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"Send the information to the Turmann family, now."

An affirmative response quickly came, and as Janus looked at Jared's already distant figure, he chased after Jared.

Now that my boss is here, we can finally take care of those bastards!' Thinking of this, a heartfelt smile appeared on Janus' face

Janus happily followed behind Jared. The plane had landed directly on the private manor grounds, and the two very quickly ended the manor.

The servants were already waiting for their master's return, and Jared casually dismissed them as he then turned around to ask, "What is Joseph up to recently?" He wondered why Joseph had not contacted him for a while.

When Janus heard of Joseph, a look of worry slowly appeared on his face. "A very dangerous mission had appeared over on his side. After all, the top one-two of that organization had left, so he needs to hold the team together."

Jared had sent Joseph to a very perilous place. Thinking of this, Janus shuddered a little, thinking that he got it good mining stuff here.

Jared did not ask too much. He only gently tapped the tabletop before turning around and walking out. "Take me to see the scene of the incident."

"These people sure are bold. They actually dared to mess around on my home turf.' Thinking of this, Jared squinted a little a cold glint flashed past his eyes. 'I will teach them a proper lesson.'

Just as he was about to leave, someone knocked on the door as a pleasant bell rung. Jared looked at the footage sent over from the main door; a young red-haired man stood opposite the camera.

The red-haired boy looked at the extraordinarily handsome Hustuaburgian face and was stunned by it, so much so that it took him a while before he spoke, "Are you the master of the JJ Johnston Group?"

Jared looked at his hair color, and a hint of mockery appeared in his eyes.

The information Janus had given him earlier had clearly shown the crest of the Thorne family is a black umbrella and their trademark red hair.

"I've just only arrived, and this group of people immediately got word that I'm in Mecrounia. They sure are fast." As he thought of this, Jared said indifferently, "I am."

The red-haired man looked at him, seemingly did not expect him to be such a man. He glanced at him again with undisguised covetousness before remembering what he was here for and said, "I'm a member of the Thorne family."

He immediately announced who he was, waiting for someone proudly for Jared's response. Yet, the man standing opposite him was totally indifferent as he stared back at him.

"And so?" said Jared.

Rhein was stunned. The Thorne name was so famous that everyone in Mecrounia would greet

them with a smile. He had not encountered such an attitude in a while now.

He did not realize that the other party was being so dismissive of him and the smile on Rhein's face slowly froze, seemingly thinking that the latter had found out what his family had done to him.

However, he quickly realized who he was facing and then put up another smile as he said servilely, "It's nothing too big. It's just that my family wants to hold a dinner and upon knowing your arrival in Mecrounia, they sent me to invite you to attend. Please do consider it." Jared looked at the young man's confident look and caught the anxiety in the latter's eyes.

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A thoughtful look appeared in Jared's eyes before his lips rose a little, revealing an extremely beautiful smile. It instantly dazzled Rhein, causing the latter to miss the chill in Jared's eyes.

"Sure," Jared answered flatly. He had a tinge of mocking disdain in his eyes, but it was hidden so well the other party could not detect it at all. After hearing Jared agreeing to attend, he excitedly looked up and said, "Thank you. It'll be nine tonight. We await your presence."

Rhein thought, 'I knew it! If he knew it was us who did that, how could he agree to come? After all, one could tell this was a literal... Red Wedding!

Jared did not answer Rhein as he disconnected the video call. That assured Rhein even more that Jared was just a pretty face, and it was impossible for him to find out what went wrong.

He did not mind how brusque Jared was earlier and instead walked out happily.

Janus, standing by the side, looked at his boss and asked with some puzzlement. "Boss, why did you agree to that invitation?" He wondered, 'You already know that they are the culprit, so why are you walking into the trap?' A glint streaked across Jared's eyes as he played with the dagger in his hand, a faint killing intent swirling across his body. "I want to see what they are actually up to for myself."

At this moment, Nicole had arrived at her destination under cover of night.

She looked at the navigation system that had been inputted earlier and raised her eyebrow.

Elijah really understood their nature and had even chosen their destination point already.

The Dodge Tomahawk sped through the streets, and fifteen minutes later, the two had arrived at a place not too far away from a huge villa.

With the Thorne family's current status, they were still not worthy of owning an estate. The two looked at each other, and as they looked at the brightly lit villa, a look of surprise appeared in both their eyes.

'It's already late. What are they doing with the lights still on?'

Nicole looked at the time. It was fifty minutes past midnight. She had timed things just right to slip into the house at the point when everyone was in their most tired state, to search them.

She had something in her mind that she needed to confirm.

Yet, the brightly lit villa quickly turned that plan on its head. Nicole looked at her watch and decided not to delay things any further. She gave Carl several secret hand signals, motioning that he was to deal with the two bodyguards at the front gate while she would sneak in from the back. She would then search the place and rendezvous with him outside after ten minutes.

Carl signed to indicate understanding, but at this moment, the corner of Nicole's eyes suddenly caught a light coming from the top of the villa.

Her gaze sharpened as she looked at the villa on the other side, and sure enough, there was a fleeting glint coming from the rooftop of the villa as well.

Nicole quickly pointed at her bracelet and made a motion for Carl to go alone and contact her

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She then ignored Carl's surprise as she used the cover of the night to rush toward the villa on the other side. She was so fast that she reached the limits of a human being. Carl shrugged helplessly and accepted his teammate's unconventional plan. He stood up and leaned against the wall as he approached the two burly bodyguards by the door. Just as one of them was not looking, he choked out the bodyguard closest to him and then slammed a karate chop on the other bodyguard before the latter could even shout. The two slumped onto the floor, and Carl was pleased with his handiwork before darting into the Thorne family villa.

He darted around the shrubs in the garden to approach the main hall and quickly climbed onto a windowsill by the side. He then used it as a launchpad to jump onto the second floor before hooking his leg onto the wall and hanging himself upside down. This posture would hide him from sight from anyone on the first or second floor. Plus, he had also chosen a blind spot between patrols, and it could be said that he was extremely experienced.

Carl was a little puzzled. He did not know what the occasion was today that the Thorne would deploy so many guards as if some kind of war was about to break out.

Their deployment looked more like they were trying to stop the people inside from coming out rather than people from coming in. With this suspicion in mind, Carl placed a small squarish instrument onto the wall as the miniature headset in his eyes automatically connected to it, allowing him to listen clearly to what was being said inside the villa.

The first ten minutes were nothing but a cacophony of voices, but Carl waited patiently as he waited there quietly, not unlike a still statue.

It was until half past one when the crowd was slowly trying to disperse but was instead being held inside the villa.

Many then let out angry voices. "Hey, asshat, what are you doing trying to keep us here?" "Rhein Thorne, what are you thinking? You're actually the Intercontinental Party's lapdog?" "Stop!"

Amidst the uproar, Rhein's red hair looked particularly conspicuous. He gently dug his ear as he irritably pulled something out and pulled the trigger.

A loud bang soon rang out, and Carl immediately frowned. This was a sound he was most familiar with. A gunshot! He disregarded the risk of being found as he quickly flipped over and descended without a sound. After positioning himself at an angle where he could see what was going on inside, he then stopped moving.

The moment Rhein took out the gun, everyone went silent as an awkward silence cast a pall

upon the villa.

He then laughed out loud, seemingly thinking that the entire fracas was interesting, before hissing brutally. "This banquet is a setup so I can get rid of all of you!" Looking at their fearful faces, Rhein was very satisfied. It was only until when he saw Jared, who was still sitting there fiddling around with a dagger with an inlaid dark ruby in it. The latter was calm and gently tapped the blade against the tabletop, his eyes locked onto the gleeful Rhein.

As if he had no fear at all.

A look of disbelief soon appeared on his face, and seemingly thinking of something, he took a cold and menacing look as he looked at Jared and sneered. "Of course, even if I want to get rid of you lot in the name of my faith, there is still a sequence." Immediately after, he looked at the bodyguard-like figure who had been silent since the start of the banquet and whispered a question to him.

The man nodded after hearing that as he took off his cap, his cold icy gaze then stared sharply at Jared, his tone stereotypically business-like.

"Greetings, I'm of the Interpol."

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In the dark, Carl saw the man as a look of surprise flashed through his eyes before a complicated look too over. 'The Mecrounian government actually mobilized this man. It seems like they are taking this banquet very seriously.'

Carl had the fortune to meet the heads of that organization. It was during an auction in Calloway. Nicole's skill and technique caught Sliver's eyes, and he semi-forcefully inducted her into the team.

He had never had a good impression of this fake good Samaritan.

Upon hearing the man introducing himself, Jared did not say anything. Janus, on the other hand, stepped forward and said impassively. "What business do have you with us?"

Sliver squinted a little before saying slowly. "For the peace and fairness between nations, I'm representing the Mecrounian government. I hope that you can hand over seventy percent of the mining assets and resources you have for the nation's use. In our view, only this way could we best optimize the usage of the Mecrounian resources."

When everyone heard Sliver's words, their eyes widened. Many of the people here were more or less related to the resource industry, but in terms of their weight, they were far, far behind JJ Johnston Group.

That group not only did business, it also operated half of the Mecrounian industries!

When Janus heard Sliver's words, his originally fearful eyes turned disdainful. 'Handing over seventy percent of their assets to the insatiable Mecrounian government?' 'This might as well be daylight robbery!'

Under the private ownership system, why should they hand over the things they had rightfully earned for no reason? Just because the other party demanded it, they could take whatever they wanted?

Moreover, Rhein had a gun in hand, and it was the same for all of his underlings. The bulges around their waists showed they were clearly equipped with guns as well.

'All these were not an attitude a negotiator should have!' Thinking of this, he wanted to say something else.

Just as Janus was about to move, a hand with clearly-defined joints suddenly stretched out as Jared got up. He stopped Janus with his hand as he looked on indifferently at Sliver and Rhein before him and said softly.

"So this is your goal?"

Sliver looked at the man before him. The latter's face was very fair as he looked indifferently back at him, an indescribable coldness surging in his eyes.

Carl also immediately caught sight of Jared. He was stunned for a few seconds before clicking on the watch on his wrist. After pressing a few buttons, a holographic screen soon floated up. He then pointed his watch at the scene before him as he silently transmitted the footage onto Nicole's terminal.

Sliver frowned a little. He was a little pissed off at Jared's uncooperative attitude. He quickly recomposed himself as he looked at Jared and said slowly.

"This is what you should be doing."

Janus' eyes were already aflame with anger. Yet, Jared only afforded the people on the opposite a cold smile.

"What if I don't?"

He did not wait for a response but instead looked around on his own, and when he saw the very familiar faces, a look of irony appeared in his eyes.

Sliver did not expect to be asked such a rhetorical question, but he quickly recovered. His eyes had a very business-like look and were shockingly indifferent.

"Then, I'm afraid no one will be walking out of this place today."

When everyone heard that, their expressions changed. 'What is the meaning of this? Are they planning to kill us?'

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Sliver listened to their angry mutterings. A few stood up as they looked displeased and shouted.

"You Intercontinental lapdogs! You would sell your soul for power? You're despicable!"

Sliver's eyes were impassive. He did not care what they were saying as long as he could get what he wanted.

However, that did not mean he liked hearing such words. Thinking of this, he heard Jared and asked coldly, "Have you thought it through?" The crowd on the side was still yelling and shouting. Rhein, standing behind Sliver, frowned a little before shooting at the feet of the man shouting.

The entire venue fell silent, and no one dared to make a sound.

Jared let out an inexplicable smile as he looked straight at Sliver and said slowly, "I thought you'd be a bit more reserved in doing something so shameless. I never thought that you'd be so brazen." "Should I be praising you guys for being straightforward, or should I be calling you a lot shameless?"

Sliver looked at Jared once again and felt the latter a little difficult to handle. Rhein did not care too much, however, as he looked menacingly at Jared and said coldly.

"So, you don't agree then?" Janus snorted. 'Isn't that obvious?"

'Only a fool would have agreed to this daylight robbery, and going by the Intercontinental Party's nature, they will not just want the seventy percent. When the time comes, heavens know whether there will be anything left for us.' Thinking of this, he looked at Rhein and hissed.

"You will never get what you want! You better let us go this instant!"

Everyone else also nodded as they had the same thought.

Almost no one could accept being squeezed by the Intercontinental Party as they were relentless and would not stop until they squeezed the last drop of blood from the business folks.

When Rhein heard such blunt words, a wicked glint appeared in his eyes as he looked at Jared while slowly putting the gun in his hand away.

"The thing is my hand is just for show, to scare you lot."

When everyone heard him say that, many heaved a sigh of relief as they rushed outside. Yet, what Rhein said the next moment made their hearts sink. "However, we have our guys all around this place. If you dare to step out, you'll be Swiss cheese!"

He looked at the fearful crowd and raised his head triumphantly like a child who had managed to pull off a prank. He let out maniacal laughter before stopping and looking menacingly at Jared as he said word by word, "How's that? Now think. Agree to our demands and live, isn't that a good deal?"

When Janus heard that lunatic's words, he immediately frowned. He turned slightly toward Jared, and seeing that the latter was still impassive as ever, he slowly calmed down.

Since Jared dared to stand there, that meant that there was no possibility for any miscalculations.

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Jared looked at Rhein with a faint puzzlement in his eyes. "You seem to have some great animosity against me."

Rhein looked at Jared again. Even though this was no longer the first time he saw the latter's face, it still managed to amaze him.

He said indifferently. "Why would I?".

Jared yet gave him a thoughtful look as he held the extremely thin dagger in his hand and casually twirled it, looking very threatening.

"Is that so?"

He stood there indifferently; his aura was enough to cause everyone to suffocate. Seeing that everyone was just standing there unmoving, a look of anger appeared in Rhein's eyes.

"Since you won't agree, don't blame me then! Men, take Mr. Johnston down first!" Although Sliver gave him a displeased look, he did not say anything. The target of his mission today was just Jared. Getting him to agree is the ultimate goal.' Thinking of this, he gently made a hand signal. Two people beside him got the signal and slowly made their way toward Jared.

Carl looked at the two approaching Jared. A slight look of worry appeared in his eyes. He was now wondering if he should reveal himself to help them. After all, Jared was Nicole's boyfriend.

Jared looked at Sliver. An icy chill quickly appeared in his eyes. "This guy, he is after me.'

Janus became a little more cautious. He was skilled in fighting, but his observation skills were much worse than Dino's. He now really regretted did not take his martial arts practice seriously and could better protect his boss.

Jared did not mind it as he looked at the two walking over. A smile appeared on his face as he casually slipped to the side and perfectly avoided their violent tackle.

The two were stunned. That move they used was only a fraction of a second, and no one had been able to dodge it.

'Is it a coincidence?'

They looked at Jared's back with a faint look of fear in their eyes.

This time, they struck without hesitation and were twice as fast as their previous strike. Yet, Jared seemed to have eyes at the back of his head. He simply just turned sideways slightly and dodged their attacks.

At this very moment, the two of them knew that their foe was much more skilled than them!

At the same time, everyone in the hall saw the scene and tried to save themselves.

There were two selfish folks who yelled. "Since he's your biggest partner, keep him here and let us go!"

"Yeah! His life for everyone's else safety! Isn't that a good deal?!" Everyone was encouraged by the words, and their gaze toward Jared changed. He knew exactly what they thought as he smiled and slowly said. "You're so naive. Do you think that he'll let you walk out alive after killing me?" A number of smarter folks immediately shut up, but there were still a few who had a menacing glint in their eyes. 'If we can use the life of a stronger competitor to exchange ours, how profitable will it be?' Looking at their scheming expressions, Jared's expression remained impassive as he was not surprised by their stubbornness at all. 1

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Chapter 587 Rhein looked gleefully at Jared. The menace in his eyes faded away, looking extremely normal now, with a tinge of faked sorrow.

Yet, the smile in his eyes did not fade away.

No one could have such a handsome face and not be destroyed. 'If there's anyone to be blamed for being so good-looking, it's Jared himself.'

Thinking of this, he let out a weird laugh. "Oh, how the mighty falls. Mr. Johnston, people sure do hate you."

Sliver looked at Jared, and a cold glint flashed across his eyes. "Enough. Stop the nonsense. Deal with the others and get them to sign the agreement. As for Jared Johnston... I'll deal with him."

As Sliver said that, he motioned with a look. A group of black-clad bodyguards immediately appeared from a dark corner and closed in on Jared. Rhein's two bodyguards immediately fell back. Since they could not get close to Jared anyway, they would be better off retreating.

Janus tried to protect his boss. Although he felt things were going to be tough, he had no fear. As if he did not even consider these people his equal. Carl looked at the scene and frowned a little. He was now sure that the Thorne family and the Intercontinental Party must have some secrets. It was possible that the Mecrounian government had promised the Thorne family something for Rhein to be so reckless. It must have been a hefty price.

Looking at Sliver, Carl narrowed his eyes.

'For them to summon Sliver to deal with him, his existence must've threatened someone.'

Carl could not help but be amazed.

"The man Nicole chose sure isn't ordinary at all.'

Just as he was wondering if he should show himself, a rustle came from the communicator as Nicole's voice suddenly rang out. She looked at the scene that was on display before her and said calmly.

"Stay still. Carl, amplify the communicator's volume by ten times."

Carl was puzzled, but he still did it. Although he had no idea what Nicole was up to, he knew very well that she had cleared all threats her way.

A number of people lay all over the place as blood dripped from the silver shard she held. She then casually shook it before looking coldly at the sniper she had tied up. He was already taken a walloping, but she had not yet killed him.

It was for this moment.

She then placed the communicator before the sniper, her silver shard pressing close against his throat.

"Speak to your boss."

The sniper fearfully swallowed his saliva. He shrank his neck, not wanting to speak, but that shard was just too sharp, and just pressing lightly against his skin alone was enough for him to feel that it could pierce his skin.

Seeing him demurring, she pressed the shard closer as she said emotionlessly. "Not speaking?" The man immediately perked up as his crying voice rang across the entire Thorne villa." Rhein, we've been surrounded! All four sentry points have been taken out!"

'What?'

Rhein's expression changed in an instant; his shocked face turned pale.

Everyone held their breaths, but they did not believe the thing said from the weird device was true. After all, they were under threat at gunpoint. Yet, Sliver knew his men would not lie. A look of disbelief appeared in his gray eyes as he looked resentfully at Jared, a tinge of panic that things had gone wrong appearing in his eyes. He immediately wanted to contact the sniper, but he could not make contact at all. His eyes turned icy as he looked at Jared and hissed.

The sniper's voice interrupted him as it continued. "We... we've been surrounded! Do not make a move against Jared Johnston, or we are all dead!"

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Chapter 588 Upon hearing this, the first person Sliver suspected was Jared!

'No wonder this guy was so calm. He came prepared!" 'I've grossly underestimated him!' "Jared Johnston, you!"

He had deployed so many men, yet Jared was still unscathed. This was an absolute slap to his face!

Jared stood before him, his aura imposing, like a king standing before the masses.

Behind him, Janus stood respectfully.

Yet, at this moment, a young man walked out of the darkness and came to their side.

When Rhein saw that man, his eyes shrank as he said in disbelief.

"Carlisle?"

'Why is he here?"

Carl looked at the surprised Rhein, and while his face was still hidden in the darkness, the chill on it was palpable.

"No need to be surprised, Rhein."

He said slowly, his voice low yet attractive, with an inexplicable tinge of bewitching.

"We should be settling the score between us sooner or later, right?"

'What did he mean?'

Rhein looked at Carlisle's blue eyes and felt anxious.

'Has he found out what we did to the Turmann family?'

Rhein's expression immediately turned grim. He turned to look for Sliver's help, only to find that the latter was looking thoughtfully at Carlisle. 'If this man is here, then S...' Recalling what the sniper had just said, something flashed past Sliver's eyes. 'If it's S who had gotten involved, then no one could stop her.'

'I never thought that Jared could mobilize S!' 'I've really underestimated him!'

Rhein looked at Sliver, hoping the latter would say something. After all, he knew that he was subconsciously weaker when facing Carlisle. Yet, Sliver did not make any move at all. His icy gaze fell upon Jared as if he was thinking of something.

Jared ignored him but was instead surprised that Carl was here.

However, he could already guess Carl's identity, so he did not say much. He then said to Rhein and Sliver, "Since you can't keep me here, I'll be leaving then."

He was not aware of what was going on, but with Carl here, he knew that girl was probably here as well.

'No wonder she said she had to leave a few days ago, it turns out that..."

As he thought of this, he could not wait anymore as he turned and left the Thorne family villa.

"Are you just going to watch him leave like that?" Rhein got a little panicky. Yet, Sliver dared not make a single move. Because he was afraid of that pair of eyes in the dark. After they left the villa, Carl frowned as he said to Jared. "Go ahead first. I still have things to attend to."

Before Jared could even respond, he left in a hurry. 3

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Chapter 589 Jared's expression turned sullen, but he knew better than to stop Carl, leaving Nicole without any support.

Janus looked at Carl's back and whispered. "Boss, do you need me to investigate who was the one who intervened tonight?"

After all, his boss had not arranged for anyone to surround this place.

Jared shook his head as he looked in the opposite direction Carl was walking toward, and a smile appeared. "Call everyone back. There's no need to keep an eye on this place any longer. Call back the satellite surveillance as well."

Janus wanted to say something, yet Jared had already left. He looked at his boss, slowly letting out a smirk, and muttered to himself. 'We've just survived an ambush, and even if you came prepared, you don't need to be in such a good mood, Boss.' After all, strategizing alone took time. Thinking of this, Janus held his headset and gave some orders before turning around to follow Jared and leave the place. Rhein stood behind Sliver with a livid face. He cautiously observed the latter's expression and dared not speak casually.

'If we cannot take out that man with such an opportunity, it'll be much more difficult in the future.' 'I wonder who helped Jared. Otherwise, he wouldn't have escaped!'

Just as Rhein was entertaining that thought, Sliver turned around. He quickly came to the few other villas nearby and looked at his subordinates all on the ground groaning in pain.

A few snipers there were tied into a wedged shape, and the snipers aiming at Jared were cleanly dismantled into four pieces. Although it did not stop them from reassembling it, it could at least ensure that they would not have the time to pursue Jared.

A look of approval appeared in Sliver's eyes. 'Even after so many years, s' way of doing things is still so agile and clever. What she did is ever so clean and with ease, yet it also retained her principles and bottom line.'

If her foe did not hurt her, she would never really hurt thern either.

Rhein followed behind and was a little angry as he looked at the mess. He then hissed vehemently, "Sir, don't you worry, I will definitely find out who is the person who had ruined our plans!" He originally thought that Sliver would be satisfied with what he said, yet he did not expect this man, who was a stickler of rules to coldly glance at him and say, "No need."

'WHAT?' This time, Rhein was stunned. He did not think that Sliver would be so tolerant of the person standing on Jared's side. Sliver sighed as he slowly closed his eye as he recalled that terrifying scar. When he reopened his eyes, there were no longer any lingering emotions.

"I owe her this."

Rhein heard the tone in his voice and was surprised. However, looking at Sliver's icy face, he knew better than to press the question.

He then slowly opened his mouth and asked the question that concerned him the most. "I've led the Thorne family to betray the Turmann family, and now I've crossed the biggest businessman in Mecrounia. Our days will get very difficult, Sir. You've seen all that." Sliver turned around and looked at the person that was no different than a gnat and slowly said.

"What do you want? Out with it."

A look of greed appeared in Rhein's eyes. The reason he was willing to be a blade of the Intercontinental Party was that he had been coveting something for too long, and the bits and pieces he had gotten so far no longer satisfied him. So he grinned softly and said, "I'm not asking for much, Sir." "I need a copy of that Mobile Armor blueprint that the Turmann family has. That'll be enough." Sliver glanced at Rhein with a warning look in his eyes, seemingly displeased with the latter's insatiable greed. But in the end, he nodded slowly. "As long as you can get your hands on it." Rhein's eyes immediately lit up as he looked at Sliver and said, "Just wait for it."

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Chapter 590 Nicole and Carl returned to the Turmann manor as she parked the Dodge Tomahawk at the back. She then bid Carl goodbye before walking to her room.

By the time she returned to her room, the silver-white glint had unsurprisingly disappeared as it must have been stored away by Elijah.

She looked away, and when she saw the item on her table, she paused a little. Although the computer was on, its screen was in sleep mode. Yet, the paper in front of the computer caused her eyes to twitch a little.

Although the other party had tried to restore it, Nicole had mastered a certain pattern when she put it down, so she could tell at a glance that someone had touched the piece of paper. There was someone who came into her room and saw the chip she had inserted into the computer. Nicole quickly checked through and confirmed that no one had touched her computer.

The person seemed to be confident that Nicole would not be able to find anything even with the chip in hand. Therefore, the other party only touched on that simplified blueprint. Thinking of this, Nicole's eyes twitched a little as she turned on the computer again and casually hacked the surveillance camera on the third floor. As she looked at the people that came and went while she was out, she seemed to have locked onto something and immediately sent out a message.

Barely two minutes later, the other party sent the stuff she wanted over.

She looked at the name, but there was no surprise in her eyes.

The next morning, Carl knocked on Nicole's door, and when he saw her opening it, he titled his head a little at let out a rather silly smile. "Dad called us downstairs. He said that he has a guest coming." Nicole nodded softly as she put the thing in her hand down and got up to leave with Carl.

Along the way, Carl was talking to her, and when they got to the second floor, a burst of chatter rang out behind them as a group of girls from the Turmann branch families walked over together. The leading girl was sweet-looking, not unlike a very delicate doll

Everyone surrounded her and was seemingly saying something to her, yet she looked a little gloomy. It was until when she saw Carlisle did her eyes lit up. Seemingly knowing what she was thinking, the other girls also teased her as they accompanied her toward

Carl. Vera shyly looked at the man before her as a blush appeared on her face. She looked extremely lovely as she said somewhat bashfully. "Hello, Carlisle." Carl gave her a puzzled look. In fact, he had no recollection of this girl at all, but out of courtesy, he still nodded at her.

Immediately after, he looked away and continued to talk to Nicole as if he did not want to give that girl any attention at all. Vera's looked at this dazzling scene before her as her bashful eyes froze. Only then did she notice Nicole and start to get a measure of the latter.

She was not home yesterday, but she had heard the girls telling her that Carlisle had brought a Hustuaburgian girl back. He seemed to take good care of the girl, and even the master of the family treated her very differently, even handing over some authority to her.

All these were previously handled by Aunt Merry. She was originally dismissive of such rumors but by the looks of things, how Carlisle was treating the lady really shocked her!