

## Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1456

### Chapter 1456 A Deal

If word gets out about what I did, my career and image are sure to go up in flames.

After weighing the situation over in his mind, he finally relented.

Thus, Nina succeeded in learning what she longed to know. Jasper divulged everything he knew about Stephen's heart donor.

The moment she saw the photo of Chris just before the surgery, tears streamed down her cheeks.

She finally understood that the person she loathed, the person who had "abandoned" her, had already gone to another world.

You left without a word, Chris. How could you leave just like that? You must have had something to do with Stephen showing up.

"I've told you everything I know. The heart donor contacted Stephen personally after learning about his condition. As for their relationship and the terms of their deal, I really don't have a clue. I'm a doctor. I was just in charge of performing the surgery."

Nina was silent for a long time. Finally, she thanked Jasper and left.

He may not have a clue about that, but there's one person who'll surely know—Stephen. The time that Stephen suddenly appeared at the bar and saved me, and all those times he helped me with my blueprints... Those weren't coincidences. He must've done all that because of Chris. Did Chris ask him to watch over me before he died?

Nina was desperate to find out the answer.

When she got back to the car, she whipped out her phone and called Stephen, asking him to meet her.

At that time, Stephen was in the midst of packing his things. He had just been discharged from the hospital.

"Okay. I'll be right there," he answered.

Melanie felt uneasy when she heard that Nina had asked Stephen to meet her.

"Why does she want to see you?" she asked.

"I have no idea. Judging from the tone of her voice, it must be something urgent. Probably something to do with work," Stephen guessed.

Melanie said hurriedly, "I'll go with you."

"It's fine. I'll go straight home after meeting her. You should go back first," Stephen replied.

Not long after Stephen left, Melanie hailed a cab and followed him.

When Nina arrived and saw Stephen, her eyes inadvertently flicked toward Stephen's chest. Somehow, she seemed to sense Chris' presence close to her. His heart... It's still beating...

“What’s the matter, Nina?” Stephen asked.

“There’s something I want to ask you. Who was your heart donor? How did he die? Did he ask you to watch over me and help me?”

Despite the calm look on her face, Nina’s hands clutched the hem of her shirt tightly.

Stephen was shocked and caught off guard by her question. How does she know about this?

“Since I’m asking you this question, it means that I already know about this matter. So, please tell me the truth,” Nina added.

After a moment’s hesitation, Stephen sat down and told her everything.

“Chris got into an accident. However, I always felt that something was strange. It seemed like he already knew his days were numbered even before the accident. He came to me one day and chatted with me. He asked me whether I would be willing to take care of you if he helped me.”

Stephen could still clearly remember how Chris looked when he said those words. He radiated an aura that showed he was not afraid of death, but there was a look of deep concern in his eyes.

Nina was stunned. Chris was able to foresee that something would happen to him? Then, doesn’t that mean that he could’ve known who wanted to harm him? If he knew something was going to happen, why didn’t he try to prevent it? Why was he prepared to die? What was the reason?

Those questions swirled in Nina’s mind.

Stephen picked up the glass of fruit juice that the waiter had just placed on the table and took a few sips before saying, “Because I already have a girlfriend, he struck a deal with me before he died. Three years. In exchange for his heart, I would have to take care of you for three years...”

#### Chapter 1457 Heart Donation

Three years, one heart—a deep relationship that could never be described by words.

Tears welled up in Nina’s eyes.

Much to her surprise, her lover, whom she thought left her for someone else, the man who she hated, blamed, and cursed, was willing to donate his heart out of love.

A wave of mixed feelings overtook Nina. It was hard to describe what she was feeling, but tears could be seen streaming down her cheeks.

Stephen’s heart tightened at the sight of her misery.

“Looking at you crying, his heart is aching.” He lowered his head and glanced at his chest while speaking softly to Nina.

Nina turned around and looked at his chest. She then braced herself and inched closer to him. “I want to listen to his heartbeat.”

“All right,” Stephen replied.

As Nina leaned against his chest, he didn't know what to do. Should I give her a hug?

However, he quickly brushed off the thought. She wants to be with Chris, not me. Forget about it!

Melanie, who was outside, peeped and saw everything through the door gap. She was puzzled with how things panned out.

Now that Nina knows about the operation and also Chris' death, shouldn't she react a little more dramatically? Why is she getting close to Stephen instead?

"I heard his heartbeat. I think he's still with us. He always will be."

That's right. He's always here! His heart has always been worried about you.

Melanie's expression fell. Is it because of Chris' heart?

Now it belongs to Stephen!

Chris is dead! The heart belongs to Stephen now!

Don't tell me that Nina will form a closer bond with Stephen just because of the heart?

She stared at them without even blinking once. She then noticed that Stephen's hands were somewhat awkward, and he seemed to be too shy to hug Nina.

Their intimate interaction was like a needle piercing through her heart.

Melanie balled her fist and decided without hesitation. I must think of a way to separate them!

Nina calmed herself down and wiped away her tears. "I'm sorry. I'm fine now. You may leave."

Stephen stared at Nina, who had her back faced against him. He couldn't help but feel his heart sinking.

"I've promised Chris to take care of you for three years. You can ask me to do anything, and I will try my best to fulfill your wishes. Treat that as my way of honoring my promise."

Nina kept silent. She understood very clearly that Stephen was not Chris, even if he had Chris' heart. Besides, he had to go on with his own life.

"That's not necessary. You can leave."

Stephen was stunned for a moment. Shortly after, he turned away and left.

Not long after Stephen left, Melanie walked into the room suddenly.

"Ms. Nina, what's going on?"

"Nothing." Nina's eyes were bloodshot. She lowered her gaze and dared not look up.

Melanie clenched her fist. "Just now, Stephen told me about Chris donating his heart to him. He's afraid that you cannot take the news and asked me to console you. Ms. Nina, my condolences for your loss."

"I'm okay," Nina simply replied.

“That’s good to hear. Actually, what Chris did was solid proof of his love toward you. It’s such a beautiful thing and really admirable! By the way, I heard that he was holding onto your photo tightly before the operation. He must have missed you a lot. If you want to have a chat with him, you can visit his grave.”

Melanie then deliberately paused her speech and added, “I’m so sorry. I’ve spoken too much! You’re not supposed to know this.”

Well, I’ve said what I wanted to say. Worried that Stephen was not able to find her, Melanie casually consoled Nina a little more before leaving.

Nina was dumbfounded. The next second, images of Chris on the operation table holding onto her photo kept flashing before her eyes. Suddenly, she had the urge to know where his grave was, as she longed to visit him.

#### Chapter 1458 Grave Visit

After going through much hassle, Nina finally found out where Chris’ grave was.

She secretly planned to visit the place.

It was a gloomy and rainy day. She got off the plane, hitched a ride, and the car drove through a stretch of curvy roads before arriving at Chris’ grave.

On the tombstone, there was a black and white photo of him. The jovial smile on his face made her feel welcomed.

She leaned down and placed a bouquet of daisies before the tombstone.

The flowers signified loyalty, one that was undivided and exclusive. Nina believed that the flower best represented her feelings.

She stood before his grave, reminiscing the wonderful moments they had spent together.

Initially, she thought that they would spend the rest of their lives together.

However, death separated them in the end.

If you knew that you’d get into an accident, why didn’t you call me?

If you have done so, perhaps we still have the chance to meet!

“Were you afraid of causing me trouble? Or were you worried that I’d not be able to move on?” Nina’s heart sank. “You’re really...”

Chris, I’ll find out the reason behind your death! I swear...

The rain was getting heavier, and her vision was blurred by the pouring raindrops. Her surroundings started to turn muddy, and only the smile on Chris’ face was visible. Suddenly, she thought Chris was right in front of her.

“Chris...”

She called out to him, but there was no reply. Feeling devastated, she reached out her hand to touch his face, only to realize no one was there. Chris was gone. Only the sound of raindrops could be heard. Her heart ached, and she lost her balance. Suddenly, Nina blacked out and fell to the ground.

“Has she fainted? Shall we act now?”

“I thought we’re going to do this when she’s on her way back? That will be the best time to act when she’s all disorientated and grieving her loss. That’s when she’ll let her guard down.”

“Idiot! She has already fainted. We can’t wait until she recovers, right?”

“Yes, that’s right. Now’s the time to do it!”

The few men, who hid in a spot not far from Nina, started approaching her while whispering to one another.

“Should we kill her now or bring her back?”

“Didn’t our employer want her to die in a car accident? We’ll need to stage the scene as if she was going to take her life.”

“It’s raining cats and dogs now. Why don’t we bring her back first and decide later?”

“That could work. Well, she’s a good-looking woman. Maybe we can sell her off and rack up a huge profit.”

“You’re really greedy. Let’s act quickly before we get caught in the act.”

“Don’t jinx us.”

“Let’s hurry now!”

Nina was then dragged into the car. Then, the vehicle sped off and vanished into the horizon.

“Mr. Seet, Ms. Nina is overseas now.”

“Since when?”

“We were just informed about it as well. I think Ms. Nina found out that we were secretly following her, and she managed to lose us. I suppose she’s in the K Nation now.”

“Look for her now! Immediately!”

“Yes, Mr. Seet!”

The Hidden Masters sprang into action.

When Stephen arrived at the company, he inadvertently heard the conversation between Juan and Nina’s assistant and that Nina was in K Nation. His heart instantly sank.

What is she doing in K Nation?

Out of the blue, a feeling of uneasiness loomed over him. Then, a thought brewed in his mind, and that was to look for Nina in K Nation.

For the remaining day at work, he couldn't focus at all. After work, he told Melanie he was going to K Nation.

Melanie was obviously shocked. "Why do you want to go to K Nation?" Then, she recalled her attempt to induce Nina to visit Chris' grave in K Nation. Is he planning to look for Nina?

Chapter 1459 Pretending To Be Sick

"For work," Stephen casually replied.

However, Melanie was able to observe his subtle oddity. Stephen did not dare look her in the eyes when he answered her question. Hence, Melanie did not believe a word that he said.

She could confirm that Stephen's trip to K Nation was to find Nina.

"Stephen, there are so many people in the company. Why not let others do it? I don't want you to go! I don't want to be separated from you." Melanie hugged Stephen tightly, her puppy eyes almost irresistible.

Stephen kept quiet for a moment, then he turned and looked at her. "I have to go."

His determination took Melanie by surprise. She did not know how to react.

Will he find out anything if he does go?

I'm not sure how Nina is now. I hired those people to kill her. If they fail and Stephen gets an opportunity to save Nina, their relationship will progress to the next level!

No, I can't let this happen. Never!

Suddenly, Melanie screamed in agony.

"What's wrong? Are you feeling discomfort anywhere?"

"My stomach. Stephen, please send me to the hospital now. My stomach hurts a lot!"

"All right, I'll send you there now."

Stephen carried her to the car and rushed her to the hospital.

Melanie was leaning sideways against the seat. When Stephen was not paying attention, she secretly sent a message to her friend, who was a doctor in the hospital.

When they finally arrived, and after a series of check-ups, her friend acted as instructed by Melanie. He described her condition to be fatal and required immediate attention.

Stephen was shocked by the doctor's words.

"She needs to be admitted?"

"Yes. It's an acute medical condition. I suspect that there's something seriously wrong with her stomach, and she might need surgery. If the operation is not successful, her life might be in danger. Hence, it's better if she gets admitted for observation."

Stephen's face instantly darkened upon hearing that. She was fine just moments ago. How is this possible?

If Melanie gets admitted to the hospital, I must be there to take care of her. That means I'll not be able to look for Nina.

"Stephen, I'm afraid. Please be here for me." Melanie pretentiously grabbed his hands as tears started to well up in her eyes.

"All right." Stephen nodded. "Rest well."

Melanie heaved a sigh of relief. This way, Stephen can't go and look for Nina!

Nina, your death awaits you!

Soon enough, you'll meet Chris in heaven. He's your man, not Stephen!

Stephen is mine! Mine!

Meanwhile, Sally was planning to help Nicole at Bernian Hospital to forge a better relationship with the latter. However, she received a call out of the blue.

She was told that her father's condition was deteriorating and that there was not much time left for him.

"I have to make a move now? But I'm not in control of Seet Group yet. My relationship with the family is still..."

"That's your problem. It's been such a long time, but you still can't win his heart. Sally, you're useless!"

"I—"

"All right, quit dilly-dallying. You need to act immediately. Or else, if anything bad happens to Dad, that's on you!" The caller then disconnected the call.

Sally kept silent.

It appears that I have to come out with a new plan.

She stood before the windows as the wind caressed her hair. She widened her eyes and stared at the rising sun, plotting her next move.

After a whole morning of planning, at almost noon, she pulled out her phone and called Nicole with a different mobile number.

That night, when it was almost time for Juan and Kyle to get off from work, they received news that their mother was missing.

Chapter 1460 Do Not Trust Sally

"Missing? What do you mean?" Juan asked Maya confusedly.

"What I'm saying is that we can't find her. She's not in the hospital, and she's not picking up her phone. I don't know where she went. Juan, where do you think Mommy will be?"

“What did the doctors in the hospital say? They have no idea where Mommy is?”

“No. I’ve asked them already. They said that Mommy received a call and left in a hurry. She did not return to the hospital afterward. The pharmacist needed Mommy’s signature but couldn’t find her. That was when they decided to call us.”

Juan sat up straight, worried that something terrible might have happened to Nicole. Nonetheless, he tried to calm Maya down. “Maya, don’t worry too much. Perhaps Mommy is caught up in something else. She’ll be home soon.”

“Mommy has been gone since afternoon. Now it’s almost dark, but she’s still not picking up her phone. Juan, I’m really worried. Please look for her. I’m really worried that something bad might have happened to Mommy.”

“Don’t worry, Maya. I’ll ask someone to look for her.”

Juan and Kyle immediately started contacting people to look for Nicole.

“Mr. Juan, if there’s any news we’ll contact you immediately.”

“Okay!”

“At this time, the Hidden Masters are not around. They’re in K Nation looking for Nina. I’m not sure if they’ve found her,” Juan mumbled.

“They’ll find Nina. We’ll find Mommy,” Kyle stated.

Juan nodded upon hearing that. He suddenly turned around and looked at Kyle. “Do you think Mommy’s disappearance has something to do with Sally?”

Sally...

Kyle frowned at that. He always believed that Sally had an ulterior motive. Is she going after Mommy?

Juan noticed his silence. “I think that she’s very suspicious. Kyle, you can’t be fooled by her appearance. She’s just pretending to be gullible and innocent. Please knock yourself out of it!”

After a few moments of silence, Kyle left the office.

Juan knitted his eyebrows. Why did he leave all of a sudden? Is he mad at me for suspecting Sally? Or does he know where Mommy is? Is he going to find her now?

Juan then instructed his assistant to observe Sally’s every move.

He specifically mentioned, “Sally is very cunning. If you don’t find anything suspicious in two days, then kidnap her and bring her to me. I’ll show her the consequences of messing with our family.”

“Yes, Mr. Juan.”

B\*tch. You’re finally making a move after so long? You might have fooled Kyle, but not me!

I bet you have something to do with this!

After leaving the company, Kyle called Sally.

“Where are you?”

Sally panicked after hearing Kyle’s deep and magnetic voice. She was worried that he might have found out what she did. However, she calmed down after reassuring herself that her plan was perfectly executed.

“I’m in the hospital. I can’t seem to find your mother anywhere. Is there anything wrong back at home? Do you need my help?”

Sally’s in the hospital?

Kyle wasn’t expecting that.

“How long have you been there?”

“I came here after lunch. Well, I have nothing much to do. So I figured it would be better for me to help out in the hospital. What’s wrong?”

Mommy left the hospital when it was almost lunchtime. If Sally went to the hospital after lunch, that means there’s a window for her to act.

“Nothing. I’m heading to the hospital now. Wait for me.”

“Sure...”

Did Kyle find out about anything? Is that why he’s coming to the hospital?

Chapter 1461 Permanent Guest

He can ask all he wants. I’ve got it all covered. I have my alibi. It’s impossible for me to get implicated with Nicole’s disappearance.

When Kyle arrived, he approached Sally, who was taking care of a patient. “There’s something urgent. Please come with me.”

“Oh, okay.”

Sally followed Kyle out of the ward.

Staring at Kyle’s tall and bulky stature, Sally felt unease. Despite Kyle not knowing that Nicole’s disappearance had something to do with her, Kyle might find out about it one day, and he would definitely despise her.

I’m just trying to save Dad’s life. I have no choice but to do it. I’m really sorry, Kyle!

They stopped in the hallway, and Kyle’s gaze locked intensely on Sally. He kept quiet the whole time, but his expression was sufficient to send a stern message.

Sally’s heart started racing. He’s staring at me like I’m a thief. Did he manage to find out anything?

“Kyle, what’s wrong? Why are you looking at me like this?” Sally deliberately asked.

“Sally, my mommy is missing,” answered Kyle. He then stared at Sally closely, trying to observe her reaction.

“Missing?” Sally pretended to be confused. “What do you mean missing? She’s gone?”

“Do you know where she is?” Kyle continued to question her.

“How would I know? When I arrived, she was already gone. Where could she be? Is she caught up in something important? Could it be that...”

As Sally was coming out with a plethora of theories, Kyle narrowed his eyes. “Can you help me look for her?”

“Me?”

I went to great lengths to trick her into leaving. And now he wants me to look for her?

“I’m afraid I don’t have the ability to do so. There are more than enough people in Seet Group who are much more competent than me for the job. I believe that with their help, we can find her in no time.”

“I think that you’re much better than them. Why don’t you follow me, and we’ll look for Mommy together. If we manage to find her, I will surely repay you.”

Follow him? He wants me to follow him everywhere?

Sally gazed at Kyle surprisingly. Isn’t this him keeping an eye on me?

That might interfere with my plan.

I can’t let this happen.

“I have my own matters to attend to. I’m afraid I really can’t help you. Why don’t I hire a private investigator for you?”

“That’s not necessary. You’re better than a private investigator!” Kyle uttered in a domineering tone.

Sally was rendered speechless. Nonetheless, looking at how adamant Kyle was, it appeared that she was not given a choice.

It looks like I just have to wing it and improvise as I go!

“Then, where shall we stay tonight? I don’t think we can stay in the same room together, right?”

Kyle did not anticipate such an awkward question from her. He thought for a moment before answering, “At night, you’ll stay in Imperial Garden. I’ll prepare the guest room for you.”

“Imperial Garden? I don’t think I’ll be comfortable staying there.”

“You’ll get used to it! Come with me now. We’re going to look for her. My patience is limited. If you don’t do as I say, then I’ll make sure you’ll be a permanent guest in Imperial Garden.”

Is he trying to lock me up by asking me to stay in Imperial Garden? That’s outrageous!

However, knowing the type of person that Kyle was, Sally dared not provoke him.

Although she was extremely reluctant, she had to succumb to his demands, and they left the hospital together.

Moments later, Juan was told by his assistant that Sally was nowhere to be found. Initially, she was in the hospital, but she was no longer there when the assistant arrived. The people in the hospital mentioned that it was Kyle who brought Sally away.

Chapter 1462 Put On A Good Show

Kyle brought Sally with him?

Why did he do that?

Did Sally, the cunning and sly woman, manage to seduce Kyle again?

After pondering for a while, Juan decided and ordered, "Stay guard at Sally's place. There's no need to wait two days anymore. The moment you see her, kidnap her!"

I cannot let Sally seduce Kyle anymore!

Finding Mommy is of utmost importance. The matter cannot be delayed any further!

If we were to wait even for just a day, terrible things could happen to Mommy!

"Yes, Mr. Juan."

With that, Kyle and Juan carried out their searches separately in every place that they could think of. However, Nicole was nowhere to be found. No one had seen her anywhere, and it was as if she vanished into thin air.

Faced with such an abnormal situation, Juan was even more confident that Nicole's disappearance was engineered and well thought out. There wasn't even a tiny trail of evidence for them to pursue!

Kyle was equally surprised. He threw questions at Sally from time to time, attempting to catch her off guard.

Sally, on the other hand, knew Kyle's intention very well. She tried her best to pretend that she was innocent, fearing that she might inadvertently expose her doings.

Even she herself almost believed that she had never met Nicole and that the latter's disappearance had nothing to do with her. Nonetheless, Sally was unsure if Kyle had bought her act.

Kyle's piercing eyes trained on Sally. "My mommy is not really great at anything else besides medicine. Could it be that her disappearance has something to do with her medical knowledge? Is her help needed to save someone?"

Indeed, it's to save a life. However, it has nothing to do with her medical knowledge. She is the leverage to save the person, Sally thought.

"Kyle, I think that your theories might be true, but all we're doing now is guessing. The only viable solution is to find out where she is. Besides, you're not alone in this. Your daddy is also looking for her. Even better, he may have already found her!"

Sally's response was perfect as Kyle couldn't find anything incriminating from her.

"I think we can go back now. My daddy and Juan might have some news."

Sally nodded upon hearing that.

Kyle then turned around and got in the car, and Sally followed closely behind. The two of them headed in the direction of Imperial Garden.

While they were on their way, Sally looked out the window. Glancing at the scenic route consisting of tall trees and skyscrapers, she suddenly felt as if she was being taken in for interrogation.

It appears that I've managed to fend off Kyle. But what will happen when we reach Imperial Garden? Juan and Evan will be there too. Will they also be suspicious of me? Am I going to be interrogated by them?

At that moment, Sally regretted not taking up acting classes. If she had any knowledge of the subject, then the matter would be a walk in the park. Now, she could only grit her teeth and brave through the situation.

Nonetheless, there was a silver lining by following Kyle to Imperial Garden as she would be given the opportunity to carry out the next part of her plan.

While she was plotting her next move, she repeatedly told herself. Keep calm. I cannot lose my cool. I cannot let them catch me off guard.

Shortly after, they finally arrived at Imperial Garden.

They got out of the car and entered the living room.

When Juan saw Sally, he was dumbfounded. He did not imagine it possible for Kyle to bring Sally to Imperial Garden.

Before that, he even sent his men to keep an eye on Sally, and they were waiting for her at her residence. There was even a plan to kidnap her!

When Sally noticed Juan, her gaze looked dull, and she calmly took a sip of tea. Her facial expression remained composed, and she breathed a sigh of relief.

As annoying as Juan could be, he was much easier to handle than Evan, who was an experienced veteran. So long as Evan kept quiet, she would be able to handle Juan.

Chapter 1463 Staying In Imperial Garden

A while later, Juan stood up and walked over to Sally while scrutinizing her.

He was perplexed as to why Kyle brought her back to Imperial Garden.

"Why are you staring at me, Mr. Juan?" Sally questioned Juan awkwardly as she felt uneasy by his gaze.

"What are you doing here in Imperial Garden?"

"I-I heard that Mrs. Seet is missing. So I came here to see if I can be of any assistance."

Be of assistance?

Fixing his gaze at her, Juan replied, "Well, since you want to help out, let's talk. Who knows? You could be of great help."

Upon hearing Juan's words, Sally was startled. Judging by his stance, does he intend to interrogate me? I never thought that Nicole's disappearance would cause Kyle and Juan to suspect me. The members of the Seet family are brilliant indeed!

"You don't need to rush talking with her. She'll stay in Imperial Garden until we find Mommy." Kyle spoke in a deep voice.

When he heard that, Juan was pretty surprised. Huh? Kyle is saying that Sally will stay in Imperial Garden for the time being. Does that mean he's also suspicious of her and wants to monitor her indirectly? Hmm, it seems like she hasn't seduced Kyle yet. Anyway, her staying in Imperial Garden is not a bad idea. Not only can we keep an eye on her every move, but we can also have plenty of opportunities to interrogate her.

"Um, I'm a little worried that I can't get used to staying in a place like Imperial Garden. Going back might be a better option for me." Immediately after finishing those utterances, Sally looked at Evan. He was currently focusing on drinking coffee while remaining silent.

Sally was waiting for him to make his position known as she thought the final decision was in his hands.

Aside from that, she could not comprehend why Evan could still be so tranquil when Nicole was already missing. Evan and Nicole's relationship is so strong that nothing can separate them. That is a widely known fact. Consequently, shouldn't he demonstrate his feelings at this moment? Why does he look so calm instead?

Following a momentary silence, Evan placed the cup to the side and looked at Sally. "You'll get used to this place after staying for a few days. If you need any aid, feel free to call the maids. As for which room to stay in, you can pick whichever one you prefer on the third floor."

Not surprisingly, those words had stunned Sally. Unbelievable! Evan is willing to let me stay! It seems like Imperial Garden will be my abode for now.

Soon after, Kyle ordered the maids to prepare a room for Sally. As she observed the majestically and elegantly decorated room, she thought there was a stark difference between the place she rented and that room she was about to stay.

On that account, she had an overwhelmed expression on her face instantly. "I have never stayed in such a luxurious room. It does feel a little uncomfortable. Are there rooms specifically for the maids? I think I'm better off staying in there."

The second he heard Sally's words, Juan could not help but sigh under his breath. This woman is such an excellent actor. Her renting a house outside is nothing but a pretense. From the indistinctively graceful aura exuding from her, I believe she might've stayed in a place that is better than Imperial Garden before.

"How can a guest stay in a maid's room? What kind of logic is that? Settle down and treat this place as your home. I'll visit you from time to time to talk with you."

Sure enough, Sally could discern that Juan was hinting at something in his words. Therefore, she knew she had to be alert and cautious with her answers when he asked her questions in the future.

As soon as she had just sat on the bed to take a rest, someone knocked on the door. It was Maya. She was calling Sally to have dinner.

"I'm not hungry, Maya. I'll skip dinner."

"If you're not hungry, have some fruits then. Eating fruits during dinner will not make one fat."

"I don't feel like eating anything now."

I can't let that happen! Kyle has instructed me to bring Sally out of her room no matter what. I'm not sure what he has in mind, but I have to cooperate.

Upon that thought, Maya approached Sally and began to persuade her while grabbing her hands. "The chefs have prepared lots of delicious food and fruits exclusively for you due to your stay in Imperial Garden. They will appreciate it if you eat some of the dishes. Besides, I have no appetite because there's still no news about my mother. Accompany me. Okay?"

#### Chapter 1464 The Maupay Family

Seeing that Maya was insistent on urging her to have dinner, a thought surfaced in Sally's mind. Since she was staying in Imperial Garden, Sally perceived that it was best to have a good relationship with Maya. By doing that, she was confident that she could proceed with what she was about to do next more conveniently. Thus, she consoled Maya and went to the dining room with her.

As they were on their way to the dining room, Maya shot an indicative glance toward Kyle, who was standing in the corridor. Seize this opportunity, Kyle!

Not long after, both of them arrived at the dining room and sat down.

Looking at the food on the table, Maya heaved a sigh. "I wonder where's Mommy right now. Did she have dinner already? Is she hungry?"

When she saw Maya's melancholic expression, Sally did feel a little remorseful. However, it was not as if she had no other choices regarding that matter.

She then comforted Maya and uttered, "Mrs. Seet is a good person. I'm confident that she will be safe. Don't worry."

"Really?"

Sally nodded against her conscience in response.

"You're right. Mommy has saved many lives. Not only that, she has done many good deeds. Why does she disappear suddenly then? Anyone who intends to scheme against and hurt a good woman like Mommy is a heartless wretch and deserves to face the wrath of heaven!"

Consequent to that stinging condemnation from Maya, Sally felt exceedingly disturbed.

She never imagined that a forthwith lass like Maya could utter a denunciative remark in such fashion.

Afterward, Maya shifted her gaze toward Sally and asked, "Do you think what I've said has a point?"

Sally cleared her throat and nodded in agreement. "Yes, it does."

"I think such a person deserves a punishment more severe than the wrath of heaven. I want that person to—"

"The dishes are getting cold, Maya. You should eat first." Sally urged Maya to have her meal as she was afraid that she would pronounce harsher words.

In response, Maya let out a deep groan while staring at the delectable food on the table. "As I've said earlier, I have no appetite. I'm too worried about Mommy."

Pondering for a few seconds, Sally handed the fruit platter to Maya. "Have some fruits then."

As she looked at the fruits on the platter, Maya perceived that eating fruits was a great idea as that could dally more time for Kyle.

"Let us eat together then."

"All right."

While they ate the fruits, Sally noticed that Maya was eating very slowly. Since Maya had mentioned that she was worried about Nicole earlier, Sally did not have much thought and assumed she had a loss of appetite.

Meanwhile, upstairs, Juan saw Kyle walking out of Sally's room and was curious. "Why are you looking for her?"

"Nothing."

"She's having dinner with Maya downstairs."

"I know." With that, Kyle left.

Subsequently, Juan directed his gaze at the leaving Kyle while furrowing his brows. He's aware that Sally is not in her room. Why did he still go in then? How mysterious.

He then followed after Kyle when he was entering Evan's study room.

Once he reached the study room, Juan saw Kyle standing in front of their father's wooden desk and was telling him with seriousness, "All done, Daddy."

"Excellent. This woman is a mystery, Kyle. I hope you can unravel her secrets rationally."

"I have a question, Daddy. Draven has found out about the Maupay family earlier. Does she have a history with them?"

In an instant, Evan's countenance turned grim when Kyle mentioned the Maupay family.

Concerning the Maupays, they were a very mysterious family. Back then, they rose to fame within a few months in Y City but vanished again not long after. Due to their temporalness, there were multiple versions of why they disappeared deduced. Some of them involved Evan.

Those accounts claimed that Evan had commanded his men to uproot the Maupay family behind closed doors as he was concerned that they would usurp the Seet family's reputation.

For Evan, such an accusation was not only at the height of absurdity but unreliable. A claim like that had certainly mythologized him into the undisputed murderer Lucifer.

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"We are unsure about her relationship with the Maupay family. However, this is a clue for us to dig deeper."

"Okay, Daddy."

After a momentary pause, Kyle asked regarding Nicole's situation, "How is it possible that we can't find Mommy after so long? Should we call the cops?"

Evan narrowed his eyes as he fell silent. Then, he turned to look at Kyle and responded, "Don't worry. Your mommy is a smart woman, and she'll be fine. As for you, you should be focusing on looking into Sally's background instead."

Kyle froze on the spot while a myriad of questions swirled in his head. Why is Daddy so calm even though we haven't heard from Mommy after so long? Could it be that he knows something that I don't?

He left the study room as the thought ran in his mind over and over again. Suddenly, Juan appeared. "Kyle, did you do anything in Sally's room earlier?"

Juan had overheard Kyle's conversation with Evan just now. I know that Kyle meant something else when he said that everything's settled.

Stopping in his tracks, Kyle sized Juan up. "Are you curious?" he teased.

Of course, I am. Why would I ask if I wasn't?

Juan nodded his head in response. "Uh-huh!"

"You want to know what happened?"

"Yes. I really want to know," Juan replied.

Kyle was silent for a while before he flashed a smirk. "But... I don't feel like telling you." With that, he turned around and left.

He doesn't want to tell me? How capricious!

"Fine! Forget about it!" Juan glanced around his surroundings and ended up fixing his gaze on Sally's room.

If he doesn't want to tell me, I'll go and have a look myself.

Then, he sneakily entered Sally's bedroom and searched the entire area. His gut feeling told him that Kyle had set up a trap as something was definitely fishy.

He began flipping through the closet.

After searching high and low, he failed to look for any clues. Just as he was pondering, Maya's and Sally's voices came from outside.

"Don't be sad, Maya. I believe we'll hear from your mommy in no time."

"Okay. Go ahead and grab some rest. Just let the servants know if there's anything you need."

Sh\*t. Is Sally back? What would she think if she saw me here? Will she suspect me? How am I supposed to explain myself?

The moment the door was pushed open, Sally saw Juan standing in front of her.

Feeling suspicious, she asked, "What are you doing here?"

Juan crossed his arms as he stared at her. "I've been waiting for you here."

"Waiting for me?" She raised her brows curiously.

"That's right. I'd like to have a word with you."

He was impressed with his ability to adapt to the situation as soon as his words fell. Thank goodness for my lightning-quick reaction. I should pat myself on the back.

Noticing how serious he looked, she could not help but wonder if he was here to ask about Nicole's disappearance.

Bring it on. If I can deal with Kyle, dealing with you would be a piece of cake!

"Is that so? What is it that you want to talk to me about, Mr. Juan?"

"I want to know your true identity. Who are you, really? Are you linked to my mommy's disappearance? Why would you do that?"

Juan narrowed his eyes as he scrutinized Sally. He wanted nothing more but to see how stubborn she was.

Smiling calmly, she replied, "Don't you already know who I am? I bet you've already done a background check on me. However, I'm sorry about your mommy's disappearance as I truly have no clue about it. There's no use questioning me, and you're only wasting your time. I suggest that you should spend more time thinking of ways to search for her."