

Mistaking a Magnate for a Male Escort

chapter 1653

Chapter 1653 Contingent Situation

Charlotte was about to send Danrique a text when the latter called. "I'd heard, Danrique," she said, picking up at once. "Thank you!"

"There's no need to thank me." Danrique sounded as aloof as ever. "When this business with the Nachts is resolved, you are to return to Erihal at once."

"Danrique-

"One more thing," Danrique interrupted, with zero regards for Charlotte's protests. "When Francesca shows herself, capture her at once. Don't let her get away. Do you understand?"

"What's going on between you and Francesca, Danrique?" Charlotte asked after an initially startled pause.

"None of your business. Get it done!" Danrique echoed Francesca at the mention of her name before hanging up.

Charlotte gazed at her phone dejectedly.

Soon, Sean called her again. "Ms. Lindberg, I am not to come over to you, after all. If you would hand over all of the leads you have, I shall begin my investigation. I'll let you know if I find anything."

"All right, I'll have Lupine forward it to you," Charlotte answered as she gestured at her bodyguard, who nodded and complied immediately.

"By the way, Sean," Charlotte said, seized by a sudden thought. "Is Danrique hurt?"

"How you did you know that?" Sean asked at once.

"He really is, isn't he?" Charlotte exclaimed. "No wonder he was so anxious to locate Francesco! Is it serious?"

"Not exactly, although that's not true. Actually, it's nothing to worry about."

Sean sounded conflicted as he was not sure what he was allowed to reveal. "The point is," he concluded after much hesitation, "that Mr. Lindberg needs Francesco urgently. Once she shows herself, you must inform me. I shall take her back to Erihal."

"I understand." Charlotte shifted guiltily. "I was thinking of having her treat Zachary, but I did not expect Danrique to get injured at the same time. That was selfish of me."

"Not at all," Sean said quickly. "Mr. Nacht had been in graver danger. It was the right thing to do to have Francesco treat him first. Besides, Mr. Lindberg's predicament is not particularly life-threatening. It's just—"

"Just what?" Charlotte asked at once.

"I can't say," Sean replied with a nervous cough.

Charlotte did not pursue the matter further at his extreme reluctance to discuss the subject. "Thank you in advance for all of your efforts to rescue my son."

"No matter. We're a family."

After hanging up, Charlotte hastened to meet Bruce to alter their plans after learning of the new developments from Sean.

After Lupine had forwarded the information as was requested, she returned to report to Charlotte. "Sean is going to follow another trail of evidence. Also, we have word that Chris has left for Fairlake."

"It looks like my instigation worked. Now that the venom is working its way into his body, he will be so uncomfortable that he's going to need a second opinion."

"That sounds like what he would do." Lupine heaved a sigh of relief. "Everything is going according to plan."

The knot in Charlotte's brows began to loosen. Suddenly, there was a call from Johann.
"What is it, Mr. Sterk? It's rather late."

"I'd just received word that Jesse is meeting with the major shareholders to buy their shares at a premium."

"Nacht Group's shares?" repeated Charlotte, surprised. "They are in the minority, aren't they?"

"Though that's true," replied Johann anxiously, "Thirty of them adds up to a total of ten percent between them. Along with the twenty percent in Chris' hands, they already have enough to topple you."

"No wonder he didn't leave last night. He wanted me to get the shares without a hitch. Jesse is a wily old fox. I will try to persuade our shareholders not to sell to him, but it doesn't look too optimistic."

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"Yeah. With how unstable Nacht Group is right now, they won't even trust me and Chris. It is perfectly understandable that they would want to sell off their shares to stay away from trouble," Charlotte said.

"Yes, exactly..." Johann let out a sigh as he continued, "All I can do is try my best to convince them. You try and figure something out as well."

"You and Mr. Spencer both have shares on hand, right?" Charlotte asked when she suddenly thought of something.

"Spencer doesn't, but I have five percent. Even so, we'll still lose if they manage to purchase that ten percent," Johann replied.

"Understood. I'll think of something."

"Let's just focus on rescuing the child first. Everything can wait until the child is safe."

"Thank you."

After hanging up the phone, Charlotte furrowed her brows as she thought to herself.

Da*n... Just when I thought I finally have things under control at the company, more trouble arises... Well, I don't have time to worry about that now. I have to first save Robbie.

"It's about to rain, and that will greatly hinder the investigation... I wonder how Robbie is doing right now..." Lupine began to worry when she saw the weather outside. "By the way, I just got off the phone with Sean earlier. He said Mr. Lindberg has ordered him to rescue Robbie within three days, so he has mobilized all of the men to search for Robbie. I'm sure it won't be long before they find something."

"That's great! I hope we'll hear some good news soon!" Charlotte exclaimed happily.

After a whole night of raining heavily, the sky was finally clear the next morning.

Charlotte spent the entire night looking for Robbie, so she didn't sleep a wink. She was about to take a nap when she got a call from Lucy.

"That guy has called for another board meeting tomorrow at three in the afternoon, Ms. Lindberg."

"What does he want?" Charlotte asked in confusion.

Chris should've received the report of his analysis by now. If he has been poisoned, he should go confront Jesse directly about it. Why would he call for a board meeting?

"We just received word about it, so I'm not sure about that. All the directors are preparing to come over. Mr. Sterk asked me to inform you."

"Okay, got it."

Charlotte was feeling a little uneasy after hanging up the phone. Her train of thoughts was interrupted when Raina's call came in all of a sudden. "Jesse has Chris under his control."

"So soon? Did it happen right after he got his lab report?" Charlotte asked.

"I believe so. Although Jesse didn't stop him from getting tested in Fairlake, he had someone tail him the whole time. Chris was livid after he received the report. He got taken away by men from the Gold family before he could do anything," Raina replied.

"Looks like I really overestimated him..." Charlotte exclaimed in disappointment.

I thought Chris would at least be able to put up a fight against Jesse after finding out about his poisoning, but he ended up getting captured immediately after... I bet Jesse forced him into calling for this board meeting too!

"What should we do, Ms. Lindberg?" Raina asked.

"Chris must've fallen out with Jesse now that he knows he has been poisoned. Even if he can't do much at the moment, he can at least cause Jesse some problems, and that will be beneficial to us. Jesse no longer has full control over Chris like before. I'm sure Chris will expedite the execution of his plan, so all we have to do is wait and see. Something is bound to happen in the afternoon!" Charlotte deduced.

"Do we have to do anything?" Raina asked.

"What we have to do is stop the directors from selling their shares to Jesse. Of course, we also have to rescue Robbie..."

"Understood. I'll see if Mr. Sterk and Mr. Spencer need help with anything."

"All right, thanks."

After hanging up the phone, Charlotte checked the time and saw that there were still thirty-eight hours left until three o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow.

The situation is unfavorable for Jesse right now. I've taken twenty percent of the shares, and Chris is no longer loyal to him. With his plan falling apart, this board meeting tomorrow will be our final showdown!