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Leaving it at that, Sean returned indoors.

After getting into her car, Sean's last sentence echoed through Charlotte's head.

She knew what Sean had meant. Given Danrique's character, he wouldn't have accepted any of the Nacht's children.

However, the moment he saw Robbie, he saw himself in him.

When she arrived today and brought Robbie out of the car, Danrique's gaze was momentarily stunned. It was as if he saw himself when he was ten.

Amidst a similar snowstorm, Isabella had led him out of the car at the exact same spot and brought him back to the Lindberg family.

At that moment, Danrique was overwhelmed with emotions.

Hence, when Robbie messed around in the Lindberg residence, he didn't reprimand him despite seeing through Robbie's ploy.

He was exceptionally accommodating to both Charlotte and her son because of the debt of gratitude he owed Isabella.

Also, he saw himself in Robbie.

Suddenly, Charlotte realized that she had never truly understood Danrique. All she saw was his cold and ruthless side.

She wasn't aware of how much he had done for her.

Furthermore, he wouldn't have done the same for anyone else.

As Charlotte looked out the car window at the grim-looking castle, her heart was overflowing with guilt.

"Mr. Lindberg is especially good to you," Lupine couldn't help but lament. "You are probably the only person in the world he has a conscience for."

Lupine's words couldn't be more apt.

Danrique had always been a domineering and ruthless person to everyone else.

The only person who could elicit some form of kindness from him was Charlotte.

"I should do something for him." Charlotte felt unsettled. "Lupine, can you investigate who wounded Danrique and what is going on with Lindberg Corporation recently?"

"Ms. Lindberg, we had better stay out of it." Lupine advised at once. "Besides, not only do I not dare meddle in Mr. Lindberg's affairs, but I also won't be able to find anything. Furthermore, he must have his reasons for not wanting you to be involved. In fact, your persistence might cause his plans to backfire."

"Are you suggesting that I do nothing?" Charlotte was filled with desperation.

"I propose that you comply with Mr. Lindberg's arrangements and quietly observe the developments," Lupine suggested implicitly.

"Arrangements..." Charlotte mumbled as she was cognizant of what it meant.

Since Danrique had arranged for her to meet Robert, it would mean that she should accept the marriage proposal in the interest of the bigger picture.

He had given her an alternative only because he didn't want to force her.

After all, he had told her that it was fine not to marry Louis and there was plenty of fish in the sea. Even if she didn't remarry, she could still live a good life with the Lindberg family.

However, after Sean's reminder, she felt that the matter was more complex than she had assumed.

Danrique's injury indicated that the Lindberg Corporation was in a crisis. Also, their enemy was exceptionally strong.

At that moment, she knew she couldn't add to his burden.

Suddenly, she remembered Robert mentioning that Donald was trying to canvass the Laurent family for support. It wasn't until Danrique admonished him that Robert played down his comments.

Although they seemed to be talking about the marriage, Robert was trying to imply that their families' alliance was tied to the marriage.

If it failed, he would choose to side with Donald.

No wonder Sean brought up the Gymnasium Project in F Nation. He was trying to imply that it would be devastating if we lost F Nation's market, especially after I have just lost the project at H City.

With that thought in mind, Charlotte let out a deep sigh. "The business world is just like a warzone. Their way with words is so confusing that I took such a long time to read between the lines."

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Back at home, Charlotte went to check on Ellie. She had taken her medication and was sound asleep.

Hayley was by her side, gently patting her back.

Snuggling in Hayley's arms with her white alpaca, Ellie looked exceptionally cute.

After tucking both of them in, Charlotte thanked Hayley softly, "I appreciate it, Hayley."

"Not at all. I adore Ellie," Hayley replied with a smile. "You should get some sleep. I'll take care of things here."

After waving goodnight, Charlotte left the room quietly.

She had wanted to check on Robbie, but saw that the room light had been turned off. Worried that she would wake him, she returned to her room instead.

"It must be Mommy at the door just now. She must have thought that I was asleep and left because she didn't want to wake me."

Hiding underneath his blanket with a torchlight, Robbie was chatting with Jamie on a video call.

"Why didn't you ask Mommy to come in? I want to see her."

Jamie yawned as he spoke. Due to the time difference, it was five in the morning in H City. He had woken up early on purpose just to call Robbie.

"Mommy has many things to worry about. So, I don't want to disturb her." Robbie still felt bad about earlier.

"No matter what, Mommy cannot marry Sir Louis." Being the brute that he was, Jamie didn't think much of it. "Don't worry, Mommy won't be angry at you. She will be fine in a while."

"However, I'm worried that Mommy won't cancel the engagement because of this." Frowning, Robbie elaborated, "In fact, she might even be scolded by Uncle Dan."

"Huh? What do we do then?" Jamie was filled with anxiety.

"Let's wait and see..." Not wanting Jamie to be worried, Robbie changed topics. "How's Daddy?"

"Daddy has been feeling down over the last two days. However, he tries his best to cheer me up. Today, he even trained and played soccer with me." Sprawled on his bed, Jamie cupped his chin. "Daddy and I are doing very well. I'm just worried about you and Ellie."

"I feel really bad for causing Ellie to puke terribly today." Robbie was filled with regret. "When I went to see her just now, she even reassured me by telling me not to worry."

"She's right. Dr. Felch will cure her," Jamie comforted. "However, don't give any more tablets the next time. If only I were there, I could eat them on her behalf. At most I'll just have diarrhea, haha."

Robbie was speechless.

While both brothers chatted, Zachary, who was about to knock, retracted his hand.

Initially, he wanted to join the chat to find out more about Charlotte's situation. However, he had already overheard everything.

Ellie had taken a tablet that caused her to throw up and have stomach discomfort. Robbie was reprimanded for it while there was still no answer on the marriage. However, Louis and his family had stayed over.

Unfortunately, it seemed that they couldn't escape destiny.

Furrowing his eyebrows, Zachary walked quietly away. He was frustrated at the fact that the children were sharing what was supposed to be his burden.

Then, he sent Robbie a message, asking him to call when he had time.

Before he knew it, Robbie was on the line. "Daddy!"

"Robbie..." After chatting briefly, he gently requested, "Both you and Ellie shouldn't interfere with Mommy's affairs anymore, all right?"

"Daddy, do you already know?" Robbie asked.

"Mmm-hmm." Zachary chuckled wryly. "This was supposed to be my responsibility. But when you tried to handle it and even caused Ellie to fall sick, it makes me feel very bad."

"Daddy, don't think that way."

"Be a good boy, Robbie. Next time, don't meddle in the affairs of adults. Mommy is really smart. Whatever decision she makes would have gone through deep deliberation. As her children, you will need to respect her decision."

"I may not agree with her, but I have my own way to communicate and resolve it. This relates to a man's pride and responsibility. So, promise me you'll stay out of it, all right?"

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"Alright. I understand." Robbie agreed to it reluctantly.

"You should go to bed now," Zachary said gently. "Also, take care of yourself!"

"Sure. Goodbye, Daddy," Robbie replied obediently and hung up the phone.

Overwhelmed with emotions, Zachary gazed at the wedding photo of Charlotte and him on the table while holding the phone.

Deep down, he understood that Charlotte would choose to marry Louis even if she didn't love Louis.

Given that Lindberg Corporation was in trouble recently, she probably had to do so for the bigger picture.

Well, I can only resort to business tactics to upend the situation—

With that, Zachary called Ben.

"Mr. Zachary, are you looking for me?"

Ben was sleeping when Zachary called him. After hanging up the phone, Ben put on his clothes hastily and came to see Zachary.

"Get all documents related to the Gymnasium Project in Pillere for me. Also, inform all shareholders to see me except for Louis," Zachary instructed.

"Ah?" Ben was startled for a while before he nodded in response.
"Yes, Sir."

Ben left hurriedly to start doing his job but almost bump into Bruce who came up to him.

"You seem nervous. Where are you heading to?" Bruce asked.

"Mr. Zachary instructed me to work on something," Ben replied.

"Has he changed his mind? Is he willing to receive treatment?" Bruce asked impatiently.

"It's about the Gymnasium Project in Pillere," Ben frowned as he said, "I feel curious too. Why is he still pondering about business instead of receiving treatment?"

"What is going on with him?" Bruce said nervously. "He can't go on like that."

Ben said in a low voice, "Well, I think he had a sleepless night yesterday because he looked pale. How about asking Mr. Spencer for a favor? Perhaps the elder is the only one who can persuade him."

"Thank you for the reminder," Bruce rolled his eyes and added, "but I've already asked Raina to invite him."

Ben heaved a sigh of relief and replied, "Raina is indeed conscientious. Anyway, I have to continue my work."

"Off you go."

Charlotte felt dizzy because she didn't sleep well last night. However, she had to get out of bed when someone knocked on the door in the morning.

"Ms. Lindberg, Sir Louis, and Sir Robert are here," Morgan reported outside the room.

'Ah?" Charlotte got up and said hastily, "Please serve some tea for them in the living room. I'll be there right away."

"Yes."

Morgan immediately went downstairs to welcome the guests.

Also, Lupine invited them to be seated and asked the maids to serve the best coffee.

Robert sat on the extravagant couch and enjoyed the coffee gracefully.

Meanwhile, Louis kept gazing upstairs, waiting impatiently for Charlotte.

"Hayley, I don't want to have heavy breakfast today."

Hayley brought Ellie out of the room while holding Ellie's favorite stuffed alpaca. Ellie looked particularly cute in her beautiful white dress.

"Ms. Elisa, breakfast is ready. I've prepared your favorite food."

The butler Mrs. Ramos was fluent in Chanaean, even though she was from Erihal.

"Is that true?" Ellie was delighted. "Did you cook it yourself, Mrs. Ramos?"

"Hehe, we have a professional cook who prepared the food," Mrs. Ramos said smilingly. "Let me bring you downstairs."

"Sure. Thank you, Mrs. Ramos."

Ellie followed Mrs. Ramos to go downstairs joyfully.

"Ellie!" Sir Louis came up to Ellie when he saw her. "Do you feel well?"

"Oh, I—" Ellie was shocked to see Louis. As such, she immediately covered her stomach and pretended to feel sick. "I have a stomach ache now—"

"Ellie, what's wrong?" Hayley squatted nervously to check up on Ellie.

Just then, Robbie came out of his room and said, "Ellie, you should go back to your room and get some rest."

"Okay." The next moment, Ellie held Hayley's hand to return to her room.

"Hmm—" Louis was rooted to the floor.

Then, Robbie said politely, "Dr. Felch is a good doctor. Ellie feels a lot better after having the medicine that he prescribed. She might have a dull pain from time to time, but it's not a serious matter. Anyway, thank you for your concern, Sir Louis!"

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"Good to know that she's well." Louis didn't overthink it.

However, Robert's expression turned grim after he witnessed it.

"Good morning, Sir Robert," Robbie greeted Robert.

Robert immediately responded smilingly, "Good morning! Does your sister feel well?"

"She feels a lot better now. Thank you, Sir Robert," Robbie said politely.

"That's good to hear," Robert nodded and said. "By the way, you speak Ferropenian fluently. Who taught you to speak the language?"

"My great-grandpa used to hire a Ferropenian teacher to teach me," Robbie answered honestly, "I learned it since I was three and a half years old. So, I can converse in the language in simple daily conversations."

"Is your great-grandpa Mr. Henry?"

Robert knew that Henry was a prominent figure in business and only retired when he was 80. Besides, he trained Zachary to become the new corporate czar.

"Yes," Robbie replied noddingly.

Robert glanced at Robbie for a while before he said, "No wonder you're already outstanding at such a young age. I met your father when he was young and knew that he would be a genius. Nonetheless, I think you're even more outstanding than him."

"Daddy used to say that Sir Louis is his only friend while Sir Robert is his most-respected elder," Robbie put on a smile and said casually, "I never thought that the first time I meet you would be in Uncle Dan's house instead of the Nacht residence!"

Robert was stunned upon hearing it. A few seconds later, he calmed down and added, "Your dad focuses on growing his business in the local market in recent years, and so there aren't many opportunities for us to collaborate. Instead, your uncle has expanded his market in F Nation and established close ties with us—"

He paused for a while and said, "This topic is too deep, and I'm afraid you don't get what I mean."

"The local market is huge enough for the Nacht family to continue growing for decades," Robbie said, "but still, the market in F Nation is not bad—"

"Do you understand business?"

Robert was shocked to hear a six-year-old kid talking about business casually. Although Robbie sounded courteous, one could somehow sense there were some insinuations in his words.

This kid is very impressive.

Robbie replied with a smile on his face, "I always helped Daddy review his files when he was busy. That's why I understand a bit of business. However, I'm still a kid and don't know much about it."

"You're too humble." Robert flashed him a smile.

"Sir Robert, Louis," Just then, Charlotte came downstairs hastily and said, "I'm sorry for being late."

Robert smiled warmly at Charlotte. "It's fine. After all, we didn't inform you in advance. We're here because we heard that your child fell sick yesterday."

With that, Robert gestured for his subordinate to hand over some beautiful gifts to Charlotte.

"Sir Robert, you're very kind," Charlotte thanked him immediately.

Lupine took a few steps back after taking the gifts.

"Sir Robert, would you like to have breakfast together?" Charlotte invited them.

"Well, don't mind if I do."

The maids served them breakfast as soon as they sat at the dining table.

A moment later, all of them began enjoying the variety of food.

While having breakfast, Louis also enjoyed chatting with Charlotte.

Meanwhile, Robbie concentrated on having his food gracefully.

After a while, Robert said casually, "Well, you'll have to get used to having F Nation's food when you're there. Besides, the food in F Nation is scrumptious. I'll invite you to try our food next time."

Robbie replied respectfully, "Thank you, Sir Robert. However, I prefer Chanaean food more."

Robert frowned upon hearing it. As he wanted to say something, Charlotte added smilingly, "Well, I love Chanaean food as well."

"Me too," Louis chimed in, "I've looked for several excellent Chanaean chefs and planned to bring them to Pillere to prepare Chanaean food for you."

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"You're right. Since you love Chanaean food, we can hire some Chanaean chefs. It's not a big deal."

It was rare for Robert to agree with Louis's viewpoint. At that moment, he was delighted that Louis casually pointed out their intention of visiting Charlotte.

Upon hearing Louis' words, Robbie fell silent and gazed at Charlotte with mixed feelings.

"Thank you, Sir Robert," Charlotte thanked Robert and said, "Shall we go to the study after breakfast? Well, it is as good as Danrique's."

Robert nodded. "Sure. I heard that Mr. Lindberg designed and built it for you."

"Yes. Danrique put in a lot of thoughts to build the study for me."

Back then, Charlotte spent around half a year recuperating in the Lindberg residence. However, Danrique made sure that she was occupied with things. He hired teachers for her and encouraged her to read at night.

Hence, Charlotte eventually became knowledgeable because of the rigorous training given by Danrique.

"In that case, I must visit the study." Robert put on a smile.

After having breakfast, Robbie put down the cutlery and said to Charlotte, "Mommy, I'm done. I'll go upstairs to keep Ellie company."

"Alright. Off you go," Charlotte gazed at him and replied gently.

"Please enjoy your meal, Sir Robert. See you, Uncle Louis."

"See you!"

With that, Robbie went upstairs after.

Robert looked at him and said meaningfully, "Your son is indeed a genius. How generous of Zachary to hand over his custody to you!"

Charlotte frowned upon hearing it and changed the subject of conversation. "Let's talk in the study."

"Sure."

As they were in the study, Mrs. Ramos served some high-quality coffee and dessert.

Lupine waited next to the door coldly while Robert took a few sips of the coffee.

Meanwhile, Louis handed over some gifts to Charlotte. "Charlotte, I'm sorry that I didn't have time to give these to you yesterday. I brought these from F Nation—"

“What?” When Charlotte opened the box, she was surprised to see a delicate cake. After all, Louis always gifted necklaces and jewelry to her whenever they met.

“I met a chef in F Nation who is good at baking cakes. So, I learned from him to bake this angel food cake. Do you want to try it and tell me if you like it?”

“Did you bake the cake by yourself?” Charlotte was surprised. Since Louis was pampered by his family and never cooked, Charlotte couldn’t believe that he had learned to make cakes.

“Yes, I did. Try it.” Then, Louis handed over a piece of the cake to Charlotte and said, “I’ve brought three more boxes for your triplets but am worried that they don’t like it. So, I think you can try it first and give some comments.”

“Hehe...” Charlotte put on a smile and thought to herself. Louis is indeed a good friend if we don’t have to talk about marriage...

Charlotte took a bite of the cake and exclaimed, “Wow, it’s not bad! Delicious!”

Elation filled Louis’ entire being. “Really? I’m so glad to hear that. You know, I was a bit worried that the cake wasn’t to your liking.”

Meanwhile, Charlotte was a little touched because Louis learned to bake cakes for her. “Believe me, it’s delicious. However, you don’t have to do it next time. I mean, baking cakes is too time-consuming.”

“It’s fine. I’m happy that I can bake a cake by myself. Also, I’ll learn anything that you like.” Louis felt excited because Charlotte recognized his effort.

Robert heaved a sigh and chimed in, “Louis has never entered the kitchen since he was a kid. So, he has put in a lot of effort for you. As his parent, I’m worried about him sometimes. Nonetheless, I’ll still support him as long as it’s something that he likes.”

“Dad—”

Charlotte said smilingly, “Sir Robert, I’ll answer the question you posed to me earlier. Zachary was indeed reluctant to let go of his

son. After all, a father certainly hopes that his son can stay by his side. Despite that, Robbie is a strong-minded kid and decides to stay by my side.”

Robert nodded and replied, “That’s good to hear. By the way, I think Mr. Lindberg likes him too.”

“Yes.” With that, Charlotte went straight to the point. “Are you here today because you want to avoid Danrique and discuss something with me directly?”

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Robert spread his arms and said, “You’re a smart girl. In that case, allow me to be frank.”

Charlotte made a gesture with her hand.

The next moment, Robert continued straightforwardly, “The marriage between the two families is decided by Mr. Lindberg and me. Neither of us begged one another to make it happen. Besides, our family has proven our sincerity and shown our gesture of respect to you, Mr. Lindberg, and the Lindberg Corporation. So, it will be a form of disrespect to us if you keep dragging on the decision.”

Once Robert finished, Charlotte lowered her head and apologized. “I’m sorry. It’s my fault. Well, I’ve planned to visit you even if you aren’t here today.”

“So, are you saying that you have an answer?” Robert gazed at her.

Without beating about the bush, Charlotte responded, “I think I ought to make something clear before I tell you the answer. After all, I guess your family is interested in understanding it. Why don’t we be open and honest with one another?”

Robert was delighted. "Absolutely! I like to speak to smart people."

"First, Zachary and I didn't manage to get our marriage certificate. Besides, our wedding wasn't completed yet. Hence, we're not husband and wife legally."

Charlotte paused for a while and added, "In the past, we agreed that the three kids would bear Zachary's family name. However, we've come to a decision that I'll have Robbie's custody. As such, Robbie will bear my family's name. As for my shares in Lindberg Corporation, I'll transfer them back to Danrique. It will happen regardless of I'm married or not—"

Charlotte observed the change in Robert's expression once she finished and realized that he looked a bit shocked. Apparently, he didn't expect that she would make such arrangements.

"Certainly," Louis replied right away, "When you've married me, I'll take care of you on my own. Your shares in the company aren't important."

Charlotte gazed at Louis when she heard it. Deep down, she could feel that Louis was sincere.

"Is there anything you want to add?" After a while, Robert came to his senses and asked smilingly.

"That will be all for now," Charlotte responded with her curled lips, "Sir Robert, is there anything you would like to ask me? Please go ahead."

"You said that Robbie would be under your custody. In that case, would you change his family name to ours?" Robert cut to the chase.

Charlotte was startled, for she had never considered the matter before. Back then, she didn't decline it when Henry requested to change her children's last name to Nacht.

At that time, the children had reunited with Zachary and loved him. Besides, Zachary was sincere to them and married her against all odds.

Nevertheless, things took a dramatic turn after Charlotte married Zachary. The Nacht family drove her away while keeping the children. Then, partly because of the Nacht family, Zara and Sharon attempted to kill her, and Mrs. Berry became the unfortunate casualty. After experiencing all these, Charlotte thought about taking revenge on the Nacht family. In the end, she let go of her grudge and stayed away from the family for her children.

Despite the pain inflicted upon her, Charlotte never thought about changing her children's last name again.

Deep down, she opined that a name wouldn't determine someone's future. Also, the children would suffer if their names were changed many times.

She didn't have to care about Zachary's feelings. However, what would Robbie, Jamie, and Ellie think? Will it break their hearts since they are so young?

After pondering over it, Charlotte gave them a crystal clear answer. "I won't change my kids' last name. After all, names are only used to address someone, and I don't think they are so important."

"Did Mr. Lindberg bring it up with you?" Robert continued to ask.

"Nope," Charlotte frowned as she said, "Sir Robert, feel free to speak your mind."

After thinking about it for a few seconds, Robert said, "The kids' names in Chanaean can remain as they are. However, after you're married into our family, I hope that they can change their Ustranasian names by bearing our family name!"

"Dad—"

"It's impossible," Charlotte rejected without hesitation. "Marrying Louis or not is my personal affair and not related to the children. Why should they change their last names for me?"

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“This concerns the royal family’s reputation!” Robert frowned.

“If so, why don’t you just let Louis marry a woman who hasn’t had any children?” Charlotte smiled. “My current situation is very clear. I’m sure that everyone knows about it.”

“No, I only like you,” insisted Louis. “Daddy, stop putting Charlotte in a tight spot. There’s no need to change their last names...”

“Shut up!” growled Robert before telling Charlotte, “If this is giving you a tough choice, I won’t force you. You can just have a child with Louis earlier.”

When Charlotte heard that, she had an instinctive urge to refuse. She had never thought about these problems, but Robert’s words reminded her...

If she married Louis, she would have to have kids with him.

“Okay, let’s return to the main topic.” Robert steered the conversation back. “Answer me officially now. Do you agree to this marriage?”

At that moment, Charlotte felt conflicted. Initially, she had already decided to accept the marriage for the sake of the bigger picture. However, she was hesitating now.

“You’re still considering?” When Robert noticed her hesitation, he felt displeased. “I’m returning to Pillere this afternoon. If you haven’t made up your mind by then, I’ll make other arrangements.”

With that, he placed his cup down and was about to leave.

“Dad...”

"I agree." Charlotte finally spoke.

Louis was stunned as he looked at her in shock. "Charlotte, are you saying..."

"I agree to the marriage." Charlotte stopped hesitating. "But you should know that there are no romantic feelings between Louis and me. Furthermore, I have my own opinions about certain issues. I will not make any concessions for your family's interests or for the royal family's reputation. Even after marriage, I'm still an independent self, not anyone's trophy wife. My son will not change his last name either. Also, I'm not sure if I'll have any kids in the future."

After a slight pause, she continued, "The wedding can only be held after two months, when Ellie's and my illness are completely cured. That's all I want to say. If you accept all the conditions, then this is settled. If not, we shall just forget it..."

"I accept!" Robert agreed easily. "Feelings can be nurtured slowly and we're not in a rush to hold the wedding. However, we must announce the news first."

"Discuss this with Danrique. If he agrees, I'm fine too," said Charlotte.

"Okay, I'll go back and talk to him."

Delighted, Robert strode away.

"I'm glad that you've finally agreed, Charlotte!" Louis was so happy that he could barely speak coherently. Holding her hand, he promised, "I'll definitely protect you and make you happy..."

"Okay." Charlotte smiled and said softly, "But I don't love you now. Do you really not mind?"

"I don't! As long as you don't hate me, I'll try my best to make you fall in love with me." Louis was elated. "Charlotte, I'm so happy! Can I hug you?"

Still smiling, Charlotte stared at him quietly.

Louis stretched out his arms tentatively. When she did not refuse, he hugged her tighter and whispered emotionally, "Do you know, Charlotte? I've waited for this day for ages! Today's the happiest day of my life!"

Charlotte cast her gaze downward without saying anything. Although she could sense Louis' sincerity and excitement, she could not share in his joy.

In fact, Zachary's figure flashed across his mind. She imagined him staring at her painfully with his brooding eyes, as if he was saying, "Remember, you're my woman. You will always be..."

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"Louis!" called Robert. Louis quickly released Charlotte and said reluctantly, "I have to leave now, Charlotte. I'll visit you later!"

"Okay, go on." Charlotte smiled.

When Louis rushed to catch up with Robert, he could not help but turn around and wave goodbye to Charlotte. There was an unconcealable look of joy on his face and in his gaze.

Charlotte watched them leave. Only after they had disappeared from her sight that she averted her gaze, looked downward, and heaved a deep sigh...

When she was still undecided, she felt a heavy burden in her heart.

However, now that she had made her decision, she did not feel relieved at all. Instead, she felt like she was heading on an unknown path...

Regardless of anything, it's a good thing to help Danrique solve his problems, right?

With that thought, Charlotte smiled bitterly.

When Louis got into the car, he still kept turning around to stare at Charlotte for a long time.

"Stop looking!" Noticing how obsessed his son was, Robert felt displeased. "You can look at her all you want after marrying her."

"You're right." Thinking that he could marry Charlotte soon, Louis was filled with excitement. "I'm so happy, Dad!"

"Don't rejoice too soon." Robert stared at him coldly. "Even a six-year-old child is smarter than you."

"Are you talking about Robbie?" Louis asked with a smile. "He's very smart. No, in fact, he's a genius! Not only has he inherited his father and great-grandfather's business acumen, but he is also skilled in technological research. He was involved in developing many of Divine Corporation's technological products. Apparently, he has some patents for his inventions too. Just by himself, he earns hundreds of millions every year!"

"That's impressive! The Nacht family should keep him as their heir instead. Why were they willing to let him go?" Robert frowned as a complex look flashed across his eyes.

He continued, "Danrique doesn't have a child. Does he want to keep that child and let him inherit the Lindberg Corporation? Wait, but if he does that, won't the Lindberg Corporation be part of the Nacht family, then? Danrique will never do that."

"Daddy, why are you saying that?" Louis was confused. "What does that have to do with us?"

"You know nothing!" growled Robert. "If we bring that child into the royal family, who knows what trouble he'll cause? Also, do you think that Zachary will just give up like this? He might confront us to get his son back. If that happens, the royal family will be utterly humiliated."

"H-How...?"

"Forget it. You won't understand even if I explain it to you."
Robert could not be bothered to continue talking to him. "I'll deal with this."

"What do you mean?" Louis reminded him anxiously, "Dad, Charlotte cares a lot about her family. When her maid got killed by Zara, she became enemies with the Nacht family. If you plan on scheming against Robbie, we..."

"What are you thinking about?" Robert interrupted him, "How can I possibly harm that child? I just want to find out what Danrique's plans are. If he doesn't mind where the child goes, it's better to let Zachary reclaim him. This is good for both you and the Lindberg family."

"But Charlotte will be sad if her child isn't by her side." Louis still felt worried.

"Then, she can keep the girl." Robert had thought it through. "The girl looks harmless and innocent. She won't pose a threat in the future."

"Ellie is very adorable, but we should still respect Charlotte's opinions..."

"That's it. I'll settle it on my own, so you don't need to bother yourself with it anymore," interrupted Robert. "Don't worry. It's a great thing for our family to be in-laws with the Lindberg family. Furthermore, since you like Charlotte so much, how can I ruin this marriage? I'm just taking precautionary measures to eliminate any future problems for you..."

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After returning to the castle, Robert looked for Danrique and informed him that Charlotte had already agreed to the wedding.

Danrique did not look surprised at all. Instead, he nodded. "Okay. Good that she's thought it through."

"Since Charlotte has already agreed to the marriage, I'll prepare for it now." Smiling, Robert said, "Do you have any thoughts about the wedding? I'll follow your suggestions."

"Since she's my cousin, she naturally needs to have a grand wedding," said Danrique arrogantly. "I'll organize a wedding for her in Xendale. For the one in Pillere, you can have the final say and I won't intervene. However, I want to make something clear—I hope that no one will look down on her for whatever reason. As my family, she must be shown equal respect and importance!"

"Don't worry, you have my word on this," promised Robert as he patted his chest. "It's the Laurent family's honor to have your cousin's hand in marriage. How can we possibly take her lightly?"

"That's good." Danrique nodded. "As for the other details, you can discuss with Sean directly if you need anything from our side. I need to go out for a while."

"There's another thing which I'm not sure if I should tell you..." A troubled look crossed Robert's face.

"What?"

Danrique frowned, for he disliked it when others beat around the bush.

"I met that child this morning. Indeed, he has inherited the best genes from the Nacht and Lindberg family. He's a total genius, with the intelligence and knowledge that the average person cannot even compare to. Furthermore, I could tell that his personality is quite aggressive and strong... Such an impressive child is the perfect candidate for an heir. Is Zachary really willing to let go of him? I'm afraid that he'll crash the wedding and continue clinging to Charlotte. This concerns the reputation of the F Nation's royal family!"

"Leave this to me." Danrique's gaze was cold and haughty. "If he dares to create a ruckus during the wedding, I'll kill him!"

"Well..." Robert panicked. "I know that the Lindberg and the Nacht families are enemies, but the royal family of F Nation is still on good terms with the Nachts. The queen is acquainted with him as well. If anything bad happens to him because of Louis' wedding, I can't explain it to her."

"What are you trying to say?" Danrique was becoming impatient.

After thinking about it, Robert asked tactfully, "What are your plans regarding that child?"

"So you aren't worried about Zachary, but Robinson." Danrique smirked coldly. "You're afraid that he'll threaten Louis and affect the next generation?"

"Well..." Robert felt a bit awkward.

"That's understandable." Danrique smiled. "After all, the Lindbergs' and the Nachts' blood flows in his veins. He has the Nacht family's intelligence, and possibly also the Lindberg family's mercilessness!"

He spoke in a meaningful tone when he said that last sentence.

Back then, Isabella had brought Danrique to the Lindberg family. After nurturing him for a few years, he had become much more capable.

When he was sixteen years old, the Lindberg family was plunged into chaos due to the battle over the inheritance.

He destroyed the entire family and became the heir of the Lindberg corporation!

Back then, it was a snowy day as well. The metallic stench of blood wafted through the Lindberg family's castle, while the pristine and white snow outside had been dyed red...

Wearing a coat, a sixteen-year-old youth strode out of the castle. Raising a sharp sword to the sky, he declared arrogantly that from then on, he was the master of the Lindberg Corporation!

His face was filled with blood, while his white coat was speckled with swirls of bloodstains. His gaze was vicious, as if he was a devil who had risen right from the depths of hell.

From then on, he was given the nickname 'The Grim Reaper'.

"Don't misunderstand, Mr. Lindberg. That's not what I mean!" Robert quickly explained, "I just think that the child is so smart that the Nacht family might want to snatch him back. So..."

"What do you want to do?" Danrique asked. "Do you want Charlotte to give that child up? Huh?"

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Although his question sounded polite, it was filled with a vicious and murderous intent...

Robert's words reminded him of himself back then. When Isabella brought him back, she suffered the brunt of suspicion.

People would confront her each day and scold her for bringing a b*stard like him back to the Lindberg family. Some even wanted to chase her away.

However, Isabella ignored the voices opposing her and insisted on keeping him in the family, against all odds.

She even held a family conference and announced to everyone that if anyone dared to touch Danrique, they would be opposing her. In that case, she would protect him with her entire life!

At that moment, Isabella was like a goddess to the young Danrique.

Now that the same thing was happening right in front of him, he felt enraged.

Unlike others, he was not the type to take precautionary measures and care about the bigger picture. Rather, he did things recklessly. Once he had his mind set on something, no one else could convince him otherwise.

That was his style—aggressive and simple.

“No, that’s not what I mean...” Robert panicked so much that he started sweating. “I’m here to discuss with you, Mr. Lindberg, so don’t be angry.”

Although Robert was an elder and Danrique treated him with respect, he knew Danrique’s temper well. If Danrique was enraged, he would not care about age or status.

As long as he felt unhappy, he would fall out with the other person immediately.

“It’s just a casual question,” Danrique smirked. “That child is like me, so I like him. If I don’t have a child, I might let him inherit the Lindberg Corporation!”

“Um...”

Robert was surprised, for he did not expect Danrique to have such plans.

Actually, he had heard rumors about Danrique having an illegitimate son. However, he did not know if they were true. Danrique had never mentioned it before, so he did not dare to ask about it either.

However, regardless of what happened, it was impossible for Danrique to let a child from the Nacht family inherit the Lindberg Corporation.

“I never care about blood relations or status. Those worthless things don’t matter to me! Once I’ve made up my mind, no one else can change my opinion.”

Danrique continued indifferently, "Also, that child might return to the Nacht family to become their heir after a short while. Your worry is meaningless!"

"Return to the Nacht family?" Robert was confused. "Didn't Charlotte say that she has already discussed with Zachary and established that the child will be staying with her?"

"That's what they discussed, but things are always unpredictable..."

A gloating look flashed across Danrique's eyes. However, he did not continue speaking and changed the topic instead.

"Anyway, this child can inherit both the Nacht family and the Lindberg family. He couldn't care less about the Laurent family's assets!"

Although he might sound arrogant by saying this, it was the truth.

Rendered speechless, Robert had no choice but to clear his throat to hide his embarrassment. "That's not what I meant. I'm just afraid that Zachary might create some trouble..."

"Let's discuss it when he actually does something..." Danrique placed his wine glass down, got up, and prepared to leave. "Even if he actually comes, I'm still here. What's there for you to fear?"

"You're right." Robert nodded profusely.

"You've been busy for the entire day. Go back to the guest room and rest for a while." While walking out, Danrique said politely, "I have to leave now. I'll come back in the afternoon to send you off."

"Okay."

As Robert watched Danrique leave, the fear within him dissipated gradually.

He heaved a deep sigh. This man is so hard to deal with...

At that moment, he suddenly thought of Zachary. Although Zachary was also extremely domineering, he would still be

concerned about the bigger picture and the families' reputation. Hence, he would not cause a conflict so easily.

However, Danrique was different. He never acted rationally—everything depended on his mood.

Still, when he said that things are unpredictable, what does that mean?