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Chapter 1281 A New Home

Morgan bought a couple of cars, and they were ready-made cars that were only worth a couple hundred thousand.

Charlotte thanked Bruce before he left with his subordinates.

Lupine had a few of her subordinates babysit the triplets and take care of their meals. Everyone else started working on fixing the courtyard.

The furniture and appliances in the villa were all in good shape. The place was simpler and smaller than the one they used to live in, but the pleasant memories Charlotte made there created a sense of warmth.

Charlotte changed out of her expensive outfit and put on some comfortable clothes. After that, she started working on the fountain and the flowers in the courtyard.

The kids were chasing each other and playing at the side while Morgan was busy setting everything up. Lupine, Jade, and the others hung out with Charlotte.

That was a heartwarming moment.

When the night fell, the kids became weary, so the bodyguards put the kids to bed.

Charlotte got the goldfishes that Morgan had just bought and released them in the fountain that was recently fixed. A pleasant grin crept up on Charlotte's lips when she saw how the goldfishes were swimming happily in there. She had Morgan turn the lights brighter and continued working on the flowerbeds after that.

"It's late, so let's work on this tomorrow. I'm sure you're tired," advised Lupine in a concerned tone.

"I can't sleep anyway, so working on something actually helps."

Charlotte wiped the sweat off of her forehead before she continued weeding the flower bed.

"Let me help you," offered Lupine. She had crouched down and was ready to help.

"No, there's no need for that," halted Charlotte right away, "These flowers are really sensitive. The slightest mishap would cause them to wither."

"I'm heartbroken seeing how you're busying away all on your own," said Lupine as she helped Charlotte wipe her sweat away.

"I'm not working. It's relaxing for me," said Charlotte as she dug into the earth, "Please get in touch with Hayley and ask her where Dr. Felch is. If he's still in H City, we'll visit them in a few days."

"Okay, I'll do that right away," replied Lupine. She went to call Hayley immediately after.

"Ms. Lindberg..." said Morgan. She seemed a little hesitant to finish her sentence, though.

"We have enough people working in the courtyard, so you are free to leave. You're not allowed to stay out overnight, though. Be back before one o'clock in the morning," informed Charlotte, who knew what Morgan was thinking.

"Understood. Thank you, Ms. Lindberg," said Morgan who was surprised and delighted.

Marino never left after he accompanied her over to buy the cars. He had been waiting at the side of the road the entire time.

Morgan didn't feel right asking for some time off, but Charlotte had already guessed what was going on. The latter even took the initiative to give the former permission to leave.

“Go on now,” said Charlotte. She tilted her head up and scanned Morgan before suggesting, “And go change into a beautiful outfit.”

“Hah, I’m already beautiful enough as I am,” said Morgan.

She hopped away happily and was instinctively faster as she moved. She even hummed a song as she did so.

Tsk! Tsk! Lupine had exited the house and saw Morgan skipping away. The former couldn’t help teasing, “Geez, I don’t remember her ever being so fast in a fight.”

“That’s how women are when they’re in love.”

Charlotte grinned. She saw how happy Morgan and Marino were together, and that got her delighted.

“I envy them so much,” sighed Lupine.

“Ben is comparatively more grounded and tends to think things through more carefully. That is why he isn’t as passionate or as direct as Marino, but it doesn’t mean that he doesn’t have any feelings for you.”

Charlotte could tell that Lupine was disappointed, so she added, “I can tell that he really cares about you.”

“Oh, stop making fun of me,” replied Lupine shyly.

“Once everything is settled, I will set you both free. Both of you have worked for the Lindberg family for years, and it’s time you live a life of your choosing,” shared Charlotte, who had long planned to set the girls free.

“Ms. Lindberg,” blurted Lupine who instantly got nervous, “I won’t leave. I’ll stay by your side.”

“I won’t let you both leave right now,” said Charlotte while rolling her eyes, “The two of you are my best and most skilled assistants. Hence, I would be lost if you leave now. I was talking about the future.”

"I won't leave in the future, either. I will follow you wherever you go and will never leave you in this lifetime," promised Lupine as her eyes reddened with tears.

"You idiot..." replied Charlotte who was touched by the gesture. She had been lost for some time. Thank the heaven that I have them with me...

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Chapter 1282 Meeting Mommy

At this point, the silvery moon had brightened the night sky, and peace in Southridge had been restored.

It took Zachary quite some time to get the three children to sleep. Just when he was about to leave, Robbie sat up and whispered, "Daddy, we need to talk."

Zachary gestured for Robbie to come out of the room since he did not want to wake Jamie up.

Both of them went to the study. Zachary removed his coat and put it on Robbie. "Here. Don't catch a cold."

The six-year-old looked ridiculous as the oversized coat covered his entire body, exposing only his tiny head.

The warmth from the coat gave Robbie a sense of security.

As per his usual practice, Zachary sat on the sofa and poured himself half a glass of cold wine.

"No drinking, please, Daddy," Robbie stopped him. "Mr. Ben said you can't drink wine since you've just recovered."

"Damn you, Ben," Zachary cursed silently.

“From now on, the three of us will be watching you closely. No smoking, no drinking wine anymore!” Robbie put on a stern face and frowned.

That remark rendered Zachary speechless. “All right. I’ll stop drinking.”

As a father, Zachary cared about his children’s feelings and how they thought of him. He still had to practice self-control when he was with them.

“Come. Let me see how much weight you have lost.” Zachary extended his hands to Robbie. “I was so busy in the last couple of days that I didn’t manage to take a good look at you.”

Robbie walked over and gave Zachary a hug. He choked up and said. “Daddy, I thought I would lose you forever...”

Robbie’s words instantly warmed his heart.

“Silly boy.” Zachary rubbed his head and smiled. Ever since he brought the children back from Arkfield, he was so caught up with other things that he did not have the time to talk to the children.

He missed Robbie and Ellie the most, as they had been separated from him for two months. And the little ones missed him too.

During this period, Robbie was constantly worried about Zachary’s safety. He was relieved after knowing that his father was safe and sound.

Zachary, on the other hand, felt a pang of guilt toward Robbie and Ellie. “We’ll stay together forever as a family,” Zachary said in a gentle voice while embracing Robbie. “You are all my children, and I’ll not allow anyone to take you away.”

Robbie nodded obediently. “But how about Mommy? You said you’d take us to Mommy, right?”

“Of course.” Zachary stroked his head. “Daddy will never lie to you.”

“So...” Robbie bit his lips and mustered up his courage. “Can we bring Mommy home?”

Zachary froze for a bit and said in a deep voice. “If only she wishes to come home.”

“Mommy and Sir Louis are not married, aren’t they? She wouldn’t have returned to the country if she was married, right?” Robbie might be young, but he was an analytical child. “Do you think they’re still together?”

Upon hearing Louis’ name, Zachary instantly recalled what he saw in Arkfield.

Though the memory made him uncomfortable, he tried to remain composed. “Yes. They broke up.”

“Great!” Robbie exclaimed with joy. “Sir Louis is a nice man, but I still wish Daddy and Mommy could be together.”

“It’s night now. Come, let’s go to bed.” Zachary tried diverting his attention. “We’ll leave for Yaleview tomorrow morning.”

Robbie nodded and ran back to his room.

Zachary looked at the back of the cheerful boy, and a corner of his lips quirked up. But his smile disappeared seconds later.

He reached out for his glass of wine, swirled the drink, and went deep in thought.

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Chapter 1283 The Children Are Here

Charlotte could not sleep well lately. By the time she came out of the shower after sprucing up the garden, it was already two in the morning.

Despite feeling worn out, she could not sleep. She decided to get up to go through some old photos.

She, her father, and Mrs. Berry had taken many pictures when they were staying here years ago. But after Simon had taken over the property when her father was in trouble, he threw away everything in the house. She wondered where the Nacht family found these things.

All the sweet memories flashed across her mind as she flipped through the photo album. She felt a burst of warmth in her heart.

Before Charlotte knew it, the morning sun had risen, brightening the night sky.

Feeling utterly exhausted, she finally fell asleep while hugging the album.

She slept so well that she could not even hear Danrique's children calling her repeatedly.

Lupine walked up to the children and told them to keep quiet. "Aunt Charlotte is still sleeping. Let's go and play in the courtyard, shall we? There's goldfish and pretty flowers to play with."

"Okay!" the children answered loudly before covering their mouths to keep their volume down.

They then quietly followed Lupine downstairs. Before leaving for the courtyard, Lupine told Jade and Emma to call them once breakfast was ready.

Charlotte did not need to hire new maids since her eighteen bodyguards were capable of handling all the household chores.

Charlotte refused to hire maids not because she had no money. Money to her was never an issue even after the collapse of Lindberg Corporation. She just did not want to have strangers in the house, as this could cause her to be exposed to unnecessary risks.

Moreover, the bodyguards had nothing much to do during this period besides taking care of the three little ones.

Lupine and a few bodyguards accompanied the children and played games with them in the courtyard. All of a sudden, the sound of a car's engine emerged from the entrance. They instantly put their guard up.

Lupine instructed a few bodyguards to bring the children into the house with an eye signal. In the meantime, she and the other bodyguards went out to take a look.

As the gate opened, the bodyguard stationed at the entrance immediately reported to Lupine. "It's Mr. Nacht!"

"Mr. Nacht?" Lupine was surprised. She went up and was ready to greet him on his arrival.

Two jeeps and an extended Rolls-Royce arrived and parked outside the entryway.

Zachary and his three children gracefully got down from the car.

"Mr. Nacht!"

Charlotte, who did not believe what they said earlier, was stunned. Never in a million years did she expect to see Zachary here.

Zachary nodded and took a sidelong glance at the courtyard.

"Lupine!" Upon seeing Lupine from a distance, Ellie ran toward her and gave her a hug. "I'm so happy to see you. I'm sure Mommy is around, right?"

"Of course she is. She's still sleeping." Lupine carried Ellie in her arms and grinned. "I miss you, Ellie. Let me take a good look at you. Did you lose weight?"

"Yeah, coz I miss Mommy very much." Words stuck in Ellie's throat.

"I'll bring you to your Mommy." Lupine pinched her cheeks gently. She then turned to the two boys and said, "Robbie, Jamie, come on in!"

"Let them play in the living hall will do. Let's not disturb their Mommy," Zachary said in a calm voice.

He then turned around to the children and said, "We'll go and see her when she wakes up."

The little ones nodded. "Okay, Daddy."

Zachary smiled and rubbed their heads before walking into the villa.

In the meantime, Danrique's children ran out of a hidden corner upon hearing Robbie's and Ellie's voices. Before they could locate the children, they bumped into Zachary.

Zachary, who met them for the first time, raised his brows after studying them from head to toe. "Are these Danrique's daughters?"

Upon seeing Zachary, the three children immediately ran behind Morgan and hugged her thighs.

They cautiously popped their heads out from the sides to look at Zachary as if they were sizing up a monster.

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Chapter 1284 My Daddy Will Beat You Up

Alpha pouted her lips and stole a look at Zachary. "So you're Aunt Charlotte's husband?" she asked weakly.

Beside her, Beta glared at the man and nodded fervently. "It's him! He's the one who snatched Robbie, Ellie, and Jamie away at the vineyard."

“You’re one big brat!” Gamma interjected, sticking out her tongue at Zachary, “My daddy will beat you up!”

Zachary sniggered looking at the children. “Is this a threat? You guys can do much better, kids. Y’all are still babies.”

“Hmph! We’re not babies. You are!” Alpha shouted back, clenching her fists, “I want Ellie and Robbie back!”

“Yes! You’d better bring them back!”

Beta flexed her fists too, snarling at Zachary.

“Don’t be rude to my daddy!” A girl’s stern voice suddenly broke the tense ambient.

“Ellie!” The three girls screamed in excitement and ran toward Ellie. “We miss you so much!”

“I miss you guys too.”

Ellie hugged each of them and pulled them toward the courtyard to play with them.

“They are a fierce lot,” Robbie said, looking at the girls calmly.

Despite his detached demeanor, he actually missed the girls.

“Tell me about it,” Jamie said in agreement, “They are worse than Ellie when she was younger.”

“Worse, worse!” Little Fifi parroted her masters as she followed the two boys.

“Is that Little Fifi? She’s so cute!”

The three girls looked back when they heard the parrot.

“Be gentle with her, girls. Little Fifi is also part of our family,” Ellie reminded them as they ran toward the parrot. “Where’s Fifi?” Ellie asked.

"Fifi's resting in the attic. It's probably not used to the new environment," Morgan replied.

"Poor Fifi. We shouldn't bring it along when we travel. Fifi always falls sick at a new place," Ellie said sadly, "I'll go check on it later. Fifi might feel better seeing some familiar faces."

"It's okay. I will ask them to bring her over." With that said, Morgan went over to one of the men and asked him to bring the eagle over.

The children went on to play in the courtyard while waiting for Fifi. Meanwhile, Zachary went upstairs to look for Charlotte. It did not take him long before he found her room. She always preferred rooms facing the sun, so he guessed it must be the second room from the right.

Zachary was about to reach for the door handle when Lupine stopped him, but Ben was faster than her.

"What do you think you're doing?" Lupine seethed at Ben.

"Give them some time to talk. Nothing can go wrong," he replied.

"But..." Before Lupine could resist, Zachary had already pushed the door open.

The bright sunlight pierced into his view the moment he entered. Inside the room, Charlotte was sleeping soundly on the bed with a photo album in her arms.

A gentle breeze blew by, wafting the curtains against her slender legs as warm rays of the sun beat against her fair skin, yet Charlotte slept on soundly.

Zachary tiptoed over to close the window. He drew the curtains and looked back nostalgically at the woman in the bed.

He could not recall when the last time was he watched her up close, let alone the last time the two shared a quiet moment together.

Zachary suddenly felt being in her quiet presence was a luxury.

He went over and pulled the blanket over her before he took the album from her hands. He walked over to the couch and sat down, watching her silently.

This was enough for him. His heart was full to the brim just by looking at her.

Watching her brought back all the fond memories they had together. He remembered the first time they met and how they fell passionately in love.

They had their happy and bittersweet moments together—but in hindsight—they were all moments he cherished.

Although there were insurmountable hurdles along the way, those barriers that prevented their relationship were beginning to lose ground. This was the best time for them to get back together, but life was never this easy.