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However, he started to despise himself for using such unethical tactic.

“Nicole, all I want is for you to be happy,” he murmured. Putting his mobile phone aside, he walked into the shower.

The next day.

Nicole woke up to a shocking news when she saw the headline on her phone notification: *Son of Yan Group dined with wife, who is now a mother of two daughters.*

*Rocky is the heir of Yan Group?* Nicole was exceptionally surprised.

*I knew all along that he came from a wealthy family, but who would have thought he's the immediate heir to the prominent Yan Group.*

The headline was catchy whereas the photos which filled the entire published section gave the readers a delusive impression.

There was a picture of them having dinner at the hotel the other night. Rocky, Nina, Maya, and herself looked just like a family of four.

Another ambiguous photo captured her in Rocky's embrace, wearing his jacket. They looked nothing less than a lovey-dovey couple leaving the hotel.

*I don't remember he was hugging me like that. No, not a hug for sure. That's a picture captured in a misleading angle. It seems like someone deliberately tried to set something up. Who's behind this?*

She could not figure out who, so she called Rocky.

The glow in Rocky's eyes dimmed when he saw the name of the incoming call. Though he was expecting it, he hesitated to receive it.

"What's up, Nikki?"

"Rocky, did you read the news today?"

"Yep."

"Rocky, are you really the heir to Yan Group? And those photos from last night... clearly, someone is behind all these."

"Well..." Rocky paused, "it could be the act of some paparazzi trying to create tittle-tattles in town. Do you mind?"

"Of course I mind! Who likes to be featured in a rumor? Then again, this gossip will have greater impact on people like you. Why don't we hold a press conference to clarify the matter?"

"Nikki, it's hard to clear the air when it comes to sensational stories that the general public is attracted to. Take it easy as this too shall pass. Don't tell me you feel embarrassed to be addressed as Mrs. Yan?"

*It's not about how I feel, but this is an unverified claim which could harm your reputation!*

"Rocky, I think... "

“Calm down, Nikki. I’ll take care of this and get rid of the news.”

Both parties then hung up, leaving Nicole feeling uneasy and anxious.

*What will others think when they read this news? More importantly, what will Evan think of me?*

Even though she had reminded herself to draw lines with him, she still could not help but think of him and his reaction.

Meanwhile, Evan just arrived at his office and was distracted by the tabloid headline.

His handsome face was clouded with an unfathomable sense of intensity. A strong feeling of displeasure could be felt from miles away.

*No wonder she didn’t want anything to do with me and even asked for us not to acknowledge each other if we ever met in the future. It’s because of Rocky. It makes sense now why she was so calm when I talked about his background.*

*The most shocking thing was that Nina and Maya are Rocky’s children!*

*In Y City, Yan Group is second to Seet Group. I have underestimated this woman, who is full of tricks up her sleeves. I almost believed her when she pretended she had no money. Come to think of it now, how does Rocky’s woman even lack money?*

“How dare you, Nicole Lane!”

Disgruntled, he threw his phone away and it hit the wall. *Thud!*

Evan’s outrageous action frightened John, who coincidentally entered the office to hand him some documents.

*What in the world is going on that our president is so infuriated?*

John was trembling with fear. He took a quick look at his boss then stood there quietly, holding his breath in trepidation.

“What is it?”

He spoke only when Evan acknowledged him, “President, please have a look at this new acquisition plan.”

“Leave it on the table.”

“Yes, boss.”

John did not dare to say one more word but placed the files on his desk neatly, and moved aside.

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“Anything else?” Evan asked in an icy tone.

John froze and subsequently shook his head and darted out of the room.

After closing the door behind him, he frowned and let out a long sigh. “I wonder who or what enraged the boss. Someone’s going to get it.”

Right when Evan was about to pick up the file, his phone rang. He took a glance before answering.

“Evan, did you read the news today?”

“What is it?”

“Nicole and Rocky! That’s nonsense. Nina and Maya being Rocky’s children? That’s absurd. Don’t fall for the fake news.”

“What does that have to do with me?”

“Evan, listen to me, Nicole is not that kind of a person, she...”

He hung up on Davin before the latter could even finish. I know just what kind of person Nicole was.

Looking at the darkened phone screen, Davin had a bad feeling something was going to happen, so he called Nicole.

“Nicole, what’s going on?”

“I’ve no idea how this happened. Rocky and I are not an item. My work at the clinic has been seriously affected by this widespread rumor.”

“Don’t panic. Why don’t you explain to my brother first?”

Nicole was taken aback. “Why should I explain to your brother?”

“H-he seems to have misunderstood the situation and thought that the rumor is true. So... I think that it’s better you... clarify with him.” Davin hesitated.

Upon hearing that, Nicole sank into deep thought.

He misunderstood? So Evan thinks that this whole scandal is true? If that is so, then everyone else would believe it too.

“Hey, say something.”

Say what? Wouldn't it be weird if I call him to explain the situation? It's probably unnecessary.

“Your brother can assume anything he wants. I need to attend to something. Bye for now.”

“Hello? Hello?”

Why does everyone hang up on me when I'm doing what I could for their sake?

“This is so frustrating!” Davin murmured as he chucked his phone aside.

Shortly after, Kyle and Juan scurried into his room, wanting to find out if he had made the vixen leave their father.

Davin then realized that he was distracted by the rumor and had forgotten to update his brother about this important matter.

“Have some faith in me. I won't disappoint you.” After saying so, Davin immediately left for Seet Group.

As he walked into the president's office, he was greeted by Evan's long face and a floor filled with scattered torn papers.

“It seems like incredible hulk was here.”

Davin carefully avoided the crumpled paper balls to get to Evan.

Evan shot him a look and barked, “Bugger off!”

Davin gulped. Looks like the hulk is still here. This raging flame is probably not going to die out anytime soon.

“Bro, I’m here for something important. I know that you’re with Sylphiette because...”

“This is not the right time or place to discuss something personal. Get out!”

Evan’s hostility terrified Davin. It doesn’t look like he’s ready to listen to whatever I have to say now. Maybe I shall wait till he gets home.

“Ok, fine, we’ll talk about this tonight.” Davin left shortly after.

That evening, Davin wanted to create an opportunity for Evan to meet up with Nicole. Hence, he said that his car was in the workshop and told Evan to pick up Kyle and Juan himself.

After answering the call, Evan drove to the kindergarten.

Just as he parked his Maybach, he spotted Nicole leading her two daughters and making their way towards his direction.

Is this woman here for Kyle and Juan? A liar like her should never go near my sons.

Evan swung his car door closed and walked to her with a sullen face.

The encounter came like a bolt from the blue for Nicole. Who on earth is blocking my way?

She was startled when she lifted her head and saw Evan scowling at her.

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According to Davin, Evan thinks that the rumor is a real deal. Surely, he must be thinking that I'm an unscrupulous person too.

"Uncle Evan," the bubbly Maya called out sweetly. She had a fond impression of Evan.

With a straight face, Evan lowered his eyes to look at her. He was enraged by her presence for it reminded him that she was Rocky's child.

He then stared at Nicole coldly and did not notice the disappointment on Maya's face.

"You're not allowed to see Kyle and Juan anymore."

"Why not?"

"Because I don't want my sons to grow up under the influence of a woman like you, Mrs. Yan."

Mrs. Yan, what an awkward title. Should I explain to him? If I don't, I might not get to see Kyle and Juan in the future.

"Mr. Seet, this is all a huge misunderstanding. Rocky and I are not in that kind of relationship."

Evan constricted his eyes. She's addressing me as Mr. Seet while calling other man amiably by his first name! Well, it's obvious who's closer to her heart.

“I’m not interested in your relationship and I don’t want to hear anything about your dirty business. I just want you to remember my words!” Evan ended the conversation decisively and headed to the kindergarten.

Nicole looked at his back and dazed. My dirty business? Right, so I’m just a shameless woman to him but why does it hurt so much? It’s unbearable...

“Mommy, you promised to pick Kyle and Juan up this weekend,” Maya stated while shaking Nicole’s hands.

“That’s right, Mommy. He can say whatever he wants but I’m sure Kyle and Juan will want to see you more,” Nina added.

Nicole hesitated. The kiddos would want to follow me but Evan will never allow that to happen. I guess I should not show up to avoid putting the kids on the spot.

Snapping out of her daze, she held her daughters’ hands and made a U-turn.

“Mommy, aren’t we going to see Juan?”

“Mommy, why are you so fearful of the evil daddy?”

“Mommy is feeling under the weather; we’ll pick them up tomorrow instead.”

The two girls looked at each other; they knew very well that it was just an excuse.

It’s all evil daddy’s fault! We’ll call and complain to Kyle and Juan.

Evan was standing like an almighty figure at the entrance to the kindergarten. Seeing how other children were buttering up his sons, he felt very annoyed.

It was for this same reason that he planned to transfer them to another school the last time he was here. What he saw confirmed his decision that day. No better time than now.

Thus, he immediately contacted John to make the necessary arrangements. Right when the text message was delivered, Kyle and Juan arrived in front of him.

The two boys pouted when they realized that the person who came to pick them up was their sour-faced Daddy and not Mommy whom they had missed so much.

“Daddy, why are you here?”

“Daddy, did you see Mommy? She said she would be here today. We’ll wait for her, you can go home first.”

Absence makes the heart grows fonder. I miss Mommy so much. Juan was longing to see Nicole after being separated for a few days.

Evan snarled, “She’s not your Mommy and she’s never ever going to come pick you guys up again.”

“But, why?”

“There’s no but nor why. Let’s go home,” Evan commanded and walked straight ahead.

The boys were stunned. Why is daddy so domineering all of a sudden and forbidding us to see Mommy? Did something happen? We just asked Davin before leaving for kindergarten today and he said he would take care of this.

“He said that he could help Daddy and Mommy patch things up but now it’s clear that he messed up. Let’s complain to Grandma when we get back and then see what he has to say,” Juan said angrily while Kyle nodded in agreement.

The boys stayed silent on the way home. The usually aloof Kyle carried an extremely cold look whereas the chatty Juan was surprisingly as quiet as a mouse.

It irked Evan to think of the silent treatment he received from the two kiddos.

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The air in the car was unbearable.

Finally, they arrived at the Seet Residence.

Sophia was curious to see two sulky boys walking into the house.

“Aren’t you both supposed to be with your Mommy?”

“Mr. Seet said no.”

“Huh?” Sophia was shocked to hear that.

Evan, who entered last got upset when he heard that Juan addressed him as Mr. Seet, the same way as how Nicole called him earlier that day.

Like mother like son.

Sophia looked at Evan’s indifferent expression and then at the two dejected boys, she then managed to connect the dots after briefly recalling the tabloid gossip.

Sigh... I thought Evan and Nicole were an item. Who would have known that she’s actually married!

Why didn't Nicole say anything when I was trying to match make them? My poor grandsons... now they can't have a happy, complete family.

"Evan, the kids are still at a tender age and they need a mother. Don't let the conflict between adults affect them."

"Mom, I know where you're coming from but you should know that a woman like her is a bad influence to the kids. I will not let them see each other again. Also, do not allow her to step foot into our home!" Evan's tone was so stern that it left Sophia speechless.

She heaved another sigh. His reaction is a true reflection of how deep his love is for her. The more you care, the more it hurts.

I know my son well. Nothing will get through his ears at this point. It's best I don't add fuel to the fire.

The boys were displeased with Evan's words. They looked at him with resentment but dared not make it too obvious.

Juan mulled it over in his head. Evil daddy doesn't stay here at the Seet Residence anyway. In other words, we can wait for him to leave and then plead with Grandma to go see Mommy. Grandma said that we need maternal love. That's right! We'll dramatize it to persuade her later.

As soon as Evan left, the two boys signaled each other to begin their role play.

"Grandma, I miss Mommy so much. She's not a bad lady, in fact, she raised us up single handedly. We can't live without her."

"Grandma, I miss Mommy terribly."

Sophia's heart was very troubled to see two young boys wailing pitifully. However, her hands were tied as Evan had shared a piece of his mind.

When she was trying to pacify the boys, the door swung open and Davin walked in.

“What’s going on?” he asked upon seeing the scene.

Juan wiped the tears off his face and started complaining fiercely. Davin was shocked to find out that Juan disliked him as much as Kyle did.

“Oh you heartless rascal! Don’t blame Uncle Davin for the conflict between your Mommy and Daddy. It wasn’t my fault.”

“You were so sure that Daddy would leave the vixen and be with Mommy. We believed your words but now Daddy forbids us from seeing Mommy. You messed it up!”

Davin was at a loss.

“Give me a little bit more time to fix this. I need to speak with Grandma now. You go back to your room, all right?”

Kyle rolled his eyes at Davin and left angrily.

Juan commented before following Kyle back to their room, “We are counting on you so please don’t let us down.”

‘Sophia gave Davin a death stare and reprimanded, “You’re such a nuisance to insist on matchmaking your brother and Nicole. Now Evan has developed feelings for her but she’s actually someone else’s wife. What should we do now?”

This is so unfair. If it goes well, the credit goes to her but when it doesn’t, it’s always somebody’s fault. She scolded me like as if she had no role in the matchmaking.

“Mom, how could you believe those absurd rumors? That’s certainly not the case.”

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“Rumors?” Sophia sneered, “You act as if you have the most reliable source of information.”

“Mom, how could you believe everything just by seeing two random photos? The Yan family was enraged by the way it was reported and has initiated an investigation. I believe the truth will surface soon.”

“Really? What is the truth then?”

“I can guarantee you that the news on the tabloid is totally fake.”

Sophia thought deeply and then asked, “If there’s no scandal, then tell me, who is the father to the two girls? They look just like Nicole. It would be so much easier to tell if they looked like their father.”

“You’re right. If they looked like their father, they would be addressing you as Grandma,” Davin said softly.

Sophia did not hear him well. She twitched her brows and asked suspiciously, “What are you murmuring? Whose grandma?”

“No. Nothing.” Davin shook his head.

*Evan has already kept Kyle and Juan by his side. If he finds out about the truth and exercises whatever means to get the two girls too... No, this can't happen. It'll be too miserable for Nicole! Mom should never discover this too, otherwise it will lead to another disaster.*

While Davin was still in deep thoughts, Sophia threw a pillow at him.

“What are you doing, Mom?”

“You’d better be using your free time wisely to find a companion, tie the knot, and bear me some grandchildren.”

*What sort of madness is this? Mom’s on her grumbling mode again.*

“Sure, Mom. In order to ensure that I don’t upset you in the near future, I’ve decided to...”

Sophia looked at him with hopeful eyes. *Please tell me this son of mine has sorted himself out and is ready for marriage.*

However, the next thing she heard struck her like a lightning bolt.

“I’ve decided to stay far away from you. If you don’t call me, I won’t appear in front of you. Wherever you are, I’ll avoid being in your presence. How’s that?”

*Bang!* A cup that was aimed at Davin’s head flew across the room.

“You rascal! Go away and don’t return if you dare.”

“Noted, Mom. Your wish is my command.” David showed a piteous look but subsequently turned and sprinted off.

“Get back here, you good-for-nothing... Such a heartless son...”

Davin finally stopped in his tracks and took a deep breath when Sophia's scolding was too far to be heard. His unruly face looked distracted.

After a while, he suddenly recalled that one important matter which Evan stopped him from saying when he was at his office.

*This matter is of utmost urgency. I must tell him!*

He called Evan immediately. "Hey, I've got something important to tell you."

"What is it?"

"It's not so convenient to speak over the phone. I'm heading over to yours now."

"Sure."

Sylphiette, who was dining with Evan, asked about the call inquisitively.

"It was Davin."

Upon hearing that name, an anxious look flashed through Sylphiette's eyes because she knew that Davin had been investigating her recently.

*Why is he coming over so late at night? Did he find out something about me? If so, what should I do? No, I cannot give him any opportunity to spill the beans.*

"You carry on eating, Evan. I'll just pop over to the kitchen to see if the soup is ready."

Evan nodded.

After leaving the dining room, Sylphiette made a quick phone call, hastily left a message, and hung up. She looked a little relieved afterwards.

Then, she made her way to the kitchen and brought the soup for Evan, but kept her eyes peeled on his phone screen the entire time.

Right when they had just finished eating, Evan's phone rang.

"What did you just say?"

Seeing how shocked Evan was after receiving the news, Sylphiette was secretly delighted, knowing that someone must have met with an accident.

*Seems like the task was completed.*

Evan hung up, rose to his feet, and hurried to the door.