What exactly am I to her?

Evan sighed as he stood straight by the window in the cold wind, without moving for a long time.

Since then, Evan didn't return to Imperial Garden for a few days. Apart from working, he slept in Hillside Villa, and only visited his kids at Seet Residence occasionally.

When Nina saw him, she asked expectantly, "When will we return to Imperial Garden to live with Mommy?"

Wearing a cold face, he fell silent for a while. Then, he brushed her off by telling her that Nicole was busy at work.

He did not mention anything else about Nicole.

Noticing that something was off about him, Sophia wondered if it was because he had a fight with Nicole.

Therefore, she called Nicole after he left.

"How are you, Nicole? The kids miss you."

"Mrs. Seet, can you let them come to live with me?"

Living alone in the empty yet huge Imperial Garden, she was kept awake by loneliness at night.

From her tone of voice, Sophia sensed that she was down in the dumps. She originally wanted to let her have a good rest for a few days, but seeing that she missed her kids so much, Sophia thought for a while and agreed to her request.

"Okay. You can pick them up at the kindergarten after school later in the afternoon. I won't ask Davin to pick them up then."

"No problem. Thanks, Mrs. Seet."

After school, Nicole brought her kids back to Imperial Garden.

The deserted house came to life as the kids filled it with their laughter.

Nicole also felt her cold heart turning warm. She asked the kids what they would like to eat tonight as she was going to make dinner for them.

"Mommy, I wanna eat more vegetables. Grandma always makes us eat meat, and has fattened me up."

As Nina spoke, she rubbed her tummy that was still flat.

Maya took a look at her, and then at her belly bulge which had turned even rounder. "Mommy, I also want to eat vegetables."

Juan and Kyle glanced at each other. What's the point of eating only vegetables?

"Mommy, should we ask Daddy to get us some food?"

After Juan finished speaking, Kyle nodded his head, thinking it was a good idea.

Nicole's face sank. "Your daddy won't be coming back tonight."

"He won't?"

Didn't grandma say that the purpose of sending us to live in Imperial Garden for a few days is to let Daddy and Mommy bond so that they can give us more siblings?

Is it a lie?

"Mommy, why won't Daddy be coming back?" Maya asked, blinking her big clear eyes.

With an expressionless face, Nicole said flatly, "Just ignore him!"

"Call Daddy and ask him to come back. I wanna play with him."

The expressionless Nicole suddenly looked up at Maya with a serious expression, and told her, "Don't call him. Don't ask him to come back!"

The kids were at a loss for words as they looked at each other, feeling puzzled.

What happened?

Why does Mommy get angry at the mention of Daddy?

Looking at the clueless faces of the four kids, Nicole realized that she came on too strong just now, which would be a bad influence for the kids.

She thought for a while and cleared her throat before explaining, "Daddy is busy with work, so he has no time to come back here."

Doubts appeared on the puzzled faces of the kids.

Maya spread her two little chubby hands naturally. "Is Daddy so busy that he doesn't eat and sleep?"

"How is that possible? Daddy isn't Iron Man!"

"That's right. Call Daddy and ask him to take good care of himself, and to come back to eat and sleep. If he gets sick, we'll be even busier having to go to school while taking care of him."

Like an adult, Nina crossed her arms with a worried look on her face as she even rolled her eyes.

Juan immediately took out his smartwatch, quickly dialed Evan's number, and waited for him to answer.

Nicole was rendered speechless.

What smart kids I have.

She wished to give herself a slap on the mouth. Why did I say that he's busy with work? I should've directly said that he's on a business trip.

Meanwhile, Evan picked up the call. "What's the matter?"

"Daddy, come back to Imperial Garden for dinner. Mommy has prepared the food you like, and is waiting for you to come back."

Nicole widened her eyes in shock. How can this brat say that I'm waiting for him when I'm not? I also didn't prepare dinner for him!

Evan was a little surprised on the other end of the line. Then, he thought that perhaps absence made the heart grow fonder, and that Nicole had thought it through and recalled how good he was. That's why she asks the kid to call me and ask me to go home?

Since she's prepared the food I like and is so sincere, there is no reason for me not to go back.

Although we're mad at each other, we can't be giving each other the silent treatment forever.

The important thing was that he missed her a lot after not seeing her for a few days.

After thinking for a while, he replied, "Okay, I'll go back after I'm done with work."

"Daddy, you have to hurry. Mommy wants to see you right away." Juan grinned and hung up the phone.

Nicole looked down at Juan with her arms folded in a condescending stance. She didn't expect him to have gotten better at lying after not seeing him for several days. She also noticed that he did not even blush at all.

"Juan, is your heart racing?"

Juan was silent for a moment before he shook his head, wondering why would she ask so.

"I really want to know, from whom did you learn the ability to lie through your teeth?"

Juan darted his eyes about while thinking. "Maybe... it's genetic."

Genetic.

This makes sense too.

He gets the gene from his Daddy, Evan the liar.

"Alright, go and play. I'm going to cook."

"Okay, Mommy, Daddy will be back for dinner in a while, so you can cook more delicious food."

"Mommy, Daddy likes to eat meat."

"You can do it, Mommy."

After the kids encouraged her, they ran into the toy room with excitement.

Standing in the kitchen with a gloomy face, Nicole cooked while nagging, Would I cook for him if it weren't for the kids? Not a chance!

After she heaved a sigh, various kinds of unpalatable dishes popped into her mind, and she immediately had an idea.

Although I have to put on a show of affection in front of the kids, I can still secretly do something to make my bruised heart feel more comfortable.

With this thought in mind, she secretly praised herself for her intelligence.

At the same time, a drama was playing out at The Passion.

Staring at Sheila, Davin gritted his teeth and said, "I've checked. You're the one who pretended to be the waitress to mess with me a few days ago!"

"What nonsense are you talking about? It's not me!" Sheila thought of her extreme behavior that day and refused to admit it.

Davin snorted coldly and yanked her over. "Don't want to admit it? Come here, and please look at the screen—"

The CCTV footage of everything that happened that day was playing on the screen.

She appeared in the footage. It was irrefutable.

Faced with the evidence, Sheila was stunned. She did not mind that Davin had found out about it, as he was the one in the wrong for seeing another woman behind her back. She had overreacted a little that time, but she was forced to, and it was excusable.

Thinking of this, she thumped her chest and instantly take a fearless stance.

"You're right. I was the one who messed with you that day! But I don't think I'm wrong. If you think I am, we shall go to your parents and sort it out."

Sheila looked at him with her chin raised. Recalling Sophia, who was open-minded and impartial, she was full of confidence.

When Davin heard her suggestion of going to his parents, his face instantly sank.

"Sheep, I'm warning you that you're not allowed to tell anyone about this."

"Hah, you still have a sense of shame when everyone knows that you're a womanizer? Really?"

As she spoke, she shot him an extremely contemptuous look.

Then, she went on to say that she would complain to Mr. Russell and Jonathan so that the Seets could teach him a lesson.

"Stop your nonsense, Sheep. I went to see the woman that day because I've been investigating something important."

"Liar!" Sheila rolled her eyes at him with disbelief written all over her face.

Davin glanced around carefully before pulling Sheila into another room. After which, he told her about everything that happened that day for the sake of his reputation and to avoid punishment by his parents and grandfather.

"Are you for real? It's because you're investigating Zane's fake death?"

"I promise that everything I said is true! I swear!"

Looking at his serious face, Sheila fell into deep thought. If that's the case, I've misunderstood Davin. Does it mean Nicole has also misunderstood Evan?

Will it affect their relationship?

Should I tell Nicole? But Davin doesn't allow me to tell anyone about Zane, so how should I tell her?

Imperial Garden.

Evan parked his Maybach in the garage, got out of the car, and walked to the living room eagerly.

He hadn't returned in the past few days. From his hurried footsteps, it could be seen that he had missed Nicole a lot.

After walking inside the living room, he found no one there.

He walked in the direction of the noise and saw his kids having fun in the toy room.

Kyle, who spotted him standing at the door, immediately walked toward him.

"Daddy."

When Maya heard it, she ran toward him and opened her arms, wanting him to carry her.

"Daddy, I'm gaining weight again. I don't wanna eat meat for dinner. I wanna eat vegetables."

"Sure!" Evan's eyes were filled with fatherly love as he reached out to pinch her cute and chubby cheek. "I'll take you out for a walk tonight, okay?"

Thinking of the exhaustion and panting from walking, Maya hesitated.

While Nina was all for it.

"Daddy, I agree to go for a walk after dinner. I'm also too fat now. I want to lose weight."

Maya glanced at Nina, who was thin as a rake, and then at her chubby self, with her mouth wide open.

Does the skinny one actually complain of being fat in front of the fat one? Does she not care about my feelings?

Nina must have said so on purpose!

No. I also want to lose weight. One day, I will become thinner than Nina, and then say the same thing in front of her!

"Daddy, I wanna take a long walk after dinner. I wanna be skinny too."

Looking at Maya, who sought to become better, Evan nodded in satisfaction. "No problem. Where there's a will, there's a way. I believe that you'll definitely be able to lose weight."

Maya gave a firm nod of her head.

Then, Nicole was heard announcing that it was time for dinner.

After coming out of the toy room with the kids, Evan specifically observed Nicole's attitude toward him.

Unexpectedly, she didn't even glance at him as she took the kids to wash their hands.

Why does she still treat me this way after asking me to come back?

Evan frowned. While in a daze, he was urged by Juan to eat.

Looking at the dishes on the table, he thought, Maybe Nicole has a strong character and is embarrassed to make peace with me, so all this food should be her way of demonstrating her goodwill.

Evan washed his hands and sat down on his seat.

Glancing at him who was sitting next to her, Nicole began to serve the kids some food.

He looked at the soup before him, feeling something was off.

After tasting it, he cursed inwardly, What the f\*ck! It's so sour. She must have secretly added some vinegar.

Judging from how sour it is, she must have added a great amount of it.

It was hard for him to finish it.

Seeing that the kids were eating happily, he glanced at Nicole and chose to tolerate it, for fear of affecting the kids' mood.

"Daddy, have some of the food here. The food Mommy makes is very delicious."

Evan nodded his head. When he reached out to take some of the mushrooms, Nicole reacted quickly and took them before he did.

In a moment of panic, she simply picked up the plate, divided the mushrooms among the kids, and scooped the remaining content into her bowl.

Finally, she placed the dinner plate in front of Evan, looked at the star anise and ginger slices left on the plate, and said politely, "Please enjoy your meal, Mr. Seet."

Is she making me eat the condiments?

Does she really want to make peace with me?

Evan suddenly realized that he had misunderstood as it dawned on him that Nicole asked him to come back not because she had missed him, but because she wanted to prank him!

Initially, he wanted to put down the cutlery and leave but he had promised to accompany the kids for a walk. *I can't break my promise, can I*?

After saying that he was done, he walked to the living room to wait for the kids there.

"Why does Daddy eat so little?"

"Should we give Daddy an apple? I saw a big apple in the kitchen with the size of my face."

Nodding his head, Kyle ran to the kitchen to get the apple and brought it to Evan.

"Daddy, this apple is very sweet. Try it."

Evan, who had been starving after a whole day of work, looked at the cleaned apple and took it.

"Go and eat. After that, I'll take you for a walk."

"Okay."

Kyle gave him a look of sympathy as he nodded and walked to the dining room.

Evan took a bite of the apple. While he was chewing with gusto, he suddenly heard Nicole's voice as she threw a punch toward his face. Being caught off guard, he saw the apple in his hand fall to the ground.

He glanced at the poor apple lying on the ground and then shot an angry look at Nicole.

"This apple is getting on my nerves. I really can't help but want to punch it. Sorry," said Nicole furiously.

Is the apple the one getting on her nerves or me?

Evan stared at her with a cold look on his face and commented seriously, "You're so good at upsetting others."

Proudly accepting his remark, she flashed him a brazen smile. "Thanks, Mr. Seet."

When the kids came out of the dining room, they asked Evan to take them for a walk.

He got up and walked past Nicole as he gritted his teeth and said, "I'll make you pay when I come back!"

After speaking, he walked out of the living room with the four kids.

Feeling unresigned, Nicole glared at him as he walked away.

"I'm not scared of you. Do you think you can frighten me by threatening to feed me to the fish? You wish!"

This was because she had already checked the pond. It was not deep enough to drown her, and there was also no big fish in it, but merely a school of small fish as well as a turtle.

Recalling how upset he looked, Nicole felt better thinking that she had gotten her revenge.

After I'm done venting the anger in my heart, I'll get a good place, and leave with the kids to go somewhere far away from him, who's the heartless, promiscuous pervert!

Thinking of this, she smiled at herself triumphantly, feeling that she had the upper hand over Evan.

She believed that she would not fall into his hands.

However, this kind of self-righteous pride only lasted for a few minutes as she soon received a call that made it come crashing down.

It was a call from Sheila, who had only decided to make the call after having deliberated for the entire evening.

She first sounded her out on her relationship with Evan.

Upon knowing that she had the idea of parting ways with him, Sheila realized the severity of the situation. Thus, she clenched her fingers and made up her mind to tell her everything.

"What did you say, Sheila?"

Did she say that Zane is still alive and that Evan is investigating it?

How could it be?

Could the photo of the mass of bleeding flesh be fake?

Sheila said hesitantly, "Nicole, d-don't tell them I told you. I ignore Davin's warning and tell you secretly. You must keep this a secret! "

"Is everything you said true?"

She still could not believe it.

"Yes!" Sheila swore, "If you don't believe me, I'll swear. If I've lied, I will-"

"Alright. Alright. I trust you!"

"Nicole, Mr. Seet has really treated you good enough, so you should treat him better, otherwise your conscience will hurt!"

After hanging up the phone, Nicole thought through the words Sheila had said.

If Zane is still alive, does it mean that I have been wrong about Evan?

But, why doesn't he explain himself?

Looking at the apple that Evan had barely eaten and was now in the trash can, she thought of how she had prevented him from taking his dinner, and how she had bitten him a few days ago. Suddenly, a surge of guilt overwhelmed her.

She gave herself a slap in the face.

Considering that Evan has taken the kids downstairs for a walk, do I still have a chance to do something to make amends during this period?

Downstairs.

Evan was ascending the stairs slowly while holding Maya's hands.

"I'm tired, Daddy. Carry me." Maya acted like a baby as she pouted.

Squatting down, Evan put his hands on her shoulders, looked at her with eyes filled with fatherly love, and encouraged her, "You can do it, Maya! Don't give up. We'll go back to sleep after this, okay?"

"You can do it, Maya."

"Don't give up, Maya."

Kyle and Juan also encouraged her. As though she had gained strength from them, she gave a firm nod after a moment of silence.

With the phrase "you can do it" in mind, she continued walking while holding Evan's hand.

When they reached the living room, a sweet smile beamed across her face.

"Let's do this again tomorrow, Daddy."

"Sure. You did a good job, Maya!"

"Maya, you're so amazing."

"You'll definitely become thinner if you persevere, Maya."

"Thanks, Kyle, Juan."

Juan and Kyle beamed at her, whereas Nina gave her the most beautiful hair clip.

"This is my reward to you. For every three days that you persevere, I'll give you a gift."

Maya suddenly felt that Nina was so nice to her.

Blinking her big clear eyes, she accepted her gift and flashed her a cute smile. "Thanks, Nina."

"Let's go. I'll tuck you in."

Looking at his kids walking back to the bedroom, Evan felt his heart swelling with happiness.

Turning around, he saw Nicole standing at the door of the master bedroom. The smile tugging at the corners of his eyes instantly vanished as a cold look appeared on his face.

That's right. There are still some issues that I need to settle with Nicole!

Lowering her head, Nicole walked up to him like a kid who had made a mistake and flashed him an ingratiating smile.

Evan frowned slightly in surprise.

Then, Nicole reached out, wanting to hold his hand.

Her sudden change of attitude put him on his guard.

He even doubted whether there was something hidden in her hand, or what she was up to.

He swiftly put his arms behind him and looked at her warily.

Nicole was extremely uncomfortable with the look in his eyes.

However, she did not mind as she had wronged him first, so she thought she had brought this upon herself.

"Are you hungry? I've prepared something delicious for you. Let me take you to eat."

Evan asked with a cold face, "Did you cook a pot of condiments for me?"

Umm.

I shouldn't have given him ginger slices and star anise during dinner just now.

"No, I promise."

Evan was stunned. Following her, he wanted to see what other tricks she was going to pull on him.

When they were in the dining room, Nicole placed the creamy potato soup and two side dishes in front of him.

"Eat it while it's still warm! If you don't like it, I can make you other food."

Seeing how subservient and ingratiating Nicole was, Evan stared straight at the food in front of him in suspicion.

There is something fishy about this.

What exactly is she up to?

He cautiously picked up the spoon and stirred the soup. It was the real deal as it did not seem to be mixed with something else. He tasted it and found that it was authentic and tasty.

However...

"Tell me. Why are you suddenly being so good to me?"

Otherwise, he could not enjoy the food at ease.

After thinking for a while, Nicole looked at him with affection as she replied, "You're the father of my kids, so I should be good to you."

"I'm their father too before this. Why weren't you being good to me then?"

Nicole was stumped by his question.

Sheila has told me not to betray her, so I'd better not tell him about my previous misunderstanding toward him!

What reason should I tell him then?

Taking a deep breath, Nicole decided to look at him with a shy expression as she replied, "Umm, what if I tell you that I can't help but want to be nice to you from the bottom of my heart? Would you believe me?"

She can't help but prank me.

After that, she can't help but treat me well.