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Sheep's been rather unruly lately huh!

"Come on, Sheep. I wouldn't even bother urging you to go back if it isn't because Evan is eager to see Nicole!"

Sheila pursed her lips in annoyance. Why doesn't Mr. Seet give Nicole a call if he misses her? Judging from Davin's restless tone, Sheila thought he was more like the one who couldn't wait for her to be back.

"Fine, we'll go back after we finish the coffee."

"You'd better finish it as fast as you can, alright?"

"Just shut up, will you?" Sheila dissed and then hung up on him directly.

Amused by their conversation, Nicole broke into a faint smile. In her opinion, Davin and Sheila were definitely the most humorous couple on earth.

As soon as Sheila and Nicole returned to Imperial Garden, Davin immediately bombarded them with a deluge of questions.

"What did Chris say? Is he in love with Nina too? Does he want Nina to give him a hand in his career?"

Sheila shook her head in response.

With a frown, Davin pressed on, "No? What does he want then? Why isn't he interested in a girl as talented as Nina?"

"As much as he admires Nina's personality, he doesn't have any romantic feelings for her."

Davin looked dumbfounded. "I'm surprised by how virtuous a man Chris Sanders actually is!"

Nicole then relayed Chris' plan to Evan. After a moment of consideration, Evan agreed with carrying out the plan if that was going to help Nina get back on track.

But why can't Chris just turn Nina down directly? Why does he have to do it in such a circuitous manner and put on a show for her?

Evan decided to voice his doubt to the rest of them. Davin mulled over what his brother had said and opined, "I guess Chris is doing this to make sure Nina gave up on him for good. If he merely turned her down by telling her that he already had a girlfriend, Nina might not believe him. Without witnessing his girlfriend in person, Nina might think that she still stood a chance of becoming his girlfriend. By getting a gorgeous girl to play as his girlfriend, Nina would likely be discouraged and be forced to give up when she sees the woman."

Sheila nodded. "Indeed, Chris did say that Nina will understand the situation as soon as she sees him with a gorgeous girl."

"Evan, I think this plan is worth a try. Nina has had a big ego ever since she was little. After seeing that Chris is taken, I believe she will be able to move on from him eventually," Nicole said.

Davin chimed in, "I agree, and I think we should give it a try. Nina didn't even bother giving me a response when I knocked on her door just now. If we don't do something to help her, I'm worried that she might be stuck in this debacle forever."

For some reason, Evan had a feeling that there was something fishy with Chris' decision. However, Nicole, Sheila, and Davin had all approved the plan. As there was no other better way to help Nina at the moment, it seemed like the only thing they could do was to carry out Chris' plan.

"Alright. Go ahead and make the arrangements then. Let's bring Nina over when everyone is ready."

"Sure."

Sheila was efficient in her execution. In no time, she managed to enlist the help of a girl who was both beautiful and talented to star alongside Chris. To make sure Nina would truly get the message to move on, Sheila reminded the girl to behave as intimately as she could with Chris in front of Nina.

The beauty promised to do exactly as was instructed, but she also demanded a handsome reward in return for her effort.

"Don't worry. As long as you nail this, I'll foot the bill for all the limited edition cosmetic products and branded clothes you've been eyeing!" Sheila offered.

"For the sake of your generosity, it's a deal!"

As soon as Sheila ended the phone call with the beauty, she immediately sent Chris' phone number to her. Before the actual event, Sheila wanted the girl to meet Chris and spend some time getting to know him. It was to help ensure that their act would look more natural and convincing.

"Well, for the sake of the reward you just promised me, I'll go and meet that guy in a jiffy."

After Sheila finished liaising with the beauty, the rest of them started working on a plan to ensure that Nina would show up.

They reached a consensus after some discussion – Sheila and Davin were entrusted with the task of visiting Nina's room later. They would tell her that they understood how she felt, which was why they would bring her to meet Chris in secret. They would lure Nina to the designated place, where she would chance upon the scene that they have staged.

"Evan, just leave this to Sheila and I."

"Yes. We're the best candidates for the task, as it's likely that Nina won't feel like talking to the both of you at the moment."

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"Thanks for doing this for Nina," Nicole said to Sheila and Davin.

"Don't mention it, Nicole. This is what uncles and aunts are for, after all!" Evan responded breezily.

Sheila added, "That's right! In fact, preparing for this plan had not been troublesome at all. I like Nina a lot, and I'm happy to be able to do something for her."

After that, the duo headed upstairs and knocked on Nina's door.

The result replicated Davin's last attempt exactly, no one answered the door, and they could not hear Nina's voice at all from the inside of the room.

At that moment, Sheila thought of another idea. She whipped out her phone and sent a message to Nina via WhatsApp to tell her that she understood the predicament that she was in. She also expressed her support for her to date Chris and promised that she would play the matchmaker for them.

Lying prone on the bed, Nina was doubtful when she saw the message from Sheila.

Is Aunt Sheila really going to help me?

Shortly afterward, Nina received a message from Davin, who offered to bring her out to meet Chris. If Nina's feelings for him were reciprocated, Davin promised that he would help her convince Evan to allow Chris to continue working as her tutor.

Can Uncle Davin really manage to convince Daddy?

Thinking of how strong-headed her Daddy was, Nina was doubtful of that point.

Yet, resorting to Davin and Sheila's help was the only option she had at the moment. If she continued locking herself up in the room, she might not be able to meet Chris again after he left the country. Thus, she decided to make a last-ditch effort in fighting for the love of her life before it was too late.

She got out of bed, slipped into a pair of shoes, and opened the door.

At the sight of her sunken face and disheveled look, Davin's heart ached for the young girl. "Nina, why are you torturing yourself like this? How many meals have you skipped? Oh, what a silly girl you are!"

"Nina, your Daddy is not at home now. Let's bring you out to grab something to eat before we take you to meet Chris. How does that sound?"

Nina regarded the two of them suspiciously. "Are you guys really going to bring me to meet him?"

"Of course. I'm a man of my words," Davin reassured her.

"Nina, we'll go after you get dressed."

Overjoyed by Davin and Sheila's seemingly genuine offer to help, Nina dashed back into her room and put on her favorite pink dress. After applying some light make-up to cover her pale complexion, she went out with Davin and Sheila furtively.

Nina was jittery throughout the entire journey. "Will Daddy pin the blame on the two of you if he finds out about this? Uncle Davin, will Daddy give you a hard time because you're helping me?"

Davin couldn't help but feel guilty deep down inside. While I'm helping Evan and Nicole to plot against Nina, Nina is worried about me. Why do I feel like such a huge asshole?

Yet, I'm doing this for her good, so that she will have the chance to meet her Mr. Right in the future.

"Don't worry about me. I'm your Daddy's brother so he won't be too harsh on me."

“Exactly, Nina. In fact, you should spend the time thinking about what you want to tell Chris later instead of worrying about your Uncle Davin,” Sheila commented.

Nina nodded and got lost in her own thoughts.

Nina looked nervous and edgy for the upcoming meeting with Chris, and Sheila couldn’t help but feel bad for her. All the effort which she was putting into thinking about what to say to Chris will all be for naught.

“Nina, why don’t we drop by that cafe to have something to eat first before we go and meet Chris?” Davin suggested.

Nina hesitated because she neither had the appetite nor the mood to eat.

“Nina, your Uncle Davin’s right. You really should eat something. You’ve starved yourself for so many days after all.”

After their persistent persuasion, Nina finally agreed to head to the cafe.

They stepped into the cafe and settled down at one of the tables. After making their order at the counter, Davin made use of the chance to phone Chris, asking him to rush to the cafe as soon as possible with the beauty. “Please channel more emotion into your acting later. You have to make sure Nina believes you really love that girl very deeply and she won’t stand any chance of being your girlfriend. That’s the only way she will give up on you for good. You get me?”

“Yes, I understand.”

After the phone call, Davin returned to their table with Nina’s favorite dessert – cupcakes.

“Nina, go on and take a bite! They are fresh from the oven, and I’m sure they’re going to taste heavenly.”

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Nina nibbled on the cupcake listlessly.

Sheila offered her a cup of milk. “Nina, have some warm milk first. It’s good for your stomach.”

Obediently, Nina sipped on the glass of milk.

Both Davin and Sheila felt bad seeing how weak and haggard Nina appeared. Davin had an urge to send Chris to somewhere far away from Nina the moment their show ended. That was the only way to prevent Nina from ever bumping into him again in the future. Seeing Chris again would only trigger sad memories in her mind.

“Uncle Davin, Aunt Sheila, I’m full.”

“Are you sure you’re full? Nina, you really should eat more,” Davin persuaded.

“I can’t. I’m too full to stuff anything else.”

“Nina, you need to have more milk to replenish the nutrients you’ve lost. You look so haggard, like a wilted flower,” Sheila urged.

Nina pondered over her aunt's words before she slowly sipped the milk using a straw.

Meanwhile, Davin was getting impatient as Chris was still nowhere in sight. He glanced briefly at his watch to check the time. Logically speaking, Chris was supposed to be there already, considering that Davin had asked him to stand by for their arrival somewhere nearby the cafe when they left Imperial Garden.

Nina downed the entire glass of milk and wiped her mouth clean in an elegant movement. Then, she looked up at the two of them with anticipation in her eyes. "I guess it's time for us to go since I've eaten and drunk as much as I can? I hate to seem impatient, but the clock is ticking. If Daddy finds out we're doing this, I'm worried that he might ream the two of you out."

"Don't worry about us because I'm not scared of being scolded by him. Why don't we take some time to rest first? My waist is hurting badly." Davin came up with a lousy excuse.

While Davin was massaging his waist to buy more time, he couldn't help but curse Chris in his mind. Is that rascal facing some issues that dragged his arrival?

"Uncle Davin, let me give you a massage."

"You don't have to! I think it will get better by itself after I get some rest. Perhaps, I just sprained it on our way here. I know you can't wait to meet Chris, so just give me five minutes, and then we will go."

At the same time, Davin's fingers were furiously typing away under the table as he sent a message to Chris: You won't wanna know what will happen to you if you can't get your butt here within the next five minutes!

Just seconds after he sent the message, Sheila pointed at the counter. "That girl looks familiar. Davin, do you know her?"

Davin looked in the direction where she was pointing and spotted a couple ordering coffee at the counter.

Is that girl the one Sheila has arranged to play as Chris' girlfriend?

Seeing the confusion in his eyes, Sheila gave him a reassuring look. When Nina was not paying attention to them, she mouthed to him, "We should get rolling."

Meanwhile, Davin gave Chris a once-over. The young man, who looked clean and tidy, was giving out a warm and approachable aura. Nina really has quite a good taste in men as this guy is indeed quite outstanding!

"Davin, can you hear me? I'm asking you whether you know that girl or not?"

Sheila did not really mean to question Davin. It was only her way of directing Nina's attention to Chris.

To her dismay, Nina was unfazed. She had been sitting at the table in silence as if she were lost in her own world. Sheila, who was getting anxious about the stalemate, kept glancing at Davin for help.

Suddenly, Davin banged his fist down on the table and denied vehemently, "Why do you think I might know that girl? Nina, you must back me up here. Uncle Davin doesn't know that girl at all."

Stunned by the sudden burst of outrage, Nina quickly nodded. She was willing to do anything that could be beneficial to Uncle Davin and Aunt Sheila's relationship.

Davin whispered a reminder to her, "Nina, you have to at least turn around and take a look at that girl before helping me out. Otherwise, your Aunt Sheila isn't going to buy our story."

Nina then turned around and became stupefied at once.

Seeing how Nina froze the moment she saw Chris and the girl, Sheila and Davin exchanged a gesture. The climax of the show was about to begin.

Then, they saw Nina rising to her feet and making her way to Chris. Immediately, they stood up and followed her.

"Mr. Sanders, what a coincidence." Nina stood behind Chris and greeted him in a nonchalant tone.

Chris whirled around and feigned a look of surprise. "Nina? What a coincidence indeed."

Nina's gaze traveled from Chris and then to the beautiful woman standing next to him. Looking aghast, she sized the beauty up.

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Just then, Sheila shot a look at the beauty, reminding her to give her all to convince Nina that she was really Chris' girlfriend.

The woman returned a look of reassurance to Sheila with composure. Following Sheila's cue, she quickly took one of Chris' arms.

"Chris, who's this?" The woman's voice sounded so sweet and gentle, and it was capable of melting any man's heart.

Chris went on to introduce Nina to her. "This is Nina. She's my student."

"Your student?" Curling her bright red lip upward into a pleasant smile, the woman introduced herself, "Hi, I'm Chris' girlfriend. It's a pleasure to meet you here."

Girlfriend?

Chris actually has a girlfriend?

The discovery came as a heavy blow to Nina. As though she had been struck by lightning, she stood petrified and remained motionless for quite some time.

"Nina, Mr. Sanders' girlfriend is talking to you! You should show your manners and greet her back," Sheila walked up to Nina and reminded her in an undertone.

Only then did Nina come back to her senses. Then, she began examining the girl who claimed to be Chris' girlfriend.

The woman's face was covered with thick make-up, and she had a beautiful body that was curvy at all the right places. Chris really has quite a good taste in women, huh? This girl is very attractive and charming. They look good together too.

Glancing down at her own body, Nina couldn't help but feel inferior for the first time in her life in the presence of Chris' girlfriend.

The woman looked around the same age as Chris. Nina couldn't help but wonder whether she would blossom into a lady as beautiful as her in the future.

"Are you guys having a date?" Davin spoke to break the silence.

The woman answered shyly, "Yes. Chris told me last night about how he adored the coffee here, and he insisted on bringing me here to have a taste. He loves the pastries and desserts prepared by the chef here too. If it weren't because the shop had been closed last night when we were talking about it, he would have rushed out to buy everything back for me to taste! He is always eager to share the things he loves with me!"

Nina's heart sank when the woman started talking about the time she spent with Chris the previous night. Was Chris with her last night when I was wallowing in sadness all by myself?

All at once, Nina felt a throbbing pain in her heart. It was as though someone had smashed it with a hammer. It seems like Chris and his girlfriend have been staying together...

Seeing how pale Nina's face was and how devastated she looked, Sheila couldn't help but feel sorry for her. At the same time, she was impressed by the beautiful girl's acting too.

A few sentences from her were enough to reduce Nina to a battered soul. If she did something else to spice up her performance, Sheila believed Nina would be left so heartbroken that all her feelings for Chris would be nipped in the bud.

As if she could read Sheila's mind, the beautiful woman suddenly leaned toward Chris and gave his cheeks a light peck. In a kittenish tone, she said to Chris, "Dear, since we've got the coffee and desserts ready, shall we head to our private room? I'm not eating unless you feed me."

Chris nodded at the girl. Giving Nina a long look, he muttered an 'excuse me' before heading upstairs with the woman.

Standing rooted to the spot, Nina clenched her fists tightly in an attempt to calm herself down.

In fact, she had a pressing urge to run after them so that she could have a word with Chris. However, she quickly aborted the idea because she had no ground to do something like that.

That woman is his girlfriend. I'm just his student. Of course, his girlfriend is more important to him than me. I'm a nobody.

Besides, his girlfriend is so much better than me in all aspects. There's no reason for him to choose me over her. Nina, you should know by now that being Chris' girlfriend is only your wishful thinking...

Davin, who felt sorry noticing how bitter Nina looked, walked over to her. "Nina, as you can see, Chris already has a girlfriend, and they seem to be quite in love with each other too. Do you still want to talk to him?"

Dazed, Nina shook her head.

In the meantime, Sheila drew Nina into an embrace. "Nina, since he's already taken, it shows that the two of you just aren't meant to be. However, I believe you will meet an even better guy than him soon!"

An even better guy...

At that moment, Nina was adamant that no guy in the world could be better than Chris.

As perfect as a man Chris was, he did not belong to her.

For the first time in her life, Nina realized how agonizing it was to realize that the person she loved was not meant for her.

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After a moment of total silence, Nina turned around and shuffled out of the cafe without a word. Both Sheila and Davin heaved out a sigh of relief, thinking that they did not let Evan and Nicole down by having accomplished their mission well.

When they returned to Imperial Garden, Nina locked herself up in her room again and refused to answer any of their questions.

After Sheila and Davin recounted the scene that took place at the cafe to Evan and Nicole, Nicole sighed wistfully, "I'm afraid it might take Nina weeks or even months to recover from the heartbreak."

"Nicole, I'm sure Nina will recover after some time. Before any of us realize it, she will be back as the pompous prima donna of our family!" Davin said.

Nicole nodded, hoping what he said would happen sooner rather than later. Nina is such a precocious kid that she has already tasted heartbreak at such a tender age. I really wonder who she takes after.

Davin gave Evan a piece of advice. "Evan, you have to be extra careful now that Nina is having her adolescent period. Perhaps, you should consider getting a female tutor for her next time. Nina might seem aloof and detached on the outside, but she is easily touched by anyone who treats her nice or cares about her. Eventually, she will fall in love with that person and give herself a hard time if her love isn't reciprocated."

"Davin, I think you've got the wrong idea about Nina. Nina won't fall in love with someone just because that person cares about her, that person must be outstanding and talented as well. I'm sure she won't be interested in guys who are mediocre in terms of their appearance and capabilities. In fact, Chris and Nina have been getting along well because they share the same passion for cosmetic products. If Chris were younger by a few years, I think he would be perfect as Nina's boyfriend!" Sheila countered.

"Sheep, what baloney are you talking about? There's no way Chris is good enough for Nina. To me, Nina is the moon in the sky while Chris is only one of the bazillion stars around her. Only a guy who shines like the sun deserves to have her."

Nicole let out a sigh after listening to Davin's comment. Instead of hoping Nina would get a man like that as her partner, Nicole only wished that her daughter would meet a guy who could take care of her well and make her happy for the rest of her life.

Evan, who had been looking grim and keeping silent for most of the time, finally spoke, "Mind you, this Chris Sanders is no ordinary guy. I asked John to help me do some digging about him. According to the intel he's got, Chris is the illegitimate son of Mr. Sanders from K Enterprise. Mr. Sanders only has two daughters with his wife. So Chris was allowed to move back to Shen residence after Mrs. Sanders passed away. It was at that time that he became the successor to Mr. Sanders, and he's bound to become the new owner of K Enterprise!"

"Say what? That young lad is the successor to Mr. Sanders from K Enterprise?"

While Davin's curiosity was piqued, both Sheila and Nicole were shocked by the information. Sheila, who was particularly taken aback by the news, asked, "If Chris really has such a powerful background, why is he willing to work as Nina's tutor?"

"Perhaps, he has some ulterior motive!"

"What ulterior motive could he have?" Davin pressed on.

"John hasn't found out any clues on that point yet," Evan answered ominously.

Davin mulled over the information for a while before he spoke, "There must be more to Chris Sanders than meets the eye! It seems like we've made the right choice making Nina distance herself from him. Evan, since K Enterprise is a company based in K Nation, do you think Uncle Morris and Levant might know something about it? After all, they've lived there for quite some time already. Let me visit them to gather some information!"

"I'm going with you to play matchmaker for Levant and Tiffany. The earlier they become a couple, the earlier their baby can have a complete family."

Davin eyed Sheila with confusion upon hearing what she said.

She furrowed her brows at him. "Why are you staring at me that way?"

"You're free to come with me to learn more about K Enterprise. However, I think you'd better steer clear from their private affairs."

"What do you mean? Do you think they can't have a relationship with each other?"

Instead of answering her, Davin gave Sheila a once-over before shaking his head grimly.

"If you don't think that way, why are you stopping me from helping them?"

"You're the one I have no confidence in. Without your interference, there's still a chance they might become a couple. However, if you decide to stick your nose in their affairs, I'm afraid the two might end up being total strangers to each other. That's why I think you should keep your mouth shut."

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"Davin Seet, am I really as bad as how you put me? I can't believe you're looking down on me like this! It seems like I must go there and prove you wrong! I'm sure I'll be able to make them a couple by the end of my trip! Let's go and visit Levant now!"

Davin cast her a contemptuous glance. Sheep is clearly bringing trouble upon herself. Judging from her unyielding attitude, it seems like there's nothing that can convince her to give up on intervening Levant and Tiffany's relationship.

"Why aren't you moving?"

Just like that, David was badgered by Sheila to leave Imperial Garden together with her.

Along their journey, Davin cautioned her to be careful with what she was going to say to Levant later. A minor slip of the mouth could cost them their relationship, and Davin thought that was what Sheila should try her best to avoid.

"Don't worry, I know the drill."

Despite the repeated assurances offered by Sheila, Davin still had his reservations. Knowing Sheila tended to speak her mind without giving it much thought, he fervently hoped that she would not turn out to be more of a hindrance than a help.

When they arrived at Levant Winery, Levant seemed rather surprised to see them. "What motivated you guys to pay me a visit?"

"Are you not happy to see us?" Sheila asked casually.

"Of course, we're here with a purpose!" Davin said.

Levant cast them a fleeting glance before instructing the maid to serve them tea.

"That's more like it!"

With that, Davin and Sheila went inside and settled down on a beige-colored sofa. Without beating around the bush, Davin asked Levant about K Enterprise directly.

"The successor to the owner of K Enterprise... Why are you suddenly so interested in him?" Levant was puzzled.

"We're just curious as to why the guy offered to be Nina's tutor on cosmetic skills. Also, we wonder whether he will be the right guy to teach Nina."

Levant was taken aback by what he just heard. Why would the successor to the K Enterprise be willing to do such a humble job?

"I don't think he's the right guy for the job. As far as I know, K Enterprise is the company that set the benchmark in the cosmetic industry. In fact, the company is even more outstanding than Seet Group in the industry. As the successor to such a prominent company, is it possible that he will have the time to teach Nina? Unless he's got some ulterior motive."

"Evan thought so too. So, I need your help investigating the ulterior motive he could have. After all, you're well-connected in K Nation after staying there for more than thirty years."

"Am I doing this as a favor for you or Evan?" Levant doubted while sizing Davin up.

“You’re doing this as a favor for me. Evan has no idea I’m coming here at all. After all, Nina is my niece, and I feel obligated to help her!”

Levant scoffed, “Fine, I’ll do it for your sake. If it’s Evan who asks for my help, I wouldn’t agree under any circumstances!”

Seeing how resentful Levant looked, Davin flashed him a sheepish grin. Do you really have to be so hostile toward Evan just because he decided on your behalf to let your son survive? By the time you become an old man, I’m sure you will be grateful for Evan for the fact that you have a son to look after you!

“Is there anything else you need to tell me?” Levant asked Davin, who was absorbed in his own thoughts.

Just as Davin was about to say no, Sheila barged in on their conversation, “Yes! Of course, we have other things to discuss with you!”

Solemnly, she stared straight into Levant’s eyes and asked, “Do you miss your son? He’s a cute little boy who’s really fun to be with.”

Without answering her, Levant’s expression hardened.

Being insensitive to his grumpiness, Sheila added, “Do you wish you could see your son and keep him company every single day of your life?”

Levant retained his silence, and his face looked ashen.

Still, Sheila pushed on, “Someone once told me about the story of a father who loved his son a great deal. He snapped a photo of his son every single day from the moment he was born right until he reached adulthood. On the day his son turned eighteen, he arranged all the photos in sequence and observed the growth of his son. Watching that is going to be a hell lot more heartwarming than any blockbuster movie. Don’t you want to experience something like that?”

Levant started picturing how the entire process was going to be like. He agreed it would be quite a mind-blowing sight to look at all the photos eighteen years later.

Seeing that Levant was contemplating the idea, Sheila turned her persuasion on full voltage. “In fact, you already have such a chance awaiting you to grab it. All you have to do is visit Tiffany and show her how much you care about her. I believe Tiffany will give you the chance to build a family with her!”

Say what? Show Tiffany how much I care about her? Dream on!

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I’m sure the only reason why that woman was so insistent back then on giving birth to that baby boy was that she was eyeing the position as my wife! There’s no way I will allow her to get what she wants! Why should I show how much I care about her when I have no feelings for her at all?

“Are you done?”

Stunned by his tone, Sheila stammered, “Y-Yes, I’m done. I’m just wondering if you will visit Tiffany?”

“If you’re done, kindly see yourself out then!”

Both Davin and Sheila were rendered speechless.

Is he chasing us out?

Pissed with Levant’s rude attitude, Sheila did not see the need to keep things pleasant anymore. She leaped to her feet and glared at him resentfully. “Levant, let me get this straight – I’m telling you this for your own good. If giving Tiffany the cold shoulder is the plan you’re sticking to, it won’t be long before Tiffany goes on to marry another man. By the time that happens, your son is going to see another man as his father.”

“She’s free to marry any man she likes. However, I’ll ask for the custody of my son back. There’s no way I’ll allow my son to see another man as his father!”

“Can you be hundred percent sure that you can get your son’s custody? If Tiffany insists on fighting for his custody, I guess there’s nothing you can do to stop her from doing so.”

“You’ll have to wait and see whether I can do that.”

Sizing Levant up, Sheila snickered, “It’s so obvious that you actually do care about your son! If that’s the case, why can’t you just reconcile with...” Tiffany.

“Please excuse me as I have something urgent to attend to!” Levant cut Sheila off directly and marched away.

“Damn it, he can’t even wait until I finish my sentence. Is patching things up with Tiffany totally out of question for him?”

“He wouldn’t be the same man who’s had a crush on Nicole for years if he’s open to the idea of marrying Tiffany. Don’t you know how stubborn Levant can get? The things you said just now are just going to fall on his deaf ears.”

Sheila lamented, “I’m only doing this for the sake of that chubby and adorable little boy.”

“Seems like trying to persuade him verbally isn’t going to work. Let’s go home first and try to come up with another plan,” Davin said.

When the two were walking out of Levant Winery, Sheila stared at Davin hesitatingly, thinking whether she should share with him the things on her mind.

“What’s the issue? Sheep, it isn’t your style to be so wishy-washy. Just tell me what’s on your mind already,” Davin urged.

“Davin, has Renee visited you lately?”

At the mention of Renee, Davin felt somewhat nervous. Why hasn’t Sheila forgotten about Renee months after she met her? Women really have superb memory when it comes to their love rivals, huh!

“Nope. Mom talked with her, and they agreed that Renee would only contact Mom directly in the case that she needed anything. By the way, Mom’s thinking of making Renee her goddaughter. Are you fine with that?”

Renee is going to become the goddaughter of Davin's mother.

Does it mean Renee and Davin will be god siblings in the future? If that's the case, I will become her sister-in-law, won't I?

"I'm fine with it as long as that's what Mom wants to do. But, there's one thing I want you to bear in mind – even though Renee will be your god sister in the future, I won't be pleased if I find out that she's using that as a means to spend more time with you. Davin, I hope you will be doing your part to maintain a distance from her too. I want all my stuff to be exclusively owned by me, and I will freak out if anyone tries to snatch anything of mine away."

"Don't worry, Renee isn't the type of girl who will pull off something like that. Besides, I know exactly who I care about the most. So, be rest assured that I won't let you down!"

Sheila was overjoyed to hear such a sincere speech from him, which was especially rare for a cynical and insensitive man like Davin.

"Please remember what you just said."

"Sure, I will."

"Swear that you won't let me down."

"Swear?"

Indeed, women are nothing but trouble. Why do all of them seem to have a thing for asking people to make pledges?

"Well, I swear I won't let you down!"

"Can't you be more serious? I'm going to make you repeat it again and again if you aren't taking it more seriously."

Davin let out a barely audible sigh. Standing ramrod straight, he raised three fingers and pledged. "I, Davin Seet, hereby pledge that I will never let Sheila Muir down in my entire life. Is that good enough?"

Sheila pondered over what he said and pointed out, "Your pledge isn't complete! You have to include the consequences you will suffer in the event you let me down."

"How do you think I should be punished then?" Davin threw the question back at Sheila.

After some contemplation, an idea struck Sheila. "If you ever let me down, you'll be transformed into a pig or a prick!"

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Davin was left wordless. Holy cow, Sheila Muir, I have no idea you can be so vicious and mean!

"Say it."

"Alright, alright. I'm saying it now – if I ever let you down, I'll become a pig or a tiger."

“Davin, you can’t omit the very last option I gave you because that’s what I want to hear from you the most.”

Taking a deep breath, Davin included the ‘prick’ part in his pledge through gritted teeth. Finally, Sheila was satisfied.

“Keep in mind what you just said.”

“Oh, I won’t dare to forget it!”

His answer put a broad grin on Sheila’s face.

Then, the two returned to Seet Residence. Before they could even sit down on the sofa, Davin’s phone started ringing.

Davin, who saw Levant’s name on the screen of his phone, was surprised to receive a call from him so soon. Has Levant found out something about K Enterprise already?

“Levant, how can I help you?”

“So, I’ve done some research on K Enterprise. Apparently, there’s been internal strife for power ongoing in the company between Chris Sanders and his two half-sisters. Everything started when his two sisters demanded total control over the cosmetic and skincare department of the company. Conflict soon ensued when Chris refused to let them have their way. After a discussion with the board, Mr. Sanders came up with a way to solve the issue – anyone who proves that he or she is better at managing the department will earn the authority to manage it.”

“Although Chris indeed has some experience in the industry and he knows his stuff about skincare products, he doesn’t really know much about cosmetic products. He’s no match for his two sisters who grew up immersing themselves in the cosmetic products industry. Thus, he needs someone who was born with the talent in the field to give him a hand. I suppose he only offered to be Nina’s tutor because he found out that Nina had fabulous make-up skills and knowledge on cosmetic products.”

After extracting all the key information from what Levant said, Davin concluded. “So, are you trying to say that Chris intends to make use of Nina’s talent to help him clinch the victory in his battle with his two sisters?”

“That’s correct!”

Davin did not respond to him.

Seems like becoming Nina’s tutor and making her fall in love with him are all part of Chris’ plan to get Nina to help him unconditionally.

Damn it, he’s trying to make use of Nina’s feelings to induce her into doing things he wanted her to do.

But then again, how come he’s willing to help us put on a show to convince Nina to give up on him when that’s going to ruin his plan?

What exactly is he trying to do?

Levant added a piece of advice for Davin. "Remember to make sure Nina stays as far away as possible from that guy. There's no reason for Nina to get involved in the family strife in K Enterprise. Once Nina is seen as someone on Chris' side, I believe his two half-sisters will treat Nina as their enemy too. If that happens, Nina will be stuck in a very dangerous situation."

Davin agreed. "Yes, we will make sure Nina steers clear from him from now on! We won't give him any chance to get near to Nina too. Hey, I must say that your information is really helpful!"

"The best way to appreciate my effort is to help me exact revenge on your brother by beating him up."

Furrowing his brows, Davin was at a loss for words. Levant is obviously expecting too much from me here. I won't have the guts to do something like that ever in my whole life!

"Hello? What did you just say? The signal here is so bad that I can't hear you at all! Hello..." Davin quickly hung up his phone, feeling proud of himself for dealing with the issue quite brilliantly. Is Levant trying to turn Evan and me against each other? Dream on! There's no way I'll fall for his trick!

Just as Davin was about to phone Evan to tell him about the information, Sheila stopped him. She told him it was better to do it face-to-face with Evan at Imperial Garden, as it was hard to convey the message clearly over the phone.

"You're right. I'll visit him now."

"Fine. Remember to remind Evan and Nicole to keep an eye on Nina from now on."

"Certainly."

With that, Davin sped his way to Imperial Garden in his sports car.

He was told that Evan was in his bedroom when he arrived at his destination. Without hesitation, he headed straight upstairs for Evan's bedroom.

Watching his back, the maid couldn't help but comment deep down inside, Mr. Davin is still as impatient and quick-tempered as ever. Mrs. Seet is inside the bedroom together with Mr. Seet. Will Mr. Davin have the gumption to knock on the door first before barging in?

Looking at the locked door of the master bedroom, Davin couldn't help but be curious. My goodness, what could they be doing inside that requires the door to be locked in broad daylight?

Knock! Knock! Knock!

He rapped on the door several times, but no one answered him. That put a deep frown on his forehead. Is Evan trying to make another baby with Nicole?

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Hmm...

As important as having another baby is, Nina's matter is equally urgent too!

If they are really making a baby inside, when will they stop? If it's going to take them the entire night, there's no way I can wait for them here.

After weighing his options, Davin decided to send a text to Evan: Evan, I have something super huge to tell you! I'm waiting for you in the living room now. After that, he took the stairs and made his way to the living room.

In the living room, his phone rang all of a sudden. He picked it up immediately and prattled on right away, "Evan, did my text interrupt your steamy session with Nicole? I'm terribly sorry about that, but I really have some important stuff to share with you!"

"What's that?" Evan asked him in a grim voice.

"It's related to Nina."

"Come to my room now."

Davin strode off upstairs at a quick pace after hanging up.

Once he walked into their bedroom, he saw Nicole trying on clothes of different seasons while Evan was sitting on the bed, giving her his opinion.

So, they aren't making another baby at all! I should have just banged on the door as hard as I could just now.

"Why didn't you guys answer the door just now when I was knocking? I really thought you guys were making a baby!"

Nicole glanced at him and answered, "There's no hurry for that plan. In fact, your wedding ceremony with Sheila is a matter that needs more attention. Why haven't you fixed the date yet?"

"Sheila insisted on holding our wedding ceremony after yours, and I agreed with her. So, we will only start planning it after yours."

Nicole felt guilty immediately upon hearing that. "Seems like the two of us are holding you guys up, huh. I'm truly sorry about that. Evan and I have got the certificate, but we'd prefer to wait for Juan and Kyle to be back first before we have the wedding ceremony. So, you guys can go ahead and hold it before us. Why don't you and Sheila pick a date? Evan and I will help you with the arrangement."

"It's fine. In fact, Sheila doesn't attach much importance to the wedding ceremony, as she said that what matters the most is my love for her. We'll be getting a marriage certificate too. As for the wedding ceremony, we plan to have it when we're in the mood for it. Evan, Nicole, what do you say we hold it together?"

"That's quite a brilliant idea! I'm sure it will be very lively and fun!"

After some small talk, only then did Davin remember the purpose of his visit. "Look, I have something huge to tell you guys. Levant has found out the reason why Chris wanted to be Nina's tutor. We really have to keep an eye on Nina to make sure she has no chance to contact Chris."

Curiously, Nicole asked, "What kind of stuff has Levant found out?"

"Let me to do a recap for you guys..."

Davin recounted everything Levant told him over the phone just now. After listening to him, both Evan and Nicole looked stunned.

“So, that’s the ulterior motive Chris has been harboring so far. But then again, why did he agree to put on that show to make Nina forget about him?” Nicole asked, looking puzzled.

“About that... I don’t have a clue either. Yet, I’m sure he must have a reason doing so, judging from how scheming and cunning he is,” Davin replied.

Evan’s eyes turned pensive as he replayed everything in his mind in search of clues. It was Chris’ idea to put on that show to make Nina give up on him, but it was Sheila who found that fake girlfriend for him...

As the successor to the owner of K Enterprise, he could have easily gotten any girl he liked to pretend as his girlfriend. Why didn’t he do it? Was it because he was being careful not to reveal his true identity?

There’s another possibility – Chris is going to pin the blame on Sheila and Nicole. He will tell Nina that he was threatened by them to put on the show. As Sheila was responsible to hire the girl to pretend to be his girlfriend, he’s going to say that he had no choice but to play along with their plan...

What will Nina think if she hears that from him?

For sure she will jump to the conclusion that Nicole and Sheila colluded with each other to force a separation between Chris and her!

Chris Sanders, you’re really a formidable force!

“We have to prohibit her from leaving Imperial Garden, no matter how hard she pleads to go out!” Evan announced sternly.

Davin nodded in agreement. “I’m of the same view. There’s a chance Chris might regret his decision to leave Nina when he remembers how important Nina is to his battle to the throne. When that happens, he might come up with other means to lure Nina into doing things for him again.”

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In Evan’s opinion, there was no need for Chris to do anything because things were still salvageable for him to make use of!

Chris earned their trust by agreeing to put on the show for Nina. At the same time, he could also use it to turn Nina against her family by telling her that he was forced by Nicole and Sheila to pretend that he was taken. With that, Nina would drift further and further away from her family and get closer to him in the end.

Could Evan’s guess be correct?

Meanwhile, Nina was staring unblinkingly at the messages she had just received from Chris. From the tone of his texts, she could sense his resignation. He asked for her forgiveness for what took place at the cafe earlier and pointed out the fact that he was forced to be there. He also mentioned that he was indeed not good enough for her, and he hoped that she could move on from him and find a better man in the future.

Nina did not understand what he meant by saying that he was “forced” to be at the cafe. She could not figure out why he said he was “indeed” not good enough for her.

There must be some underlying reason behind how he phrased that text, and Nina couldn’t wait to get to the bottom of it.

Immediately, she sent him a reply: What do you mean by saying that you were forced to be there? I hope you can clarify it.

After a while, she received a reply from him: Please stop asking me questions. All you have to know is that your family is willing to do everything they can for your good. Please do listen to their advice in the future!

My family?

What has this got anything to do with my family?

Frowning, Nina texted him again: I don’t understand what you mean! Did anyone in my family talk to you before?

Chris responded: No, please don’t get me wrong. They are a bunch of nice people. It’s just that the girl they introduced to me wasn’t exactly my type. However, I believe both of us will get to meet our right partners in the future.

The girl they introduced to him?

Did my family set Chris up with that beautiful girl at the cafe?

Nina fell silent as she brooded over her chance encounter with Chris and his girlfriend at the cafe, and she started doubting whether she really bumped into them by chance. The more she pondered over the details, the more she was convinced that it was actually staged!

She asked Chris through a text: Did my family find that girlfriend for you? Was Daddy, Mommy, or Uncle Davin and Aunt Sheila the ones who did that?

I only ran into Chris and his girlfriend because Uncle Davin and Aunt Sheila took me to the cafe. Did Daddy and Mommy know about their plan? Or...

At that moment, Nina had a pressing urge to find out the culprit who came up with such an unscrupulous plan to make her give up on Chris.

Chris: I can’t tell you anything about that. In short, you just have to know that your family are the people who love you the most in the world! You have to listen to their advice!

After scrutinizing his messages, Nina noticed that her family had been mentioned quite frequently. Was the encounter with Chris and that girl staged by them?

Did my family work together just to trick me?

Why? Why would they do such a thing to me? I don’t understand!

Nina held her phone in a tight grasp. Her mind was jammed with doubts and suspicions. How could Daddy and Mommy, to whom I deeply respect, plot against me just because they don't like the guy I'm crushing on? Do they know how devastated I am after seeing Chris with his girlfriend?

Or, are they too self-centered to care about my feelings?

Feeling indignant, she put on a pair of slippers and marched out of her room to the master bedroom. Just as she was about to knock on the door, she heard snatches of an ongoing conversation coming from inside.

"Other than keeping an eye on Nina, we have to get someone to keep tabs on Chris too. Once we notice any sign of him trying to get in touch with Nina, we will teach him a lesson so that he knows she should back off! He will stand no chance of getting near to Nina again!" Davin snarled.

"I'll get John to do it," Evan said.

"I'll keep an eye on Nina too. No matter what Chris might be up to, I won't let him achieve what he wants!" Nicole said with determination in her voice. She would not allow anyone to exploit her beloved daughter and hurt her!

Nina was rendered speechless.

It was only after listening to the conversation between the trio did she believe the content of Chris' messages.

They really conspired with each other against me!