

Mistaking a Magnate for a Male Escort

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I have made countless mistakes while claiming that it's all for Zachary's own good. My actions have caused irreparable damages to Charlotte, created an unbridgeable gap for Zachary, and left their three kids traumatized... I used to wonder why they kept blaming me for everything, but now I realize I was just being self-righteous...

As if to mirror Henry's feelings of regret, the sky began raining outside.

Upon returning to his room, Zachary removed all of his clothes and took a long shower to wash off all traces of poison on his body.

He even had Raina destroy those potentially contaminated clothes just to be safe.

Zachary had just finished showering when Ben came running in with shocking news. "We just got a call from the police. Cynthia has died from the poison along the way. According to them, she was bleeding from every orifice. It's a very gruesome sight to behold."

"She tried to poison Charlotte with something so deadly and ended up drinking it herself. I'd say she had it coming!" Zachary bellowed with a frown.

"Yeah, that was some nasty stuff. Thank goodness Ms. Lindberg didn't drink any of it. Putting that aside, are you sure you're okay? You had that poison spilled all over your face earlier!" Ben was still shaken up by the whole ordeal.

"I'm fine. I made sure not to drink any of it." Zachary was confident and even held his hands out as he continued, "I mean, look at me! I'm perfectly fine, aren't I? If I were poisoned, the symptoms would've shown by now."

"I guess you're right..."

Ben mumbled as he eyed Zachary from head to toe and confirmed that he was truly okay.

"What else did the police say? What happened to the other accomplices?" Zachary asked.

"Taylor is currently being investigated for conspiring with Cynthia, and Synder Group has been seized by the police. We have also received a full refund of the money that we have invested in the company. Everything is as you predicted, sir!"

"Very well."

Zachary sat down on the sofa, and Ben poured him a glass of wine as he continued, "Marino called. He said he found Dr. Felch and has contacted him through Ms. Lindberg just now. Dr. Felch agreed to come over to H City the moment he heard Ms. Lindberg was still alive. Marino has prepared a private jet for this trip, and he will be flying tonight."

Zachary breathed a sigh of relief. "That's good to know. With his treatment, Ellie will be able to rid her body of the poison completely..."

"It's happy endings for everyone! All that's left is for us to take care of Sharon and Zara!" Ben exclaimed.

"Keep a close eye on Sharon. Do not let her get away again," Zachary ordered.

"Don't worry, I've reinforced the security this time. She's not going anywhere!"

"As for Zara... We'll have to come up with a new plan. All right, that's all for now. You can head on downstairs," Zachary said, seemingly in deep thought.

"Yes, sir."

Zachary took a sip of his wine and put on a new change of clothes after Ben left. He was about to go see his kids when he felt a slight discomfort in his eyes.

He gave it a little rub and looked in a mirror, but a slight redness at the corner of his eyes was all he saw. Dismissing it as a result of overworking lately, Zachary didn't give it much thought and went to see his kids.

The scene that greeted him when he entered their room had him frozen in surprise.

Robbie and Jamie were helping Ellie put a jigsaw puzzle together. Little Fifi was standing on top of Ellie's head, and the eagle from the Lindberg residence was perched on a rack next to Robbie, staring at them while they played.

With a sharp look in its eyes, the eagle spread its wings and flew toward Zachary when he came in through the door.

Zachary was about to punch at it when Robbie casually shouted, "Fifi! Get back here!"

The eagle shot Zachary a cold glare before returning to its original spot and continued staring at them.

"Your mommy left it behind?" Zachary asked.

"Mommy said Fifi could protect us while she's gone."

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Jamie looked up at Zachary and asked, "Where's Mommy, Daddy?"

Zachary reached out and gently ruffled his hair as he replied, "Mommy left just now."

The kids got all sad when they heard that, and Ellie looked like she was about to cry while Robbie had his head hung low.

“When will Mommy come back?” Jamie asked anxiously.

“Soon. She’ll come back once Daddy has taken care of some problems,” Zachary said in a gentle tone.

“Really?” Ellie looked at him expectantly.

Zachary gave her a pinch on the cheek. “Of course! Since when has Daddy ever lied to you? All right, Daddy has to go out for a bit. There will be a huge search in the house today, so make sure to stay in your room, okay? Don’t go running around the house, got it?”

“Got it!” The kids nodded obediently.

Zachary gave them each a hug before getting ready to leave. Robbie then walked him to the door and asked all of a sudden, “Did you manage to catch the person who poisoned us, Daddy?”

“Hmm?” Zachary froze. I didn’t say a word about what happened, so how did he know?

“It was Ms. Cynthia, wasn’t it?” Robbie added.

“Yeah, but Daddy has already taken care of that. Mommy wasn’t angry or anything when she left, so don’t you worry!”

Robbie breathed a sigh of relief. “I am glad to hear that!”

Zachary gave him a pat on the head. “All right, go back inside now.”

“Okay! I’ll be sure to protect Jamie and Ellie!”

“You’re a kid too, you know? You need protection too, so keep yourself safe before looking after them,” Zachary said with a gentle smile.

“Got it, Daddy!”

Nacht Group has lost a lot of money due to the recent clashes with Lindberg Corporation and the issue with Synder Group. Now that we’ve recovered over forty billion and taken care of some issues, I’ll have to do some restructuring at the company...

Zachary thought to himself as he hurried off.

He was about to get in the car when Raina called out to him and said, “The flowers in the garden restaurant have all withered, Mr. Nacht! It’s most probably caused by the poison spilled on the ground by Cynthia earlier. There may still be traces of the poison in the house, so I suggest that we have Mr. Henry and the kids move out as a safety measure.”

“Have them move over to Grandpa’s villa immediately. Have you informed Mr. Spencer about this?” Zachary said decisively.

“Yes, I have. Mr. Spencer agrees with the idea and is currently having Mr. Henry’s men make the arrangements,” Raina replied.

“Bruce!” Zachary shouted.

“I’m here!” Bruce came running over.

“I want you to escort them there. Bring some extra guys with you to be safe,” Zachary ordered.

“Got it, I’ll get to it right away!” Bruce replied and got to work immediately.

“Raina, you stay back and check the house thoroughly. I want the place cleaned up completely.”

“Yes, sir! Don’t you worry!”

Having taken care of things, Zachary then drove off in a hurry.

Ben gave him a brief report along the way. “We’ve just received news about Ms. Nacht’s scandals being posted online with evidence to back it up. It’s attracting a lot of attention as we speak.”

Johann's call came in immediately after. "Mr. Nacht, the outside of the office building is surrounded by journalists! Also, there are men from the Commercial Crimes Investigation Bureau here. They'll need your full cooperation to aid in the investigation!"

Zachary frowned. "What's going on?"

"My guess is that Ms. Nacht's incident has affected our company. I'll represent you and help them with the investigation for now, so please figure out a solution as soon as possible!" Johann said anxiously.

"Don't go anywhere! I'm almost at the office, so we'll discuss this when I arrive."

"All right. I'll tell them to wait, then."

Zachary then looked up Zara's news on the internet and saw that the crimes she committed had all been exposed online.

Murder, arson, arms trafficking, commercial fraud... They've listed out her crimes with pictures and videos attached to support the post. There are also some detailed evidence included for several murders involving the royal family...

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The news about it had spread like wildfire across all forms of media, and Nacht Group was mentioned in every title.

The press had confused the public by collectively referring to Zara's company as "Nacht Group", the netizens assumed everything the Nacht family owned was involved, including Divine Corporation which belonged to Zachary.

Zachary furrowed his brows when he saw those articles being rapidly spread all over the internet. Oh my... one problem after another! I knew my battle with Danrique had begun the day I wrongly accused him of poisoning Ellie, and now he's officially made his move! Who says the Lindberg family sucks at corporate warfare? This act alone makes it obvious that Danrique is no

pushover! Zara is a member of the Nacht family and could represent the Nacht Group. That's why I held back against her instead of going all out. Knowing this, Danrique gathered evidence on Zara's crimes and post them all online to destroy the company's reputation!

Ben frowned. "Danrique sure is a cunning one... Zara had clearly left the family and started her very own company long ago, but he just had to link her with Nacht Group..."

"Well, she does own some of Nacht Group's shares. It isn't much, but it's enough to qualify her as a shareholder, so I can't sue the media companies for using our company name anyway. This is what's clever about Danrique's strategy," Zachary said calmly.

"What do we do now? All of Nacht Group will be affected if Zara can't clean up this mess!" Ben asked with a frown.

"She wouldn't do so even if she could. Her goal was to get me involved so I'd fix it for her. Because we're both Nachts, we either survive this together or go down together!" Zachary explained with a sarcastic sneer.

Ben clenched his teeth in anger. "How despicable! Do you think she might have released the information online as a means of making a comeback?"

"No. Her company has been in shambles long ago, and Broid Group isn't doing well either. There's no way she could possibly pay that many media companies to do her bidding, so this is obviously Danrique's doing!" Zachary said with certainty.

Ben nodded. "I suppose that's true... She's about to lose all of her properties, so she's desperately trying to fight for your inheritance rights."

"Things are going to get messy if she finds out that Grandpa has already written his will."

Zachary's phone rang right as he was about to give Spencer a call, and he answered the phone immediately, "Hello, Mr. Spencer."

"I've seen the news about Zara online, but I'm keeping them hidden from Mr. Henry for now. After what he's been through today, I don't want to agitate him any further. There's no way he'd be able to take it," Spencer said in a low voice.

"Yeah, let's not tell him for now. Make sure to keep a tight lid on his will, or that woman will really go nuts if she finds out!" Zachary reminded him sternly.

"I know. The only people who know about it are you, me, Charlotte, Cynthia, and Taylor. Since Taylor has been arrested, I don't think he'll be able to get the word out."

"I'll send someone to make the arrangements at the police station. Keep a close eye on Grandpa for me."

"I will, don't worry."

Zachary then had Ben call up their contacts at the police station and have them watch over Taylor to prevent him from talking.

Having taken care of everything, Zachary glanced at the nearby Northridge villa and thought to himself.

Charlotte should be home by now, so she probably knows about this too... I wonder what her stance is regarding Danrique exposing Zara and dragging Nacht Group down with her... Well, even if she supports him, her actions would be perfectly justified. Our family owes her way too much, after all. When will this battle finally end?

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At Northridge...

Meanwhile, Charlotte had gotten a change of clothes and was lounging on the white leather sofa in her study room while talking on the phone.

She had found out all about Zara's news and knew how fatal the consequences could be for Nacht Group if the situation continued to worsen.

She then gave Danrique a call and was able to get through rather quickly.

"Hey, Danrique..."

"Are you home?" Danrique's tone was as cold as ice.

Looks like he knew about me staying over at the Nacht residence... In that case, he probably also knows what happened to me. I'm guessing that's why he got mad and did all this to avenge me! Charlotte thought to herself as she glanced at Lupine.

Regardless, she still felt the need to explain herself. "Yeah, I'm home. Ellie was very ill due to the poison, so I got worried and..."

Danrique cut her off coldly. "You could just bring the child back for treatment if you're that worried. The Nacht family isn't the only one with private doctors, you know?"

"Right..." Unlike most other sisters who would argue or behave coquettishly with their brothers, all Charlotte showed was admiration, respect, and obedience toward Danrique.

Besides, it was pointless for her to explain any further since he already knew about her going there.

"Even if you're there to look after your child, you shouldn't let others bully you. There wasn't much you could do about it back then, but you're a Lindberg now! You're my sister, and you shouldn't let anyone treat you like that!"

Danrique felt his blood boil at the thought of Charlotte being humiliated and bullied by Henry.

Charlotte felt touched when she heard the anger in his voice.

So this is how it feels like to have your family stand up for you... I used to be all by myself and could only tolerate or avoid those who walked all over me, but things are different now! I have my cousin brother who will protect and avenge me! I will never forget how Henry trusted Cynthia and had his bodyguards pin me down so they could put me in shackles... I chose not to take my revenge on him because of the kids, but Danrique won't do the same. Everything he's doing right now is payback for the humiliation the Nacht family has put me through!

"Do not forget the pain you felt simply because the wound has healed. Do not forget how the Nachts have hurt you, how Sharon humiliated you in Coldbridge, how Mrs. Berry died, and how your wedding gown was stained red with blood! Remember the purpose of your return, Charlotte! You're back to avenge yourself and Mrs. Berry! Don't let Zachary's sweet words deceive you! We Lindbergs are not spineless cowards!" Danrique shouted angrily and hung up immediately after, leaving Charlotte with conflicted feelings.

Of course, I haven't forgotten about my hatred for them! I've been searching for Zara and Sharon to get my revenge, but I just can't bring myself to hurt Henry and Zachary because of how much my kids love them! I don't even wish for what Danrique did to happen!

"I'm sorry, Ms. Lindberg... I got really mad when I heard from Jade about you being bullied at the Nacht residence. On top of that, your condition has relapsed, and you were short on your medication. I got worried about your safety, so I gave Mr. Lindberg a call. I didn't think he would blow things out of proportion like this just to avenge you. I'm really sorry..." Lupine apologized softly.

Ben would probably blame me for what happened if he knew about me telling on them. He told me a lot about Zachary and Charlotte when we were tracking Sharon down, and I found myself wavering after hearing the stuff he said. But then, I got all worked up when I came back and found out that Charlotte was bullied, and I made that phone call...

Lupine felt incredibly uneasy at the thought of that.

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"It's fine. You were just doing your job. This isn't your fault. What Danrique did was right. Zara should be punished for her crimes. Since we can't find her after she went into hiding, this is the only way to flush her out," Charlotte said after slowly calming down and analyzing the situation rationally.

Lupine frowned. "But we've gotten Mr. Nacht caught up in the mess as well! Everyone is pointing their fingers at Nacht Group right now, especially those who aren't in the business industry. They don't know that Zara has cut ties with the Nacht family. The general public still regards her as a member of the Nacht family, so everything she does will be associated with them as well. I bet Zara is overjoyed seeing the chain reaction that's taking place right now! She knows Mr. Nacht will do everything to resolve the issue or the entire family would go down with her. In other words, Mr. Nacht is the one most severely impacted by this!"

Charlotte went silent upon hearing that.

Of course, I know that! That's why I called Danrique earlier to try and stop him, but he shut me down with a lecture before I could even get a word out! The fact that he's doing it to avenge me removes whatever justification I have for my request. Henry is the one at fault, and while I may be willing to put up with it, that doesn't mean Danrique would do the same!

"This will worsen the gap between you and Mr. Nacht. You must be feeling really upset, right?" Lupine asked softly while giving her a sympathetic look.

Charlotte shot her a cold glare in response. "What has Ben told you?"

Lupine quickly lowered her head to avoid eye contact. "N-Nothing... We had near-death experiences together while tracking Sharon down together, so it's perfectly normal for things to get a little weird between us..."

Charlotte saw right through her excuses and let out a wry chuckle. "Huh... I haven't even gotten my revenge, and he's already stolen two of my closest subordinates from me?"

Lupine was quick to deny it. "That's not true, Ms. Lindberg! I'll definitely take your side if you get into conflict with the Nacht family! I won't waver because of my personal feelings!"

"I know you won't. I have never doubted the loyalty of the people Danrique assigns to me!" Charlotte said with a gentle smile.

Lupine patted herself on the chest in relief. "Oh, thank goodness... You scared me..."

"I am curious, though. What exactly has Ben told you?" Charlotte asked curiously.

"He said you and Mr. Zachary were in love with each other, but Mr. Henry refused to accept you because of your identity as a Lindberg and the fact that your mother had inadvertently caused the death of Mr. Zachary's parents. That's why Mr. Henry has strongly objected to your marriage," Lupine said softly.

Charlotte nodded. "I remember that. If I'm not mistaken, Mr. Henry only found out about it on the day of the wedding because Zara told him. Honestly, I don't really hate that old man all that much because I never saw him as a family, to begin with. He's just an outsider to me, and I don't care what outsiders think of me, but Zachary is different. He told me we were once deeply in love with each other, and that we have three children. Together, we set foot in the church and exchanged wedding rings... We were each other's dearest, so why would he betray and give up on me? I never understood that. If it were me, I would insist on staying with the person I love, regardless of how Danrique objected. I would never choose to give in like a coward, let alone marry someone else. That's the difference between Zachary and I!"

"Ben also told me that you were having a relapse from the poison at the time, so Mr. Nacht had temporarily given in to Mr. Henry's demands so he could get you the antidote..."

Charlotte didn't want to hear any more of it. "That was just an excuse. All right, that's enough. We're going to see Morgan at the hospital, so hurry up and get ready."

"Understood!"

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The sky was gloomy when they left the house and looked like it was going to rain soon.

Fortunately, Lupine had prepared noise-canceling headphones and could pass them over to Charlotte if it started raining.

They stumbled upon about a dozen cars from the Nacht family traveling in a straight line along the way, and it looked like something big had happened.

"What's going on? Are they moving houses or what?" Lupine asked as she stared at the convoy in front of them.

"Maybe they're worried that Cynthia has hidden her poison somewhere else. Either that or they've discovered something and are evacuating the house until it is completely cleansed."

The sound of an eagle was heard while Charlotte spoke, and Lupine quickly had the driver slow down while she rolled the window down.

Fifi the eagle then flew into the car with Fifi the parrot riding on its back.

Fifi the parrot was gripping tightly onto Fifi's feathers for fear of falling off, and it was glancing about curiously in the back seat of the car.

Lupine couldn't resist the urge to tease Little Fifi when she saw it. "Haha, what are you doing here, little guy? Aww, look at you! You're still shaking!"

"I didn't expect for you two to become friends," Charlotte said as she reached out, prompting Little Fifi to fly onto the back of her hand and nuzzle against her cheek.

Charlotte gave it a gentle pat on the head before turning to look at Fifi the eagle and saw a little note in its mouth.

The note read: We're waiting for you to come home, Mommy!

Robbie, Jamie, and Ellie's signatures could be seen at the bottom of the note, and Charlotte felt touched when she saw it.

"Mommy! Mommy!"

The voices of the kids came from outside the window.

Lupine ordered the driver to bring their car closer so both Rolls-Royces were driving side by side, and the kids waved at Charlotte from inside the car.

Jamie got a little too excited and stuck his head out of the window, only to be dragged back inside by Ben. "Hey, that's dangerous!"

Ben then gestured at Lupine to ask if she would like to pull over for a chat.

Lupine glanced at Charlotte, who shook her head and leaned in closer to the kids as she said, "Get back in your seats, kids! Mommy will come and see you in a couple of days!"

"Okay, Mommy..." the kids replied as they obediently returned to their seats.

Lupine then gestured at Fifi, prompting it to fly out of the car window and return to the kids with Little Fifi.

Charlotte waved at them with the note in hand as her car slowly drew further away from theirs.

She felt her eyes redden when she saw the kids leaning against the back seat and staring at her longingly.

"You'll be able to see them very soon. I heard Marino has found Dr. Felch, and he'll be arriving in H City tonight," Lupine comforted her.

"Find out which flight he'll be taking," Charlotte instructed.

"Roger!"

The sky began to drizzle all of a sudden, and it was already nighttime when Charlotte arrived at the hospital.

She then headed over to Morgan's ward with her subordinates and was about to enter when she heard her anxious voice from inside, "Why did you come back ahead of schedule all of a sudden?"

"I got worried when I heard you were shot, so I came back in advance," Marino said.

"Where is Dr. Felch? Did he come with you?" Morgan asked worriedly.

"He's arriving on a private jet. I'll head over to the airport in a bit."

"You... are you crazy? How dare you disobey your orders like that? Zachary would punish you severely if he finds out you went AWOL!" Morgan shouted angrily.

"I don't care! I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to see you anymore if I didn't come back..."

"Shut up! Honestly, you are unbelievable! Dr. Felch is really crucial to both Ms. Lindberg and Ms. Elisa's life! What if something happens to him? Go pick him up now!" Morgan yelled furiously.

"Okay, I will... Geez, I was just worried about you! Now that I know you're okay, I'll head over to the airport..."

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Charlotte waited until Marino had left through the window before opening the door.

Morgan was still staring longingly at the window when Charlotte's voice came from beside her, "How much longer are you going to stare at the window? He's already gone!"

Morgan flinched in shock and tried to explain, "Ms. Lindberg, I..."

Charlotte cut her off. "I saw everything. Marino seems to be infatuated with you. I think he's a great guy!"

Morgan lowered her head in embarrassment. "Nah, he's way too immature! I just scolded him for going AWOL when he has such an important task..."

"Yeah, he deserved that scolding. Still, I suppose you valiantly saving my life would make up for his mistake!" Charlotte said with a mischievous smirk.

"Hey! Me doing my job has nothing to do with his mistake!" Morgan exclaimed while blushing.

Charlotte nodded and said seriously, "Yeah, you're right. We'll just let Zachary punish him, then!"

"No..." Morgan began to panic.

Lupine burst out laughing. "Hahaha! I knew you were just being stubborn! You are worried about him, aren't you?"

"Shut up!" Morgan threw a pillow at her.

"Tsk, ts, tsk... Still so aggressive even when you're wounded, huh? Be careful not to scare your boyfriend away!" Lupine teased her again.

"What boyfriend? Stop messing with me!" Morgan was so flustered that her ears had turned red.

Lupine snickered. "Seriously, though... He came rushing back because of you, and yet you're refusing to accept Ms. Lindberg's offer to save him from potential punishment? Talk about being heartless!"

"Will you please do something about her, Ms. Lindberg?" Morgan was blushing like a shy little girl.

Charlotte couldn't help but laugh at her state. "All right, all right... We'll stop messing with you. It's normal for young people like you to fall in love anyway. Marino is a great guy, so make sure you treat him well."

"But..."

"The three of us are the only ones that know about him sneaking back, so it'll be fine if we just keep it to ourselves. Okay, you should get some rest. We'll go check on things at the airport. Wouldn't want you two to be in trouble in case anything does go wrong!" Charlotte said as she stood up.

"Yeah, you're right! Ensuring Dr. Felch's safety is of utmost importance! We can't afford to have even a minor mishap!"

"I'll have someone stay here to keep you safe. Take care."

Charlotte then turned around and began walking toward the door, leaving a bodyguard behind to watch over Morgan.

"You're so nice to us, Ms. Lindberg!" Lupine exclaimed.

"Are you implying that Mr. Lindberg isn't?" Charlotte asked.

"No, that's not what I meant..." Lupine desperately tried to explain herself.

Charlotte couldn't help but chuckle at how flustered she was, but maintained her cold attitude and carried on walking while Lupine followed behind her with a smile on her face.

Charlotte is a lot kinder and pleasant in comparison to Danrique's cold and stern personality. Despite holding a grudge against the

Nacht family, she never once stopped us from seeing their people. This is the kind and soft-hearted side of her deep down inside...

As Charlotte and her subordinates were rushing toward the airport, they encountered a Nacht family convoy speeding past them.

"What's going on? Why are they mobilizing that many men at such a high speed? Could it be that something bad has happened?" Lupine asked with a frown.

The look on Charlotte's face turned gloomy. "I hope not... Come on, drive faster."

"All right!"

With Morgan wounded and the other bodyguards not so proficient at driving, they were late to the airport by over ten minutes.

They then rushed to the arrival hall and saw the Nacht family bodyguards searching the place.

Lupine was able to recognize one of them and asked, "What's going on? Aren't you guys here to pick up Dr. Felch?"

"Someone else beat us to it! We're looking for him right now!" the man replied anxiously.

"How did this happen? Who took him?" Lupine pressed on.

"We don't know yet..."

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The Nacht family bodyguard then hurried off to continue his search while Lupine stood there, clenching her teeth in frustration.

"I can't believe we jinxed ourselves! Damn it, Marino shouldn't have acted so impulsively! He'd arrive in H City tonight anyway, so what's the point of coming back ahead of schedule? Now that Dr. Felch has been taken away, what are we going to do?"

"It's pointless to get worked up about it now. Let's go find out more about what exactly happened," Charlotte said with a frown.

"Okay." Lupine was about to start investigating further when her phone rang all of a sudden, and she went pale from shock after answering it. "What? Really? Okay, make sure you show him the best hospitality possible! We'll be right back!"

Lupine then hung up the phone and glanced about cautiously before whispering something into Charlotte's ear.

"Are you serious?" Charlotte asked in surprise.

"Oh, I'm dead serious. It's one of Mr. Lindberg's men."

"Let's head back right away!"

"Roger!"

Charlotte rushed all the way home as quickly as she could, only to see a white-haired old man sipping tea by the coffee table. There was a young man and woman standing next to him, and they were both bewildered when they saw Charlotte.

"Charlotte!" Hayley came running over and grabbed her by the hand as she screamed excitedly, "Is it really you? I'm not dreaming, am I? You're alive! This is great!"

"Hi, Hayley! Oh, my goodness! Look how much you've grown!" Charlotte recognized her immediately and felt a surge of complicated emotions deep inside her heart.

"We thought you were dead! You have no idea how long we grieved!" Hayley sobbed while hugging her tightly.

Sam too, was extremely glad to see Charlotte. "They said you were still alive, but I didn't believe it. I'm so glad it's true! The guys from the Nachts had brought us over by force, and then we were snatched away by another group of men at the airport! That was so scary!"

Dr. Felch smiled at Charlotte and said, "I'm just glad you're all right. They say god favors good people, and it seems that statement holds true!"

"I didn't think I'd be able to see you guys again. Life sure is full of surprises!" Charlotte exclaimed as she recalled her experience searching for a cure in Phoenix City with Mrs. Berry two years ago.

"Yeah, I heard some stories about you earlier. Mrs. Berry once said my chickens weren't fat enough, and that she would teach me how to farm them better, but..."

Charlotte's eyes reddened when she heard him mention Mrs. Berry, and Dr. Felch let out a sigh in response.

"So, how were you able to survive the past two years?" he asked.

"Danrique knows a really great doctor. He formulated some kind of medicine for me and had me drink a bottle of it each week."

After telling him about her treatment, Charlotte added, "But that's not important right now because it only triggers on rainy days with thunderstorms. As for my daughter, she's been poisoned by something really nasty and her current condition isn't looking great."

"Bring her to me, hurry!" Dr. Felch said hurriedly.

"She's not home right now, so I'll..." Charlotte was halfway through her sentence when her phone rang and interrupted her. She then stepped aside and answered the call, "Hello, Danrique."

"I've brought you the doctor. Are you going to pick the kids up yourself, or do you want me to help you with that?" Danrique sounded cold and arrogantly domineering as always, but his intention was clear.

He had brought Dr. Felch straight to the Lindberg residence so she wouldn't have to face the Nachts whom she hated, and he was calling to ask if she needed his help with bringing the kids over too.

"I'll do it myself! I'll go pick them up tonight!"

"Do not disappoint me."

"I won't! Thanks, Danrique!"

Despite what she said, Charlotte was still feeling uneasy after hanging up the phone. She knew Danrique's men would surely barge into the Nacht residence and take the kids by force if she failed to bring them home that night.

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Another war will break out if that happens! While I couldn't care less about Henry's safety, the kids would surely be upset and traumatized if anything happens to him. It's better if I play the role of the bad guy instead.

With that in mind, Charlotte put her phone away and turned toward Dr. Felch as she said, "Dr. Felch, you can rest well here at my place while I go pick my kids up."

Dr. Felch nodded. "Okay. Remember to keep things peaceful!"

Charlotte was a little surprised to hear that, but chose to say nothing about it. Dr. Felch seems to know about the feud between our two families... There's more to what he said than meets the eye!

She then thanked him and said goodbye to Hayley and Sam before giving Zachary a call in her room, "Have you taken Ellie to your grandpa's?"

Zachary understood what was going on the moment he got her call and responded to her question with another, "Did your men take Dr. Felch to the Lindberg residence?"

"Yes, that's right." Charlotte admitted to it right away.

Zachary's tone grew cold. "Danrique did it, right? What's he playing at?"

Charlotte snapped back at him, "Need you even ask? Isn't it obvious? Your family went overboard! Danrique is simply avenging me."

Zachary got mad all of a sudden. "What is he trying to do? Was what he did to Nacht Group not enough? Taking Dr. Felch away like that would only delay Ellie's treatment! Could you guys not affect the children with adult matters?"

"Her treatment won't be delayed. Bring Ellie over to my place now, and I'll have Dr. Felch treat her right away," Charlotte said coldly.

"Charlotte..."

"You bring her here, or do I have to go pick her up? You choose!"

Charlotte had learned a lot from Danrique's methods of intimidation, and it proved to be effective as it rendered Zachary speechless.

He knew Charlotte would really arrive with a bunch of SUVs and dozens of her female bodyguards to take Ellie away by force.

That would result in a nasty war between the two families! Looks like I'll have to play the role of the bad guy, then.

With that thought in mind, Zachary decided to give in. "Fine, I'll go discuss this with my grandpa. Wait for my update."

"No, I don't need you to discuss it. I need you to get it done. Bring my child to me by 7:00 p.m. or I will go take her by force. Don't blame me for disrespecting the elderly, then!" Charlotte hung up immediately after saying that.

Zachary clenched his teeth in anger when he heard the line go dead, and he let out a helpless sigh as he looked at a picture of them on his desk. "You were a lot cuter and gentler two years ago..."

She used to be completely helpless and at my mercy back then, but now... Things have changed, and I'm the one who fears her instead...

"Mr. Nacht, we've just found out that..."

Zachary cut him off, "The Lindbergs have taken Dr. Felch, right? A bit late on the report, don't you think?"

"I am terribly sorry for my incompetence, sir." Bruce lowered his head apologetically.

Zachary tossed his pen aside. "Enough. Get the car ready, we're heading over to my grandpa's."

"Right now?" Bruce was confused. Why would he be going there all of a sudden when the company is in utter chaos right now? There's so much work waiting for him!

"Duh!"

"R-Right away!"

Lucy came running over the moment Zachary stepped out of the office. "Mr. Nacht, I have a few documents here that require your signature!"

"Leave them at my desk, I'll sign them tomorrow."

Zachary couldn't care less about those documents and simply rushed over to the elevator. It's almost five in the evening, and Charlotte would go barging into Grandpa's house if I don't deliver Ellie to Northridge by seven! Things would get messy, then!

"But these documents are urgent, Mr. Nacht! Mr. Nacht!"

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Lucy called out to him a couple of times, but he ignored her and went straight into the elevator, leaving her rooted to the spot with a conflicted look on her face.

“Where’s Mr. Nacht?” Johann asked as he came rushing over with the men from the Commercial Crimes Investigation Bureau.

“He just left in a hurry to take care of some urgent matters at home. He’ll be in tomorrow for sure, though!” Lucy explained.

Johann froze for a moment before turning around and telling those men, “I’ll assist you with the investigation for now. Mr. Nacht will be back when he’s free.”

“Sure.”

Zachary could hear the sound of a zither coming from the Garden Villa when he arrived, and he saw Henry helping Robbie and Jamie practice calligraphy while Ellie slept on a bench nearby.

Spencer placed a blanket over her and was about to have the medical staff carry her to her room when Little Fifi shouted, “Daddy!”

Robbie raised his head when he heard that, messing up his calligraphy writing as a result.

“Oh, my god! Daddy! It really is you!” Jamie tossed the pen aside and threw himself into Zachary’s arms.

Zachary picked him up as he said, “Hey there, Jamie! How’s your writing? Let me have a look... Wow, not bad!”

“I’ve been training him for a few years now, and it would be an understatement to say that he has made tremendous improvements. Anyway, why are you home when there’s so much

work to do at the office? Surely you're not here just to have dinner?"

"There's something I need to talk to you about," Zachary replied as he put Jamie down and gave him a pat on the head.

"We'll talk in the study room." Henry placed his pen down and wiped his hand with a handkerchief.

"Okay." Zachary nodded and turned to his kids. "You boys carry on with your practice, okay? Daddy will check your work later."

"Okay, Daddy!" Jamie replied obediently.

"What's going on, Daddy?" Robbie stared at him with an uneasy look in his eyes.

"It's nothing." Zachary gently caressed his face before wheeling Henry into the study room.

Spencer followed them inside after having someone watch over the kids.

"What is it? Did you bring the doctor for Ellie's treatment?" Henry asked.

"That's what I wanted to talk to you about. You know how Dr. Felch is an old friend of Charlotte's dad, right? Because he only treats the Windt family, he went straight to Northridge after getting off the plane." Zachary tried to word it in a different way.

"What nonsense is this? Doctors are supposed to treat everyone equally regardless of their identity! Besides, didn't you send Marino to pick him up? He should bring him to us even if he has to use force! How could he let him head over to Northridge like that? The Lindbergs kidnapped him, didn't they?" Henry was outraged.

"No, Charlotte doesn't know about this at all. It's true that their men have picked Dr. Felch up at the airport, but he went with them willingly," Zachary explained.

“What the hell are they playing at? I know we owe her a lot and all, but they shouldn’t be acting like this when the child’s health is at risk!” Henry grew increasingly anxious.

Zachary observed Henry’s emotions and said cautiously, “They just want to get Ellie treated in Northridge, that’s all. I came here to pick the kids up.”

Henry was furious. “You... Instead of trying to talk her out of it, you decide to just deliver them to her? Ellie has just moved all the way here today morning, and now you’re taking her to Northridge? The child is sick, for goodness’ sake! It hurts me to see her suffer like this!”

“I know, Grandpa. It hurts me too, which is why we’re trying to get her treated. I understand that you and the kids are very close, but they need their parents more than anything right now,” Zachary said softly.

“Are you sure you can get the kids back after sending them there? I feel like this is a one-way trip!” Henry was particularly sensitive about that.