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“Is there anyone behind this?”

This group of people appeared at a strange time. Usually, with Carl around and the fame of Zane’s organization, no one would dare make a move, let alone a blatant move like this.

Who would be so bold if they did not have anyone backing them?

Therefore, Nicole strongly suspected that someone was behind all this.

“We have yet to find out. While we were taking care of things here, no one came.”

Narrowing her eyes, Nicole fell into deep thought.

After a while, she said, “Go and release the news that the command post has been destroyed.”

Carl immediately understood Nicole’s intention. “You’re trying to lure the snake out of its hole?”

Nicole nodded. Then, she said with a serious tone, “These people are from the same industry, and everyone in the industry knows about Zane’s organization. Yet, these people still came, fully knowing what they were getting into. They must have planned this earlier, and someone was backing them.”

Carl’s gaze sharpened. “What are you scared of? No matter how many appear, I’ll kill them all!”

Seeing him act like some hero, Nicole made an annoyed look. “Stop bragging. If it weren’t for our cooperation, you’d be dead by now.”

In the face of Nicole’s criticism, Carl could only dejectedly admit defeat.

After discussing things with Nicole, Carl went ahead as planned. He gave Jason a call and ordered him to make the necessary arrangements.

When Nicole saw Carl talking on the phone, she took a deep breath and lay in bed. She could finally rest.

But at that moment, a notification came from her second phone.

She had received a text from an unknown number. [Nicole, save me!]

At the end of the text was a series of latitude and longitude coordinates. In fact, it pointed to a location in Lanningbourg!

Nicole was stunned for a moment. The only person who was at Lanningbourg and would request help from her in such a way could only be Zeke!

'What's going on? What on earth happened to Zeke?'

Subconsciously, Nicole got up. The wound on her arm made her wince slightly.

Hearing Nicole's voice, Carl immediately hung up the phone and approached her. "Why did you get up? Even if your injury isn't fatal, ordinary people would need a few days in bed to recover. Can't you just take a break and rest, so I don't have to worry about you?"

However, Nicole was not in the mood to think about her wounds. She replied gravely, "Send someone to track Zeke's whereabouts immediately!"

While saying this, Nicole showed the text message to Carl.

When Carl saw that it was an anonymous message, he paused. "How do you know it's from Zeke?"

Nicole rolled her eyes at him. "I have no time to explain it to you. Quick! I'm worried he's in danger!"

She had gotten rid of the group of men who were tailing her. She worried that she had angered them and they were now targeting Zeke.

Later that night, the thoughts swirling in her mind prevented Nicole from falling asleep. She twisted in bed for a while and got used to the soreness in her body. In the end, Nicole decided to get out of the medical room and head toward the master control room.

Carl was not there. Jason and Yolli were rebuilding the defenses in an orderly manner. They also planted a watch house at the enemy's original command post.

Carl really had an eye for details.

Nicole did not bother about the defenses anymore. Instead, she opened Carl's tracker and traced his movement. She quickly looked for any clues with the coordinates provided

by Zeke.

'I have to get to Zeke before those people do!'

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If it were not an emergency, Zeke would not have sent her such a text. The situation may have become critical.

With a few taps on the keyboard, Nicole managed to find Zeke's location. It was a hotel.

"This bastard. Even in danger, he's still a spoiled brat. He's actually staying at such a hotel? Did he really think he'll be fine as long as his information is erased?"

Nicole let out a sigh and hacked into the hotel's system. She quickly retrieved Zeke's erased information and found his room number.

To get a better idea of the situation, Nicole hacked into the security system and viewed the security camera on Zeke's floor.

She rewound the CCTV recording a few minutes back and saw a few muscular men appear in front of Zeke's room.

When Nicole spotted the leader, her eyes and face darkened. "Him?"

She gave it some thought for a while and pressed fast forward.

Sure enough, after a short moment, Zeke's room exploded!

'These people, how dare they act this rashly?! They planted a bomb in such a public place!

'This group of people made such a huge commotion at Lanningbourg. On top of that, they were going after Zeke and me. Where are these people from?'

Nicole's fists were clenched tightly while she stared at the screen.

After a moment, Nicole saw Zeke, whose body was bloody, carrying the man who had entered his room. With the help of two other men, Zeke escaped from the place hurriedly.

But within a minute, a group of men in black appeared in the corridor.

Before Nicole could get a good look at those men's faces, the camera footage was cut off.

"They dare at this way in Lanningbourg? These people aren't normal..." Nicole snorted and broke into a cold sweat.

Looking at her watch, she discerned that it had been roughly twenty minutes since Zeke had left the hotel.

Zeke was carrying a wounded man, so it would be difficult for him to escape a huge group of people.

Nicole rewatched the CCTV recording of Zeke's escape thrice and noticed a new watch on Zeke's wrist.

Noting the model, she turned her gaze and immediately investigated the coding for that limited edition smartwatch. Then, she sent a signal through the satellite.

"Pick it up, you fool."

The watch rang for a long while, but no one picked it up. Nicole's heart was getting heavier and heavier.

This guy... Could he be...?

"Hello? Is this Nicole?"

Zeke's voice, filled with sobs and trembling, finally came through from the other end of the line.

"Zeke? Please keep the call connected! I'll pin down your location right now," Nicole yelled as she locked down Zeke's location. Then, she sent it to Carl's phone.

When Zeke heard Nicole's voice, he sobbed even more, "Nicole... be quick. M-my dad... he's..."

Nicole's hands froze in an instant. In her mind's eye, she clearly saw Zeke carrying Karlo on his back when he was leaving the hotel. But his back had been covered in blood.

It was probably from the explosion. Karlo probably got hurt while trying to protect Zeke.

"I know. I've sent my people to find you. Three minutes. Just hold on for three more minutes!"

Carl could do a quick job, and Zeke's location was fairly easy to find. Within three minutes, Carl will be able to find Zeke.

"But why was your dad at the hotel?" Nicole was confused about why Karlo would appear in Lanningburg and beat people to death.

'He was the commander of Hustuaburg, and it's practically taboo to go to a foreign country. On top of that, he wasn't wearing his uniform. That means that his trip to Lanningbourg was a secret and done of his own accord.*

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"When I left home, I was worried that I'd burden my family, so I didn't tell them about my work. Somehow, my dad managed to find out about the mission I was on. He thought I was getting myself into huge trouble... so..."

The more Zeke spoke, the more sadness overtook him.

Zeke felt like he was so useless that his dad had to come to his rescue, despite Karlo's position.

"Karlo even disregarded the nation's law for you..."

"Nicole, his head is bleeding a lot. What should I do?" Knowing that Nicole has medical skills, Zeke tried to ask for help.

However, Nicole had no time to help him with Karlo's wound because she had checked the surrounding CCTV cameras. She found that a group of men was searching after them.

"Zeke, is there anyone else with you now?"

Zeke was stunned for a moment. "There are... two men..."

"We're running out of time. Ask them to stay put and guard your father while you go and lure those people away!"

"They're here?" Zeke's voice was shaking. Before this, he was a hacker who would hide behind screens and take care of any mission. He wasn't someone who could take care of assassins!

"Do you want your dad to die? His wound is critical, and the best thing to do is for him to stay idle!"

Hearing that his dad is in danger, Zeke hardened his will. "I know what to do now... You'll help me, right?"

If Nicole could contact him through his smartwatch, she would definitely have a way for him to escape!

“Yes, I’ll protect you!” No matter what, Zeke was her partner. She would not let him die alone.

Zeke took a deep breath and decided to trust Nicole. “I believe you will.” Then, he stood up to follow Nicole’s instructions to walk out of the alley.

“Sir!” The two bodyguards behind him were shocked when they saw Zeke standing up.

“Both of you, take care of my dad. In three minutes, someone will be here to pick you all up. I’ll go and lead

those people away.” Zeke felt a little cool at that moment. Then, he mustered his courage and rushed out of the alley.

Unexpectedly, he heard a loud voice shouting from nearby as soon as he stepped out.

“He’s here!”

Zeke was almost caught off guard.

“Run ahead! There’s a small alley about fifty feet away.”

Nicole’s instructions came at the right time. Zeke clenched his teeth and ran ahead like a maniac.

After running about fifty feet, he was met with a small alley between two buildings that could only fit one person.

Zeke did not have much time to think. He immediately rushed forward.

The group of people could not go in all at once. They could only enter one by one, so the group leader yelled in frustration, “Go after him! Damn it, move faster!”

At that point, Zeke had already exited the alley.

Nicole continued to give him instructions. “On the right, there’s a house. Get through the door and walk to your left. There’s a back door!”

Zeke had no time to question Nicole. He only rushed according to Nicole’s instructions.

The lady in the room, who had been watching television, jumped in surprise. “Ahh! Who are you?!”

Zeke paid her no mind and immediately exited through the back door.

The lady wanted to continue berating, but a few muscular men also crashed into her place then.

“Oh my! Who are you?! Help!” Thinking they were gangsters, the lady shivered in fear.

However, Nicole’s satellite was much faster and more accurate than the attackers could catch up to. She guided Zeke all the way out of the area by purposely choosing the less noticed paths.

“Turn left at the market!”

“There’s a small road on the right!”

“Walk down the stairs and hide under the bridge!”

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Zeke followed Nicole’s instructions and hid under the bridge.

After a while, that group of men got to the bridge but did not see Zeke at all.

“Damn it, we lost him! Keep looking!” the leader of the group ordered. The rest ran up the bridge.

Before the leader left, he glanced at the bottom of the bridge.

But after giving it some thought, he decided to go up the bridge to find their target.

At that moment, Zeke’s heart was pounding very quickly, but he covered his mouth as he dared not breathe loudly.

Hearing the footsteps fade away, Zeke released a big breath of relief.

“Get out. Quickly head back and find your dad. Carl and the rest have reached the place.”

Zeke almost broke into tears in that instant. ‘That’s great... I knew I could count on Nicole.’

He thought about it no more and followed Nicole’s instructions to head back with the shortest route.

As expected, Zeke saw Carl and a few people carrying his dad into the car.

Once Carl noticed Zeke, he said frantically, “You bastard!

Where did you go?!”

'He sent an SOS text. And yet, he ran away. I didn't know where to find him at all!'

"Nicole asked me to lure the attackers away," Zeke said while panting heavily.

"Nicole?" Carl was a little stunned.

Zeke immediately pointed to his watch. "She hacked the system and contacted me."

Carl immediately understood that Nicole made all of this happen. Otherwise, Carl would only be met with Zeke's dead body now.

"Let's go. Your dad's wound seems critical!"

Zeke nodded and followed Carl out of the alley.

However, they found an ambulance following behind an unplated black car. Karlo was already being carried into the ambulance.

Carl looked at Zeke, who was in shock. "It was Nicole who instructed us to call an ambulance."

Zeke could not hold it in anymore. His eyes began to water.

'Luckily, Nicole had helped... Otherwise, my dad would have been...'

Carl did not spare any time to watch Zeke in deep thought. Instead, he pulled Zeke into the car.

The black car's door closed, and with the ambulance following behind, both vehicles drove out of the alley.

A crowd had gathered to witness the scene. Behind the crowd, the men in black went struggled, but they could not squeeze through the crowd.

The leader could only make a report through his headset." Boss... That man was taken away by someone powerful."

After about ten minutes, Carl brought Zeke and Karlo back to the base.

Nicole was already waiting for Zeke at the door. She had to speak to Zeke personally to clarify certain things.

Once Zeke got out of the car, he saw Nicole and ran toward her. "Nicole!"

Sobbing, Zeke wanted to hug her.

However, the collar of his shirt was pulled from behind.

Carl looked at him in annoyance. "You little brat! Don't even think about it."

Carl did not even dare do such a thing. He would not let Zeke do so!

Zeke could only gloomily put down his hands and say, "Nicole, please save my dad. To protect me, his head sustained injuries from the bomb. His head was bleeding a lot..." Zeke described Karlo's situation as he panicked.

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At that moment, Karlo was being pushed out of the ambulance. Nicole took a glance at Karlo's wound, and her eyes darkened.

'Damn it! How did he get hurt so badly?'

Nicole did not have the time to question Zeke further. She immediately told the others, "Quick, prepare an operating theater for me. The patient needs surgery immediately!"

Although Zeke knew that his dad's injury was critical, he did not expect to get such a strong reaction from Nicole. Zeke immediately felt his heart wrench. "Nicole, my dad... he's..."

"We're running out of time. I'll have to get ready for the operation. Carl, take care of Zeke."

"Roger." Carl nodded. When he saw that heavy expression on Nicole's face, Carl knew how serious the situation was.

The medical team at the base sent the patient to the emergency room.

Nicole did not have enough time to change her clothes. She quickly did a simple sanitizing process and immediately went to work.

Karlo indeed tried his best to save his son, even using his own body as a shield.

Karlo's right cheek was disfigured. His skull showed signs of comminuted fracture, and there was shrapnel around it.

Adding things up with Zeke's description of his blood loss, Nicole concluded that the shrapnel had entered Karlo's brain.

The longer it took for the shrapnel to be removed, the more extensive the damage to the patient.

After all, Karlo is the commander of Hustuaburg. If anything happened to someone in this position at Lanningbourg, it might cause international tension.

The mess Zeke got himself into this time was a big one.

Nicole took a deep breath and suppressed her anger. Then, she picked up a scalpel and skillfully operated on Karlo.

However, Karlo's wound was too deep. Even if his body was as fit as a horse's after years of training, the head was the most fragile area of the body.

Nicole quickly identified the number of pieces of shrapnel in Karlo's brain. Three of them were in the most critical areas!

If it were not for Nicole's intervention at the rescue, Karlo would have been dead already.

However, Nicole was not confident that Karlo would fully recover after the surgery.

Time passed second by second, minute by minute. And in the blink of an eye, a few hours had passed.

The sweat on Nicole's forehead had never stopped dripping. Yet, her hands were still stable and sure. Even Nicole's assistant surgeon from the base was impressed by her incredible skills.

He would never have been able to perform such a perfect operation for a patient like this within a few hours.

Finally, the last piece of shrapnel was extracted. Nicole heaved a sigh of relief and began to close things up.

The wound on her arm was so painful that she had almost lost her senses from those few hours of grueling work.

Nicole took a step back. "I'll let you do the sutures."

Carl's subordinates, even if it was just a medical team, would be of an international level. Suturing should not be difficult for them to perform.

When Nicole passed over the tools, the doctor felt honored and nodded. "Understood. I'll make sure to do it with care."

Nicole nodded in relief. Then, she walked out.

When she left the operating theater, she looked at her watch. It had already been six hours. No wonder the wound on her body was causing her such pain.

Just as she pushed the door open, Zeke immediately ran to her. "Nicole, how's my dad?"

Nicole sighed.

Zeke suddenly felt as if his world had crumbled. "H-he's d- dead?"

Zeke's dad was the commander of Hustuaburg. If Karlo died on foreign land, how would Zeke explain it to the family and all the country's leaders?

When Nicole saw Zeke's fearful look, she sighed again. "Do you really doubt my skills?"

All the patients she had operated on had never died in her hands. Zeke was really underestimating her.

Hearing those words, Zeke was stunned for a moment.

Then, his expression changed from sadness to joy. "He's okay?"

Carl let out a relieved sigh. "I told you. As long as it's Nicole, your dad will come back to life!"

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Over the past few hours, Carl had been listening to Zeke blaming himself incessantly, and that was driving him up the wall.

Having witnessed Carl's arrogance in the way he spoke, Nicole could not help but roll her eyes at him. "Since when were you an expert in matters related to medicine?"

Carl stopped and became silent at once. "It's not..."

However, when he noticed that Nicole did not look like she was fine at all, he asked, "Was the operation unsuccessful?"

Nicole shook her head. "It was successful. But the shrapnel were embedded in the most vital areas of his head, and so, his brain has been wounded. If he can regain his consciousness tonight, he will be fine. If he doesn't...then I'm not certain if he ever will."

Indeed, it would take a long time for one to recover from damage done to the nerves in the brain.

Then, Zeke's expression of joy dissipated, reverting to one of sadness and disappointment. "How could this be...?"

His dad was the commander of Hustuaburg, and had faced one too many battles and perils in life. In spite of the fact that he had been on the brink of death more than once, he had successfully cheated death every single time. Yet, Zeke could not help but wonder why the injury that his old man had sustained this time was so fatal.

"Stay strong." Nicole stretched her hand out and patted

Zeke in the shoulder. "I need you to understand that your dad is in a rather unique position. It's impossible for him to leave the country with ease. I guess he must have gotten himself on a private trip just to find you, this time around. You better give your grandpa a call right away and come up with an excuse before your dad returns. Otherwise, word will soon reach the leaders that your dad has deserted his post. Everything will become much more complicated than it already is."

As things stood, Nicole already had enough issues to take care of. The last thing she wanted was to get herself into a situation with the Guzman family.

It was only then did Zeke come to his senses. "I got it. I'll call grandpa now."

Then, he walked to the other end of the corridor in restless fashion and called his grandfather.

Carl looked at him and frowned. "Is his phone protected with some form of encryption? If the people who are after him manages to track his signal, will he...?"

Nicole shook her head, "That's not important now."

Previously, he needed an encryption to conceal his identity. He didn't want his dad to know that he had gotten himself into hot soup, so he came here to hide. Now that Karlo has been mortally wounded, he no longer cares about his true identity being revealed."

As Nicole spoke, her face assumed a solemn expression. "I really want to know how those people will react once they realize that they had injured the commander of Hustuaburg."

It was then that loud, ceaseless screams began to fill a dark room.

A few large, burly men had collapsed after having being beaten on the ground. None of them dared to fight back, as they laid there, taking blow after blow.

“Sir, we know we messed up.”

“We did not do our job well.”

“Sir, I did not know that the one who had cracked the system is the son of Commander Guzman...”

“Sir, please forgive us!”

Even as the men went on to grovel in every way they knew, the man in black continued ordering the merciless beating of the men as punishment for their inability to complete their task. They only stopped when the people were completely beaten to a pulp.

The man in black was wearing a black leather mask, rendering it impossible to see what he actually looked like. However, the viciousness in his eyes was apparent, as his gaze was piercing enough to intimidate everyone in the room. Anyone who looked into his eyes would tremble.

The beatings finally ended soon after, with the man who had led the operation mustering all of the strength he had left in him to get up and kneel.

Then, he apologized to the man in black. “Sir...please give me another chance. I’ll be sure to help you reclaim what was yours...”

The man in black snorted, “Reclaim what was mine?”

Those very words made everyone tremble, with the team leader being so frightened that he bowed down, waiting for the man in black to say or do something.

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The man in black stood up and trudged up to the man kneeling on the ground. Then, he stomped on the back of his head.

The man on the ground gritted his teeth in pain at once. However, he did not dare make a sound.

The man in black pressed his foot down against the team leader, exerting greater pressure, and in an icy tone, he said, “That scum cracked the system, and he left the country right after. He obviously realized what that thing is and wanted it for himself. Now that we know that he’s backed by the military, how are you going to reclaim it?”

The team leader endured the pain with the leather heels above his temple, and his head pressed against the ground. "Sir, I'll definitely retrieve it, even if it means losing my life... I definitely won't get you involved..."

Hearing his words, the man in black paused and begrudgingly released him.

At the very next second, he squatted down in front of him and pulled the team leader up by the hair, making sure that he was met with his icy glare.

"Remember that your life has always been mine."

"Y-yes!" the man fumbled, as he was too terrified to say anything else.

Then, the man in black's expression grew even icier. "Forget about the Guzman family... Tell me, how did the Turmann family get involved?"

Indeed, he genuinely did not expect two problematic families to be involved merely because the system had been cracked.

"I-I'm not sure either... Perhaps... I mean, perhaps I was seeing things..." the team leader said, hoping that he had been mistaken.

'If I was correct, then I've in fact gotten into trouble with two powerful families. I'll definitely get killed!' he thought.

The man in the mask then flung the team leader's head aside. "Go and investigate! Find out who's holding what's mine and bring it back to me within three days... Otherwise... You won't have to come back ever again." Hearing his words, everyone in the house became instantly terrified, and as quickly as they could, they left.

The man in black then turned around and looked at the dark clouds outside the window. His eyes were brimming with bloodlust and his gaze was as piercing as a sharp knife.

'Who was it? Who was the one who had stolen what's mine?!' If they ever get around to figuring out what's inside, the outcome is... Unimaginable,' he thought.

Within the blink of an eye, a day passed.

Zeke had spent the entire night in Karlo's ward. However, Karlo had shown no signs of consciousness, and this only served to fuel Zeke's sense of hopelessness.

Even though Nicole had expected this from the get go, she still could not help but to go and see how he was doing.

As of now, Zeke looked as if he were void of emotions. He was sitting on the chair in front of the hospital bed, staring at Karlo as though he was catatonic. He looked to be in utter despair.

‘What’s the use of being alive, if he’s going to be like this. If he remains in a vegetative state, it’s no different from being dead,’ he thought.

Looking at Zeke, Nicole began to feel bad for him.

When she saw how dry his lips were, she poured him a glass of water before walking over and handing it to him. ‘ Here, have some water.’”

Hearing Nicole’s voice, Zeke turned to her in mechanical fashion as if he were a battery-operated puppet.

Then, hints of emotion began to appear in his eyes, though his tone remained lifeless nonetheless. “You’re here.”

As compared to the lively Zeke whom she had known, the current Zeke looked as if he had matured in cynical fashion overnight. His steady gaze bore an iciness that Nicole had never seen.

In fact, he no longer bothered to ask Nicole if his father would wake up; he was worried that he would not get the answer he wanted.

Nicole could tell he was holding back.

“Don’t worry. Your father is a healthy man. I’m confident he’ll recover faster than an average person, so don’t give up hope now.”

Zeke paused midway as he was drinking.

He shifted his gaze to Nicole as if he had regained some of his senses.’ Really? My dad will regain consciousness?”

Nicole gave him a solemn nod in response. “Mhm. Right now, you have more important things to do. I have secured the Reby Family Crest for you. It’s stored within the flash drive. What do you wish to do with it?”

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Zeke’s firmed his gaze at once.

'All of this... I've caused all of this. Right now, even my father is involved. I cannot allow this to go on,' he thought.

Noticing Zeke's reluctance to do anything, Nicole understood his situation.

'While nobody in Hustuaburg dares to cross the Guzman family, you still need all the power you can have to protect your family. Perhaps...this crest could be of use to you,' she said earnestly.

'So long as Zeke claims ownership over this crest, the people coming after him will have to think twice. Besides, it's too late now. There is nothing that they can do to him,' she thought.

Zeke's gaze remained dark, as he subconsciously nodded.

Nicole smiled in relief. "It's good that you've come to a decision. The process should be complete after you've keyed your personal information in.

Zeke nodded and took the flash drive. Then, he grabbed his portable tablet computer.

After he had clicked on the flash drive icon containing the crest that Nicole had cracked, a flashy image appeared before his eyes on the computer screen.

Zeke looked at the spectacular totem effects, and his gaze wavered slightly in shock. 'This is... This is the Reby Family Crest?'

"Mhm," Nicole shrugged confidently.

Zeke swallowed and tapped the screen without a second thought.

Then, an interface appeared before him. It was in a foreign language that read: Please key the name of the owner in. You have only one chance to do this. Once ownership has been finalized, it shall remain unchanged until the present owner of the family crest passes away.

'If I really do become the owner of this crest, I'll be able to protect my family. However, I'll also be pursued by many. I'm not confident that I have what it takes to face everything that's coming my way,' he thought.

Seeing that Zeke was staring at the computer screen in a daze, Nicole could not help but ask, "What are you waiting for?'

Suddenly, Zeke turned around and grabbed Nicole by the hand.

This startled Nicole, who asked, "What's the matter? Are you scared?"

She could feel Zeke's fear.

'Yes, I've learned about what the crest means. It's normal for him to be anxious and fearful. However, to be an owner of this crest also means possessing power beyond measure. Only five individuals in the world get to possess such power. Furthermore, I've heard that the fifth owner of the crest in this century hasn't appeared yet. Perhaps someone had hidden it, or perhaps, nobody has cracked and gotten it yet. Who knows?' she thought.

'If Zeke becomes the owner of this crest, he'll definitely be in the spotlight, which will in turn make him a worldwide sensation. But this is also the only way for US to discover who the ones hunting US are. Perhaps we'll also be able to stop them from coming after US,' she finished.

However, it was then that Zeke finalized his decision as he pulled Nicole by the arm.

He looked at Nicole and said, "Nicole, you've saved me this time. You possess the courage, the abilities, and the composure that I lack. You're more suited to be the owner of the crest."

Nicole was startled, as she did not expect Zeke to give her something this significant.

"Have you gone mad? Do you know that this crest can make families across the world work for you no matter what their stances are?" she asked.

'Does he know how much countless people have sacrificed just to get this crest? Now that he has gotten the opportunity to be the owner of one, he's giving it to someone else? Even though he's giving it to me, I must say that this kid is behaving too rashly!' Nicole thought.

"I haven't gone mad," Zeke said, shooting Karlo a glance.

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"All of this was caused by my hunt for the crest. If it weren't for the crest, my father wouldn't have ended up this way..." Zeke said.

'Even though I crave the power it offers, I can't erase the hatred I feel toward this crest,' he thought.

Then, Zeke continued, "So what if I can summon people from each and every faction to protect my family after I've gotten the crest? Is anyone truly standing with me? They're merely bowing down to the power of the crest. But you're different, Nicole. You have Carl. You also have the backing of the organization."

'Prior to this, I've already known that Nicole commands power beyond what I could expect. But now that she has actually saved me here in Lanningbourg, and after having seen the entire base for myself, I know her people will definitely protect her!' he thought again.

As of now, Nicole understood Zeke's plans.

'I have to admit, the kid is right. All things considered, the Reby Family Crest hasn't appeared in years, so I do not know what will happen once somebody claims ownership of it. If nobody cooperates with Zeke and protects him, he'll just be a sitting duck, waiting as somebody manipulates him,' she thought.

With this thought in mind, Nicole's gaze darkened. "I understand. Since that's the case, I'll give it a shot."

Seeing that Nicole had agree to his request, Zeke sighed in relief.

However, there was a caveat, as he then proceeded to make a request. "I only ask for one thing. I want you to use the crest to protect the Guzman family and avenge my father!"

'I won't spare anyone who has hurt my father!!' he thought.

Nicole looked at his eyes, which were brimming with vengeance.

Then, she took a deep breath and nodded. "You've given me such a valuable gift. I'll definitely protect you thoroughly."

'Zeke has given me something so significant. Forthat, I'll definitely protect him. And of course, I'll aid him in his vengeance!' she thought.

"Thank you... Nicole." Zeke looked at Nicole with gratitude as if he were clutching onto his lifeline.

'If it weren't for Nicole, I'd have been facing all of this by myself right now. Even though it's sort of embarrassing for me to seek refuge behind a woman, I can't help but come to the realization that Nicole is much stronger than me,' he thought.

As he was thinking about it, Zeke personally keyed Nicole's name in.

Soon after, a fingerprint reader appeared on the screen.

Zeke nodded at Nicole.

Just as Nicole was about to stretch her hand out, Carl barged in. "Nicole! No!"

While Carl was outside, he heard them saying something about the Reby Family Crest, and after doing some research about it, he finally learned what it was.

'Even though the Reby Family Crest is an object of power and prestige, it hasn't appeared for years. Who knows if Nicole will be in danger once she takes possession of it?!' Carl thought.

Then, he stood between Nicole and Zeke as he said, "You stupid idiot. This thing is an object of great significance. Countless people have their eyes on it. Are you trying to put a target on Nicole's back for your own selfish reasons?!"

Zeke, who was startled, quickly replied, "That wasn't my intention..."

I'm genuinely impressed by Nicole and everything she has done, and that's why I think she's the only person worthy of the crest,' Zeke thought.

"Calm down, Carl," Nicole frowned and pulled Carl aside.

'This dude has always been too impulsive,' she thought.

"How am I supposed to calm down? I know you're agreeing to it because you're trying to protect this idiot. You know far better than anyone else that

this object is dangerous! If it weren't for this thing, you wouldn't have fled to Lanningbourg with people coming after you!" Carl yelled.

It was only after Carl had said it that Zeke learned that Nicole was hunted because of the crest.

'I thought she would be fine because she has so many individuals who're willing to protect her...' Zeke thought.

"Do you know that Nicole has been forsaking her own safety just to protect you?" Carl said to Zeke. "She has sustained multiple injuries, and yet, she still operated on your father. Now, she even has to get herself into great danger because of you. Do you not have any conscience?"

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Carl did not possess an ounce of care for what Zeke's intentions were, and reprimanded him at once.

'Nicole... You...'

Zeke had no knowledge as to what Nicole had gone through prior to this. It was only then that he finally noticed the bruises and injuries on Nicole's arm. At that point, he was flooded with guilt from the inside.

After she had seen Zeke's look of guilt and embarrassment, she finally lost it and yelled, "That's enough. Stop it, Carl!"

Carl fell silent after she had shouted at him. However, he was still heaving with anger. He continued staring at Zeke, thinking that he had stopped that ungrateful man.

However, it was then that Nicole said, "While this object may bring US unknown danger, no one else can make better use of it other than the organization, provided it is for the right reasons. Besides, the Guzman family are people of the military. It will be a disaster for them if one of their own attains such power."

Not expecting Nicole to be so foresighted, Zeke thought, 'She's right. In the end of the day, my father is the commander of Hustuaburg, and he is indeed responsible for a large number of troops. Everyone will be really fearful and distrustful of the Guzman family if his son amasses power outside of the establishment as well. This will definitely get US into trouble!'

Even Carl did not expect Nicole to think that far.

'Right now, Zane's organization is being targeted. While this crest may come with its own set of dangers, it will definitely be of great help to the organization if it's real. It's just that I'm really worried about Nicole...' Carl thought.

Nicole saw the hints of worry in Carl's eyes, to which she calmly responded, "If you're worried about me, keep me safe. This is what you can do."

Carl hardened his gaze at once. "Of course I can do that!"

TH definitely protect her even if it means risking my life!' he thought.

"That's good enough for me," Nicole smiled happily, diffusing the tension that was in the room before.

Then, she looked at the computer screen.

"Perhaps nothing will happen even if I click on it," she said as she lifted her hand and pressed her thumb against the fingerprint reader.

In an instant, the fingerprint on the screen flashed red,

Then, a few words appeared on the screen.

[Congratulations. You are the sixth-generation owner of the fire crest.]

Soon after, a bright effect of flames flashing about appeared on the screen. Within a blink of an eye, the flame disappeared, and the image of a globe appeared. Then, at the center of the globe, the moving image of a signal manifested and radiated across the Earth, whereupon multiple dots lit up across the continents.

An audio recording then began to play. ‘The Holy Alliance has been notified of the existence of the sixth-generation owner. Loyal to a fault and powerless to defy you, their aid will be at your disposal. Those who dare rebel against you will face untold consequences!’

Nicole ranged her eyes across the locations on the globe. They were all well-known families from the past hundred years, each powerful in their own right.

The moment she became the owner of the crest, all of the families who had formed an alliance with the Reby family would be notified, becoming her allies in the future.

When Carl and Zeke saw this, they were both stunned. While the two looked at each other in shock, Nicole’s watch started ringing.

Nicole clicked on the notification, after which a message appeared before her eyes at once.

[Congratulations, sixth-generation owner.]

Messages of similar wording came in one after another, with the senders being well-known and powerful families from different countries,

It was then Zeke and Carl were completely sure that the crest was real, and that all of them would obey Nicole should she call for it.

‘So, that was why those people were trying so hard to kill Nicole and I, as they wanted to reclaim this thing for their own,’ Zeke thought.

He was shocked, but he did not regret what he had done at all.

‘If the whole world learned about me in an instant, I definitely would’ve peed myself,’ he thought.

Nicole, on the other hand, stared at the computer screen and merely frowned.

She turned around and looked at Carl. “It seems that my identity has been exposed.”

To Nicole, this did not bode well for her.

