I need to take my time to break this crazy situation down!

While Nicole was preoccupied with making tea, Davin pulled Juan into his arms. He hugged the child tightly.

Compared to Kyle, this boy is much more lovable.

When I thought Kyle was schizophrenic, I used to pray this cute and sweet side of him would persist!

"Call me Uncle Davin!" Davin pinched Juan's chubby cheeks forcefully.

"Uncle Davin." Juan happily called out.

He stretched out his hand to rub Davin's face affectionately.

The uncle and nephew duo continued to playfully pinch each other's cheeks. They were obviously enjoying each other's company.

"Uncle Davin is biased! He only wants to play with boys and not girls."

Maya whined after being neglected. She swiftly snatched the bag of shrimp chips away.

If he doesn't like me, he doesn't get to eat shrimp chips!

She sulkily shot Davin a glare before munching down on the chips.

Davin quickly tried appeasing the little girl. He put on a sincere smile and said, "Who said I only want to play with girls? Come here. Let me cuddle you. You come here too."

Davin looked towards Nina.

Nina stared back at him coldly. She stood statuesque, not moving even a single muscle.

Evan is such a bad man, so how nice can his brother be?

I think every member of the Seet family stinks.

She merely glanced at Davin before walking back towards her bedroom.

Davin smirked as he watched her figure grow smaller. Her temper mimics that of her father.

"Please have some tea."

"Thank you."

Nicole sent Juan and Maya back to the bedroom. She seated herself in front of Davin and began to tell him of the events which transpired between her and Evan.

Davin listened intently. When she got to the part about taking the three children, his face twitched.

"It must be hard for you to raise these those children on your own. Why don't you get my brother to help? Or you could approach my parents. The Seet family definitely won't abandon you or the children!"

The sole reason I fled abroad was to escape Evan's vengeance.

So how could I seek him out now?

As for the Seet family... They never came to mind.

"Your brother and I have bad blood between us. He hates me! If I go to him now and inform him of those three children, he definitely won't allow me to raise them! He'll fight me for custody for sure. I can't lose them! Which mother would be willing to let her children go? I can't allow them to leave my side!"

As Nicole spoke, her desperate helplessness shone through.

Davin could feel Nicole's love. It was the love only a mother could possess.

"You and Evan..."

I can't believe this happened!

They must have a special kind of fate tying them together!

When he thought back to Evan and Nicole's first encounter, and how they both immediately exploded with rage, Davin finally understood.

So this is the reason behind their animosity!

There must be some misunderstanding between them!

"My brother is only aware of Kyle's existence. Do you plan to keep those three hidden from him forever?"

Evan's misplaced anger towards her could very likely stem from the fact that he doesn't know about those three children.

"He can't know! I almost lost my life trying to give birth to those children. Blood, sweat, and tears went into raising them! I can't allow your brother to take them from me. No matter what, this has to stay a secret from him. Please, help me keep this from him. I'm begging you!"

Almost lost her life...

Blood, sweat and tears went into raising those children...

A woman puts her life in danger every time she gives birth.

Not to mention the danger of miscarriage always hanging over her head...

Davin's furrowed brows drew even tighter as he mulled over the situation.

The torrent of past misgivings pressed down heavily on his chest. The pain which he had suppressed for so long suddenly emerged, suffocating him. The agony threatened to drown him.

"Nicole, I understand. I do."

Davin, who usually did not have a care in the world, looked dejected. He lit a cigarette and took a puff.

He puffed out rings of smoke, shrouding himself in it. For some reason, the smoke looked like a barrier between him and the world, isolating him and making him look lonely.

Davin was no longer the jovial and cheeky guy. All of a sudden, he turned into a serious man who looked like he had experienced all the pains in the world.

"Truth be told, I fell in love with a girl once. She got pregnant as well at that time."

Nicole frowned and listened attentively. She did not expect to see this side of him but was convinced that every person had a painful past he or she would never want to recall.

"One day, I got drunk, fought with someone, and caused her to suffer a miscarriage. She almost lost her life because of it."

As he spoke, flashes of memory starting to pop up in his mind like a film.

"After that, she..."

Davin found it difficult to continue with the story when all the gruesome details began to haunt him. Just when he was trying to phrase his sentence, he heard a loud bang.

The bedroom door was pushed open and Nina stormed into the room with a makeup box. Anger was written all over her face.

"Mommy, Maya is too much!"

She then slammed the makeup box on the table.

Davin took this opportunity to pull himself together and hid away his emotions. In the blink of an eye, he reverted back to his usual jovial self.

"What's wrong?"

Nina took all the figurines out of the makeup box and arranged them on the table.

"Mommy, look!"

Nicole knitted her brows upon seeing all the figurines.

Maya walked into the room, looking abashed. She looked at Nicole and stuck out her tongue.

"Mommy, I feel bad for them because Nina uses them for practice every day. I just want to be nice to them."

"Is this the proper way to treat them? They all looked bloated! Their faces and tummies are as round as yours."

"I fed them because I'm afraid they're hungry," Maya lowered her head to avoid Nina's angry stare. "You're too much!"

Nina mumbled and removed all the items from the figurines' stomachs and mouths.

Chips, chocolate, lollipop, candied fruit...

"Mommy, look at it! They're all like this. How can I use them?"

Like an angry little cub, she roared and blamed Maya for what she had done.

"Maya, say sorry to your sister."

Maya kept mum and refused to say anything.

"These are her things. You shouldn't have touched them without her permission."

Nicole looked at Maya and tried to talk some sense into her.

Maya fidgeted her little hands and paused for a moment. She then turned around and looked at Nina, "I'm sorry."

"That's it? You have to get me new ones!"

"Alright, Nina. Maya has already apologized. Mommy will buy new ones for you, okay?"

"No! She has to pay the price! She needs to buy me new ones with her snack allowance!"

Maya tilted her head, looked at Nina, and said pitifully, "I don't have money. Why don't I give you some of my snacks?"

"Nobody wants your disgusting snacks! I want my figurines!"

Upon noticing Nina's condescending attitude and Maya's remorseful expression, Davin took out a card, "I'll pay for Maya. Just tell me what you want to buy, okay?"

"I don't want your money. I'd rather die of hunger than take money from the Seets!" In a fit of anger, Nina then stormed right out of the room.

Davin and Nicole were both dumbstruck by her words.

Why does this little girl hate the Seets so much?

"I'm so sorry for her behavior. I didn't teach her well."

"Please don't say that. After all, it's not easy for you to raise three children on your own."

"So... can you keep this a secret from your brother?"

Davin was at a loss for words. He knew what kind of person his brother was. Since he had misunderstood Nicole, there was a high chance he would not allow her to take care of the children.

The image of a wailing mother being separated from her children flashed into his mind.

Indeed, it would be a cruel sight to behold.

Under Evan's care, Kyle grew up to be just like him – cold and emotionally distant.

These children, on the other hand, are adorable and bubbly. This is how children should behave.

Perhaps it's best for Nicole to take care of the children.

I'll tell him it's totally not worth the time and energy to go through a custody battle!

I'll be upset if Juan turns into someone like Kyle. I really like Juan for who he is now!

"Don't worry, Nicole. I'll keep this a secret."

Nicole was relieved to hear that and immediately expressed her gratitude, "Thank you!"

"No worries. But... I don't think this place is conducive for the children's development. Why don't you move out?"

The more Davin looked at the place they were staying, the more he hated it.

It's even worse than the maid's room in the Seet's residence.

Feeling embarrassed, Nicole did not know how to tell him that they had just moved in yesterday and were not financially comfortable enough to move to a better unit.

Davin could somehow tell a thing or two from her expression and gave her the card he took out just now.

"Take this."

"No thanks. I..."

Davin placed the card on the desk, picked Juan up, and walked out of the room, "Come, let's go and play!"

"Okay!"

Upon realizing she was off the hook, Maya stamped her feet and expressed her dismay, "Uncle Davin only cares about boys and doesn't want to play with girls!"

Davin immediately stopped walking and apologized, "I'm sorry. Come here, I'll carry you too, okay?"

Maya pursed her lips for about five seconds and ran towards him in tiny steps, "Then you'll have to buy me fried chicken!"

"Fried chicken? Sure, I'll bring you there!"

Just when Davin was walking downstairs with two children in his arms, he bumped into someone.

"What are you doing here?"

"[…"

What a coincidence!

What's my brother doing here at this hour?

Is this a test from God?

Davin paused for a moment and put on a smile, "I'm just passing by this area!"

Evan did not believe his words. He stared at Juan, "Did you bring Kyle here?"

Kyle? He's Juan!

But Davin could not tell him the truth. Thus, he had no choice but to nod.

"Who gave you the permission?" Evan continued asking.

Davin panicked and tried his best to think of the best answer to blindside his brother.

"Uncle is a good man! And you're a meanie, you can't bully him!"

Maya reached out her tiny hand and pinched Evan's cheek with as much force her tiny hands could muster.

Evan's face changed instantly, and he exuded an icy-cold aura. No one has ever pinched my cheek like this before!

As expected, Nicole's daughter is just as uncouth as her!

But she seems to know Davin quite well. In fact, they look like they're very close to each other!

"She calls you uncle?"

And she calls me a meanie?

Davin paused for a moment and tried to cook up an explanation, "It's just how kids call adults. Don't they all call us uncles?"

He then looked at the two little ones in his arms, "You would call any adults 'uncles', right?"

He intentionally dragged the last word of his question to prompt the children to cooperate. Juan understood his signal and nodded accordingly.

Yet, Maya's eyes widened, "No way! I'll never call a meanie like him 'uncle'!"

Damn.

Are you trying to get me into trouble, little girl?

Davin pulled Maya closer to his chest and forced a smile, "Kids always say the darndest things."

A line formed between Evan's brows. He felt something was amiss.

Even if the term 'uncle' did not mean anything, the way she addressed him clearly showed she liked Davin very much. What does it mean?

Did Davin get close with the children because he visited them so frequently?

All this while, has he been bringing Kyle here behind my back?

Evan's face darkened, and he shot daggers at Davin.

Davin's heart was about to leap into his throat.

Please don't tell me his suspicion is aroused all because of a term of address.

How is it possible?

"You called me a meanie? Who taught you this?"

What an atrocious little girl!

Maya pursed her lips and rolled her eyes at him, "Everyone agrees that you're a big meanie!"

Everyone agrees?

Ha!

Evan's pupil constricted. Is this what Nicole has been teaching her children?

He took 'Kyle' over from Davin, turned around, and walked towards his Rolls-Royce.

He then opened the car door, shoved 'Kyle' into the passenger's seat, and ordered the driver, "Keep an eye on him. Don't let him out of the car!"

Juan was at a loss for words. Daddy, I'm Juan! Kyle has already gone back to Hillside Villa...

Evan slammed the door and headed back to Nicole's residence.

Davin noticed the ruthless expression on Evan's face. It was as if the domineering man before his eyes was prepared to make someone's life miserable.

Good luck, Ms. Lane!

Upon seeing his reaction, Maya immediately signaled Davin to put her down. Like a rocket, she darted back to her house.

I need to tell mommy, the meanie is here!

Nina, who came out for a walk to calm herself down, also rushed home immediately upon watching the scene unfold.

Seeing the two girls trying to outrun him, Evan, who was already walking in front, could not help but smirk.

Go ahead and tell your mommy I'm here. By hook or by crook, I'm definitely going to teach her a lesson today!

Davin let out a sigh upon seeing his fuming brother walked towards the dilapidated stairways.

Nicole is, after all, the mother of four babies who carried the surname of Seet.

But since Evan did not know the truth, would he go overboard and regret his action after this?

It'll be interesting to see how this drama unfolds!

How Davin wished he could immediately read some romantic novels right now to anticipate the outcome of this couple.

Evan arrived outside Nicole's residence and knocked on the door with a deadpan expression.

"Don't open the door, mommy! The meanie, Evan Seet is here!"

"You two, head on into your bedroom now. Mommy will handle this." Nicole then took a deep breath. Sigh, speak of the devil.

"Mommy, how will you handle this?"

Like an adult, Maya stood still as she looked at Nicole and asked in a serious tone.

What can I do? Let's just see what is he planning to do first.

"Mommy knows what to do. Just go to your room and hide."

"Mommy, you shouldn't ask us to hide! You should teach us to fight against the enemy!"

Enemy?

Nicole was taken aback by Nina's words. She must have viewed Evan as her enemy.

"Maya, It's your fault that you damaged my figurines, but I'll forgive you if you cooperate with me."

Cooperate?

Maya gave Nina a confused look as she did not know what 'cooperate' meant.

"You said you wanted to teach Evan Seet a lesson too, right? Well, now's the chance, are you ready for it?"

The moment Maya realized what her sister was talking about, she nodded repeatedly.

"Then come with me!"

Without hesitation, Maya lifted her stubby legs and followed Nina to her bedroom.

Nicole looked at the two little ones and wondered what are they planning to do to him?

The slam on the door became more intense.

It was as if he was going to burst through the door anytime soon.

Nicole had no choice but to open the door and let him in.

Evan stepped into the house and looked around the decrepit house. His eyes darkened all of a sudden.

Is Nicole Lane trying to play the sympathy card? Too bad, it's not going to work on me.

"Hello, Mr. Seet. I didn't expect to see you here. How may I help you?"

Nicole tried to stay calm as she stared at him steadily.

The corner of Evan's mouth quirked up, but he was not exactly smiling, "There's nothing you can do that'll help me."

Evan gave Nicole a killer stare as if he had emerged right from the abyss. He gradually approached her and forced her into a corner.

In the next moment, he lifted his hands and pinned her against the wall, trapping her completely in that corner.

He gazed deeply into her eyes, wanting to know where on earth did she get the courage to challenge him over and over again.

Bastard! What is he doing!

Evan inched closer. She could almost hear his heartbeat and feel his warm breath tickling her ear.

Nicole's heart was racing uncontrollably, and her face began to blush.

Stay calm now, this is just a normal physiological reaction. Or could it be... that I still have feelings for this bastard?

No. Impossible.

No fricking way!

Nicole avoided eye contact with him, but the shy expression on her face somehow reminded Evan of the night at The Passion four years ago...

He clenched his fists and pushed her to the couch beside them.

After taking a few deep breaths, Evan regained his composure, "Are you trying to seduce me?"

Seduce you?

What?

What the hell is he talking about?

"What nonsense are you on about? How can you say something so ignorant? You're the president of a corporation, for goodness sake."

Evan squinted. I'm pretty sure she's seducing me.

And damn it, she's so good at it!

"I'm here to settle a score with you!" Evan gritted his teeth.

"Mr. Seet, I've cleared all my debts, and I don't owe you anything anymore!" Nicole responded in a serious voice.

Evan ignored her words and did not bother to debate with her. He opened his mouth and ordered, "You know what you did. I don't care whether you admit it or not, but you will get out of Y City and leave the country!"

He wants me to leave?

He wants me to leave the country?

Does that mean I'll never get to see Kyle anymore?

Upon noticing how quiet she was, Evan added, "If I still see you around in the next two days, you better be prepared to go to jail! And your children..."

"What do you want to do to them? Don't you ever dare harm them!"

"You want to know? Try me then!"

Nicole was not afraid of his threat when it was aimed at her. However, the minute he mentioned the children, she panicked.

Maya and Nina, who were observing the two adults from a distance, could not stand by idly anymore. How can evil daddy threaten to send mommy to jail and hurt us?

"How can he ask mommy to leave? He doesn't own Y City!"

"Exactly! Evan Seet is the worst!"

"Are you ready, Maya?"

"Yes, Nina. Shall we?"

"Let's go!"

Maya and Nina each held a squirt gun, and one of them wheeled out a vacuum cleaner. Before this, Nina had removed the cover from the vacuum cleaner and turned it into a dust sprayer.

Maya then exclaimed, "Let's teach the meanie a lesson!"

The two little girls aimed at Evan and started spraying.

All of a sudden, clouds of dust started flying all over, and the house was covered in mists.

Evan was dumbstruck by the turn of events. He turned around to avoid the attack and tried to shield himself with his arms. His face was twisted into a grimace.

"Maya, attack him from another direction. Target his face!"

"Okay!"

Maya followed Nina's instruction and aimed both the dust sprayer and water gun at Evan. He warned them to stop the attack while clenching his teeth.

"Who are you to tell us to stop? We need to clean the house thoroughly, so we cannot stop!"

"That's right! This is our house. You can't tell us what to do!"

The madness continued, and there was nothing Evan could do with the two little ones. Left with no choice, he retreated. He stood by the door, gritted his teeth, and pointed at Nicole.

"Only a woman like you will choose to be with a crazy man and give birth to a bunch of weird kids!"