Bang!

Nicole was relieved as soon as she closed the door of the study.

Evan would ask me to make coffee throughout the afternoon if I didn't come up with the idea. Who knows what will his next tricks be! Anyway, I must achieve my goal as soon as possible.

She decided to look for an opportunity to talk to Evan about it.

On the other hand, Evan slowly averted his gaze from the thermometer and heaved a sigh deep in his heart. She is smart somehow, yet her attitude... What a pity...

He decided to get custody of Juan as soon as possible and force Nicole to leave his house. After all, the sooner she left, the less likely she could influence Juan.

After falling silent for a while, he made a phone call and gave an instruction.

"Mr. Seet, did you say..."

"He is our only bargaining chip to threaten Nicole."

"Understood, Mr. Seet. I will do it right away."

When Evan hung up the phone, he lowered his head and glanced at his watch. After that, he strode steadily toward the garage. Nicole picked up her kids from the kindergarten in the afternoon. The kids immediately played with their own toys once they were back. However, only Maya looked grumpy because she kept pursing her lips and didn't utter a word.

"What happened, Maya?" Nicole asked worriedly.

Maya only begins her plan to lose weight today. Did something happen?

After a while, Maya looked at Nina grumpily and complained, "When our teacher was distributing biscuits just now, Nina grabbed mine and gulped it down." Tears began to well up in her eyes when she spoke.

Meanwhile, Nicole's heart wrenched when she looked at Maya's pitiful face.

"Nina, why did you eat Maya's biscuit?"

"Since she has to lose weight, I was merely helping her."

"Mommy, I'm hungry..." Once Maya finished, tears began to stream down her face.

"Mommy is going to get some food for you now."

"No eating. She has to lose weight!" Nina suddenly yelled.

"Nina, we can't starve Maya even though she has to lose weight. Maya needs to eat something too."

"That's right. Maya is awesome because she ate less food in the morning today," Juan interrupted while giving Maya a drumstick.

Once Maya took the drumstick, she took a large bite out of it. On the other hand, Nina shook her head when she saw Maya guzzled the drumstick.

"Maya, from now on, we can have breakfast and lunch as usual but eat less during dinner. Does this sound good?"

Maya nodded at her repeatedly. In fact, she could hardly resist the temptation of food when she saw her friends enjoyed eating snacks in the kindergarten.

After lunch, Evan sent the kids back to the kindergarten. Nevertheless, as soon as she came back, Evan happened to come home too.

Both of them came out of the garage at roughly the same time. The next moment, Nicole was startled because Evan gave her a wry glance.

Is he thinking about how to make a fool out of me again?

As such, she was on tenterhooks once she entered the living room. But much to her surprise, Evan went to the company and didn't give her any task.

When the night closed in, the kids came home from kindergarten. At the same time, Davin arrived with some gifts in his hands and requested to go out with them.

Nicole was initially worried about it. Nonetheless, Davin promised to bring two maids together to take good care of them.

Besides, he whispered to her, "When the kids are not at home, you will have the best opportunity ever. Once Evan comes home, you have to talk to him nicely. You can do it!"

If Nicole can apply my strategies, I'm sure their relationship will improve a lot! I have played my role as the Cupid!

Besides, Davin could get the supercar once he fulfilled the task given by Julia.

"You can do it!"

Even though Nicole nodded in response, she was rather worried about it.

Since I spoiled my chance in the afternoon, will I repeat it tonight? But for the sake of custody of Juan, I must grab the chance and do my best!

After Davin brought the kids out, she went upstairs and began to study the strategies given by him.

Considering that numerous socialites were attracted to Evan, she believed that he would be familiar with the ordinary strategies. Also, since she failed this afternoon, she decided to make some alterations to her methods.

After pondering over it for a while, she began to make the necessary preparation.

An hour later, Evan finally returned to Hillside Villa in his Maybach. Nicole's heart pounded as soon as she heard the noise.

He's back!

She looked in the mirror and thought to herself. Will he think I'm a psychopath because I look like this?

She clenched her fists nervously and stood up.

As soon as Evan entered the villa, she greeted him passionately, "Mr. Seet, you're back."

Besides, she talked and behaved as gentle as she could.

Meanwhile, Evan was stunned when he looked up at her. The red tube top that she wore showcased her figure perfectly. Besides, she looked graceful with her curly hair in front of her chest.

Moreover, she had a pair of sparkling eyes and rosy lips that were as alluring as roses. To put it simply, she looked completely different.

Even though many socialites would dress up similarly, she looked innocent and wasn't as tacky as them.

As such, he couldn't help but feel impressed by her gorgeousness after she was well-dressed.

Eventually, he recalled the memorable night he spent with her four years ago in The Passion.

On that night, she wore a similar dress and looked particularly enchanting.

He couldn't help but swallow his saliva when the memory flashed through his mind.

But the next moment, he averted his gaze from her and went upstairs straightaway while ignoring her.

Meanwhile, Nicole was dying of curiosity when she watched him leave.

Why did he ignore me? And why didn't he say a word?

She immediately caught up with him and spread her arms to block his way.

Evan stopped walking and gave her a wry glance as if he had mixed feelings.

"Mr. Seet."

"Do you have something to tell me?"

"You may have dinner now because it's ready."

"Let the kids have dinner. I'm not hungry."

"They are not at home. Besides, I made dinner for you purposely!"

Evan was startled as soon as he heard it.

This woman is so fickle. Also, since she is well-dressed, I'm sure she has an ulterior motive. Well, what will her reaction be when she realizes she can't achieve what she wants?

Evan was curious to see how a well-dressed lady would argue with him shamelessly later.

As such, he nodded and said softly, "Alright, get dinner ready."

Meanwhile, Nicole nodded excitedly in response once he agreed with it.

As they say, clothes make the man. Men will always be attracted to beautiful ladies, and Evan is not an exception too.

She decided to utilize her upper hand to negotiate with him nicely later.

Who knows? He might agree to my request later because I have mesmerized him. That's right! I should prepare some wine for him too.

"I'll get dinner ready now. Mr. Seet, you can come downstairs to have dinner in no time."

"Okay."

Evan's heart leaped when Nicole went to the living room excitedly.

She's good-looking to a certain extent, but... what a pity! I mean, what will her boyfriend think if he knows she dresses up like this and make dinner for another man? What an indecent woman!

When Evan came to the dining room, Nicole had already put the delicate dishes on the table.

Besides, a goblet of wine that looked appetizing was served on the table.

"Mr. Seet, please be seated."

She voluntarily placed the cutlery neatly for him.

Evan didn't thank her but sat down right away. After glancing at the four dishes on the table, he found it hard to nitpick about her because they were indeed delicate and appetizing.

"Mr. Seet, please try the food."

Without hesitation, Evan grabbed the fork and spoon and began eating right away.

He could hardly deny that she was a good cook. As a matter of fact, he was already impressed by her when she babysat Kyle.

On the other hand, Nicole rejoiced to see that he enjoyed the dishes prepared by her.

Is it the right time now to talk to him about my motive? Wait a minute. Let him have some wine before I start. I will have a better chance if he is a little drunk.

When she asked Evan gently to try the wine, he gulped it down without hesitation. Soon, he had gulped down a few more glasses.

After a while, he put the goblet aside and said, "I shouldn't drink anymore because I have important matters to attend to later."

Knowing that Evan wouldn't get drunk easily, Nicole decided to persuade him to drink more.

"Mr. Seet, what do you have to work on at night? Please have more wine. Besides, Blake said that this bottle of wine is one of your finest collections."

Suddenly, Evan sneered, "Why do you want me to drink more? Are you planning to do something when I'm drunk?"

At the same time, he stared at her with his pair of icy-cold eyes as if he saw through her mind.

Nicole was startled when she heard it.

I do have an ulterior motive. But is it too early for me to reveal it now?

When she was hesitant, Evan stood up and leaned closer to her.

Her heart pounded when they were very close to each other.

After a while, he whispered in her ears with a deep and magnetic voice, "You put up a good show in the morning and at night. Are you trying to seduce me to get something from me, such as being my wife?"

She shook her head shockingly and replied, "No, it is not what you think. I have never thought about that."

In fact, she only wished to persuade him to forgo his right to custody of Juan but never thought of becoming his wife.

Her heart thumped wildly when she realized that he misunderstood her.

Damn it! Davin's strategies don't work, and Evan has misunderstood me now!

"No worries. You won't have the same thought soon. Since I have had your dishes, it's time for me to give you a present in return."

Once he finished, Nicole looked up at him curiously.

Will this jerk really give me a present? I don't believe it!

The next moment, Evan dialed a phone number and said, "Have you brought the man here?"

"Mr. Seet, he is here now."

"Bring him in."

Nicole began to feel nervous. Judging from his evil-looking eyes, she could foresee that something bad was about to happen.

Not long after she heard the approaching footsteps, someone yelled sorrowfully at her, "Nicole, I finally found you!"

She looked up at the person and said surprisingly, "Why are you here?"

"You must have a lot to talk about with your father since you have finally reunited with him."

Evan went upstairs right after giving her a wry glance.

Meanwhile, she was pissed off and felt like biting him the moment he walked away.

I put on delicate makeup and spent so much time preparing dinner for him, yet he gives me trouble instead! Evan Seet, you are a real jerk!

"Nicole, can I have the food?"

She turned around to size up Zane when she heard his question. Zane seemed to have a difficult life after Lane Corporation went bankrupt.

Besides, he was merely wearing some off-brand clothes and looked rather pale.

"Go ahead," Nicole replied blandly and sat at the table.

Zane waffled on when he had the food, "Nicole, you seem to have a good life here. It's even better when you were in the Lin family. But I didn't expect..."

However, she interrupted before he continued, "You didn't expect that I could survive even though Sylvia bullied me when I was in the Lane family. Besides, I even have a better life than before. Am I right?"

When Zane looked up at her, he couldn't help but heave a long sigh.

"Alas, let bygones be bygones. Why do you have to mention her again? Besides, it should have mollified you ever since the Lane family went bankrupt because of you."

Much to his surprise, she sneered as soon as he finished.

"Dad, why are you blaming me for going bankrupt? Lane Corporation will eventually go bankrupt with or without me. Ask Evan Seet if you don't believe me." If Evan didn't make me a scapegoat, Sylvia and Sylphiette wouldn't maltreat me. Besides, Juan was kidnapped because of this!

In fact, she was tired of taking the blame.

Nonetheless, Zane glanced at her and continued, "Mr. Seet told me Lane Corporation went bankrupt because of you, and you're the only one who can turn the tide. So, this is the reason that I'm looking for you."

The next moment, Nicole was exasperated.

He made me a scapegoat and framed me! This is nonsense!

"Evan Seet, come out now!" She stood up and shouted.

However, Zane was shocked to hear it. He immediately stood up nervously and advised her, "Are you out of your mind? How dare you be rude to the president of Seet Group?"

"Dad, let me get this straight – I have nothing to do with the bankruptcy of Lane Corporation. I know you wish to revive the Lane family, but there is nothing I can do. Besides, I severed my ties with the Lane family when I was forced to leave. Just finish your dinner and leave. Also, don't ever look for me again."

On the other hand, Zane was rather displeased and replied, "Nicole, how can you be so rude? How can you ignore the survival of the Lane family after you become rich? You can't do that!"

"Why can't I do that? Did the Lane family treat me like a human being? To be exact, I'm even worse than a maid!"

Nicole was furious whenever she recalled the past in which she was bullied. Indeed, it was like a permanent mark in her mind that she could never forget.

"Nicole, this is not the time to settle old scores. Since Mr. Seet said you have a solution, I'm sure you have it! Please, I'm begging you to help me!"

When Zane was begging her, he looked at her pitifully as if he had been driven into a corner.

Nicole grabbed the goblet and glanced at the room upstairs.

That jerk deliberately wants to cause me trouble! Since she got increasingly exasperated, she stood up and went upstairs right away.

The next moment, she pushed the door of the study forcefully and glared at Evan.

"What are you trying to do?"

"It's simple. Give me custody of Juan, and I will pay you a large amount of money in return, which is enough to rebuild Lane Corporation."

"Dream on!"

She felt that it was the funniest joke ever. Even if she agreed to it, she would not spend a penny on Lane Corporation.

"Evan Seet, you're out of your mind. Do you think you can threaten me with Lane Corporation? You know what? I don't care about it!"

"I'll wait and see!" Nonetheless, Evan didn't argue with her but only replied with a few words.

Then, he pointed at the door and said, "Get out and close the door. I don't want to be affected by any noise."

Nicole was irritated by what he said.

He brought Zane here to cause me trouble, yet hopes to stay out of it? Dream on!

She sneered and swaggered out of the study. Moreover, she deliberately pushed the door open and glared at him before going downstairs furiously.

When Zane saw her came downstairs, he immediately came up to her and inquired, "How is it? Did Mr. Seet say when he will help rebuild the Lin family?"

Nevertheless, she merely gave him a cold-eyed stare and answered, "Well, he can help you after he is dead."

"What?" The next moment, Zane looked grumpy and continued, "Nicole, if you are really that heartless, don't blame me for what happens next."

Feeling curious, she looked up at him and asked, "What do you want to do?"

"Just wait and see!" He gnashed his teeth and replied angrily before leaving the villa.

Nicole eventually recollected herself after he disappeared from sight.

Well, it looks like there will be more to come.

She couldn't help but heave a long sigh. To get custody of Juan, this jerk will really utilize any opportunity at all costs.

In fact, she never expected that he would utilize Zane to threaten her.

Come to think of it, I'm no different from a fool today. Again and again, I tried to persuade him to let go... What a loser!

Nicole, you're merely a fool in Evan's eyes! Instead, you only embarrassed yourself by what you did!

From now on, never pretend to be weak nor flatter him! Instead, work hard to be strong and live with dignity!

Otherwise, he will think that you are merely going after his wealth and fame, even if you are fond of him!

After all, your sincerity isn't worth a penny!

After pondering over it, Nicole felt a chill ran down her spine. Slowly, she turned around and went upstairs dejectedly.

When Davin and the kids finally came home, Maya was apparently the happiest among the rest.

On the other hand, Nina rolled her eyes when she looked at Maya and scolded, "Since you just started your plan to lose weight this morning, how could you eat so much tonight? Maya, you are really spineless!"

Nonetheless, Maya pursed her lips and replied, "I wanted to control myself, yet I failed once I saw the delicious food."

"Alright, Maya. Don't berate her anymore. Maya isn't actually fat but chubby."

Meanwhile, Maya was somewhat embarrassed and stuck her tongue out.

"If that's true, I don't want to lose weight anymore. Otherwise, I won't look as chubby and cute."

"We will call you a pig if you don't lose weight!"

"Maya, it's still good for you to lose some weight. Uncle Davin did bring you out and try a lot of food today. But this is an exception. From today onward, we will eat less. Does that sound good?"

Maya thought for a moment and said, "Alright, I'll begin my plan to lose weight tomorrow."

After Maya said to herself, she went upstairs while pursuing her lips. Immediately, Nina caught up with her to nag and motivate her at the same time.

Maya turned around to give her a sullen look and rolled her eyes at her. Then, she walked faster toward the bedroom.

On the other hand, Juan and Kyle went into the computer room once they came home to learn hacker skills from each other.

Once the kids left, Davin felt a little strange because the living room fell silent all of a sudden. Where are the rest of the people? Are they upstairs? Hmm... how did Ms. Lane's plan go?

Out of curiosity, he decided to go upstairs and take a look.

Nevertheless, he was rather nervous when he walked upstairs slowly and quietly.

What if I see something that I'm not supposed to see? Haha!

In that case, I certainly have to record and send it to Julia in exchange for my supercar!

He got excited once he thought about it as if the supercar were within his reach.

Therefore, he unknowingly strode faster.

The entire first floor is quiet. Could it be that they are asleep?

However, he couldn't hear any sound when he placed his ear against Evan's room.

In fact, the bedroom was empty after he pushed the door open.

Aha, I know it! He must be in Ms. Lane's bedroom!

Considering that Nicole's room was locked, he was certain Evan was in the room. Soon, he came up with an idea to open the door while preventing himself from being scolded.

Ask Juan to knock on the door!

Davin promised to give a lot of things to Juan in exchange for him to knock on the door, including the latest set of Legos, an iPad, a kick scooter, and a jacket.

"Hey, I have promised a lot of things. Besides, a child shouldn't be too greedy. Now, do it for me as promised." "Okay, but you have to buy the things for me."

"No worries, Uncle Davin always keeps his word. But don't you betray me!"

"No worries, this is our deal. I know the rules."

Although Juan didn't know why Davin asked him to knock on the door, he did wish to talk to Mom before going to bed. Since I can get a lot of gifts in return, why should I refuse the offer?

When Juan came up to Nicole's room and knocked on the door, Davin hid in the corner. The next moment, he took out his phone to record the important moment.

Soon, Nicole opened the door. Nevertheless, she stood at the door and began to talk to Juan.

Is it inconvenient to let the kid in? Well, could it be that Evan is still on her bed?

He was thrilled once he thought about it and decided to barge in to record the live event. If I can record the intimate moment, Julia will agree to give me as many things as I want, not to mention one supercar!

"Go for it!" After motivating himself, he rushed toward Nicole's room at lightning speed.

The next moment, he flashed her a wry smile and walked sideways to barge into her room.

Nicole was surprised by his move. Is he out of his mind? Why does he barge into my room?

When she caught up with Davin, Davin stood still embarrassingly and looked clueless.

"You... You didn't talk to Evan about Juan, did you?"

"I did!"

"What did he say? Was it what we expected?"

"Yes." Nicole crossed her arms and looked at him with a disgruntled face.

"Really? Tell me now. How did you ask him? Did you utilize your beauty to seduce him?"

"Yes, I did."

As soon as she finished, he replied emotionally, "You're awesome! So, you and Evan..."

"Evan and I... are at daggers drawn!" Much to his surprise, she gnashed her teeth and said furiously.

Suddenly, the smile on his face faded away.

What happened?

Davin was still bewildered even after she drove him out of her bedroom.

The only thing I'm certain about is that I can't get my supercar anymore!

He had no choice but to walk downstairs slowly and disappointedly. Alas, it's not easy to be the Cupid. I failed again.

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