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When something happened to Charlotte, Zachary almost fell into the vicious cycle of despair. Had it not been for his children, he might not be able to pull himself together.

Therefore, Henry appointed his great-grandchildren his successors instead of his grandson in an attempt to divert Zachary's attention.

Henry knew things would never be the same for Zachary and Charlotte. The best out of the worst possible outcome would be for the duo to part ways and stay away from one another.

In an attempt to keep Zachary going in life, Henry made a mess and brought upon the financial predicament for his grandson's sake.

Little did he know Zachary was about to face yet another crisis in life.

Shortly after he dismissed the rest, he returned to his office and staggered in front of Lucy when he was about to tell her the things she had to sort out with the legal team.

"M-Mr. Nacht!" Lucy shrieked in fear.

Ben rushed over to Zachary's side and stopped him from falling in the nick of time. "Mr. Nacht, are you fine?"

Zachary supported himself against the table. Massaging his swollen temples, he instructed in a callous tone, "I-I'm fine! Just leave me alone for a few minutes!"

"Let's go!" Ben repeated Zachary's instructions and beckoned the legal team and Lucy to make their way out of Zachary's office.

Ben was afraid something bad might happen to Zachary. "Are you fine? Why don't you take a short break? I'll go get you a glass of water!"

He brought Zachary to the couch and returned to with a glass of water.

Zachary tried to retrieve the glass of water, but he ended up dropping it due to his blurred vision. He tried rubbing his eyes to get rid of it, but Ben's silhouette was the only thing he could see.

"I'm sure you're just exhausted after staying awake for almost a week. It's time for you to have a break and put everything aside," Ben urged as he continued cleaning up the mess.

Zachary closed his eyes and took a short break for a few minutes. Once he opened his eyes, he found out he could see just fine again. Thus, he thought he must be exhausted.

Ben suggested when he saw Zachary's pale and haggard face, "You can't keep this up. It's time to call it a day and carry on with the session with the legal team tomorrow."

"Send me to Storm Hotel! I don't want to be home because there are even more things that require my attention!"

"Yes!"

Ben announced Zachary wouldn't be available for the upcoming eight hours. He knew it was about time for Zachary to have a sleep after staying awake for such a long time.

Lucy asked, "Is everything fine with Mr. Nacht? Has he fallen ill or something?"

"He's just exhausted after being awake for almost a week. As urgent as the issues awaiting him might be, it's time for him to take a break."

Prior to their departure, Ben instructed Lucy, "I'll take him to the hotel and leave the rest to you! We'll talk again in the morning!"

"Alright, just leave the rest to me!" Lucy nodded and assured Ben she had everything under control.

As soon as Ben brought Zachary away using the emergency exit, they made their way to the hotel.

On his way to the hotel, he found out there were a few journalists going after them. Irked, Ben instructed Marino to shrug the journalists off.

The moment they reached the hotel, they found out there were journalists awaiting them as well. It turned out they had been waiting for Zachary ever since they last encountered him there.

In the end, Ben suggested, "Mr. Nacht, it's not safe for us to make our way to Storm Hotel. Shall we return to Southridge?"

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Zachary, who was about to fall asleep, responded with a nod since he was barely conscious.

Afraid of rousing the man from his sleep, Ben instructed Marino to send Zachary to Southridge as soon as possible.

The residency at Southridge had undergone a major renovation ever since they found out Cynthia's vicious deeds.

No one was around ever since the day Henry passed on. Spencer and the children were at Henry's Garden Villa. Thus, there were only a few maids around at Southridge.

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Those at the mansion walked out as soon as they heard someone closing in.

Marino stopped everyone from greeting Zachary and signaled them to remain silent in fear of rousing Zachary from his sleep.

Slouching against the backseat, Zachary slept like a log as the pent-up fatigue finally caught up to him.

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Ben was reluctant to rouse the poor man from his sleep. Thus, Mrs. Rawlston whispered, "What's going on? What's wrong with Mr. Zachary?"

"He's just tired and in desperate need of sleep! Mrs. Rawlston, can you get his room and shower ready? It's about time for him to take a short break from everything!"

"Alright, I'll get going at once!"

Mrs. Rawlston marched in the direction of the living room and instructed the maids to make Zachary something to eat.

Zachary roused from his sleep the moment he heard the thunder. He opened his eyes and asked, "Is it about to rain?"

Ben answered in a hushed voice, "Yes, Mr. Nacht. Why don't you head into the mansion and take a bath? I have asked Mrs. Rawlston to get everything ready for you."

The exhausted Zachary murmured, "Make a trip to Northridge."

"H-Huh? I-It's-"

Zachary slapped himself in the face in an attempt to stop himself from sleeping. He blurted out the things in mind, "She's afraid of thunders the most. If I'm around, she's going to feel better."

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Zachary raised his volume and repeated himself, "Hurry up!"

After much hesitation, Ben leaned over and whispered, "If I'm not mistaken, Sir Louis is currently at Northridge as well."

The exhausted man couldn't believe his ears and gaped at Ben's announcement.

Ben suggested, "I'm afraid we can't even make it into the residency even if we make our way there. Since you're not feeling well, why don't you go ahead and take a short nap?"

Zachary went dead silent and alighted from the car, making his way back to the room he had spent countless days with Charlotte.

His mind was all over the place when he caught a glimpse of their photos in the room. Standing in front of the photos, he lost himself in a train of thought and continued recalling the good old times.

Mrs. Rawlston knocked on the door and made her way in with a meal. "Mr. Zachary, why don't you finish these? I have just made these for you! These have always been your childhood favorite!"

"Thanks." Zachary took a seat and started savoring the food Mrs. Rawlston made him.

Standing next to the exhausted man, Mrs. Rawlston couldn't resist the urge to weep and ended up sniffling next to Zachary.

Ironically, Zachary found her hilarious. Thus, he asked, "What's wrong? Why are you crying when everything's fine?"

Sniffling, Mrs. Rawlston muttered, "I'm just heartbroken because of the things you have to go through! I can't even imagine the amount of stress you have to deal with! It seems as if you have aged over the night when it has merely been a few days!"

Zachary caressed his cheek and murmured to himself, "Have I aged overnight?"

It was then Ben showed up and urged, "Mrs. Rawlston, why don't you return to your room and leave him alone for the time being? He has been staying awake for almost a week."

"Are you serious? How can you allow him to neglect his health? If one doesn't have enough sleep, it's going to take a toll on one's—"

When Mrs. Rawlston was about to nag Zachary, Ben stopped and assured her, "That's precisely the reason we need to leave him alone!"

It took Ben some good effort to persuade Mrs. Rawlston to leave Zachary alone. Once he returned, he assured Zachary, "You're not supposed to take her words seriously since she has exaggerated things to intimidate you."

"Well, maybe she's not wrong because I can feel I'm no longer in my prime. I can't believe it's my turn to feel useless."

"I'm sure you're just exhausted! Shall I get Raina over to check on you?"

"That won't be necessary since there's nothing she can do when I'm merely exhausted."

"Well, I guess you're right. In fact, we need to get in touch with Dr. Felch if there's anything wrong with you."

After the countless incidents they had gone through, Ben couldn't help but wonder if Raina could consider herself a qualified doctor.

When Zachary heard Ben mentioning Dr. Felch, he recalled the renowned doctor asking him if he had experienced anything odd with his eyes.

Is something wrong with my eyes?

Rumble!

Zachary was startled by the thunder. He turned around with his brows furrowed. Unable to keep his concerns to himself, he reached for his phone and tried calling Charlotte. To his dismay, he couldn't get through since he had been blocked.

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Zachary put his phone aside and stared dead ahead in silence.

"Mr. Nacht, just take it easy! I'll get in touch with them on your behalf!"

A few seconds after Ben tried calling Lupine, the woman on the other end of the call picked it up and asked in a petulant manner, "What do you want?"

"It's about to rain! Is Ms. Lindberg fine?"

"She's currently sleeping soundly after finishing the sleep-inducing tea Dr. Felch has made her. Not even the end of the world is capable of rousing her from sleep, let alone thunders. Has Mr. Nacht instructed you to check on her?"

Ben muttered in return, "Yes, he couldn't reach her since she had blocked him. Therefore—"

"Ms. Lindberg is doing fine! Thanks for asking, but it won't be necessary for you to call in the future!" Lupine hung up the call shortly after wrapping up the conversation.

Ben turned around with a sheepish grin and asked, "Have you heard her?"

"I guess I'm not needed," Zachary muttered to himself and strode in the direction of the bathroom.

Afraid something bad might happen to the exhausted man, he asked, "Are you sure you're fine? Shall I get someone to tend to you?"

"Get out of my sight!"

In spite of being reprimanded, Ben felt a sense of relief since Zachary still have the strength to pick on others.

Zachary got himself undressed and thought of indulging in a bath after a hectic week, but his nose started itching.

The moment he tried scratching his nose, he opened his eyes when he felt something gushing out of it.

He brought himself out of the bathtub and started checking on himself in the mirror. Gosh, I am bleeding...

His mind was all over the place since he had never experienced anything of that sort.

He once pulled several nights of all-nighters during Divine Corporation's initial public offering, but it wasn't as serious as such.

It's undeniably the most stressful and exhausting time of my life, but this is too much! Is it so serious? Charlotte experienced something similar when she was poisoned! Have I been poisoned as well?

Zachary's eyes flickered in despair when he thought that he had been poisoned, but that wasn't the case when he recalled he hadn't felt any pain apart from having blurred vision and a bleeding nose.

I have been pretty cautious all this while! The foods I consumed had been examined to ensure they were fine! In short, I don't think I have been poisoned!

When he lost himself in another train of thought, he heard his phone buzzing. Hence, he wrapped a towel around his waist and brought himself out of the bathroom.

Shortly after he picked up his phone, he heard his daughter addressing him, "Daddy!"

"Ellie, what's wrong? Are you not feeling well? Has something happened?"

"I can't fall asleep because I miss you. How are you, Daddy? Have you sorted out the things on your end?" Ellie sniffled and asked in a mellifluous tone.

"I'm fine, Ellie! You don't have to worry!" Zachary couldn't bear to share his actual condition with the heartwarming little girl on the other end of the call.

"Daddy, once I'm fine, are you going to take me home?"

"Of course, Ellie! I'll take you home as soon as you're fully recovered! As of now, just listen to Dr. Felch's instructions, okay?"

Sniffling, the little girl mentioned, "Alright, Daddy. Actually, I'm unwilling to leave Mommy, and Robbie is unwilling to leave you. However, we have come to terms and made up our minds to send Robbie away with Mommy if worse comes to worst. At the very least, Robbie can keep Mommy safe."

After pausing for a short while, the little girl added, "Similarly, Jamie and I will return to you to stop you from trying anything silly when Mommy's not around. Can you not blame Robbie for being naughty? He loves you as much as we do."

Zachary answered with his voice quivering against his will, "I'll never blame any of you! I'm well aware of the concerns and the things we're supposed to do!"

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"Daddy, ahem..." Ellie was afraid of exposing herself. Thus, she hid in the comforter and continued, "There's someone inside Mommy's room!"

Startled by the things his daughter brought up, he repeated after her, "What? Are you telling me they're spending time in her room?"

"Yes! Although he's quite a good-looking and friendly man, I don't want to be anywhere near him because he's not my father!"

The anxious Zachary repeated his question, "Ellie, are you sure they're currently in your mother's room?"

"Yes! He made his way to Mommy's room shortly after he got himself changed into a set of pajamas! Up until now, he hasn't made his way out yet!" Ellie hesitated before asking in a hushed voice, "I have read about a woman getting pregnant after spending a night with a man. Are we expecting another few siblings in a few months?"

"No! That won't be the case!"

"H-Huh?"

Out of nowhere, the man on the other end asked, "Ellie, do you want some of Mrs. Rawlston's hot cross bunnies?"

"Yes! But I can't get any of those since Mommy can't really make it!"

Zachary wiped his hair dry and asked, "Shall I drop by with a few hot cross bunnies for you? Are you feeling sleepy?"

Thrilled by her father's suggestion, she started jumping for joy. "No! I can't wait to meet you, Daddy! When are you coming over?"

Upon a glance at the clock, he announced, "It's currently eight-thirty—I'll be there in thirty minutes at nine sharp!"

"Alright, I'll be waiting for you, Daddy!"

Shortly after he hung up the call, Zachary instructed Ben to retrieve a few hot cross bunnies from the kitchen.

Concerned about Zachary's condition, the confused Ben asked with a frown, "What are you trying to do with those when you're supposed to be sleeping?"

Irked by Ben's question, Zachary repeated himself, "Just get going and stop poking your nose into my business!"

After Ben returned with the hot cross bunnies, he asked, "Can you at least tell me where you're going when it's already getting late?"

Instead of telling Ben his upcoming destination, Zachary marched his way out of the mansion immediately after he got his hands on the keys.

Ben went quietly after Zachary since he was afraid something bad might happen to the exhausted man.

Zachary pulled over when he was about to reach Northridge. He alighted from his car and sneaked his way into the compound.

There were all sorts of security details around Lindberg residence to ensure the safety of the residents. Therefore, no ordinary man could sneak their way into the compound.

However, Zachary was no ordinary man. He sneaked into the attic and made his way into Ellie's room through the window.

Ellie, who was seated on her bed, held her stuffed alpaca firmly in her arms, awaiting the arrival of her father.

Ellie was startled when she heard some noise coming from the window. However, she was thrilled when she found out her father had made his way there.

She rushed in his direction and yelled, "Daddy!"

Holding her in his arms, Zachary placed his palm on Ellie's forehead, asking in a concerned tone, "Ellie, are you feeling better now?"

"I'm not entirely fine, but it's not much of a big deal. Where are my hot cross bunnies?"

Zachary handed over the little girl's craving he brought along with him to her. "Here you go! Go ahead and give it a try!"

"Thank you so much, Daddy! I'm so hungry since I merely have a serving of oatmeal for dinner!" She started chomping the buns her father brought her.

"Take it easy and stop stuffing the buns into your mouth. You're only allowed to have one since you're still not feeling well."

She responded with a nod, indicating she wasn't against the idea at all.

Zachary made her a glass of warm milk after he found the carton of milk in her room. "Here's a glass of milk for you if you need something to drink."

Ellie wrapped her arms around her father's neck and said, "Thanks, Daddy! Isn't it great if we're able to spend time as a family again?"

"I'm sure it won't take long until we get to spend time as a family of five again. Just give me some time. I'll make it happen soon."