

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1426

Chapter 1426 The Mastermind

“Either the driver was extremely reckless, or he had planned to kill that man beforehand. Otherwise, how would he drive the car in that man’s direction?”

“Such a pitiful man. He lost his life just like that.”

Hearing that, Juan turned to look at Sally. His eyes were filled with suspicion.

Sally was puzzled upon perceiving his gaze. “Why are you looking at me like this? It’s as if I was the one who had killed him.”

“Was it not you?”

“I-I was always with you in your car. How could I have killed him? Are you crazy?”

“You urged me to drive here faster after receiving the text. Was it because your plan had succeeded? That’s the reason why you have nothing to be afraid of anymore, right?”

“What plan? And why should I feel afraid? I don’t understand what you’re trying to say,” Sally said with a puzzled look. After pondering for a moment, she widened her eyes as if she had realized something important. “Xander was the victim in that accident?”

“Yes.” Juan stared into her eyes with his arms crossed. He had seen Xander’s photo before. He recognized his face after seeing the man lying in a pool of blood because they looked exactly the same.

“Are you trying to say that I had ordered someone to kill him?”

“You’re right. You’re going to deny it, aren’t you? Fine. So, how about you prove your innocence by finding out the driver?”

Sally got so furious that she let out a laugh. “So, you accuse me just because you want me to find out who had killed him? I don’t have the time for that!”

There’s no way he’ll be able to use me! Moreover, I’m not related to Xander. The police will find out the driver. Why should I get myself involved in this?

“You refused to help me because you’re feeling guilty.”

“Yes. I’m so guilty. You should go and investigate everything right now. You better get some evidence to prove that I’m the culprit behind everything. Otherwise, you’re just a crazy mutt yapping nonsense! Go and start investigating now. I’ll wait for you in the car.” With that, Sally turned around and walked toward Juan’s Maserati nonchalantly.

Juan smiled as he watched her from behind. Surprisingly, that woman is not as silly as I thought. She didn’t even fall into my trap. But then, how dare she call me a crazy mutt? I was just kidding. She’s so rude!

Not long later, Juan returned to his car after the police had arrived. Sally sized him up with a strange expression. "Why aren't you investigating with the cops right now? You should find the evidence to prove me guilty!"

Juan pretended to clear his throat. "Yes. I'm going to find out who's the one conspiring with you!"

Sally glared at him displeasably.

Seeing how furious Sally got, Juan was secretly happy. She called me a crazy mutt just now, so I have to take my revenge too!

Juan looked at Sally from time to time on their way back, but Sally ignored him. She was thinking of the possible scenarios that might happen later.

Everyone knows Nicole is Evan's wife. Bernian Hospital belongs to Nicole, so it belongs to Evan too. Evan has a high social status in Y City. How dare the boss of Xenhall Hospital go against him? Could it be that there's more to this than meets the eye? I wonder what the boss of Xenhall Hospital will say to Juan after he sees him later. I'm sure he'll never admit anything. It's also possible that he had sent someone to kill Xander, as he was afraid that he'd get exposed.

Juan interrupted Sally's thought upon noticing her serious look. "What are you thinking about?"

Sally regained her senses. "How are you going to ask the boss of Xenhall Hospital after you meet him later?"

"How? I'm just going to ask directly. I don't have the time to beat around the bush."

"Do you think he'll tell you the truth if you ask him like that?"

"He doesn't have a choice. As I said, I'll show you how cruel I am. Get yourself ready for an eye-opening sight later."

Chapter 1427 Poison

Sally looked Juan over from head to toe. If the words came from Kyle, she would have believed them. After all, there was an intimidating aura emanated from Kyle.

Juan was, on the other hand, passionate and engaging. People felt warm when they were with him. The smug look on his face at times bore a similarity to his uncle, Davin. In other words, he didn't seem like one vicious character.

"How far could you go?"

Juan curled his lips into a smirk. "You'll find out soon."

She said nothing, wondering what would happen next.

Upon hearing that Juan came to see him in person, the boss of Xenhall Hospital became nervous and anxious.

He even thought of finding an excuse not to see Juan, but that seemed a bit unreasonable, and it would make him look guilty. Furthermore, Juan had such a strong personality. Since he had made his way here, he would definitely try different ways to see the boss. Therefore, the latter decided to meet him.

He thought he would just have to pretend that he was not at all aware of the incident when Juan brought it up.

Juan sized him up the moment they met. At first glance, he thought that the boss was as cunning as a fox.

“Welcome, Mr. Juan. How may I help you?”

Juan crossed his arms across his chest as he stared at the boss. “I’m here to ask you something.”

“Well, just go straight to the point. I’ll tell you everything I know.”

“I heard that you instructed Xander to instigate some man to hurt his own wife. Is it true that you gave such an order to slander Bernian Hospital for using fake medications?”

He didn’t expect that Juan would throw such a direct question at him. A hint of panic instantly flashed past his eyes. He immediately denied it. “No. Where did you get such ridiculous news from?”

“Are you sure? So, you are saying that someone has pointed an accusing finger at you?”

“That’s right. It’s more than just an accusation. It’s slander. Who told you that? I’m willing to confront the person. If he failed to prove his words, I swear I will not let him off.” His face was contorted with anger as he spoke.

Juan grinned. “Xander got killed! Do you think that you are safe because the only witness has died?”

“What did you say? What happened to Xander?” The boss pretended to be surprised as he asked.

Juan looked at him, amazed by his acting skills. However, those skills were useless in front of him, and he wasn’t in the mood to play along.

Getting up, he walked over. His intense gaze never left the boss. “Do you have no idea what happened to him?”

“I really have no idea, Mr. Juan. I’m sure someone has backbit about me, which made you suspect me. Okay, then! Let’s file a police report. I believe it will—”

Before he could finish his sentence, Juan reached out to hold his chin, tossed a pill into his mouth, and forced him to swallow it.

The boss didn’t see that coming. After coughing for a moment, he looked at him curiously. “What was that?”

“Arsenic! There’s no way you can survive.”

Waves of shock washed over the boss. He had long known that Juan was not a sensible person. Despite that, he had never expected that Juan would go this far.

The assistant began to panic at the sight of it. “Mr. Lively... Mr. Juan, what are you doing?”

Juan shot the assistant a sharp glance, striking terror into the latter's heart.

The assistant was well aware of what an influential man Juan was. There was nothing an insignificant person like him could do now that even his boss ended up like this.

He then lowered his head and said nothing.

Juan shifted his gaze to Norman Lively, the boss of Xenhall Hospital. "I have no time to play with you. Since I'm here now, all I want is the truth."

Chapter 1428 The Matter Was Resolved

A heavy silence fell upon the room. Looking solemn, Norman replied, "How dare you? Aren't you afraid of—"

"Of course not! Why should I? You dare to mess with my mother's hospital. You have one minute. If you refuse to say anything, I'll leave, and you'll bring doom upon yourself."

Norman stood aghast upon hearing that. He started wondering if what he had swallowed earlier was poison.

No... It can't be poison. He is just trying to scare me.

Even Sally was curious. Was that really poison?

"Juan, will this poison make him suffer before he draws his last breath?"

"Well, it won't hurt when he dies, but he will suffer a lot before his last breath."

The words terrified Norman. All of a sudden, his face was distorted. He placed his hands on his belly. Beads of sweat started to form on his forehead.

"Is your stomach starting to hurt? This is just the beginning. After you go through all levels of pain, you shall die."

A moment later, Norman coughed up a mouthful of blood. He turned to look at Juan in disbelief.

He thought Juan merely scared him with some candy. Seeing his body's reaction, he couldn't help wondering if the pill he had swallowed earlier was indeed poisonous.

"Throwing up blood? Your life will come to an end after a few minutes."

Juan looked at him with a smirk.

Following that, Norman collapsed onto the ground, trembling. He asked with fear, "If I tell you the truth, will you give me the antidote?"

"Of course. Whether you want to live or not, the decision is all yours."

Sally looked at Norman, who was lying breathlessly on the ground, before turning to gaze at the indifferent Juan, who was smirking at the moment. The stark contrast between the two left her speechless.

She was unsure of whether Juan was a strong character. The only thing she knew was that there was not a single hint of compassion on his face when someone was dying before him.

That side of Juan surprised her.

“All right. I will say it...”

He then unveiled the conspiracy and the collusion between those hospitals.

Juan’s face remained stoic as he listened. His gaze turned increasingly cold and distant. His killing intent was so dense that Sally could feel it.

She had always found arrogant people like Kyle dangerous. However, seeing Juan who was killing a man with a smiling face, she realized this kind of person could be hundreds of times more dangerous.

Before they left Norman’s office, Juan tossed a packet to him. Sally asked him if that was the antidote.

“Yeah!” he replied after a moment of silence.

Sally frowned, feeling somehow that there was another meaning behind his answer.

“If he chose not to tell you the truth, would he have died from poison?”

“He deserved it if that happened!”

Sally felt that she should start seeing him in a different light and not be fooled by his looks.

She wondered what he would do to those bosses of the other hospitals who were involved in the conspiracy.

Not long after she got back, she received a piece of breaking news.

The bosses of several hospitals admitted that they had worked together to frame Bernian Hospital. Although she had no idea how Juan made them come clean, it was clear that Juan was something else.

At this moment, Sally couldn’t help feeling that dealing with the Seets might be more difficult than she could have imagined.

The matter was finally resolved. Nicole and Bernian Hospital became famous because of this incident. The hospital was back on track, and the business was growing.

Nicole learned from Maya that Sally was involved in the investigation and even disguised as the deceased woman. She wanted to thank Sally for what she had done for her.

Chapter 1429 Assumption

“Juan, can you invite Sally home for a meal? I would like to thank her.”

“Mommy, you don’t have to thank her. What she did was just a small thing that’s not worth mentioning.”

“She has agreed to play dead. How can you say that it’s something not worth mentioning? Juan, I want you to invite her to our home tonight, okay? I want to thank her personally, so no more excuses! It’s decided.”

Left with no choice, Juan nodded and replied, "All right. I will give her a call later."

Kyle, who was standing beside Juan, whispered into his ear, "Didn't you say that she has an ulterior motive in approaching us? You said that she wants to hurt Mommy, didn't you? Then why would she help Mommy?"

Juan pondered for a moment and replied, "Maybe her target is not Mommy, but... Daddy?"

Kyle furrowed his brows at that.

"Or she wants to hurt Maya? Nina? You? Me? Grandpa? Grandma? Or Uncle Davin?"

Kyle shot him a glance, feeling that his assumption was getting increasingly far-fetched by the minute. Sally might have her own secret, but Kyle did not believe that she would have any malicious intent on harming the Seet family.

Just then, Nicole's phone rang.

"Mommy is changing her clothes. Can any one of you pick up her phone?" Maya said to Kyle and Juan while applying nail polish.

Juan took the phone, and the moment he saw the caller ID, he immediately passed it to Kyle.

"Pick up the call. I have got some other things to do. I need to go to the study room to find a document." With that, he ran toward the study.

Kyle took the phone and was stunned for a few seconds. Right after he returned to his senses, he instantly handed the phone to Maya. "Pick it up."

Maya looked at Juan in puzzlement and shifted her gaze to Kyle. When she saw the caller ID, she finally knew the reason why they refused to pick up the phone.

It was a call from their grandmother, Sophia.

Lately, Grandma has been very concerned about our personal relationship. If Juan picks up her call, for sure, she will ask him about his relationship progress with Sally. On the other hand, if Kyle picks up her call, she will definitely matchmake him with some girls.

And if I pick up the call... will Grandma set me up with someone, too?

When Maya was hesitating on whether to pick up the phone, it stopped ringing.

"Why didn't she pick up the call?"

"Maybe Nicole is busy with something else."

"Grandma, I miss Mommy. I want my mommy," Joy whined, blinking her big, round eyes.

"Okay. Grandma will bring you to Imperial Garden to find your mommy now, okay?"

"Grandma, I want to go to Imperial Garden too!" Zayden dashed toward Sophia.

"All right, we'll go together."

“Mom, I want to go too. It’s been some time since I’ve talked to Nicole. I’ve got something to share with her!” As Sheila spoke, she shot a pointed look at Davin.

Davin’s heart skipped a beat. “Sheep, can you not go around and tell everyone what you’ve done?”

“I can’t. I’m an open and honest person. Besides, I think it’s something to be proud of. I want to show off.”

“What? Show off? Are you serious? I told you that Sasha and I are only friends. But, you... what have you done? Now, we can’t even be friends anymore. She even scolded me and blocked me!”

“This shows that she is heartless and ungrateful! I treated her so well, but look what she did to you? What a wicked woman.”

Davin was at a loss for words.

Sheila’s trick had gotten better than before, and he was truly impressed.

He turned toward Sophia and suspected that she was the one who had taught Sheila all these tricks.

“Davin, why are you looking at me like that?”

“I’m just trying to make sure whether I’m your biological child or Sheep is.”

“Of course, it’s you!”

“But why do I feel like a live-in son-in-law while Sheep is your biological daughter?”

Sophia chuckled. “Don’t doubt it. You are indeed my biological son! However, your status in the family is the same as a live-in son-in-law!”

Chapter 1430 An Ungrateful Woman

Davin was rendered speechless.

Sophia, you’re so biased!

Upon listening to that, Sheila instantly became more confident. Her gaze toward Davin was a provocative one.

Davin let out a long sigh. D*mn, when can our status as men in this family be elevated? Dad shouldn’t have spoiled Mom so much to the extent that Sheila has set her as an example! Poor me. My status in this family is too low!

Just then, Zayden came over and asked in puzzlement, “What’s a live-in son-in-law?”

Sheila stroked his head and answered, “You will know what it means when you grow up. Now, get changed, and let’s go to Imperial Garden.”

Zayden nodded obediently.

“Since all of you are going to Imperial Garden, then I’m going too! I have to keep an eye on Sheep so that she won’t speak ill of me.”

Sheila chuckled at that. "Do whatever you want! No matter what, I will tell them the truth! If I lie, I'll change my family name!"

The moment they reached Imperial Garden, Nicole was surprised. "Mom, Sheila, what brings you guys here? Come in!"

"Nicole, we haven't seen you in the past few days. We're all worried. We heard that the matter at Bernian Hospital has been resolved. We're really happy for you."

"Mommy, I've missed you!" Joy said in a piping voice, hugging Nicole's leg tightly.

"I missed you too. My little Joy seems to have grown a little taller again, huh?" Nicole looked at her daughter with her eyes full of affection. She felt that she was growing to look more and more like Evan.

Maya, Juan, and Kyle exchanged glances with one another. Why would Grandma suddenly come over? Is it because none of us pick up her phone call? Or does Grandma have some other suitable candidates and would like to introduce them to us?

Maya's heart pounded heavily. She immediately leaned over to the kids and said, "Joy, Zayden, I will cook something delicious for you guys. Do you guys want to follow me to the kitchen?"

When they heard about delicious food, they nodded their heads vigorously and replied, "Okay! I love delicious food!"

"I like it too!"

Kyle and Juan looked at one another before finding excuses to leave the living room as well.

Sophia, who had had breakfast in a hurry in the morning, felt hungry and wanted to request Maya to make a nutritious meal for her. Therefore, she got up and went to the kitchen with them.

At that instant, only Sheila, Davin, and Nicole were left in the spacious living room. Sheila felt that it would be the best opportunity for her to tell Nicole about it. Thus, she opened the conversation.

"Nicole, do you know how bad Davin is in making friends? He has an ungrateful friend."

"Sheep, stop twisting the fact. You were the one who—"

"What did I do? Didn't I treat her well previously? How dare she block you?"

Nicole was puzzled. "Wait. What happened? Who is that ungrateful friend?"

"Nicole, listen to me. This is what happened..."

Sheila seated herself down on the couch and started to explain, "Davin met a girl named Sasha. She's a weak and delicate girl. One day, she called Davin in the middle of the night and told him that she was sick and uncomfortable. Then, she requested him to go and take a look at her. But what could Davin help with since he's not a doctor? So I called the ambulance and asked them to send her to the hospital."

Wow! What a move! Nicole mused to herself.

Sheila continued, "Not long after, Sasha called him again, saying that she wanted Davin to teach her yoga. But Davin doesn't know anything about it. Hence, I specifically called my dad's butler and asked him to learn a few tricks so that he could teach her. Who knows? She didn't appreciate it! The butler is about sixty years old. It must be hard for him to practice yoga with her. How dare she disrespect him! She doesn't even know how to appreciate others' kindness!"

Chapter 1431 Blame The Good Genes

Another brilliant strategy!

Nicole turned toward Davin, only to see that his face had turned purple in rage as he said, "But I didn't go. Do you even have to do that?"

"Do you wish to go? Even if you go, you know nothing!"

Sheila glared at him impatiently and continued, "Two days ago, she called Davin at midnight. She said that she was suffering from headaches and asked Davin to visit her. But Davin doesn't know how to take care of people. So my five best friends and I went to visit her and took good care of her. We didn't even dare to let her sleep for the whole night, worrying that she might suffer from headaches again. Just as I reached home the next day, she scolded Davin and blocked his number to my surprise! Isn't she an ungrateful woman? You better stay away from this kind of friend in the future, Davin!"

Davin snorted. "Don't worry. With a wife like you, there is no need for me to stay away from them. They will immediately retreat when they see me! From today onward, I will be a female insulator!"

"Hah! That's why I said you're lucky to marry a wife like me! You have found yourself a treasure!"

Davin could not refute her.

What a joke? Did I find a treasure? Hmph! She's obviously my archenemy!

Looking at his helpless expression, Sheila asked proudly, "Nicole, do you think I did the right thing? I treated Sasha well, didn't I?"

Nicole stole a glance at Davin and pursed her lips to stop herself from bursting into laughter. She then surreptitiously gave Sheila a thumbs-up.

"Nicole, there are too many pretentious b*tches nowadays. If Evan is facing the same problem, you can probably use my methods."

Sheila paused and added in embarrassment, "But I'm overthinking it. I believe Evan will not meet such b*tches. Even if he meets any of them, he can settle them by himself without your help." With that, she stared daggers at Davin. "Only a playboy would need his wife to deal with such women."

"Sheep, you can't say that. I didn't even mess with her. She was the one who harassed me first."

"But she wouldn't approach you if you didn't give her any chances, right?"

"How would I know what was on her mind?"

Just then, Sophia walked into the living room. Davin suddenly had an idea and decided to bring the matter to her.

“You can’t blame me for this. It’s all because of my parents’ good genes. That’s why I’m so handsome and attractive to women. Besides, you have to blame my ancestors for being so outstanding in the business field, giving me the chance to be born into a rich family. A man as handsome and rich as I am is always popular among women. Aren’t you the same as them? You can love me because of these, but why can’t other women?”

Sheila was at a loss for words; she did not know how to refute his remarks.

Sophia shot Davin a glance and chimed in, “Davin, I do agree that your dad and I have good genes. But how dare you say that you are wealthy? Go and have a look at your bank account, son. Hah! You’re so poor, and yet you’re trying to show off? You don’t even have enough money for next month’s expenses.”

“Exactly!” Sheila agreed.

Davin was confounded.

How dare they laugh at me for being poor? Hmph! I still have my secret savings! Even if Sheila has something up her sleeves, I have my own plan as well! How dare she look down on me! However, I can’t talk about my secret savings now. Otherwise, I can’t protect them anymore. The most important thing now is to protect my money!

Davin knew that he would not be able to win in that argument especially when both Sophia and Sheila had ganged up to deride him. Therefore, he chose to remain silent.

Chapter 1432 Matchmaking

Seeing that Davin had given up on the argument, Sheila thought that he was sad because of his poor financial status. Hence, she no longer said anything about it.

Just then, Maya walked out from the kitchen with two plates of fruits and desserts, both Zayden and Joy trailing behind her.

The kids stood by the table and looked fixedly at the food on it.

“Who wants to eat the biggest strawberry?” Zayden asked.

“As usual, let’s play rock-paper-scissors!” Joy replied.

Zayden nodded his head, and they both started playing.

In the end, Zayden won.

Getting a brainstorm, he placed the biggest strawberry on his plate and walked toward Sophia.

“Grandma, I won this. It’s for you!”

Everyone was surprised that Zayden, who used to be a glutton, would hand over his food to Sophia.

“It’s okay, Zayden. You can have it,” Sophia replied with a smile.

“Grandma, just eat it. I want you to have it.”

“All right. I’ll eat it.” Looking at how filial Zayden was, she praised, “Good boy! Even though you’re young, you’re so thoughtful.”

Davin was surprised as well. “That’s my boy! After spending time with Joy, you have finally learned to respect the elderly. Good job!”

Zayden scratched his head shyly.

“Since you’re so considerate, I’ll take a bigger strawberry as a reward for you, okay, Zayden?” Maya chimed in.

Zayden nodded his head in exhilaration.

As Davin watched Maya walk to the kitchen, he suddenly thought of something. “Oh right, Mom. Didn’t you say that you want to introduce some guy to Maya? I have some suitable candidates here for her.”

“Who are they?”

“Aspen Gilbert from Gilbert Group, Matthew Lynch from Lynch Group, Wilbur Simpson from Simpson Group... All of them are successful youngsters and are about the same age as Maya. She can really consider them.”

Sophia pondered for a moment. “I have never heard about the others, except for Lambert Simpson’s grandson, Wilbur Simpson. I heard that he is quite a capable young man. Maybe Maya can try to make friends with him first?”

“Mom, although you’re old, you still have sharp senses, huh? According to the rumors, Wilbur has the style of Old Mr. Simpson whenever he talks and handles business affairs. He is indeed the best among young men. He should be the first choice for consideration.”

“All right, then. You can tell Maya about it later.”

However, Nicole had some concerns. “But Maya doesn’t seem to be in the mood to find a boyfriend. I think it’s not easy for her to take the initiative to make friends with young men.”

“Don’t worry, Nicole. Just leave it to me. We will let them meet first. Maybe Maya will fall in love with him at first sight? Who knows, right?”

“But I’m worried that she will refuse to meet him.”

“Leave this to me. I will settle it. You guys don’t have to worry about it.”

Looking at how confident Davin was, Nicole thought that he had figured out how to persuade Maya to attend the date.

“Maya, I need a favor from you. Can you help me?”

“Uncle Davin, what is it about?”

“I need to meet an important business partner. Can you come with me?”

“Why do I need to follow you to a business meeting?” Maya asked.

“Because... on this kind of occasion, businessmen will normally bring a young and beautiful female assistant with them. But I don’t have any of them, as your aunt Sheila will surely be unhappy about this. So, you’re the most suitable person to follow me.”

Maya looked at Davin suspiciously and hesitated for a while. Is that so?

Both Nicole and Sophia knew what Davin was planning. He was trying to trick Maya into going on a blind date. Sheila understood Davin’s intention and persuaded, “Maya, can you go with Uncle Davin? Consider it a favor for me, please?”

Chapter 1433 Change Of Attitude

Maya knew she couldn’t refuse Davin and Sheila’s offer, and she convinced herself that she could learn something by following Davin to the business meeting.

She nodded in response.

“Uncle Davin, when are we leaving?”

“Tomorrow. Remember to dress up since you’ll be representing Seet Group. Do you understand?”

Maya nodded solemnly.

Nicole felt uneasy. Maya was an honest person, and Nicole couldn’t imagine how she would react upon knowing that they were arranging a blind date for her instead.

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That night, Nicole asked Juan to pick Sally up for dinner.

Juan gave Sally a call beforehand. Thinking of this as the perfect opportunity to bond with the Seets, Sally dressed herself up nicely for dinner.

Before leaving, she received a phone call. Upon seeing the number, her heart skipped a beat. There was a dark look in her eyes as she answered the call.

“When will you make your move?”

“It’s not that easy as I’ll have to earn their trust before I can make any move.”

“Sally, I heard that you and Juan have been getting closer. Are you having feelings for him?”

Juan? No way. He’s not my cup of tea at all!

“Don’t worry. I know what I have to do, and I know very well what I should be doing next.”

“That’s good to hear. I don’t mean to rush things, but you know how sick Dad is, and his life is in your hands now.”

Sally’s expression grew solemn. “I know. I’ll get this done as soon as possible.”

“That’s a relief.”

After ending the call, Sally heaved a long sigh. Reminded of her father's illness, she knew she did not have much time left. It was a must for her to make a good impression at Imperial Garden that night.

Juan was waiting for her downstairs. She walked toward him in her light pink dress. He was a little dazed to see her dressed up this nicely.

She was attractive after putting in the effort to doll up, and there was something elegant in her aura. He couldn't help but wonder about her actual upbringing.

What's her true background?

Sally walked up to him with a smile. "I'm sorry for keeping you waiting."

"It's fine. I've waited for only ten minutes anyway. Let's go."

Sally was surprised at Juan's change of attitude. Judging from the look in his eyes, he didn't seem as wary of her as before. It seemed like she had made the right choice by helping Nicole and Bernian Hospital.

Soon, they arrived at Imperial Garden. Nicole had ordered the kitchen to prepare a delicious dinner for them. Upon seeing Sally, Nicole took her hand. "It's all thanks to you that Juan was able to find out the truth. Thank you so much."

"You're welcome, Mrs. Seet. I just did what I should have done," Sally answered humbly.

She lifted her head and accidentally met Kyle's gaze. In that split second, she felt that something was different in his dark and deep gaze.

Juan had already let his guard down against her, but she couldn't figure out the changes in Kyle's attitude.

"The dinner is ready. Let's chat over the meal."

"Sure."

They got up and headed toward the dining hall.

Sally slowed her pace and deliberately bumped into Kyle to strike up a conversation. "I'm sorry."

Kyle glanced at her and walked toward the dining hall without saying anything in response.

Sally could not wrap her head around the situation.

Why is Kyle suddenly being this icy with me? Shouldn't he treat me nicer after I helped Nicole and Bernian Hospital?

As Sally was still trying to figure things out, Juan was well aware of the reason for Kyle's change in attitude. Kyle was probably acting like this because Juan had sent him a text using Sally's phone.

The message stated that Sally was not interested in him because she was dating another hot guy. He figured Kyle was putting distance between them as a sign of respect after receiving the text.

That was for the best.

Juan was delighted that he had managed to stop Kyle from falling deeper for Sally.

Chapter 1434 Caught Off Guard

“Why are you so clumsy? Come on. Let’s go.”

Sally glanced at Juan before nodding and following him to the dining hall.

Kyle put up a neutral expression at the dining table as he helped himself to the dishes. He would talk to Maya, but whenever Sally tried to strike up a conversation with him, he would then remain silent.

Maya said, “I spent two hours making this seafood chowder with the freshest ingredients you can get. Do you taste how fresh it is?”

Kyle replied, “I do! It’s fresh and tasty.”

Sally joined in by saying, “I find the chowder fresh too. I’m sure you chose the freshest seafood and mushrooms for this recipe.”

Maya chuckled. “You should have more if you like it. I prepared this for you since you’re coming.”

Sally said, “I’m satisfied enough with this portion. Maybe you can give Kyle more.”

Kyle did not respond to that at all, as if he hadn’t even heard her talking.

Sally fell silent.

She felt foolish at having been ignored twice in a row.

Fortunately, Maya eased the situation by refilling the chowder for Kyle and Sally.

Juan was a sensitive person, and he noticed Sally’s reaction toward Kyle. Could it be that Sally really has feelings for Kyle?

He glanced at Sally and suddenly realized he was annoyed with that idea.

Meanwhile, Nicole took in all their expressions and little actions at the dining table.

She had a rough idea of their relationships now. Sally seemed to care for Kyle, whereas Juan cared for Sally, although he didn’t act like it. Kyle seemed calm but too calm, so there must be something he was trying to hide.

Kyle is probably trying to hide his feelings because he cares that much for her. I think things between these three will get interesting in the future.

After dinner, Sally looked at Kyle, who was sitting on the couch and flipping through his documents. She was still perplexed about this whole situation.

Everything had still been fine when they were doing charity work together in the hospital. Later on, when Kyle wanted to ask her something over the phone, Sally had thought of going to him, but Juan had knocked her unconscious, and she didn’t get to see him.

Is he upset because of that? It's all because of Juan! What should I do then? I have to make Kyle fall for me for things to work out. Kyle is the one in charge of Seet Group now. He makes all of the decisions, and I'll have to win over Kyle if I want to gain control of Seet Group.

After thinking about it, Sally looked at her shoes and came up with a plan.

"Is Maya's bedroom upstairs? I have something to ask her."

"Yes. It's the second room on the left on the second floor."

"I'll look for her then."

Sally got up. She was walking past Kyle when her high heels suddenly snapped, and she lost her balance. With a loud cry of distress, she staggered and was about to fall.

Kyle was the nearest to her. He got up and caught Sally in his arms when her mind was still spinning.

Their gazes met. Sally stared right into Kyle's eyes and saw the panic as well as concern in his eyes.

At that moment, she was confident that Kyle still cared for her. It sent ripples across her heart, and she smiled faintly at him.

"Thank you," she said shyly.

Kyle returned to his senses and quickly let go of her.

She steadied herself and suddenly started explaining, "I wanted to find you after you told me you wanted to ask me something. But Juan knocked me out, and I only regained my consciousness later that night."

Kyle was a little taken aback to hear that.

Juan knocked her out? Didn't she send me a text message saying she's seeing someone hotter than me? D*mn it! I guess Juan's gotten much better at pranking someone.

Juan was caught off guard when Sally suddenly revealed the truth.

F*ck! I can't believe this woman ratted me out to mend things with Kyle. Fine! You win!

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Juan glared at Sally.

Sally turned around and glanced at Juan. Why are you looking at me like that when all I did was tell the truth?

Kyle shifted his gaze from Sally to Juan, and he stared at his brother for a moment before heading upstairs without saying anything else.

He knew Sally was telling the truth just by looking at Juan's expression. There was a faint smile on his face when he turned around and strode off.

Sally was puzzled at Kyle's departure. Did he walk away just like that? Shouldn't he at least say something? It's so challenging to read him!

"I advise you to stop wasting your effort on Kyle. He doesn't care for you that much." Juan glared at Sally as he walked over to her.

Sally turned around. "What does that have to do with you? It's none of your business."

"Of course it's my business! You're my girlfriend, and it doesn't reflect nicely on both of us for you to be flirting with another man."

Sally was startled to hear that. She sized Juan up. "This is just an act we're putting on. It would be best if you don't get too deep into your character. We can easily end things whenever we want to."

Juan froze for a second. "I still won't allow you to seduce Kyle. He deserves better than you!"

"I believe that's his decision to make instead of yours!"

Juan fell silent. Is she really trying to seduce Kyle? In her dreams! I will never allow that to happen!

After sending Sally off, Maya and Nicole sat on the brown couch and chatted over fruits.

Maya asked Nicole curiously, "Mommy, why do I feel like Sally cares more about Kyle than Juan?"

Nicole paused for a moment. "Perhaps it's genuine, or..." Or she has an agenda.

"Or what?"

Nicole took a bite of an apple as she pondered who would win a battle of wits between Sally and Kyle.

Sally was bold and great at using reverse psychology, whereas Kyle was meticulous and calm. They were both also incredibly intelligent.

But if two intelligent people were to fall in love, logic could no longer apply to their situation. People in love would normally act the exact opposite of their usual personalities and sometimes even behave impulsively.

Who would be the winner between the two then?

"Mommy, what's wrong? What are you thinking about?"

Nicole snapped out of her daze. "They're all adults now, and they can settle things on their own. We should be focusing on Bernian Hospital and your food plaza instead of worrying about them."

Maya gave it a thought. "You're right. We can't do much as outsiders too. Speaking of the food plaza, Mommy, things can be hectic with the weekend crowds. I'm thinking of expanding it once Daddy is back."

"Sure. Expand it if you want to. I'll..." Nicole suddenly paused.

She wanted to say she would support Maya wholeheartedly even without Evan being physically here. However, she then recalled that she had already invested all her money into Bernian Hospital. Therefore, she couldn't be of much help for the time being. Hence, she looked apologetically at Maya. "I'm afraid my hands are tied. Why don't you wait for your dad to help you once he's back?"

Maya nodded. "Sure! Mommy, now that Nina is at K Nation, do you think she's looking for Chris?"

Upon hearing this topic, Nicole felt a migraine coming on.

If only Nina had listened to me and not sneaked her way to K Nation. If she found out that Chris is already dead... I don't think she'll be able to take the truth.