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Olivia looked at him with a curl of her lip. "Didn't I tell you to lure them out? Didn't you do that?"

Nathan asked, "Lure them out? How?"

Olivia looked at him with a frown of disapproval, saying, "You're so f*cking stupid!"

Nathan replied, "Stop reproaching me, will you? All I can picture right now is Kate going out with Jasper. What if she falls in love with him?"

"Hasn't anyone asked you out on a date over the last couple of days?"

"Gwen asked me to make a computer program for her a few days ago. She then invited me to dinner, but I turned her down."

Olivia knitted her brows slightly. "Gwen? Didn't you fire her already?"

"Uh-huh, but she developed a game herself and asked me to help her with it."

Olivia grew suspicious deep down. She had only suspected Jasper at first, but could Gwen also be involved in this? "Does she also have a crush on you?"

Nathan replied, "No, I guess. I don't think she's got feelings for me."

Olivia didn't dwell on the subject. "What about the staff member that I asked you to keep tabs on?"

"There's nothing strange about him. He's been with us the whole time and always goes straight home after work."

Olivia asked with a frown, "Did you drop him a hint or something, then?"

Nathan asked, "What hint?"

Olivia was exasperated. "How is he gonna behave strangely if you don't drop him a hint?"

Nathan instantly realized what she meant. "Ah, I got it."

Olivia glared at him. "I wonder what Katie likes about you. Just leave work an hour early tomorrow and say that you have a date that evening. You'd better find a restaurant you rarely go to and let that staff member know the address. That way, whoever meets you there by chance might be the culprit who plotted the whole thing," she suggested. Then, she added, "Ah, never mind. I'll go with you tomorrow."

Nathan didn't take her comments to heart since he had gotten used to being lectured by her. Feeling immensely grateful as usual, he thanked her, saying, "Thank you so much, Olivia." Then, he asked, "Is North at home?"

Olivia pouted her lips in the direction of North's room. "He's in his room."

Nathan replied, "I'll go see him."

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After leaving North's room, Nathan saw Olivia and Eugene sitting on the couch. Eugene's hair was still wet; obviously, he'd just showered in Olivia's bathroom. He was wondering why Olivia's face was blushing just now, and here he is, thought Nathan. "Hi, Uncle."

"Mm-hmm," Eugene responded. "Have you found her?"

Nathan replied, "Yeah, I have. Olivia promised to lure the culprit out with me tomorrow. I'll go catch Melanie the day after tomorrow."

Eugene asked, "Is she really worth you doing that personally?"

Nathan was startled.

Seeing his dumbfounded expression, Eugene explained, "It's good enough to have somebody else catch her instead. If you do that in person, you'll have trouble explaining yourself when Kate learns about it. If you're not good at explaining yourself, you have to eliminate all possibilities for misunderstandings. Why does my girlfriend have to spend every single day worrying about you two?!"

Olivia curled her lips. Look how justified he sounds. He's the one who doesn't want Nathan to take up his time, but he puts the blame on me instead. She spoke while looking at Nathan. "I do hope that everything is well for you and Katie, but what your uncle said only represents his own views."

Eugene looked at her while giving her small hand a squeeze as punishment.

Olivia let out a coquettish snort while pulling her hand out of his grasp.

There was a kind of closeness about the couple that no one could interfere with as one of them put on a surly face while the other acted like a spoiled child in front of him. Their interaction was as amicable and unaffected as that between an old couple who had been married for years, but it seemed exceptionally sweet in the eyes of outsiders.

For some reason, Nathan felt jealous at the sight of this. He nodded heavily, saying, "I know that, and I won't give Katie any wrong ideas anymore. I gotta go."

After he left, Olivia glared at Eugene, who laughed at once before leaning his wet head toward her in good humor. He teased, "I used your shampoo. Take a sniff; does it smell as nice as you?"

Olivia gave him a shove in disgust. "Move away from me, you jerk. You're spattering water all over me."

To her dismay, Eugene purposely rubbed his head against her after she said that.

Olivia put her hands under his armpits, threatening, "Do you want me to tickle you again?"

Frightened, Eugene immediately sat back in place and looked at her with puppy-dog eyes.

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Olivia replied, 'If she doesn't get the wrong idea, how is the other person gonna get the wrong idea as well? Just chat with her for a while. She'll be leaving in a moment.'

Nathan got even more puzzled. 'What do you mean?'

Olivia ignored him while eating on her own.

Eugene asked, "Where did you find the actress?"

"Metrostar Entertainment."

"Why take so much trouble?"

"How can they be fooled if we don't make it seem real?"

Eugene nodded. Then, he said, "Their Caesar salad tastes pretty good. Let's order another serving and have it packaged so that we can take it home for our son."

Olivia replied, "Okay. The Swedish meatballs are nice, too."

Eugene replied, "Uh-huh."

The couple chatted as they ate.

Over ten minutes later, a man and a lady came in from the outside. The man carried himself like a gentleman with a formal smile on his face. He kept walking a step behind the right side of the lady, and his eyes were fixed on her.

The lady also had a smile on her face, but it was obvious that her smile had a hint of affectedness to it.

They were none other than Jasper and Kate.

In reality, Olivia was somewhat disappointed when she saw them. Their arrival only went to prove Jasper's involvement in this. Otherwise, why would they also show up here so coincidentally? She exchanged a helpless look with Eugene.

Eugene picked up some food and put it onto her plate. He advised, "Well, what he does is kind of unscrupulous, but his purpose is understandable. He just wants to become a couple with Kate, that's all."

Olivia snorted. "However much he wants to do that, he shouldn't come between a couple to achieve his purpose. That's mean."

Eugene couldn't help but chuckle. "Look how angry you are. That's your point of view, but from Jasper's point of view, Nathan is his love rival—and a love rival who has mistreated Kate at that. He's resorted to some desperate measures to make decisions for her, and it's obvious that his trick has worked. It's just that he's too greedy. He wants Kate to have a clearer view of the situation, only to play into your

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Nathan clapped a hand over his slapped cheek with a dumbfounded expression. Baffled, he shot a glance at Olivia, who gave him a look to signal him to run after the woman.

Nathan took another look at Kate before looking at the woman who had long gone. Then, he finally ran after the latter.

Seeing him leave the restaurant, Kate secretly heaved a sigh of relief before looking up at Jasper. "Did you bring me here on purpose?"

Jasper was startled. For a moment, he was unsure how to reply.

Kate then asked, "You wanted me to see Nathan dating another woman here, didn't you?" Seeing his hesitation, she added, "I hate it when someone lies to me!"

Jasper took a deep breath before meeting her gaze with a nod. "Yes, I did. I want you to see that such a guy isn't worthy of—"

Before he could finish his sentence, Kate asked, "It was also on purpose that you took me to that hotpot restaurant last time, right?"

Jasper looked at her in surprise. "How did you know that?"

Kate looked at him with a flicker of disappointment in her eyes. "Even if I didn't agree to go out with you, I still think of you as a friend." In other words, she was disappointed with him for trying to deceive his friend.

Jasper suddenly felt unsettled. He anxiously explained, "Katie, this is all because I love you so much. And besides, that Nathan guy treats you badly, and it makes me feel bad to see you being so upset every single day. I've been thinking about why I'm not the one who takes care of you. I definitely won't leave you so heartbroken. That's why I agreed to cooperate when she found me."

Kate stood up. "I'm not feeling well, so I'm going back," she said before attempting to leave at once.

Jasper hurriedly grabbed her. "Let me send you home, then."

"It's not necessary." Kate shook him off again.

Just as she was about to leave, she heard Olivia shouting at her. "Katie..."

She was surprised. "Why are you here?"

Olivia replied with a grin, "President Nolan is treating me to dinner!"

Eugene looked at them before suggesting, "Have you eaten? Why not join us if you haven't?"

Olivia stood up and dragged her to the table. "Come on, join us." Then, she said to Jasper, "You too, Mr. Greenwood."

Jasper didn't want to leave like that in the first place, and all the more so when Olivia and Eugene were inviting him to join them for dinner. The couple's social status alone was enough reason for him to not decline their invitation, not to mention the fact that they were Kate's friends. "Okay," he said with a smile before seating himself next to Kate.

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After everyone seated themselves, Nathan finally sneaked a glance at Kate. Please don't get the wrong idea. I had nothing to do with Gwen, he thought. Then, he shot an imploring look at Olivia. If even she

can't explain the situation, I'll be finished.

This is so screwed up, thought Olivia. Looking at everyone, she said with a smile, "I didn't expect to run into so many acquaintances at such an obscure restaurant. Are you guys regulars here? Why don't you guys recommend a few of their signature dishes?"

Everyone was silent, but Jasper spoke. "We don't come here often. In fact, Katie and I are here on purpose today."

Olivia looked up at him. Is he going to be honest? All of a sudden, her opinion of him improved considerably. Well, that's quite responsible of him. She lowered her head while asking with feigned nonchalance, "Oh, you're here because of a friend's recommendation too?"

Jasper looked up at Nathan. "I heard that Nathan had a date here, so I brought Katie here to show her how much of a jerk the man she loves is."

The instant Nathan heard this, he sprang to his feet in anger. Pointing at Jasper, he swore, "What the heck does it have to do with you? Would Katie and I have come to this stage in our relationship if it weren't for you?"

Jasper didn't look the slightest bit irritated. Instead, he looked up with penetrating eyes. "Am I the one who got you and Katie to where you are today? Aren't you the one who pushed her toward me by hurting her again and again?"

Taking a deep breath in anger, Katie said, "Alright, that's enough! Stop quarreling, you two. Whoever I go out with is my own decision. It has nothing to do with anyone!"

Olivia handed the menu in her hand to the waiter before saying slowly, "Calm down, everyone. Eugene and I have also heard about the falling-out between Katie and Nathan. It's rare for us to be sitting at the

same table today, so let's say whatever you want to say without hiding anything. As for who is suitable for Katie or not, I think she knows that in her heart."

Jasper looked at Kate. "Katie, just think about what this guy has done to you. Whenever you met him, you'd end up coming back bloodied emotionally. Didn't you have a good time with me over the last couple of days?"

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Olivia couldn't help but laugh. "It's pointless to keep playing dumb at this point, don't you think?"

Gwen's face turned pale, but she argued, "How could I be the friend Mr. Greenwood was referring to? He and I didn't know each other before."

Olivia took in a breath. "Why are you here, then?"

"I'm here to have dinner with a friend, but he flaked on me."

"What a coincidence. By 'friend,' are you referring to Danny?"

Gwen frowned. "This is my own business."

Olivia replied, "Your own business? Is it your own business to have him plant a bug in Nathan's car?"

Flustered, Gwen yelled at her in anger, "Cut that nonsense! Who planted a bug in his car?"

While everyone else was shocked by their words, Eugene's face darkened perceptibly. How can she talk to my girlfriend like that? He looked at her, saying, "What are you yelling for?"

The seemingly impassive words chilled the atmosphere in the private room at once. For a moment, everyone studied Eugene's expression gingerly without making a sound.

Eugene looked at Gwen expressionlessly. "Just seize the opportunity when it's given to you. What's the use of arguing unreasonably?"

Gwen bit her lip without saying another word.

Olivia said, "Actually, we invited you guys to sit down and settle the matter privately because you guys are usually friendly with Nathan and Katie. We understand your purpose, but it's really a waste of time to keep saying the same thing over and over again, no? Eugene and I wouldn't be sitting here if we had no evidence. Since you guys don't want to fess up on your own, let's wait a moment instead. Melanie is almost here, I suppose." She darted a look at Eugene. "Is she?"

Eugene raised his watch and glanced at it. "Uh-huh. She'll be here in ten minutes."

Olivia looked at everyone. "Let's wait another ten minutes, then."

Gwen panicked at once. Hasn't Melanie left Summer City already? Have they found her? Don't tell me everything that happened this evening isn't a coincidence but a result of premeditation? Her heart thumped wildly as blood instantly drained from her face. Oh, no! I'm finished!

Kate curled her lips into a sneer. To think there are some people who've done so much for us to break up.

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Seeing how she didn't make a sound, Jasper felt even more insecure. He leaned closer to her somewhat ingratiatingly, saying, "Katie, don't be mad at me, okay?"

Nathan's eyes had been fixed on Jasper since he sat down. Seeing how the latter whispered something to Katie and how his head was about to touch hers, he could no longer restrain himself. Flying into a rage, he stood up, walked straight up to Jasper, and seized the latter by the collar while glaring at him ferociously. "How dare you act lovey-dovey with Katie in front of me after breaking us up with such a mean trick? How dare you ignore my presence?"

Before Jasper could fight back, Kate immediately grabbed Nathan's arm. "Let go of him. Who did you say was acting lovey-dovey just now?"

Nathan turned to look at her in disbelief. "How could you still defend him? Didn't you hear that he'd driven a wedge between us on purpose?"

Kate glowered at him. "Why don't you say instead that so many things have happened because of all the mess you created?"

Nathan gave a self-deprecating laugh before nodding heavily with a heartbroken look in his eyes. "Fine. Even if I'm responsible for that, isn't he responsible too? It's this guy you're defending who conspired with them to break us up!"

Kate shoved him away before replying furiously, "When have we ever been in a relationship?"

Silenced completely by the question, Nathan felt he was being pushed into a bottomless abyss. She's right. When have we ever been in a relationship? He stared at her while feeling unable to breathe for a long time as though he had been stabbed in the heart. "So, you have made your decision?"

"It's got nothing to do with you. If you have time to deal with someone else, why don't you think about what you did wrong?"

Nathan looked at her. His eyes reddened instantly, and his voice hoarsened at once. "Katie, will you never forgive this for life?"

Kate looked at him while taking a deep breath in silence. In the end, however, she didn't say anything.

They stood confronting each other in silence as both of them refused to budge.

Just then, Olivia said, "Nathan, why don't you sit down?"

Looking at her with a wry smile, Nathan replied, "What else can I say? I've been unable to sleep over the last few days. I did whatever I could every single day to find the culprit who set us up, and now I've found them, but what's the use of it? What's the use of me taking so much trouble to find the culprit?"

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However, Nathan bent down and grabbed her hair as though he didn't hear her reply. Then, he smashed her head against the table with a loud thud, causing the cutlery on the table to fall all over the place with a clatter. "You didn't remember your lesson at all. You just have to make me kill you, don't you?"

The waiter outside came over when he heard the noise, but the bodyguards chased him out of the room in a ferocious manner and slammed the door shut.

Knitting her brows, Olivia said, "Nathan, sit down first!"

Nathan held Melanie down while breathing heavily for a long time before throwing her aside. Then, he looked up and fixed Gwen with a piercing gaze. "What else do you have to say?" he said while walking step by step toward her. I was wondering why I could run into her every single time so coincidentally. Turns out she's the one who plotted this in secret.

Gwen felt incredibly nervous. Nathan is too savage. Don't tell me he's gonna do the same to me? She bit her lower lip, and her eyes filled with tears before she could speak.

Taking advantage of his height, Nathan looked down at her as if he didn't notice the tears in her eyes. "Why did you do this?"

Gwen was panic-stricken deep down. Feeling aggrieved, she replied tearfully, "You fired me for Kate's sake, but do you know that I applied for the job because of you?"

Nathan narrowed his eyes in surprise. In reality, he had indeed been suspicious when Gwen said she was the heiress to the Hudson Corporation. The Hudson Corporation was a large company, so there was no reason for her parents to let her work at his company. However, she said at the time that she applied for the job because of her fondness for games, and he hired her after seeing that she had a pretty high number of actions per minute. Who would've thought that she'd be after him? He looked at her with chilly eyes. "So what?"

Gwen sobbed, "I'd set up so many 'chance' encounters with you, but you were cool toward me every single time. I love you and want to win your heart, but it's really too difficult. After that, I had someone look into you and learned of Melanie's presence. I also learned that Kate quarreled with you because of her, so I let my cousin apply for the job. After you successfully added me on social media, I purposely

sent that message to you so that you'd definitely be out for her scalp. Then, I had Jasper take Kate to the hotpot restaurant and make her see Melanie pestering you so that she'd certainly break up with you. Without her, you'd slowly accept me in the end!"

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Kate shoved him away at once. "If you did draw the line, would you give your bank card to a woman to whom you were cool?"

Nathan was dumbfounded by her question. "Who did I give it to?"

Kate sneered. "Nathan, you're well-known for being stingy, and yet you have no idea to whom you gave your bank card. Don't tell me you've given your bank cards to a lot of women!"

Nathan suddenly had a flash of inspiration. He turned to look at Gwen right away, asking, "It's you?"

Gwen shuddered all over for a moment. Not daring to meet his gaze, she lowered her head, fearing that he'd hit her again. "I-I didn't tell Kate about that."

Kate turned to look at Gwen. "You didn't tell me about that, but you let me see it!" she said while turning to look at Nathan. "I met her at the shopping mall the other day. While paying the bill, I knocked off her credit card by accident. After I helped her pick it up out of courtesy, I saw your name on the card. When she saw me staring at her credit card, she said with a sweet smile, 'The name doesn't seem like a feminine name, doesn't it? It's my boyfriend's card, actually.' I was angry at the time, but put it out of my mind soon after that. You're so stingy, so how could you give your card to someone else? Perhaps

you've lost the card, or perhaps she stole it from you. But never did I think that you actually gave her that card!" She instinctively took a step back while looking at him with a smile. "How could you blame her for overthinking it? You even gave her your bank card!"

Nathan's face turned as pale as a sheet. He quickly explained, "No, no, no, that wasn't the case. You left with Jasper at the time, but she and the members of our game team insisted that I should have dinner with them and pay the bill. How could I be in the mood for dinner at the time? So, I gave her one of my bank cards and said that I'd foot the bill. I just wanted to send them away as soon as possible, actually."

Kate nodded. "I can understand your reasons, but can you guarantee that the person who received your bank card would think the same as you did? She'd think that you were treating her as someone close to you. Nathan, you're nice to anyone, and you can have countless reasons for having to do so. But what I want is a man who can reverse everything he has to do because of me alone!"

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"Actually, it's not all bad that such a thing happened. At least it makes us learn to reflect on our mistakes and take responsibility for what we've each done. I didn't let you touch him because it was my fault. I'm aware of his feelings for me, and I didn't accept him, but I didn't explicitly turn him down either. Today..." Kate said before turning to look at Jasper. "Sorry, Jasper. I know you're nice to me and have helped me a lot. You kept me company when I was so heartbroken, which was why I couldn't harden my heart to turn you down. However, I can't lie to myself. I tried it, but I really don't have feelings for you. I can understand what happened today. Perhaps you had good intentions as you said, so I didn't let Nathan touch you, and I won't pursue the matter. From today onward, let's not keep in touch anymore. We're not a couple, nor are we friends."

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Eugene couldn't help but chuckle while leaning back in his chair in a relaxed manner. He grabbed her hand and toyed with it, pinching each of her fingertips with rapt attention.

Olivia was both speechless and amused. Does he have nothing to play with?

Jasper didn't expect Kate to be so cruel. Not only did she break up with him, but she didn't even give him the opportunity to be friends with her! "Katie—"

Kate said to him, "You'd better call me Miss Thomas from now on. Mr. Greenwood, you may leave now."

Jasper looked at her. "Can't we remain as friends?"

Kate shook her head. "No, we can't." Being friends with a man who I know has designs on me is no different than tacitly accepting his advances, no?

Jasper closed his eyes slightly with a look of regret. I shouldn't have been too greedy. However, now that Kate had said so, he didn't have to keep pestering her any longer, nor would his upbringing allow him to keep bothering her. "Okay, Katie. This is the last time I'm calling you that... I wish you happiness!"

Kate gave him a slight nod. "Thank you."

Jasper left.

The room instantly went silent as no one spoke.

Nathan finally understood why Kate didn't let him hit Jasper. In reality, he had no right to hit the latter. Jasper was the person who stayed by her side when she was heartbroken, whereas he was the one who hurt her. This alone was enough reason for him to lose.

On the other hand, he owed neither Gwen nor Melanie a favor, nor did he have any reason to turn them down. It was just that he didn't realize that by not turning down a woman who had feelings for himself, he'd give her an opportunity to go one step further, and this would only hurt the woman he loved. At the moment, he was merely relying on Kate's feelings for him. Had she relented just now, she'd no longer be his girlfriend.

At the thought of this, he suddenly saw the light and came to his senses at once. He felt aggrieved, but why should he feel aggrieved? Could he feel more aggrieved than she did? After taking a deep breath, he stepped toward Kate.

Kate frowned while taking a step back with each step he took toward her. "What are you doing?"

Nathan swept her into his arms immediately. "Sorry, it was my fault. I'll definitely keep my distance from them in the future."