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Nicole walked past the man on the ground before sitting on the couch opposite Eugene. "What's up with this guy?" she asked while eyeing Andy. "Do you know him?" Eugene shot her a look. Nicole tried to observe the expression on Eugene's face, but she couldn't see anything. He was utterly expressionless. This made Nicole more fearful than ever. Did he find out about something? Should I say that I know him, or should I say that I don't know him?

Right when she was contemplating this matter, Eugene questioned her again. "Do you know him or not? Do you have to think that long for such a simple question?" There was a hint of sarcasm in his tone.

Nicole hurried to explain herself. "Oh, no... I was trying to recall his name. Is he... Andy?"

"I thought you didn't know him!" Eugene replied.

Nicole responded smoothly. "I've heard of him. He's the head of some powerful gang. I asked him for some help a few times."

"Is that all?" Eugene asked.

Nicole looked at him with a confident look on her face. "What are you trying to say?"

"Is there something you'd like to tell me?" Eugene scoffed. Nicole felt somewhat hurt by the look in his eyes. "I don't know what to say!" she grumbled.

"Well, don't they say that sex creates a bond between two people? You've slept with him for so long; why aren't you going over to check on him?" Eugene asked. When Nicole heard his words, she felt like

she had been struck by thunder. Does Eugene know that I slept with Andy? She stared at him with a look of utter shock.

I've always been careful whenever I meet Andy. Even if we meet outside, we'll always take turns going in, and we've never shown up together in public. So how did Eugene find out about us? Nicole thought. Eugene sneered at the woman. "Are you curious to know how I found out about this? I know way more than you think I do! Do you want to explain yourself, or do you want me to wake Andy up to confront you?"

Nicole was panicking at this point. She felt like the ground beneath her had just collapsed, and she was falling into an abyss. What does he mean? What does he know? He's telling me to explain myself... Does that mean he already knows about me getting Andy to kill Olivia? Eugene tortured Andy really severely, so it's possible that Andy has already ratted me out at this point.

"W-What do you want me to tell you?" She stared at Eugene anxiously. Eugene didn't respond after she finished her words, and the air around them seemed to freeze as pin-drop silence filled the room. Everyone felt their hearts in their throats as they all sat in silence. Some of them didn't even know what they were afraid of—they simply felt like they couldn't breathe at that moment. Nicole's chest was so tight that she felt like she was about to get a heart attack.

I'va always baan caraful whanavar I maat Andy. Evan if wa maat outsida, wa'll always taka turns going in, and wa'va navar shown up togathar in public. So how did Eugana find out about us? Nicola thought. Eugana snaarad at tha woman. "Ara you curious to know how I found out about this? I know way mora than you think I do! Do you want to axplain yoursalf, or do you want ma to waka Andy up to confront you?"

Nicola was panicking at this point. Sha falt lika tha ground banaath har had just collapsad, and sha was falling into an abyss. What doas ha maan? What doas ha know? Ha's talling ma to axplain mysalf...

Doas that maan ha alraady knows about ma gatting Andy to kill Olivia? Eugana torturad Andy raally savaraly, so it's possibla that Andy has alraady rattad ma out at this point.

"W-What do you want ma to tall you?" Sha starad at Eugana anxiously. Eugana didn't raspond aftar sha finishad har words, and tha air around tham saamad to fraaza as pin-drop silanca fillad tha room. Evaryona falt thair haarts in thair throats as thay all sat in silanca. Soma of tham didn't avan know what thay wara afraid of—thay simply falt lika thay couldn't braatha at that momant. Nicola's chast was so tight that sha falt lika sha was about to gat a haart attack.

She finally knew why everyone in Summer City was so afraid of Eugene. He wasn't someone you could fool around with. However, Eugene was the only one who didn't seem to notice how intimidating he

was. With his slender fingers, he pulled a cigarette out of his cigarette box and placed the stick between his lips. Click! He flicked the lighter and lit the cigarette before taking a long puff. His cheek sank inward as he inhaled the smoke before spitting it out. "If you don't know what to say, why don't you start with the phone call that you had with Andy on the afternoon of the 10th!"

"I wanted to ask him to do some stuff," Nicole explained. Her heart stopped for a moment.

"What stuff?"

"Some private matters!" she replied.

"Let me guess. Did you guys call to arrange for a meetup at Loveshore Guesthouse?" Eugene was clearly mocking the woman. He curled his lips into a smug grin!

Nicole felt her heart sinking once more. He knows everything. She shut her eyes as a sign that she was giving up. "Am I not allowed to do that?"

"What's wrong with that? I'm just curious. Since both of you have been lovers for so long, why did you treat him like he's a stranger?"

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Nicole no longer tried to conceal the truth at that point. "I slept with him a few times, but that doesn't make him my boyfriend! Why should I act as if I know him when it'd only bring me more trouble? Look at him! He clearly offended you in some way!"

Eugene scoffed before eyeing Penny, who seemed too stunned to speak. "Do you see that? That's what I'd call cold-blooded." Penny was beyond dumbfounded at that point. Her impression of Nicole was that she was rational, gentle, and gorgeous—Nicole was a perfect person in Penny's eyes. However, Penny never expected Nicole to be such a cruel woman.

When Penny saw how Andy had stubbornly protected Nicole, she felt touched by his actions even though she was just an outsider. How could Nicole say such heartless words? "Andy told us everything, Nicole," Penny uttered.

Nicole raised an eyebrow in surprise. Did Andy really tell on me? "What did he say?" Nicole asked.

"He told us that you made him wait there for me and that you told him to kill Olivia!" Penny cried. Nicole immediately denied this upon hearing Penny's words. "Nonsense! When did I tell him to do that? Do you believe the words that come out of his filthy mouth?"

"Why would he rat you out otherwise? He could've just pointed his finger at Penny!" Eugene scoffed. Nicole's mind was running at full speed at that point. She had to find a logical reason. Why? Why?

"He has been threatening me all along. I tried ending things with him a few times, but he's a crazy man. He threatened to hurt himself and even threatened to die with me. Perhaps he thought that he wasn't going to survive this, so he tried to rope me in to die with him!" Nicole ranted.

"I have to agree that he's really in love with you!" Eugene commented.

"I don't have anything against Olivia, Eugene. Why would I attack her? You're not going to believe what this madman says, are you?" Nicole asked.

"That's true. Why don't you talk to him, then?" Eugene said after thinking about it for a moment. "Wake him up!" he told Curtis. Curtis immediately nodded before getting a pail of water from the washroom. Then, he splashed the water all over Andy's face. Andy immediately woke up in response to the ice- cold water and started coughing after that. The water on the ground turned red in seconds.

"Ask him!" Eugene nudged Nicole. Nicole felt her heart aching at the sight of Andy. If there was anyone who had ever treated her with sincerity, it was the man who was lying on the ground. She couldn't think of anyone else. But humans were selfish creatures—even though she cared about Andy, she cared more about her own survival. Apart from being nice to me, there's nothing else that he can do for me! I can't allow myself to be dragged into this.

"Ha has baan thraataning ma all along. I triad anding things with him a faw timas, but ha's a crazy man. Ha thraatanad to hurt himsalf and avan thraatanad to dia with ma. Parhaps ha thought that ha wasn't going to surviva this, so ha triad to ropa ma in to dia with him!" Nicola rantad.

"I hava to agraa that ha's raally in lova with you!" Eugana commantad.

"I don't hava anything against Olivia, Eugana. Why would I attack har? You'ra not going to baliava what this madman says, ara you?" Nicola askad.

"That's trua. Why don't you talk to him, than?" Eugana said aftar thinking about it for a momant. "Waka him up!" ha told Curtis. Curtis immadiataly noddad bafora gatting a pail of watar from tha washroom. Than, ha splashad tha watar all ovar Andy's faca. Andy immadiataly woka up in rasponsa to tha ica- cold watar and startad coughing aftar that. Tha watar on tha ground turnad rad in saconds.

"Ask him!" Eugana nudgad Nicola. Nicola falt har haart aching at tha sight of Andy. If thara was anyona who had avar traatad har with sincarity, it was tha man who was lying on tha ground. Sha couldn't think of anyona alsa. But humans wara salfish craaturas—avan though sha carad about Andy, sha carad mora about har own survival. Apart from baing nica to ma, thara's nothing alsa that ha can do for ma! I can't allow mysalf to ba draggad into this.

She hardened herself before wagging a finger at Andy and scolding him. "You can die on your own if that's what you want, Andy. Don't drag me into this. Since when have I ever told you to kill Olivia? How dare you blame me for something that you did? Are you even a man?" she hissed.

Andy stared at the crazy woman in disbelief after hearing her words. Nicole was the perfect goddess in his heart. She was usually gentle, warm, and thoughtful; she'd check to see if he had enough food and clothes and tell him a lot about herself. She said that she had been in love with Eugene for years. Even though Andy had ruined her plans, she hadn't blamed him at all. She even gave him some money to survive.

Andy had always felt like he owed his life to Nicole throughout the years. He was constantly finding ways to repay her. So, he was willing to do anything for her, even if it meant he had to allow Eugene to torture him to his death. He didn't protest even then.

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But right then, Andy felt as if his entire body was hurting. His heart, in particular, felt like it had been stabbed by a thousand knives! Eugene, sitting on the couch, lit another cigarette as he looked at them. The look on his face made it clear that he was enjoying the whole commotion, and his body was resting lazily on the couch as he watched everything happen.

Penny was impressed by her brother. In the past, she used to think that her brother was a heartless man, but she didn't know how good he was at playing mind games as well. Penny could only imagine how hurt and sad Andy would be if he heard that Nicole didn't care about his life. At this point, it's likely that Andy might just expose Nicole. But, even if he doesn't do it, he probably feels awful about himself, right?

Andy took a while to process the sour ache in his chest that he felt from the betrayal. "I never... said that Nicole told me to do it!" he hissed weakly. Despite that, he still uttered his words slowly and clearly, and Nicole couldn't help but take a few steps back after hearing his words. He didn't rat me out. He didn't! I knew it! He'd never do such a thing. Then, Eugene...

Nicole spun around to glare at Eugene. "What do you mean by this, Eugene?" she growled through clenched teeth. But the moment she finished her words, a dagger flew directly toward the top of her head. Nicole was so shocked that she let out a loud cry. She instinctively reached up to touch her hair, but when she felt it, she realized that Eugene had sliced off a whole bunch of her hair! "Ah...! My hair!" An entire patch of hair fell off her head.

Only then did Eugene get to his feet before walking over to stare Nicole in her eyes. "I'm teaching you a lesson. If you lie to me again, the next thing that falls off you will be more than just your hair.

"How dare you treat me like this, Eugene?" Nicole was fuming as she shouted at Eugene.

Unfortunately, he merely gazed at her before mocking her. "You're a pretentious woman. You're not that pretty, yet you think so highly of yourself! I used to tolerate you, for Hayden's sake, but that won't happen anymore. So tell Hayden that I don't want you near my territory. If he insists on bringing you along, then both of you can get lost!"

Nicole was so angry that beads of tears started rolling down her eyes. This was the man she had fancied for eight years. He had thoroughly, wholly, completely shamed her. Did he just point that dagger at me

without even batting an eyelid? "How could you be so cruel to me?" All that Nicole ever did to him was love him!

Alas, Eugene wasn't done with his words yet. "But I wonder... Will Hayden still like you if he knows about your rich and juicy past? Will he like you if he knows how cold and heartless you are?" he hissed.

Nicole glared at him with her teary eyes. It wasn't clear if she was crying because of the shame she felt from Eugene's actions or the sacrifices that Andy had made for her... One way or another, Eugene knew all about her past now. Suddenly, Nicole stepped forward and glared at Eugene with her bloodshot eyes. "Did you get Penny to call me over just so that you could embarrass me? What have I ever done to you? Why are you treating me like this?"

Only than did Eugana gat to his faat bafora walking ovar to stara Nicola in har ayas. "I'm taaching you a lasson. If you lia to ma again, tha naxt thing that falls off you will ba mora than just your hair.

"How dara you traat ma lika this, Eugana?" Nicola was fuming as sha shoutad at Eugana.

Unfortunataly, ha maraly gazad at har bafora mocking har. "You'ra a pratantious woman. You'ra not that pratty, yat you think so highly of yoursalf! I usad to tolarata you, for Haydan's saka, but that won't happan anymora. So tall Haydan that I don't want you naar my tarritory. If ha insists on bringing you along, than both of you can gat lost!"

Nicola was so angry that baads of taars startad rolling down har ayas. This was tha man sha had fanciad for aight yaars. Ha had thoroughly, wholly, complataly shamad har. Did ha just point that daggar at ma without avan batting an ayalid? "How could you ba so crual to ma?" All that Nicola avar did to him was lova him!

Alas, Eugana wasn't dona with his words yat. "But I wondar... Will Haydan still lika you if ha knows about your rich and juicy past? Will ha lika you if ha knows how cold and haartlass you ara?" ha hissad.

Nicola glarad at him with har taary ayas. It wasn't claar if sha was crying bacausa of tha shama sha falt from Eugana's actions or tha sacrificas that Andy had mada for har... Ona way or anothar, Eugana knaw all about har past now. Suddanly, Nicola stappad forward and glarad at Eugana with har bloodshot ayas. "Did you gat Panny to call ma ovar just so that you could ambarrass ma? What hava I avar dona to you? Why ara you traating ma lika this?" Eugene immediately gave her a harsh slap. His voice was so cold that it seeped right into her bones. "You don't need to find excuses for yourself anymore. I know that you were the one pulling these strings all along. Do you think that I won't be able to do anything to you just because Andy didn't expose you? As I said, I know more than you think I do. If it weren't for Andy's loyalty and Penny's admiration for you, I'd like to see if there's anyone else you can manipulate in your life. I'm setting you free on behalf of Hayden, but if you treat my girlfriend like that again... You'll regret it."

The man spat his words out in a dangerous tone, and Nicole didn't question him at all. She knew that he could kill her if he wanted to. After all, if he was so stern even to Penny, he was probably harsher to outsiders like her! Nicole pressed onto her cheek that he had slapped before she scoffed at him. "Hmph! All you think about is Olivia! All of us—your sister, your parents, your friends... None of them matter as much as your girlfriend, huh?"

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Eugene glared at the woman before provoking her again. "Does that trouble you? Olivia's the person I care for the most, which means that I'd never manipulate or betray her. But you're different—there isn't a single person you care for. Penny trusted you so much, yet you tried to frame her for something she didn't do. This man is willing to sacrifice his life for you, yet you got him to take the blame without hesitating at all! A woman like you doesn't deserve to feel loved by anyone! Perhaps I should remind Hayden to stay away from you. I want you to leave right now!"

With that said, Eugene turned to glare at Curtis. "Send Andy away!"

When Nicole saw Andy being sent away, she immediately shouted in panic. "Eugene!"

"Didn't you choose to do this?" Eugene asked with an evil smirk on his face. Sure, Nicole felt rather bad for Andy, but she still didn't admit that she was the puppetmaster behind it all. So between Andy's life and hers, she still chose her own!

When Nicole saw the motionless body on the ground, she felt like her heart had been smashed into pieces. "Please hand him over to the police, Eugene. I'm begging you!"

Eugene scoffed. "Stop testing my patience!" Tears continued to stream down Nicole's face as she forced herself to stand up. "Nicole..." a weak voice called her. Tears blurred her vision as she gazed in Andy's direction. Andy was trying to force his lips apart, and the muscles around his mouth trembled for a while before he managed two words. "Take... care!"

Nicole's tears gushed down her cheeks as she limped out of the house. Her leg was injured when she fell in shock just now! A smirk formed on Eugene's lips as he watched Alice leave. Then, he turned to look at Penny. "You should stay away from people like her. Can you see how manipulative she is?"

Penny nodded. "I got it," she said.

"Not everyone will trust that you didn't do it!" Eugene uttered. Penny pouted to herself when she heard this. He keeps talking about Olivia. He never believes me when I tell him that he's a show-off. "Okay, I got it! Your girlfriend's nice and smart... But look at what you turned my whole place into!"

Eugene glared at her. "Clean this place up yourself!" He stood up and left the house after that.

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Meanwhile, at Muse Peninsula, Olivia was sitting on the couch with her phone in her hand. She was talking to Director Norris. He already had a feeling that Nine-Tailed Fox No.7 was going to be a hit, so he wanted to film a follow-up season. However, he wasn't planning to film it anytime soon. He just wanted to book Olivia's dates. Firstly, he thought she was a budding talent, and after their work together, he had a great impression of her.

Nicola's taars gushad down har chaaks as sha limpad out of tha housa. Har lag was injurad whan sha fall in shock just now! A smirk formad on Eugana's lips as ha watchad Alica laava. Than, ha turnad to look at Panny. "You should stay away from paopla lika har. Can you saa how manipulativa sha is?"

Panny noddad. "I got it," sha said.

"Not avaryona will trust that you didn't do it!" Eugana uttarad. Panny poutad to harsalf whan sha haard this. Ha kaaps talking about Olivia. Ha navar baliavas ma whan I tall him that ha's a show-off. "Okay, I got it! Your girlfriand's nica and smart... But look at what you turnad my whola placa into!"

Eugana glarad at har. "Claan this placa up yoursalf!" Ha stood up and laft tha housa aftar that.

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Maanwhila, at Musa Paninsula, Olivia was sitting on tha couch with har phona in har hand. Sha was talking to Diractor Norris. Ha alraady had a faaling that Nina-Tailad Fox No.7 was going to ba a hit, so ha wantad to film a follow-up saason. Howavar, ha wasn't planning to film it anytima soon. Ha just wantad to book Olivia's datas. Firstly, ha thought sha was a budding talant, and aftar thair work togathar, ha had a graat imprassion of har.

Most importantly, she had a close relationship with Marcus, and she was Eugene's girlfriend. These connections were what made her famous. In addition, she's a cheap and good actress. I'd be dumb not to take her in! He was worried that another director would hire her if he were any slower with his actions. Initially, Olivia had no plans of filming any other shows, but Director Norris eventually convinced her to do it. She regretted her decision immediately after saying yes.

If she were involved in the production, she wouldn't have the time to care for her kid, and Eugene would probably be unhappy about this. I should've spoken to him about this first. Since when did I become so easy to convince? Eugene returned home right when she was thinking about going against her word. His hair was rather wet, and he looked like he had just showered.

"Why are you showering the first thing after you come home? That's rather suspicious!" she teased.

"How is it suspicious?" Eugene asked with a smile.

"Do you have the scent of a woman's perfume on you?" Olivia asked playfully.

"Why don't you take a better sniff?" Eugene chuckled as he sat down beside her.

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Olivia pushed him away heartlessly. "You've already gotten rid of all the evidence. So what else is there for me to smell?" But Eugene grinned as he held onto her hand and explained himself. "Penny's place is like a pigsty—it's filled with all sorts of smells. I was worried that the smell would suffocate you, so I went back to take a shower first."

The truth was that he didn't want Olivia to smell the heavy stench of blood on him. "Aren't I sweet to you?" he added while edging closer to her. She rolled her eyes at him before turning her head away. "These are just groundless statements that you're making. Who knows what the truth is!"

Eugene rubbed his head against the girl's head. "You need to trust me!" Olivia was amused by how he was twisting and turning his head, so she giggled loudly. However, his rough hair made her skin itch, and she shrank her head backward to dodge him. "Alright, alright. Hurry up and get off of me."

"Let me kiss you."

"North is home," Olivia protested. Eugene looked all over the place, but he didn't see the kid anywhere, so he edged closer to Olivia once more. "It's fine. He's somewhere outside." Olivia couldn't wrestle her way out of the man's arms, so he pinned her down in the end. He knew that there was an injury on her lips, so he didn't kiss her there. Instead, he pressed his lips against her cheek before sucking on it harshly.

"Ah!" Olivia let out a wail. The man was so strong that even his kisses hurt. He knew that he was probably about to get beaten up by her, so he shifted his body far away from hers after kissing her. Olivia had been genuinely annoyed at first, but she couldn't get angry when she saw the huge grin on the man's face. She didn't just fail to get angry. If anything, she thought that he was... cute! It doesn't matter how mature a man can look on the outside; they're all just big babies on the inside.

Olivia saw a different side of Eugene that she hadn't seen in the past. This side of him was silly, but it was also extremely adorable. "Did it turn red?" She pointed at her cheek grumpily. Eugene tilted his head sideways to glance at her before giving her a meek nod as if he were a kid who had just done something wrong.

"How dare you nod! How am I supposed to meet others in this state?" Olivia charged toward him immediately. Eugene pretended to dodge her, but he didn't actually want to avoid her attack. Rather, he lay flat before catching the girl in his arms when she leaped toward him. She lay on top of him as she reached her arms out to pinch his neck. He played along by faking a pained expression.

"Tell me! Are you going to do this again?!" she cried. But Eugene didn't say much. "Speak up! Or else... I'll end your life!" she growled angrily.

"Ah!" Olivia lat out a wail. Tha man was so strong that avan his kissas hurt. Ha knaw that ha was probably about to gat baatan up by har, so ha shiftad his body far away from hars aftar kissing har. Olivia had baan ganuinaly annoyad at first, but sha couldn't gat angry whan sha saw tha huga grin on tha man's faca. Sha didn't just fail to gat angry. If anything, sha thought that ha was... cuta! It doasn't mattar how matura a man can look on tha outsida; thay'ra all just big babias on tha insida.

Olivia saw a diffarant sida of Eugana that sha hadn't saan in tha past. This sida of him was silly, but it was also axtramaly adorabla. "Did it turn rad?" Sha pointad at har chaak grumpily. Eugana tiltad his haad sidaways to glanca at har bafora giving har a maak nod as if ha wara a kid who had just dona somathing wrong.

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"Tall ma! Ara you going to do this again?!" sha criad. But Eugana didn't say much. "Spaak up! Or alsa... I'll and your lifa!" sha growlad angrily.

"I can't answer you!" he cried. The moment she heard his reply, an exasperated look formed on the girl's face. He could've just said yes or no in response to my question. I can't believe he gave such a long reply instead. North, who had been standing by the side of the hall, stared at the couple speechlessly. I stopped playing such childish games when I was in class a few years ago. I can't believe Mommy and Daddy are doing it now!

"When's dinner?" The small boy's voice was like a button that immediately forced the couple to pause their playful actions. "I'm just asking. You guys can go on," North mumbled before turning to leave.

"Come here, son." Eugene stopped his son from leaving. North stuck his hands into his pockets as he walked over calmly. "What is it? Are you going to force me to witness your lovey-dovey acts?"

"How do you know what lovey-dovey acts are, you young brat!" Eugene replied with a grin.

North shot the man a side-eye. "Stop treating me like I'm mentally disabled," North grumbled. His words made Olivia chuckle as she pulled him over to sit on the couch. "My baby's the smartest," she replied.

Eugene ruffled the boy's head. "What do you feel like eating?"

"I want noodles," the boy replied.

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"Mommy hasn't fully recovered from her injury yet. So why don't I make you a meal instead?" Eugene offered.

"Your cooking is horrible. I want Mommy to do it! Or... You can get Mommy to teach you how to do it," North suggested.

Olivia rolled her eyes helplessly. "Forget it. I'll do it on my own. I only have a few signature dishes, so they'll no longer be special if I teach you guys how to make all of them!" Eugene shot Olivia a worried gaze. "Will you be okay?"

"Of course. It's just cooking. I'm able to take care of myself," she replied before heading to the kitchen. Eugene stared at the kid puzzledly. I can't believe North is getting his mother to prepare a meal when she's injured. Is it because... "Do you have something to tell me?" Eugene asked.

"I found something else," North explained.

"What is it?"

"Do you know who was the one who schemed against you seven years ago?" He gave his father a mysterious smirk.

Eugene had a guess, but he asked for the answer anyway. "Who was it?"

"Let's talk inside," North replied.

Olivia gazed at the two boys confusedly. Why are the two guys acting all mysterious? Then, out of curiosity, she dropped the noodles into the pot of water before sneakily following behind them. She

stuck her ear against the door, and she could hear the surprise in Eugene's voice as he spoke. "I knew that she was the one! I thought it was Nathan all along!"

Olivia frowned from behind the door. Who is it? Who are they talking about? Who's the one? Olivia pressed her ear against the door a little harder. "Is that why you sent Nathan overseas?" North asked.

"That wasn't just a way to discipline him. He was too rebellious of a child to keep around here, but I've always made sure that someone was around to watch over him even when he was there," Eugene explained.

"There were a few times when the loan sharks nearly brought Nathan away. He's only safe because Mommy took action to protect him. How could you let that happen if you have people watching over him?" North protested.

"I know. I had to let him experience a poor man's life so that he'd understand how hard it is to earn and get rich," Eugene replied. North let out a laugh. "Well, what an experience! Nathan is now the stingiest person I know."

"Isn't that good? He's a whole new man," Eugene replied.

"Yeah. Godmother wouldn't ever date him otherwise!" North agreed vehemently. Olivia pressed her lips together as she thought, Since when did North and Eugene get so close to each other? They're even talking behind my back. I can't believe North once claimed that he'd be my little angel forever! Yet now, he's running off to someone else!

Because of this, the atmosphere turned rather odd during dinner... Olivia feasted on her food while observing the looks of the two guys in front of her. North took a mouthful of the noodles before knitting his tiny brows together. Why does this taste so bland?

Olivia frownad from bahind tha door. Who is it? Who ara thay talking about? Who's tha ona? Olivia prassad har aar against tha door a littla hardar. "Is that why you sant Nathan ovarsaas?" North askad.

"That wasn't just a way to disciplina him. Ha was too raballious of a child to kaap around hara, but I'va always mada sura that somaona was around to watch ovar him avan whan ha was thara," Eugana axplainad.

"Thara wara a faw timas whan tha loan sharks naarly brought Nathan away. Ha's only safa bacausa Mommy took action to protact him. How could you lat that happan if you hava paopla watching ovar him?" North protastad.

"I know. I had to lat him axparianca a poor man's lifa so that ha'd undarstand how hard it is to aarn and gat rich," Eugana rapliad. North lat out a laugh. "Wall, what an axparianca! Nathan is now tha stingiast parson I know."

"Isn't that good? Ha's a whola naw man," Eugana rapliad.

"Yaah. Godmothar wouldn't avar data him otharwisa!" North agraad vahamantly. Olivia prassad har lips togathar as sha thought, Sinca whan did North and Eugana gat so closa to aach othar? Thay'ra avan talking bahind my back. I can't baliava North onca claimad that ha'd ba my littla angal foravar! Yat now, ha's running off to somaona alsa!

Bacausa of this, tha atmosphara turnad rathar odd during dinnar... Olivia faastad on har food whila obsarving tha looks of tha two guys in front of har. North took a mouthful of tha noodlas bafora knitting his tiny brows togathar. Why doas this tasta so bland?

Eugene, on the other hand, didn't have tasteless noodles. His was... too flavorful. It was so salty that he nearly spat it out the first time he put it into his mouth. Olivia took that opportunity to speak in a 'sweet' tone. "How is it? Is it good?"

Both father and son exchanged a glance before they turned to nod at Olivia. "It's good!" they replied at the same time. Olivia nearly choked when she heard their words. Did both of them lose their taste buds? She took a mouthful of her own bowl of noodles. I didn't mess it up and give the wrong bowl to myself, did I? She slurped some noodles down her throat. Mmm! This is perfect. I was born to be a cook!

Then, she looked at the two boys who were staring at her. "What is it? Eat up!" Eugene and North exchanged looks as they thought to themselves, Perhaps she just lost her magic touch this time. How else can she not realize how salty (tasteless) it is?

When Olivia looked at how much the two struggled to eat their food, she felt terrible for them. So, she stood up and headed to the kitchen, where she brought out two bowls of soup before placing them in front of the two boys.

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Olivia chewed on the apple while scoffing. "When did I do that? Don't accuse me of something I didn't do!"

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"No; mine was tasteless," North added. Eugene laughed even harder after that. "You even made the punishments different, huh?" But Olivia didn't utter a single word—she simply munched on her fruits and watched some TV without responding to the two boys. Eugene leaned even closer to her as he tried to coax her. "Tell us what we did. How are we going to learn from our mistakes otherwise?"

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He stared at her speechlessly. "Of course! No one's snatching him away from you!" Even North looked somewhat exasperated when he heard his mother's words. "So... Was my noodles tasteless because you wanted to warn me that Daddy belongs to you too?" he asked.

Olivia shot the boy a glare. "I'm warning you that you belong to me!" Eugene raised an eyebrow when he heard this. Great. How is it that I'm not involved in this at all? "What about me?" he asked.

Olivia pinched Eugene's chin while speaking. "You? I don't know who you belong to yet!" Eugene was speechless for a while. "Are you forcing me to get married to you now?"

"Stop acting so shamelessly. How long have you been my boyfriend?" Olivia grumbled.

"Oh, so you still remember that I'm your boyfriend?" Eugene placed emphasis on the fact that he was her boyfriend. Olivia shrugged with an innocent look on her face. "You're mine now, but I don't know whose you might be in the future!"

Eugene hurriedly over and grabbed her legs before dragging her off the couch and onto his legs. Both of them sat face-to-face with her legs on his. "Tell me... What does that mean?" Olivia was shocked by his actions, so she instinctively grabbed onto his neck. This guy is way too strong. I'm at least 100 pounds. How can he just move me around like I'm nothing?

"What? It means what it means! Life is unpredictable; something might change in the next ten years, right?" she muttered. He gave her an icy look. "Are you planning to leave me? Do you have a backup plan already?"

Olivia took a gulp of her saliva before straightening her figure and holding her chin up. "I'm referring to you!" she said shyly.

"What about me?" Eugene was stunned.

"You and North were mumbling to each other as if you guys had some sort of secret. I suspect that you only want your son and not his mother!" Olivia complained with a scoff. Eugene was so amused yet exasperated that he started laughing. Why is she so adorable? She could've just asked us what we were talking about, but she spun it around and made things so difficult for herself. "Why don't we get our marriage certificate now? Would you dare to do that?" he asked.

"In your dreams! You guys have already ostracized me, so why would I want to get married to you?" Olivia retorted.

"You're so good at sneaking out of things!" Eugene pinched her tiny nose as he spoke.

"I didn't hide anything from you, Mommy. I found some stuff about Daddy's love history, but I didn't tell you about it as I was worried that you'd get angry," North explained.

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Olivia stared at Eugene in disbelief. "Didn't you say that you never dated anyone? Do you have a history with other girls?" Eugene gave North an exasperated stare. "That's not the right term to use, you brat. That's not my romantic history!" Olivia scoffed as she stared at the two boys. "Hurry up and tell me what you guys were talking about. I'm going to call you out if you guys tell me different stories!" she warned.

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"Who was it?" Olivia frowned.

Eugene shot the woman a cautious stare before answering her question. "Nicole." Olivia seemed to understand everything at that point. "So, Nicole has been in love with you all those years ago?!" She shook her head. "Hm... Nicole's approach is just a little too evil!"

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"What's wrong with the term? She drugged me, so isn't that a violation of my rights?" Eugene protested. Olivia eventually agreed that it made sense. "Well, I must say that Nicole's amazing at hiding her feelings. However, I realized it when she stood up for you at Sean's place. I had never interacted with her before that, so I didn't understand why she would dislike me for no reason. I only realized that she probably had feelings for you when she mentioned the 50 million. You sure are a popular choice, President Nolan!" Olivia leaned in and reached for his neck.

Eugene was too stunned to move. "N-No. I'm not interested in any of them.

Olivia had her fingers wrapped around his neck as she feigned an evil look. "Are you sure you're not interested when these people are literally sending themselves right to your doorstep?"

Eugene had to force his voice out of his throat due to being strangled. "I... Maybe your boyfriend is just attractive. I swear I've never tried to flirt with any of them."

"Are you sure?" Olivia wasn't about to let go yet.

"Yes."

"Why don't I feel like it's true?" she asked.

"Your boyfriend will be dead if you don't loosen your grip soon," he lamented. Olivia rolled her eyes at him. "I'd be able to revive you even if you stop breathing. You don't seem to be struggling that much, anyway!"

Eugene figured that no amount of begging would convince Olivia, so he lowered his arms and lifted the girl up before pinning her body on the couch. Along the way, Olivia still had her fingers around his chest, so the threat wasn't entirely eliminated. "Stop moving. You'll be dead meat if I strengthen my grip anymore."

"You can do what you want." Eugene leaned in to kiss her, but he couldn't reach her as she had held her arms out straight to keep him away. So instead, Eugene placed his arms around her waist where the edges of her clothes were. "Let go of me right now," he threatened.

"Would you dare to do that?" Olivia teased.

"Try me." Eugene pulled her clothes up a little higher. Only then did Olivia let go of his neck obediently. "It hurts! Give me a massage!" Eugene was requesting more now that he had leverage over her. Olivia moved her tiny hands over to massage his neck, but when she touched his skin, his whole body jolted as he started laughing.

Olivia stared at him as if she had just realized something groundbreaking. So... He's ticklish! She started chasing after him. "Come here! Let me give you a massage!" she cried.

Eugene ran away while he pleaded for mercy. "There's no need for that. I'm fine!"

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"Come in!" Olivia took a step back to let him in. "Is North home?" Nathan asked.

"Yeah. He's in his room. What is it? Did you have a fight with Kate?" Olivia asked after taking a look at his gloomy expression.

Nathan let out an exasperated sigh. "Kate broke up with me. She's dating Jasper now!" Olivia was shocked to hear this. "What did you say? How did she end up dating Jasper? What happened to you guys?" she asked. Nathan told her everything that happened between him and Kate at the hospital. "I have a gut feeling that tells me something's wrong about this matter. I've been looking for Melanie for the past two days, but I can't find her anywhere. This makes me feel like it was all a scheme. I want North to help me search for Melanie!"

Olivia's brows furrowed at his words. "So, you're saying that your phone was with Kate when you received a text from Melanie... But the number doesn't belong to Melanie at all. Instead, it's a WhatsApp number belonging to someone who applied for a job at your company... Is the person working with you already?"

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"No. His resume was perfect, so I told him to come to work the day after my interview. But he never showed up!" Nathan explained.

"Well," Olivia said harshly, "How could that person text you right when Kate was holding your phone? Don't tell me it was a coincidence—most of these coincidences are usually schemed and planned!" Nathan stared at Olivia helplessly. He, too, suspected that Melanie might have contacted him on some other anonymous account just to cause trouble between him and Kate. He thought that Melanie was trying to get revenge or make him look bad. However, he hadn't realized what Olivia pointed out.

Olivia's right. Even if Melanie was trying to get revenge, how did she know when Kate was holding onto my phone? If the phone had been in my hands, I might not have come clean with Kate immediately, but I would've blocked the number, at least. Kate never checks my phone, anyway. That means that the text had been timed to ensure that Kate would see it.

"Yeah. How did the person know that Kate was holding your phone?" Eugene asked. "Did someone place CCTVs in your car?"

"A tapping device would've been enough," Olivia commented. Nathan nodded aggressively. "Yeah. Kate was worried that it'd be dangerous for me to drive while using the phone, so she told me to drive and offered to help me with my phone!"

"Were you supposed to go to Melanie's house? Or did Melanie tell you to go somewhere else?" Olivia asked.

"I gave her a call, and she told me where to go!" Nathan explained. Olivia shot him a side-glare. "So... You have Melanie's phone number?"

"I got it from someone from our gaming team. She used to be really chatty, and she had a close relationship with the rest of the team," Nathan explained. "Does that mean that Melanie knew that Kate and Jasper were nearby? Was that why she hugged you from the back to cause a misunderstanding between you and Kate?" Olivia wondered.

Nathan nodded. "That's my guess, too. I hit her and snatched her phone over to check it, but I couldn't find any anonymous accounts inside," he said.

"What's the use of locating that anonymous account? Maybe she has two phones. But if what you said was true, then you were clearly set up by someone else. It's possible that there were more people involved in this matter—a single person couldn't have managed to handle such a complicated scheme. I bet that there was at least one other person who has been monitoring you and Kate!"

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"Because they wanted this to happen," Olivia replied.

"They wanted Kate and me to break up?" Nathan asked.

"Were you guys ever together?" Olivia shot him a cold stare. His face collapsed into one of embarrassment as he hung his head low and sighed. "Things were just starting to go well between us, but it's all gone now. I really don't know how to be with her anymore. She never trusted me from the start!"

Olivia rolled her eyes. "Is Kate a suspicious woman, or are you just too unreliable? You're a passionate and lively man who gives off amiable and generous energy. You're a loving boyfriend if you're warm to one person, but you're a centralized heater if you're nice to everyone! You need to set clear boundaries and differences in the way that you treat outsiders and the way you treat your girlfriend. You need to know what your limits are, and you need to do things that will make your girlfriend feel like she's special. Eugene did a better job than you in this aspect," she said."

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Olivia was both amused and speechless at the same time. Does he have to be so excited? Nathan stared at them. Do they have to do this? They're being all lovey-dovey in front of a heartbroken man!

"I didn't know anything about this back then, but after what happened with Gwen, I only hired men from then. I never took a look at another woman," Nathan explained. "Yeah. Kate will probably feel even more insecure after what happened with Melanie, so you'll need a lot of patience to go after her," Olivia commented.

Nathan sighed. "How am I supposed to go after her? Jasper's her boyfriend now."

"Oh," Olivia warned while giving him a cold gaze. "You can just ignore my words if you've never thought of going after her again!"

Nathan immediately reacted to those words. "I'm not saying that I don't want to go after her. I just don't know how!" he cried.

"Why don't you check if there's a tapping device on your phone first?" Olivia ordered. Nathan looked all over his phone, but he couldn't find anything. "Nope."

"Check your car next. If you find it somewhere, just leave it there. What matters is that we know where it is," Olivia said.

"Why are you doing this?" Nathan asked.

"Did you just ask her why? You're such an idiot," Eugene said while giving Nathan a disdainful glare. Nathan finally understood the reason after hearing Eugene's words. "Oh! I get it now. I'll go check my car."

After he left, Olivia turned to look at Eugene. "Is he really your nephew?" she asked.

"We are blood-related, I guess," Eugene muttered.

"He's nothing like you!" Olivia pouted. "What do you mean?" Eugene asked with a laugh.

"He's not as cruel and harsh as you!" she replied.

"Are you complimenting or criticizing me?" he asked.

"What do you think?" she asked in return.

"Well, our son's like me, anyway. So you can say whatever you want," Eugene replied. "You're so shameless," Olivia complained while glaring at him. He chuckled before grabbing her hand and rubbing it against his face. "What is there to be ashamed of in front of my girlfriend? You're all I want!" He leaned in and kissed her on the cheek after that.

Olivia couldn't bring herself to be angry at him, especially during times like this. So instead, she rolled her eyes playfully. "Did you manage to interrogate Andy today?"

Eugene nodded. "I brought him to Penny's place. After that, North found out about Nicole and Andy's relationship, so I brought Nicole over..."

Olivia was shocked. "Wait. Is Nicole related to Andy?"

"Didn't North tell you anything?" Eugene eyed her puzzledly.

"No. He was in his room the entire day."