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She still had a big baby to feed at home.

Hanson had been living at Vania's place in a low-key manner for two days, so he was able to have a good picture of their lifestyle.

He thought it was time for him to make a move and right now, he was at home, thinking of how to tackle his second biggest challenge—Jack.

Jack was an extrovert and a stuck-up until one was able to know him. He also dared to act as he spoke, so apart from being resourceful, Hanson still hadn't discovered a way to win him over—at least not now.

Who'd have thought he, the resolute and forceful CEO of Luke Corporation, was now racking his brain over a bunch of kids?

Alas, Jack was a tough nut to crack and James was even more aloof.

Hanson felt super pissed at this moment. Who knew just what kind of genetics that b*stard had that allowed him to have such quick-witted children?

Then again, they had won him over, which left him not knowing quite how to feel about it.

Jack happened to be reading and noticed Hanson was sitting across from him while being lost in his thoughts. He hadn't a clue what Hanson wanted to do next, but he had no interest in finding out and only took a gander at Hanson before returning to his book.

When Hanson returned to reality, he checked out the book that Jack was reading. What a feat it was for a child to like such advanced astronomical geography.

With that, he pointed to the text and asked, "Can you understand them?"

"Of course," answered Jack confidently.

He naturally understood what the book was about, and he could also understand the few complex parts after some research.

However, it was always just him and his brothers discussing the contents of the book. They really wished to have a teacher, for their kindergarten teachers had zero knowledge of this subject.

Hanson was super pleased as he looked at the confident boy. After taking the book from him, he beckoned to the other three boys. "Come here, let me tell you guys about this."

Jack sized Hanson up after hearing his words. He likes astronomical geography too? And he began looking forward to it, wanting to hear what Hanson would share with them.

The other three babies also had an appreciation for astronomical geography, so like Jack, they huddled around Hanson when they heard he wanted to talk about the subject.

It wasn't until the boys were all seated that Hanson flipped to the first page, starting from the very beginning.

However, what he told them wasn't in the book and instead the extension of it, along with explanations.

As it was the first time the boys were discovering such profound topics, they were all ears, from only wanting to see whether Hanson actually knew what he was talking about to acknowledging him and now gradually exchanging opinions.

"Can you talk about this?" Jack pulled out the book he had carefully kept away.

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The four of them immediately collected themselves from their unnatural expressions.

Jack said, "I was thinking about what you've said before. I couldn't understand you before, but I get it now. Everyone has their problems."

James nodded with a frown. "Thank you."

As this was the first time they said a heartfelt thanks to another, they thought that they should try to understand the Devil before them.

Hanson laughed. "There's no need to be so polite with me. As long as you all are willing to learn, then I shall teach you anytime."

Instantly, their eyes lit up before they said expectantly, "Really?"

"Of course. Why would I lie to you?"

Because you've lied to Mommy before, they thought.

Despite his thoughts, James replied, "Because you have sons of your own too."

"You have a point." Hanson nodded. "Perhaps you all would be very good friends," he added as he had a strong feeling that they would be friends given time.

James nodded his head old fashionably. "I do hope so."

"So, have we come to an understanding?" Hanson asked in an attempt to change the topic.

Hence, James and Jack stopped the tit-for-tat with Hanson and nodded in acknowledgment. "Yes." Their answer proved that they had a newfound understanding of the book. They met Hanson's eyes with a new purpose and shine in their eyes.

Hanson was taken aback, as he hadn't expected the four of them to look at him with such a complicated gaze. Feeling an inexplicable sense of familiarity, he unconsciously asked, "Have we met before this?"

"Nope," they answered firmly without skipping a beat. After all, they were all sent away the moment they were born. Hanson couldn't have met them before this.

Looking at the children having such a big reaction even though they were fine mere moments ago, Hanson became suspicious. Perhaps there was something that happened between us. Something I don't know, he thought. Just as he was about to question the children, he heard the door opening. Taking one glance at his watch, he knew that it was Vania who had just returned. Seems like she's earlier today.

When they heard Vania's voice, the four of them rushed over and surrounded her. "Mommy, you're back," they all said with joy.

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Hanson had become picky in his food, as he no longer had an appetite for dishes that were not made by Vania.

Then, Vania went to the kitchen with the other five people there following closely behind. With how her children were all grabbing her by the hems of her clothes, she was limited in what she could do. She facepalmed before she snapped at them. "I want all of you to wait in the living room. Otherwise, no one will be allowed to eat."

After they heard her words, the children made eye contact with Hanson as none of them was willing to leave the kitchen. However, they all lost their determination and walked out of the kitchen at a slow pace, as they saw Vania's serious expression. When the children passed Hanson by, he learned from their example earlier and grumbled at them.

Without them being in Vania's way, she handily made a hearty dinner.

Hanson and the four little ones immediately got up from the dining table to help Vania when they saw she was done cooking. With everyone's help, the dinner was set and ready in no time at all.

During the meal, Vania had to balance between personally giving food to her babies and Hanson due to how jealous one over the other would be. Although she lamented the situation, she considered it an opportunity to get used to being a mother of five instead.

After the superficially harmonious and jealousy-ridden meal, Vania told the four little ones a bedtime

story before returning to her room. Unexpectedly, she found Hanson waiting for her on the sofa in her room. Curious, she asked, "What's wrong? Something on your mind?"

Hanson nodded before he gestured for Vania to sit by his side.

With her eyes on him, she sat beside him as an indication that he could tell her what was on his mind.

After a moment's hesitation, Hanson asked, "Uh... It's about your ex..." Feeling that he was somewhat inappropriate, he corrected himself. "It's about the children's father..." After he said that, he suddenly felt like laughing at himself as he caught himself actually caring about such a thing, especially when it involved some stranger.

However, since he had brought it up, he wanted to know about the children's situation and continued awkwardly, "What kind of person is he?"

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Vania laughed in relief after explaining her past.

Hanson knew there was more to this than what Vania had let on, but decided to drop the matter, as she was reluctant to share more with him. However, seeds of suspicion started to grow in him after he listened to Vania's explanation. For both Vania and Melanie to have unintended pregnancies at the same time five years ago, was it truly an accident, or was it part of a greater scheme? When memories of meeting Vania in the rain that day flashed through his mind, he asked, "That rainy day when I met you in the outskirts of the city, what were you doing there?"

"I was visiting my mother's grave."

So that's it. I guess I was jealous over nothing. "Sorry."

"It's nothing."

With Hanson becoming silent, Vania remembered he had once told her that the relationship between him and Melanie was also an accident. Out of curiosity, she asked, "What about you?"

With nothing to hide, Hanson replied, "Five years ago, I was drugged by a rival. I didn't know how Melanie got involved, but she was the reason why I've had such a ridiculous night." To him, it was that simple. Since that rival of his who had constantly targeted him back in the days was long gone, he chose not to elaborate on that.

So it was an accident as well, she thought. "Looks like we've experienced the same things." Without waiting for Hanson to speak up, she bit her lip and asked, "Then, did you have—"

"No. I have never had any sort of feelings for her. Besides her, I've never gotten in bed with any other

woman. You are the first person who has captured my heart; you are the one I want to be closer to," said Hanson with sincerity in his eyes.

It was true Vania wanted to ask him if he had any feelings for Melanie, but she hadn't expected him to answer her so bluntly. Slightly embarrassed due to his straightforwardness, she lowered her head and chuckled.

Hanson reached his hand out and fixed the hair around her ears. "Vania, I'm serious about you. Indeed, I've never been in love, but as long as you wish for it, then I'll do my best to learn. As for the things you dislike, I will refrain from doing them as well."

However, Vania had never been in love either. Back when she was engaged to Dylan, she naturally thought she would be spending the rest of her life with him. She never once questioned what it was like to be in love, as the furthest she had gotten with Dylan was only holding hands even though she was with him for so long. Now, after hearing his words that could be construed as a confession, she felt her heart threatening to leap out of her chest. With anticipation and slight confusion in her eyes, she gazed at Hanson.

Hanson whispered in her ears, "Vania, close your eyes."

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"Furthermore, with the change of the sponsors of the program, there would be talks about changing the judges as well. Hence, it would be impossible for anyone to obtain any concrete information, even if it was someone from the inner circle."

Melanie choked slightly. "Then what about me?" Since she lacked the foundation, Chris hired a teacher for her to study under, albeit for a few days. If she couldn't buy the judges out, she knew she wouldn't make it to the end with the number of talents in this competition. If I can't be the winner here, what's the point of me even entering in the first place?

Chris repeated the same instructions. "You just need to stick to the original plan."

Although Chris called it a plan, all Melanie had to do in that 'plan' was to ordinarily compete. How could this even be called a plan? Then, she sneered, "You can't even handle something as minor as this?"

Chris' expression grew chilly in an instant. "There are many things that can't be solved with money. According to my understanding, Greyson Realty isn't doing so well right now, right? I've seen my fair share of how things go in the entertainment industry. I know what I'm doing."

"You..." Listening to Chris hitting it on the nail regarding Greyson Realty with that chilly expression, Melanie felt it wasn't a good time to go against him and replied bluntly, "Fine."

Chris remained stern in his expression. "There is something else I have to tell you, Miss Melanie

Greyson."

Hearing Chris address her as such, Melanie was surprised and became suspicious, as he had never once addressed her like this ever since she signed up with the company. At first, she frowned at Chris, but immediately collected her expression when she assumed he was angry. "What is it?"

"You should know this is the entertainment industry and not your own home. It is a melting pot where all manner of men exist, including those who outrank even your family. I advise you to keep your temper in check, so you wouldn't offend the wrong people in the industry. Furthermore, you're just an amateur right now. You should be building your career step-by-step. With your attitude like this, you won't go far in the industry." Although Chris was speaking calmly, his tone exuded pressure.

Perhaps it was due to Melanie finding some truth in Chris' words that she managed to stop herself from bursting out in rage. "Fine. I get what you're saying," she said reluctantly.

However, Chris continued, "I don't think you do. Otherwise, you wouldn't have this attitude right now. I hope you will think about what I've said." Considering Melanie's temper, Chris knew if he pushed the issue any further, the only person who would be troubled would be himself. Hence, he decided that this was as far as he would go for now. Naturally, he hoped that she would change herself. Otherwise, he would need to consider terminating her contract, as he wouldn't allow her to be the reason for his downfall, especially when he had fought tooth and nail to be such a well-known manager. Without waiting for Melanie's reply, he left.

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Hanson gave it a deep thought before he finally answered, "We should be discreet for now."

"Understood. I will make the arrangements."

Just as Larry was about to end the call, Hanson added, "Make arrangements for the Jones Enterprise as well."

"Jones Enterprise? Which Jones are you referring to?" Larry asked. Although the company had dealt with many companies with similar names, he knew that Hanson's company had not cooperated with any company with that name as of late.

Hanson gritted his teeth and recited with deep emotions, "Dylan Jones."

He wanted that man to pay the price of framing the love of his life.

After thinking briefly about the name, Larry determined that the company had no dealings with someone by the name of Dylan Jones. My condolences to you for offending the president, he thought to himself.

After all, the days of that man would be numbered now. "Understood. I will make the arrangements, President Luke," he answered. With how his president had given such orders to him, Larry assumed that it was to make arrangements to make the Jones Enterprise bankrupt since that was how he had handled all of his president's previous orders.

Contrary to Larry's assumption, Hanson continued, "No need to rush. You can take your time." The tone in his voice grew cold and gradually filled with terror.

Larry shivered upon his president's words as he knew that his president wanted a slow death for Jones Enterprise. Compared to directly causing a company to bankrupt, the method of boiling frog was much crueler as it would torture the recipient's mental state before it was finally dealt the finishing blow at the most unexpected moment.

However, Larry sneered as well. "I know what to do."

After his call with the president, he investigated just who Dylan Jones was and was surprised with what he found. No wonder the president is so furious, he thought after he found out that Dylan Jones had been Vania's fiancée. Oh wait, he later became Melanie's fiancée. This man had literally made Hanson a cuckold, which led to Larry saying his condolence once more to the man known as Dylan Jones.

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Meanwhile, over at the president's office of Jones Enterprise.

"President, Vice President, there's bad news. Our project in the East River has suddenly been stopped and we can't stop the workers from leaving. There's only one more month until the deadline. What should we do?"

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This unannounced disinvestment was undoubtedly a major blow to the Jones Enterprise because Daniel knew that Zimmer Enterprise would have no benefit in doing so as well.

"Father, are you alright?" Though Dylan grew pale from this series of events, he went up to his father in a hurry after noticing his father was pale as well.

Daniel waved his hand. "I'm fine. I want you to immediately have a meeting with the upper-level management to see what we can do."

"Alright."

It wasn't a big deal if these contracts had some sort of problems or were even terminated. The problem was that it all happened at the same time abruptly. With Zimmer Enterprise's disinvestment, Jones Enterprise was facing an unprecedented crisis.

Now that Dylan was the vice president of the company, he was gradually taking over his father's job in managing the company. He had suspected that this series of events was orchestrated by someone else, as he was caught off guard by how abrupt it was.

After the meeting, Dylan came into his father's office and noticed his father seemed to have aged in this short amount of time. "Father, how are you doing?" he asked with concern.

Daniel shook his head. "You don't have to worry about me. I'm fine. We have to solve these problems as soon as possible. Otherwise, the company will have a crisis on its hands."

Dylan nodded. "We're now seeking for other companies to take over the East River project. If all goes well, we'll be signing with a new company tomorrow and we will be able to finish the project within the deadline. As for the new park project, we'll just lose the project, as we can consider the land in Whitborn, as it is better than the new park project. Lastly, I think it'd be best for you to discuss things with Zimmer Enterprise, Father."

Satisfied with his son's arrangement, Daniel nodded. "Good. You've indeed grown. I would be relieved to leave the company to you. As for Zimmer Enterprise, I'll need time to think about it," he said with a thoughtful expression.

Since Dylan thought the events today were rather strange, he asked his father, "Father, don't you think these incidents are just too strange? These incidents came so suddenly and to varying degrees. The report we heard together was considered huge news, but there have been many other incidents that were reported to me during the meeting. All these things adding up together would disrupt the company's operation."

When Daniel heard his son's report, he frowned as he recalled recent matters and determined that they wouldn't have offended someone, as they were not in a conflict with anyone at the moment. Although Jones Enterprise was not a powerful company in Hammond, it was still a legit family business. Who would come after us like this? Then, he said solemnly, "I want you to keep an ear to the ground for these two days and immediately report to me if you heard even the smallest movement."

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Jack pointed his finger at Hanson and said, "Didn't we say that we'll be setting up house rules for you? Now that we've laid them down in a contract, you have to sign it." As soon as he finished his explanation, Jacob passed his pen to Hanson.

Hanson chuckled lightly with how the children cooperated and came at him fully prepared. Looks like I won't be able to get out of signing this document today, he thought. With a serious expression, he took the paper and read the content only to find a sentence written largely 'Stay away from Mommy.'

This is the house rule? Just this sentence alone? he chuckled. "What if I don't want to sign it?"

The four little ones were already prepared for such a reaction from Hanson as they knew he would refuse. Putting away the paper in his hand, James said, "Then, you can't stay here." It was because they were afraid that this Devil would run to Mommy again when they weren't paying attention.

Jack continued, "That's right. You'll have to sign it if you want to stay. Given your performance these past few days, we no longer believe in your promise."

"Just like what my brothers said," said Jacob while Jude nodded in affirmation.

A helpless Hanson shrugged. "Why do you all dislike me being with your mommy? I'm being serious here."

The four of them clicked their tongues, as they didn't believe the Devil's lies.

"You all don't believe me?"

"Obviously," the four of them said in unison.

Feeling strange about how determined the children were, Hanson couldn't help but consider if he had lost part of his memories. He assumed he had done something to them in the past given their reaction to him. He kept smiling as he said, "Isn't time for you all to tell me the reason for that?"

The four of them tensed up and showed no intention of answering Hanson's question.

Right now, Hanson could only bare his heart out, as he believed the children would understand. "Last night—"

Before he could continue, the four of them glared at him that somehow read, You still had the nerve to mention last night?

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Without waiting for Hanson to answer, Jack asked once again, "Do you really not remember Mommy?"

Hanson frowned at the question, as he was under the impression that he had not seen Vania before.

The four of them became silent, as they all fell into contemplation simultaneously. The first to break the silence was Jack, who said, "Then, have you never doubted about what happened back then—"

However, he was interrupted by James clearing his throat before he could finish his sentence. Jack then immediately kept quiet and spoke no further.

Hearing what Jack said, Hanson did have his suspicions about what happened five years ago. He also suspected that the four were privy to certain information that he was unaware of. Nevertheless, looking at James' expression, he knew that the other three wouldn't say anything further even if he pushed the

matter here. Looks like I'll have to find an opportunity somewhere down the line.

Then, Jacob took the paper from James and gave it to Hanson. "You should sign this. Don't try to get out of this."

With the sudden change in the conversation, Hanson was brought back from his deep thoughts. Can I really not get out of this? However, his eyes brightened as he thought of a plan. He extended his right hand to the kids and said, "My hand is injured. You all should know that the doctor had told me not to move so much. So, I'm afraid I can't sign it."

Jake proudly pointed at Hanson's left hand. "You can use your left hand to sign, then." He thought since they could write with both hands, Hanson, as an adult, would be able to do so as well.

Yet, Hanson wore a distressed expression and explained, "I can't write with my left hand." At this point, he would never want to admit that he was ambidextrous.

James took a step forward while he waved his hand. "No worries. We can wait for you to finish practicing with your left hand."

At this moment, Jude came over with a sheet of paper that was clearly intended for Hanson to practice writing with his left hand.

Hanson placed his hand across his face, as he was losing out against the children. "Must I sign this?"

The four of them nodded solemnly. "Right. You must sign this."

"How about we continue this talk after your mommy comes back? You should respect your mommy's wishes, after all." Hanson tried to reason with the four of them. Since they wouldn't let him off the hook with his excuse, he had no other choice but to play the 'emotional' card. "If your mommy wants this, wouldn't you all want her to be happy? It wouldn't be good if you guys break this off without her consent, right?"

Noticing the change in their expression, it was clear to Hanson that they were contemplating the matter. He was pleased with his decision to go down the emotional route as the children seemed amenable to coaxing.

Contrary to Hanson's expectation, Jack replied, "I think Mommy wouldn't blame us for this."

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Hanson smiled; he did not argue with them and went along with their wishes instead.

"Sure." He also changed the subject and asked, "What topic do you want to learn about today? I can teach you."

Then, as if he suddenly thought of something, he continued with a big smile, "Oh! By the way, do you like programming? I can teach you."

All four of them felt disgusted at the same time. Teach us? You can't even defend your company's firewall. What a joke!

James studied the man with obvious ulterior motives and replied, "Okay."

The other three children played along and nodded. We should play along with his performance. Let's do our best.

Having reached an agreement, they each took a seat around the computer desk. However, the four of them were clearly not paying attention and there was no saying where their minds had wandered off to.

Meanwhile, Hanson's long and slender fingers flew across the keyboard, but he was only using his left hand.

A series of codes appeared on the computer.

For children of their age, this should have been completely incomprehensible.

On the contrary, all four of them watched quietly without the slightest trace of surprise in their eyes. It was completely different from the excitement that lit their eyes when they were listening to his lectures on astronomy and geography. They simply watched without a shred of emotion on their faces.

From time to time, they even seemed to roll their eyes as if mocking his naivety.

Hanson was secretly feeling very awkward, but he continued to operate the computer leisurely and also occasionally asked them, "Do you understand?"

"Yeah," the four of them answered monotonously. Their response was monosyllabic, which clearly indicated their utter disinterest.

"Is it too simple?" He knew how intelligent they were. "Shall we change to something else?"

The operations this time were clearly much more challenging than before. Nevertheless, the children remained impassive. There was no surprise on their faces, almost as if this was something very normal to them.

He knew that it was not because they were not interested but because his operations were far too simple for them. The suspicions in his heart became even more definite at this moment. Thus, he turned to them and suggested, "Why don't you show me how you do it instead?"

The four children shook their heads in unison. "We don't know how."

Oh? Hanson gave them a way out. "That must mean that you don't like this topic either."

James thought to himself, The Devil is truly a man as cunning as a fox.

On the other hand, Jack spoke like a little adult. "It's okay."