

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo

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Nicole knew Evan was directing the words at her, but she didn't know how to refute his words.

At that moment, she really needed the money to save Juan's life.

Usually, Nicole always had something to rebut him, but she kept quiet this time. Her unusual behavior made Evan extra confident about being right.

If I hadn't followed Davin and investigated this matter, she would've cheated the money off him.

I gave her two days to leave the country. Why does she still want to cheat more of my money before she leaves?

She has planned everything for her selfish desires!

I will not let her succeed no matter what!

Davin smiled bitterly and refused to give him the card.

Evan ordered domineeringly, "Give it to me!"

Davin turned his gaze toward Nicole and saw her grim expression. She looked like she really needed the two billion but could not explain to Evan.

“I really cannot give it to you, Evan! I need the money for an emergency. I’ve asked my friends to loan me money but did not manage to collect the necessary amount. If I give it to you, there will be serious consequences!”

He came to me because he has no other options?

Am I the only one who can help her?

“What is the emergency? Is it related to this liar?”

Evan turned around and glared at Nicole. His face held confusion, mockery and disdain.

Nicole knew the liar he spoke about was her, but she really needed the money!

She didn’t know how to answer him and didn’t dare look at his sharp eyes.

What should I do? I feel so conflicted.

Should I ask him to lend the money to me?

Davin grew anxious at her silence. Ms. Lane, say something! I won’t be able to do anything if he takes the money away!

“John, go and get it from him!”

John had no choice but to listen to Evan’s order. “Please forgive me, Davin!”

“Evan, are you gonna use force to get it back?”

As soon as he finished, Davin and John started pushing and pulling at each other for the card.

Nicole clenched her fists. What is your dignity compared to Juan's life? Do it for Juan!

She mustered up her courage and lifted her eyes to look at Evan. "Mr. Seet, can you lend me the money?"

A complicated look flashed across Evan's eyes. But suddenly, he sneered.

She didn't manage to get the money, so she wants to borrow it from me instead.

This woman would do anything for money. Is money so important to her?

Nicole couldn't fathom the meaning behind Evan's sneer.

She kept fidgeting with her hands as she waited for his answer. Her heart ached at the thought of her son in the hands of those wretched people.

Evan narrowed his eyes and said, "How do you have the audacity to borrow money from me?"

Whatever Nicole planned to say died in her throat because she needed his help and could not retaliate against him.

Davin pursed his lips as he felt speechless at his brother's behavior. How could he say such hurtful words when she is trying to save his son?

Besides, how could he treat a woman like this?

If he has prejudice toward Ms. Lane, then he doesn't need to lend her money. There's just no need to humiliate her.

I think she should tell him the truth and let him give the money willingly to her.

After that, she can do whatever she wants to him!

“Mr. Seet, I really need the money. If you lend me the money, I promise to pay it back. I will remember your kind deed and repay you when I have the chance.”

Nicole’s words were full of sincerity; her tone of voice was pleading. This was her only option and saving Juan’s life was the top priority.

Dignity and reputation do not matter at this moment. I’ll get them back after solving the current situation.

Evan looked at her. His eyes glistened, but it was gone in a flash. His usual poker face returned quickly.

This woman is trying to act pitiful. Her acting skills are commendable.

She is a woman who has abandoned her own child and does not care about her relationship with her son. And she said she’d repay me if I help her?

How ridiculous!

“Repay? What can you repay me with? How do you want to repay me?”

“I...” If I say something to please him, will he agree to lend me the money?

Nicole racked her brains and tried her best to think of something he would need and words he would love to hear.

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Just as she was deep in thoughts, Davin suddenly said, "How about marrying him as a repayment?"

As soon as he finished, Evan and Nicole turned together to look at him in shock.

However, their reactions were completely different.

Nicole was flabbergasted at the suggestion. A man like Evan did not lack women, so why would he need her to marry him?

This was definitely the biggest joke Evan had the honor of listening to in his entire life. How can a married woman repay me by marrying me? How desperate could I be to want a woman like this?

Nonsense!

When Davin saw both of their expressions, he knew it would be almost impossible to match-make both of them. He covered his awkwardness with a laugh and said, "It's just a suggestion."

Evan replied with annoyance, "Please think before you make a suggestion in the future because I don't want a woman like this!" A married woman nonetheless!

After he finished speaking, he shot Nicole a contemptuous look.

Nicole knew many women would flock to a wealthy man like Evan; she did not expect him to fall in love with her. Although his answer made her slightly upset, it did not affect her badly.

So, she continued to ask, "How can I repay you in order for you to lend me the money, Mr. Seet?"

Evan's lips curved upwards. "There's nothing you can do to repay me. No! Way! In! Hell!"

He was uncompromising.

"John!"

Evan shot him a look. John continued to tussle with Davin for the card.

When Nicole saw John had succeeded in snatching the card and was walking toward Evan, her panic rose.

What do I do now?

If he takes the money away, then what will happen to Juan?

Davin looked at the situation and grew anxious inwardly. Say something before it's too late!

"Tell him the truth, dear sister-in-law! You need the money to save a life, and this is your only option!"

The word 'sister-in-law' sounded ear-piercing to Evan.

"Who are you calling your sister-in-law?"

“There’s only one woman in this room, and that is Ms. Lane. Who do you think I’m calling sister-in-law?”

“Don’t address her anyhow you like! She’s not worthy of being your sister-in-law!”

Not worthy?

Hmph! This makes me want to address her as such even more!

“Saving Juan is more important than anything, sister-in-law. Just tell him the truth!”

Evan furrowed his brows in irritation after hearing the word ‘sister-in-law’ again. He hadn’t even managed to get a word out before Nicole stepped forward and said, “Mr. Seet, I need the money to save someone’s life. Please lend me the money to save my son’s life.”

Son.

Evan was surprised. After this woman abandoned Kyle, not only did she give birth to two strange daughters, but also another son?

How many men did she sleep with?

“Ask your man to save your son’s life. You have the capability to find someone to father your son, but no capability to save the boy? What kind of a mother are you?”

Let her man save her son!

This is well said.

Ms. Lane, say something to refute him! This is a good chance at giving him a massive slap in the face!

Davin was rooting for Nicole inwardly.

However, Nicole was in a dilemma between telling the truth or keeping it a secret.

Will I lose Juan if I tell him the truth?

Juan's life and safety are far more important.

But now it seems like telling the truth is the only option.

"Mr. Seet, actually, back then..."

"Back then? You shouldn't have come back here after you abandoned Kyle back then! Remember what I said? Go overseas and don't come and find Kyle ever again!"

When Evan thought of what happened in the past, he couldn't hold back his anger and immediately cut her off.

"But I'm talking about Juan, not Kyle." Nicole was stunned at his outburst of anger.

"I don't want to listen to any of it!"

Evan was uncompromising and did not give Nicole a chance to utter a word.

Davin witnessed the whole scene while feeling anxious and helpless.

His brother's attitude was infuriating.

Can't he listen to what she has to say before interrupting so rudely?

"I've met Juan before, Evan. His relationship with you goes beyond measure!"

Davin purposely emphasized the words 'beyond measure' to give him an obvious hint.

Unfortunately, Evan did not understand the underlying meaning of his words. He glared at him and said, "Go to the psychiatric ward for treatment. When you're always around a crazy person, you tend to get affected as well!"

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Just as the feather duster was about to hit Nina, an apple suddenly struck Sylvia's face with uncanny accuracy.

Nina was then pulled away to the side.

Blood dripped from the corner of Sylvia's mouth and she howled, covering one side of her face.

Nicole's heart was freed from anxiety and she heaved a sigh of relief.

It was Maya who had done it.

Unexpectedly, at that crucial moment, it was the snack lover of the family, Maya who acted like a hero.

Who would have guessed that Maya could be so brilliant?

"Maya, well done!"

Nicole looked at her daughter as her heart filled with pride.

Maya giggled and ran to Nicole, "Mommy, here's your silver needle. Let them have a taste of it!"

As Nicole held it up, the long slim needle glinted with a cold light. Sylphiette looked at it with horror and she ran out of the house, dragging Sylvia with her.

Nicole and the two little girls came chasing after them. However, when she saw Sylphiette pulling out her phone and calling as she ran, she suddenly had a bad feeling about it.

She must be calling for help.

Once Sylphiette's helpers arrive, I and the two children will be in danger.

"Okay, let's stop chasing them. Let's go tidy up our home instead."

Nina did not want to let them off so easily but Nicole explained the situation to them patiently. In the end, Nina could only turn back begrudgingly.

When they neared their corridor, Nina suddenly turned a corner and came back with a hamburger in the moment.

"Maya, thank you for just now."

Wow!

Nina has bought me a treat!

Maya stared at the hamburger, her eyes shining.

"Your sister is giving you a treat, go ahead and take it!"

The moment Nicole spoke, Maya grabbed the hamburger and started stuffing it into her mouth, "In the future, I'll definitely save you again!"

Nina laughed at the way her sister was wolfing down the food.

As Juan was rushing back to help Nicole, he ran too fast and in his hurry, he accidentally ran straight into Sylvia who was leaving in embarrassment.

Juan fell and landed right on his bum.

Covering the side of her face which was swollen, Sylvia yelled out angrily, “Oh my! Is this boy blind?”

Sylphiette looked at Juan and her eyes glinted, “Mom, this boy may be blind, but God definitely isn’t! The heavens are surely on our side.”

The moment he heard those words, Juan knew that he was in trouble. He scrambled up to run but Sylphiette caught hold of him.

Meanwhile, after Nicole was done clearing up the mess in her home, she sat down and heaved a sigh. Her phone suddenly rang and the screen showed an unknown caller’s number.

She was a little hesitant, hoping that it was someone enquiring about acupuncture treatment as she picked up the phone.

“Your son is in my hands, If you want him to live, you can redeem him with money!”

It’s Sylphiette!

Again, Nicole’s heart jumped to her throat. Then, she heard Juan making muffled sounds.

“Sylphiette, if you dare hurt Juan, you will pay for it!”

“Pay? The Lane family is already in disarray. I have nothing to lose. It’s your son you should be worrying about. Isn’t he too young to die?”

“You... don’t you hurt him. You mustn’t hurt him.”

“It’s just a matter of payment. Two hundred million, not one cent less. Nicole, I know you can get the sum of money ready. I know you love him so much to the point that you’re willing to run barefoot along a stony path until your feet bled in order to save him at the zoo last time...”

“So, that was your doing? It was you at the zoo that time!”

Previously, at the zoo, someone nearly carried Kyle away by force.

However, Nicole could never have imagined that it was planned by Sylphiette, who looked nice on the outside but was rotten on the inside.

Sylphiette laughed, “I’ll give you five hours to get the two hundred million ready, or else, you can come and get his corpse!”

Nicole panicked at her words. It was as if the devil was sounding Juan’s death knell.

Five hours.

Two hundred million!

Where can I get so much money?

For someone like Nicole who was tight on money, the amount was simply impossible to come by.

She held on to her phone in a daze as her mind was filled with images of Juan and what her next course of action should be.

Juan has fallen into that evil wench, Sylphiette’s hands. What will she do to him?

Will she beat him?

Will she torture him?

Will she...

Nicole felt like her heart was being squeezed in someone's tight grip. Only money can save Juan now.

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However, I...

“Mommy, what’s up?” With clear eyes full of concern, Maya gazed at Nicole.

“Mommy, does the person on the phone wants you to exchange Juan for money?” Nina’s face was full of worry too.

Nicole came to her senses and with a pale face, she looked at her two daughters and comforted them, “Everything will be fine. Mommy will find a way. One way or another, Mommy will get it done.”

Nina knew that Nicole was just consoling them.

If it’s really so simple, Mommy won’t look so worried as if she is carrying the world on her shoulders.

This problem must be serious.

Besides, if we are really rich, Mommy will not bring us here to live in such a place.

“Mommy, if you need money, you can go to someone. He has a lot of money.”

“Who?”

“Evan, the big meanie!”

At Maya's words, Nicole was stunned.

Certainly, Evan was rich. Two hundred million was nothing to him but he won't just give it to her for no reason.

Even if it were just a loan, he would never loan it to her.

Unless...

"Mommy, Juan is his son, he should come up with the money." Nina could not bear to see her mother in trouble and so, she kept giving suggestions.

"Let me think for a while."

Nicole struggled with herself.

In order for Evan to come up with the money, she had to let him know that Juan was also his son. When he finds out, he would definitely take Juan away from her at all costs.

But, what other way is there?

After a while, Nicole thought of someone else.

"Perhaps, he can help us."

With that, she dialed a number.

When the call was answered, Nicole explained the situation quickly. Finally, with some hesitation, she mentioned borrowing money.

"I know that two hundred million is no small sum. I'll think of a way to pay you back!"

“Sister-in-law, it’s not about returning the money, Juan is a child of the Seet family, too. I should come up with the money, but...”

But?

Nicole frowned and listened carefully, holding her breath.

Davin hesitated for a while before he continued, “It’s just that the financial power is in my brother’s hands. I can probably only get a few million at one time. Two hundred million is beyond my authority. I can’t get that much at such short notice.”

“What shall we do then?”

“Sister-in-law, don’t panic yet. I’ll think of a way. If it can’t be done, I’ll borrow from my friends. I’m sure I’ll be able to collect enough.”

“Please hurry then. I’m afraid something will happen to Juan. I can’t lose him! I really can’t...”

“Don’t worry, sister-in-law. I’ll go and get it done now.”

“Thank you!”

Nicole’s sense of hope flickered into life. Now that Davin had agreed to help, she was finally able to breathe. In her mind, she started reasoning, Davin has powerful friends. So, two hundred million is not an impossible sum, right?

Davin looked at the Banking App on his mobile phone. The balance was too far from two hundred million. He started calling his friends for loans. After going through his contacts, not many agreed to lend him money.

When times are good, they call me ‘brother.’ Now that I need help, I finally know who my real friends are and who are just my ‘drinking buddies.’

What should I do now?

Davin's expression turned sorrowful and he sighed. Recently, troubles seemed to follow him like a shadow, never leaving him alone.

Not to mention, all those troubles were always related to Evan.

First it was mom calling to ask me to get them back together.

Now, it's Nicole...

All these were Evan's mistakes so why should I be the one to find the solutions?

Why involve me...

That's right, now that I'm acting as Cupid, this is a great opportunity for the two of them to reconcile.

With that thought in mind, he murmured thoughtfully and gave a call to Evan.

"Evan, I need money!" Davin did not beat around the bush.

Evan frowned and asked, "How much?"

"Two hundred million!"

Evan was puzzled, "For what?"

"It's an emergency! It's very urgent."

"Give me some details!"

“I don’t want to tell. I just need the money. You must give it to me. If you don’t...”
Davin pretended to be in distress, making sniffing sounds as if he were ready to take his own life.

The act he put on was Oscar worthy.

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Evan was startled. Did Davin get himself into big trouble?

“You’re not going to save me for two billion, Evan? I’m your sibling! If something happens to me, how will you explain it to our parents and ancestors?”

When his brother did not give a response, he continued, “Evan, if you don’t give me the money, then I’ll go to your office. I won’t leave until I get the money.”

Before he could finish, Evan said, “Take the money to leave for I Nation!” With that said, he slammed the phone and hung up.

Leave for I Nation?

No way.

Will you ask me to go to I Nation if you know I’m asking for the money to save your son?

How dare you say such a thing?

Davin felt relieved after he accomplished the first step. Now, it’s time for the second step. I’ll withdraw money from the company.

After he took the money, he purposely walked out of the company in a panicky state. When Evan received a call from the finance department to inform him of Davin’s departure, he quickly ran after him and followed him secretly.

He wanted to know what trouble Davin had gotten himself into that needed two billion.

Davin deliberately accelerated his car, and John, who was tracking his car from behind, also sped up.

“It seems like he’s in a rush, Mr. Seet. Did something major happen?”

“Follow closely! Then we’ll be able to uncover the mystery.” Evan locked his eyes on Davin’s car during the entire ride.

“Yes, Mr. Seet.” John did not speak anymore and focused on tailgating Davin.

They followed him to a slum, where he stopped. Evan frowned. Why did he come here?

Isn’t this the place where Nicole is staying?

Unless..

John was equally puzzled.

“Mr. Seet, is he actually here to help Ms. Lane?”

Evan narrowed his eyes. It’s not impossible. Davin had brought Kyle to meet Nicole in secret after all.

Thereafter, Davin came out of the car and hurried to Nicole’s apartment.

Everything was obvious now.

But Evan couldn’t fathom why Kyle, his mother Mrs. Seet and Davin would willingly do anything to help her. How did Nicole gain favor from everyone?

Even Davin would go the extra mile to ask him for money for her sake!

“Come on. Let’s go have a look,” he ordered.

“Yes, Mr. Seet!”

Evan walked to Nicole’s apartment and watched Davin entering her place.

“Mr. Seet, we..”

“Knock on the door!”

This wretched woman has the guts to cheat me of my money. I will not let this go!

I’m going to humiliate her and teach her a lesson.

When Davin heard the knocking, he was secretly delighted. He was worried that his brother would not come into the apartment.

But he had arrived so quickly, which was even better!

Now all he needed to do was to wait for the great show to unfold.

“Who could it be?”

Nicole was alarmed when she heard the knocking. As Sylvia and Sylphiette were waiting for the money, they probably wouldn’t come to find her yet. So who could it be?

When Davin saw her hesitation, he was worried that she would not open the door. So he urged her, “Someone is here, Nicole. Open the door quickly!”

Nicole opened the door with an uneasy feeling. When she saw Evan standing outside the door, a premonition of something unpleasant happening crept into her heart.

“What are you doing here?”

Evan’s sharp eyes scanned the room. Davin instantly reacted as if he were afraid his brother would not notice his existence. “Why are you here, Evan?” He purposely raised his voice and feigned surprise.

Evan barged into the place and deliberately bumped Nicole’s shoulder on the way in.

Unhappy at this, Nicole snapped, “Who gave you the permission to enter?”

Evan ignored her and came to a halt in front of Davin before he stretched out his palm.

“What do you mean, Evan?”

Davin pretended not to understand.

“Give my card back to me!”

“Card?” Davin answered uneasily. “You agreed to give me two billion. How could you go back on your word and ask me to return it?”

After hearing this, Nicole realized that when Davin said he managed to accumulate the amount of money needed for the ransom, he had actually asked for it from Evan.

No wonder he could get the money on such short notice!

“This money should not go to waste,” Evan replied while taking a glance at Nicole. “I would advise you not to have any funny ideas and try to cheat others of their money.”