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Gordon burst into laughter. "That's what we thought too. In this world, only Francesco could subdue Mr. Lindberg."

After making that remark, he instantly covered his mouth with his hand. "Oops. I hope no one else heard what I said. Mr. Lindberg will punish us for badmouthing her."

Charlotte responded with a laugh.

"I'm gonna go now. Keep in touch."

"All right."

After Gordon left, Charlotte began to think of Danrique's relationship with Francesca. I can't believe Danrique has fallen in love with Francesca. How does she look? I can't wait to see her in person!

"Ms. Lindberg." Lupine knocked on the door and came in with a simple breakfast. "Everything's ready. Come and grab something to eat. You need to get some sleep after this."

"Okay." Charlotte walked over to the couch and said, "Come. Join me."

"Me?" Lupine was taken aback by the invitation. Charlotte had always treated her and Morgan like her sisters, but she had never dined with Charlotte in such a manner.

"Sit." Charlottes' expression turned grim, and she ordered Lupine to sit down.

"Okay..." Lupine felt awkward but had no choice but to sit down and eat with Charlotte.

"You've worked very hard in the last couple of days." Charlotte gave her a piece of chipolata. "You've been staying by my side all this while and didn't get a chance to visit Ben, even though the hospital is just a stone's throw away."

Charlotte might have said that in a calm voice, but deep in her heart, she felt sorry for Lupine as she knew how much Lupine cared for Ben.

She also noticed Lupine had always looked in the hospital building's direction during her free time. Yet, Lupine still chose to accompany her and tried not to think of Ben.

Charlotte, who had been observing Lupine all this while, could not help but feel sorry for her.

"It's my duty to be here for you," Lupine said steadily.

"Silly girl." Charlotte looked at her and sighed. "Let's find out if Francesco is in Southridge tonight. Once we ascertained her whereabouts, we should be able to rescue both Zachary and Ben."

"Really?" Lupine's eyes sparkled with hope for a second before she expressed her concern. "Dr. Langhan mentioned that Dr. Felch is good at treating patients who have been poisoned with traditional medicine. I suppose she wouldn't have the expertise to provide a cure for Ben, right?"

"That's not the case," Charlotte said and shook her head. "Hayley told me that Dr. Felch told Francesco to leave because she wanted to study modern medicine and see if she could integrate it into traditional medicine. At that point, Dr. Felch was not a fan of her aspiration."

"But looking at the situation now, they should be fine, as Francesco is a medical professional who has experienced the best of both worlds," Charlotte explained.

"That's great!" Lupine was thrilled to hear that. "Ben has been lying in bed for two weeks now, and there was nothing Dr. Wright could do. Let's hope Francesco could find a cure for him."

"I have faith in her." Charlotte patted Lupine's shoulder. "Enjoy your breakfast now. You must be famished too."

"Okay."

Just when they were about to dig in, they heard the children's calling out, "Aunt Charlotte!"

In a matter of seconds, two children barged into the study.

"Beta, Gam—" Before Charlotte could react, the two girls hurtled over and nearly pushed her to the couch.

"It's okay, girls. It's okay. I'm here. Don't cry." Charlotte comforted the two girls.

"But I'm scared..." Beta could hardly speak clearly. "I want Mommy. Aunt Charlotte, can you help me find my mommy?"

Gamma pouted, and tears rolled down her cheeks. "I want Mommy too..."