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Janet's shout startled the captain, snapping him out of his daze. He rushed to the helm in a frenzy.

The group, hearing the noise, quickly turned back.

Seeing the captain maneuver the ship, the leader's eyes darkened with ferocity.

He nodded slightly; his men responded by marching forward, seizing the captain, and forcefully slamming him onto the deck.

The man withdrew a handgun and aimed it at the captain. His tone was menacing as he declared, "No one has ever escaped from me."

He then surveyed the cabin occupants, his gaze settling on Janet with a faint, unsettling smile.

"Given the blunder, we might as well benefit. These individuals appear suitable, and I need additional subjects for my experiments."

Panic erupted among the passengers in the cabin at that.

Janet inhaled deeply and locked eyes with the man. "I belong to the White family. Harm me, and they will retaliate!"

Her voice wavered, betraying her fear.

She hoped her declaration would deter the criminals.

Yet, her anxiety was palpable, not escaping the man's notice.

He cocked his head, eyeing Janet dismissively. "Ah? The White family? Never heard of them."

Turning to his crew, he inquired, "Anyone familiar with the White family?"

The men responded with derisive head shakes.

Taking his time, the leader sat down, eyeing the visibly distraught Janet.

"No one here knows the White, Yellow, or Green families. Here, I call the shots. And young lady, it seems you haven't realized that yet. Even if your family holds great power, what can they do here? This is the open sea. If I kill you, your country can't intervene without permission. Understand?"

He then gestured with his gun towards the assembled passengers as casually as if he were selecting produce at a market. "This one, this one, this one, and Ms. White—take them. Throw the others overboard."

His men moved swiftly, pinpointing and seizing the individuals he had chosen.

Adriana, witnessing someone reach for Janet, felt a surge of emotion; her eyes reddened as she clasped Janet's hand tightly.

In that moment, she was uncertain if they were dealing

with actual criminals or if this was a ruse by Alexandra. With her life potentially in someone else's control, Adriana hesitated to make a move.

Yet, seeing the distress of Janet, someone she once knew well, was too much for her.

Her resistance, however, meant nothing to the assailants.

One of the men shoved Adriana aside, seized Janet by the arm, and dragged her away.

Janet's terror was palpable; she flailed helplessly.

Before Adriana could even grasp what was happening, she too was being escorted out.

In a corner, Sonia, who was also being led away, paused to glance back at Janet.

She frowned, sensing that something was amiss.

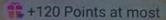
This situation deviated sharply from Alexandra's plan. It appeared the leader had inadvertently intruded.

If she were indeed taken to his medical ship, Sonia knew returning was not an option.

Realizing she and Janet were in imminent danger of abduction, Sonia seized a moment of distraction. With a swift backhand move, she broke free from her captor's grip.

Before the others could react, Sonia had fired several shots into the ceiling and was now aiming at the leader.

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"Let her go!" She fired several shots into the ceiling before aiming the gun at the leader.

Taken aback, the man realized his mistake in underestimating the women aboard. He hadn't expected to encounter resistance, especially not from someone capable of fighting back.

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