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Davin's heart skipped a beat, and he quickly replied, "No, just the four of them."

"What do you mean by no? Aren't you going with them? You are the one who took advantage of the situation and suggested this, right?"

Davin was rendered speechless by that.

"Sophia, you have such a great memory. However, you can't be seriously expecting me to join them at my age?"

"The three of them are still children after all. I'll feel more at ease if you join them."

"You may be relieved, but I won't be happy about this!"

"All right. As long as Levant and Tiffany get together, I'll grant you a wish. You can ask for anything you want."

Davin hesitated, but Sheila, who was at his side, thought it was a great deal. Getting Levant and Tiffany together is a good thing in itself, but now we can also get an additional benefit? This is a win-win situation!

She cleared her throat and suggested, "Davin, I think you should be a gentleman and accept her offer!"

Davin turned around and looked at her solemnly. "You are just eyeing the reward, aren't you?"

Sheila smiled and replied, "I want both the reward and the plan to work!"

"D*mn it! You are so greedy, Sheep!"

Sophia liked Sheila's straightforwardness a lot. She laughed and said, "All right, Sheila. We have a deal. You will convince Davin about this. After the matter is accomplished, I shall grant you a reward."

"Mom, don't worry. You can leave this to me," assured Sheila.

Davin was rendered speechless yet again.

I'm the one who's doing all the dirty work. Why does the reward go to Sheila instead? Am I a joke to both of them?

"Mom, are you sure I'm your biological son? They said I was a gift from a raffle!"

"Who said that?"

"My fans!"

"Nonsense! There's no way you came from a raffle. Those gifts are usually much higher in quality. I got you from the food delivery service."

Sheila laughed uncontrollably while Davin was at a loss for words.

"I think I have to meet with Dad to talk about the sorry state of our family. I can't always let you two have the final say all the time," said Davin.

Sophia was undeterred and said, "Go ahead. He's in the study room."

Davin stood up and walked toward the study. I need to have a serious discussion with Dad this time. We have to come up with a way to reverse the power dynamic of the males in the family!

Meanwhile, Nicole was surprised and delighted when she saw the messages Sheila had sent in the family chat group.

She turned to Evan and said happily, "Let's attend Levant and Tiffany's wedding dinner together when they get married."

"What are you getting all worked up for? Their relationship is just starting. It doesn't necessarily mean they'll end up together."

"I have high hopes since the beginning. I think they are a good fit and will definitely end up together."

Seeing how eager Nicole wished for Levant to be together with Tiffany, Evan felt barely threatened by his love rival, Levant. Instead, he felt surprisingly happy.

Just then, Nicole received a call from Sophia. She wanted Joy's help to play matchmaker for the duo.

"You want Joy's help? She's so young. What can she help you with?"

"Trust me. I have confidence in her. Bring her to the Seet Residence tomorrow. Davin can teach Zayden, Luke, and her some skills. With the help of the three kids, I'm sure Levant will be together with Tiffany very soon."

Nicole agreed to her request since it was the outcome she desired too.

Standing at the side, Evan thought he could come up with some ideas for the children in his spare time. I can play a trick on Levant while ensuring he and Tiffany end up together. I can just consider my children contributing to the effort while I reap some benefits.

Meanwhile, at Levant Winery, Luke was looking at the meat on the grill. He grabbed a piece and put it on Tiffany's plate. "Mommy, take a bite and see if it's delicious."

Tiffany took a bite. The meat was tender and well-seasoned. "It's delicious. Go ahead and eat some more, Luke."

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Luke grabbed another piece of meat for Levant and said, "Daddy, you have some too."

"Thanks! What a good boy you are! It's okay. I can get the meat myself."

Luke smiled happily and started eating his food. Moments later, Luke suddenly felt an awkward atmosphere around the dining table.

Mommy and Daddy are not talking to each other. They are eating their own meals like strangers. This is unacceptable!

Luke scratched his head and said, "Daddy, Mommy loves to eat steak. Can you grill some for her?"

Levant paused for a moment and immediately placed some beef on the grill. "Sure, I can grill some more if you like them."

"Thank you!" replied Tiffany.

"Mommy, Daddy, I'm full. I'll go over there and play." Luke stood up and reminded Levant in a hushed tone, "Daddy, please be nice to Mommy. That way, I get to have a complete family, and you get to find your happiness too!" After saying that, Luke gave Levant a thumbs-up and ran off.

Levant smiled as he watched his son running off. My happiness is not important. However, I must provide a family for Luke.

"Tiffany, let's talk."

"What do you want to talk about?"

Levant picked up a glass of wine and finished it in one go. There were some words he couldn't say without the help of some alcohol.

"Why didn't you find anyone to marry for these past few years?"

Tiffany hesitated for a moment and replied, "I'm busy with work. I don't have the time for relationships."

"So, are you willing to think about marriage now?"

Tiffany picked up her glass, swirled it gently, and gulped down the wine.

She smiled and said, "Of course, I'm thinking about marriage. However, you knew about my past. I used to be in an unhappy marriage. Then, with you... Do these experiences count as two unhappy relationships, then? For people with experiences like me, how do you think I should approach the topic of relationships?"

Levant fell silent. Is Tiffany asking me what I can provide for her in our relationship? For a woman who was emotionally hurt before, she must be sure of her happiness if she is willing to talk about marriage again. Besides, she is pretty well-off currently.

Levant didn't dare to answer rashly. He heard Tiffany laugh at herself self-deprecatingly. "Marriage is such a touchy subject for a woman like me because I'm scared to get hurt again. So before I ever think about marriage again, I must be sure I'll be happy! Levant, you asked me about marriage today. Are you able to make me happy?"

Levant remained silent.

Happiness is such a heavy word. It carries a lot of meaning and responsibility. I have avoided being with Tiffany these past few years because I knew I didn't love her and could not give her happiness. Now that she asked me about it, what should I answer?

Levant gave it some thought and asked, "What do you understand about happiness? What do you think a life filled with happiness should look like?"

"I think the happiest marriage in the world is when two people love and tolerate each other. They see each other as the only one for them. They also have the courage and determination to spend the rest of their lives with each other. Obviously, I'm not that lucky, so I don't expect ever to have that kind of marriage. I just want someone to be nice and sincere with me. He will protect me and is willing to spend the rest of his life with me. My previous relationship was too heavy, so I just want to be safe and secure for the rest of my life. I just want somebody to care for me."

"So, your feelings don't matter as long as someone is nice to you and cares for you, right?"

Tiffany fell silent and nodded.

Yes, I know you love Nicole instead of me. As long as you treat me well, I will accept it even if you don't love me.

"Will you be willing to accept me?"

Chapter 1278 Let Us Try

"Levant, I understand that you want to be with me because of Luke, and I know you want to spend the rest of your life as my companion. I'm willing to consider it. However, since you can't love me, I want to know how well you're able to treat me. We can give it a try for two months. If it works out, we can spend the rest of our lives together."

Two months... It's not easy to love someone, but it's not that hard to treat someone well. I think I can do it if I just take care of her like my family, Levant thought.

"All right, I'll try my best."

Tiffany remained silent and smiled. She couldn't describe her feelings right now as she had never expected the man she loved would be willing to be nice to her. She still felt a little happy no matter the reasoning.

After all, it was the man she had always been in love with.

Tiffany hoped Levant would fall in with her in the next three months, but she knew it would be almost impossible.

However, she knew she was as stubborn as Levant. Tiffany refused to accept any other man aside from him. In any case, it would be much better to be accompanied by the man she loved than growing old alone.

There are no relationships that are perfect.

Both of them toasted with one another and confirmed the deal.

After the meal, Luke wanted to stay at the winery, so Levant arranged a room for them.

"Daddy, are you staying with us?"

Levant glanced at Tiffany and responded, "No, if you want to stay with me, you can come to my room."

Luke fell silent as he became a little upset. Daddy and Mommy from other families all live together. I don't know when will my Daddy and Mommy live together too.

The following day, Sophia called Levant. She said she missed Luke and wanted him to bring Luke over to the Seet Residence. After discussing with Luke and Tiffany, Levant brought Luke there.

Being one of the most important members of the support team, Davin quickly asked Luke about the situation between Levant and Tiffany.

"Are you saying that your mommy brought you along and stayed at the winery?"

"Yes. I heard Mommy say that she'd be together with Daddy for a while. If they think they are compatible with each other, they will provide me with a complete family."

This is a great opportunity. We just have to get them together within this period of time, Davin thought.

So, Davin gave Luke some encouragement. "Luke, if you want a complete family, you can't just sit there. You must be willing to fight for it. You must bring your Mommy and Daddy together!"

"I know. I'm trying my best."

"Clever boy! However, this is not a one-person job. With these two's help, I'm sure we will succeed!"

Luke looked at Zayden and Joy and thought, How are these two kids are going to help me?

Joy was a little upset when she saw Luke's belittling gaze. "Don't look down on us. I specifically consulted Maya last night. She and my brothers used to have a lot of ways to get my Mommy and Daddy together. I can teach you."

Luke seemed doubtful. He looked at her solemnly and asked, "What kind of ways? Give me an example."

Joy's eyes lit up as she responded, "They used to hatch a plan to lock Mommy and Daddy up in a room and pretended to be asleep. They even... Anyway, they created a lot of opportunities for Mommy and Daddy to be alone. Just trust me. I can help you."

Luke thought her two examples were good, so he was willing to give it a try.

"All right, I trust you."

"There are only benefits for trusting me. You won't regret it."

Zayden frowned and remained silent. Thinking that he needed to replenish his energy, he took out a lollipop from his pocket. After removing the wrapping, he began to enjoy his lollipop.

Chapter 1279 Meeting Chris

Looking at his own son, Davin couldn't help but think about Maya when she was still a child. My God! The more I observe him, the more he looks like Maya when she was younger. Is Zayden a glutton too? No, I won't let him become a glutton! he thought.

Davin snatched the lollipop away from Zayden's hands and popped it into his mouth.

Zayden's eyes widened in surprise, and his face was filled with fury. He started wailing as he grew upset.

His cries attracted the attention of Sheila and Sophia, so they hurried over.

"What's wrong, Zayden?"

"Yeah, Zayden. What happened?"

Zayden looked at Davin angrily and complained, "Daddy took my stuff!"

After knowing that Davin had taken away Zayden's lollipop, Sheila pointed a feather duster at Davin and said, "How could you snatch the lollipop away from a child? Do you have any shame?"

"That's right. Davin, how old are you? How can you just snatch sweets away from a child? Do you want me to punish you?"

"Zayden only cares about eating. I have to put a stop to that and change his behavior."

"I'm eating an energy snack! It makes me smarter," Zayden retorted angrily.

Davin crushed the lollipop in his mouth. What kind of energy snack is this? This is just a milk-flavored lollipop!

"My son, energy snacks won't make you smart. I have better ways if you want to become smart."

"What ways?" asked Zayden as he looked at Davin doubtfully.

"Spend more time with Juan and Kyle. You will be influenced by them and become smarter yourself."

Joy, who was standing at the side, chimed in, "You can become smarter by playing with me too!"

"That's right. Joy is clever too," said Sophia.

Joy grinned cheerfully upon hearing that.

Davin turned to look at Joy. She may be smart, but she is still a girl. I wanted Zayden to be more manly like Kyle and Juan instead.

"Follow me, the three of you. We will be having a big meal at Levant Winery." Let's see if Levant and Tiffany need any support! I will put the three children to good use!

The three children were very excited when they heard about the big meal. Lining up, they followed Davin eagerly to the garage.

Meanwhile, at Imperial Garden, Nina had changed into a custom-made pink skirt and done her makeup. She then inspected herself in the mirror. After she was satisfied with her look, she put on her high heels and strode out of the bedroom.

When she arrived in the living room, she saw Maya talking to Nicole. After hearing some footsteps, both of them turned and looked at her.

Maya's eyes lit up as she examined Nina from top to bottom. "Nina, you look so beautiful today. Are you going on a date?"

Nina smiled shyly and said, "Mommy, I won't be home for dinner tonight."

"Are you with someone?" asked Nicole gently.

Nina nodded. "Yeah. Chris is here for business, so he asked me out for dinner."

Maya came to a realization. She is going to meet Chris. That's why she's all dressed up.

Nicole recalled the deal between Evan and Chris—If Chris were willing to wait for Nina until she was twenty years old, Evan would give them his blessing if they still wanted to be together then.

Ever since she returned from Nepenthe Valley, Nina had put all her efforts into work. She had managed to achieve good results at the beauty product press conference.

After these few years, Nicole thought Nina had become much more mature. Although there were still six months left before Nina turned twenty, Nicole thought it shouldn't be a problem if Chris planned to take Nina out for dinner.

Hence, Nicole gave Nina her permission. "Go ahead. Ask the driver to bring you there."

"That's all right, Mommy. I can drive there myself."

"All right, call me if you need anything," Nicole reminded.

Nina nodded. Suddenly, she grew anxious. She proceeded to hug Nicole and asked, "Mommy, I have been waiting for this day all these years. Do you think he will still love me and want to be with me?"

Chapter 1280 Felicia Reynolds

"Don't worry, Nina. He gave you his most treasured pendant. He won't have a change of heart," stated Maya confidently.

"Nina, since he asked you out, that means he is still thinking about you. You have to trust him and yourself."

Nina nodded. With Nicole and Maya's encouragement, she got into her car and drove to the café.

Her heart was racing when she was about to enter the private room. I wonder if Chris has changed after all these years? He should have. He must have become more mature than before.

Chris' chiseled and handsome face appeared in her mind. She took a deep breath and knocked on the private room door.

The door opened, but it was not the face she was looking forward to seeing. Instead, the person was a gentle-looking woman.

Nina was shocked to see that. Why is there a woman in the room? Did I go to the wrong private room?

She was about to take a look at the room number again when she heard the woman calling out to her sweetly. "Hello, are you Nina?"

She knows my name? Do I know her?

"I am. And you are?"

"I'm Felicia Reynolds. I'm Chris' fiancée."

Fiancée?

Nina was startled by the woman's words. Her face sank as she looked at the lady before her in disbelief. She looks beautiful and dainty, giving off a girl-next-door vibe. I have to admit that she seems very friendly.

Felicia smiled. "Chris said you might be surprised when you see me. It's all right. I'll explain everything to you. Please come in."

Nina entered the private room and swept her eyes across the area. After seeing no signs of Chris, she asked, "Are you the one who wanted to meet me?"

"No, it was Chris. However, he didn't know what to say, so he asked me to come instead. He said you are kind, and he didn't want to hurt you. Hence, he asked me to give you the news."

Chris asked her to come? He asked me out but sent a woman in his place?

Clutching her fingers tightly, she started to feel uncomfortable. She tried her best to maintain her composure. "What does he want you to tell me?"

"He wanted me to tell you that he had chosen to be together with me. So, everything that used to happen between you two has become history. He hopes you will be able to find the right person for you."

Felicia's voice was soft, almost like she was afraid of startling Nina. However, the latter felt the words pierce through her heart like sharp blades.

Clenching her fists, she took another glance at Felicia. She looks beautiful and much more mature than me. I still don't understand how Chris would fall in love with Felicia. Right at that moment, there was only one thought in her mind. From now onward, I'm no longer the woman staying by Chris anymore!

Years of dreams and longing were shattered in that instant as everything came crashing down around Nina.

Chris had been the name I called out to several times every day for these past few years. How can I accept that he is suddenly gone from my life?

On the way home, Felicia's words kept echoing through her mind.

"Ms. Nina, this is the wedding photo of Chris and me. I'll give one to you. Chris and I will be getting married next month. I'd like to invite you to our wedding. Chris is also doing very well. He is currently the heir to the K Enterprise. Chris... "

Nina suddenly felt suffocated by the air in her car. She stepped on the brakes, rolled down the car window, and breathed heavily.

She never expected to hear another woman mentioning the name of his beloved man over and over in front of her. Furthermore, the woman even told her about their wedding date and the sweet memories they had together. The pain that filled her heart was insufferable.

Chapter 1281 Dangerous Encounter

Nina felt as if someone had just poured salt onto her wounds. She was in so much pain that she couldn't muster her strength to speak.

She didn't want to go home, so instead, she rushed toward the bar.

The bar was filled with flickering lights and catchy music, but Nina couldn't hear anything. All she could hear was the sound of her heart shattering into million pieces.

After placing her order, she sat down at the dimly lit bar counter. The bartender gracefully prepared her drink and put the colorful cocktail she ordered in front of her.

"Enjoy your drink, miss."

Nina took the glass and downed it in one gulp.

"Get me another one."

The bartender frowned as he looked at her. He had seen countless women getting themselves drunk, but it was rare for a beautiful woman like Nina. "Miss, you should control yourself if you are alone. It would be bad if you get into trouble," he advised.

Trouble? What trouble?

She scoffed and responded, "It's all right. Get me a few more of these." After saying that, she slapped her card down on the bar counter.

The bartender couldn't stop her, so he made her two more drinks.

Just when Nina was about to drink her second cocktail, a few gangsters suddenly walked up to her.

"Miss, can we join you for some drinks?"

"Yeah, we are really good at drinking. We are also good at... fulfilling your other special needs. Why don't you join us in the private room?" said one of the gangsters as they took the opportunity to grope her.

D*mn it! Are they trying to take advantage of me?

Nina raised her head and glared at them furiously. "Beat it! Get away from me!"

"Oh my, we got one with an attitude over here!"

"She's a feisty one. The feisty ones taste the best."

"That's right. If she doesn't want to cooperate, we could just be more... initiative."

One of the gangsters grabbed Nina as she yelled, "I'm in a bad mood today! Don't mess with me!"

"Oh my, what an interesting girl. I'm starting to like you a lot—"

Before the gangster could finish talking, Nina grabbed a bottle of red wine behind her and struck the gangster's head. Blood immediately trickled down the man's head.

"D*mn it! How daring of you to hit me, b*tch? Do you have a death wish?"

The other men around her immediately tried to seize her. Nina quickly grabbed another bottle and swung at them. However, the men nimbly dodged her strikes and subdued her.

"Bring her to the room! It's time to teach her a lesson!"

"All right!"

"Let go of me! Let go of me..." Nina tried her best to break free, but she was just a dainty girl. Unable to overpower the men, she was dragged into the private room against her will.

Nina began to feel frightened when she saw the private room door closing.

"What are you trying to do?"

"What are we doing? What do you think could possibly happen between a man and a woman?"

Nina's heart skipped a beat when she saw the perverted looks of the men before her. She began to regret coming to the bar for a drink.

The man before her took off his clothes and grinned. Nina became terrified when the man tried to take off her clothes. "Please let me go! I can give you money!"

"Money? We don't want any money. We want you."

"That's right. Money means nothing. We want you."

Nina's heart was pounding savagely. "I can pay you all a lot of money!"

"How much is that?"

"Any amount you want!"

"Oh my, this is one boastful girl. I don't care even if you pay us one hundred million."

"That's right. No amount of money is enough to replace women. We want you!"

Seeing that money didn't make the men budge, Nina decided to try a more drastic approach. The most important thing right now is to prevent these perverted men from taking advantage of me.

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"Do you even know who I am? My dad will never let you get away with hurting me!"

"Oh? Who are you? And who's your dad? We'd like to know."

"My dad is Evan Seet, the president of Seet Group. If you hurt me, my dad will skin you alive and feed you to the sharks!"

Evan's name had entirely taken the men by surprise. This man is the devil Hades! We can't afford to offend such a big shot!

"Did it scare you? Let go of me now!"

After exchanging a few glances, one of the men said in disbelief, "What is Mr. Seet's daughter doing in such a place?"

"Right? A girl also said she was Mr. Seet's daughter last time, and it turned out that she was lying."

At that moment, Nina's brows drew together. Did someone dare to impersonate Maya or me? Such a daredevil! Nonetheless, I'm the real deal!

Before she could explain herself, the men had already concluded that she was an impostor.

"Quit playing tricks. Mr. Seet does not have a daughter like you. If you don't behave, we will..."

As they spoke, one of them grabbed her shirt collar.

"H-How dare you? I will make sure you suffer worse than death!" Nina shouted in fear.

"Worse than death? Sure, I'd like to see if it's you or us that would suffer."

Looking at the bunch of perverted men acting like starving predators, she felt as if her life was coming to an end.

A soldier can be killed but not humiliated!

Just as she was trying to think of a way out, the door slammed open with a loud bang. Following that, a tall, attractive man in a suit entered.

"Let her go!"

Everyone immediately got their guards up. "Who the hell are you? Why are you poking your nose in someone else's business?"

"It doesn't matter who I am; what matters is that the police will arrive soon. Get lost now if you don't want trouble!"

Upon hearing that, the men were rendered speechless.

They inspected the man who appeared unexpectedly, and they could tell he was a person of status by the way he dressed. Furthermore, he suggested the police, which frustrated them because they didn't want to get in trouble.

After exchanging glances, they said, "We'll remember you, b*stard! You better wish that you don't bump into us again!" Having said that, they left hurriedly.

"Are you okay?" the man asked Nina softly as he stared concernedly at her.

Nina rubbed her wrists that were tied and shook her head lightly. "I'm fine. Thank you."

"No problem. It's dangerous for you to be alone here. Please allow me to send you back."

At that moment, Nina was taken aback. "You came just to save me? How did you find out I'd been kidnapped?"

The man gave her a smile after a brief moment. "Someone told me to save you. Here's my name card."

Nina took the card, and her gaze fell upon his name. "Stephen? You're a translator?"

"Yes!"

"Who told you to save me?"

Stephen was stunned for a moment and replied, "I'm afraid I can't disclose that to you. If you trust me, I'll send you home."

Can't disclose? Saving me is a good deed, so why keep it a secret?

Nina carefully scrutinized Stephen as she couldn't wrap her mind around the man's sudden appearance. Who would tell him to save me? Why is it that he is unable to tell me? There must be something going on. Could he have had another motive for sending me back? I need to be cautious, or I'll fall into another trap.

"No, thank you. I'll request a chauffeur."

Seeing how suspicious she got, Stephen found her a chauffeur and sent her back to Imperial Garden.

Realizing Nina had returned, Maya approached her curiously and asked if her date was romantic today. "What did Chris treat you for the meal?"

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Romantic? No, it was heartbreaking.

Nina's face turned pale, and the pain in her heart was unbearable. "We broke up," said Nina hoarsely.

Maya was shocked. "Seriously?" she asked in disbelief.

Nina smiled bitterly and said, "It's true." Right after she answered, she headed upstairs.

As Maya watched her, she was still in a state of perplexment.

She was well aware that Nina's feelings for Chris bordered on obsession. Besides, she was continually talking about Chris, as if he had already been a part of her daily life.

Maya felt that they were a match made in heaven.

How can this be? Why would they break up suddenly? Nina must be really sad!

Meanwhile, Nina entered her room and locked the door before throwing herself onto her bed. She then stared blankly at the ceiling, recalling what had happened earlier.

The past memories began to play back in her mind like a movie.

Chris has a fiancée, and they're planning to marry next month. As a result, Chris and I could never be together again.

How can one be so fickle? When he promised to wait for me and when he gave me the pendant, were they for nothing?

At the same time, she also wondered who sent Stephen to save her.

In the long and lonely night, only misery and doubt surrounded her.

It took almost a night of tossing and turning before she could finally fall asleep when it was almost dawn.

During breakfast, Nicole asked Maya about Nina's absence.

"Mommy, Nina's in a bad mood. Let her have some more rest," answered Maya as she sighed.

"What happened to Nina?"

Right then, she remembered that Nina met with Chris yesterday. Could that be the reason?

Maya's eyes were filled with sorrow as she replied, "Nina said she had broken up with Chris."

They broke up?

Nicole frowned immediately as her heart tightened. She, too, couldn't believe her ears, just like Maya did when she first found out about it.

"That was what Nina told you?"

"Yeah. She told me when she came home last night."

Thinking how much Nina loved Chris, Nicole couldn't help but feel her heart ache.

It was difficult to leave a relationship, let alone deal with the pain that followed. Nina was a headstrong woman, and she had loved Chris for many years, so when they split up unexpectedly, it would hit her like a train.

"Mommy, didn't Daddy say that Chris was nice to Nina? He even said that they would spend the rest of their lives together. Why did it end up like this?"

Nicole was just as curious as Maya.

"Perhaps Daddy and Nina made the wrong judgment. Perhaps..."

"Perhaps what?"

"Perhaps there is another reason."

"What reason?"

Nicole tried to put herself in Chris' shoes and pondered his situation. Perhaps he still loves Nina, and he has no other choice.

"I'll have someone look into this. Nina will be sad for the time being, so please take care of her and comfort her, Maya," Nicole advised.

"Okay, Mommy. I got it."

The breakfast wasn't enjoyable, and Nicole returned to her room after taking a few bites.

Evan went on a business trip last night, and he could probably only return after a few days, so Nicole had to take matters into her own hands.

She then phoned the duke and asked for his help with Chris' investigation.

"Nicole, bring the kids here to stay for some time. Joy is such a bright girl, and I've missed her."

"Dad, Seet Group is launching new projects, and Evan is away on business. Besides, I'm getting ready to return to work shortly, so I won't have time to go back. You can visit Imperial Garden if you miss her. There's plenty of room here for you to stay."

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"All right. I'll come soon."

"Okay, we'll be waiting!"

After she hung up the phone, she saw Juan storm in as she took a deep breath.

This kid is quick-witted and hot-headed.

"Mommy, I've been told that the Translation Department still needs people. There are so many departments for you to join, but why translation?" Juan looked at Nicole in puzzlement.

Hearing that, Nina's delicate face had a slight smile as she remembered that she used to work as a translator and wanted to relive her experience. Besides, Joy was still young, and translation was relatively simple, so she could devote more time taking care of Joy.

Above all, it was Evan's arrangement. He said that it served a vital purpose and that she needed to keep it secret for the time being.

"Because I love translating." Nicole tried to brush him off.

"When you worked for translation when we were younger, Daddy used to make things difficult for you. Do you remember that?"

Nicole nodded. Of course, and the memories are still crystal clear.

"Daddy deliberately found fault in me and forced me to handwrite the translation material. I spent the entire night drafting it, but he was still unhappy. He even brought me a mousse cake that was so bad it made Maya cry."

Recalling the past, Nicole and Juan both had smiles on their faces.

Reminiscing the hardships in the past with a smile meant that there was nothing they couldn't overcome.

Seeing how Nicole's eyes shone as she reminisced the old days, Juan was content. "Mommy, if you enjoy translating, then go ahead. I'll arrange it for you tomorrow, and you'll head straight to the Translation Department."

"Okay. I'll be there on time."

Suddenly, they heard footsteps, and Juan noticed Nina walking downstairs listlessly with her hair unkempt. He was taken aback when he saw her like that.

Nina had always paid the most attention to her appearance. When she was a child, she wouldn't stop combing her hair until there was not a trace of mess. When she grew up, she dressed up even more exquisitely. Hence, Juan was surprised by her appearance that day.

He couldn't help but size her up, thinking that he had mistaken her for someone else. "Maya?"

"Maya is in the kitchen. I'm Nina!" Nina replied as she cast a glance at him.

Nina?

Her hair was unkempt, her face appeared to have gone unwashed, she wore no makeup, and her oversized pajamas hung slantingly on her body. It wasn't her everyday style.

"Nina, what happened to you?"

She gave him a sidelong glance and walked toward the kitchen without saying a word.

"Mommy, what's the matter with her?"

"She got her heart broken, so she feels awful right now."

She became like that just because of that? It looks like it hurt her so much that she stopped caring about her appearance.

"When it comes to relationships, the love must be mutual. Otherwise, it's better to end it early," Juan stated sighingly.

Nicole glanced at him as she felt that the breakup wasn't that simple. Since she had told the duke to investigate the matter, she could only wait for his news.

On the other hand, Nina entered the kitchen while Maya was already preparing a healthful meal for her. "This is all the food that you'd want to eat, Nina. I specifically added fruit to make it even more scrumptious."

"Thanks."

Nina sat stiffly in her dining chair, uninterested in the fruit Maya had prepared. All she felt was a void in her heart. Since the moment Chris abruptly left her life, her entire world had become empty. Therefore, she felt the need to binge eat in order to fill the emptiness.

"Nina, it's done. You may eat now."

After a short while, Nina finished everything on her platter, and Maya, on the side, was taken aback by how quickly she gobbled the food. As she stared at Nina, she was reminded of how she used to eat desserts when she was younger.

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"I'm done. Make me another portion, Maya."

"Nina, it's not good to overeat. I'll make you another one later."

"I want it now. I'm hungry."

After pondering for a moment, Maya rose to her feet and walked over to Nina with another platter of fruits. She also added some low-fat seasonings and green vegetables to the meal.

"I don't want to eat these. I want desserts."

Seeing how Nina was in despair, Maya thought having some desserts might boost her mood. "All right. Wait here. I'll make some for you."

Soon, Maya was done baking a chocolate mousse cake. Just when she was about to explain the ingredients she used, Nina started to devour it by taking large bites.

When they were younger, Nina used to comment that Maya never ate like a lady.

However, Maya had no idea that she would witness Nina being like this one day.

"Slow down, Nina. You'll choke."

Nina gazed at Maya, thinking she had to eat faster to fill up the hollowness she was feeling on the inside.

After eating a whole cake, Nina burped and returned to her room, rubbing her full belly.

Back in her room, she drew all the curtains, deliberately dimmed the lights, then threw herself on the bed.

She only felt that her head was shrouded in fog. She didn't want to think about anything nor do anything, and she just wanted to sleep. Soon, she fell asleep.

It was past dinner hour when she woke up. She placed her hand on her chest and knocked on Maya's door.

"What's the matter, Nina?" Maya asked gently.

"I want a strawberry cake together with two other desserts. Thank you."

At that moment, Maya was rendered speechless.

It was as if Nina was ordering food delivery, and she went back to her room right after that.

Maya stood at the door of her bedroom, frowning worriedly. Nina wants to eat desserts again? Is it okay to eat this much?

However, she was reminded that Nina hadn't been in a good mood since the breakup, so she figured that she would be well after a few days of eating sugary desserts. She then went to the kitchen and began preparing.

When she was done, she brought the cake to Nina's room, followed by a few maids who were carrying another two plates of desserts.

After Nina opened the door, she took everything and simply thanked her sister as she closed the door.

At that moment, Maya sighed helplessly. It was true that some people would be in a state of despair after falling out of love, and they couldn't overcome it for a long time. Looking at Nina, although she wasn't doing anything stupid, she was behaving like a walking dead.

Ah. Love kills, but a breakup drills you through your heart.

Maya felt that it was better to be single. Hence, she would never rush to date to protect herself.

In the bedroom, Nina gulped down the cake furiously as she still thought about filling up her empty heart.

Right after finishing the cake, she picked up the fork and shoved the other desserts into her mouth. However, before she could chew it, tears suddenly burst out of her eyes.

She had no idea why she suddenly cried, but she felt a terrible pain in her heart as if she was suffocating.

"Nina, you have to be strong. I'll wait for you."

Her heart hurt even more whenever Chris' words began to resound in her mind. She then wiped the tears away clumsily and continued shoving the food down her throat.

When she was done with all the desserts, she lay down on the bed again.

At that moment, she wished she was a robot because robots didn't have emotions. They wouldn't feel sad, awful, or heartaches.

Yes. I'm a robot. Stop thinking...

Very soon, she fell asleep once more.