

Mistaking a Magnate for a Male Escort

chapter 1021

Zachary worked for the entire night and only switched off his laptop at five in the morning. Massaging his temples, he planned to sleep for two more hours before waking up.

At that moment, Bruce suddenly knocked on the door. "I have something to report to you, Mr. Nacht."

"Come in," replied Zachary.

Bruce walked in and closed the door. After scanning his surroundings and ensuring that there were no cameras, he whispered, "I've checked the vicinity. There's nothing suspicious and Sharon is still locked up. As for Ben..."

"Speak." Zachary frowned.

"He hasn't found any problems yet. However, he said that the entrance of Mr. Henry's residence is still tightly locked. They even strengthened the security, which is quite suspicious," Bruce stated softly.

When Zachary heard that, his expression became solemn. He remained silent for a few seconds before instructing, "Tell him to keep an eye there. If anything happens, inform me straight away!"

"Yes, sir." Bruce quickly left to relay the message.

Although Zachary wanted to rest initially, he could no longer sleep now. He could already guess what was happening over at Henry's place...

After half a month of peace, chaos was about to start again.

He heaved a deep sigh and got up to bathe. After changing into a comfortable set of clothes, he headed downstairs.

“Good morning, Mr. Zachary.” Mrs. Rawlston had just woken up and was prepared to go to the kitchen. She was surprised to see Zachary walking down the stairs too. “Were you up the entire night, or have you just woken up?”

“What do you think?” joked Zachary. “Looking at my complexion, it’s obvious that I’ve just woken up.”

“That’s great, then.” Mrs. Rawlston nodded with a smile. “Why didn’t you sleep for a longer time?”

“There’s too much work in the company. I’m going to stay in the company from today onward, or it’ll just keep accumulating.” Zachary strode into the kitchen. “Before I leave, I’d like to make breakfast for the rest.”

“Huh? You won’t be returning from today onward?” asked Mrs. Rawlston, stunned. “Where will you be staying, then?”

“There’s a bedroom in my office,” replied Zachary before making a call. “Hi, Lucy. Inform the rest that the senior management and the president’s office will have to work overtime from today onward. Important personnel will have to spend the night in the company, including myself.”

After ending the call, he rolled up his sleeves and started making breakfast.

“Poor Mr. Zachary... You’re working so hard.” Mrs. Rawlston’s heart ached.

“It’s fine. Help me out here!” urged Zachary. “If not, they won’t have any breakfast to eat after waking up.”

“I’m coming!”

When Charlotte woke up, she could taste blood in her mouth.

She got up dazedly and went to the bathroom to wash up. It was then that she discovered that her lips were split. Although the wound had been treated, it was obvious that she had bitten hard on it.

Furthermore, her teeth felt sore, as if she had bitten onto something forcefully.

It was probably not her lips.

“May I enter, Ms. Lindberg?”

Someone knocked on the door.

“Come in!” replied Charlotte.

Lupine and Hayley walked in, with the latter holding a medical kit.

“Ms. Lindberg, we’ll treat your wound again after you’re done washing up.” Lupine invited Hayley to sit down.

“Okay.” After washing up simply, Charlotte walked out of the bathroom. “Was there thunder yesterday night again?”

“Yeah.” Lupine nodded and said with a smile, “However, your relapse this time is much better than before. You slept really quickly and didn’t have a nosebleed. This means that Dr. Felch’s treatment is working!”

“That’s great.” Charlotte heaved a sigh of relief.

“Sit down, Charlotte. I’ll apply the ointment for you.” Hayley opened the medical kit. “Dr. Felch is treating Mr. Nacht now, so I’ll have to go over later.”

“What happened to him?” asked Charlotte, puzzled.

“Don’t you remember?” Lupine asked awkwardly. “You bit his hand yesterday and tore some skin off.”

“Yeah! It was terrifying.” Hayley nodded profusely. “Dr. Felch even had to stitch his wound last night. It’ll definitely leave a scar.”

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“It doesn’t matter for a man like him to have a scar. However, it looks like it really hurts...” When Lupine remembered that wound, she felt sorry for him. “Even though he was being bitten so forcefully, he didn’t even utter a single complaint! In fact, he was more concerned about your injury.”

“Yeah, I think that I’ve misunderstood him back then. He’s actually a nice guy!” said Hayley seriously. “Even Dr. Felch praised him...”

Charlotte remained silent and thought about what happened last night.

She could vaguely remember that she had bitten herself first. In order to prevent her from injuring herself, he had extended his hand out...

“I’m done.” After treating the wound, Hayley reminded, “Go down now, Charlotte. Mr. Nacht made a lot of dumplings and is waiting for you to eat breakfast together.”

“Okay. Keep the medical kit and come down for breakfast too.”

Charlotte patted Hayley’s hand.

“Okay!”

After Hayley left, Charlotte started changing her clothes.

Meanwhile, Lupine remarked at the side, “He woke up early in the morning and spent two hours making breakfast. He really put in a lot of effort! Looks like he treats you and the kids really well...”

“What are you trying to say?” asked Charlotte coldly.

Lupine lowered her head quickly, not daring to speak.

“Now that you’re together with Ben, you’re starting to speak on Zachary’s behalf.” Charlotte exposed her directly. “Don’t think that I’m oblivious to your intentions.”

“Ms. Lindberg, I...”

“Although he’s nice now, it doesn’t abolish the mistakes that he had made in the past. How can his insignificant deeds now compare to that?”

Although Charlotte was talking to Lupine, the words she said were meant for herself too.

She kept reminding herself not to give in.

After all, she had not taken revenge yet. If she gave in now, her past sufferings and Mrs. Berry’s death would have been in vain.

“Yeah, you’re right...” Lupine did not dare to say anything more.

“I don’t oppose you being together with Ben.”

When Charlotte noticed Lupine’s dejected look, she consoled her, “If both of you have long-term plans in the future that don’t compromise on the Lindbergs’ interests, I’ll speak to Danrique on your behalf. However, don’t hope that I’ll forgive Zachary. These are two different things.”

“I know. I’m sorry!” Lupine kept apologizing.

Charlotte patted her shoulders. After changing her shoes, she headed downstairs briskly.

As she was feeling energetic today, she planned on taking a look at the South Sea. After the project was halted, some of the money had been returned. However, she still wanted to see if it could still be developed.

“Mommy, come and eat breakfast!”

The three children were already sitting in the dining room. Gazing at the dumplings in front of them, they were so hungry that they almost drooled.

“I’m coming!” Charlotte made her way down the stairs quickly. When she saw the children, she beamed happily. “Good morning, Robbie, Jamie and Ellie!”

“Good morning, Mommy!” greeted the children simultaneously.

“How lively!” Sam helped Dr. Felch over to the table.

“Dr. Felch...” Charlotte quickly rose to welcome him.

“Good morning, Dr. Felch!” greeted the children affectionately.

“Good morning!” Dr. Felch was overjoyed to see them. “This family has such a great atmosphere. They’re so lively every day! Even one’s appetite would improve when dining together with the family. Hahaha!”

“You’re right, Dr. Felch. I feel the same way too!”

Mrs. Rawlston laughed as she walked over with the dumplings.

“What makes me happiest the most each day is watching you eat my food. However, Mr. Zachary made all of the dumplings himself this time—from rolling the dough, preparing the fillings, to cooking them!”

“His hand is injured, so be careful to not let his wound touch water!” reminded Dr. Felch quickly. “I told Sam to treat his wound earlier, but he said that he would do it after breakfast.”

“I told him that, but he refused to listen.” Mrs. Rawlston looked troubled. “However, I mixed the dough, so he didn’t touch the water at all.”

“Good.”

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The family had a good breakfast together. While taking care of the three kids, Zachary would chat with Dr. Felch occasionally.

Dr. Felch mentioned what happened last night again. "Come to the laboratory after eating. I'll take a look at your eyes."

"My eyes are fine."

Zachary was stirring the oatmeal for Ellie. The steam drifted up, causing his vision to be blurred by a faint mist.

Charlotte glanced at him. Other than looking slightly bloodshot, his eyes seemed fine. Perhaps, he didn't have a good sleep.

"Although your eyes may look alright now..."

Dr. Felch narrowed his eyes and scrutinized Zachary.

"It's fine. An insect merely flew across my eyes yesterday."

Turning around, Zachary fed Ellie some oatmeal. At that moment, his phone rang and Charlotte took the bowl from his hands. "I'll do it."

Zachary passed the bowl to her before walking aside and taking the call. "Speak!"

"As you've expected..."

Ben was reporting something important over the phone.

Frowning, Zachary quickly regained his composure and instructed solemnly, "I understand. Monitor it closely first."

"Okay."

After hanging up, Zachary returned to the dining table and took the bowl from Charlotte. "I'll do it."

He fed Ellie the oatmeal quietly before wiping her mouth and saying gently, "Ellie, I'll be busy with work recently, so I can't keep you company. You must receive your medical treatment obediently, okay?"

"Yeah, I know." Ellie nodded.

"Daddy, just focus on your work. We'll take care of Ellie!" Jamie patted his chest and declared. "You don't need to accompany us at night too. We can play chess ourselves!"

"I might not be staying here for the next few days." Zachary stroked his head. "There's a lot of work at the office, so I have to stay there."

Everyone was stunned when they heard that.

Even Charlotte was startled. She always thought that she had lost all feelings for him. Yet, when she heard that he was going to leave, a weird sense of disappointment surfaced within her...

Perhaps, the family had been living in such perfect harmony that the sudden change was too great.

Still, Charlotte quickly returned to her senses. Feigning nonchalance, she said, "Don't worry, I'll take care of the kids."

"Are you reluctant to let me leave?" Zachary looked at her with a playful smirk.

"You're crazy!" Charlotte shot him a glare and rebuked in annoyance, "I'm overjoyed that an unlucky charm like you is gone."

"You don't mean it sincerely, right?" insisted Zachary shamelessly.

"You..."

"Okay, I have to go." Zachary hugged the three children. "I'll come back and keep you company after I'm done with work."

"How long will you be busy for, Daddy?" With reddened eyes, Ellie gazed at him longingly.

"Not too long." He stroked her cheeks.

“Take care of yourself, Daddy.” Although Jamie felt reluctant too, he put up a strong front. “After you’re done, bring us to the amusement park!”

“I’ll keep my promise.” Zachary bumped fists with him before looking at Robbie. “Robbie, why aren’t you saying anything?”

“I just find it very sudden. I didn’t expect the situation to be so grave this time.” Robbie stared at Zachary with a complex look in his eyes. “The power of public opinion is really significant.”

When Charlotte heard that, she felt conflicted. Although Jamie and Ellie knew nothing, they did not know what Zachary was about to face. However, Robbie was different.

As an IT genius, he watched the finance news every day and paid attention to the business trends.

He knew that after Zara’s scandals were exposed online, the Divine Corporation and Nacht Group had been severely impacted. Initially, he thought that Zachary could resolve everything perfectly.

However, after hearing that Zachary needed to stay in the office to handle all this work, he understood that the situation was even more serious than he had imagined...

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Although the business battle between the Nachts and the Lindbergs did not seem to influence the children, it was clear that they were still affected.

What Charlotte feared was slowly happening...

“Don’t worry, I can resolve it.” Zachary stroked Robbie’s head. “You’re still a child, so don’t worry about all this stuff.”

“Are you really alright?” Robbie was still worried about him.

“Silly boy! I’m invincible.” Regaining his domineering demeanor, Zachary patted his chest and said, “How can such a simple problem stump me?”

“That’s good, then.” Looking at how confident Zachary was, Robbie heaved a sigh of relief. “You must take care.”

“I know.” Zachary pinched his cheeks before turning around and stretching his hands out to Charlotte. “Come, hug me too!”

“Get lost!” Charlotte glared at him coldly. However, she unconsciously glanced at his bandaged hand. Looks like I’ve really bitten him hard last night.

A feeling of guilt surfaced within her, but she forcefully replaced it with a cold attitude.

“Haha!” Zachary did not mind either and ruffled her hair affectionately instead. He turned around and bade the kids farewell. “I’m leaving now. You must be good, okay?”

“Bye, Daddy!”

The children waved goodbye to Zachary.

“Come here after you’re done with work. I’ll give you a thorough check-up,” reminded Dr. Felch.

“Okay. Thank you, Dr. Felch!”

Zachary nodded with a smile.

A subordinate from the Nacht residence walked downstairs with the luggage.

Outside, Marino had already prepared the car. Through the car window, he gazed at Morgan from afar.

Although she met his gaze, she did not dare to approach him and greet him.

“Mommy, I want to go out and send Daddy off!”

Jamie ran out immediately after saying that.

Robbie dashed out as well.

“Mommy, I want to go too...” Ellie became anxious.

“Okay, I’ll follow all of you there.”

Carrying Ellie, Charlotte went out to send Zachary off.

After waving to the kids, Zachary got into the car.

When Ellie saw the car zoom away, she burst into tears.

Upon hearing Ellie’s sobs, Jamie cried as well. However, he pouted stubbornly, refusing to make any sounds.

Meanwhile, Robbie’s eyes were red as he lowered his head quietly.

“It’s fine. Daddy’s just going to the office to work. It’s not like he’s never coming back!” consoled Charlotte. “If you miss him, you can call him.”

“I want to see Daddy every day,” said Ellie through sobs. “I want our family to be together forever...”

“Me too!” agreed Jamie as he wiped his tears. “I have been very happy these few days.”

Although Robbie did not say anything, his reaction was even more worrying.

Gazing at the kids, Charlotte felt a turmoil of emotions.

She really hoped that the kids could be happy every day. However, she did not dare to promise them anything. Her only method to calm them down was to change the topic...

Charlotte had to console them for a long time before they felt better.

Then, they went on with their daily routine.

Ellie went for her medical treatment, while Robbie and Jamie attended their online lessons.

There was still a lot of work that Charlotte had not settled, so she planned to work in the study room.

At that moment, Lupine brought some documents over for her to sign.

Morgan also came to report to her.

When Lupine saw her look of joy, she teased, "As expected of someone in love! Even catching a brief glimpse of each other, despite being dozens of feet apart, can make you happy for the entire day."

"You only know how to tease me," rebuked Morgan as she blushed. "Are you disappointed that Ben isn't here?"

"Nonsense! I'm not," denied Lupine immediately. "Do you think that I'm as smitten as you are?"

"You're just stubborn," joked Morgan. "It's been half a month since Ben showed up. You definitely miss him!"

"What's there to miss about him?"

"He didn't show up for half a month?" Startled, Charlotte glanced at Lupine and asked, "What's Ben doing?"

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"I don't know either. After he and Mr. Nacht sent the kids over, he didn't contact me anymore." Feigning indifference, she said, "I sent him a message, but he said that he was busy. From then on, I ignored him."

"Did both of you fight?" asked Morgan concernedly.

“No.” Although Lupine felt indignant, her pride stopped her from admitting it. Instead, she pretended to say arrogantly, “I couldn’t care less if he contacts me or not.”

“Don’t be like this...”

“Shut up!” Charlotte’s solemn voice interrupted Morgan’s words. “Track Ben’s trail now!”

When Morgan and Lupine saw Charlotte’s reaction, they became serious as well.

“Understood.” Lupine immediately went to carry out her instructions.

“Ms. Lindberg, are you suspecting that something has happened on Mr. Nacht’s side?” asked Morgan uneasily. “No way!”

“Keep an eye on Marino and see where he and Zachary are headed. Report all their locations to me!” ordered Charlotte.

“Yes, Ms. Lindberg.” Not daring to ask any more questions, she headed off immediately.

When dealing with official matters, Lupine and Morgan would always take Charlotte’s instructions seriously. They would not affect her plan because of personal reasons.

Charlotte had complete conviction regarding this fact.

In contrast, she did not believe Zachary as much.

Previously, she had not realized it yet and thought that Zachary had really gone to deal with work. Yet, when Lupine and Morgan mentioned that Ben had not appeared for a long time, she finally discovered that something was wrong.

Ben was Zachary’s assistant. Wherever Zachary went, he would need Ben by his side.

Even if Ben did not stay with them because it was inconvenient, it did not explain his disappearance.

Furthermore, he even stopped contacting Lupine...

There must be something wrong.

Charlotte could tell from the start that Marino and Ben approached Lupine and Marino because they were following Zachary's instructions.

If he could use his subordinates to gain information, she could do the same thing as well.

An eye for an eye!

Other than the battle between the two families in the business arena, there was another irresolvable conflict between them—Zara!

Two years ago, Zara instructed Sharon to assassinate her at T Nation and kill Mrs. Berry. Charlotte would definitely have to take revenge for that grudge.

However, after spending so much time and mobilizing all her manpower, she still could not capture Zara. Although Zara even appeared halfway through to assassinate her, she still managed to escape in the end.

Is Zara that impressive? Or is someone helping her in secret?

Charlotte always had her doubts regarding this.

When Zachary protected Sharon and hid her at Southridge, Charlotte was furious.

The only reason why she did not fly into a rage was because Ellie suddenly got poisoned and it was more important to treat her first.

Furthermore, Charlotte discovered that Zachary's subordinates had been monitoring Sharon and even collected a lot of evidence about Zara instructing her to commit those crimes. Hence,

Charlotte decided to watch the events would unfold and confirm if Zachary really intended to use Sharon to capture Zara.

After all, Sharon was only a minor character. The mastermind was Zara!

Yet, a new hypothesis emerged in Charlotte's mind now.

Perhaps, Zachary or Henry was hiding Sharon!

The reason why Ben was so busy recently was that he was dealing with this.

If so, that would have crossed Charlotte's absolute bottom line.

"Ms. Lindberg..." Lupine rushed forward and reported, "I just found out that Ben has been tracking Zara's location. I can't find where he is now and his phone is turned off. He is entirely uncontactable."

"Continue searching for him." Charlotte warned solemnly, "This is extremely important. Regardless of your relationship with him, you must remember at all times that I'm your master!"

"Understood. Don't worry, Ms. Lindberg!"

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"Ms. Lindberg." At that moment, Morgan hurried over to report, "Marino did take Mr. Nacht back to Divine Corporation. I heard that a board meeting is being convened. Mr. Nacht even ordered all management staff to work overtime and if necessary, stay the night in the office. No matter what, they have to resolve the matter."

"From the sound of it, there doesn't seem to be any problems." Lupine looked at Charlotte warily.

“Continue to keep an eye on him and see if he is really staying over at the office,” Charlotte instructed. “Whenever it’s necessary, try and fish for some leads from Marino. Understood?”

Charlotte ended her sentence with a thoughtful tone.

“Understood.” Morgan nodded.

“Off you go.” Charlotte waved her away.

After both of them left, Charlotte leaned back on her white leather sofa. Looking at the documents in hand, she was in no mood to deal with them. All she could feel inside was confusion.

Recently, Zachary’s behavior had impressed her. Compared to his ruthless and haughty self, he had now become understanding and considerate. He even got off his high horse and went out of his way for the sake of others.

The changes in his demeanor had caused her heart to waver.

Furthermore, she was moved by the fact that he had risked his life to protect her the night before.

Even if they can’t be together, she still hoped that both families could let the past be water under the bridge. She didn’t mind staying away from each other just like how it used to be. All she wanted was for there not to be any more bad blood.

At the very least, the children wouldn’t be torn between both families.

However, she still couldn’t tolerate the fact that Zachary had kept Zara hidden.

For the sake of the children, she was willing to look past what the Nacht family did to her. However, she couldn’t forgive Zara and Sharon for humiliating her in T Nation. Most importantly, she had to exact revenge for the death of Mrs. Berry.

Those two matters were not up for negotiation as they were her red lines.

She hoped that Zachary wouldn't breach them, or else, she wouldn't spare him either.

As if he could sense something, Zachary sneezed in his Rolls-Royce. Covering his face, he furrowed his eyebrows and remarked, "Charlotte must be cursing at me right now."

"You're right," Marino replied warily. "Morgan is checking on our movements. I suppose Ms. Lindberg is feeling suspicious."

"Given how smart she is, it's reasonable for her to be suspicious," Zachary plainly remarked, "let alone she has two spies."

"I'm not a spy. I'm loyal to you." Marino declared his loyalty at once.

"Don't worry about it. Your girlfriend comes first." Zachary replied thoughtfully, "If she asks you anything, just tell her the truth."

"I dare not." Marino quickly explained, "I have never leaked anything related to you, I swear."

"I'm telling you to tell her as it is, do you understand me?" Zachary furrowed his eyebrows in displeasure. "What a dumb*ss."

"Huh?" Marino was baffled.

"Mr. Nacht is indeed dealing with something in the office. If she asks, you can just tell her what's going on in the office. Other than that, you don't know anything else. Do you understand?" Bruce explained.

"Understood." Marino nodded in acknowledgment.

When a subordinate opened the door from the outside, Zachary got out of the car. Striding into the elevator, he took it right up to the sixty-eight floor.

The moment they entered the elevator, Ben's phone rang. "Mr. Nacht, we have confirmation that Ms. Nacht is with Mr. Henry."

Zachary's expression drastically changed at the news. He gritted his teeth and exclaimed, "Damn it!"

"Calm down, Mr. Nacht." Ben reassured, "I'm still keeping an eye on them. Spencer is still arranging for a private jet. They look as if they are trying to smuggle Ms. Nacht out of H City. What should I do now?"

"They won't dare make a move now. No matter what, they will wait till it's dark." Zachary furrowed his eyebrows. "Continue watching them and wait for my instructions."

"Yes."

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Zachary had been trying to locate Zara while collecting evidence of her wrongdoing. His aim was to bring her to justice.

At the end of the day, he had taken into consideration Henry's feelings. After all, she was still his daughter. If the Lindbergs killed her, he would be devastated.

From then on, the animosity between the two families would only deepen.

Given Henry's temper, he would fight the Lindbergs for the rest of his life.

No one would come out the winner if such a situation came up.

Therefore, Zachary's solution was to capture Zara and hand her over to the authorities.

That way, he would be able to fulfill his responsibility to Charlotte and stop the hatred between the two families from escalating.

If the law sentenced her to death, it would be because she deserved it.

Henry had no one else to blame.

However, Zachary didn't imagine that Henry would make such a mistake as to harbor a fugitive.

If Charlotte had found out about it, it would become a huge misunderstanding between the two families.

Feeling anxious, all Zachary wanted to do now was to solve the problem.

However, he still hadn't figured out how to do so.

He couldn't infuriate Henry, and neither could he let Zara escape. Also, he had to keep the matter under wraps.

"Mr. Nacht, why don't we set up an ambush at the airport? We can seize Zara and hand her over to the police while Mr. Henry isn't there," Bruce suggested.

"Given that he is willing to take such a big risk, Grandpa will definitely send her to the airport personally."

Zachary explained softly, "He wouldn't leave until he sees her board the plane."

"In that case, why don't we check on their private jet?" Bruce asked.

"Don't do anything rash to alert them." Zachary knitted his eyebrows.

"Yes." Bruce didn't dare propose anything else.

"You're dismissed for now." Zachary wanted to have some time alone.

"Yes." Bruce lowered his head.

Zachary locked himself up in his office for seven hours.

It wasn't until four in the afternoon that he called for Bruce. Handing him a USB drive, he instructed, "Hand this over to the police. Go right now."

"Yes." After carefully receiving it, Bruce headed to the police station.

Next, Zachary gave Lucy a call. "Tell the firm's legal team to gather in my office at once."

"Yes." Lucy cascaded his orders. Deep down, she knew something big was going on. However, she didn't dare to ask.

Ten minutes later, the Nacht Group's legal team arrived at once.

Zachary declared to them. "In my name, sack Zara from the Nacht Group board and seize all the company shares she has. Also, freeze all of Chris' shares and suspend his positions in the Nacht Group. It's your job to figure out how to do this from a legal perspective. I want it done by five. After that, make the announcement through the firm's official channels. Understood?"

The lawyers exchanged chaotic glances.

Considering how Zara's wrongdoings were exposed on the internet, causing untold damage to Nacht Group's reputation, it was understandable for Zachary to take such actions. However, the shares that Zara and Chris were holding were gifted by Henry himself.

Without his permission, no one dared to take action.

"I will deal with Grandpa. All you have to do is follow my instructions," Zachary ordered. "He isn't feeling well now, so everything in Nacht Group will be decided by me."

"Yes!" The lawyers went off without further question.

Everyone knew that Zachary was undoubtedly Henry's favorite. Many years ago, he had already appointed Zachary as his successor.

Furthermore, Zachary had been running Nacht Group over the last few years and Henry had never questioned his decisions.

Therefore, everyone did as they were told even though it seemed to be against the rules.

At five in the afternoon, the Nacht family sent out an official statement while the police issued a warrant for Zara's arrest.

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The moment the news was released, it caused quite a stir.

Over the last few weeks, Nacht Group's stock price had dropped drastically due to Zara's exposé. Despite the terrible impact it had, Zachary did nothing to address it.

However, when both announcements were made that day, the stock price stabilized.

At the same time, those who doubted the Nacht Group and Zachary began to reevaluate their opinion of him.

By breaking ties with Zara and removing her from the company, Zachary had demonstrated that Nacht Group and himself had nothing to do with her crimes. The police warrant further cemented that fact.

However, there were those who were still skeptical and speculated that Zachary betrayed his aunt to save himself.

Nevertheless, his actions had stabilized the situation for the time being.

It had also appeased Charlotte at the same time.

Charlotte had ordered Lupine to bring men in from Erihal to prepare for battle with the Nacht family. However, when everything was in place, Lupine hurried in to report, "Ms. Lindberg, look at the news, quick!"

“What news?”

Charlotte turned on the computer and saw the latest trending news. All of them were about the Nacht Group.

Just the headline alone was enough to shock her. When she clicked into it, she was further dumbstruck.

“Looks like we have misunderstood Mr. Nacht.” Lupine heaved a sigh of relief. “Not only did he not harbor Zara, but he also provided evidence of her crimes to the police. In fact, he even removed Zara from Nacht Group.”

“Why is he doing this all of a sudden?” Charlotte knitted her eyebrows in thought.

“What else can it be?” Lupine saw the matter simplistically. “Mr. Nacht even dealt with Chris at the same time. It shows that he does not intend to let Zara escape!”

When she saw Charlotte’s concerned look, Lupine added, “Even if he didn’t do it for you, it would still make sense for him to remove Zara who had become a cancer within Nacht Group. From my investigations, I found out that Nacht Group had lost hundreds of billions over the last few weeks. At the rate they are going, the foundations of the company would have been shaken.”

“That’s true.” Charlotte nodded slightly. “The main reason Danrique attacked Nacht Group was to force them to abandon Zara. He wanted that b*tch to know how it feels like to be abandoned by those closest to her and have no escape!”

“Mr. Lindberg is really smart!”

Lupine was filled with admiration at the mention of Danrique.

“Why don’t we wait and see.” Charlotte instructed, “Continue to watch Ben and report back to me if there are any movements.”

“Yes.” Lupine nodded.

As the study fell silent, Charlotte turned to look at the rain outside. Zachary's actions had caught her by surprise.

She felt that he had made the decision on the fly.

What triggered his sudden decision?

She was baffled no matter how hard she tried to analyze it.

Lost in thought, a bodyguard knocked on the door to report, "Ms. Lindberg, there's a girl named Olivia who wants to see you. She says she's your friend."

"Olivia?" Charlotte was stunned. She replied at once, "Show her in right away."

"Yes."

Charlotte put on her jacket before going to receive her.

At that moment, the bodyguard was guiding Olivia and Jeffrey in.

When Jeffrey saw how overbearing the place was, he was intimidated. Tugging at Olivia, he whispered, "Are you sure this is Ms. Windt's home? Why are there so many bodyguards? Why is it so lavish? Did you make a mistake?"

"Mr. Judd, this is really Charlotte's home. I came here before," Olivia explained.

"But..."

"Olivia! Mr. Judd!" Charlotte hurried down the steps.

"Charlotte."

"Charlotte!"

When Olivia and Jeffrey saw Charlotte, they were extremely excited, Jeffrey in particular. Suddenly, he became teary-eyed. "I didn't believe Olivia when she said that you are alive. But I can see that it's true."

"I am alive and doing well." Charlotte's heart warmed as she smiled at them. "I had wanted to visit you many times, but something always came up in the end. You will have to excuse me!"

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"Your subordinate had explained to me and even sent me back to Yaleview." Olivia added, "We were worried about you. So, we decided to visit you on the weekend."

"Let talk in the study."

After inviting them to the study, Charlotte instructed the maid to prepare some coffee.

Looking at Charlotte, Jeffrey was getting all emotional. He remarked, "After the incident at the wedding, we heard about how you and Mrs. Berry got into trouble. I was really..."

Just as he spoke, Jeffrey's voice began to break. "I hated myself for being powerless to do anything. Or else, I would have held the Nacht family accountable!"

"Mr. Judd, it's all over now. So, let's not talk about that anymore," Olivia reminded softly.

"Yes, yes. You're right."

Jeffrey regained his composure.

On their way to see Charlotte, Olivia had repeatedly reminded him not to bring up the past. Charlotte had a new life now that came with new considerations of her own. Hence, they shouldn't influence her decision in any way.

"How have you been over the years?" Charlotte changed the topic.

"We've been good." Jeffrey began talking about the factories. "The few factories that you invested in are doing very well. In fact, we have even built four more."

"Really?" Charlotte was delighted at the news. "That's good to know. At the very least, I didn't disappoint my dad."

"As for your money, I have saved it for you." Jeffrey handed her a bank card and a ledger. "These are the accounts from the last two years and the bonus you deserved. In total, there's about twenty million. It's not much now but will increase in the future."

"Please continue to keep it safe for me." Charlotte pushed it back to him. "I'll get it from you whenever I need it."

"All right." Jeffrey kept the items. "I'll continue adding the dividends into the account in the future."

"Mmm-hmm." Charlotte nodded with a smile. "It warms my heart to know that both of you have been doing well."

"You took the words out of my mouth." Jeffrey felt relieved. "I'm happy to see that you have been doing fine too. Over the last two years, my inability to protect you has been hanging over my head..."

Pausing briefly, he changed topics. "I heard that you have reunited with your mom's family and they are really powerful."

"Mmm-hmm." Charlotte nodded.

"How powerful? Can they protect you from being bullied by the Nacht family?" Jeffrey asked with concern.

Charlotte smiled slightly. "The Lindbergs and Nachts are of similar stature. However, in some instances, the Lindbergs do exceed the Nachts."

"What? That powerful?" Jeffrey was excited to hear it. "That's wonderful. The Nachts will not be able to bully you anymore."

“Don’t worry.” Charlotte declared confidently, “No one in this world can bully me anymore!”

“That’s good, that’s good.” Jeffrey nodded. “I’m happy as long as you’re safe. I’m just worried...”

Jeffrey didn’t dare finish his sentence. Instead, he changed topics. “What about the children? Have you seen them?”

“They’re with me.” Just as Charlotte spoke, Jamie’s voice rang out from outside. “Robbie, quick! Fifi and Little Fifi are waiting for us outside!”

“I’m coming...”

“The kids are here?” Olivia was delighted to hear them. “That’s wonderful! Charlotte, I’m really happy for you.”

“Did the Nachts agree?” Jeffrey was still worried. “Won’t they try and get them back?”

“Zachary dropped them off himself,” Charlotte replied with a smile. “Don’t worry. I’m no longer the Charlotte Windt of old.”

“Fantastic!” Olivia was excited. “It warms my heart to see who you have become. We have to remember the lessons from the past that is not to be bullied by others.”

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Charlotte felt a rush of emotions when she heard what Olivia said. She recalled many things from the past but couldn’t remember all the details.

Olivia was her only friend back then and likely knew a lot of insider information and details. That was why she resented the Nacht family so much.

Knock! Knock! At that moment, Lupine had something to report.

Jeffrey remarked at once, "Charlotte, it's time for us to take our leave. Do you really want to keep this money with me?"

"Yes, I'll leave it with you for safekeeping," Charlotte answered with a smile. "If the factories' expansion needs additional capital, feel free to dip into it. Just treat it as an additional investment on my part."

"All right then. I'll record it down for you." Jeffrey was meticulous in his work.

"Sure." Charlotte nodded. "I'll have my subordinates walk you out."

"Charlotte..." Suddenly, Olivia gathered her courage and suggested, "I want to stay here with you."

"Huh?" Charlotte was stunned.

"Two years ago, I wasn't able to protect you and it has been hanging on my conscience since. If I had left together with you and Mrs. Berry, she might still be alive. Although I couldn't have done much, I could at least have called the police..."

Olivia spoke in a guilty and emotional voice.

"I realize that you have become influential and don't need my help. Perhaps, I can help you watch the children. Having me by your side would definitely be better than any outsiders."

Touched by her words, Charlotte was glad that she had Olivia as a true friend back then.

"She has talked to me many times about it." Jeffrey elaborated softly, "Although she is doing well at the factory, she worries about you all the time."

"It's dangerous to stay by my side." Charlotte felt hesitant about the idea.

“Don’t worry. I’m not afraid.” Olivia patted her own chest. “After all, my mom has passed away and I’m all alone now. It would mean a lot to me if I could do something for you.”

“Huh? Your mom is no longer around? What happened?” Charlotte asked.

“In the later part of last year. She died of sickness.”

Olivia didn’t seem as sad when she talked about this.

“Actually, she was bedridden for many years and had been suffering all this while. After that, she managed to wake up and spend some time with me, for which I have been really grateful. When she passed away, she was at peace. It reminded me that I have to repay my debt of gratitude to you. After all, you had helped me find a doctor for her. Every time I get into trouble, you would also stand up for me too!”

Charlotte hugged Olivia and patted her on the back. “All right then. If you’re willing to stay, then be it. From now on, my home is yours!”

“Thank you, Charlotte!” Olivia was moved to tears.

“This way, I no longer have to worry.” Jeffrey felt relieved. “Both of you must live well.”

“Don’t worry about us.”

After walking Jeffrey out, Charlotte brought Olivia to see Dr. Felch and Hayley.

When the two old friends reunited, they hugged each other excitedly.

Both of them got to know each other through Charlotte and became good friends after that. Even after Charlotte’s incident, they still kept in contact.

The reason Marino was able to find Dr. Felch was also due to the information Olivia provided.

However, when Olivia provided the information to Morgan, she assumed that it was Charlotte Lindberg's subordinates who were looking for him.

In the end, everything turned out for the best.

After that, Charlotte introduced Olivia to all her bodyguards and maids. She instructed them to treat Olivia as if she was her own sister and to serve her as such.

Everyone addressed her as Ms. Peyton, causing her to blush as she still wasn't used to it.

Coincidentally, Ellie woke up from her afternoon nap. Hence, Hayley brought Olivia to see her.

Once everything was settled, Charlotte began her treatment for the day.

She soaked herself in a tub filled with medication while acupuncture needles were stuck onto her.

At that moment, Lupine rushed in to report. "Ms. Lindberg, I just found out that Zara is hiding at Henry's residence."