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Did she think that Evan would side with her?

Sylphiette panicked and put on the most pitiful look she could manage.

"Evan, she hit me and didn't even apologize! You ought to stand up for me!" she whined.

However, Evan pretended not to hear her and merely repeated his question. "Why did you hit her?"

Weren't you satisfied with the reason I gave you just now? Nicole thought, exasperated.

"I just wanted to beat someone up. Is that an acceptable reason?" she asked.

Evan shivered as his eyes glinted dangerously. So that's her true form!

That's the Nicole Lane I knew!

"Apologize!" he demanded, staring straight into her eyes.

Nicole glanced at him. "I did nothing wrong."

Didn't you just beat someone up? Stop trying to deny your crimes!

You shouldn't be going around slapping everyone that gets in your way until their face swells up!

"Evan, Nicole was..."

"I said apologize!"

Before Sylphiette could accuse Nicole any further, Evan cut her off and continued to glare at Nicole intensely.

Nicole clenched her fists. "I don't think it's appropriate for me to apologize without explaining myself first, Mr. Seet. Why don't you listen to my side of the story first?"

Evan froze. "Go on."

With that, Nicole recounted their showdown to him in great detail, much to Sylphiette's dismay. The latter tried to cut in a few times, only to be stopped by Evan over and over again.

When she was done, Nicole looked up and stared into Evan's eyes. "She was the one who wrongfully accused and insulted me, Mr. Seet. Don't you think she deserved it?"

Evan stared back, befuddled. After a while, he asked, "Are you sure it wasn't just a misunderstanding?"

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Nicole froze, unable to answer him.

"It's not a misunderstanding!" Sylphiette said. "I knew you had feelings for Mr. Seet, Nicole!"

Nicole felt uneasy as the gazes of Evan and Sylphiette bore into her like lasers. She turned away and gripped the corner of her shirt with her left hand tightly, looking guilty.

Evan did not give up. "Is she telling the truth?"

Nicole forced herself to stay calm, giving him a light smile. "That's not true. You have my utmost respect, Mr. Seet, but not romantic feelings."

Won't it be hypocritical of me to say that I have feelings for him?

I'll never hear the end of it from Sylphiette if I told them that I'm interested in him...

The last thing Nicole wanted was for people to look down upon her or be inconvenienced because of her own feelings.

She had nothing but her best wishes for the boy.

Meanwhile, Evan's face darkened the moment Nicole spoke those words. A cold glint flashed in his eyes.

He turned to Sylphiette. "Don't worry. I'll never fall in love with her no matter what."

I'll never fall in love with her no matter what...

How rude!

Nicole had not expected to hear those exact words again in such a short period of time.

She winced as a sharp pain tore through her heart, though she fought to keep her composure in front of Evan and Sylphiette. On the other hand, Sylphiette was elated to hear those words from Evan.

She turned around and pretended to give Nicole a sorrowful look. "Looks like I had the wrong idea about you, Nicole. Is there someone else in your heart that's more important than Evan?"

Nicole frowned. How did she know?

Why does she care anyway?

"That is none of your business," she replied.

While Nicole was busy getting confused by Sylphiette's question, the gears in Evan's head began to turn.

Could that person be...Maya and Nina's father?