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Chapter 1557 The Real Professional

Those words don't sound like anything that Zachary would ever say.

Spencer stared at him, and his frown deepened.

"Just sign, Ms. Lindberg," Rodney said quietly. "It'll be better for everyone."

Without another word, Charlotte simply picked up the pen and signed her name onto the documents.

Chris' eyes lit up at the sight of the thick sheaf of papers.

Even Kallum was clearly excited.

"Good," Spencer said in a low voice at the sight of Charlotte's signatures. "You can leave now. I will settle things with the board of directors."

Charlotte remained silent and glared at Chris before turning to leave.

Immediately, Morgan and the other two bodyguards followed closely behind her.

The bodyguards opened up a path for them to walk through while everybody else simply stared at them.

Lucy continued watching Charlotte with the intention to go and talk to her, but in the end, she simply remained rooted to her spot.

Everyone in the president's office watched as Charlotte left, but none of them dared to come up and talk to her.

Some executives even cursed, "She was let off too easily."

Meanwhile, Charlotte, Morgan, and the others walked into the elevator.

It was about to close when Johann suddenly emerged from the crowd and said softly, "Take care of the kids, Charlotte! I know we'll meet again."

Charlotte nodded quietly.

After walking out of the elevator, she got into the car.

Morgan finally exploded, "What the hell was up with all those people? They're so shameless! All they do is trim their sails to the wind."

"Hasn't Lupine replied?" one of the bodyguards asked carefully. "Have they found Mr. Nacht?"

"It's impossible to find him this quickly," Morgan said in disappointment. "While waiting for the results, I was in contact with Lupine the whole time. They've been putting their all into looking for him, but nothing's coming up."

"Then what was the phone call from before?"

"I purposely asked Lupine to make the call," Morgan replied. "We wanted to get to that imposter and make him think we already found Mr. Nacht so that he would panic and hopefully expose himself."

"I see!"

The two bodyguards nodded in surprise.

"We would have succeeded too if it weren't for the mastermind calling him at the last minute," Morgan said angrily. "Ms. Lindberg was doing so well! That imposter was no match for her, but that mastermind truly does have a few tricks up his sleeve."

"You're right."

"Morgan!" Charlotte said urgently, suddenly remembering something. "Go to Garden Villa and pick up the kids right now."

"All right," Morgan said, instantly starting the car.

"Call Gordon and ask him to arrange for people to greet us there," Charlotte continued.

"Understood." One of the bodyguards immediately made the call.

"Drive faster, Morgan."

Charlotte had a bad feeling that that evil man would do something to her kids. If they managed to get their hands on her kids, she wouldn't have anything left.

With her soft spot in their hands, all she could do was accept her fate.

"Ms. Lindberg, I can't get through to Gordon," one of the bodyguards said anxiously. "What do we do?"

"Call Lupine and tell her to return first."

Charlotte was really beginning to panic now. She was finally aware that she may have underestimated the mastermind.

Before that, she had assumed that she was doing well and that everything was going her way, but only now did she realize that everything had been in Jesse's control the whole time.

For every step that she made, he was always one step ahead of her. He had managed to predict everything she would do and even used Chris as a pawn for his plan, making her assume that he was merely on the same level as Chris.

Now, she finally realized that he was using Chris' incompetence to hide his actual capability.

Even now, he had complete control over every single detail. If he got his hands on the kids, there was nothing they could do even if Zachary returned.

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Chapter 1558 Underestimated

Charlotte grew more anxious the more she thought about it and kept urging Morgan, "Drive faster!"

"This is the fastest I can go, Ms. Lindberg," Morgan said, almost in tears from nerves herself. "This is a public road, and there are a lot of other cars and pedestrians here. If I go any faster, we'll get into trouble."

"Tell the other family members to go to Garden Villa and pick up the kids," Charlotte said, beginning to think of other solutions. "Tell everyone to be there. Now."

"Okay!"

"Ms. Lindberg, are you saying that that monster is going to do something to the kids?" Morgan said, panicking. "Mr. Spencer's people would protect them, right? Even in the worst-case scenario, they should be able to hold out until we get there!"

"Spencer's men won't be able to last that long."

Charlotte picked up her phone and tried to call Robbie but to no avail.

This only made her more anxious. "Sh*t. They've probably been lying in wait for a long time. I can't believe they acted right after I signed that contract."

"It can't be," Morgan hurriedly said. "Didn't you say that Mr. Lindberg's guys would protect them in hiding? Nothing will happen to them."

"They were supposed to, but after what happened today, I'm afraid all of Danrique's guys are helping to look for Zachary."

Charlotte was kicking herself inwardly, and she hated herself for taking so long to think of something so important.

She thought revealing to Chris that they were looking for Zachary would result in the mastermind conducting a search for him too.

Now, however, she realized that that person had only sent a portion of his people to go after Zachary just to throw her off. The real threat was probably already lying in wait at Garden Villa, just waiting to get their claws on her children.

"Sh*t!" Morgan said and stepped on the gas pedal harder. "All we can do right now is pray."

Charlotte picked up her phone and called Gordon, but he wasn't picking up, possibly looking for Zachary in a place without cell reception.

"Ms. Lindberg, we can't get through to Lupine either," one of her bodyguards reported urgently.

At that moment, Charlotte was gritting her teeth in anger. She couldn't believe how smart that person was. He had probably intended to lead the others to an area without reception so that he could ambush them.

All of this was practically too perfect of a plan.

The more stupid Chris acted, the more she underestimated Jesse.

That was precisely why she had miscalculated everything.

Beep...

Suddenly, Charlotte's phone rang. She picked it up only to see Spencer's name.

Immediately, she answered, "Spencer?"

"What's going on? Did your subordinates come to pick up your kids?" Spencer asked urgently.

"What? Someone already picked up the kids?" Charlotte asked urgently. "When? Who was it? Were Cain and Kyle not watching them?"

“The two of them and a couple of other subordinates got taken away in a long SUV.”

Spencer’s voice was low, but he sounded extremely urgent nonetheless. “Believe me. Whether or not they’re Zachary’s kids, I don’t want anything to happen to them. Besides, you know I’m on your side.”

“I know,” Charlotte cut him off and tried her best to control her emotions. “Listen to me, Spencer. I’ll settle this on my own, but you have to follow our original plan. Don’t change anything because of this.”

“Are the kids really okay?”

“I’ll do my best to save them. Besides, Danrique’s kids are there too. There’s no way he would let anything happen to them.”

“Okay,” Spencer said, breathing a sigh of relief. “Johann and I are still here at the company. Protect yourself and the kids.”

“Got it.”

After hanging up, Charlotte thought about it for a second before calling Nancy.

She only picked up after a while. In a soft voice, she answered, “Hello?”

“Nancy, if anything happens to my kids, I’m going to drag the entire Gold family to hell with me.”

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Chapter 1559 I Owe You One

“What are you telling me all this for? It’s not like I’m involved,” Nancy said coldly, almost hanging up.

“You can choose whether you want to be the hero or the villain right now,” Charlotte said urgently. “Just tell me your father’s phone number and identification number. That will save six kids. Both the Nacht family and the Lindberg family will owe you one!”

Nancy fell silent for a few seconds and murmured, “Crazy.” before hanging up.

“Hello? Hey!”

Charlotte called out a few times urgently, gritting her teeth in anger. She thought she had lost all hope when she suddenly received a text.

Immediately, she opened it to see Jesse's phone number and identification number.

Charlotte immediately copied the numbers and pasted them into the software that Robbie had invented to find his location.

At that moment, the car was already driving into the Garden Villa's gates.

The bodyguards from Northridge had also rushed over.

Spencer's bodyguards also emerged, and the three convoys met in the middle of the junction before they went to report to Charlotte urgently.

"Ms. Lindberg, some people from Mr. Zachary's side suddenly showed up to fetch the kids. Cain and Kyle were about to go with them when they realized that something was wrong, but before they could do anything, those people had brought away the entire convoy."

"Why didn't you stop them in time?" Charlotte asked in frustration.

"By the time we realized it, the convoy had already driven away, and we immediately called Mr. Spencer--"

"Okay," Charlotte cut them off. She knew these were just a bunch of old, retired bodyguards who only had to protect Spencer most of the time. It was only natural that they weren't the most alert or skilled, and she knew she couldn't ask so much of them.

As for Cain and Kyle, they had been dragged away too.

Whoever had kidnapped them probably held the kids' safety over their heads, rendering them unable to resist.

Nevertheless, it was useless to think about all of this now.

"Ms. Lindberg, after a thorough search, we think they've gone toward the northwest," the Northridge group reported.

"Go after them, quick," Charlotte commanded.

"Yes, Ms. Lindberg."

"You guys will stay here and inform me of any updates," Charlotte told Spencer's bodyguards before rushing away.

All they knew was that the group of kidnapers was headed northwest, but none of them was sure exactly where they had gone.

Charlotte made them split up to hasten the search while she used Robbie's software to find Jesse.

However, because Charlotte wasn't a professional, she wasn't familiar enough with the software to use it properly.

Suddenly, Johann called. "Charlotte, do you happen to know who kidnapped the kids? If you have their information, I can find them through satellite tracking."

"Thank you, Johann!"

Charlotte immediately sent the phone number and identification number to him.

"I'll get started right now. Wait for me, all right?"

"Thank you so much!" Charlotte said, incredibly grateful.

Time was of the essence, so Charlotte brought her own team to look for her kids all over the place while waiting for Johann's tracking to work.

All she wanted right now was to find her kids.

Suddenly, Raina and Bruce called and asked what happened.

In order to confuse Chris, Charlotte hadn't told Raina and Bruce that it was a ruse. They had fallen for it and actually went to look for Zachary, but after finding out that it was an act, they heard from the Lindberg bodyguards that the kids had been kidnapped.

With that, the two of them immediately split up to begin searching.

Raina brought the men back to the hospital to look for Ellie while Bruce gathered more people to help Charlotte so they could find the other five kids.

Soon enough, Raina sent over some good news. It turned out that Ellie was at the hospital and was completely safe.

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Chapter 1560 Rescue

Gordon had always been steady and trustworthy. He left behind several trusted men to stay put at the hospital to protect Ellie while he left with his other subordinates to look for Zachary.

Previously, someone tried to sneak into the hospital to abduct Ellie. However, they did not manage to do it successfully.

Now, she was finally in safe hands under the protection of those men.

With that, Charlotte could heave a sigh of relief. She urged Raina to help her take good care of Ellie.

In a sincere tone, Raina answered, "Rest assured, Ms. Lindberg. Ellie is Mr. Nacht and your child. I will protect her with my life!"

Charlotte was moved by Raina's response.

She was worried that Bruce and Raina would believe in those lies and misunderstand her. Nonetheless, they chose to trust and stand by her even when she did not give them any form of explanation.

"Bruce thinks the same too," Raina added. "And the Elite Eighteen as well. We've always kept Mr. Nacht's words in mind and are determined to protect you and the kids no matter what!"

"Thank you."

In truth, Charlotte was a little guilty of not divulging the truth to Raina, Bruce, and the rest when she found out that Chris was an imposter. She had done that as she wanted to garner their most authentic reactions to coordinate with her act.

Even till the later part of the plan, she did not tell any of them. Yet, they still chose to believe her like how they always did.

Disappointment engulfed her when her fellow comrades who stood by her had turned their back on her and chose to keep their distance at a critical time like when she left Divine Corporation.

Only till now did she realize that she was never alone.

"Go ahead with your work. I'll be here at the hospital."

"All right."

After concluding the call, Charlotte led the others and resumed the search. Nonetheless, they were searching everywhere blindly as they had too few clues. That method was not particularly effective, and hence they could only pin all their hopes on Johann.

Because this was a critical matter involving classified information, Johann had to personally do the work alone since it was not an option for them to enlist the help of other experts.

Johann had been an expert in technology since young. He had participated in many developments of the technological products of the Divine Corporation, and hence he was very familiar with tracking software. It was a pity that their rival seemed to have high-security settings for their communication devices.

Besides, he was no longer as fit as in the past due to his old age. Coupled with how he was not feeling well that day, it was not an easy feat to brace himself through and brainstorm for ideas.

Time ticked by, and Charlotte was only getting more and more anxious. She had ordered her subordinate to retrieve the surveillance camera footage but could only lay their hands on the one outside Garden Villa.

As for the footage for other parts of the roads, they could only wait for the police to provide them.

She had contacted the police, but the latter required them to provide case information, then file for an investigation before they could check the surveillance cameras and look for the culprit.

Those processes only made the situation even more complicated.

Just as things were becoming stagnant and there was no breakthrough point, a call from Johann suddenly rang. On the phone, he said agitatedly, "Robbie has sent a clue. I've managed to find them..."

"That's great news!"

Despite receiving that piece of clue, Charlotte did not hurry over with her subordinates. Instead, she dismissed everyone else and only took Morgan and Bruce along with her.

"Just the three of us, Ms. Lindberg? Will we be able to save them?" Morgan seemed uneasy.

"It'll be too obvious if too many people are there," Charlotte said as she frowned. "Now that the kids are in their hands, it'll be bad if they harm them."

"Got it." Morgan nodded. "I'll save them even if it's at the expense of my life."

"No need to do that. Your task is to drive the car, take the kids, and leave with you," Charlotte instructed. "You have to remember that no matter what happens, put the kids' safety as the priority."

"Ms. Lindberg..."

"This is an order," Charlotte snapped.

"Yes." Morgan did not dare to comment any further and immediately got into the car.

"Bruce..." Charlotte turned to look at him. "You're the most skilled person here, and that's why you're the only one I can bring with me. But I'm afraid it's going to be very dangerous..."

"Ms. Lindberg, you don't need to worry." Bruce understood her meaning well. "Mr. Nacht gave me my life. As a member of the Nacht family, I'm not afraid of death!"

"Thank you." Even though Charlotte was overwhelmed with mixed emotions on the inside, she did not say anything more. "Let's get in the car."

"Sure."