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Once they were in the room, Evan placed his wife gently on the bed. "Do you want a glass of water? Any cravings?"

She was speechless. After the glass of warm milk, followed by spaghetti, he was expecting her to eat more.

"I don't feel like eating or drinking right now. I just need a nap," Nicole said.

"Okay, have a good nap." He pulled a blanket and covered her.

Evan's excessive attention dumbfounded Nicole. "Are you not going to work? Don't tell me you're going to stay and look after me?" she asked.

"I can manage the company remotely from the study room after you sleep."

Is he trying to turn this house into an office? Having a baby is not that big of a deal.

She was reminded of her first pregnancy. It was a stark contrast to what she had now.

She was grateful that God finally answered her prayer after so many years.

Meanwhile, Evan's parents walked out of a café with frowns on their faces. They hastily returned to the car.

Sophia took the front passenger seat and slammed the door shut. "Monica, that brat! She obviously is trying to wreck our family!" she vented out her anger.

Jonathan sighed. "I thought she could let bygones be bygones. However, she simply won't leave us alone!

"Say, should we remind Evan to keep an eye on her and the company? Our priority is to be on the lookout for that brat. I wonder what she got up her sleeves. And if she wants to mess with our family, we'll wage a war."

"You're right. Let's talk about this more when we get home," replied his wife.

Jonathan drove back to the Seet Residence. As soon as they reached the front door, they saw Davin and Sheila.

It was a heated argument, and they were shouting at each other over the fertility test.

They just came back from the assessments and the result showed no abnormalities for both of them.

The couple was discussing plausible reasons for their struggle to get pregnant. When they started to blame each other, the discussion escalated into a fight.

"Enough. Stop quarreling. Both of you are trying as hard as you possibly can. I'm sure you'll eventually become parents." Sophia tried to calm them down.

"How dare she point a finger at me when, in fact, she was the one to blame!" Davin rolled his eyes at Sheila.

"Look who's talking. You are not putting in the effort at all!" She refused to give in.

Jonathan sighed. He walked away from that awkward situation and headed straight upstairs.

Sophia could feel a headache brewing behind her eyes. "Can you two please stop being so negative? Davin, tell your brother to be on his guard. Someone is hatching an evil plan to harm the company." She tried to switch the subject.

"Who?" Davin asked.

"I have no idea. I only know it by hearsay. Just do as I say, no more questions." Halfway up the stairs, she turned and said sternly, "Make sure to convey this message to your brother!"

"Mom, I don't think Evan would care. He doesn't even go to his office now. And guess what? I saw him in an apron this morning! I barely recognized him!"

"He's a man with a conscience, after all. Nicole went through much suffering. Poor girl. She was all alone when she was pregnant for the first time. She deserves all the love from him now." A warm smile appeared at the corners of Sophia's mouth.

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Sheila liked the sound of Sophia's remarks as they assured her that Davin would take good care of her once she becomes pregnant. After all, she had witnessed how Sophia was able to make sure that Evan took good care of Nicole.

Trying to come with an idea that would benefit the Seet family, Sheila suggested, "Mom, since Evan will be busy taking care of Nicole, why don't you let Davin take charge of the company's affairs?"

Sophia pondered over it and thought it was a rather good idea. She reminded Davin once again to keep a close eye on the company as there were people out to take advantage of the company.

"Understood, Mom. I'll head to the office right now," he answered.

"Oh, one more thing. Call for a meeting with the top management later and remind them to do their best in their day-to-day duties. Make sure they make no mistakes in their work, and if you do find anything unusual, you must highlight them immediately," Sophia advised him.

Feeling that his mother was being overly paranoid, Davin twitched his eyebrows and said, "Mom, what are you trying to say? Why are you making it sound as if Seet Group is headed for disaster?

Headed for disaster?

You have no idea how true that statement is, my son...

Sophia sighed subtly and replied, "Alright, alright. Stop questioning me and just do as I say."

After giving her orders, she went straight upstairs. Davin stared at his mother in a daze as she walked away and asked Sheila, "Don't you think my mother's reaction was rather unusual? She normally doesn't care much about petty matters, but her reaction just now was simply bizarre..."

Sheila didn't have any idea why Sophia was acting this way either. But she thought that Jonathan and Sophia would be able to handle whatever comes their way, so she didn't bother much.

Besides, she was more concerned with something else.

"Davin, just do whatever your mother asked you to do and help me conceive with the rest of your energy," said Sheila.

Again with the baby.

Davin looked at her gloomily before turning around and left the room. This topic had become a rather sore issue between them, and he knew that if he did not leave, the two of them would end up arguing over this again.

Without wasting any more time, he drove to the office and held a meeting with the top management as instructed by his mother. After the meeting, John felt uneasy when he heard of the chatters going on among the top management.

Many of the top-level executives were speculating that Davin had rushed to hold this meeting with them because the company was facing a crisis.

"Hmm, could the company be facing some problems? Or is there an external party trying to take down the company?"

"Everything happens for a reason. There must be something going on."

"Yeah, I think so too."

John felt obligated to report these damaging rumors to Evan, so he took out his phone and gave his boss a call.

When Evan heard from John, he was equally surprised.

Why would Davin do such a thing?

Did he have too much free time on hand?

"Mr. Seet, the top-level executives now think that the company is facing a crisis. This will definitely create panic among them. Would you like to offer them an explanation?" John suggested.

Evan's face sunk at that. Why would Davin do such a thing?

"Let me give Davin a call first. Don't do anything for now," he instructed.

"Understood, Mr. Seet," John answered.

As Evan was dialing Davin's number, he muttered to himself angrily, "That troublesome brat!"

Meanwhile, Davin, who had no idea what was going on, answered his phone cheerfully, "Hey Evan, what's up?"

"Why did you call for a meeting just now?" Evan went straight to the point and questioned him.

Upon hearing Evan's interrogative tone, Davin's joyful expression turned into a sour one.

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"Mom was the one who instructed me to do so! If you don't believe me, you can ask her yourself. Don't take your anger out on me!" Davin defended himself.

Mom asked him to hold the meeting?

But why would she do this?

Evan immediately hung up on his brother and gave Sophia a call.

As soon as Sophia heard her son's questions, she turned and noticed the somber look on Jonathan's face. Immediately, she understood that she wasn't supposed to tell Evan the reasons yet.

As such, she stalled by saying, "There's no particular reason, I'm just worried, that's all. Now that Nicole is pregnant, you have to stay home to take care of her. I'm worried that the company might face issues while you are away. That's why I asked Davin to hold that meeting."

"Mom, don't you know that what you did is actually causing more problems? Davin's meeting is making the top management speculate that the company is facing a crisis. On top of that, they might have more suspicions about why I'm staying home to take care of Nicole. I'll get John to handle this. So please, don't get involved in the company's affairs any further," Evan said before hanging up.

However, there were still doubts hanging over his head. Mom has always been a wise woman. Why would she suddenly ask Davin to do such a thing?

This move is really uncalled for.

Following his call with Sophia, he asked John to explain Davin's meeting to the top management by saying that there was a major upcoming project.

Since John had been Evan's aide for so many years, he naturally understood what Evan meant. "Will do, Mr. Seet! I'll carry out your instructions immediately. Don't worry!" he said.

John grumbled inwardly after he hung up the call with Evan. Davin is really creating a mess for the company!

Nicole, who had just woken up, went downstairs. When she saw Evan looking out the window with a gloomy expression, she wondered if there was something bothering him.

She walked up to Evan and asked, "Did something happen to the company? If you need to be there, just go. You don't have to stay home with me. It's alright."

Evan looked at her as his thin lips curved into a smile. "Everything is fine with the company. I was just wondering if you feel bored staying indoors every day. Why don't I take you out for a drive? Where would you like to go?"

Nicole gave it a thought and replied, "I can't think of where I want to go at the moment."

"Didn't you said that you had a friend whose husband took her traveling while she was pregnant? I recall you saying they visited many countries and had a wonderful time," said Evan.

"Yes, I mentioned that before. But I never said I wanted to travel," Nicole brushed him off.

Evan grinned as he tried to coax her. "You didn't say it explicitly, but I can see the envy in your eyes. I know you want to go traveling too, Nicole. You simply didn't say it because you are considering the welfare of the company, but my career is not everything to me. Your happiness is more important than anything else in this world. After you give birth, we'll go traveling, alright? I'm afraid we won't have the opportunity to do so if we keep procrastinating. So come with me, will you?"

Seeing the sincerity in Evan's eyes, Nicole felt touched. She knew he was doing this because he loved her.

"Will the company really be fine without you?" she asked worriedly.

Evan chuckled and said, "Why won't it be? The earth will keep spinning even if there were no humans left. When I had that accident back then, and the time when I went to K nation to search for you, I was away from the company for quite some time. But even then, the company still functioned well. So don't worry about this, Nicole. Just put yourself first and think about your own happiness for once."

With a sweet smile on her face, Nicole replied, "Evan, thank you for being so good to me."

"You're my wife, and you're carrying my child. Of course I have to treat you well," he said.

As Nicole leaned against his muscular chest and stroked her belly gently, her face radiated with joy.

"Well, let's get packing then. We'll decide on an itinerary and leave tomorrow," said Evan.

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"Alright," Nicole agreed.

That night, Evan shortlisted a few routes and let Nicole make the final decision. "Here, take a look at my list. If you have anywhere else that you'd like to visit, just write it down."

Nicole was surprised when she saw Evan's itinerary. "We're going to so many places?" she asked.

"Yep, we'll set out on our journey tomorrow and we'll return right before your due date. Since you're only two months pregnant now, we'll have seven months to travel. We can go anywhere you want to go during these seven months!" he answered in an eager tone.

Seven months?

It had never crossed Nicole's mind that Evan would free up seven months of his time to travel with her. Since we'll be traveling for seven months, I better plan well.

With that thought in mind, Nicole started researching various tourist destinations that were of interest to her.

At that moment, Maya happened to walk past the study room. She looked through the window and was surprised to see Nicole and Evan having a discussion. They were even pointing at their computer screen from time to time.

Curious to know what they were talking about, Maya leaned in to eavesdrop on their conversation. She was surprised when she heard that her parents were discussing travel plans.

She overheard her mother talking about Paris, Venice, and various other cities. Are Mommy and Daddy going to visit so many places? I've never visited those cities before. Those places must be fun.

Maya's big eyes glimmered in excitement, then she quickly went to Nina's room and said enthusiastically, "Nina, would you like to go out?"

Nina glanced at the pitch-black scenery outside her window. "It's late at night. Where can we go?"

"No, not now. What I meant is would you like to go traveling all over the world?" Maya clarified.

Nina gave her a puzzled look and said, "Why are you asking me this all of a sudden?"

"If you want to travel, we can make it happen," said Maya.

Nina didn't understand what Maya meant, so she said, "What do you mean I can travel if I want to? It's not like I have wings. Moreover, I need to catch up on my research. Your Gourmet Conference was a success, but I still don't know when I can launch my new product yet!"

Gauging that Nina wasn't keen on going, Maya tried to persuade her further. "If you continue staying all coop up in this small room to develop your skincare products, you're gonna fried your brain someday. You should go out and explore what the world has to offer. Who knows? you might even discover new and better ideas for your skincare products."

Maya tried all sorts of tactics to get Nina to say yes. She wanted to convince Nina so she could get their parents to bring them along for their travels.

Nina pondered over it for a while. Ever since she returned from K Nation and decided that it was time to get over Chris, she had been feeling rather depressed. At times, she even wondered if she was suffering from clinical depression.

Maybe it's a good idea to go traveling after all. It might help relieve the negative emotions I'm experiencing.

"Alright, where should we visit? Will Mommy and Daddy agree to let us go?" Nina finally said.

"Mommy and Daddy are going too. I overheard them talking about traveling just now. So let's go and talk to them about this now, alright?" Maya replied.

Oh, so that's why she was trying so hard to coax me just now. She wants me to talk to Mommy and Daddy together with her. Seeing that Nina refused to move, Maya held her sister's hand and dragged her along to the study room.

At that moment, Nicole and Evan were busy finalizing which place would be their first stop. Just as their discussion took a vigorous turn, Maya and Nina walked into the room.

"Mommy, Daddy," Maya called out to them sweetly.

Surprised, Nicole and Evan stared at their daughters. "How come you two are not asleep yet?" Nicole asked.

Maya chuckled. "We don't feel like sleeping yet. What are you discussing with Daddy?"

"We're..."

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Just as Nicole was about to reveal their travel plans, she was interrupted by Evan. "We're discussing some important matters that kids shouldn't get involved in," he said sternly.

"Daddy, we're already fifteen. We're not kids anymore," said Maya.

Meanwhile, she grumbled in her heart. Hmph, what does Daddy mean by "kids shouldn't get involved?" I clearly heard them talking about traveling the world just now. Why wouldn't he want me and Nina to know about this? Could it be that he doesn't want to bring us along?

"It doesn't matter whether you are still kids or not. What I'm discussing with your mother has nothing to do with you two." Evan gave them a calm yet stern look.

Maya and Nina exchanged glances. Seeing how Evan didn't want to tell them the truth, they decided to ask their mother instead.

Maya turned to look at Nicole and asked, "Mommy, I overheard you talking about Paris and Venice just now. Why are you going to those places?"

Nicole remained silent. She couldn't figure out why Evan didn't want the kids to know about their travel plans.

After a while, she gave Evan a glance before telling her kids the truth, "Your father and I are planning to travel for a while, and those are the places we plan to visit."

After Nicole finished speaking, Maya glared at Evan unhappily. As expected, Mommy is more reliable! Daddy just wants to hide the truth from us!

"Mommy, can you bring me and Nina along? We want to go too," she said.

Nicole was taken aback by her request. "But don't you two have school to attend? We'll be away for quite some time and won't be back anytime soon."

Evan gave Maya a piercing glare, knowing full well that the reason why she and Nina suddenly darted into the study room was because they wanted to tag along.

"We can apply for leave of absence, Mommy," said Maya.

"Yeah, we can do self-study while traveling," Nina concurred.

The two girls eagerly wanted to travel.

However, Nicole felt that it wasn't a good idea to put traveling before their studies. Not to mention, they would be away for several months. She glanced at Evan quietly and finally understood why he didn't want to tell the girls about this.

When Maya and Nina first came into the study room, Evan already had a hunch that they wanted to tag along.

"The two of you are not coming with us." Evan glared at Maya and Nina.

"But Daddy, why can't you bring us along? We won't interfere in your and Mommy's private time. We'll go sightseeing with you during the day, and we'll steer clear of you and Mommy at night. I promise we won't bother you, please?" Maya pleaded.

Evan looked at her eager face, and simply answered in one word, "No."

"But why not, Daddy?" Maya tried to coax her father by putting on a whiny tone.

She then turned to look at Nina anxiously. Say something, Nina! You should be putting your wits to good use right now!

Sensing Maya's inner thoughts, Nina added, "Mommy, Daddy, are we really not allowed to tag along?"

"Nina, we'll be away for seven months. The two of you should focus on your studies during this time. Once we come back, I'll organize a press conference for your product launch. I hope you'll put these seven months to good use so that your product launch will be a success," Evan replied.

In response, Nina simply nodded her head and said, "Okay, Daddy."

On the other hand, Maya widened her eyes and looked at her sister in disbelief. Come on, Nina. We can't give up this easily. I tried so hard before I finally convinced you just now.

"Maya, make sure your food plaza runs smoothly. If it's a success, I'll get you a new outlet when we return. You can choose any place you like, and I will fulfill your other wishes too," said Evan.

Maya pouted her lips grumpily. Hmph, Daddy is willing to do anything just so we don't follow them on their travels!

Evan then added, "Your mother gets to travel because her husband kindly offered. When you get married in the future, you can ask your husband to take you anywhere you like!"

Maya was rendered speechless.

He's even coming up with these illogical excuses now!

"Fine, we'll stop asking. You don't have to keep nagging us!" said Maya.

"Yeah, we don't want to go anymore," Nina echoed.

Satisfied with their responses, Evan said, "Alright, it's getting late. It's time for the two of you to go to bed now."

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At Imperial Garden.

Evan gazed down at the woman in his arms. Nicole was sound asleep, her delectable lips curved up slightly in a pleased smile. He reached out to stroke her belly gently while a delighted expression appeared on his face.

He wondered if the baby would be a girl or a boy. Who would the baby resemble more, me or Nicole?

Kyle and Juan looked like him while Nina and Maya were the spitting images of their mother. He hoped that this new baby of theirs would look like him but also resemble Nicole. In fact, what would even better be if the baby combined the best of both their features. That way, everyone would know this child was his and Nicole's.

"Baby, do you think you could fulfill this wish of Daddy's?" he murmured. He rubbed Nicole's stomach again as he continued, "You have to fulfill this wish for Daddy, okay?"

Evan's mumbles about wishes filtered in through Nicole's sleep-hazed mind. With her eyes still closed, she somehow managed to mutter back, "I do have a wish."

Not expecting her to be able to answer when she was clearly still half-asleep, his brows furrowed slightly. He asked her softly, "What is it?"

Her words came out slurred, "Wanna have twins."

Evan was rendered speechless.

A chuckle slipped past his lips and he questioned, "A boy and a girl each, eh?"

She hummed in agreement before she was dragged back into her dreams.

He watched her in amusement. Quite the ambitious one, aren't you? No way we'll be so lucky, right? But I don't care if you have twins or even one child; I'll be happy either way.

The next morning, Evan had already gotten everything ready by the time Nicole woke up. After breakfast, they happily set off for their vacation.

Nicole fixed an excited gaze on Evan as she questioned, "Where should we go first?"

"Lisanthos!"

At that, Nicole's mind was filled with images of Lisanthos. A river that meandered through the streets of a colorful town, with a backdrop of rolling blue hills and green meadows. She already felt giddy at the mere thought of it.

"Evan, I heard the scenery there is incredibly beautiful! That being said, I've only ever seen photos of it online. I've never actually been there myself."

"Anywhere is beautiful as long as you're there. Wherever you want to go, just tell me. I'll be more than willing to go with you."

His words touched her deeply. She stared at the man beside her with wonder and delight shining in her eyes.

Meanwhile, at Seet Group, Davin was sitting behind the desk at the president's office. Every now and then, a gusty sigh would leave his lips.

John shot him a curious look. "What's wrong, Mr. Davin?"

Davin raised his head to glance at John while listlessly spinning the pen holder on the desk. He opened his mouth and started to wax poetic, "The first hour after Evan left, I started missing him. The second

hour after Evan left, I really missed him. The third hour after Evan left, I really, really missed him. The fourth hour after Evan left, my heart yearns for his return!"

John knitted his brows. Since when were Mr. Seet and Mr. Davin so close to each other? To the point that Mr. Davin can't bear to be separated from him? He's even acting like he's heartsick.

If it were not for the fact that Davin had already gotten his marriage certificate with Sheila, John would have suspected Davin's sexual orientation, especially since Davin and Evan were living together.

"Mr. Davin, you don't have to pine for Mr. Seet. He's with Mrs. Seet now. I'm sure he's absolutely ecstatic."

Sighing heavily, a morose expression crossed Davin's face. He lamented, "He might be happy but it's at the cost of my own happiness! If it weren't for him going on a vacation, I wouldn't have to be stuck here at the company! Less than an hour after he left, I was already wishing he would come back! Even now, all I can think about is how much I hope he'll return as soon as he can!"

John was struck speechless at the other man's words.

So it's not that Mr. Davin misses Mr. Seet; it's that he wants him to hurry up and come back!

"Mr. Davin, it's not every day that Mr. Seet is free enough to go on a vacation with Mrs. Seet. Please be a little more considerate of him."

"I am considerate! I'm very understanding and considerate of his situation!"

How can I not? I sure as hell don't have the guts not to. After all, he's the head of the family now! Even Mom doesn't dare to order him around anymore.

Abruptly, it dawned on him what the Seet family respected was actually capability. If he wanted to enjoy the same treatment as Evan, where he could do as he pleased without repercussions or protests, he would need to use this opportunity to prove himself. He needed to work hard and show them what he was made of.

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Yes, that's it! Now that Evan isn't around, all the credit will be mine if the company performs better than before! With that thought in mind, Davin turned to John. "John, since my brother isn't here, you're now my assistant. So you'll have to cooperate with me!"

"And how am I supposed to do that?" was John's nervous reply.

I remember how you called for a meeting of the company executives previously, causing everyone to panic. In the end, Mr. Seet had to step in and clean up after you. What are you up to this time now that he's not here?

"Just do as I say and work with me! Do you know why I've never been as outstanding as my brother?"

John took some time to ponder that question carefully. Then, he replied in a serious tone, "Because Mr. Seet is a born business genius. It's only natural that no ordinary person can compare to him! Mr. Davin,

you really shouldn't try to compare yourself with him. Losing to him in this matter is not something to be upset about, you know. It's normal."

Davin was stunned into silence. It was obvious to him what John was implying here. He's saying that Evan is a genius while I'm just an ordinary person! That's why I'll never be able to compare to him!

"John, I really don't like what you're saying. How do you know I'm not a genius as well? Maybe my potential just hasn't been discovered yet! You're overlooking the diamond hiding underneath the dirt!"

John studied Davin intently. Your potential hasn't been discovered yet? Don't you think your potential is hiding really, really deep then? And what's this about a diamond? Why haven't we ever seen you shine then?

Seeing the unconvinced expression on John's face, Davin huffed in annoyance. "How about we have a bet? I bet that I'll be able to break the company's performance record before Evan returns from his vacation. Do you believe I'll be able to do that?"

No, I don't! But I can't exactly come out and say that. It's definitely going to hurt Mr. Davin deeply. I don't want to snuff out his passion if he's truly willing to work hard.

After some deliberation, John nodded and lied, "Yeah, I do believe in you."

Even though Davin knew the other man was lying through his teeth, he let the matter go. Instead, he said, "Alright then. First things first, get me a cup of coffee."

John bobbed his head and left the office.

The biggest difference between Evan and Davin was their personalities. Evan was cold and distant, always serious, and not very talkative. In stark contrast to his brother, Davin was always very exuberant and obvious with his emotions. He was also incredibly boastful.

Honestly, I'm not hoping for Mr. Davin to do something awesome or whatever. All I can ask for is that he doesn't cause a mess before Mr. Seet comes back.

At Imperial Garden, Maya was propping her head with both hands on her cheeks as she stared at Nina. She asked curiously, "Where do you think Daddy and Mommy are right now? Do you think they're having a lot of fun?"

Noting the wistful look on her sister's face, Nina consoled, "You're still thinking about how you should've gone with them? Don't worry. There'll be plenty of chances for you to go in the future."

"Ugh, who can predict what will happen in the future? Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring! What if something bad happens first?"

"Maya, how could you say something like that? We're both safe here at home. What could possibly happen to us?"

Maya thought over Nina's words before grinning. "I'm just messing around with you."

"You mean you were spouting nonsense. Nothing bad will happen to us."

The words had barely left Nina's lips when a maid hurried over to them.

"Ms. Nina, Ms. Maya, there's someone at the door looking for you. She says she has something important to tell you."

"Who is it?" Nina questioned warily.

"She didn't give her name. She only said she knows your new teacher and wishes to talk to you."

"Could she be referring to the new teacher that Daddy hired for me? The one that's supposed to teach me about the ingredients used in skincare products?"

"Yes."

"Let her in then."

The maid left to do as Nina ordered, soon returning with the woman.

"Hello, girls." The woman dipped her head at them respectfully.

Nina looked her up and down before questioning, "Who are you?"

"I'm here on behalf of your skincare products teacher. She wants me to bring you to a place because there's an important experiment she wants to show you."

With that said, the woman handed a slip of paper to Nina.

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There was an address on the paper, citing this was where the experiment would take place. Crosschecking the handwriting with her new teacher's notes, Nina concluded they were the same.

"Okay. Give me a moment to upstairs to change my clothes upstairs."

Not wanting to be left alone in the house and feeling rather bored, Maya decided to go with Nina. Thus, she followed her sister upstairs and pitched her idea.

"Fine. When we get there, you're not to speak or touch anything unless permitted to do so. Don't do anything that might make my teacher angry," Nina warned.

Don't do this. Don't do that. The demands just kept pouring in, huh?

Despite her mental grumbles, Maya replied, "Relax, it's not like I have ADHD!"

The two girls returned downstairs when they were done changing. When the woman heard that they were both going, a gleam flashed across her eyes.

I had originally planned on only taking one, but since the other insists on coming along too... Well, that's just perfect!

"Girls, the car is just outside. Let's go."

"Okay."

Nina and Maya entered the car with the woman. Blake watched it speed off when all of a sudden, a bad feeling crept into him. However, upon mulling over it further, he brushed aside his worries. After all, it was a woman who came to take them away. Everything should be fine.

A short while later, the car came to a stop at the address written on the slip of paper. The woman stated gently, "Time to get off. We've arrived."

Maya was the first to look out the car windows. She glanced around curiously, exclaiming, "Wow, Nina, just what kind of place is this? Why is it so empty?"

Nina took in the deserted surroundings and found it rather odd too. "Why is the experiment being done here?"

"Because it's a secret experiment and really important. You'll understand when we head inside."

The two girls alighted from the car and followed the woman toward the building.

When they were at the entrance, the woman stopped and looked back at the girls. A wicked smirk played across her lips.

"By the way, do you know what my name is?"

The sisters exchanged puzzled glances before shaking their heads.

The woman's smirk widened further as she declared, "I'm Monica Marston."

Monica Marston?

The children wracked their brains but the name did not ring a bell. They simultaneously said, "We still don't know who you are."

"It doesn't matter. Either way, you'll never forget my name for the rest of your lives, of that I can assure you. Come in."

Nina was starting to think this woman was crazy. Maya, too, sensed that something was clearly wrong. They shot each other uneasy glances before spinning around at the same time to make a run for it.

"Leaving so soon?"

Monica watched them go calmly with a sneer on her face. Just then, four burly men appeared out of nowhere to block Nina and Maya's escape.

"What do you guys plan on doing to us?" Nina stared at them in panic.

"You'll find out in a little bit."

With that said, the four men dragged the two young girls into the building. The girls struggled violently but their efforts were in vain. In the end, they were still tossed into the laboratory.

"Just who are you people? What do you want with us?"

"Yeah! Why did you kidnap us from our homes?"

Monica chuckled at their enraged faces. "Why? For revenge of course!"

"Revenge? We never did anything to you! Did we?" Nina was absolutely bewildered.

"Not you two specifically. However, your grandfather did something to my father. You two are just caught up in the crossfire."

Grandpa did something to her father? Nina and Maya were surprised at this piece of news.

After some thought, Maya cried out indignantly, "But that still doesn't mean you should lie to us and kidnap us! The sons should be paying for the sins of their fathers, not the granddaughters paying for their grandfathers!"

Nina agreed wholeheartedly with Maya's words. "Yeah, exactly! You should have abducted our Uncle Davin! He's Grandpa's son so he should pay for what Grandpa did, right? What does bullying us two girls prove other than your cowardice and lack of ability?"

It was not that the girls really wanted Monica to go after Davin. They were just saying the first thing that entered their minds in hopes that they might be released.

Monica laughed harshly. "Do you seriously think I'll let your uncle go free? Every single one of you Seets shall pay!"

Oh wow, seriously? This crazy woman wants to go up against the entire family? Just what sort of terrible grudge is she holding against Grandpa?

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After discussing their plans with Nicole, Evan called Sophia.

Sophia was utterly dumbfounded when she heard they were planning on having a seven-month-long vacation.

"What? Evan, did you just say you and Nicole will be gone for seven months?"

"Yes. John and Davin can manage the company in my absence. If Dad is feeling well enough, he can help keep an eye out as well. John has been with me for a lot of years so he should be pretty experienced by now. His suggestions should always be taken into consideration. If something really serious happens that you absolutely can't handle, you guys can call me too."

For a moment, Sophia was at a loss for what to say.

Their enemies were already knocking on their door. It was incredibly likely that both the company and Jonathan would be in deep trouble soon. If Evan chose this moment to leave, that would leave the Seet family without their pillar of support.

She tried persuading Evan to stay, "Evan, Nicole just got pregnant. Don't you think it's rather unsafe to be bringing her around now? Maybe she should come back home and rest. Once she's given birth to the baby, you can take her wherever she wants."

"Mom, it's fine. This vacation is meant to relax her and put her in a good mood, which will be beneficial to the baby as well. We've already decided; we're just calling to inform you of our decision. Please take good care of Maya and Nina for us."

They've already decided? Which means they're determined to go then?

Sophia's heart sank at the thought. What if something happened at the company during Evan's absence? She did not know if Davin would be able to handle it.

"Evan, Nicole is definitely going to be very tired from running around when she's pregnant. The moment she's the slightest bit uncomfortable, you guys are to come back home, alright?"

"I got it, Mom."

Ending the call, Sophia recounted her conversation with him to Jonathan, who had just exited the bathroom.

"I'm uneasy about Evan being gone for so long. Maybe we should tell him about Monica? He'll definitely come back if he knows about everything. We can get through this difficult time together."

Jonathan thought over her suggestion. At last, he said, "Let's not tell him about her. If he knew about the things I did back then, he'll definitely be so disappointed and disdainful of me!"

Sophia sighed and comforted him, "What happened back then was not all your fault, you know."

"Alright, let's stop talking about the past. I'll keep an eye on the company. Since he's adamant about taking Nicole out on an extended vacation, let them go."

Sophia sighed. "I've been feeling extremely anxious these past few days. Do you think Monica might be blinded by her hate for us and do something terrible? Something inhumane?"

Jonathan did not answer, though terror shone in his eyes. He was quite certain what Sophia feared would actually happen.

"By the way, remember back when I first discovered your meeting with Monica? I accused her of being a homewrecker, but she simply ignored me and turned around to leave. I recall her saying something about not forgetting your agreement with her. What's this agreement she was talking about?"

Her husband's expression darkened at that. "She wants me to go to Sam's grave and pay with my life for what I did to him. But for some reason, she suddenly changed her mind. She must have thought one life was not enough."

"It's obvious she hates you with a vengeance. When I went with you to meet with her, I could tell she wants the Seet family to suffer. That's why I think she might be coming after our family and the company both."

"You're right. Unfortunately, we can only guess where she'll strike first. All we can do now is to wait."

Noticing the frown that creased Jonathan's face, Sophia thought that this was not the time to worry about his pride. Even though it was likely that his image in Evan's eyes would be tarnished, that was not as important as their lives.

If Monica really did move against them and they were unable to deal with her, she was going to call Evan. Jonathan's pride be damned! I would do everything I could to get Evan back home to protect Seet Group and his father's life. Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1186

"Your father has a grudge with our Grandpa. Why don't they resolve their conflict themselves then? There's no need to involve the entire Seet family, is there?" Nina wondered.

"Yeah, exactly! It's just unfair and unreasonable of you to take your anger out on everybody else," Maya chimed in.

Monica let out a laugh like their words were the funniest joke she had ever heard in her life.

Let my father resolve things with their grandfather? Hah!

"You think I don't wish my Dad would settle this debt with your grandfather? The problem is that they're separated by a barrier. The barrier between life and death, that is. The only way for our families to settle this debt would be if I sent your entire family down to Hell to see him!"

Oh...

Realization dawned on the two girls. Her father is already dead? And his death has something to do with Grandpa?

"Your father passed away because of Grandpa?"

"That's right. Your grandfather is a murderer! Not only did he kill my Dad, but he's also the reason why Marston Group is no more! I'm going to make him pay dearly! Oh yes, I will!" Monica's fingers curled into fists as she was reminded of the past. Her eyes were bloodshot with anger.

Maya and Nina had equal looks of shock on their faces. "Just what did Grandpa do to your father?"

"What did he do?" Monica laughed, the sound cold and bitter. "When the opportunity arrives, I'll be sure to have your grandfather tell you everything personally!"

The sisters traded glances. It was obvious that the madwoman before them had no intention of letting them go. Not only that, but she was also even going after the rest of the Seet family.

They wondered who her next target would be and whether they would be brought here as well.

After giving the men instructions to guard the girls, Monica left the laboratory. She needed to execute the next phase of her plan.

Nina shot Maya an apologetic look. "I'm sorry, Maya. This is all my fault. You wouldn't be in this situation if you hadn't come with me."

"Nina, you're not to blame here! I was the one who insisted on coming along. Oh, me and my stupid mouth! I must have jinxed us! I shouldn't have said all those stupid things about misfortune and bad luck coming for us! This is all my fault!"

"No, it has nothing to do with you cursing us. This is all because of Grandpa's past actions," Nina stated truthfully.

Maya sighed and lamented, "I wonder what he did back then. Just what terrible things must he have done for this woman to want to come after our entire family?"

"Only Grandpa has the answers. What we should be focusing on now is how to escape from here."

"Yeah! Daddy, Mommy, Juan, and Kyle aren't around. That crazy woman most definitely has something planned for Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Davin, and Aunt Sheila too. That means we can rely on nobody but ourselves to escape now," Maya mused.

"You're right." Nina glanced over at the four well-built men by the doors with a frown on her face. "We're clearly no match for those four men physically. Our only option is to outsmart them!"

"Yeah. Time to brainstorm for ideas!"

The two girls bent their heads together as they discussed how they would outwit the men.

A short while later, they pretended they were having horrible stomachaches. Then, they tried to bribe the men with money. Yet despite their efforts, the men were completely unfazed.

Maya refused to give up. It was said that men were greedy creatures. Since the four men were unmoved at the reward the girls had offered, maybe it meant that they were not bribing with the right amount yet.

Thus, she firmed her resolve and raised the price. "Ten million! Let us go and we'll reward you with ten million. How does that sound? If there's one thing Seet Group doesn't lack, it's money!"

Finally, two of the men turned around to look at the girls. One of them spoke up in an indifferent tone, "Forget ten million; we're not letting you go even if you offer us one billion! Just keep quiet and stay there."

What? They won't let us go even if we pay them one billion?

Maya was absolutely stunned. She was sorely tempted to ask them how much their salaries were if they could easily brush off one billion.