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# Mistaking a Magnate for a Male Escort

## chapter 1041

Henry's eyes widened in disbelief. He had never imagined that his daughter would use him as a hostage.

"You... you ungrateful beast!"

Despite being in dire circumstances after being shot twice, Spencer couldn't resist cursing at Zara.

"Every man for himself!" Zara asserted. "Moreover, I'm just holding you hostage. Your life is still in Zachary and Charlotte's hands. As long as they are willing to let me leave, no one will get hurt. Or else, both of us will die together!"

"You... you have gone mad!" Henry was outraged. "I really regret saving you. I should have let you die!"

"You reap what you sow." Watching the scene coldly, Charlotte sneered, "This is the poisonous snake that you have raised yourself. You don't feel a thing when she is hurting others. But now that you have become her victim, you finally realize how painful it is!"

Henry was humiliated by her words.

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“Zara, you crazy woman!” At that moment, Zachary joined the scene. “Let go of Grandpa at once!”

“She has truly gone mad to even take her own father hostage.”

Ben and Bruce were bewildered by what they saw.

Together with their subordinates, they surrounded her from the back.

At that moment, Charlotte’s team was in front of Zara while Zachary’s men were behind her.

Surrounded in all directions, Zara had no escape.

“Whoever approaches, I’ll kill Dad!”

Zara remained defiant. She believed no one would dare touch her as long as she had Henry as her trump card.

However, Charlotte didn’t care as she waved her hand and ordered, “Seize her!”

“Yes!” Lupine and the rest surrounded Zara at gunpoint and prepared to take her down.

Panicking, Zara cocked her gun and pointed it at Henry’s head. She screamed, “Don’t come near me!”

Lupine and her team hesitated as they looked in Charlotte’s direction.

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“He is your father. What has it got anything to do with me?” Charlotte scoffed. “You’re using your own father to threaten me? Is this a sick joke?”

“You...” Feeling distressed, Zara turned toward Zachary and barked, “Zachary, do you hear me? If that woman makes a move, I’ll kill your grandfather. He has always adored you and raised you himself, turning you into the successful man you are. He even handed you the entire Nacht Group. Is this how you’re going to repay him?”

Zara’s tone was extremely cynical.

She spoke as if Henry hadn’t raised her to be successful.

It was obvious to everyone who the ingrate was here.

However, at that moment, no one could be more shameless than her.

Zara had struck at the heart of Zachary’s weakness. She knew that he would never let Henry come to harm.

“Charlotte, get them to lower their weapons.”

Just as expected, Zachary compromised.

“How dare you!” Instead of budging, Charlotte was further incensed. “The Nacht family harbored a criminal and planned to smuggle her out of H City. Now that you have been betrayed, you’re asking me to let her go? Zachary, do you know how ridiculous that sounds?”

“The Nacht family has wronged you.” Zachary lowered himself to beg, “I’m begging you, please back off. As long as my grandpa is safe, I’ll make it up to you-”

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“Make it up to me? How?” Charlotte furiously cut him off. “Two years ago, when she sent men to assassinate me in T Nation and caused Mrs. Berry’s death, you told me that you would make it up to me. One month ago, when she kidnapped Robbie, you said the same thing again!

“After that, she attacked me at Rokan Hill and injured my subordinates, that’s when you repeated your vow again! Can you tell me when will you ever fulfill it? Not only did you not keep your promise, you even helped the foolish old man to assist her on her escape! Is that how the Nacht family fulfill their promises?”

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Zachary could not utter any words to refute. Undeniably, the Nacht family had owed Charlotte too much.

He thought that Cynthia’s heinous act had enlightened Henry. With this, all the misunderstandings and ruckus bugging them all this while would come to an end. It never occurred to him that there would be another round of turbulence for them. Unavoidably, nobody would still be able to stay cool under such circumstances.

“Don’t make me say it again! I must take this woman away today!” Charlotte gritted her teeth and pointed at Zara in exasperation.

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"I had sworn to avenge Mrs. Berry by paying Zara Nacht and Sharon Blackwood in their coins! I won't think twice to finish whoever dares to stand in my way! You won't be an exception too!" Charlotte hissed.

Zachary felt a rush of inexplicit complex emotions as he gazed at Charlotte resignedly. A surge of guilt welled up from within him, yet he could not turn his back on his grandpa.

"I'm sorry!" Like a bolt of lightning, he grabbed hold of Charlotte's wrist, seized her gun, and pinned it against her forehead. Everyone was overwhelmed as everything happened within such a short span.

"Put down your guns!" Zachary commanded the female bodyguards of the Lindberg family.

Only then did Lupine come to her senses and fumed, "What a despicable b\*stard! How can you treat Ms. Lindberg this way!"

At the sight of Zachary, who was threatening Charlotte, Morgan rushed out of the car and pointed her gun at him. "Let go of Ms. Lindberg!"

"Mor, try to cool down..." Marino tried to talk Morgan into putting down her gun. Nonetheless, she turned to point the gun at him and pulled the trigger without a second thought.

"My goodness! You really did that!" Marino was stupefied; his shoulder was scraped by the bullet.

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“Zachary Nacht, you are really a brute! Ms. Lindberg has sacrificed so much by bearing three children for you. The Nacht family inflicted harm on her numerous times, yet she never thought of settling a score with you. How could you point the gun at her now?” Morgan was infuriated and lashed out at Zachary.

To her, love was never comparable to her loyalty to Charlotte. Not to mention, Zachary’s indifferent demeanor had shattered her fantasy for love within seconds.

“All of you from the Nacht family are the same! How can you claim that you are from the prestigious family of the upper-level society with such a malicious mind! Let go of Ms. Lindberg at once. If not, I will notify Mr. Lindberg at once!” Lupine became worked up and snapped at Zachary; her hand holding the gun was trembling uncontrollably.

“Mr. Nacht, do you think it’s a bit much for her?” Ben tried to appease Zachary and talk him out of pointing his gun at Charlotte.

Even Ben felt that the Nacht family had owed Charlotte too much. Thus, it was deemed a matter of fact for her to insist on capturing Zara. As Zachary’s mind was preoccupied with rescuing Henry at the moment, he was worried sick that he would exacerbate the situation by acting impulsively.

“Put your guns down and step aside! Do you get me?” Zachary snarled at the female bodyguards of the Lindberg family.

All of them turned to look at Lupine and Morgan in bewilderment. Nonetheless, the precarious situation sent both of them into a tizzy, turning their minds into mush.

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“Don’t release her!” Charlotte yelled out all of a sudden. “Even if he shoots me dead, you must bear in mind to bring that woman back!”

Zachary felt a prickle of anxiousness and whispered to her apprehensively, “Why are you so hard-headed? Just let me save my grandpa first. Once I have saved him, I will surely...”

“Do you dare to shoot me?” Charlotte glared at him and cut him off. “Why don’t you try to shoot me with your gun?”

“I-I...” Zachary stammered. He did not even place his finger on the trigger of his gun.

“Since he doesn’t dare, I will be the one to do that!” Unexpectedly, Zara fired a shot at Charlotte’s shoulder.

Bang! Blood spurted from her wound at once.

Charlotte stiffened; the instant stabbing pain was numbing her senses. As her blood splattered onto her face, it was as though her heart was eroded by the penetrative burning sensation of sulfuric acid.

Everyone was rooted to the spot, including Zachary.

“What are you doing?” Zachary bellowed at Zara after he came to his senses.

“All of you from the Lindberg family, put your guns down! If not, I will finish her off now!” Zara threatened.

Intimidated by her threatening tone, all the bodyguards from the Lindberg family could only bow to her by putting their guns down as instructed.

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Gritting her teeth to restrain herself from groaning in pain, Charlotte sniggered. "Zachary Nacht, great one! See how hard-hearted all of you from the Nacht family are!"

"Charlotte..." Zachary was about to explain to her, yet she snatched his gun and pointed at Zara.

A panic-stricken Zara had the heart to pull Henry over as her shield.

Zachary's heart skipped a beat, and he shoved Charlotte away hastily at the eleventh hour. Subsequently, Charlotte missed a shot. Furthermore, her arm was even scraped by the bullet from Zara's gunshot.

"Zachary Nacht!" At the peak of fury, Charlotte pointed her gun at Zachary and fired a shot at him right away. As a result, his arm was shot.

The bodyguards of the Nacht family lifted their guns and aimed at Charlotte instinctively.

"All of you, back off!" Zachary bellowed at once.

All his bodyguards stepped backward and dared not move at all.

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On the other hand, the female bodyguards of the Lindberg family lifted their guns and huddled over them.

When the situation descended into complete chaos, Zara was about to flee by holding Henry hostage. At that very moment, an ear-piercing shriek from the eagle sounded.

The next moment, Fifi the eagle darted toward Zara like an arrow released from the bow. A quick-witted Zara aimed her gun at it and fired.

One side of the eagle's wings was shot, yet it continued to dart toward Zara and attack her. As a result, she dropped her gun when it flapped its wings and struck against her. Waving both her hands frantically, she tried to shoo the eagle away.

Meanwhile, Henry's legs gave way when Zara let go of him and collapsed on the floor. Zachary dashed toward him hastily to help him up.

In the meantime, Charlotte dashed toward Zara and the eagle. She yelled out, "Fifi, move aside!"

In a split second, the eagle flapped its wings and flew away.

Bang! Bang! Charlotte aimed at Zara's knees respectively and fired twice.

Zara fell on her knees in an instant. Nevertheless, she supported her body with her arms and shrieked with laughter.

"What are you laughing at?" Charlotte narrowed her eyes and asked coldly.

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“Did you hear the siren?” Zara’s lips contorted into a creepy snicker. “There is an alarm system in my body. When I’m shot, it will automatically trigger the system and alert the police. Of course, I’m not willing to go to jail. Even so, I would rather be imprisoned instead of being shot dead by you. After all, getting a haven is the most important thing for me at the moment. As long as I can stay alive, I’m sure as hell that I will have the chance to escape! Charlotte Lindberg, you will not be able to capture me!”

“I will finish you off now!” Charlotte pulled the trigger and was about to fire.

“Don’t fire!” Zachary stopped her. “Just hand her over to the police.”

“I will shoot you at once if you dare to stop me!” Charlotte glared at him with murderous intent in her eyes, and she was unmovable by his words.

“Charlotte Lindberg, do you think you are still in Erihal? You will be charged for murdering here.” Zara continued to provoke her, “If you kill me now, you will have to be prepared to rot in jail!”

“You deserve to repent your sins with your life! Go to h\*ll!” Blinded by anger, Charlotte pulled her trigger impetuously.

“Wait a minute!” Henry yelled out abruptly.

“Grandpa...” Zachary called out anxiously.

“Can you let me have a few words with her? Please...” Henry pleaded with Charlotte.

“Just one minute!” Charlotte replied coldly without putting down her gun.

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At the same time, all the bodyguards from the Lindberg family huddled over them and pointed their guns simultaneously at Zara.

It was a sure thing that Zara would meet her end at any moment.

“You kept on asking me why I tended to bias toward your brother, although you are more outstanding than him since young. Do you know why I would rather nurture him and refuse to let you manage Nacht Group?” On the brink of tears, Henry looked at Zara sorrowfully. “I sense that you are overambitious and materialistic since young. Apart from that, you have been eyeing the inheritance right of the Nacht family. Thus, I foresee that your senses will be easily prevailed by your greed for power and social status. That’s why I tended to stand in your way most of the time. It never crosses my mind that this will trigger your rebellious nature.”

Zara snapped at him impatiently, “Don’t waste time lamenting on this! If you still treat me as your daughter, get them to let go of me and send me away from H City!”

Henry uttered bitterly with a self-deprecating smile. “Since this is my sin, I should be the one to put it to an end.”

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For the last sentence, he was almost whispering, and the others could barely catch what he said, except Zachary.

He looked at Henry in bafflement. Put it to an end? How to end it?

“Let me tell you one more thing.” Henry gazed at Zara in dejection. “I have actually kept a large sum of money for Chris. It is more than enough for you to lead a free and easy life. Nevertheless, you insist on digging your own grave!”

“Stop nagging and save me immediately!” Zara shrieked impatiently. She had apparently forgotten about how she had held her father as a hostage a while ago. Not to mention, she was even exploiting him as her shield against the gunshot!

“Time’s up!” Charlotte lost her patience and prepared to fire.

At the same time, the siren sounded from a distance away.

Lupine lowered her voice and reminded Charlotte, “Ms. Lindberg, quite a number of police cars are advancing toward us. I’m afraid...”

Before Lupine could finish her words, Charlotte snapped at her, “I don’t care, and I can barely wait to finish her off!”

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Bang! Bang! Bang! All of a sudden, there was a series of ear-piercing gunshots. It seemed someone had finished firing the bullets in the barrel.

Everyone was astounded and gaped at Henry, who had shot his own daughter to death by himself!

Thud! The gun slipped off from his trembling hand. Emotionally shaken, he slumped onto the floor. He lowered his head as tears of remorse flowed down his wrinkled face like streams.

“Grandpa...” Zachary crouched down beside him to help him up.

Charlotte could barely move in utter astonishment. Her mind turned mushy as she looked at a grief-shaken Henry and Zara’s lifeless body. As a wave of indecipherable complex emotions crashed into her heart, she was at a loss for words.

She had sought revenge in a way, yet the feeling was kind of different as she did not end the woman’s life in her own hands. Nevertheless, she could not reprimand Henry for doing so. She was even starting to sympathize with him in such a pathetic state.

No way! I can’t let anyone take advantage of my kindness anymore! When Charlotte recomposed herself, she told herself not to relent again.

“Hands up and don’t move!” The policemen reached and took prompt action, putting the tense situation to an end.

It had been pouring the whole night. By the time Charlotte reached home, it was already dawn.

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Everyone was petrified when she stepped into the house with her clothes drenched in blood.

Dr. Felch took out the bullet for her and attended to her wound at once. "You need a good rest," he advised.

Mrs. Rawlston asked warily, "Ms. Lindberg, how about Mr. Zachary and Mr. Nacht? Did anything happen to them?"

"I will assign people to send you home," Charlotte told her gently without replying to her question.

"All right, Ms. Lindberg. Thank you." Mrs. Rawlston nodded and thanked her sincerely.

Without hesitation, Lupine assigned a few bodyguards to send Mrs. Rawlston and a few maids from the Nacht residence back.

Leaning against the recliner in the room, Charlotte's heart sank as another wave of mixed emotions swept over her.

The throbbing pain on her shoulder was as though indicating that both Zachary and her would never be able to let bygones be bygones. It seems impossible for us to mend our relationship and stop dwelling on the past.

"Ms. Lindberg, we have got things settled," Morgan updated her tactfully. "Anyway, the police is still liaising closely with the Nacht family. We are still not sure if Mr. Henry will be charged for murdering his daughter."

"That's none of our business. Get Sharon Blackwood here now," Charlotte instructed in an icy-cold tone.

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“Noted, Ms. Lindberg.” Morgan nodded respectfully and prepared to carry out the task as instructed.

Charlotte looked at the gun in her hand with a hint of unmissable murderous intent in her eyes. Now, there is only Sharon Blackwood left. I must seek her out for payback as soon as possible and leave this horrible place forever!

The next moment, Lupine dashed into the room and updated her hastily. “Ms. Lindberg, Sharon Blackwood was taken away by the police.”

Morgan was stunned. “How could it be? I’m about to capture her and bring her here!”

“The Nacht family seems to have foreseen this and taken the first move. Mr. Nacht had handed her over to the police before he rushed over to rescue Mr. Henry,” Lupine explained further.

Charlotte knitted her brows without uttering any words.

Right that instant, Morgan’s phone buzzed. The moment she caught a glimpse of the name blinking on the screen, she handed it to Charlotte. “Ms. Lindberg, it’s a call from Mr. Lindberg.”

Charlotte answered the call instantaneously and greeted, “Danrique!”

“Come back to Erihal now and marry Louis,” Danrique instructed her resolutely.

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Charlotte was not the slightest bit surprised, probably because she knew him too well and was mentally prepared. Even so, she asked softly, "How about the kids?"

"Bring them back. I want you to set off three days later," Danrique responded right away, as though he could predict that she would ask the question. He hung up right after instructing her on that.

Holding the phone in her hand, Charlotte stared into space out of the window in silence. After quite a while, she finally broke the silence by instructing Lupine, "Get the South Sea project completed as soon as possible."

"Noted, Ms. Lindberg," Lupine replied respectfully with her head lowered.

"I will go up now to catch some sleep. Don't wake me up unless there is something," Charlotte dragged herself up to her room in weariness.

After taking a shower, she got changed and continued to dry her hair at the dressing table.

Looking at her own reflection in the mirror, Charlotte's mind was gradually drifting. She felt a turmoil of emotions as snippets of the previous incidents

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flashed across her mind. She recalled how Zachary pointed the gun at her to save Henry.

The moment of Zara scoffing at her before she breathed the last breath kept floating in her mind. "As a member of the Lindberg family, it's a shame that you do not possess assertiveness and determination like them. You are indeed a fool by placing righteousness above everything and tend to be over submissive, just like the others from the Windt family!"

Sadly, Charlotte shared the same sentiments with her. If her father were more assertive and determined, he would not have met with such a tragic end.

If I were more assertive and determined at that time, the horrible incident might not have befallen Mrs. Berry. Other than that, I would not have to go through those obstacles. It is undeniable that I only have myself to blame for putting myself in a tight spot.

Charlotte's phone buzzed all of a sudden. It was a call from Zachary. She hung it up right away and blocked his number. At that very moment, she made up her mind that she would have no truck with the Nacht family ever again.

Zachary's face fell instantly when the line on the other side went dead.

He turned to look in the direction of the emergency room. The doctors were still attending to Henry by all means.

He had a heart attack after shooting Zara to death earlier on. As a result, Zachary rushed him to the hospital.

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Even though the police was aware that Henry was the one who fired and killed Zara, they were unable to take any actions under such crucial circumstance.

Two hours had elapsed ever since Henry was sent to the emergency room, but there was no sign at all.

Raina had stepped out once earlier and updated Zachary warily. "Mr. Nacht, you have to be prepared for the worst. Mr. Henry has been troubled by health issues all this while. After what happened just now, I'm afraid..."

She paused, gulped, and said softly, "I suggest that you bring the kids over. I bet Mr. Henry is looking forward to meeting them again for the last time."

That was why Zachary gave Charlotte a call. No doubt, he knew that Charlotte had no intention to see him, answer his call, or hear his voice any more. Perhaps she has even made up her mind that she won't cross paths with me again!

Nonetheless, Zachary could not think of any other way at the moment.

"Mr. Zachary..." Spencer called him haggardly. He was weak as a kitten after being shot twice. Seated in the wheelchair pushed by a bodyguard, gloominess was written all over his face.

Zachary advanced toward him without hesitation. "Mr. Spencer, you should not get out of the bed. You need a good rest."

"How can I rest well when Mr. Henry is still fighting for his life in the emergency room?" Spencer murmured with teary eyes. "Mr. Henry is too kind. He shouldn't have saved that sinful woman who has disgraced the Nacht family."

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“Mr. Spencer, there’s no point to talk about this now...” Zachary mumbled.

Zachary’s frown deepened into a scowl. Even though he had the same stance as Spencer, he did not have the heart to castigate Henry.

“Mr. Zachary, can you please bring the kids to meet Mr. Henry for the last time?” Spencer choked up and pleaded, “This should be his only wish at the moment after the devastating whammy. Can you please grant his final wish?”

Even so, he held back the last few words, which were too painful for him to tell Zachary. Deep down, he hoped that it was not just his wishful thinking for Henry to meet the kids one last time before he could rest in peace.

Stifling the simmering anguish in his heart, Zachary mumbled, “I know. I will go and fetch the kids now.”

“Try to pacify her by talking things out with her,” Spencer advised him. “After all, we have owed her too much all this while. Try to bear with it, regardless of how oppressive her words are. We can’t blame her for harboring a grudge against us. Bear in mind not to exacerbate the situation by infuriating her further.”

“All right, I know what to do,” Zachary nodded and instructed Bruce to keep his guard up outside the emergency room. After that, he headed to Northridge with Ben and Marino right away.

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