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Overwhelmed by sadness, Charlotte leaned over and wrapped her arms around him.

All this while, she played the role of a heartless woman to prevent him from figuring out that she had found out about his actual condition.

She has been counting down ever since the day the doctor shared the bad news with her.

He only has twenty-six days left! I need to get Francesco here during this time! Otherwise, his life is going to be at stake again!

Zachary figured he had gone overboard, looking at Charlotte's response. Thus, he confessed, "I'm really fine. It was just another attempt to pull your leg."

Unwilling to show him her vulnerable side, Charlotte went dead silent with her arms wrapped around him.

It doesn't make any sense! Has she figured out something's wrong with me? Why is she weeping?

"You wouldn't have sustained such a serious injury if it weren't because of the flower vase." Charlotte was guilty. After all, she was the reason he was injured in the first place.

Otherwise, his condition wouldn't be as severe; his life might not be at stake as well.

Zachary made use of the things she brought up and threatened, "You need to take care of me since I'm injured because of you."

Chuckling, she pinched his cheeks while asking, "Why are you bringing up something similar to the ones you've brought up at the hospital? What else do you want from me when I'm already here?"

"I'm not talking about the present! I want you to stay with me till death do us part!" Zachary repeated himself in a serious manner.

Irked, Charlotte reprimanded him, "What sort of nonsense are you talking about? Can you stop making it sound as if you're about to die in such a casual manner?" "|-|—"

"If you're really dead, I'll get married to someone else and get our children to acknowledge a stranger as their father!" It was finally Charlotte's turn to threaten him.

"How dare you!" Zachary's face scrunched up in irritation the moment he heard her.

"Go ahead and try me! On top of that, I'm going to spend all the fortune you're giving our children! Since no one is around to stop me, I'll splurge to my heart's content!"

"Charlotte, you..." Zachary was enraged. He felt a strong urge to vent his frustration on her, but he felt his limbs turn stiff when he tried moving around.

"What? You can't even move around without others' support! What else can you do?" Charlotte went all out in an attempt to provoke the man.

"You!" The man next to her glared at her in the eyes to express his frustration.

Charlotte found the helpless man hilarious, but she continued threatening him, "If you don't want that to happen, then listen to the doctor and stop being such a difficult patient! You can pick on me all you want once you're fully recovered! Otherwise, I'll bring upon the downfall of the Nacht family soon!"

Zachary was no longer infuriated when he figured out it was merely an attempt of hers to motivate him. He stretched his arms and held her in his arms intimately.

I know she's merely trying to provoke me and motivate me to stay alive. It seems like she's aware of the truth as well. She's just worried something bad is going to happen to me.

It's not really necessary to address the elephant in the room as long as she's here with me. I need nothing else as long as she's around.

Knock! Knock! Hanna walked into the duo in the middle of an emotional session. "I-I'll return in a while!"

Charlotte stopped her from leaving and requested, "It's fine, Mrs. Rawlston. Just hand me the oatmeal."

"Sure, Ms. Lindberg." Hanna rushed out of the room after she took a peek at the duo and placed the oatmeal on the nightstand.

Seated next to the man on the bed, Charlotte urged, "You need to hurry up and finish this."

He was against the idea of finishing the oatmeal, but he couldn't bear to turn Charlotte down since she truly cared about him.

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Apart from returning home to join her children for a meal in the evening, Charlotte spent most of her time taking care of Zachary. She would return to keep Zachary company once she tucked them in and read them to sleep.

Occasionally, she would drop by the hospital to check on Olivia and Lupine.

Lupine was recovering well. Her relationship status with Ben was confirmed. Therefore, Ben would drop by the hospital to take care of the injured woman.

Morgan was envious of her colleague. Although Ben wasn't as romantic as Marino, the former was quite a reliable man.

They had fallen for one another after making it through life-threatening situations more than once together. That was precisely the reason they knew they weren't supposed to take each other for granted.

Charlotte was glad those affiliated with her had finally found their significant half.

Olivia's condition had drastically improved after the surgical operation conducted by Helen.

Although it would take a long time until her complete recovery, Peter thought it was the best out of the worst possible outcome. He paid Charlotte and Zachary a visit to express his gratitude.

At that moment, everything seemed to progress smoothly, except she still couldn't get her hands on Danrique and Francesco's whereabouts.

Furthermore, Sean and Gordon had disappeared into thin air as well.

To make things worse, Robbie was having a tough time locating his targets.

Charlotte had no intention to pressure her son. Therefore, she tried getting in touch with Gordon. Soon, she figured out she wasn't supposed to do so. Otherwise, she might put Danrique and his party at risk.

Her mind was all over the place, but she had to put on a strong front, especially in front of Zachary and her children. Otherwise, the situation might get increasingly tense.

When Ben figured out the situation, he knew it was time for him to stop getting his hopes high. Thus, he started getting in touch with renowned specialists from all around the globe as an alternative.

Zachary had finally regained the capability to walk around without others' support after another five days.

His condition had improved significantly as well. However, his diet was under the strict regulation of Charlotte. She would make him different servings of oatmeal with a variety of condiments.

Initially, he thought it was fine. However, it merely took him a few days to figure out he was wrong. Occasionally, he would get his hands on things Charlotte forbade him from eating.

Charlotte would rush to him and stop him from finishing the food the moment the maid informed her.

Zachary stuffed the food he had to Ben and reprimanded the innocent man, "You need to stop tempting me with these! Aren't you aware I'm not allowed to eat these?"

"I-I'll keep that in mind and stay away from you whenever I'm eating in the future." Ben had to play along with his boss when he wasn't even the one at fault.

Glaring at the man she loved, she said, "You can have your favorite food once you're fully recovered, but please bear with me for the time being."

"All right, I'll keep that in mind."

Once Zachary nodded obediently, she urged, "Now, you need to head downstairs and finish your oatmeal for today."

Charlotte tiptoed and kissed him on the chin before walking out of the room.

Sighing, Zachary turned around and took another peek at his favorite snack Ben bought him.

I guess it's true when others consider health as wealth, huh? I can't even enjoy my favorite snack! Well, I need to make sure I'm in my prime again soon!

It was very ignorant of me to ignore dad's advice when he warned me to take good care of myself. I thought health would never be an issue bothering me, but I was very wrong.

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Three days later, Zachary was no longer a helpless patient. He could spend a few hours every day sorting out the pertaining issues requiring his attention.

Helen told Raina it was fine for Zachary to consume everything he desired. However, he wasn't supposed to tire himself or hurt himself again.

Thrilled by the great news, Zachary instructed Hanna to prepare the things he had been craving for ever since the day he regained consciousness.

Without a second thought, Hanna instructed the maids to get the ingredients ready for the feast to celebrate the joyous occasion.

Zachary, who was in a great mood, instructed Marino to pick up his children and nieces to join them for dinner. He promised to take them elsewhere for a stroll after the meal.

When Zachary learned of Lupine's discharge from the hospital, he asked Marino to invite Ben and Lupine to join them in the evening.

He instructed the maid to get the entire place decorated for the guests of Northridge and Southridge and thought of holding a banquet to celebrate the joyous occasion.

Things were lively for those affiliated with the family because it had been such a long time since they gathered for a feast.

As soon as everyone had their respective tasks assigned, they headed out to get everything ready.

Charlotte didn't stop Zachary as it had been such a long time since she last saw the man smiling. Moreover, the ones affiliated with them were equally thrilled. Hence, it wouldn't be wise to be a party pooper.

Zachary wrapped his arms around her and asked when he found her in the courtyard, "Are you happy?"

"Of course."

In truth, she wasn't happy at all because the man had only eighteen days left and Francesco had yet to be found.

Zachary seemed to be in his prime, but he had lost quite a lot of weight over the past few days. In fact, he was skinnier than he was before the accident.

She was heartbroken, but he couldn't care less and started carrying himself in a friendly and courteous manner whenever he was around others.

To be precise, he stopped reprimanding Ben and Marino over every trivial thing. Her mind was all over the place when she thought his drastic change of attitude had something to do with his condition.

Out of the blue, he asked, "Have you prepared the little ones' favorite chicken nuggets? You're not going to let them down, are you?"

"I've asked Mrs. Rawlston to get me the ingredients I need. Once Ben returns with the ingredients, I'll join them in the kitchen."

"Great!" Zachary was in a great mood. It almost felt as it was a banquet held for the festive season.

"Daddy, Mommy!"

"Uncle Zachary, Aunt Charlotte!"

Once Marino and Morgan returned with the little ones, the atmosphere got increasingly lively at the gigantic mansion.

Jamie and Ellie were about to catapult in the direction of their father, but Robbie warned them, "Don't forget Daddy's still not feeling well!"

They brought themselves to a halt in the nick of time and remained standing in their spot.

Meanwhile, the three little girls had come to Charlotte's side and shared the things they went through at the playschool with her.

Fifi was also there. It landed on a tree nearby to join the family of its owner.

"Robbie, Jamie, Ellie, come over here!" Zachary asked his children to join him, but they were afraid of hurting him.

"Daddy, how are you feeling? Are you still in pain?" Ellie caressed her father's cheek and asked in a hushed voice.

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"I'm fine. It doesn't really hurt anymore. See? I'm a strong man." Zachary showed his children his triceps, assuring them it wasn't a big deal.

"Hooray! Daddy has recovered!" Ellie started jumping for joy.

"Soon, I'll pick you up from your piano class again." Shortly after the man promised his daughter, he turned around and held Jamie in his arms. "Jamie, we can go for a soccer session too."

"Robbie, if there's anything you need, you can always let me know—"

"All right, that's it! Why don't all of you show your cousins the way around the mansion since they're here for the first time?" Charlotte interrupted their conversation because she was afraid he might hurt himself if he continued squatting.

"Sure, Mommy!"

Jamie and Ellie went to their cousins and brought them around the courtyard.

Robbie remained standing as he had something to tell his father. After much consideration, he changed his mind and thought of keeping his concerns to himself. "Daddy, I'll go ahead and join them as well."

Zachary spanked his son playfully and urged, "Run along now."

Robbie ran away with a smile, but he was heartbroken deep down. He knew their father hadn't recovered. Otherwise, their mother would not bring up something else to divert their attention.

"Why did you chase them away?" Zachary staggered as he felt lightheaded when he tried bringing himself up after squatting for a little more than a few minutes.

Thankfully, Charlotte was there to stop him from falling. In order to stop the man from overthinking things, she remarked in a sarcastic manner, "See? I'm sure it's one of the aftereffects of your injuries."

Despite saying so, the couple was fully aware that it was not the aftereffects of his injuries. However, they seemed to have a consensus to not address the elephant in the room.

He leaned over and whispered intimately, "Can you stop nagging me over something trivial? I have recovered. If you don't believe it, try me—"

"Ben and Lupine are here!" Charlotte rushed in the direction of the duo when he wasn't even done with his suggestive speech.

Zachary was slightly irritated since he was very close to persuading her to spend a night with him. Nonetheless, he was glad Charlotte had a great time with her friends from Northridge.

It was finally time for the commencement of the banquet since everything was ready after a few hours of preparation.

Zachary asked the members of the household, including the maids and the bodyguards, to join them for the first time in forever, expressing his gratitude towards their hard work over the years.

The man was never a friendly figure throughout the past twenty-eight years.

The ones who were unaware of the things going on were touched and thought they were finally acknowledged. Meanwhile, the ones who were aware of his actual condition were upset.

They knew he wished to return the favor of those around him since he might not make it through another fortnight.

It seemed to be another banquet for a joyous occasion, but that was not the case—it might be the last supper for Zachary.

With that being said, there were only a few aware of Zachary's actual condition. He thought of keeping it confidential to stop troubling others.

It was the same for Charlotte—she had to force a smile and join the rest in spite of the concerns she had in her mind.

Similarly, Ben and Zachary's most-trusted aides pretended as if they weren't aware of the truth and joined the rest to have some fun.

"Thanks, Mr. Nacht!"

Surprised by the speech that came out of nowhere, most of them brought themselves up from their seats to express their gratitude.

"Just take a seat and enjoy yourself for the night!" Zachary beckoned the rest to remain seated since it was merely a gathering amongst close acquaintances.

"Hooray, it's finally time for dinner!" The little girls officiated the banquet with their cheers.

The rest started savoring the dishes along with the commencement of the symphony.

Charlotte served Zachary a serving of steak and asked, "I made this. Give it a try."

Surprised by her announcement, he asked, "Are you serious? Since when have you learned to prepare steak?"

He took a bite and remarked, "Mmm! It tastes not bad at all!"

Chuckling, Charlotte said, "I'm glad it turns out fine because this is the only successful one amongst the several pieces I have prepared."