

Chapter 1311 A Bad Feeling

Marco broke into a frown and said, "I would be going to Eplistan in a few days, so have them reschedule."

"That's the tricky part," Carl sighed. "The Dury family is adamant that you must meet with them that day. They have refused to choose another date."

When Marco heard this, he clicked his tongue in annoyance and dismissed Carl.

Since this meeting with the Dury family was coming at an inconvenient time, Marco decided that he needed to discuss it with Loraine.

So he dialled Loraine's number, and she picked up immediately. "Marco, what's up?" she asked, her voice slightly distorted.

"Lorrie, the Dury family in Zodiac has requested a meeting with me," Marco said in a muffled voice. "They're kind of a big deal, and I think the meeting is unavoidable."

"Oh, do you want me to come with you?" Loraine asked.

"No, I'll handle it," Marco assured her, though he was tapping his desk in frustration. "But they want to meet around the same time we're supposed to go visit Eplistan. I've asked for it to be rescheduled, but they've refused to budge. Frankly, I have a bad feeling about this."

Loraine frowned in puzzlement when she heard this. After her discussion with Marco, she decided to consult Edwin.

Immediately he heard the matter, Edwin warned her that the

eldest son of the Dury family was not one to be trifled with.

The Dury family was backed by powerful forces. Though not as formidable as the Cruz or Wilson families in Zodiac, they were still quite a strong family.

After reading Edwin's caution, Loraine began to ponder.

The Dury family's eldest son's mother hailed from Eplistan, and they were involved in the transportation sector.

Eplistan again, huh?

She and Marco seemed to be having too many connections with Eplistan lately.

After thinking for a while, Loraine relayed this information to Marco.

As a result, Marco began to think twice about his plans. Loraine quickly tried to comfort him, "It's okay. We just won't be on the same flight. After you meet with the Duries, you can then proceed to Eplistan. I'll scout the area and make a travel plan while awaiting your arrival. When you land, we can have a proper tour!"

Marco reluctantly agreed, his hand unconsciously clenching his phone tighter.

He understood that Loraine's solution was the best, but the idea of not being on the same flight with her for their trip left him somewhat dejected.

Loraine continued, "That Dury guy may be tough, but he's no match for you, otherwise, he wouldn't have to bother you so much. Go out there and show him what you're made of."

Marco couldn't help but chuckle at this. He knew Loraine was trying to cheer him up. It did make him feel better. "Alright, I'll take you to the airport then," he said with a sigh.

A few days later, Marco and Loraine met at the airport.

To avoid attracting attention, Loraine had dressed plainly, even pulling up the hood of her jacket to cover her face.

Despite her low-key appearance and the crowded airport, Marco spotted her almost immediately.

His eyes lit up in joy, and he quickly hurried towards her.

When they finally came face-to-face, Marco couldn't help but pull her into a tight hug as he apologized, "I'm sorry that I can't go with you. It feels like I'm letting you down."

His head was buried in Loraine's neck, like a sad, whimpering puppy. This attracted curious glances from passersby.

"Alright, alright," Loraine laughed, trying to get him to let go, "it's not a big deal. I'll be waiting for you in Eplistan. Once you get there, you can tell me all about how you handle that Dury guy."

Marco nodded and reluctantly escorted Loraine to the boarding gate.

Loraine waved vigorously at him one last time before going in.

Once Loraine was out of sight, Marco's face turned to its usual cold state. "Carl, get the car ready. We're going to visit the Dury family."

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The journey to the Dury family estate was quite a long one. By the time Marco finally arrived, darkness had already set in.

In the living room, Leif Dury, the eldest son of the Dury family, was already seated, waiting patiently. Marco entered and saw him reclining on a luxurious leather sofa with his legs crossed, looking cocky as hell.

After giving him a cold once-over, Marco quickly came to a conclusion about the young man. He assumed this had to be Leif.


"Mr. Cruz, it appears you have finally decided to grace us with your presence," Leif sneered, looking at Marco with so much arrogance. But before he could ask Marco to sit, Marco had already taken a seat on the sofa opposite.

When Leif frowned at Marco, he received a cold, fierce glare that sent a shiver down his spine, instantly deflating his haughty demeanor.

But he quickly recovered himself and said in a casual tone, "Marco, you've overstepped. My agency just took on a job. Already, you've got your fingers all over it, trying to mess with my people. Why?"

Marco understood that Leif was talking about the investigation into his agency, so he replied, "Leif, do you even know exactly what kind of job your agency took on?"

"It's just one of my many businesses," Leif said with a scoff. "I

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don't have the time to monitor their every move.*

So he didn't even have any idea what his subordinates had gotten into, yet when he felt that his authority had been challenged, he quickly sought to assert himself. What a joke!

Marco saw him as a young man who was all show and no substance. So he informed him in a harsh tone, "Look here, your agency took on a job for Princess Caroline of Eplistan. This is someone who has been plotting to harm the nation's entrepreneur! You sit there questioning me while you have conspired with Princess Caroline to harm an innocent entrepreneur? How dare you! Do you realize that you could be guilty of treason?"

Caught off guard by Marco's sudden harshness and shocked by the weighty claim, Leif immediately turned pale.

He had thought that he would give Marco a hard time. He never expected such a serious counter-accusation.

"No way!" He quickly spoke up in an attempt to defend himself. "Princess Caroline is my distant relative. The current queen of Eplistan is my mother's cousin, which makes Princess Caroline my cousin. All I did was help out my cousin! How can that make me guilty of treason?"

"Let me tell you something, Marco," Leif went on, now growing bolder. "Since you're new to Zodiac, you might not be aware of the situation. You think you can do whatever you want simply because you have the backing of the Cruz family? Melvin is still in the hospital; so what do you think you can possibly achieve?"

Marco responded by slamming his fist down in anger, shattering the glass top of the coffee table and sending shards of glass flying everywhere.

Leif jumped in fright. When he looked up and met Marco's intense gaze, he couldn't help but shiver.

He had made the mistake of insulting the head of the Cruz family, Marco's father. It was only now that he realized the import of his statement. But he still refused to back down. Instead, he stubbornly glared back, even though he was sweating profusely.

Marco responded by holding his cold, intense stare that pierced into Leif.

After a while, he finally spoke up. "Yes, Melvin is still at the hospital, but I have the most advanced medical robots providing him with the best care. Meanwhile, your foolish cousin has been sent back to Eplistan and confined there. You'd better think twice if you want to cause more trouble for me!"

Leif almost choked on his own spit as he tried to argue. But just then, his assistant suddenly rushed in, shouting, "Mr. Dury! There's a problem. The project we snatched from Solar Company... the partner has sued us! They're accusing us of forced collaboration and monopolistic practices, and they've even reported to the government."

"What?! How could that happen?" Leif gasped in shock. Then it dawned on him, and he turned to Marco and screamed, "It was you!"

Marco didn't deny it. Instead, he admitted it with a proud nod, "Yes, it was me. So what? When you messed with my affairs, you would face the consequences."

Leif's chest began to heave with rage. "Marco, you're too arrogant," he spat with a bitter laugh. "Even if this project fails, I promise you I have countless other ways to make your life a thousand times worse! Just you wait and see. You'll regret what you did!"