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Cynthia wept as she asked these questions. She broke down mentally and emotionally. She wept, losing all hope...

See her in this manner, Zachary's severe accusing gaze slowly diminished...

She was telling the truth. She was just an outsider who was totally uninvolved. It was the Nacht family who dragged her in and gave her hope. Then, they pushed her out into the depths of despair...

No one could have accepted that type of treatment easily.

As a matter of fact, when Henry opposed his relationship with Charlotte earlier on, this sinful idea did cross Zachary's mind...

If Henry had insisted on Zachary marrying one of the Blackwood daughters, setting aside the ill-natured Sharon, he would really consider the gentle Cynthia!

However, he quickly put that idea away.

The reason was that it would destroy someone's life.

Furthermore, it would not be fair to Charlotte.

Hence, he did not act upon that idea.

Nevertheless, it never occurred to Zachary that Henry would go behind him and pull this trick on him. Of course, it was done with Taylor's support.

The crying of a mute was very penetrating, full of despair and grief over life.

Perhaps from her point of view, she was indeed an innocent victim. As she said, she was living humbly in her own world and had already accepted her fate. Out of the blue, someone suddenly gave her great hope. Of course, she would do everything to hold on to that hope...

"Mr. Nacht, I beg you. Please let Cynthia live." With a thud, Taylor knelt down, crying and begging, "Fortunately, there is no serious harm done. Ellie has almost fully recovered. Zachary and Ms. Lindberg were not poisoned. Cynthia's face is destroyed and that will be her punishment. If you can let us go, we will go far away and never come into your lives again. It was all my fault for not teaching my daughter well. Please, I beg of you to give her a chance!"

"If you had tried to harm me, I could forgive her," Charlotte continued, "but she poisoned my daughter. I'll never let her off just like this!"

"She had no intention of harming Ellie..."

"She has to be responsible for her actions even if it was not intentional!" Charlotte yelled. "Though the first poisoning was directed at me, did she think about the consequences when she administered poison to Ellie? Ellie was once robust and healthy. Look at what she has become now! She can't even

stand up! This toxin is likely to bring her lifelong side effect! You say she has recovered. Is she the healthy robust child she once was?"

Taylor was silenced by her yelling. There was nothing he could say.

"No matter who she poisons, it is unforgivable." Zachary was very cold and distant. "I will not lynch you, but I will let the law punish you. This is my last kindness to you! I have submitted all the evidence to the police and the police car should be here soon. Prepare to spend the rest of your life in prison."

"Ahh..."

Cynthia cried, shaking her head vigorously as she picked up the fruit knife from the table and attempted to cut her own wrist.

Bruce leaped forward and took the knife away, pushing her onto the floor. "If you die here, how could we explain to the police?"

"No, death will not come so easily to you," Lupine said, gritting her teeth, "You should die a slow painful death."

Cynthia's palm was cut by the knife and blood was dripping onto the floor where she slumped crying desperately...

"Mr. Nacht, I beg you. Please let her go..." Again, Taylor pleaded with Henry, "For the time I saved Harrison, please forgive Cynthia, this time. She is so young, please don't let her do time in jail."

"Just because you saved my father once, the Nacht family has protected your Blackwood family all our lives. Haven't we already finished paying back the favor?" Zachary was angry. "Your daughter is in this situation all because of you!"

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"[..."

"Right from the start, it was you who wanted to marry your daughter into the Nacht family. You tried to persuade my grandfather to force me into marrying your daughter. On the surface, you look like a modest gentleman, but you are truly a hypocrite!"

Zachary finally said what he had kept in his heart for years...

"Right from the start, you knew what Cynthia was doing but you did not correct her or stop her from her wrongdoing. Instead, you shielded her and aided her. In fact, you are the accomplice."

"No, I'm not. I had no idea what she was doing..." Taylor blurted out, "I had nothing to do with all these, really."

"Do you mean to say that all these were Cynthia's doing?" Charlotte asked.

"Nevertheless, I had nothing to do with them," Taylor replied without hesitation.

Hearing her father's words, Cynthia laughed sarcastically. She had never imagined that he would shrug off all responsibility at a time like this.

He was afraid of being charged as an accomplice and going into prison.

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So, he would rather put all the blame on his daughter.

"Nevertheless, she was confused when she did that..." In the end, Taylor felt guilty about blaming Cynthia and he kneeled in front of Zachary and begged, "Zachary, I beg you to forgive her this once, please..."

"Mr. Blackwood, please rise. Don't do this." Spencer went to him and pulled him up from the floor.

"I am also partly to blame," Henry finally admitted. "It was my idea for letting Cynthia stand in for Charlotte two years ago. I must be responsible for my part in this. However, Cynthia, you should never have poisoned a child. If you felt oppressed, you should have come to me and I would give you justice. Why did you poison a child?"

"I did not..." Cynthia wept as she signed.

"Say no more." Henry stopped her and said sadly, "If you had made other mistakes, I would have forgiven you. However, you will not be forgiven for harming a child. This applies to everyone, not just you! Zachary is showing you the last mercy by handing you over to the police. Learn from your mistakes and turn over a new leave when you are released from prison!"

Henry was Cynthia's last hope. Now, she was totally hopeless...

At that moment, the sound of police sirens was heard, and a subordinate came to report, "Mr. Zachary, the police are here."

Zachary signaled.

Bruce asked Freya and the medical staff to move forward, preparing to capture Cynthia...

Cynthia pushed his hand away angrily, and gestured emotionally, "I won't go to jail. I can't go to jail..."

She glared at Charlotte with bitter hatred. "You are responsible for all of this. You made me do this. Even if I want to die, I will drag you into the grave with me!"

As she spoke, Cynthia took out a bottle and leapt towards Charlotte.

"Ms. Lindberg, look out!"

Lupine screamed and moved forward to save Charlotte.

At the critical moment, Zachary leaped in front of Charlotte and sent Cynthia flying with a kick.

However, the bottle of potion in Cynthia's hands was splattered on Zachary's face.

"Darn you!" Bruce immediately cursed Cynthia, "We let you live but you still sneak attack us."

Zachary's kick was a heavy blow and Cynthia lay on the floor, bleeding from the mouth...

"I'll kill you..." Lupine was furiously murderous, but she was stopped by Bruce. "Calm down. The police are here. If you kill her now, you can only bring trouble upon yourself."

"Bend your head quickly."

Charlotte quickly washed the potion off Zachary's face with water.

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"It's nothing. It didn't get me." Zachary was unperturbed.

Cynthia looked at Zachary with a horrifying gaze. "You really love her. Unfortunately, you will not have time together. Very soon, you will be with me in the next world..."

With that, Cynthia drank the remaining poisonous potion...

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Everyone was stupefied by how obsessed and crazy Cynthia had become.

"Cynthia..."

Taylor wanted to step forward and stop her, but Cynthia's terrifying gaze had him rooted to the spot as he stared at her in shock.

"If there is a next life, I don't want to be your daughter!" Cynthia signed and let out an eerie cackle before starting to vomit blood.

"Get her to the hospital! Hurry!" Henry shouted frantically.

"Leave it to us."

The police arrived in the nick of time and arrested everyone suspicious, including Cynthia who had been poisoned.

"Why am I handcuffed too? I didn't do anything! Help me, Mr. Nacht! Mr. Nacht..." Taylor screamed as the police took him away.

This time, Henry kept quiet and simply tightened his grip on the wheelchair's armrest, his reddened eyes were filled with pain and regret.

"My goodness, that was so scary!" Mrs. Rawlston exclaimed while patting her chest, her face pale from fear.

"Thank god that evil woman is finally arrested! I knew she was up to no good!" Molly said.

The other maids were all horrified at the realization that they had been spending so much time around such a dangerous person who was highly capable of poisoning others.

"Everyone will have to move out temporarily while we carry out a thorough search of the house. We need to make sure there aren't any more areas that contain poison. My men have already searched the study room and the master bedroom, and we will now continue to search the rest of the house. Have Mrs. Rawlston help you out," Ben instructed as he came downstairs.

"All right, I'll summon the maids..."

"Thanks!"

With that, Raina and her team began their search.

Charlotte looked at Zachary worriedly. "Are you okay? Do you want to have a doctor examine you?"

"I'm fine. It just got spilled on my body. If I were poisoned, the symptoms would've started showing by now," Zachary said while taking his coat off.

"Are you sure?" Charlotte was still concerned.

Zachary reached out and pulled her into his arms. "Are you worried about me?"

"Hey, cut it out!" Charlotte pushed him off with a frown before turning to face Henry as she said, "I hope you'll take some time to properly reflect on yourself after this incident. First, it was Sharon, and now Cynthia... The women you have insisted that your grandson marry were all cruel and heartless. Is this what you mean when you said it was for his own good? Most of the tragedies could've been avoided if you didn't act so stubbornly and selfishly!"

Charlotte then stormed off angrily with Lupine and the other bodyguards following closely behind.

"Ms. Lindberg!" Ben called out to her and anxiously reminded Zachary, "You should go after her, Mr. Nacht!"

Zachary let out a sigh. "With how chaotic things are at home, it's probably best to let her stay outside for a couple of days. I'll go see her when I've taken care of things."

"Okay."

Ben stared longingly at Lupine, who also turned around to cast him a glance.

There had been some slight changes in their relationship ever since their near-death experience when they tracked down Sharon.

"You should go back to your room and get some rest, Grandpa."

Zachary was about to leave after saying that, but Henry called out to him all of a sudden, "You sure are amazing, Zachary!"

Zachary paused in his tracks and looked at him as he asked, "What are you trying to say?"

Henry flashed him a wry smile and replied, "You could've exposed Cynthia and punished her yourself, but you chose to set all this up just so you could have me witness her wrongdoings. You wanted me to see her reveal her evil side so I would reflect on myself, feel bad for Charlotte, and try to accept her. Isn't that right?"

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"You're half correct. I did do all this to show you Cynthia's true colors because it was the only way to make you realize your mistake. However, the thought of making you feel bad for Charlotte so you'd accept her has never crossed my mind. Honestly, it no longer matters if you accept her. She's not the Charlotte you used to know, and she doesn't need anyone to accept her. In fact, it's me who's begging her to accept me."

Henry was left speechless after hearing that.

"Since when did you notice something was off about Cynthia, sir?" Spencer asked in confusion.

"After Ellie was poisoned, I confronted Danrique thinking it was him who did it, and he lashed out angrily at me for wrongly accusing him. He even showed

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me how he would poison someone. Danrique is a very prideful man, and he would never deny it if he was the one who did it.

"Having made sure that he didn't do it, I had people investigate the incident and found Cynthia suspicious shortly after. Since I didn't have any solid evidence at the time, I could only keep my suspicions to myself and not trust her fully.

"I could've had hypnotized her or have Bruce interrogate her to get a confession out of her, but I knew Grandpa trusted the Blackwoods and would surely intervene.

"That's why I decided to show him their true colors this way. I had people install hidden cameras in the house before bringing Cynthia home, and that woman got way ahead of herself the moment she set foot in the house.

"She began abusing her power, and Taylor's behavior grew increasingly radical too. I was already disgusted by them at that point, but I held on just so I could prove it to Grandpa once and for all.

"In the end, Bruce found the cup with the poison, and they showed their true colors..."

Having realized what was going on, Spencer said, "I see... So that's why you were acting a little strange last night... You deliberately told Cynthia that Ms. Lindberg would leave today morning and provoked her into poisoning Ms. Lindberg so you could catch her in the act!"

Zachary nodded. "That's right. I was actually planning on waiting a couple more days for Dr. Felch first, but then I found out that she was going to harm Charlotte, so... I had to move things forward."

Spencer was deeply impressed. "You really have excellent foresight!"

"Must've been a lot of work putting up an act for so long!" Henry said sarcastically.

Zachary stared at him as he replied, "This is my least preferred method, but it was the only way to put on a good show for you."

"Why not just tell me that there's something wrong with Cynthia? Your actions have put Ellie's life at risk!" Henry questioned him angrily.

Zachary felt a little guilty about that. "Well... As perfect as my plan was, there were some errors in its execution. I know I nearly cost Ellie her life, but would you have listened if I told you? I bet you'd still be forcing me to marry Cynthia now if you didn't see it for yourself!"

"You..." Henry was furious but had nothing to say in return.

"You know how much the Blackwoods have profited from our family throughout the years. Taking advantage of your trust, Taylor persuaded you to force his daughters on me, and you listened to him each time. You chose to trust an outsider fully, but doubt your own grandson's words. How else am I supposed to convince you without resorting to such methods?" Zachary said helplessly, and Henry found himself at a loss for words.

Zachary is right... I've never listened to him whenever he tried to reason with me, and yet I stubbornly gave Taylor all of my trust! I guess my stubbornness really is the cause of all these problems...

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"Oh, and there's one more thing that you might not be aware of. Sharon was the one who attacked Charlotte and murdered Mrs. Berry in T Nation two years ago. Your daughter, Zara, was the one who instructed her from behind the scenes!"

"What did you say?" Henry's eyes went wide in disbelief. "T-That's impossible! Why would they do such a thing?"

"We found solid evidence of their actions, and I have handed it over to the police. As for why... Well, you'll have to go ask your daughter! Not only did she try to assassinate Charlotte in T Nation, she even sent someone to kidnap Robbie! In the end, it was Charlotte who rescued Robbie. Zara went as far as

shooting Kyle and killing my men just to force her into battle" Zachary said with a frown.
"No, this can't be I know Zara is impulsive and will do anything to get what she wants, but she wouldn't hurt her own people!" Henry was still in denial.
"The dashcam has captured everything on video. If you don't believe me, you can either take a look at the footage yourself or ask the kids about it. They've witnessed everything first-hand," Zachary said as he handed him a tablet.
Henry's face went pale when he watched the footage, and his chest was hurting so much that he nearly fell off the wheelchair.
"Mr. Henry!" Spencer quickly stepped forward and fed him his medicine.
Zachary was hesitant to say any further when he saw how much pain Henry was in, but he went through with it anyway.

"I know I shouldn't be telling you this now, but I have to show you the truth. Otherwise, you would never realize how misguided you were. Rather than enforcing your control over me, you should've focused your energy on disciplining Aunt Zara instead. A lot of tragedies could've been prevented if you did..." Spencer quickly cut him off. "Stop it, Mr. Zachary. Mr. Henry's heart can't take any more of this." "Think about what I said." Zachary glanced at Henry once more before walking away. Spencer then had Mrs. Rawlston fetch Henry a glass of water and waited for him to calm down before comforting him, "Mr. Henry, please don't take what Mr. Zachary said to heart..."

Henry looked up at him and asked, "The horrible things that Zara did, and the Blackwood family's true intentions... Did you know about all that the whole time?"

Spencer frowned. "I only found out about it recently. Ms. Zara has always been rather unpleasant to get along with, but I didn't think she'd do something this crazy. As for the Blackwoods... They did a really good job at concealing their true intentions, and I only noticed something was amiss last night."

"I'm such a fool!"

Henry lowered his head in shame and regret.

It's like Charlotte said... First it was Sharon, and now it's Cynthia... Both of the women I had chosen for Zachary were vile and heartless, and yet I kept forcing him to marry them. I refused to listen to the advice from others and Zachary's protests, and my stubbornness has led to one tragedy after another... I have focused all of my time and energy into controlling Zachary and ended up forgetting that my own daughter is the true villain. Like a ticking time bomb, Zara could cause trouble for the Nacht family anytime. By keeping Zachary under my control, I have left him defenseless against those threats...

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