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“But Charlotte has definitely come here to negotiate with Zachary. Now that she’s missing, she has to be inside.” Louis was filled with anxiety. “Mr. Murphy, please get the hotel management to open the door.”

“Louis, are you crazy?” Theo, too, was desperate. “This is Mr. Nacht’s room. By doing that, are you trying to get me killed?”

“This is Pillere. We’re in F Nation, my territory. What are you afraid of?” Louis’s desperation intensified. “If you don’t want to open it, I’ll get my men to do it.”

“Louis, calm down. Stop messing around!” Left without a choice, Theo pleaded, “I’m begging you, please don’t make me do this. Given the ruckus you’ve caused, you are going to cost me my life. I am fully responsible for organizing this event. If Mr. Nacht is upset in any way, I will be held accountable for it. You should leave with me first, and I promise that I will find Ms. Lindberg for you, all right?”

“Charlotte is definitely here.” Louis remained stubborn. “Her subordinate has searched the entire hotel and can’t find her still. Therefore, this is the only place she can possibly be.”

“You...”

“Sir Louis, what are you doing? This is Mr. Nacht’s room. Please leave!”

Ben had arrived to chase Louis away.

Although Louis was someone influential, members of the Nacht family never feared anyone of power.

Previously, they only respected Louis because he was Zachary’s good friend.

Evidently, things had changed.

“Ben, it’s good that you’re here.” When he saw Ben, Louis frantically suggested, “Open the door, I want to talk to Zachary.”

“Sir Louis, has the alcohol gone to your head? How can I open Mr. Nacht’s door on my own accord?” Ben was speechless. “Please leave and do not interrupt Mr. Nacht’s rest.”

“I won’t leave until I see Zachary.”

Having lost his patience, Louis got his subordinates to call for the staff.

Theo continued to persuade him while Ben, too, reminded him of the gravity of his actions.

Meanwhile, Charlotte was pushing Zachary away anxiously.

The matter was supposed to be resolved internally. As of then, only she and Zachary knew of her identity.

However, now that Louis was causing a scene, it would be humiliating for all three families if the matter got out.

“What’s wrong? Do you feel bad?” Zachary smirked. “He has come at the perfect time. Whatever he gave me the day before, I will return it to him today!”

Just as he spoke, Zachary tore off Charlotte’s swimsuit, leaving her stark naked.

“You...” Covering her breasts with her arms, Charlotte screamed, “Have you gone mad?”

“Yes, I have. I have been driven mad by you.”

Zachary unlocked the door with the remote control before climbing onto Charlotte and forcefully kissing her on the neck.

Outside, Louis barged into the room when he saw that the door was unlocked. “Charlotte, Char-”

His words got lodged in his throat the moment he saw Charlotte and Zachary.

Utterly dumbstruck, he stared blankly at them.

“Let go of me!”

Charlotte pushed Zachary away angrily and covered herself with a pillow. When she raised her hand to hit him, he grabbed her by the wrist.

“You were the one who threw yourself at me.”

Standing up calmly, Zachary threw a blanket on top of Charlotte. With his back facing Louis, he straightened his clothes elegantly.

At the door, Ben had prevented Theo from entering. “Stand down. This is none of your business.”

“Will anyone lose their life?” Theo was filled with panic.

“No.” Ben chased everyone away.

Just then, Lupine arrived. When their eyes locked, she shot him a glare before charging in.

“Zachary, I’m going to kill you!”

Louis grabbed the fruit knife from the table and charged hysterically at Zachary.

“Louis! No!” Charlotte screamed.

Lupine wanted to stop him but it was too late.

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With a sharpened gaze, Zachary launched a kick at Louis.

Spewing out a mouthful of blood, Louis crashed onto the ground.

“Do you really think that I don’t dare to kill you?” Zachary glared ferociously at Louis. “Let me tell you. If I had wanted to do so, you would have been dead in your home, let alone in F Nation.”

“Zachary, you...” Seized by rage, Louis spat out another mouthful of blood.

“Sir Louis!” At that moment, Louis’ subordinates came to help him. They questioned Zachary, “Mr. Nacht, how can you do this to Sir Louis? Aren’t you friends?”

“Friends?” Zachary sneered. “I treated him as my friend. But, he stole my woman.”

“Charlotte is my fiancée. She’s mine!” Louis roared adamantly.

“Do you still want to marry her despite the fact that she has just slept with me?” Zachary triggered him on purpose.

“You...” Louis raged hysterically, “I’m going to kill you!”

“As if you can.” Zachary taunted him at every turn.

“Gather my men and soldiers here, I’m going to kill this b*stard right now!”

Louis had gone berserk.

Wrapping herself with the blanket, Charlotte walked up to Louis and struck his neck, rendering him unconscious.

Suddenly, silence filled the air.

“Take your Duke home,” Charlotte ordered Louis’ subordinates.

“Yes.” They left with him at once.

When Charlotte gave Lupine a look, she quickly followed them out. She then gave Gordon's men a call and instructed them to escort Louis safely home.

If something were to happen to him along the journey, it would significantly complicate matters.

After that, everyone was asked to leave.

Back in the room, only Charlotte, Zachary, Lupine, and Ben remained.

"Zachary, you've got guts." Charlotte gritted her teeth as she glared at him. "Are you satisfied now? Have you vented enough?"

"Not even close." With a cigar between his fingers, Zachary held his wine glass without even looking at Charlotte.

"What will it take before I'm allowed to see my children?" Holding back her anger, Charlotte demanded, "State your conditions!"

After a brief silence, Zachary replied, "Cancel the wedding and swear to never marry again!"

Stunned, Charlotte stared at him in bewilderment. "Why? What has my marriage got anything to do with you? What gives you the right to control me?"

"It appears that you have no intention of seeing the children," Zachary mocked. "Didn't you ask me for my conditions? And yet, you can't even meet this simple request of mine."

"Those are my children. You have no right to stop me from seeing them," Charlotte screamed furiously.

"I don't care. What are you going to do about it?"

Stonewalling her, Zachary was in no mood for reason.

"You..." Charlotte was outraged.

“Are you that desperate to get married?” Zachary questioned her instead. “After what happened tonight, do you think Louis would still want to marry you?”

“Whether he or I want to get married or not has nothing to do with you. You have no right to interfere in my private affairs.” Charlotte was incensed.

“Hmm, in that case, go ahead and enjoy your freedom.”

Having no intention to discuss the matter any further, Zachary walked toward the bathroom.

“Zachary...” When Charlotte wanted to stop him, Ben persuaded her, “Ms. Lindberg, Mr. Nacht is blinded by anger right now. Whatever you say will only fall on deaf ears. Why don’t you go back first.”

“Exactly. Let’s just leave first, okay?”

Lupine put a jacket over Charlotte.

She sympathized with Charlotte when she saw how Charlotte’s negotiations ended in her being in a pathetic state. Nevertheless, she was cognizant that reason sometimes just couldn’t prevail.

Looking miserable, Charlotte had no choice but to leave.

“Ms. Lindberg,” Ben called out to her suddenly. He softly reminded, “Morgan and her subordinates have been asked to leave. There’s no way the three of them are enough to take the children from Bruce.”

“What are you saying? Are you looking down on the Lindberg family?” Lupine snapped.

“That’s not what I meant.” Furrowing his brows, Ben explained, “Trying to take them by force isn’t going to work. You have to slog it out.”

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His words caused Charlotte to have an epiphany.

He's right. Zachary is amenable to coaxing but not coercion. Now that the Lindberg Corporation is being bogged down by a crisis, it will be futile to take the children by force. However, he has a weakness. As long as I bide my time, I will definitely get to see the children again. After all, I bet they miss me too.

"Ms. Lindberg, you're a smart woman. So, don't let your emotions cloud your judgment," Ben advised. "You should head back now. I'm afraid the Laurent family will be looking for you soon."

"Thank you!" After expressing her gratitude, Charlotte hurriedly left. Just when she stepped out the door, she turned and looked at Nancy who was still lying on the sofa.

Zachary doesn't look like he intends to send her away. Perhaps, he wants her to stay back and pleasure him.

Considering that Theo was someone discreet, he personally waited by the elevator for Charlotte and Lupine so that he could lead them out the back door. With a humble attitude, he apologized repeatedly for his previous indiscretion.

Finally, he even reassured them that no one else but those involved knew about the matter. Also, he allayed their concerns by swearing not to tell a soul.

After expressing her gratitude, Charlotte quickly left with Lupine.

Morgan was already waiting at the car park. When she saw Charlotte, she apologized immediately, "I'm sorry, Ms. Lindberg. We were discovered by Bruce the moment we infiltrated. He managed to stop us at once."

"Did he hurt you?" Lupine asked.

“No.” Morgan shook her head. “They treated us civilly by only preventing us from reporting back and carrying out our mission. It was only about twenty minutes ago that they kicked us out, telling us that negotiations had failed and that I should come here and wait for Ms. Lindberg.”

“It appears Bruce and Ben are still being nice for old time’s sake.” Lupine snuck a glance in Charlotte’s direction.

At that moment, Charlotte was filled with frustration. Not only did the negotiations fail, but she had also been taken for a ride by Zachary.

Consequently, she was at a loss as to how she could explain herself to Louis’ family.

“Let’s get in the car first.”

Lupine helped Charlotte in.

The moment the car drove off, Charlotte’s phone started to ring incessantly. It was Sherlyn.

Evidently, she had heard about what happened that night.

Considering Louis was beaten badly by Zachary, Robert and Sherlyn would definitely not let the matter slide.

“What does Lady Sherlyn want?” Morgan couldn’t help but ask. “Lupine, what happened just now?”

Lupine softly recounted the incident.

Morgan was utterly shocked. “How brazen can Zachary be? He actually...”

“Shush, enough.” Observing Charlotte’s expression, Lupine comforted her, “Ms. Lindberg, don’t worry. Let’s give Lady Sherlyn a proper explanation when we return.”

“What’s there to explain?” Morgan had always been more simple-minded. “Since Ms. Lindberg doesn’t really want to marry

Sir Louis anyway, this is a good opportunity to cancel the wedding.”

“You are oversimplifying matters,” Lupine scoffed.

“Do you know how big tonight’s misunderstanding is? Mr. Nacht declared that he slept with Ms. Lindberg and even beat up Sir Louis. Given the blow their reputation has suffered, the Laurent family will not take this lying down. Even if they don’t have the guts to take any action against Mr. Nacht, they have every right to question Ms. Lindberg. Furthermore, now that Mr. Lindberg is missing, we no longer have anyone to provide us support.”

“So what? It’s not like they pose a challenge to us.” Morgan didn’t see the Laurent family as a threat. “At most, we will leave F Nation with the children. We will still be fine without their protection.”

“Whether we can even leave is another problem,” Lupine muttered.

“Do you mean the Laurents won’t allow us to do so?” Morgan knitted her eyebrows. “Are you sure? Even if something has happened to Mr. Lindberg, Ms. Lindberg is still someone influential in the business world. Do they actually dare to act with such insolence?”

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“Not necessarily, as it involves their reputation.” Lupine raised her gaze at Charlotte. “Ms. Lindberg, is Mr. Nacht doing this to bring you to your knees?”

“He really is something.” Charlotte gritted her teeth in exasperation.

Given the current situation, she was left with two choices. She either had to lower herself and marry Louis knowing his family would always hold the matter against her, or she could go back to

Zachary. In the former, she would constantly be ridiculed and wouldn't be able to see her children for the rest of her life.

She couldn't understand why Zachary was doing all this when he insisted she had slept with Louis and hated her guts for it. Furthermore, he even had a woman by his side. Hence, she wondered if it was all just for the sake of revenge.

"She's calling again," Lupine reminded softly.

Setting her thoughts aside, Charlotte stared at her phone. Just a while ago, the call automatically cut off after ringing for a long time. But now that Sherlyn had called again, Charlotte knew she had no choice but to accept the call.

Charlotte answered, "Hello?"

"Charlotte, where are you?"

From Sherlyn's tone, Charlotte could tell how the woman was desperately suppressing her anger. Evidently, the former was extremely emotional and couldn't wait to question Charlotte about what happened.

"What is it?" Charlotte was a sea of calm.

"What's wrong with you? Louis has been beaten unconscious, and you're asking me what it is?"

Sherlyn blew her lid immediately. "Charlotte, the only reason I'm still speaking nicely to you is on the account of your brother. Therefore, you had better come home right now and explain to me what happened!"

"I'm sure you already have a rough idea," Charlotte plainly replied. "Anyway, there's something I need to do now, so I can't go over. We'll talk again once I'm done-"

"Charlotte!" Sherlyn was unable to hold back her rage any longer. She bellowed, "You are about to marry Louis, and yet, you are still involved with your ex-husband. In fact, you even threw yourself at

him in the hotel and slept with him. Don't you have any shame at all?"

Knitting her eyebrows, Charlotte didn't respond.

"Furthermore, not only did you not protect Louis at the crucial moment, you even bullied him together with Zachary by knocking him out. You devious woman! I'm not letting you off easy..."

Sherlyn berated Charlotte, "I'll give you one hour to come home and explain yourself. Or else, be prepared to suffer the consequences!"

Sherlyn ended the call the moment she finished.

Holding her phone, Charlotte frowned as she looked out the window with a heavy heart.

What had begun as a simple matter had escalated beyond her control. And now, she was left to clean up the entire mess.

Wait a minute.

A thought suddenly popped into Charlotte's mind. Considering how careful Zachary has always been, how did he let Mr. Murphy leak his movements? Could it be that he did it on purpose? He got Mr. Murphy to reveal his itinerary to Louis so that I would be tempted to go and see him. After that, he arranged for the chaotic situation to happen so that he could use it to force me into canceling the wedding.

"By the way, when Jade and I were at the villa, it was silent everywhere. I didn't see the children nor anything that belonged to the kids. It felt really strange."

Morgan suddenly felt suspicious and informed Charlotte, "Ms. Lindberg, I believe the kids were never at the villa."

"Could it be..." Lupine mumbled, realizing something, "that this is all part of Mr. Nacht's scheme?"

"It's entirely possible!" Morgan saw through the ruse. "They must have set this trap a long time ago and were waiting for us to fall

into it. Marino wasn't surprised to see me at all. Come to think of it now, they must have planned everything."

"Zachary!" Charlotte seethed. "How can you!"

"Seems like we have underestimated Mr. Nacht." Upon realizing it, Lupine felt a shiver down her spine. "It's obvious that he has never gotten serious with us. If we had truly gotten into a conflict, we wouldn't have stood a chance at all."