of coaxing.

"Louis' men shadowed me when I got off the plane. Hayley coincidentally called me to ask if I had arrived. And when she heard the gunshots at my side, she was terrified. I seized that opportunity to interrogate her about Zachary's condition. Finally, she told me the truth after I put the wind up her."

Observing Ben's expression, she continued to lure him into her trap.

"Ben, I know you're loyal to Zachary, and you don't want to betray him. I understand if you don't tell me the truth, but think about it. What are you going to do if something happens to Zachary? Wouldn't you regret it for the rest of your life?"

"I know you've assigned Bruce to search for Francesco's whereabouts, but you will never find him even if you searched under every rock without my help."

Charlotte continued, "Give me a definitive answer. What happened to Zachary? As long as you tell me the truth, I'll help you search for Francesco."