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Nicole nodded cooperatively before she asked about Evan's health.

"Mr. Seet? He's perfectly fine," answered the doctor as he put his medical equipment away.

Perfectly fine?

"Isn't he poisoned and is in critical condition? How is that perfectly fine?"

The doctor didn't say anything.

Poisoned? Mr. Seet was poisoned? Why am I unaware of that?

"You don't need to lie to me. I know everything, doctor. Evan is poisoned and is gravely ill..."

The doctor was stunned.

The confused doctor didn't dare to say anything, so he lied about going to check on Evan before he left Nicole's room.

When the doctor saw Evan, the former asked nervously, "Mr. Seet, are you poisoned?"

"No."

"Then why did your wife...?"

Evan shot a look at the butler, and that got the butler to explain the situation to the doctor. After learning everything, the doctor's anxiety finally ceased.

However, before the doctor left, he warned Evan, "Mr. Seet, I think you should let your wife know the truth about your health as soon as possible. She's worried, and that disrupted her sleep which is bad for her health."

Evan couldn't speak.

He took the time to consider the situation. I was so focused on keeping her by my side that I neglected her feelings. I really shouldn't have kept her in the dark. The only question now is this. How do I get her to keep staying here even after she learned the truth?

Evan started scheming.

Maya didn't go back to the Imperial Garden after her culinary class. Instead, she stayed in the cafe and mindlessly swirled the cup of coffee in front of her.

Something had been bugging her. Daddy has been eating a lot lately, and he has been eating the dishes I made on the second floor every day. Why? And I am certain that I didn't make a mistake that night. Someone definitely snuck into daddy's room.

Maya analyzed everything again. It all started with daddy banning me from staying on the second floor and making me live on the third floor instead...

After scrutinizing everything, Maya became so shocked that her jaw dropped.

I-is daddy being so weird because he's having an affair? The dishes he took to the second floor... were they for his secret lover? She's probably the woman I saw sneaking into daddy's room! And he didn't move me to the third floor because he thought it was quieter. He just didn't want me to learn his secret.

Maya felt like her hypothesis made perfect sense, but her heart sank.

Why would daddy hide another woman there? Mommy is still missing. Has daddy forgotten about mommy and moved on?

Maya felt her heart turn chilly.

Nina coincidentally called Maya at that moment. The latter hesitated and wondered if she should tell the former everything.

"Maya, when will you return to Seet Residence? I finished all the dishes you marinated and prepared for me earlier. You gotta come back and make more for me."

"I can't go back just yet, Nina. Daddy still wants me to cook for him... No, maybe... daddy's not the one who likes my cooking. Maybe i-it's..." muttered Maya. Darn it, I feel so conflicted. Should I tell Nina that daddy's secret lover is the one who likes my cooking?

"Maya, why are you stammering and what are you saying? Daddy's not the one who likes you cooking? If that really is the case, why would he ask you to stay at the Imperial Garden?"

"I... Not daddy. Maybe someone else likes my cooking."

Nina got curious. She didn't understand what Maya was trying to say.

"Maya, what are you saying? Who are you talking about?"

"I-I'm talking about... I just..."

Maya was still in a dilemma. If she told Nina the truth, there's no doubt that Juan and Kyle would learn about it, too. Who knows what the boys will do once they learn about daddy having a mistress? Maya didn't even dare to imagine the consequences.

"Just what? Gah, you've always been a slowpoke, Maya, even when you were a kid! You can't even speak right and are such a..."

Maya sighed upon hearing Nina's diss. The former said, "That's not it! It's complicated, and I'm not sure if I should say anything."

"Just say it. What happened?"

Maya took a deep breath. Don't blame me for this, daddy. Mommy is still missing, and you really shouldn't be having an affair.

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"To tell you the truth, Nina, I think daddy has a mistress. I caught a woman sneaking into his bedroom in the middle of the night, and she's probably the one eating all the dishes I made."

Daddy has a mistress?

Nina suspected that she misheard everything. Daddy loves mommy. Tons of models and socialites tried to court him, but he only ever had eyes for mommy. Why would he have an affair?

“Maya, this isn’t some random recipe you can whip up in the kitchen and eat it. You can’t just say whatever you want.”

Nina doesn’t believe me?

Maya expected that, though. She wouldn’t have believed it either if she hadn’t seen it with her own eyes.

“I’m not making this up, Nina. Come see for yourself if you don’t believe me.”

“Fine, wait for me.”

Nina hung up the call. The more she thought about it, the less she believed in Maya’s words. Nina went to Juan and Kyle immediately to tell them what she learned.

Kyle replied, “Impossible! Daddy isn’t that kind of man.”

Juan deliberated before chiming in, “But Maya isn’t the type to lie either. We should just go see for ourselves!”

“Exactly! I think Juan is right. We’ll just go check things out on our own.”

It wasn’t enough for Nina to head over on her own. She needed to drag the boys over as well because if her father was actually having an affair, then all four of them must join forces. They must fight their father and defend their mother.

At the Imperial Garden.

When Maya saw all three of her siblings there, she advised them to keep cool and pretend they know nothing. She also told them that she had never seen the woman in person before, but she was certain that person was living in the Imperial Garden.

Evan was surprised when he walked down the stairs and saw all three of them there. “What brings you here?” asked Evan.

Juan answered, “We just miss Maya’s cooking, daddy, so we dropped by for her.”

Nina and Kyle nodded in agreement.

Evan knew that his kids had always been close, so he didn’t think much of it. He chatted with them for a bit before he returned to his study room to work on the matters in his office.

The four teens headed to the third floor, where Maya carefully closed the door behind them.

“Alright, tell us. What kind of woman is our dear old dad having an affair with?” asked Juan curiously.

Nina glared over and snapped, “What do you mean by old? Daddy is not old. He’s at the prime of his life, and plenty of women love men like our daddy.”

Kyle's gaze swept past the bickering duo before he turned to Maya and asked, "Do you know anything about that woman?"

Maya shook her head and replied, "Not really. All I know is that she is ridiculously thin."

Nina glared over arrogantly and scolded, "Idiot. Why didn't you investigate the matter properly? If she really is a home wrecker, then we need to chase her out quickly to protect mommy."

"Nina, don't put the blame on Maya. It's better if we're all involved and investigate the matter together," said Kyle.

Juan agreed wholeheartedly. "He's right. Okay, let's make a plan and figure out what to do next."

The four kids started discussing the matter which livened up the place.

They later settled on a simple plan. They would make up an excuse to get their daddy to leave the Imperial Garden. In his absence, they will turn the Imperial Garden inside out to find that woman, then kick her out.

After settling on the plan, the quadruplets took action instantly.

"Maya, you're the least likely to lie among us. Go tell daddy that grandma misses him and get him to go to Seet Residence."

Maya hesitated, "You guys have been living in Seet Residence whereas I've been staying in the Imperial Garden. If grandma really does miss daddy, won't it make more sense for her to get you guys to deliver the message? Daddy will get suspicious if I talk to him about it."

"Good point."

They thought about it for a while before three of the quadruplets simultaneously turned to Kyle.

Kyle hesitated for a moment, then left to look for Evan.

Evan didn't suspect anything, because Kyle was the one who told him that Sophia wanted to see him. Hence, Evan quickly finished up his tasks on hand before he drove to Seet Residence.

The four kids were delighted. The first step of their plan progressed smoothly.

"We don't have much time. Initiate step two right now. We have to figure out which room that woman is staying in before we move on to the next step."

"Got it."

"Let's go."

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The four kids checked every room on the second floor before they set their eyes on the room opposite the master bedroom.

"The door is locked from the inside. This should be it," said Juan.

“Yes, I think so, too,” replied Nina as she crossed her arms. Her expression was evil when she glared at the door.

“Let’s slam on the door,” suggested Maya.

Nina nodded. She acted like the proud owner of the house when she reached out and slammed on the door.

Nicole was sleeping inside the room when she was woken up by a series of loud bangs on the door.

She rubbed her sleepy eyes and got up to open the door. Just before she did so, she heard her children talking on the other side of the door.

“Why isn’t she opening the door?” asked Maya.

“She must be too afraid to come face us,” scoffed Nina, “Watch and learn.”

After saying her piece, Nina shouted at the top of her lungs, “Open the door! I know you’re in there, you home wrecker. Open up!”

Homewrecker? Wow, this really is a strange world. I never thought I’d live to see the day my daughter calls me a home wrecker...

Nicole sighed deeply.

“Why aren’t you opening the door? I’m telling you right now. My daddy is not home, and you are at our mercy. We can get in even if you keep the door closed, and we will drag you out of there, you home wrecker!” growled Nina angrily.

“Exactly! Our parents are madly in love and are meant to be together. Don’t bother trying to seduce my daddy!” shouted Maya.

“You must have some tricks up your sleeves. That is the only reason you manage to move into the house, but it won’t matter how good your tricks are. You won’t be staying here! My siblings and I are masters in vanquishing vixens like you,” scolded Nina evilly.

“The Imperial Garden belongs to my mommy, and home wreckers are not allowed here,” yelled Maya as well.

Nicole didn’t know what to say.

She was genuinely happy that her kids were fighting so hard to protect her. But I can’t let them continue causing a racket here, either. What do I do? How do I get them to leave?

The quadruplets were weirded out about the lack of reaction from the other side of the locked door.

“This home wrecker really can hold it together. We’ve insulted her to this extent, but she’s still not coming out. Should we just pick the lock?”

“I guess that’s the only way.”

Pick the lock? Given Juan’s skills, picking this lock will be nothing to him. The door will definitely be opened if they actually attacked, and I-I am in no condition to see them.

Nicole thought for a moment before inspiration struck. She changed her voice and replied, "You misunderstood. I am not a home wrecker. I am your father's doctor."

Juan blurted, "A doctor? Okay, open the door. Let's chat."

Maya agreed, "He's right. Open the door and prove that you're a doctor."

Nina sneered, "She doesn't sound like a doctor at all. I bet she's just a slutty home wrecker."

Nicole was speechless.

She sighed internally. Nina is just a kid. Why does she keep using words like home wrecker?

Nicole later checked herself out. If she opened the door, her kids would definitely recognize her, but she didn't want them to see her in that terrible state.

"You're lying, aren't you? That's the only reason you'd refuse to open the door," concluded Juan.

"Yes, she must be a liar. What kind of doctor would sneak into my daddy's room in the middle of the night?" shared Maya.

"Stop wasting your breath on her. Just pick the lock!"

Nina crossed her arms. Her glare was locked on the door, and she secretly vowed to chase the home wrecker away as soon as the lock was picked.

Click!

The door was successfully opened a moment later, and Nicole's heart thumped anxiously. She immediately turned around and had her face towards the wall. Her nerves got to her, and she picked her fingers endlessly.

The kids entered the room, one after another.

"You're right, Maya. She really is thin," commented Juan when he saw Nicole's back.

"Why would daddy like a bony creature like this? Ugh, she's so ugly. She's got nothing compared to our mommy's sexy curves!"

Nicole couldn't speak.

A chill ran down her spine as she thought, Nina thinks my figure is ugly? Then she will definitely be disgusted by this ridiculously thin and sickly pale face of mine...

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Of the four kids, only Kyle was examining the figure carefully.

She is thin, but there's something familiar about her. This height, and the way she stands... Kyle thought about Nicole and found more and more similarities between the two.

"Turn around and show us your face! How did you get our daddy head over heels over you?" commanded Nina.

Nicole took a deep breath. Her fingers gripped her shirt. She honestly didn't dare to face her kids before she got better, and it wasn't just because she was borderline skeletal and ugly... Wesley said that if I continue losing weight like this, my body will crumble and my organs will deteriorate. I might also have other complications.

Nicole wasn't sure if she could recover. If I can't recover, then my crumbling health... it'd just get the kids worried and sad. It'll have a negative impact on their lives.

As a caring mother, Nicole wanted her kids to lead happy lives.

"If you don't turn around on your own, we will make you," warned Juan, before he walked to Nicole. He was about to reach out and forcefully turn her around when a loud howl boomed.

"What are you doing?"

That voice surprised the four troublemakers.

Nina turned around and glared right back into Evan's sharp eyes. She replied with her head held high, "We found a homewrecker, daddy. We're curious about the woman who got you to abandon our mommy."

Evan didn't speak for a moment there.

He frowned before shifting his gaze to Nicole's back and seeing how her thin figure was slightly trembling. After that, he roared, "There is no home wrecker here. Get out!"

That roar was filled with intense fury and got the kids to turn to one another. We'll be in trouble if we stay here. Daddy will blow up and punish us mercilessly.

Juan and Maya believed that it was dumb to act when the situation dictated that a fight was pointless. Hence, they were the first to leave. Kyle observed the way Nicole gripped her clothes, and revelation flashed past his eyes. He walked out soon after.

Nina was the only one who remained stubborn. She glared at Nicole's back and walked forward to reach out and turn the woman around. She wanted to chase the home wrecker out.

Evan caught that and was quick to stop Nina in time. "Get out!" scolded Evan angrily.

Nina's eyes were filled with tears, and she glared at Evan in disappointment. "Daddy, you betrayed Mommy, and I will tell her!" shouted Nina before she ran out crying.

Nicole's heart gripped. Did I make the right choice? Maybe I should've let the kids see me.

Unfortunately, Nicole wasn't brave enough to do that. She couldn't face them with a sickly face, nor could she force them to accept the fact that her health might deteriorate. She certainly couldn't bring herself to make them suffer from the knowledge that their mother might drop dead at any given moment.

Please forgive me, my children. Just give me some time. I promise I will work hard to become healthy again, so you don't have to worry about my survival.

Evan's gaze turned gloomy when he saw Nicole's trembling figure. Nicole, when will you open your heart up to us? You refuse to let me fight your illness with you and stopped the kids from seeing you in your current condition. You kept your hardship and your sorrow from us because you don't want to trouble us, but do you realize that is also a selfish act? I will respect your decision, Nicole. I believe that there will come a day when you can fully open up to me, trust me, and lean on me. I trust you will find the courage to face the kids.

"I was careless this time. I promise this won't happen again," said Evan, before he turned around and left the room. He closed the door after that.

Nicole's tears rolled down her cheeks.

She blamed her ailing body.

Nina wiped her tears away as she stared at her siblings. She announced, "I will never come to the Imperial Garden again. I want to disown daddy."

Maya cooed, "Don't be like that, Nina. Daddy is just confused. We must believe that deep down, he still loves mommy."

Juan sighed. "I'm disappointed in daddy, too. I never thought he'd protect that home wrecker to this extent."

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Kyle sat there unmoving, his head filled with questions. Who was that woman earlier? Was that Mommy? If yes, why wouldn't she see us? Also, why is Mommy so skinny? Hmm... Maybe Daddy is the only one who has the answers...

"How about we go look for Daddy, Kyle? I bet we could all force him to send the bad woman away!" Nina suggested when she saw him keep quiet.

"What if it doesn't work?" Juan asked.

"Then that means Daddy has been completely seduced by her, and is no longer our Daddy! We will draw the line and stay with Mommy!"

"But we haven't heard from Mommy ever since she left! Where do we even start looking? Do you think we'll get to see a dramatic ending where Daddy and Mommy both go with their lovers while we become kids with stepparents?" Juan asked, feeling dejected.

"Nonsense! Mommy wouldn't do such a thing!" Nina retorted.

"That's right!" Maya joined in as well.

Kyle remained silent until Juan gave him a nudge and asked, "What are you thinking about, Kyle? Are you coming up with a plan to kick that bad woman's butt? We should all do it together!"

Kyle shot them all a cold glare. "Stop calling her a bad woman, and no kicking her butt either, got it?"

The three of them were taken aback by Kyle's strange response. Why is he taking that bad woman's side?

Kyle then got up and walked away, ignoring the confused looks on their faces.

Nina snorted angrily as he watched him go. "I bet he's been bewitched by that bad woman or something!"

"Do you think he's taking Daddy's side because Daddy raised him?" Maya got mad too.

Juan kept quiet. Something's definitely off about Kyle... He must have his reasons for this...

He ran after Kyle to press him for answers, but to no avail as Kyle kept a tight lid on his suspicions. Given how much of a blabbermouth Juan is, if I tell him that woman could be Mommy, the whole world would probably find out about it! Mommy and Daddy look like they're trying to keep this a secret, so I shouldn't ruin it for them.

"Are you kidding me? You're seriously taking that bad woman's side? Do you also prefer skinny women now?"

Kyle looked Juan in the eye as he spoke, "You call her a bad woman one more time, and I'll tell Daddy how you're flirting with girls in school! I bet he'll give you a good scolding and spanking!"

Juan froze for a moment. He then put on a more serious tone as he attempted to reason with Kyle, "How could you betray me for a bad woman...I mean, for a woman? We're brothers, Kyle!"

"So what?"

F-Fine! So you're really going to betray your family for a woman Looks like you really are a Daddy's boy, Kyle! Juan thought as he stormed off angrily.

Kyle went into Evan's study room and shut the door behind him. "There's something I'd like to talk about, Daddy."

Evan narrowed his eyes. "Go on."

"That woman from earlier... Was that Mommy?"

A look of surprise flashed in Evan's eyes when he heard that. Did he recognize her? Kyle's always had a sharp eye and keen observational skills as a kid. Looks like that hasn't changed at all...

Kyle knew he hit the nail on the head when he saw how shocked Evan was.

"Why is Mommy..."

He wanted to know what happened to his mommy that made her so skinny.

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Evan's expression turned gloomy. "Leave," he said after a brief pause.

Seeing his father's reaction, Kyle knew better than to ask any further. Regardless of what Mommy has been through, she's back with Daddy now. I'm sure Daddy will protect her!

He saw Nina and the others still discussing their plan when he came out of the study room. "What a bunch of troublemakers." He said while sticking his hands in his pockets as he walked away.

"Is...Is he talking about me?" Nina asked in disbelief.

Juan and Maya kept quiet.

Nina turned around and shouted at Kyle, "You're the troublemaker here! You're in cahoots with Daddy, you..."

Juan tried to calm her down. "Stop shouting, Nina! He can't hear you from there!"

"Hmph! Kyle may have taken Daddy's side in this, but that won't stop us from getting rid of that bad woman! We must avenge Mommy!" Nina told Juan and Maya.

Maya thought about how well her mommy had treated her and agreed to help out.

If Daddy gets his heart stolen by that bad woman, Mommy wouldn't have a place in the family if she decides to return! Juan too, agreed with Nina at the thought of that.

"Then let's discuss what we'll do next!"

Juan was the first to speak up, "Since Daddy likes that skinny woman so much, counting on him to get rid of her is out of the question. We'll have to make things difficult for her so she'll leave on her own!"

Maya gave it some thought and suggested, "Well... She likes my cooking, right? I could add a little something special to it. She won't even know what hit her!"

"That's a great idea, Maya!" Nina gave her a thumbs up.

Maya blushed, feeling delighted with that brilliant idea of hers.

"We gotta find a way to move in so we can keep causing her trouble. I bet we'll have her running with her tail between her legs in no time!" Juan proposed.

"You're right, Juan! I'll tell Grandma that we're moving back into Imperial Garden."

Back at the Seet Residence, Nina and Juan began pestering Evan to let them move in with Maya. Kyle knew they were up to no good and decided to join them as well.

Evan saw through their plans right away and knew they were going after Nicole.

They're her kids, so I guess I can just let her deal with them. Even if she can't handle them and ends up revealing her identity, it'll still get them to stop their shenanigans anyway.

With that in mind, Evan agreed to their request readily, much to Nina's relief.

"You know, I thought Daddy would take that bad woman's side and kick us all out instead!" She whispered to the others.

"We're his children, Nina. There's no way he'd do that! Anyway, now that we're back... I say we give that woman a little welcoming gift!" Juan said as he began planning their next move.

"Whatever it is you're going to do, count me in!" Nina asked excitedly.

"Sure!" Juan folded his arms with impish glee.

Kyle glared at them angrily as he watched from the side. They're going to bully Mommy! Well... They don't know the truth, so I guess I can't really blame them... I'd better give Mommy a heads-up!

He went up to the second floor and shouted outside Nicole's room, "Daddy, Juan and Nina are planning on avenging Mommy! I don't know what they're going to do!"

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He walked away after saying that.

Was Kyle talking to Evan? He said Nina and Juan were going to avenge me, but they don't know that I'm their Mommy... That means they're going to take it out on me! Just what are these two kids planning on doing, huh?

Nicole lowered her gaze and began coming up with a plan of her own.

I got it! I'll make myself look as old and ugly as possible! That should get them to believe I'm just Evan's doctor! After all, there's no way an ugly old hag could possibly seduce their Daddy! Let's hope they think that way and stop this nonsense...

Juan and Nina discussed their plans. They decided to have Maya cook up some food which they would bring into her room and pick a fight with her.

"I've added in a little something special, so she's in for a real treat!" Maya said while handing Nina the desserts she made.

Nina smiled as she gave Juan a plate of it. The two then went upstairs and knocked on the room door.

Unbeknownst to them, however, Evan had spotted them as he left the study room and was watching them from a distance.

Knock! Knock!

Nicole took a deep breath as she stared at her face in the mirror. She looked skinny, pale and had age spots all over her haggard looking face. This ought to do the trick!

"Oh, it's you kids! Come on in!" She put on a crackly voice as she opened the door.

Both Juan and Nina stared at her in shock and disbelief. Why would Daddy like a woman this ugly?

Nicole gave herself a silent cheer when she saw the surprised looks on their faces. Ha, looks like it worked! I bet these two won't see me as a homewrecker anymore!

"Oh, my god! You're so ugly!" Juan exclaimed.

Nicole sighed. "This is why I didn't want to see you kids. I didn't want to scare you with how ugly I look."

Juan took a good long look at her and started having second thoughts. Maybe we really did get the wrong idea... There's no way Daddy would like a woman this ugly! I feel like puking just by looking at her!

They then gave Nicole the desserts and went downstairs without saying another word.

Nicole stared at the desserts with a gleeful smile on her face. Heh! You kids have got a long way to go if you think you can beat me!

Evan felt curious when he saw the two kids leave the room. He decided to go have a look and nearly fainted when he saw the state Nicole was in.

Holy sh*t, Nicole! You look like a goddamned beehive!

Nicole stared at his confused expression and quickly turned around when she remembered how she looked.

Evan too, turned around and went downstairs without saying a word.

He saw Juan and Nina in the living room telling Maya what happened.

"I think something's wrong with Daddy's eyes. Maybe we should get him a pair of glasses?" Nina let out a sigh.

Juan gave it some thought and said, "No, I think Daddy just has a hard time telling the pretty from the ugly. We should show him some extreme examples of both so he can differentiate the two!"

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Evan frowned when he heard that.

Maya stared wide-eyed at the two and asked, "Is she really that ugly?"

"Yeah!"

"We saw it with our own eyes!"

Maya still found it hard to believe. "Daddy looked ugly too when he was pretending to be Yoda, but that's just him with an ugly mask! What if that's the case with this woman as well?"

Juan and Nina went into deep thought upon hearing what Maya said.

"You're a genius, Maya! I was wondering why that woman didn't bother covering up her age spots with makeup. Maybe that's what she wanted us to see!" Nina exclaimed.

"Whoa... She's smarter than we thought, but that's okay! I'm sure she'll eat the desserts you made her, Maya! What did you put in it, by the way?" Juan asked.

"Laxatives. That ought to give her really bad diarrhea!" Maya said with a smug grin on her face.

Evan was impressed at how the kids were able to see through Nicole's tricks, but the mention of the laxatives made his heart skip a beat.

Nicole's body is really weak right now. There's no way she'd be able to handle the laxatives!

He ran back up the stairs and hammered on the door.

Nicole felt somewhat uneasy at how urgent the knocking was and hesitated a bit before opening the door.

Evan went straight into her room without saying a word and looked around frantically. When his gaze then fell upon the half-eaten dessert, he quickly turned around and ordered, "Spit it out right this instant!"

Nicole stared at him in confusion. "I can't. I already swallowed it."

"I don't care! Puke it up if you have to!"

What the hell is wrong with him? Why would he ask me to puke up something I just ate?

"Why? Are you going to eat what I puke up? If so, I'll do it!" Nicole shot back at him in annoyance.

Damn it, why won't she just do as I say? Calm down, Evan... This isn't the time to argue with her...

He took a deep breath and said, "Maya has spiked it with laxatives!"

Nicole was aghast.

Laxatives? Why would you do this to me, Maya? Are you trying to get at me because you think I'm a homewrecker?

Before she could say anything, Evan continued, "They saw through your disguise, Nicole! You can't fool them with that!"

"What? But I had them convinced earlier..." Nicole eyed him suspiciously, wondering if he had ratted her out.

Evan noticed the strange look on her face and told her, "Maya guessed it based on how I disguised myself as Yoda back then."

She guessed that without even seeing me? Oh, Maya... You never fail to surprise me...

Suddenly, a sharp pain shot through her abdomen, and Nicole ran straight into the toilet.

Looks like the laxatives are taking effect... She must've used some really strong ones...

Evan called the family doctor immediately, who then arrived shortly after and hooked Nicole up to an IV drip.

The three kids headed upstairs to have a look at Nicole, but they were stopped by Kyle at the top of the stairs.

"What are you doing, Kyle?"

"There's something Daddy wants you all to do."

"What is it?"

"He wants you to clean up the leaves in the backyard."

"Don't we have maids for that?" Nina protested.

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Kyle shot her a glare. "Look, Daddy says you have to do it by hand, and there will be no dinner if it isn't clean!"

Is Daddy punishing us for pranking that woman? This is unbelievable!

The three of them grumbled in frustration as they made their way towards the backyard and began picking the leaves up. Right as they were about to finish, a strong wind blew and they found the place covered with leaves again.

Having no other choice, they let out a sigh and cleaned the backyard up a second time. Juan wiped the sweat off his brow as he exclaimed, "Phew, it's finally done... Now, let's..."

Before he could finish, another gust of wind blew past and scattered the leaves everywhere in the backyard once again.

"This is ridiculous! We'll never get it done at this rate!" Nina shouted impatiently.

Maya looked dispirited as well. "The wind just keeps blowing it all back! We're gonna be at it till next morning."

Juan gave it some thought and wondered if Evan was punishing them like this just to make them apologize.

"How about we go apologize to Daddy?" He suggested.

"No, I won't!" Nina refused stubbornly. "That woman just had some diarrhea! It's not a big deal or anything! Daddy didn't have to punish us like this!"

Juan shot her a cunning smile. "No, I'm not saying we're in the wrong. We're just apologizing so we can stop this punishment."

"No way! I would rather go at this till morning than apologize!" Nina was adamant about standing her ground.

Ugh, she's as stubborn as an ox! I guess there's no point in trying to talk her out of this, then...

Juan turned towards Maya for help, but she said, "I'll stay here with Nina. After all, I am the one who added the laxatives."

And Maya is as honest as ever... Fine, I'll go apologize myself, then!

Juan saw Evan coming downstairs when he entered the living room and smiled while running up to him.

"There's something I need to tell you, Daddy!"

Evan's face was set in a permanent scowl. The doctor said Nicole's body was weak and she could've died had she not been treated in time!

Thinking about that thoroughly scared him, he was itching to give those kids a beating.

Evan felt anger building up inside him and clenched his fists tightly as he glared at Juan, his gaze as cold as ice.

Juan felt his heart racing when he saw how angry his daddy was and apologized sincerely, "I'm sorry, Daddy."

"Oh, you're sorry, eh? Do you know that your little prank nearly killed her, Juan? If anything happens to her, you'll regret it for the rest of your life!" Evan yelled.

Juan frowned in confusion. What's Daddy talking about? It's just some laxatives! How could that possibly kill anyone? Even if it did, that bad woman had it coming! It's her fault for moving in here and seducing Daddy!

Evan stared Juan in the eye and saw that he was still unconvinced.

Judging by that defiant look, I'm guessing he doesn't fully understand what I mean... I've got to put an end to their little pranks or Nicole could seriously die!

"Juan, you wanted to continue studying martial arts in the best dojo available, right? Daddy will make the arrangements so you can start right away!"

Huh... Why is Daddy making me leave all of a sudden? Is he worried that I'd cause that woman any more trouble?

Juan looked up at Evan and asked, "Daddy, are you seriously kicking your son out because of that woman?"

Evan simply shot him a glance and kept quiet. Juan can think of it however he likes... I'm sure he'll come to understand in the future...

He whipped out his phone and told John to make the arrangements.

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"Go pack your stuff. John be will here to pick you up soon." He told Juan after hanging up the phone.

Right now? Isn't this a little too soon?

Evan then turned around and walked off before Juan could even respond.

Juan saw Maya and Nina come back inside and quickly told them what happened.

Maya stared wide-eyed at him. "Why is Daddy sending you off, Juan?"

"He's probably afraid I'd cause that woman any more trouble!" Juan replied.

Nina snorted defiantly. "Daddy's gone too far! How could he do such a thing?"

"We're no match for that woman on our own, Juan!" Maya expressed her concern as well.

Juan let out a helpless sigh. "I was hoping to stay for a couple more days, but Daddy insisted on sending me off immediately. John is coming over to pick me up soon."

Kyle came up to them and said, "You've always wanted to take your martial arts studies to a higher level, didn't you? You should make use of this opportunity and give it all you've got!"

It was indeed Juan's wish to do so, but he was worried about leaving Nina and Maya behind.

Kyle knew what he was concerned about and gave him a pat on the shoulder. "Don't worry, I'll take good care of them. Daddy's doing this for your own good, Juan. You'll come to understand that someday."

Juan kept quiet.

He got a call from John shortly after telling him to get his bags ready.

"Alright!" Juan hung up the phone and went upstairs with Nina and Maya following behind him.

"We'll help you pack, Juan!"

"Yeah! Just tell us what you need!"

"You two can start with those books over there."

"Okay!"

Noticing how unhappy Juan was, Kyle walked towards Nicole's room and knocked on the door.

"Daddy's sending Juan off to continue his studies in a martial arts dojo, so he'll be gone for quite a while."

Nicole froze. Why is Evan doing this? Is it because of the laxatives they gave me?

She quickly called Evan and asked him about it. "Evan, why are you suddenly sending Juan away to some dojo?"

Evan replied, "That's what he's always wanted. I'm simply fulfilling that wish of his."

Nicole took a deep breath. My heart, it hurts... Juan is leaving... My baby boy is leaving... No, I can't let him leave feeling depressed like this!

Nicole sprang to her feet and scrambled to put on her makeup at the dressing table.

John arrived shortly after Juan had finished packing. Maya was tearing up as she helped Juan carry his luggage. "I'll miss you, Juan!"

Juan pinched her softly on the cheek and said, "Maya, you've gone through a lot of trouble to lose all that weight. Don't you be gaining it all back while I'm gone, okay?"

Maya nodded profusely. "Don't worry, I'll make sure to keep my diet in check! I'm gonna look as pretty as Mommy!"

Nina handed him a credit card. "Here, you can use my card!"

"No, you can keep it. I've got enough money with me, so don't you worry! You got most of your money from Uncle Davin, so you should be nicer to him! I know he can be a bit of an idiot sometimes, but he's really nice to us!"