

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1117

They said they were going to keep an eye on Chris to stop him from getting in touch with me! It's only because they thought he wasn't good enough for me...

They're so despicable!

At that moment, Nina felt a deep sense of betrayal realizing that her family was not on her side. They had done so many things to sabotage her relationship with Chris, and Nina was adamant that she would not have their blessing if she ended up being with Chris. From that moment on, it dawned upon her that she could only rely on herself if she wanted to fight for her happiness...

It seems like I have to refrain from sharing my thoughts with Mommy and Maya in the future...

Going back to her bedroom, Nina hesitated for a moment before sending a message to Chris: What kind of girl do you fancy?

Chris replied: Why're you asking me this all of a sudden?

Taking a deep breath, Nina typed her question and sent it back to him: I want to know if you will be interested in a girl like me.

He responded: I don't deserve a girl like you!

Nina: That's not the answer I want to hear. Just tell me whether you have feelings for me. I might sound unladylike by saying this, but I really fancy you a lot!

Chris responded: I'm not going to give you an answer as I don't want you to harbor any expectation. In fact, we might never see each other again because I'm going back to K Nation soon.

He's going back to K Nation?

Nina quickly typed him a reply: What's the rush? Did my family force you to go back? If that's the case, let me apologize to you on their behalf! But can you take me to K Nation alongside you? A crafty smile emerged on Chris' face when he saw the last sentence of Nina's message.

That was exactly what he had been waiting to hear from her.

Chris: Are you really willing to go with me? You'd better think twice because your parents aren't going to allow us to be together.

Nina: This is my life. So, I'm the only one who can make decisions for myself.

Chris: Nina, I really love how bold and decisive you are when it comes to your relationship!

Overjoyed to receive the compliment from Chris, Nina's face broke into a faint smile.

Nina: When will you be leaving? I'll meet you at your place.

Chris: That will be too risky. I'll give you some time to think about your decision. If you're sure this is what you want, please do it like this... Chris went on to share the plan he had concocted long before his conversation with Nina and ended his message with a reminder for her: Nina, you'd better take some time to think about it because the decision is going to be life-changing for you. I won't harbor any hard

feelings even if you decide not to go with me in the end. You'll always be in my mind and I'll wish you happiness.

Nina: I'll go with you! Please believe me that I'll do everything according to your plan.

Chris: Have a good rest then, my princess. Love ya!

Nina's judgment was completely clouded at the moment by the excitement of having her relationship with Chris blossomed into love. She could not see the ulterior motive Chris might be harboring toward her at all. Her heart had been melted by Chris' message and a wide grin started spreading across her face.

Nothing in the world could be more wonderful than having one's feelings reciprocated.

She couldn't resist but pick up a pen to write down Chris' name on a blank paper. Each stroke was made with meticulous care as though she was doing something sacred.

Beneath his name, she wrote down her wish for their relationship: May nothing but death do us apart!

Nina was smiling throughout that night as she dreamed of riding a horse together with Chris. They trotted along a vast steppe, enjoying the gentle breeze that caressed their face. Their hearty laughter could be heard now and then as Chris shouted his love confession for her...

The sun was already shining bright by the time she woke up the next day. Still savoring the jolly moment she shared with Chris in the dream the previous night, Nina thought about the series of messages she received from Chris. Could the messages be part of the dream too?

Immediately, she sat bolt upright and swept her phone up from the bedside table. She felt relieved in an instant after making sure all the messages were still stored in her phone.

Reading the plan prepared by Chris on her phone, she was overwhelmed by genuine delight. She only needed to carry out his instruction because he had thought it all out for her.

"Chris, please wait for me. I'll settle them pronto."

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Nina got out of bed and washed up. Before she left her room, she paused in her tracks in front of the mirror to make sure her smile was in place. That was the first step as stated in Chris' plan – she had to treat her family with a pleasant attitude so that they would let down their guard.

The first person she bumped into was Maya, who looked bleary-eyed and whose hair was disheveled.

"Morning, Maya."

Maya's pace immediately came to a halt as she regarded Nina with surprise. What's going on? Did Nina just take the initiative to greet me?

Didn't she say that she wanted to cut ties with me and would never speak to me ever again not too long ago? What brought about the drastic change in her attitude?

“Nina, a-are you talking to me? You aren’t going to cut ties with me?” Maya asked, her clear eyes sparkled with kindness and joy.

Nina looked slightly dumbfounded by her question. Actually, I’m still going to cut my ties with you, Little Witch. But then again, you aren’t the only one who will receive the treatment. I will do the same to everyone who tries to sabotage my relationship with Chris, including Daddy, Mommy, Uncle Davin, and Aunt Sheila! Well, it’s better to put it this way – I’m not gonna let anyone have any say in my love life. No one will have the chance to sabotage my relationship with Chris ever again!

“Maya, there’s no way I will cut my ties with you. In fact, I’ve figured it all out – I still have an exciting life ahead of me, and there are better guys who abound in the future. Why should I put all my eggs in one basket at such an early stage of my life?”

“Nina, I’m so glad that you’ve come around! You’re right to think of it that way! From my perspective, Chris Sanders is clearly not the right guy for you. He’s so much older than you, and I have a feeling that he’s a scheming guy! If you go out with him, there’s a high chance that he might take you in!”

Upon hearing Maya’s remark, a trace of despise flickered in Nina’s eyes. How dare you describe Chris as a scheming man! You’re the scheming one here! You’re the one I should be careful of, you blabbermouth!

“Yes, you’re right. Look at how unkempt you are now! You really should go wash up and comb your hair.”

“Okay, I’ll do that. After that, I’m going to prepare a super delicious breakfast for you! You’ll surely be hooked after taking the first bite of it. I heard that brokenhearted people would feel better after having some desserts...”

Maya froze all of a sudden when she reached that part. Then, she reached out to smack her mouth to punish herself for blurting out the wrong stuff.

“Nina, I’m sorry! Words just tumbled out of my mouth just now that I had no time to process it at all! You aren’t brokenhearted at all. Instead, you’re just about to embrace an even brighter future! To celebrate the positive change in your life, I’m going to make you a mousse cake!”

Celebrate my arse!

Not only am I not brokenhearted, but I’m also about to begin a relationship with my crush soon! I’m not sure what sort of future I will have in the future, but I’m complacent as long as I get to spend my time with the person I love.

“Sounds exciting. I’ll be waiting for you in the living room then.”

“Sure! I’ll go and wash up now.”

Nina rolled her eyes at the back of Maya before she headed downstairs.

As soon as Evan and Nicole woke up in the morning, they were greeted by a spread of delectable and nutritious food on the dining table prepared by Maya.

Maya, who was hustling in the kitchen, shouted at them all of a sudden, “Daddy, Mommy, I’m in the middle of making a super delicious cake. Please be patient and wait for me.”

“A super delicious cake? Maya, why are you suddenly in the mood to make a cake early in the morning?”

Maya cast a glance in the direction of the living room and pointed at Nina, who was sitting on the arc-shaped sofa with her eyes staring ahead blankly. In a lower volume, Maya said to her parents, “Daddy, Mommy, Nina had figured it all out. She told me she would no longer be interested in Chris. So, I’m making this cake to celebrate the occasion.”

Nicole and Evan exchanged a suspicious glance. Knowing how stubborn Nina was, they couldn’t help but wonder how Nina managed to come to her senses in such a short period of time.

It sounded more like something that would happen to Maya rather than Nina. Thus, both of them thought there was something fishy.

Evan gave Nicole a knowing look. Following his cue, Nicole made her way to the living room.

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“Nina!”

Nina, whose mind had been wandering, was jolted back to senses by Nicole’s voice. Hastily, she leaped up to her feet and responded to Nicole, “Mommy.”

“Nina, it pains me to see how much weight you’ve lost. Please do eat more later, alright?”

Nina nodded. “Thanks for caring about me so much, Mommy.” Then, she took the initiative to apologize to Nicole, “Mommy, the way I dealt with Chris’ matter before this was clearly not right. But now, I’ve figured it all out and I’ve realized my mistake. From now on, I’ll do as Daddy said by never getting in touch with him again.”

Sizing Nina up, Nicole asked her gently, “Nina, may I know what has enlightened you to come around all of a sudden?”

Nina tugged the hem of her shirt subconsciously before putting a faint smile on her face. “I think what Daddy and you said are right – I should prioritize my studies over everything else at my age.”

Having noticed her body language, Nicole doubted what she said, but she did not let her suspicion show. “Oh, really? I can see you’re growing into a big girl now that you can finally accept the advice from us. Nina, please bear in mind that you will always be our sweetheart, and we’ll love you dearly at all times!”

Nina was touched by Nicole’s words, although her heart did not flutter and race like the way it did when she had read Chris’ message.

As much as she was aware of her parent’s love for her, she would still prefer to have sole control in her love life. The chance to meet the love of one’s life was scarce. According to Sheila, if one happened to miss it, there would be no second chance at it. That was the reason why Sheila fought so hard to be with Davin, who was the love of her life. Everyone had to make an effort to fight for their happiness, or life would not be worth living at all.

Nina couldn't agree more with Sheila's principle. In the end, Sheila's effort did come to fruition as she managed to have a blissful life with Davin now. Inspired by her success, Nina was determined to emulate her and to make sure she would have no regrets in life.

"Mommy, I'll keep that in mind. Why don't we head to the dining hall now? My stomach is rumbling," Nina said.

"Sure."

By the time Nicole and Nina stepped into the dining hall, Maya's cake was ready as well. "Everyone, please have a taste of my cake! I didn't put too much honey in it, so it won't be too sweet to be enjoyed in the morning!"

"The cake is gorgeous. The stripes of honey on top of it really look like rays of morning sunlight! Maya, Mommy is very happy to see how good you're at baking now. I believe both Nina and you will have a very bright future ahead."

Feeling elated, Maya responded with a smile, "I think so too, Mommy. I believe Nina and I are on the right track to becoming better and better!"

With that, she spun around and faced Evan. "Daddy, could you please organize a Gourmet Conference for me? Instead of putting my desserts on exhibition, I'm going to showcase my newest food plaza system!"

"What kind of system is that?" Evan stared at Maya with a look of astonishment.

Maya took some time to contemplate her answer before answering Evan, "Daddy, I'm afraid I have to keep the details confidential. All I can say is that I'm sure it will be a hit! Not only can this system make it easier for people to discover delicious food, but it can also ensure a satisfactory user experience!"

"Wow, you certainly sound very confident about that system of yours!"

"Yes, Daddy. Are you interested in finding out more about how the system works? Do you feel like learning the details right here, right now?"

Intrigued by Maya's description, Nicole said, "Maya, I think you'd better give us a rough idea of your system first so that we can tell you whether it's viable or not before you go on to embarrass yourself."

"Mommy, why can't you have some confidence in me? Don't worry! I'm not going to screw up this time."

All of a sudden, Nina chimed in, "Maya, I believe in you! Daddy, please do organize the conference for Maya."

It will be easier for my plan to work if Daddy and Mommy focus all their attention on preparing Maya's Gourmet Conference!

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Maya was so pleased to see Nina helping her that her eyes gleamed with joy. "Nina, thanks for helping me. I'll treat you to the most delicious food you've ever tasted in your life during the conference!"

“Sure!”

Nina nodded at Maya distractedly, thinking that she might already be living in K Nation by the time Maya’s Gourmet Conference was held. I will choose Chris over delicious food any day!

“Daddy, please say yes since even Nina is on my side now.” Maya faced her adorable and chubby face to Evan and pleaded coquettishly, “Daddy, as the best Daddy in the whole world, I know you will help me, won’t you?”

At last, Evan succumbed to her tactic and nodded. “Fine, I’ll help you. Just give me some time to arrange the schedule, and I’ll tell you once I fix the time. Meanwhile, you can make use of the time to prepare for the event. I’d not like to see any glitches and hiccups during the event.”

“Daddy, please don’t worry about that. I promise you that the event will be error-free.”

After saying that, Maya served Evan a piece of cake with reverence. “Daddy, please give the cake a try.”

She served Nicole and Nina each too. “Mommy, Nina, please taste it and then tell me what you think. Next time, I will make the cake according to your preferences.”

Nicole took a bite of the cake with a smile. Just like how Maya described the cake just now, the texture was soft and velvety, and the sweetness was just nice. Nicole also adored the strong milky flavor that came with each bite of the cake.

“Maya, I must say this cake really tastes great! You’re amazing!”

“Not bad. Your cake actually tastes even better than those made by that famous dessert store in Y City. Daddy thinks you’re incredible too!”

At the mention of the dessert store in Y City, Maya suddenly pursed her lips and looked aggrieved. “I still remember how much I used to crave for the cakes sold at that famous dessert store in Y City when I was little. However, they were too pricey and Mommy couldn’t afford to buy one for me. When Mommy was working at Daddy’s company as a translator, Mommy brought a mousse cake from that dessert store home one day. I can still vividly remember how the cake looked like – it was decorated with flowers made of cream. Yet, the cake tasted so horrible that I nearly cried after taking one bite... Daddy, I knew that awful cake was a prank you played on Mommy, but Nina and I ended up bearing the brunt of it! I even had a nightmare of having a heap of that cake chasing after me, chanting for me to eat them!”

Listening to Maya as she narrated a story of the past, a faint smile appeared on Nicole’s face. She turned to Evan and verified Maya’s story. “That really happened. To avenge their suffering, I pulled a prank back on you later on. You caught me red-handed when I was smashing your stuff in your room, and you demanded several hundred thousand from me as compensation. Sometime after that, I moved to a slum together with the kids because I was too cash-strapped.”

Nina suddenly stared at Evan and questioned him, “Daddy, if you knew we were your daughters at that time, would you still separate Mommy from us?”

Would I? Evan felt conflicted as he reminisced about his past.

However, he had no definite answer to that either. There was a chance that he would still do the same thing. After all, he had no romantic feelings toward Nicole at that time. As a man of principle, he would never marry someone whom he did not love.

But then again, the kids successfully pestered him to allow Nicole to stay so that she could take care of them later on. Ever since then, he slowly saw the good side of Nicole and fell in love with her in the end.

“I can’t give you a sure answer based on a hypothesis. What I can say for sure is that I hope all of us won’t be separated from each other in the future. So, the two of you have to promise me that you won’t marry someone who lives too far away from us. Daddy and Mommy would love to visit you whenever we like, alright?”

Don’t marry someone who lives too far away from them?

Nina’s heart lurched when she heard that because she was going to do something really similar soon. Daddy, I’m afraid I won’t be able to fulfill that request of yours!

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Nicole smiled after listening to Maya’s heartwarming words. Of course, having both girls by their side would be the most ideal scenario. However, if their Mr. Rights turned out to be someone who lived far away from their city, she would not stop them from leaving too. As long as the guy treated her daughter well and was able to make her happy, she was willing to compromise.

“Daddy, Mommy, I-I have nothing to say because marriage isn’t on my agenda yet. I’m done eating, so I’ll go and get changed now.” With that, Nina left the dining table and walked away.

Watching Nina’s back, Nicole contemplated how antsy Nina looked when she answered them. For some reason, she had a feeling that something was bugging Nina.

After Maya left for her room, Evan asked Nicole for her opinion on Nina’s sudden change in attitude.

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“Sure. Please drive carefully.”

Evan caressed Nicole’s head gently and was off to work. In the meantime, Nicole headed back to the master bedroom. Just after she finished eating some supplement pills, she heard someone knocking on the door.

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“A shopping trip?” Nicole pondered over Maya’s suggestion before saying, “Why don’t you invite Aunt Sheila to go with you? Mommy wants to stay at home to keep Nina’s company.”

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After accomplishing her mission, Maya headed straight to Nina’s room to tell her the good news.

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Nina was overjoyed deep down inside to hear that. “I will. Thanks, Maya.”

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She immediately whipped out her phone and texted Chris, telling him that her plan to leave Imperial Garden was a success.

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She swept some of her favorite accessories into her backpack as well. Knowing that she might not be able to return home for quite a long time, she tried to bring as much stuff as she could along with her. After filling up her backpack with her belongings, she frantically started getting dressed.

When Sheila arrived at Imperial Garden, both Nina and Maya were ready to go. For the shopping trip, Maya made an effort to adopt a new hairstyle. Her look successfully garnered a barrage of compliments from Sheila.

"Maya, you're turning into a pretty young lady after you decided to go on a diet." Sheila gave Maya's cheeks a pinch.

Maya responded to her compliment with a bashful smile. She looked extremely adorable when she cupped her cheeks with her hands to cover her shyness. "Aunt Sheila, thanks for your compliment." "You don't have to thank me because Aunt Sheila is only speaking the truth."

Then, Sheila turned to Nina. "Nina, what's inside that bulging backpack of yours? How come you look more like you just came back from a fruitful shopping trip?"

Nicole walked over and examined Nina's backpack. Nina's chest tightened with anxiety upon hearing Sheila's comment. She had neglected the need to be discreet when she was stuffing all her belongings into her backpack just now.

What should I do now? What should I say to get away with this?

After carefully considering her options, she replied, "I'm pawning some of my jewelry so that I can have some money to buy the skincare product materials that I want to study on."

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Nicole walked over and examined Nina's backpack. Nina's chest tightened with anxiety upon hearing Sheila's comment. She had neglected the need to be discreet when she was stuffing all her belongings into her backpack just now.

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"Nina, please don't open the door halfway when I'm changing later, alright? Uncle Davin will be jealous if he finds out my beautiful body is exposed to the public."

Nina nodded as she stood in the corner of the cubicle, waiting for Sheila to try on the clothes. Deep down inside, she was feeling like a cat on a hot tin roof trying to churn out a way to sneak off.

Sheila, who was pleased with the look Nina chose for her, purchased the clothes right away.

"Nina, why don't you go and pick some new clothes for yourself too? Aunt Sheila will buy them for you."

Nina shook her head at her. "My wardrobe is quite full at the moment. I think I will get some for Mommy instead."

"Sounds good to me! Well, you may go ahead and pick anything you like then."

Nina nodded. While she was selecting clothes for Nicole, she already had an escape plan ready which she intended to execute after getting Nicole's clothes.

If she succeeded in her escape plan, it would be ages before she would choose something for her mother again. Thus, she was extra attentive and thoughtful this time.

"Mommy, I chose these few pieces for you because I think you will look good and younger in them. I'm sure people who see us together will assume we are sisters instead of mother and daughter!"

Just like all women who loved to be praised for having a youthful look, Nicole was walking on air because of Nina's compliment.

"Nina, you're such a sweet talker. You may go ahead and pick some for yourself too. Mommy will pay for them."

"Mommy, why don't you choose for me while I go to the restroom? I'll try them on when I get back."

"Sure!"

Nicole nodded. Watching Nina's back as she was off to the restroom, she had a nagging feeling at the back of her head that kept telling her that trouble was looming ahead.

She turned around and spoke to Maya, "Maya, Aunt Sheila and Mommy are going to the restroom. You may stay here to choose some clothes for Nina and yourself."

Eh, why are they all heading to the restroom at the same time?

"Sure, go ahead. I'll be done when the three of you make it back later."

Without further ado, Nicole and Sheila followed Nina to the restroom and waited outside for her.

Nina was still nowhere in sight after quite a long wait. Feeling ill at ease, Nicole said to Sheila, "Let me go and take a look inside."

"Okay, I'll wait here."

A few minutes later, Nicole dashed out of the restroom, looking anxiety-ridden. "I checked all the cubicles, but Nina wasn't inside any of them!"

"How could that be? We saw her entering the restroom with our own eyes just now!" Sheila looked puzzled and shocked at the same time.

Shortly after Sheila said that, she spotted a random woman walking out of the restroom wearing Nina's clothes. Immediately, she ran over to block the woman's way and gave her a once-over.

"Why are you staring at me like that?" Feeling uneasy under Sheila's stare, the woman confronted her in a resentful tone.

"Are you wearing your own clothes? I doubt that because they don't fit you well," Sheila commented.

"Of course I'm wearing my clothes." The woman shot Sheila a glare that signaled her to piss off.

To avoid wasting time, Sheila fished out a stack of cash to the woman and demanded, "Tell me the truth!"

The woman hesitated. In the end, she was enticed by the money to come clean.

"I swapped my clothes with a girl in the restroom just now. By the way, the way she put on make-up on herself really puzzles me. Seriously, she could have looked a lot better without that make-up."

As soon as the woman said that, it dawned upon Nicole and Sheila what just took place – Nina managed to sneak off right before them by changing her appearance!

"Nina! I can't believe she did something so outrageous!" Looking horrified, Nicole sprinted off to look for Nina.

Sheila ran after her. At the same time, they phoned Davin and Evan to inform them of Nina's disappearance. The news made them both worried and anxious.

"Say what? Nina ran away?" Davin leaped up to his feet from his chair like someone just stepped on his tail.

"Yes! She changed her appearance and disappeared so quickly that we couldn't have done anything to stop her! What should we do now?"

"Don't panic. I'll send some of my men to look for her now," Davin said.

Evan was aghast when Nicole told him what happened over the phone. "Nicole, please calm down first because I'm sure we'll be able to track Nina down. John already dispatched the Hidden Masters to keep an eye on Chris before this. So, the four of them will know where Nina is if she is off to meet Chris. I'll give them a call now."

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"Well, you do that now then!" Nicole hung up her phone, sounding panic-stricken.

Without further delay, Evan phoned Jensen, who picked up his call almost immediately.

"Mr. Seet, how can I help you?"

"Where's Chris Sanders now?"

"He's at the parking lot of Azara Mall. I just saw a girl get into his car. Now, he's getting ready to leave."

A girl? That must be Nina with the make-up and different clothes.

Evan was very sure that Nina was with Chris based on the fact that Chris was at Azara Mall too.

"Follow him, and block his way once you guys are out of the city center! Then, bring both of them to Clare's Place.

"Yes, Mr. Seet!"

Evan did not ask the Hidden Masters to seize Chris and Nina at Azara Mall right away. Knowing how headstrong Nina was, it was highly likely that she would make a fuss trying to stop the Hidden Masters

from capturing them. If the stir caught the attention of any paparazzi, who happened to be lurking nearby, the scandalous news of Nina eloping with a guy would be all over the tabloids the following day. It would tarnish her reputation and affect her future adversely.

Therefore, he needed to handle the matter carefully and discretely.

After Nicole and Sheila were made aware that Nina would be brought to Clare's Place, Sheila immediately drove Nicole and Maya there.

Upon their arrival, they caught sight of Evan and Davin reaching the place one after another as well.

"Evan, is Nina already here?"

"Nicole, please be patient. Jensen just gave me a ring saying that the four of them will be here soon. Let's head inside and wait for them at somewhere more private."

"Okay."

The five of them made their way to one of the private rooms situated on the second floor of the building. Staring out of the window, Nicole was angry and worried about Nina at the same time. Why would Nina choose to leave us? What kind of spell did Chris cast on her?

Pacing back and forth in the room, Davin opined, "Don't stop me from beating that scoundrel up when he's here later! How dare he trick Nina into doing something like this! Does he really think we are a bunch of pushovers?"

"Davin, you have my support! In fact, I think I'll join you!" Sheila gritted her teeth furiously.

Right after she said that, the Hidden Masters walked into the room, followed by Chris, Nina, and a driver.

Evan glowered at Chris as if he just did the most heinous crime in the world. He couldn't wait to beat him up to vent out his anger.

Before he could do anything, Davin stormed his way toward Chris and snapped, "You scoundrel! How dare you trick Nina into running away from her family! Are you tired of living, or do you not take us seriously at all because you're the son of K Enterprise's owner? Answer me now!" Davin lifted his leg and was about to kick Chris.

Immediately, Nina put herself in front of Chris and opened her arms protectively. "Uncle Davin, please don't hurt him. Just pin the blame on me, not him. I'm the one who asked him to take me away with him to K Nation!"

Davin was rendered speechless.

Goodness gracious, this silly girl. It seems like Chris has completely held her spellbound, huh? I can't believe she's still trying to defend him when she had nearly been kidnapped by him! Even if Chris sells her to a human trafficker later, I'm afraid that silly girl would still be happily handing Chris the money!

“Nina, there’s more to this Chris guy than meets the eye. You don’t understand it because you have yet to see his true colors! He came near you with an ulterior motive, and he doesn’t love you at all! All he wants is to use you as a tool!”

Unperturbed, Nina scoffed, “Really? Are you sure that’s not an excuse you guys are using to stop us from being with each other? Didn’t you guys find him a fake girlfriend and stage that scene for me to bump into them at the cafe? I won’t believe you guys anymore!”

“Nina, I can’t believe you’d rather believe him than us! Don’t forget that we are your family!” Davin exclaimed.

No matter how hard Davin tried to knock some sense into Nina, she still appeared indifferent and aloof with her chin held high.

“Nina, Mommy isn’t going to deny having done those things to separate the two of you. However, we only did that for a reason. Don’t you want to find out what that is?”

“No, I don’t!” Nina answered without a second thought.

Just then, Evan walked up to Nina and stared at her condescendingly. Emphasizing every word of his sentence, he seethed, “You have to hear us out, and I don’t care whether you like it or not!”

After that, Evan fixed a flinty stare at Chris, who was standing behind Nina. “Can you still call yourself a man by hiding behind a woman? I dare you to step forward now and tell Nina everything, including your true identity as well as the ulterior motive you have.”

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Chris’ face darkened.

After receiving no response from Chris, Davin chimed in, “Evan’s right. It’s not a manly thing to hide behind a woman. You are the kind of sissy whom I despise the most!”

“Uncle Davin, please watch your mouth!” Unable to stand the rude remarks her Daddy and Uncle Davin hurled at Chris, Nina intervened.

“Nina, can’t you see that I’m actually helping you here? Why are you still saying things in his defense? You must be under some spell of his to be this stubborn! It won’t be long before you get to see his true colors!” Davin retorted.

Nicole, too, went livid with rage. “Chris Sanders, are you keeping silent because you want us to do the talking on your behalf? We’ve found out basically everything about you, including your true identity, the problems you are facing now, and the reason why you offered to become Nina’s tutor right from the beginning! Don’t you think it’s unscrupulous of you to make use of someone else’s feelings to achieve your personal gains?”

Finally, Chris strode forward and stared at the rest of them straight in their eyes. “I can tell her the truth, but you guys must promise to release me after that. Keeping me here won’t do you guys any good either, and I’m sure you guys are well aware of that. I don’t think I need to elaborate on how influential and powerful K Enterprise is, do I?”

Davin snorted icily, “Kid, that threat of yours isn’t going to work on me because I’m so used to receiving them all the time that I’m totally numb. Now, just cut your crap and spill everything out so that Nina can see your true colors!”

Listening to their accusations on Chris, seeds of doubt started germinating in Nina’s mind too. What could Chris’ true colors and his ulterior motive be? She spun around and regarded Chris with curiosity written all over her face.

“Nina, they’re right – I offered to become your tutor with an ulterior motive. It’s because your superb cosmetic skills are going to be very helpful to me.”

“How am I going to be helpful to you?” Nina stared at him with confusion in her eyes.

“Well, since there’s no reason for me to hide anything from you now, let me offer you a more detailed explanation. Look, I’m in fact the successor to the owner of K Enterprise, but I’m an illegitimate son. My father’s wife gave birth to two daughters, who are my half-sisters. They have been trying hard to dilute my power in the company because they don’t think I deserve to be the successor.”

“The skincare and cosmetic department contribute the most to our company’s profits. So, they planned to start their usurpation by seizing the control of the department. Not only did they do that, but they also even colluded with the board members, who went on to propose that the department would fall into the hands of whoever managed to prove that they had more profound knowledge in skincare and cosmetic products. My two half-sisters obviously have the upper hand in this because they basically grew up learning them. As for me, I only started researching skin care products a few years back, and I don’t really know much about cosmetic products. If I don’t seek help from others, I’ll surely be beaten by my half-sisters!”

“At some point in time, I found out about you by chance. I thought you would be the perfect candidate to help me in my battle with my half-sisters, so I started coming up with a plan to get to know you.” “I couldn’t believe my luck when I found out you were looking for a tutor who could teach you the knowledge of skincare products. That was the perfect chance for me to get near you because I fit the criteria of the job perfectly. Thus, I pulled some strings and got one of my friends to recommend me to Mr. Lindt. After passing several tests, I was finally hired to be your tutor. I guess that’s about everything I’ve been hiding from you so far.”

Nina fell silent.

She stood rooted to the spot, finding it difficult to process the plethora of information that was jamming her head all at one time. After some time, she looked up at Chris and questioned him, “So, are you saying that you only approached me for your own personal gains? You don’t have feelings for me at all, do you?”

Chris did not answer her right away.

His face hardened before he broke into a faint smile.

“Nina, you’re only fourteen while I’m already twenty-three. There’s no way I will fall in love with an underage girl like you. So, you really shouldn’t waste your time dwelling on that anymore!”

Nina was left wordless.

He didn't hesitate at all when he answered me.

Is it true that he has no feelings for me at all?

"A-Are you speaking the truth? Y-You really have no feelings for me at all?" In a quivering voice, she stubbornly demanded further confirmation from Chris.

It was unsure whether Nina was deluding herself or she really did not think Chris was being truthful. Her voice quivered as she pressed on her queries.

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"Yes, I don't have any feelings for you at all. All I want is to make use of your talent!" Chris answered her just as decisively as how he did it earlier.

Nina did not utter a word in response.

Her face turned ashen in an instant. She barely got to enjoy much time in the realm of love that she had fantasized about before she was ruthlessly thrown back into the cold and harsh world of reality again. All the rosy illusions she had harbored toward her love life were crushed by the truth.

Just moments earlier, he was still her Prince Charming to whom she planned to marry once she reached adulthood. She would then live happily ever after with him, just like Daddy and Mommy. Little did she know, she had already walked right into the booby trap Chris set for her. It was pathetic that not only did she fail to realize his ulterior motive, but she also even gleefully helped him with his scheme, assuming that he was the love of her life.

As it turned out, things that happened in fairy tales were impossible to take place in the real world. She thought what she had with Chris was real love, but her bubble was burst. The man she saw as her Prince Charming turned out to be nothing more than a conman...

"Nina, now you know why we were trying so hard to stop you from getting in touch with him. We wouldn't have to do that if he really has feelings for you. There's no way we will allow him to deceive you and use you as a tool for his personal gains!"

Nina was jolted back to senses by Davin's voice. Looking up at Chris, tears suddenly welled up in her eyes. After shouting an "I hate you!" at him, she dashed out of the room.

"Nina!" Just as Nicole wanted to run after her, Sheila stopped her just in time. "Nicole, you should stay here because your body is weak. Let me go and catch up with her!"

"Mommy, I'll go with Aunt Sheila too!" With that, Maya and Sheila sprinted out after Nina.

Evan shot Jensen and Jeremy a look. The two took his cue and hurriedly ran out of the room too.

In the meantime, Davin gave Chris a baleful glance and a thorough examination. With a satanic smile, Davin lifted his arm and punched Chris in his face twice. Taken aback by his sudden attack, Chris stumbled backward. He could only barely stand straight by holding on to the wall behind him.

"Steer clear from Nina from now on, you scoundrel! If I find any signs of you plotting against Nina again, I won't hesitate to beat you to death!"

Chris felt a burning sensation on his cheeks. He reached out to wipe the corners of his lips to find the back of his hand stained with bright red blood. I can't believe he's this brutal!

"Evan, just let him go. If words about this go out, it won't do Nina any good," Davin spoke.

Evan glowered at Chris dangerously and snarled, "If you dare to do anything to harm Nina ever again, I'll make sure you pay the heaviest price you can imagine! F*** off!"

Without uttering a word, Chris left with one hand covering part of his face.

"Evan, will Nina be able to accept such a huge blow? I think I should go and take a look at her."

"I'll go too!" Nicole chimed in.

"Just stay put while I phone Jensen and ask him to bring Nina back." Evan stopped Davin and Nicole from leaving, proceeding to make a phone call.

Nicole was left on tenterhooks at the moment, wondering whether Evan would punish Nina for making such a huge mistake.

Jensen brought Nina and the rest back ten minutes later. With despondence written all over her face, Nina looked like an emotional wreck.

Evan gave her a fleeting glance before he snapped, "Go home!" After that, he strode out of the room without hesitation.

Nicole walked up to Nina and held her hands. "Come on, let's go home."

Before leaving the room, Davin and Sheila reminded Nina to offer an apology to Evan. That was the only way to stop Evan from lashing it out at her.

Instead of responding to them, Nina slouched her way out of the room together with Nicole.

Back at Imperial Garden, Nina sprinted back to her room as soon as she got out of the car. There was a trace of pain and distress in Evan's as he watched his daughter leave.

Evan knew she must be devastated to be betrayed by someone she genuinely loved. Nonetheless, a mistake had to be rectified no matter how painful the process was. One could only learn from one's mistakes by facing them and shouldering all the consequences that followed fearlessly.

"Evan, please give Nina some time to sort out her own emotions before you lecture her. I'm really worried that she wouldn't be able to handle such a huge blow. She's only a fourteen-year-old girl, after all."