

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1396

Chapter 1396 She Is Overthinking

Great figure? Although Melanie said that in a casual way, her words shattered Nina's heart.

Nina had a chubby body now. She was aware that she did not have a great figure.

Looking at Nina's awkward expression, Melanie was secretly thrilled. Then, she pretended to apologize, "I'm sorry. I should have been more sensitive. A-Actually, you're not fat..."

Melanie blurted out her last sentence reluctantly. A hint of mockery flashed across her eyes. Nina could tell that Melanie was trying to make fun of her.

Nina then replied emotionlessly, "It's okay. We can always change our body sizes, but we'll never get to change our heights. I know I'll slim down soon. Unfortunately, it's hard to grow taller!"

With that said, she pretended to apologize, like how Melanie did just now. "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said that to you. A-Actually, you're not short..."

I know how to mock her too! Does she think I'm a pushover? I've rediscovered my prideful side now!

Melanie's expression turned extremely grim.

Stephen observed everything from the side as if he was an outsider. He had long heard that all women were petty and vengeful. It turned out that the rumors were true.

However, he thought that Nina was not wrong in this matter. Melanie was the one who started that first, so she had brought humiliation upon herself. She deserves that!

"Stephen, am I short?" Melanie turned toward Stephen with a pitiful look as she wanted him to side with her. As long as Stephen denied that she was short, she could continue to show off to Nina.

She even imagined everything in her head before Stephen got to say anything. After Stephen tells me that I'm not short, I can show Nina that he doesn't mind my height. He still loves me even though I'm short.

To her surprise, Stephen nodded in response and said, "Yes. You're a lot shorter than Ms. Nina."

Melanie got so furious that her expression distorted. "Stephen, are y-you dissatisfied with my height?"

"I didn't say that I'm dissatisfied with it. I was only stating the fact," Stephen responded bluntly.

Melanie was disappointed. "I know you didn't say that, but what are you thinking deep inside your heart? You must've been thinking about that. That's why you said that out without hesitation!"

Soon, tears welled up in her eyes as she continued, "You weren't like this back then. If you're dissatisfied with me, why are you still with me?"

Stephen remained silent. Deep inside my heart? My heart...

Suddenly, he came to a realization that his heart began to pound frantically the moment he saw Nina. My heart? No. It's because of this heart I received from the transplantation. It cares about Nina a

lot. That must be the reason why I've developed a complicated feeling toward her. No wonder I've been subconsciously thinking of protecting her. What am I doing right now? How can I do that to Melanie? I'm her boyfriend. It's all because of this heart that I'm acting strange!

Stephen clenched his fists, reminding himself not to let his life get scrambled up by his heart.

"Melanie, I'm sorry. I-I'm not dissatisfied with you. Your height is perfect for me."

Melanie was a little surprised by Stephen's apology. "Is that true? Actually, Ms. Nina is too tall. I'm not that short. Don't you think so?"

"Of course! You're my girlfriend. Why will I get dissatisfied with your height?"

Melanie finally broke into a smile upon hearing that. She turned around and looked at Nina with a victorious smug.

Nina was confused and speechless. Why is Melanie so hostile toward me? What's wrong with her? Is she taking me as her love rival?

In fact, she did not have any feelings toward Stephen. She was only fascinated by the similar design concept that they both had in mind. Melanie is overthinking!

Chapter 1397 Recipe By Maya

After Nina was back in Imperial Garden, she observed her plump figure in front of a mirror. She reached out a hand to touch her chubby cheeks. The longer she stared at the mirror, the more disgusted she felt toward herself.

Suddenly, she roared, "Argh!"

Maya, who was in the room next door, was shocked upon hearing that. What's wrong with Nina?

She rushed to Nina's room and asked concernedly, "Nina, what happened?"

Nina turned around to look at Maya. She walked forward to grab the latter's hand tightly as if she had seen her life savior. "Maya, can you help me to slim down as quickly as possible?"

"Aren't you trying to control your diet lately? You'll definitely lose some weight if you keep going like this."

"I want to slim down faster. The faster, the better."

Maya was stumped. "Nina, I used to be fat too. I understand how you're feeling now, but we can't rush things. You have to take things slow."

"Maya, as long as you can help me with that, I will promise you anything!" Nina handed her jewelry box to Maya and said, "If you can help me slim down as soon as possible, you can take anything you want! I can't stand to look at my body anymore."

Maya frowned. Why did Nina become so anxious all of a sudden? What has she been through?

"Nina, did anything happen to you?" Maya asked cautiously.

Nina sighed, saying nothing.

Maya didn't press the issue any further upon seeing that. Suddenly, she recalled the meals for people on a diet that she planned to launch recently. Perhaps that will work for Nina.

"Nina, I've come up with some nutritious meals for people on a diet. I'm not sure if they'll be effective. How about you give them a try?"

Nina blinked. Is Maya going to use me as a lab rat for her experiment? But then, I don't mind as long as I can slim down as soon as possible. Moreover, Maya has years of experience in cooking. I'm sure she's professional and trustworthy in this.

"Okay. I'm willing to give them a try."

"Wait for me. I'll get the food for you now." Maya was delighted. If Nina can slim down with my meals, I can earn more money with them.

Her thoughts made her feel motivated.

"Nina, this is the recipe. I've prepared all the ingredients in the kitchen. Remember to follow the diet on this recipe."

Nina looked at the recipe as she nodded vigorously. She was determined to slim down as soon as possible. I'm Evan Seet's and Nicole's daughter. I want to shine brightly like how I used to be. I want to become that beautiful and prideful princess again!

At night, Nicole came home from the hospital with an exhausted look. The moment she stepped inside the living room, she saw that Evan was going through a document on the brown couch.

"I'm back!" she said weakly. After putting down her handbag, she walked over and sat down beside Evan.

Evan turned to look at her. He noticed that Nicole looked thinner than before, and her face was pale with fatigue. He put his documents aside and began to massage her shoulders.

Nicole was surprised. She did not expect the president of Seet Group to be that caring. However, Evan had used too much force when massaging her, so it was a little painful.

"Evan, be gentler."

"Is this okay?" Evan adjusted his strength.

"No. It's still a little painful."

"How about now?"

"Now, it's perfect." Nicole was satisfied. A faint smile appeared on her face as she enjoyed his massage.

"Are you busy in the hospital recently? Do you want me to contact John? He can send some people to help you in the hospital."

"There's no need for that. We have enough staff in the hospital. Moreover, even if you send some people over, they can't take over my tasks, anyway."

Chapter 1398 Her Marriage

“Your tasks? Do you have many tasks on hand? Allocate some of them to the others. Don’t overwork yourself!” Evan’s voice was full of concern.

Nicole felt a surge of warmth in her heart upon hearing that. “I know. I’ll try to train an assistant to become my right-hand man.”

During dinner, everyone in the family sat around the dining table happily.

Nicole looked at the vegetables on Nina’s plate and asked, “Nina, are you on a diet?”

“Yes. I’m trying to lose weight as soon as possible, and I want to go back to being the Nina from before.”

“I fully support your idea. But then, can the vegetables provide you with sufficient nutrients?”

“Don’t worry. Nina can eat something else such as chicken breast and milk in the morning. Those will provide sufficient nutrients to her.”

“Maya, did you prepare this recipe for Nina?”

Maya nodded. “I’ve selected these ingredients from thousands of recipes that I’ve gone through. If these meals work for Nina, I’ll promote them on different platforms. I believe I can earn a fortune with them. Every woman wishes to become prettier and sexier. That’s why I think it can be a promising business!”

Evan lifted his head. His heart ached as he looked at Maya, who was only interested in money.

“Maya, money isn’t everything. You should think about your marriage, too.”

“That’s right, Maya. Do you want Grandma to introduce a boyfriend to you? Your grandma has been interacting a lot with some rich wives. She’s very well informed, so she knows a few young men from certain families who are suitable for you. She can—”

“Didn’t you mention before that we have the freedom to love? Don’t tell me that you’re going to force a marriage.” Maya looked at Nicole displeasably.

“Force a marriage? No, Maya. I just want you to try dating them. You’ll be the one to decide whether you’re going to spend your future with them!”

“B-But I don’t feel like dating anyone. I want to put my full attention and effort into building my career.”

“Maya, you’re a mature lady now. You’re supposed to—”

Before Evan managed to finish his sentence, Maya interrupted, “Daddy, are you worried that you’ll have to see me in the house for the rest of your life?”

Evan was stunned. “That’s not what I meant. How can you say that?”

Nicole tugged at Evan’s sleeve gently and said, “All right. It seems like Maya doesn’t want to talk about this right now. Perhaps she just hasn’t met her perfect one. We should stop pressuring her.”

Evan glanced at Nicole and Maya with a cold expression, saying nothing.

Feeling irritated, Maya lowered her head to eat her food silently. For some reason, she would feel frustrated every time someone urged her to find a partner. Could it be that I have a fear of marriage?

With that thought, she could not help but feel worried. However, she changed her mind after a second. In fact, it's not that bad to be in fear of marriage. In that case, I'll never get hurt by some man in my life.

A few days ago, she had come across a few comments from married women on the internet. Many of them said they would never marry anyone if they had the choice to do so.

Maya thought that she would never get to feel worried or regretful if she refused to marry anyone.

The next day, Nicole ate a few mouthfuls of her breakfast before leaving the house. Seeing that, Evan stood up and dragged her back to the dining table.

Nicole was taken aback by his action. She looked at him with a puzzled look and asked, "Evan, what are you doing?"

"Eat your breakfast!"

"I-I'm full!"

"You only took a few bites. You're going to tire yourself out if you continue to behave like that. Finish all the food here!" With that said, Evan handed a plate of fried eggs, steak, sandwich, and a cup of milk to Nicole.

Chapter 1399 A Slow Breakfast

Nicole was a little speechless as she looked at the food in front of her. "I have to eat all of these?"

"Yes. Not only that, but you should also eat slowly and make sure you chew before you swallow."

Eat slowly? I'm in a hurry here!

After taking a look at her watch, Nicole went and gobbled down the food after the first few bites.

"Mrs. Seet, do you not understand what eating slowly means?"

"I do, but I don't see the point since they're going to end up in the stomach anyway."

"Mommy, it's bad to eat like that. You better eat slowly," said Maya.

Nicole was about to argue when Evan took the fork and knife away from her. He then cut her steak into small pieces and fed it to her.

Staring at the steak in front of her, Nicole was stunned for a few seconds before she opened her mouth and took it.

"Chew slowly," said Evan.

"I'll do it myself. I—"

"No need. I'll feed you," Evan insisted and held on to the fork and knife.

At that point, Nicole had no choice but to let Evan have his way, and she ate the food piece by piece. He would even reprimand her and ask her to slow down when he noticed that she swallowed without chewing. His tone, however, made her feel as though he was treating her like how he was treating Joy.

I'm his wife, yet somehow I feel more like his daughter at this moment!

In the end, she finished her breakfast one bite at a time.

The whole thing took her half an hour, which felt like a luxury to her. With that said, she made a promise to herself to wake up earlier the next day so that she could make time to eat her food slowly.

"I'm all done. Can I go to the hospital now?"

"Yes, go ahead. Be careful on your way."

Nicole nodded, grabbed her bag, and left like the wind.

Nina turned to look at her father after watching her mother leave, and she could not help but feel envious of them.

"Daddy, you're so nice to Mommy."

"Nina, you seem much better lately. I believe that you'll find your own happiness in the future. You will surely meet someone who treats you well and treasures you one day."

Evan knew that Nina needed the encouragement, as she had hurt herself in love before.

Meanwhile, Nina nodded at his words and said, "Daddy, I will. I'll return to being the proud Nina, who always talks back and says you're biased."

"Yes. That's my daughter. Remember, no matter what, you should never compromise or cave in the face of obstacles. You can never lose the will to fight, understand?"

"Yes, I got it. Daddy, I'm off to work, then."

"Okay."

As he watched Nina walk out of the living room with confidence, Evan felt comforted. He felt as though the once proud princess had returned.

Nina, there's no rainbow without rain. Cheers!

Meanwhile, in Seet Group, Juan was all caught up in a project report he had just received.

Suddenly, his phone rang.

The call brought him news that Sally had gone to Nicole's hospital to help again.

Juan was worried. What is she up to? Is Mommy in danger?

With that thought, he quickly got up as he wanted to rush over as soon as possible. He had only taken a few steps when he remembered what Kyle said about how he wanted to test Sally out and see if she was indeed innocent.

It occurred to Juan then that the current situation was a perfect opportunity for Kyle to do so.

Thus, he went ahead and told Kyle about the news. "Are you going over or not? That girl's not simple. You should be careful," said Juan.

Kyle pondered for a moment before he looked up at him and said, "I'll go."

As Juan watched Kyle leave, he was curious about what would happen between the cold and serious Kyle and the sharp-tongued Sally with all sorts of tricks up her sleeve.

Should I go and have a look?

Chapter 1400 Helping In The Hospital

While he was still hesitating, John walked in suddenly. "Mr. Juan, Mr. Seet said he has things to deal with this morning, so you'll need to attend to the contracts of the company's two new projects."

"All right."

Juan sighed as he looked at the documents John placed on the table. At that moment, he knew he would not have the time to go to the hospital and watch what was about to happen. Instead, he could only wait for Kyle's return and get to know it from Kyle.

Meanwhile, Kyle rushed over to Nicole's office as soon as he parked his car.

He figured that if Juan was right about Sally plotting against Nicole, then it was very likely that she would be with her at that moment.

Upon arriving in front of the office, he knocked on the door.

"Come in."

He pushed open the door as soon as he heard that, and there they were. Sally and Nicole were chatting away happily with each other.

Nicole was surprised to see Kyle as she asked, "Kyle, why are you here?"

Similarly, Sally was also surprised. It turned out that she was expecting to see Juan instead of Kyle.

So, it's Kyle's turn to watch me now?

Meanwhile, Kyle noticed the looks on their faces, so he said, "There's nothing urgent at the office today, so I wanted to come and help you."

However, Nicole had noticed how Kyle had been staring at Sally as soon as he walked in. She knew right away that it was just an excuse he made up to hide the fact that he was there for Sally.

Could it be that Juan felt that he was no match against Sally? Or is there something else that made Kyle come? Kyle and Sally...

With that thought, Nicole turned to Sally. Meanwhile, Sally was staring at Kyle the whole time with a flicker in her eyes.

"I'm here to help too. We can do it together if you don't mind, Mr. Kyle."

“Sure.”

Seeing how in sync they were with each other, Nicole said nothing else and arranged for them to take care of the patients.

“Room 104 has an eight-year-old boy raised by a single parent. His mother works during the day and so she can’t take care of him. You guys should go and help. We also have an elderly in Room 109 with no kids. You guys should help take care of him too.”

“Got it, Mommy.”

“Right away, Mrs. Seet.”

The two went to the eight-year-old boy’s room first. Seeing his pale face, Sally could not help but feel pity for him.

“Hey, little boy. What are you sick with?”

“My stomach’s not good. I feel weak, and my hands and legs always go numb. They told me it takes time to recover.”

“Did you have breakfast? What do you want? I’ll get it for you,” Sally asked.

“I already did. Mommy bought me some oatmeal.”

“Only oatmeal? That’s not nutritious enough. What do you want to eat? I’ll go get it for you right away, okay?”

The little boy licked his lips as he thought about Sally’s words. He was actually craving a lot of things, but he was too shy to tell.

Kyle ruffled his hair when he noticed how timid the boy was. “Wait here. I’ll go and get it.”

With Kyle gone from the room, Sally went ahead and tried to have a heart-to-heart talk with the boy.

“Little boy, what’s your name?”

“My name’s Zachary White. My mommy wanted me to become a hero like my daddy one day when she came up with my name.”

“Hero? Your daddy’s a hero?”

“Yes. My daddy saved two women in a fire. Mommy says that he’s a hero.”

Sally thought about what he said, and she remembered Nicole saying that he was being raised by a single mother. Could it be that his father had sacrificed himself to save others?

A wave of emotions surged inside of Sally as she thought of that. She caressed the boy’s face gently and said, “I believe that you’ll become a great hero when you grow up.”

Zachary nodded enthusiastically at her words.

When Kyle got back, he heard the sound of laughter coming from Sally and Zachary before he even stepped foot inside.

Chapter 1401 Her Kindness

Sally told Zachary, "I'll write down my phone number for you, and you can call me anytime if you need anything, okay?"

"Okay!" Zachary answered.

Outside the door, Kyle smiled at the thought of how caring Sally was. I guess a person who is kind enough toward a stranger wouldn't do anything horrible even if she did come to the Seet family with some sort of motives.

With that thought in mind, he walked into the room, and Zachary's eyes were all lit up when he saw him.

"All this food?"

"Come, have a look and see if there's any you like."

Kyle laid out all the nutritious breakfast food he had brought with him on the table, and like a greedy little kitten, Zachary stared at all the food on the table intently.

"Eat whatever you want. It's all yours."

As soon as he said that, Zachary licked his lips and went for a slice of pizza.

Meanwhile, Sally felt a little bitter on the inside when she saw him gobbling down the food like he was starving. "Slow down. Don't choke yourself," she said as she handed over a cup of warm milk to him.

"Thank you," Zachary said sincerely.

After coming out of Zachary's room, the two went over to the elderly patient without children. Sally was very caring as she asked him about a lot of things and even offered him money.

"Take it. It might be of use to you."

"I can't. How can I take your money when I'm given treatment without charge? I just can't."

"Ms. Lane's the one who's giving you free treatments, but this is from me. You're accepting help from her, but not me? Just take it."

His hands were shaking as he stared at the stack of bills in front of him and hesitated.

In the end, Sally stuffed the bills in his hands and said, "Take it."

Having received so much money out of the blue, the old man could not contain his excitement as he thanked Sally repeatedly. Sally's heart softened as the pure-hearted old man reminded her of something from her past. An urge to cry washed over her, so she left in a hurry after telling the old man to take care of himself.

Kyle followed her out of the room, and he noticed Sally's teary eyes. He asked in a low voice, "What's wrong?"

Sally shook her head and said, "Nothing. It just reminded me of the kind old lady who took me in. She was also a simple person with a pure heart. She always thanked other people's tiniest kind gestures with all her heart. I remember once she was so touched and grateful when a person gave her a kettle in the dead of winter. Since then, she would thank and pray for the person's well-being every day. I always think that she and those old people are so pure-hearted, and they are always very grateful for the kindness they received."

Each time Sally thought of those things, she would feel a sense of warmth in her heart.

Meanwhile, Kyle was surprised by what she said. He and Juan had been suspecting that Sally was not an orphan. They thought that she must have come from some family with class. Thus, he was surprised to hear her mention an old lady who took her in.

Kyle kept to himself as he pondered for a moment. He thought that the old lady Sally had mentioned might be someone she knew or a relative of hers. Perhaps she even told him the story on purpose to hide her true identity.

At the same time, Sally noticed that Kyle was not saying anything, so she turned to him and asked, "You didn't come to the hospital to show your love and support, did you?"

"If not that, then what?"

"I suppose you're here for me. To keep an eye on me."

Once again, Kyle was surprised by how straightforward Sally was. After a moment of silence, he asked, "Why would I keep an eye on you?"

"Because you're the same as Juan. You suspect that I approached the Seet family with some ulterior motives."

"Did you?"

Chapter 1402 Sally And The Maupay Family

"Would you believe me if I say no?" asked Sally instead of answering his question.

A smile came over Kyle's face as he replied without hesitation, "No."

"I'm telling you the truth. I know you don't believe me, but I have no intention of hiding anything from you. May I ask, will you blame me if I have no choice but to do something harmful to the Seet family one day?" Sally stopped in her tracks and asked Kyle sincerely.

Kyle's eyes darkened at her question, and he took a moment to process what he heard. "It depends. I won't forgive you if you hurt my family."

Sally's expression turned grim as she felt Kyle's words like knives stabbing in her heart.

"I can help you if there's anything you need," said Kyle.

Help... Kyle's saying he could help me?

Sally felt her heart warm up when Kyle said that. However, even though she was willing to believe that his words were true, she knew there was nothing he could do for her.

She smiled bitterly and said, "I'm just joking with you. I don't need any help. I... I would never hurt your family."

Even so, Kyle noticed the helplessness and avoidance in her eyes.

"Let's call it a day. I have things to attend to, so I'll get going first," said Sally before she turned and left.

Meanwhile, Kyle watched her leave as he wondered what exactly she was up to.

He narrowed his eyes as he pulled out his phone and made a call to Draven. "Put everything aside and keep an eye on Sally. I want you to report everything about her to me."

"Understood."

Meanwhile, Draven was confused, since not only did Juan have him monitor Sally, but Kyle also did the same. Draven was curious about the woman who had caught the attention of the Seet brothers.

At that instant, he decided that he should put in all his efforts to check Sally out.

He pondered for a moment before he pulled out his phone and called Jeremy from the Hidden Masters.

"You want me to investigate Sally?"

"Yes. You four have nothing to do in the meantime anyway. Just help me look her up."

"Draven, you're on a whole different level than the Hidden Masters. Do you really need my help on such a small matter?"

"Small matter? It's not a small matter. Both Mr. Juan and Mr. Kyle are very concerned about this. If you guys manage to find out about her, they will reward you handsomely."

"It's just a girl. Why do they care so much?"

"That goes to show that this girl is not that simple. She must have some powerful connections backing her, not to mention how incredible she is that she has it so well-kept all this time. It's going to be exciting to go against someone like that."

"There's no need for that. I'm finally getting a breather, so I have no intention of seeking this sort of excitement."

"Jeremy, if you can help me find something this time, then I'll consider looking into the Maupay family's secrets that you guys had always wanted to know."

Draven's offer was a rather good deal for Jeremy.

The Maupay family's existence was a mystery of its own. No one knew how or why the entire family disappeared overnight.

Rumors were saying they had messed with some influential figure and so the entire family was wiped out. A different rumor was that they had gone to live in seclusion to work on some sort of secret weapon.

Back then, the Maupay family only took six months after their arrival in Y City to achieve the level of the infamous Seet Group. Thus, many people related the Maupay family's disappearance to Evan. They suspected that it was business warfare and Evan wanted to monopolize the market, so he hired a mysterious organization to make the kill.

Evan was also puzzled by the Maupay family's disappearance, and he even had the Hidden Masters look into it. However, they could not find anything at all. The investigation went on for six months, yet it was as though the Maupay family had vanished into thin air. Thus, they had no choice but to give up.

Jeremy's interest was piqued now that Draven brought it up again.

Chapter 1403 Feelings For Sally

Then again, Jeremy still had his reservations.

"Draven, I know you're better than the four of us, but investigating the mysterious disappearance of the Maupay family is even harder than investigating this woman, Sally. How confident are you about figuring out the Maupay family's incident when you can't even find out anything about a woman?"

"I'm not, but I just assumed you're not confident about finding anything about Sally either. There's one thing I have to tell you. Sally is as mysterious as the Maupay family, and I think they might have something to do with each other. Even though I don't have proof, I still think you can look into it in terms of that."

Jeremy was a little taken aback by the mention of Sally and the Maupay family together.

He thought of the other rumor besides the one about Evan sending men to terminate the Maupay family. It was about how they had gone into hiding to work on some secret weapon so that they could replace Seet Group as the head of Y City. He could not help but think of the possible danger that Seet Group would be in if that was really the case.

"Okay, Draven. We'll do it together. We'll share all the information with each other."

"Okay."

After all, if Sally really had something to do with the Maupay family, then Seet Group might be in trouble. It would bring chaos to Y City, so they must hurry.

It was in the afternoon when Kyle got back to the office. Juan came over and asked him about Sally as soon as he saw him.

"Kyle, what happened when you went over to monitor Sally today? Was she difficult to deal with? She has all sorts of tricks up her sleeve. She's truly a cunning fox."

Kyle's eyes narrowed as he thought of the things Sally did. Not only was she kind toward Zachary, but she even helped the sick old man. Specifically, he remembered the tears in her eyes when she was touched by the old man.

There was just nothing he could relate her to a sly fox when he thought of those things.

Thus, he mumbled, "She has a kind heart."

Kind heart?

Juan was surprised by what Kyle said.

"Kyle, you're saying that a sly fox like her has a kind heart? What did she do to you? Did she throw herself at you and show you her heart?"

Without a word, Kyle just stared back at Juan coldly.

Unbothered, Juan went on, "What a sly woman she is. She's as cunning as a fox when she's with me. It's always a full-on battle of wits whenever I see her, yet she shows her kind heart and seduces you like a vixen when she's with you? What's with the preferential treatment? Is it because you're more charming?"

As soon as he said that, he sized Kyle up.

Their parents had given them the same face, and their bodies were more or less the same. The only thing that was different between the two was their demeanor.

Kyle was as cold as ice, while Juan was a passionate man.

Juan thought that his type ought to be the more popular type.

In the end, he concluded and told Kyle in a serious manner, "Kyle, I'm telling you that Sally must have some sort of ulterior motives behind the kindness she had shown you. It's a lie. Think about it. I'm the more attractive one between the two of us. Why would she fall for you if she didn't fall for me? You shouldn't fall for such a fickle woman. You can never trust a woman like her."

Meanwhile, Kyle looked at Juan whose confidence was over the roof and snorted. "Only shallow and tasteless women would be attracted by that pretense you call passion."

Juan was stunned by Kyle's words. What does Kyle mean by that?

"Kyle, do you have to say that about me just because I said that Sally wouldn't fall for you? You're practically saying that I'm shallow and tasteless. And you even say that I put up a pretense of my passion? I'm passionate on the inside too. I'm not putting on an act."

"Sure. I believe you."

Juan was rendered speechless by his sarcastic response.

He finally realized that what he said had pissed Kyle off.

"Don't tell me you have feelings for Sally."

Chapter 1404 Resentment Toward Bernian Hospital

Kyle looked up at him and gave him a meaningful look. He then lowered his head and switched his focus to work.

Juan pondered for a moment. It's dangerous if Kyle had really fallen for Sally. No way. I must stop this. I can't just watch Kyle fall into a trap.

With that thought, Juan walked out of the office and called Sally immediately.

On the other end, Sally saw the caller ID and took the call.

"What's up?" she asked in all seriousness.

Juan went straight to the point as he said, "Sally, you're really something. You've acted like an evil, cunning fox in front of me, yet you turned into a kind little bunny in front of Kyle. You're trying to get his sympathy to catch his attention and make him fall for you, aren't you? I'm telling you now that there's no way that's going to happen."

Sally snorted and said, "I'm going to make it happen. What now? Does it upset you that Kyle likes me? Could it be that you have fallen for me too?"

"Nonsense. Why would I fall for a sly fox like you? I would never fall for you even if the sky falls and the earth crumbles. I'm warning you. I'll make you pay if you use Kyle to hurt my family."

"Fine. I'll be waiting," Sally replied fearlessly and hung up.

Juan was stunned by that reply. This woman's really something. It seems that I'll have to think of a way to stop Kyle from seeing Sally anymore. As long as they don't get to see each other, nothing will ever happen between them. That way, I won't have to worry about Kyle being used by Sally. In that case, I should watch Sally from here on. Wait there, Sally. I'll make you disappear if you're really up to no good.

In the meantime, patients who had received free treatments from Nicole were grateful for her. Everyone complimented her medical expertise. Through word of mouth, Bernian Hospital's reputation grew.

As a result, not only those unfortunate people who could not afford the medical fees went to Bernian Hospital, but many of those who were well-off also chose to go to Bernian Hospital to get treated.

There were even talks among those people.

"I heard that they didn't build Bernian Hospital to make money. Instead, it was to help less fortunate people who couldn't afford the treatment. We should go to Bernian Hospital next time so that the money we pay for our treatment gets contributed to helping those patients. That way, we'll be doing something good with Ms. Lane. Perhaps good things will happen to us in return if we do some good deeds."

"Yes. Getting treated and doing charity all at the same time. Perhaps we'll even recover faster."

As the people got more motivated to do good, word spread, and Bernian Hospital's business became better and better. At the same time, it had also caused resentment from the other hospitals.

Some even commented on how much of a busybody Nicole was, and that she should have just stayed put as Evan's wife. They could not understand what was in it for her.

As the business of those hospitals declined, the persons in charge gathered together and began to discuss their plan.

“What should we do? I heard that Bernian Hospital is full every day, yet the number of patients in our hospital is decreasing. We have to do something about it.”

“I agree. Before Bernian Hospital came into the picture, the patients would have to make reservations for admission. Not only was there a lack of beds, but we even had beds in the corridor. Now, not only are the rooms empty, but we are also getting fewer patients. I even suspect if everyone had somehow gotten themselves a miracle pill. That would explain why nobody is getting sick or admitted into the hospital anymore.”

“There’s no such thing as a miracle pill. In my opinion, they must have been bewitched by that woman, Nicole Lane. All of them have gone to Bernian Hospital. They even get their medicine from Bernian Hospital. They’re saying that they’re doing a good deed and showing their kindness.”

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“Alas. I find it strange. Evan is a meticulous man, and he never takes on unpropitious business. How is it possible that he’s merely watching his wife endeavoring for nothing?”

“Impossible. In my opinion, Mrs. Seet must have an aim. I think she intends to build up the reputation for Evan, Seet Group, and herself. Now, her hospital is getting quite the attention. In the future, Seet Group will definitely be more well-known. Of course, it’s beneficial to them.”

“That’s true. Nowadays, public opinion plays a huge role in the society. She’s utilizing the power of public opinion to consolidate her image. Although she’s doing unprofitable good deeds now, she could undoubtedly earn much more in the future by setting up a good reputation.”

“You’re right. We can’t just sit idly and let them snatch away our business. We have to expose her true intention.”

“How?”

They fell into silent, pondering.

The person in charge of the few hospitals discussed the topic for half an hour. Finally, they decided on a solution.

“We’ll proceed as this plan!”

“All right. Since she started the fight by snatching our business, we should return the favor. She brought it upon herself.”

“Then who’s going to handle the matter?”

Again, all of them fell into the silent.

They looked at each other, waiting for a brave volunteer. Making Evan Seet’s wife, Nicole, the enemy was equivalent to declaring battle against Evan himself, and that meant they had to confront the man with the nickname “Lucifer.” Undoubtedly, they had to think wisely beforehand.

“How about we do it together? If anything happens, we’ll take the responsibility together.”

The rest hesitated for a moment until one of them stood up and gave a motivational speech. Only then did the rest agree to join in.

“Then it’s settled!”

Meanwhile, at Bernian Hospital, Nicole was patiently examining some patients’ recuperating progress as usual.

At times, she would give them some advice. Her attentiveness and gentleness made the patients feel heartwarming.

“Ms. Lane. You’ve tended us well. We will remember your kindness forever.”

“That’s right. Ms. Lane, you’re very kind. I’m not sure if you remember me. Two years ago, you treated me with acupuncture without taking a penny. You claimed that it was a doctor’s responsibility. Since then, you’ve always been in my prayers. It seems like from now on, you’ll be in the prayers of many. I believe that you’ll be able to save more people in the future.”

“You’re right! Ms. Lane is such a benevolent doctor!”

Nicole felt bashful at the endless compliments coming from the crowd.

“I’m flattered. I’m starting to get shy. In fact, my capability is limited. Hence, I’m only doing something like that’s within my ability. As long as everyone gets better and leads a happy and healthy life, that’ll enrapture me.”

“Ms. Lane is indeed a kind person!”

Suddenly, the door was flung open where a doctor rushed in.

“Ms. Lane. We have a patient in critical condition. The man with her requested for you because he has heard many great achievements of yours.”

Nicole’s interest was piqued, not by the fact that the patient requested for her, but by the critical condition the patient was facing. Concerned, she promptly asked, “What’s the disease?”

“I’m not sure. He didn’t allow us to go near her and even refused to let us treat her. Instead, he requested to meet only you and asked for you to cure her.”

“Bring me there.”

To not delay anymore, Nicole trotted while following the doctor to the consultation room.

As she entered the room, she saw a man supporting a feeble woman in the center of the room. The woman was convulsing while the man was demanding for Nicole.