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"When you were poisoned years ago, he was the one who treated you..." Marino paused abruptly and greeted, "Ah! Ms. Blackwood, you are here!"

Ms. Blackwood? Could it be Cynthia Blackwood?

When Charlotte was about to ask again, Marino had hung up.

Charlotte's forehead creased into a frown as the line went dead. In a split second, there was a change in her countenance.

"What is she trying to do? She seems to be meddling up with things all the time!" Morgan chided.

Lupine echoed by grumbling, "She's really annoying! Ms. Lindberg, don't be angry. Since Mr. Nacht is poisoned now, I'm sure he's not the one who sought her help."

"Marino mentioned that Ellie was poisoned because of the food she had consumed..." Charlotte squinted her eyes and mumbled quizzically, "Ellie was by my side all the time these two days. How was it possible for her to be poisoned?"

"It's rather weird. Not to mention, Ms. Elisa had taken the same meal as Mr. Robinson and Mr. Jamison. Nothing happens to them, yet why was she poisoned?"

"Who had actually poisoned Ms. Elisa?" Morgan frowned and asked in bafflement.

Lupine asked tactfully again, "Could it be she was poisoned in the Nachts' residence? Ms. Elisa still looked fine by the time she left yesterday evening."

"According to Marino, Ms. Elisa started to feel sick and did not have any appetite right after she got back to the Nachts'

residence. They went to Seacrest Restaurant for some clue but did not detect anything," Morgan added.

"Ah! Seacrest Restaurant... If I'm not mistaken, Ellie did not eat anything else after her meal at Seacrest Restaurant. If it is food poisoning, I'm sure she was poisoned at the restaurant..." Charlotte commented analytically.

Right that instant, Cynthia's figure flashed across her mind. Even though she did not have any evidence, her gut instinct told her that the woman had something to do with Ellie's poisoning.

"Morgan, go to Seacrest Restaurant now and have a thorough search. Don't miss out on the surveillance footage in the restaurant!" Charlotte instructed.

"Noted, Ms. Lindberg!" She nodded respectfully.

A while later, the car came to a halt by the roadside. Morgan got out of it with a few subordinates, hopped into another car, and sped off.

On the other hand, Charlotte's car was heading toward South Sea.

Lupine tried to appease Charlotte by consoling her. "Ms. Lindberg, don't worry. After the opening ceremony, I will accompany you to visit Ms. Elisa at the hospital. By then, I'm sure Morgan will manage to get some clues."

"I can't let anything happen to my family again! I have vowed to protect them!" Charlotte stared into space out of the window with a hint of determination in her eyes.

Lupine could not resist feeling worried, yet she did not have the courage to utter any words. Deep down, she could only pray that everything would turn out fine.

In the meantime, Marino was standing in Taylor and Cynthia's way in the hospital. He had assigned others to notify Ben a while ago.

After a while, Ben reached hastily and said courteously, "Mr. Blackwood, Ms. Blackwood, I'm sorry to inform you that Mr. Nacht refuses to see anyone at the moment."

“We heard that Zachary has been poisoned, and we are here to help him. Cynthia has knowledge of Traditional Chinese Medicine and might be able to treat him,” Taylor explained sincerely.

“How did you find out about that?” Ben knitted his brows. My goodness! This is the Nacht family’s top secret at the moment. How did they know about it?

“I’m the one who notified them and sought their help,” Spencer emerged and explained.

“Mr. Spencer,” Ben greeted him and moved aside at once with his head lowered.

Spencer explained further nonchalantly, “They are not outsiders. Mr. Henry is impressed with Cynthia’s medical skills. After all, both Mr. Zachary and Ellie are seriously ill, and none of the doctors can help them at the moment. Thus, there is no harm for us to let her give it a try.”

“But...” Ben tried to refute.

“Ben, please let me give it a try. I’m convinced that I can help to eliminate the poison from both Zachary and Ellie’s bodies.” Cynthia signed to him.

Cynthia’s words put Ben in a tight spot. Too many things occurred recently, and he started to be suspicious of her. Even though there was no concrete evidence that she was the mastermind behind everything, Ben told himself not to let his guard down as long as she was not exonerated of any blame.

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As such, Ben wasn’t planning on letting the Blackwoods know what happened to the Nacht family, but Spencer had informed them.

However, having looked after Henry the whole time, Spencer was oblivious to the recent events and told Cynthia everything.

“Ellie is in critical condition right now, and a slight mistake could very well lead to death. I can’t bring myself to make that decision, so we should probably wait till Mr. Nacht wakes up,” Ben said with a frown.

“Let me go see Zachary! Spencer told me he was bitten by a venomous snake, and I have a way of saving him!” Cynthia signed at him anxiously.

“I...” Ben was still hesitant.

“Let her in. I’ll take responsibility if anything goes wrong,” Spencer said decisively.

Naturally, Ben didn’t dare to protest any further.

“Thank you for trusting me!” Cynthia signed at him in relief.

“Come on. I’ll bring you to him.” Spencer then led Cynthia to Zachary to get him treated.

Taylor followed closely behind them, looking concerned like he had already acknowledged Zachary as his son-in-law.

“You head on over the airport,” Ben ordered Marino.

“Yes, sir!” Marino replied and left in a hurry.

Ben then kept a close eye on Cynthia and Taylor to ensure no harm came to Zachary.

Miraculously enough, Zachary regained consciousness an hour later with Cynthia’s help.

“Mr. Zachary, you’re awake!” Spencer was overjoyed. “You’re amazing, Cynthia! I can’t believe you were able to save him so quickly!”

"This acupuncture treatment will only help him remain conscious for the time being. It would take more time to fully rid his body of the venom. You'll need to continuously administer this treatment every day along with the use of herbs. It should take about a month for him to make a full recovery." Cynthia signed.

Spencer was relieved. "That's fine... I'm just glad his condition is curable..."

Ben was equally shocked when he saw Zachary waking up as he didn't expect Cynthia's treatment to be so effective.

"Ellie... How is Ellie?" Zachary rubbed his forehead weakly.

"Mr. Nacht!" Ben quickly helped him sit upright on the bed. "Ellie is still in the ICU, but her condition is stable for now..."

"You fainted after you were bitten by a venomous snake, Zachary. It was all thanks to Cynthia's acupuncture treatment that you were able to regain consciousness. Shall we let her take a look at Ellie too?" Taylor said.

"Cynthia?" Zachary looked up at her and frowned. "What are you two doing here?"

He was able to remain conscious even though his vision was still a little blurry from the venom, but he was still in no condition to be having visitors.

"I came to help you, Zachary! Please believe me! I'll definitely be able to save Ellie..." Cynthia signed at him, but Zachary cut her off.

"We have doctors here... You two can go home now..." Zachary smacked his head in an attempt to relieve the splitting headache.

"Zachary..." Taylor was about to say something but was interrupted by a medical staff who came running in. "Bad news! Ms. Elisa has started convulsing again!"

"What?" Zachary tried to get off the bed, but his body was so weak that he nearly fell down.

“Mr. Nacht...” Ben was quick to catch him and hold him steady.

“He mustn’t move about too much or the venom will spread further into his system!” Cynthia signed anxiously.

Taylor quickly fetched Ben a wheelchair, and they both helped Zachary onto it before heading over to the ICU with him.

“What’s going on here? How did this happen? All of you doctors can’t even treat a single patient?” Spencer asked in a state of panic.

“The venom is simply too deadly! There’s practically nothing we can do!” one of the doctors said with tears in his eyes.

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“You...” Zachary felt a sharp pain in his heart when he got agitated.

“Don’t worry, Mr. Nacht! I’ve sent someone to get Dr. Felch!” Ben reassured him.

Raina sobbed with her head hung low. “Time waits for no one... Ellie is...”

Cynthia walked up to Zachary and signed at him, “Let me give it a try, Zachary! Trust me!”

With no other options left, Zachary could only take his chances with her. “Fine! If you can treat Ellie successfully, I’ll give you anything you want!”

“Cynthia will be able to treat Ellie for sure!” Taylor then turned toward her and urged her, “Hurry up and get your medical kit!”

Cynthia then grabbed her medical kit and ran into the ward.

Raina and the other doctors watched from the side while everyone else waited outside.

Zachary was incredibly weak at the time, but he insisted on waiting with everyone else and refused to go anywhere until he was certain that Ellie was fine.

It was truly a race against time to bring Ellie back from the brink of death.

Meanwhile, Charlotte was rushing toward South Sea Hotel at the last minute.

One of Danrique's men, Sean, greeted her the moment she got out of the car and warned her, "Mr. Lindberg is very unhappy. Be careful, miss."

"Danrique is here already?"

Charlotte knew Danrique never showed up in public and would usually operate behind the scenes.

"Yes, about half an hour ago. Hurry up and head on inside! The ceremony is about to start!" Sean said softly.

"Got it! Thanks, Sean!" Charlotte thanked him with a nod.

A huge crowd of journalists had gathered at the entrance of South Sea Hotel and snapping away as Charlotte came in dressed fully in white with eight female bodyguards around her.

Charlotte simply ignored the camera flashes and made her way straight into the hotel, and a staff member then led them into a VIP elevator which took them upstairs.

Charlotte glanced at her reflection in the elevator's mirror and fixed her hair as well as her earrings. She even applied some lipstick for the occasion.

There were thousands of journalists waiting for her at the venue for the press conference, and the whole place was in an uproar when Charlotte entered.

Despite being bombarded by tons of blinding camera flashes, Charlotte was able to maintain her composure and gracefully make her way to her seat.

“Charlotte... How could you show up so late when you’re the star of the show here? Even I arrived thirty minutes in advance!” Louis’ gentle voice was heard as he came in through the other entrance.

“Have you seen my brother?” Charlotte asked coldly.

“Yes, I have...” Louis wiped the sweat off his forehead as he continued, “He’s a lot friendlier to me now, but he still gives me the chills.”

As Robert and Danrique had become business partners, they tried to get Louis and Charlotte to date each other; hence, Danrique treated Louis like family.

Even so, that didn’t make Louis fear him any less.

“What’s there to be afraid of? My brother doesn’t bite! Just make sure you stay away from those pets of his!” Charlotte teased him.

“Please don’t bring that up again...” Louis groaned.

Charlotte smiled as she motioned at him, and the two took their seats on stage.

The emcee then began the opening ceremony by announcing the purchase of South Sea’s territorial waters before handing Charlotte the microphone.

Charlotte delivered a simple yet powerful speech about bringing nature closer to humanity and allowing mankind to appreciate the beauty of the ocean through deep-sea exploration.

The main idea was to build an underwater theme park connected by a glass tunnel so people would be able to observe the ocean life up close.

Naturally, an interesting idea like that was bound to attract the attention of all the journalists present. They bombarded

Charlotte with tons of questions, all of which she answered with ease.

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A satisfied smile spread across Danrique's lips as he watched everything from behind the stage.

Looks like those two years of education haven't been in vain, after all! Charlotte has the Lindberg family's excellent genes in her, so she's able to learn everything easily if taught with the right methods. It's like she's transformed into a completely different person in just two years! Equipped with both brains and brawns, she is now able to handle any situation with ease! One day, she'll become my most capable assistant ever and help me manage Lindberg Corporation!

"Now then, Ms. Lindberg and Sir Louis, please complete the opening ceremony!"

As the emcee announced the most crucial step, Charlotte and Louis got to their feet and walked up to the front of the stage.

They were supposed to place their hands on a translucent globe and wait for the laser to shine on the screen to complete the opening ceremony.

Louis had already placed his hand on the globe, but Charlotte was interrupted by a loud voice from the crowd when she reached her hand out. "Wait!"

She then paused and turned toward the direction of the voice, only to see a prosecutor approach her with a document in hand. "Who's in charge of the South Sea project?"

Charlotte pulled her hand back and slowly walked up to the prosecutor. "I am. Is something the matter?"

“Here’s my identification. The South Sea project is incredibly detrimental to the marine life around the area, and we have official documents ordering the termination of the project!” the prosecutor said as he produced his identification and a document from a red folder.

The entire place went into an uproar upon hearing that, and even Charlotte was dumbfounded.

She then took the document over from the prosecutor, and the look in her eyes turned gloomy as she read through it.

“How did this happen?” Louis asked in shock.

Lindberg Corporation has spent thirty billion just to acquire South Sea’s territorial waters, and the initiation of the project is going to cost hundreds of billions more! Why would the project be halted now? Not only would the company lose hundreds of billions, but it would also have its subsequent business plans affected! After all, who in their right minds would want to partner up with a company that faces such a huge issue before the project even starts?

Charlotte was starting to panic, but maintained a calm expression on her face as she said, “I want to see your superior. We’ve gotten the approvals required to carry out this project, so why only halt it now?”

“I’m just here to deliver the order, so I’m not too sure about the details. If you have any questions, feel free to take it up with my superiors. The contact details are stated on this document.” the prosecutor said coldly before turning around and leaving with his men.

As Charlotte’s anger boiled inside her, the journalists continued snapping away and bombarding her with questions from below the stage.

“How much will this cost Lindberg Corporation, Ms. Lindberg? Is it as much as a hundred billion?”

“Do you think this is an act of sabotage by your rival company?”

“Do you have any plans for handling this, Ms. Lindberg?”

“The press conference will end here, thank you all for attending...”

The emcee and higher-ups quickly stepped in to control the situation while Lupine and the bodyguards escorted Charlotte to backstage.

Louis and his men were about to follow suit when a journalist asked him, “Sir Louis, will this incident affect your partnership with Lindberg Corporation?”

“No, it won’t!” Louis replied before running after Charlotte. “Don’t worry, Charlotte! I’ll figure something out! I’m sure we’ll...”

Bang!

Danrique kicked the coffee table over in a fit of rage, shattering the bottles of champagne and wine glasses they had prepared to celebrate the project’s successful initiation.

The floor was instantly covered in broken glass and champagne, scaring Louis so much that he took a step back in response.

The rest of the employees around them were terrified as well and didn’t dare make a sound.

“I’m sorry, Danrique. It was my mistake...” Charlotte apologized with her head hung low.

Danrique narrowed his eyes and shouted through clenched teeth, “Damn you, Zachary... Looks like I’ve really underestimated you!”

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Charlotte kept quiet as she knew that Zachary was the only one who could’ve outfoxed her like that.

So, that's why he's been so busy lately! He got a prosecutor to halt the project at the last minute, humiliating Lindberg Corporation in front of the press... Very impressive, I'll give him that... I bet it won't be long before everyone finds out about this. The Lindberg family has always been unbeatable in terms of its firepower and combat prowess, which was why Danrique managed to get at Zachary with the venomous snake.

However, the Nacht family is a lot better when it comes to business strategies and the use of technology. It took the Lindberg Corporation many years to slowly make its way into the local market and hit Zachary with both internal and external threats!

Who would've thought that he'd be able to deal such a heavy blow to the company and crush it completely? I can see why the usually calm and collected Danrique would lose his temper like this...

"Um... I don't think Zachary has anything to do with this official decision being made... He's probably so disoriented that he can't even tell left from right, so there's no way he'd be able to..." Louis said softly, but was quick to stop himself when he Danrique shot him a cold glare.

"I...I mean, I don't know, it's just a guess! A-Anyway, I'll be on my way now! Call me if anything comes up, Charlotte!"

Charlotte watched as Louis fled the scene frantically before turning toward Danrique. "Calm down, brother. I'll find a way to clean up this mess."

"Why were you late just now?" Danrique asked.

Not wanting to keep it a secret from him, Charlotte replied honestly, "I went to the hospital."

Danrique frowned and glared coldly at her upon hearing that.

Although he didn't say anything, the look in his eyes was more than enough to send shivers down everyone's spines.

Charlotte simply kept quiet in response.

Lupine had thought of defending her, but she was too scared to do so.

After what seemed like forever, Danrique finally shifted his gaze from her and said coldly, "For now, just focus on suppressing the news of this incident."

"Got it!"

He then left after that, and Charlotte waited till the sound of his footsteps faded away before letting out a huge sigh.

"This is bad... Mr. Lindberg looked like he was about to kill someone!" Lupine exclaimed while clutching at her chest in fear.

"Mr. Nacht sure is impressive, dealing such a huge blow to Lindberg Corporation... What do we do now?" asked another bodyguard.

"Didn't you hear him earlier? Suppress the news of this incident!" Charlotte shouted with a frown.

"Roger!" the bodyguards responded and quickly got to work.

"It's pointless to stress yourself out now. You should get some rest, and we'll figure something out afterward..." Lupine reassured her.

Charlotte slumped dejectedly against the sofa. "This is just the beginning. I can't imagine how terrible things are going to get if the two families continue to fight on like this..."

This is the first time Zachary and Danrique have clashed with each other directly, and look what's happened! Zachary ended up being hospitalized while Lindberg Corporation lost over a few hundreds of billions! This is a lose-lose situation! And to make matters worse, the innocent kids were caught in the crossfire and have gotten hurt as a result! What has Ellie ever done to deserve this? Why would anyone poison a six-year-old girl like her? Does it have something to do with the feud between the two families?

Charlotte was snapped out of her train of thoughts when Morgan's call came in, and she answered it immediately, "How are things?"

"We haven't found anything suspicious. Bruce came over to have a look last night too. He checked everything, including the trash that was taken out yesterday but found nothing out of the ordinary. The Nacht family is very thorough with their investigation.

Bruce even ordered the restaurant owner to keep the place closed for a week and forbade anyone from entering or leaving. Everything including the food was left untouched, and the place looked the same as it was last night. It's highly unlikely that we would've missed out on anything..." Morgan said.

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"What about the security camera footage?" Charlotte asked coldly.

"We're getting it right now. I'll send it over to your phone in a bit. Do you want me to come back now?" Morgan said.

"Wait till I finish viewing the footage."

"All right."

Charlotte received the security camera footage from Seacrest Restaurant moments after hanging up, and everything seemed just fine.

That was until she noticed Cynthia gently bump into the restaurant owner when he was bringing some tea to the kitchen.

The only thing Ellie did last night that her brothers didn't was she drank this tea!

With that in mind, Charlotte paused the footage and went over the scene frame by frame, but was unable to see anything odd about Cynthia's actions whatsoever. I don't know if the screen is too small or if she's simply too fast, but my gut instinct is telling me that there's something wrong with this woman!

Charlotte then called Morgan back immediately, "Have the restaurant owner bring us the teacups and teapot he served the tea with last night. Oh, and ask him if he remembers seeing Cynthia drop anything into the teacups!"

"Understood!" Morgan hung up the phone and went off to carry out her orders.

"Are you suspecting Cynthia, Ms. Lindberg? I knew there was something off about that woman! She looks all gentle and weak on the outside, but she's got a cunning look in her eyes!" Lupine asked.

Charlotte's frown deepened. "I can't say for sure as we don't have any solid evidence yet, but she'll have hell to pay if I find out that she's the one who poisoned Ellie!"

Lupine clenched her teeth in anger. "This b*tch better pray we don't find any evidence against her!"

"That's enough. Have someone keep a tight lid on the news of this incident. We need to make sure that not a word of it gets out, so I'm putting you in charge of this. I'm going to meet up with Morgan at the Seacrest Restaurant now," Charlotte said while glancing at her watch.

"Roger!"

While Charlotte was busy investigating Ellie's poisoning, Cynthia managed to have Ellie puke up some poison along with some blood.

Ellie began crying in a hoarse voice moments later, but any and all signs of life from her came as music to everyone's ears.

“Oh, god... Ellie is awake! You’re really amazing, Ms. Blackwood!” Raina exclaimed with tears in her eyes.

Cynthia let out a sigh of relief and wiped the sweat off her forehead before slumping weakly to the floor.

“Ms. Blackwood!” A few of the medical staff quickly helped her to her feet, feeling nothing but respect and admiration for her accomplishment.

“What happened?” Zachary asked anxiously from outside.

“Ellie is awake! Things are starting to look better now! We’ll proceed with the next step of the treatment right away! Rest assured that her condition is stabilized now!” Raina shed tears of joy as she delivered the news to them.

“Thank goodness...” Zachary breathed a sigh of relief.

“Yeah, that’s great... We should’ve had Cynthia come over sooner!” Spencer said excitedly.

“Yeah! I told you, Cynthia’s medical skills are top-notch! We’re all family here, so just feel free to consult her if anything happens!”

Taylor was ecstatic as he felt like they had successfully become a part of the Nacht family.

“Ms. Blackwood? Are you all right, Ms. Blackwood?” the medical staff asked as they helped a pale and exhausted Cynthia out of the ICU.

“What happened to her?” Spencer asked.

“She’s probably exhausted after tending to Ms. Elisa for three hours straight while severely wounded,” the medical staff replied.

“Hurry up and get her somewhere she can rest. Wouldn’t want her to be the next to collapse now!”

Taylor stepped forward to hold Cynthia steady. “Yeah! Zachary and Ellie are still counting on you to complete their treatment, so you need to take good care of yourself! Isn’t that right, Zachary?”

Zachary nodded and flashed Cynthia a grateful smile as he said, "Yeah... Thank you, Cynthia. I'll repay you generously for this!"

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"Don't say that... I've watched Ellie grow up, so she's like family to me. There's no way I'd just sit by when something like this happens to her. Besides, being a doctor is like being a parent, so I was just doing my job!" Cynthia signed.

"Yeah, that's right! A doctor is just like a parent!" Taylor chimed in as well, placing extra emphasis on the word "parent" to remind Zachary that Cynthia treated Ellie like her own daughter.

"A ward has been prepared for you, so go ahead and get some rest. Thank you very much, Ms. Blackwood," Ben said.

"Don't mention it!" Taylor replied with a smile.

I feel like there's something off about all this, but I can't seem to put my finger on what it is exactly... Oh, well... I guess all that matters is Zachary and Ellie being all right now... Ben thought to himself as he watched someone escort them to the ward.

"You should get some rest too, Mr. Nacht. We can take care of things here, so you have nothing to worry about! Now that Ellie has puked up the poison, her condition will be a lot more manageable!" Raina promised him confidently.

"Make sure you take good care of her. We can't afford to have any more accidents like this."

Zachary was still feeling uneasy as he had yet to see Ellie hop down from the bed and call him "Daddy" in her usual sweet voice.

"I know, don't worry!" Raina reassured him before hurrying off to examine Ellie.

"We have everything under control here, Spencer. Mr. Henry must be worried about you being gone for so long, so you should head back too. Besides, you haven't slept all night, so this would be a great time to get some rest," Ben said as he was concerned.

Spencer nodded. "Yeah, it is about time I get going now. I'll bring Jamie with me, Mr. Zachary. The shock kept him awake all night, and he just fell asleep a while ago."

Having him stay here wouldn't do him any good, as everyone would have to look after him in addition to Zachary and Ellie. On top of that, Mr. Henry would feel a lot better if he saw Jamie.

"All right, I'll go tell him," Zachary replied with a faint smile when he saw Jamie curled up in a bed and sleeping soundly while drooling all over the pillow.

Guess I never really have to worry about this kid, huh... I thought he'd cry at first, but he's sleeping like a log right now!

"Haha, Jamie sure is a good boy!" Spencer said with a smile.

Zachary gently ran his hand through Jamie's hair. "Head on over before he wakes up, or he'll have a ton of questions for all of us. You know how much of a chatterbox he can be."

"Haha, okay..."

Spencer motioned at Cain who then wrapped Jamie up in a blanket before carrying him in his arms.

Jamie turned his body to one side and nuzzled his head against Cain's chest while making a suckling motion with his mouth, much to Cain's amusement.

"All right, get going," Zachary urged them.

"Is he heavy?" Spencer asked with a chuckle as they left.

"He seems to be about Robbie's size, but weighs a little more."

"Hahaha! He can eat more than Robbie!"

Zachary's smile faded when he saw them disappear from sight, and a cold look filled his eyes as he gave the order, "Have Bruce investigate the security footage from Seacrest Restaurant in great detail. Tell him to go frame by frame if he has to!"

Ben leaned in and asked softly, "Are you suspecting someone other than Danrique, Mr. Nacht?"

"Danrique may be cruel, but he is still a man of pride. He wouldn't deny it if he was the one who did it. Judging by how angry he got when I accused him of poisoning Ellie, it's quite obvious that he's innocent. If he didn't do it, then it must be someone else!" Zachary said as he recalled Danrique's reaction.

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"Understood, I'll make the arrangements right away!" Ben then contacted Bruce and had him reinvestigate the case.

Zachary looked at the bandages on his right hand as he placed it over his aching chest and spaced out for a bit.

Where did I go wrong? Why are so many things happening lately? I've always had the greatest of strategies, and yet I seem to be failing time after time... This isn't right...

He was snapped out of his train of thoughts when Taylor's voice came from behind, "Cynthia wanted me to tell you that the venom in your body isn't completely removed yet, so you need to be extra careful. Make sure you don't walk around for the time being."

Zachary turned around and looked at him as he said, "All right, thanks. How is she?"

"She was severely injured before this, so a whole night of stress got her wound all inflamed. She's being treated as we speak," Taylor replied with a pained look on his face.

"I'll go see her."

Zachary then gestured at one of his men who then pushed his wheelchair toward Cynthia's ward.

"Cynthia was worried sick when we got the call from Spencer today, and she came rushing over with her medical kit as quickly as she could. I tried to talk her out of it. I told her that Ellie would be fine as Nacht Group has its very own hospital and a ton of doctors. I also told her that your injuries are top secret, so outsiders shouldn't get involved, but she refused to listen. She said she had to do something, and that she wouldn't be able to eat nor sleep knowing that Ellie is in danger. She was so stubborn that I couldn't stop her, so I had no choice but to come with her. She really treats you guys like her own family, you know?" Taylor said as he followed behind them.

Anyone who could read between the lines would know exactly what he was implying, but Zachary simply kept quiet instead.

They soon arrived at the ward and saw the doctor treating the inflamed wound on her waist.

Zachary gasped when he noticed how weary and pale her face looked.

"Mr. Nacht!" The doctor stood up and greeted Zachary the moment he saw him.

Cynthia panicked and burned bright red as she quickly tidied up her clothes, and it pained Zachary to see her like this.

"Sorry for the trouble. Ellie's condition is stable now, so you can rest assured," he said softly.

Cynthia nodded at him with a smile and signed, "I've told them to call for me if anything happens to Ellie. I'll be fine!"

"Thanks..."

Zachary didn't really know what else to say apart from thanking her.

Noticing that, Taylor was quick to change the topic. "I'll head back to get you a few sets of clothes. Dr. Howard, there's something I need to ask you about."

"Sure thing!" The doctor caught on, and the two went out of the ward in a hurry, leaving Zachary and Cynthia inside.

Cynthia then tried adjusting herself into a more comfortable position, only to drop her pillow by accident.

As she was about to get down from the bed, Zachary motioned at her to not move and wheeled himself toward her instead. He then picked up the pillow and carefully placed it behind her back.

The two of them were very close to each other, and her limp body was almost leaning against Zachary's chest, but he didn't seem to mind.

"Mr. Nacht..."

Ben came in through the door all of a sudden but quickly turned around when he saw what was going on. "Sorry, I...I'll come back later..."

Zachary called out to him, "What is it?"

"I've taken care of that thing you asked me to. Oh, and there's something important I need to tell you about," Ben said awkwardly.

"Go ahead."

"Um..." Ben had a troubled look on his face as he glanced at Cynthia.

"She's not an outsider." Zachary growled with a frown, much to Cynthia's delight.

Ben began his report, "Right... Earlier today, Lindberg Corporation had an opening ceremony for the South Sea project at South Sea Hotel..."

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“That heartless woman... She attended an opening ceremony while her own daughter’s life was at stake?” Zachary shouted angrily through clenched teeth.

Ben froze as he wasn’t expecting him to get so furious.

Taylor happened to overhear the conversation as he came into the ward and defended Charlotte. “Maybe she doesn’t know about Ellie’s condition...”

“I told her about it myself, so there’s no way she wouldn’t know!” Zachary had rage written all over his face.

“Um... Maybe she has her reasons...” Taylor said with a troubled expression.

“Yeah! The South Sea project cost Lindberg Corporation hundreds of billions, and a single problem could easily affect the company’s entire operation! It’s perfectly understandable for Ms. Lindberg to take care of it. Maybe she’ll come and see Ellie after she’s done with the ceremony!” Cynthia signed.

“Yeah, that’s right! There’s no way she wouldn’t care about her own daughter! Wait... Could it be that she hasn’t regained her memories? Or perhaps, the motherly side of her has yet to awaken?” Taylor added.

“I don’t think that’s the case... I remember her being very gentle with her kids at Seacrest Restaurant, so it’s obvious that she loves them dearly. She’s probably just in a difficult position due to the feud between the Nachts and the Lindbergs.” Cynthia signed.

“All right, that’s enough. No need to defend that woman...” The look on Zachary’s face turned gloomy as he continued, “She did nothing when Danrique poisoned Robbie today. Had I not stopped him in time, Robbie would’ve suffered the same fate as Ellie.”

"I can't believe Danrique would be so cruel as to poison a child! Do you think he's the one who poisoned Ellie too?" Taylor exclaimed angrily.

"Who else could it be?" Zachary asked.

"It's definitely him then! Karma will come for him sooner or later!" Taylor said.

"Yeah!" Cynthia signed in agreement.

Zachary narrowed his eyes and growled through clenched teeth, "I won't let him get away with this! Anyone who dares poison my children shall die a horrible death!"

A look of surprise flashed in Cynthia's eyes when she heard that, but she was quick to regain her composure and signed, "Don't do anything rash, Zachary! Danrique is no pushover, so you need to stay calm..."

"That's right. You need to strategize and be smart about it!" Taylor advised.

Zachary turned to look at Ben and asked, "Well? What happened after that? Did they launch the South Sea project?"

"No, a prosecutor showed up at the last second with an official document and declared that the project had to be halted. He said something about it being incredibly detrimental to the marine life in the area," Ben replied.

Taylor was delighted. "Really? The project has been halted?"

Ben nodded. "Yes. I believe Mr. Lindberg and Ms. Lindberg are currently stressing themselves out trying to figure out a solution."

"With an official document ordering for a halt in front of the press, there's no way they can save the project now! Danrique may be cruel and proficient at things like poisoning people, but he's no match for me when it comes to business strategies!" Zachary said with a sarcastic sneer.

Taylor looked happier than everyone around him. "Of course! I told you, you're a one-of-a-kind genius when it comes to business affairs! No one could possibly best you in this field!"

"We mustn't let our guard down, though. Mr. Lindberg has tons of nasty tricks up his sleeve, so god knows what he'll do next. You must be careful, Zachary." Cynthia signed.

Zachary held her hand and said, "Yeah, I know. Thank you for helping Ellie out and being such a considerate person."

Cynthia found herself blushing when she felt the warmth of his hand on hers.

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Taylor tried to help her out as much as he could. "Like I said before, Cynthia would definitely make a great wife. She can help you out greatly both in life and in corporate affairs. I'm sure she'll make a fine assistant in the future!"

"I don't need her to help me out with the company. All she needs to do is take care of things at home." Zachary then turned toward her and said, "You get some rest. I'll be on my way now."

"Okay, you too! Don't worry, Ellie will be fine!"

Taylor waited until he was gone before telling Cynthia excitedly, "I was worried that Mr. Lindberg would have him beaten, but Zachary turned the tide around so impressively!"

"Of course! I know how to pick my men!" Cynthia signed with a smirk.

"You're the best, Cynthia! Looks like we placed our money on the right horse this time!" Taylor exclaimed.

"All right, hurry on home and get me a few more sets of clothes. This time, I'll be officially moving into the Nachts' residence for sure!" Cynthia balled her fist up confidently in victory.

"Hahaha, of course... Zachary said he wants you to take care of things at home!"

"Yeah, he's beginning to accept me... Looks like my efforts paid off as I've finally managed to touch his heart." Cynthia got excited at the thought of that.

"This is just the first step, so don't let your guard down just yet. Anyway, I'll go get your stuff now," Taylor reminded her.

Cynthia nodded and watched him leave before shifting her gaze toward her hand, and a smile formed on her lips as she recalled the warmth she felt from Zachary earlier.

"What happened to you at the Lindberg residence today, Mr. Nacht? Why are you so mad at Ms. Lindberg?" Ben asked out of curiosity after bringing Zachary back to his ward, but Zachary simply kept quiet and seemed to be lost in thought.

"Do you really trust Ms. Blackwood? I can't help but feel that she's..." Ben said with a frown, but Zachary cut him off mid-sentence.

"Right now, she's my lifesaver."

Ben was surprised by what he heard as he assumed Zachary was just putting up an act to trick them into exposing themselves.

"We need to have evidence before pointing fingers at anyone," Zachary added.

Ben froze for a moment, but quickly caught on and said, "Understood!"

"Good. Take me to the bathroom. I'm going to take a shower and get changed before I visit Ellie..."

"Yes, sir."

The sun was shining brightly into Seacrest Restaurant, and there wasn't a single customer in sight when Charlotte arrived in a hurry.

The restaurant owner was on the verge of breaking down after being interrogated by Morgan and her subordinates countless times.

He ran up to Charlotte the moment she entered the restaurant and said with tears in his eyes, "I really didn't poison your daughter, Ms. Lindberg! I swear..."

"Shh..." Charlotte motioned at him to shut up.

She then examined the restaurant and visualized where Ellie had been to, what she had touched, the food she ate, the drinks she had, and the smells she was exposed to.

Only by running a simulation of it in her head was she able to make a breakthrough in her investigation.

Everyone else remained silent and offered their full cooperation by taking up their positions from yesterday.

By referring to the security camera footage, Charlotte retraced Ellie's steps throughout the entire restaurant. Eventually, she was able to confirm that the tea was the only possible way for her to be poisoned.

"Did you find the teacup used?" Charlotte spoke up at last.

The restaurant owner was quick to explain, "We have eleven completely identical tea sets, so I'm not sure which one it is. I've placed them all here for you!"