

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1506

Chapter 1506 Garbage Collector

Juan took out his phone immediately and told John everything about the basement in the pharmacy. He wanted John to find out more about the basement.

“Mr. Juan, that was quick of you to discover about the basement. You are really good.”

“Of course! My capabilities alone are equivalent to the ten of you guys’. Get the investigation done as soon as possible. I shall wait for your news.”

“Don’t worry, Mr. Juan. I’ll get someone to check it out right away.”

Afterward, Juan sped toward another suspicious location.

Twenty minutes later, he arrived at his destination. It was a regular residence.

Juan surveyed the area and felt that there was nothing remarkable.

Looking at the dark door, he wondered about the people who lived there.

Out of curiosity, he walked toward the door and wanted to knock. However, on second thought, he found it to be inappropriate. Furthermore, he would need an excuse to be there.

As he scanned the area, his sight fell on a garbage collector nearby. An idea instantly popped into his mind.

Juan paid a high price for the garbage collector’s uniform. At the same time, he managed to elicit some information about the residents. Once he was ready, he knocked loudly on the door.

“What is it?”

A man in his fifties opened the door. Juan scrutinized him carefully. While the older man was dressed simply, he looked pretty alert. The older man kept his eyes on Juan and sized him up.

Thankfully, Juan had on his uniform.

“Hi. I’m here to collect the garbage.”

“Collecting garbage? Isn’t it a bit too early?”

“Ah, well, my uncle isn’t feeling well, so I will be his replacement. I have to rush over to the hospital to be with him later. That’s why I am early today.”

“All right. Come on in then.”

Carrying his cleaning equipment, Juan walked into the house. After glancing around, he noticed that it was just an ordinary double-story house, and there was nothing special in the courtyard either.

“All the trash is in that bin over there. Take it away.”

“Sure.”

Juan emptied the trash bin into his trash bag and turned around. All the while, he never ceased to study the place.

He was nearing the main door but had yet to discover anything. He knew that if he left right then, it would be difficult to enter the premises again in the future.

After some thought, he ripped the trash bag apart with his hands. All kinds of food wrappers and medication packaging started flying around the courtyard.

“Oh my! What have you done? Are you here to collect the garbage or make a mess out of things? Now, the courtyard is completely filthy!”

“Don’t worry. I will clean them up right away. I will make sure everything is spick and span.”

“Alas. Young people nowadays are unreliable. Of all the jobs in the world, you have to be a garbage collector. You only make things worse!”

“You’re right. Once my uncle gets better, I won’t be doing this anymore.”

“Fine, fine. Just clean up the courtyard quickly! Or else, I will file a complaint against you!”

“All right. Relax. I will get to it right away.”

With that, Juan picked up the broom he had brought with him and started sweeping the courtyard.

The older man was observing him from one corner impatiently. “Have you ever swept a courtyard before? The way you are sweeping is making it worse. At this rate, when will you finish?”

Juan sighed. My dear old man, it is true I have never swept a courtyard before. Besides, I’m doing this only to buy myself some time to spot anything suspicious going on in this place.

“Enough, enough. Stop sweeping. Stand over there. I’ll show you how to do it.”

Smiling awkwardly, Juan said, “I’m so sorry. How can I let you do my job?”

“If I don’t, you might not finish by tomorrow!”

Chapter 1507 Another Secret Room

With a sheepish face, Juan handed the man his broom. The older man was not thrilled. He snatched the broom over in a huff and cast a stare at Juan.

“Since you are helping me with the courtyard, is there something I can do for you in return?”

“No need. There’s nothing that needs your help here.”

“Sir, it seems that the window is crooked. Shall I fix it for you?”

The older man looked up at the window and questioned him doubtfully, “Are you sure you know how to fix that? Forget it! You can’t even sweep the floor. Stop causing more trouble!”

“How am I causing more trouble? You have no idea what I am capable of. Let me show you. Just give me a while. Before you know it, I will have it fixed.”

Not waiting for the older man to respond, Juan walked toward the room. He stood in front of the window and studied the room carefully.

The room was empty with the exception of two chairs. There was also an old toolbox that looked well used.

Juan found the tools he needed from the box and got to work.

It did not take Juan long before he fixed the window.

He was about to turn around and tell the older man the good news when a thought came up in his mind. To get what I need, I should make an even bigger mess.

Clang!

The crisp sound of glass falling onto the ground rang out within the courtyard.

The older man turned around and saw Juan smashing the window with a hammer. There was not a single window that he left out.

The older man was dumbstruck.

“W-What are you doing!” A befuddled look appeared on his face.

“Sir, doesn’t it sound good? It’s so exciting, isn’t it?”

What? Exciting? The man was about to lose it, and he went after Juan with the broom.

“Stand right there! I am going to beat you to death! How dare you come here and make a mess of things!”

With the older man chasing after him, Juan ran about and used the opportunity to inspect every room in the house. True enough, in one of the rooms on the west wing, something looked amiss. There was a mound of soil, and it was obvious a hole had been dug.

Indeed, there is a secret room here as well!

It is just like the one at the pharmacy and the other two abandoned manors. But, what are the secret rooms used for?

Juan was planning to go down and take a look. All of a sudden, he heard noises coming from the secret room. On top of that, the older man was about to catch up to him. The odds were against him. Should I bump into anything unsavory in the secret room, I may not be able to come out of it alive. Then, Mommy and Daddy will lose me.

No, I cannot inflict such pain on them. Hence, the best option now is to make my getaway.

The agile Juan dashed out of the west wing and started to run out of the house.

“Stand right there! You rascal! I’m going to give you a beating of your life!”

Holy crap! His stamina is quite good. It is almost impossible to shake him off. If I weren’t fast enough, I could have suffered a vicious beating.

Amidst the shouting of the older man, Juan ran to his car and sped off.

Will this alert the culprit?

Then again, it may be a good thing. The culprit may panic, and it will be easier for me to find out more.

On the way back to Seet Group, he analyzed everything he had discovered that day. The term “secret room” became the focus of his investigation.

Why would the Maupays build so many secret rooms?

Without wasting any more time, Juan told John about the location of the newly-discovered secret room and got him to investigate that as well.

“All right. Mr. Juan, I’ll get someone to handle this right away.”

“I want to know the content of the secret room.”

“Yes, Mr. Juan!”

Once he arrived at Seet Group, Juan went directly to Kyle’s office. He could not wait to share his findings with Kyle. Unbeknownst to him, Sally was there too.

Chapter 1508 Skyler Was Taken

“Oh... I’ll come back later.”

Juan turned around and was about to leave when Sally stood up and said, “It’s fine. You have something to talk to Kyle, don’t you? I will take my leave. Anyway, I have to send some documents to the design department.”

Once Sally left, Juan shut the door and told Kyle about his discovery.

Kyle was equally shocked.

“Secret rooms? Why are there so many of them? Maybe they are hiding something vile inside?”

“That must be it! By the way, the staff at the pharmacy mentioned that the boss’ younger brother brings back huge, strange-looking crates once in a while. There must be some suspicious items in those crates.”

Kyle pondered on it and said, “Perhaps, he may be able to solve the puzzle for us.”

“Who?”

“Sally’s brother.”

“You managed to catch hold of him?”

“Yes. I received the news moments before you came in. Let’s go check out.”

“Fine. At the same time, we can find out the real motive of the Maupay family.”

The moment Sally stepped into the elevator, her expression darkened. Earlier on, she received news about her brother’s abduction. However, she had no idea who the mastermind was.

Deep down in her heart, Sally knew it was Kyle.

Ever since Kyle had gone to the abandoned manor, and he laid his eyes on that pile of eye-catching trash, she knew something would happen. In fact, she had even messaged her brother to caution him about it, but it was too late.

Where would Kyle keep Skyler?

Now that Skyler has been taken, dad will be very worried. Will this trigger the poison in him to penetrate deeper into his body?

I must find a way to go back and check on him.

After work, both Juan and Kyle went away with the pretext of having to entertain clients. They hurried to a hotel that was located in a remote area.

Upon seeing them, the two bodyguards outside the suite greeted them, "Mr. Juan! Mr. Kyle!"

"Is he inside?"

"Yes, he is in there."

"All right. Open up."

As the door opened, they could see a man being tied to a chair and gagged with a piece of white cloth. He looked disheveled.

When the man saw the brothers, his eyes widened, and muffled voices started to come out of his mouth. By the looks of it, he was pissed off.

Juan studied him and found that he resembled Sally.

"Are they twins? They look so alike! Even Nina and Maya don't bear such a striking resemblance!"

"He is indeed her twin brother. He is the older one. His name is Skyler Maupay," introduced Kyle.

With his arms around him, Juan said, "He's the son of Steven Maupay. He must have the answers to the many questions we have. Why don't we remove that thing in his mouth so that he can talk?"

One of their bodyguards reminded him, "Mr. Juan, he has a foul mouth. Before this, he was talking horrible things about Seet Group. That's why we have him gagged."

Juan chuckled.

"Oh? How dare you talk bad about Seet Group! Bring a hammer over. If he dares to speak ill of us again, smash him with the hammer. I want to see how long he can take it!"

The restrained Skyler stared at Juan furiously. He looked like he could not wait to turn Juan into ashes.

"There's no need to look at me like this. You should know what is good for you under the circumstances. You may be the son of Steven Maupay, but you have landed in our hands. Just answer our questions. This way, it saves everyone time, and you need not suffer any physical torture! Get it?"

Then, he removed the white cloth from his mouth.

After gasping for air, Skyler yelled, "I want all of you to die a horrible death! I want Seet Group to perish!"

Kyle frowned. Such hatred! Why does he hate Seet Group so much?

"You want us to perish? What audacity! What has Seet Group done to the Maupay family that made you hate us so much? Why?"

Chapter 1509 Revenge

Skyler looked at them with such hostility. If he had a knife with him, he would have pierced it through their hearts!

"Why? I'm going to avenge my father!"

Juan was taken aback. "Avenge your father? This is odd. Your father, Steven, is still alive, isn't he? Please don't tell me you have another father."

"Indeed, my father is still alive. He was lucky to have escaped back then. Otherwise, the Seet family would have annihilated the Maupay family! How can I not take my revenge?"

Both Juan and Kyle were speechless.

They looked at Skyler and did not think that he was lying.

However, Evan had mentioned before that he had no idea about the grudge with the Maupay family.

Is there some kind of misunderstanding?

"Are you certain that it is the Seet family who wanted to kill your father?" asked Kyle.

Skyler answered without a doubt, "Yes, I'm sure. My daddy said so himself. How can it be false? Besides, the Maupay family was the only one on par with Seet Group in Y City back then. Seet Group wanted to have everything to themselves. That's why you poisoned my daddy! If it weren't to evade your father's assassination, my entire family wouldn't have gone off the radar. Your daddy, Evan, is a ruthless man. He is known as 'the reaper!' His methods make one's hair stand. You guys should be well aware of it!"

"You're right! My daddy is indeed ruthless. But, he is also a man of honor! If he said he did not hurt the Maupay family, then it must be true."

"Ha! He denied it? Bullshit! My daddy nearly died in his hands. One of his arms had been severed. How can it be fake?"

Juan turned to look at Kyle.

Kyle was silent for a while before asking, "Why is your daddy so sure that it was my daddy who did it? Did he see it with his own eyes?"

"I heard my daddy mention all of these. He did not go into details, and I did not ask as well. Why would my daddy accuse him out of the blue?" Skyler threw the question back.

Kyle's eyes dimmed. He found the whole thing strange too.

“Maybe, there has been some kind of misunderstanding. Perhaps, your daddy made a mistake?”

“No way! The two of you are Evan’s sons. Of course, you will take his side! You can deny it, but you cannot stop me from taking my revenge! Just you wait. Very soon, the Seet family will vanish from the face of this Earth! Back then, this was your daddy’s intention for the Maupay family. Fortunately, he did not succeed. Finally, you will get what you deserve!”

Juan took the hammer from the bodyguard and smashed it on Skyler. He howled in pain.

“You! Just you wait!” Skyler said through gritted teeth, and perspirations started to break out on his forehead.

“I didn’t even use that much force, and you can barely take it? Let me warn you. If you curse the Seet family again, I will hammer you over and over again! Want to give it a try?”

Looking at the hammer swinging in front of him, Skyler promptly shut his mouth. Nevertheless, the murderous look in his eyes was still there, and he could not wait to kill Juan.

“Stop looking at me like that. My daddy is a man of honor. He always owns up to anything he has done. For all we know, the Maupay family has made a mistake! Your daddy should recall the things that happened back then carefully and ascertain the real killer before jumping to the conclusion. If you kill the wrong man in the name of revenge, it will be too late for regrets, won’t it?”

After hearing what Juan had said, Skyler still felt that he was making excuses for Evan. However, in view of the hammer in Juan’s hand, all he could do was stare at Juan in anger and said nothing in retaliation.

Kyle did not want to waste any more time on him. “So, to get back at us, you kidnapped my mommy?”

“That’s right! We have your mommy! She is very beneficial to us indeed!”

“What? What have you done?”

Chapter 1510 Bombing And Burning

Skyler glanced at Kyle without uttering a word.

Meanwhile, Juan swung the hammer before Skyler and said, “You’re not going to tell me, are you? I’ll smash you a few more times if you keep quiet! Well, let me see which part I should aim for.”

Skyler was terrified once he recalled Juan smashed him with the hammer just now. To avoid experiencing the excruciating pain again, he replied reluctantly, “We want to use your mom to get something from your dad in return.”

“What do you mean? Explain it!”

“I mean... your dad has something we need, and so we intend to use your mom as an exchange for it!”

“What is it?”

“It’s an antique.”

“What kind of antique is it?”

"I have no idea because my dad didn't tell me about it. Anyway, you will know it as soon as we use your mom as an exchange for it."

Daddy likes to keep antiques during his leisure time. Could it be that the Maupay family covets one of his invaluable antiques?

"Why would the Maupay family make so many secret rooms?"

Shocked at the question, Skyler replied, "They are for people to stay!"

"Why should one stay in a secret underground room instead of an ordinary room? Do you wish to mummify them?"

"We like it! Over the years, we have gotten used to staying in secret rooms to avoid the Seet family."

From the beginning, Juan and Kyle knew that it wouldn't be easy to dig up information in Skyler. Hence, they were ready to continue investigating it.

"What is your sister Sally's motive for getting close to the Seet family?"

"Why don't you ask her? How would I know what she wants to do?"

"Keep mum all you want. I know she assisted you with abducting my mom and intended to control Seet Group's capital. Is that right?"

Skyler was shocked once he knew that Kyle had discovered Sally's motive even before she succeeded.

No wonder Sally used to say that Kyle isn't an ordinary man.

"Since you know the truth, why do you still keep her in Seet Group and acknowledge her as your girlfriend?"

"That is because she is useful, for we can get more information from her."

Skyler was stunned for a while and sneered.

"Sally set a trap for you; yet, you set a bigger trap for her. Nevertheless, be careful that even the mightiest would fall at a beauty's glance. You wouldn't know who will turn out to be the winner in the end!"

"Why don't you worry about yourself first? I mean, you can't even save yourself now."

"Kyle, I know you're smart. Let me be clear. I didn't bluff when I said the Seet family would perish. You'll witness it soon!"

The next moment, Juan smashed Skyler with the hammer and scolded, "How dare you curse the Seet family? You must have a death wish!"

Glaring at Juan, Skyler screeched with pain and gritted his teeth. "We'll figure it out soon. By then, you'll know that what I'm saying now is true!"

Since Skyler mentioned the word "perish" a few times confidently, Kyle couldn't help but feel slightly worried. Could it be that Steven has found a way to target the Seets?

“Kyle, keep him here. Let us go home to ask Daddy if we can use Skyler in exchange for Mommy!”

Kyle nodded in response and left with Juan.

On the way home, Kyle suddenly asked Juan, “What method will the Maupays probably use to make our family perish?”

Juan scoffed at it and replied, “Do you believe what Skyler said? Can he make our family perish? Dream on!”

“Not necessarily though. I mean, the Maupays have been plotting it secretly for a long time. Who knows if they have finally found a way to go up against us?”

“Humph! They can only make us perish by bombing or burning us!”

Bombing and burning! Will the Maupays use these methods to harm our family?

Kyle’s eyes darkened upon listening to it.

“Daddy has remained calm mysteriously ever since Mommy went missing. Do you think he knows where she is? Could it be that he has assigned some men to protect her secretly?”

Chapter 1511 Investigate The Matter

“I think so. Otherwise, Daddy wouldn’t be so confident that Mommy will be safe and will meet us soon.”

“However, things might turn out to be different. Will Mommy be in danger if Daddy’s plan fails? That is why I think our top priority now is to exchange Skyler for Mommy.”

After pondering over it for a while, Kyle thought Juan was right. “Hmm, I agree. Let’s ask Daddy later.”

After waiting for two hours at Imperial Garden, Kyle and Juan finally saw Evan’s Maybach approaching slowly.

Juan came up to Evan and asked, “Daddy, where have you been?”

Evan hopped out and glanced at Juan. “I went to Bernian Hospital just now. Since it is your mom’s blood, sweat, and tears, I would visit it whenever I’m free.”

“Daddy, I understand that you always visit the hospital because you miss Mommy.”

Juan knows that I go to the hospital often because of Nicole.

Surprised, Evan asked, “What else do you know?”

“I also know that all of us miss Mommy. Well, there is a good opportunity to get Mommy back. Plan well, and I believe you can see her soon!”

Evan calmed himself down and asked casually, “What opportunity is that?”

“Steven’s son is in our hands now. Since he is Steven’s only son, I believe Steven will agree to it if we use him in exchange for Mommy!”

“Did you say Steven’s son is in your hands?”

“Yes! Kyle asked his subordinates to get him.”

“He will be of great use. Keep an eye on him, and don’t let Steven’s men rescue him.”

Juan blinked his eyes with surprise upon hearing it from Evan. After all, he had expected Evan to make a plan to get Nicole back by offering Skyler in exchange.

“Daddy, don’t you want to exchange him for Mommy? Are you so certain that Mommy will be alright?”

“You don’t have to worry about that. Instead, just do as I say.”

“Daddy, I know you might have assigned some skilled fighters to protect Mommy. However, if Steven decides to burn or use other cruel methods to harm Mommy, it might be too late to save her.

“Steven’s son insisted that you killed Steven and even intended to harm the entire Maupay family. In the end, Steven escaped from the brink of death.

“Besides, Steven’s arm was chopped off back then. Daddy, is it true that you don’t remember any of it?”

“Juan, are you suspecting that I did it?”

“No, I’m not. I only wish to get to the bottom of it to find out if there is any misunderstanding between the two families.”

“Kyle, do you think Daddy did it?”

After scanning Evan for a while, Kyle shook his head in response. “I believe in Daddy. Back then, there were many options to bring down the Maupay family. Hence, you didn’t have to go the extra mile. Moreover, it wasn’t your usual way of doing things.”

Evan heaved a sigh of relief and replied, “Since both of you don’t think that I did it, I’ll let you guys investigate the matter. I believe that you will get to the bottom of it soon.”

With that, Evan fell silent and headed toward the study room upstairs.

Then, Juan turned around to look at Kyle and asked, “Daddy only asked us to investigate the matter that happened years ago. What about Mommy? Are we still going to exchange Steven’s son for her?”

Kyle pondered over it for a while and responded, “Since Daddy has chosen to do so, he surely has absolute confidence in it. I think we ought to trust him.”

Upon hearing it from Kyle, Juan stopped dwelling on it. However, he still felt uneasy deep down.

Daddy, what did you do to Mommy? Why are you so sure that Mommy won’t be in danger?

As Juan was deep in thought, Sally came downstairs.

“Well, I’m heading out for a while.”

I’m sure Sally has received the news that Skyler had been captured. Is she going out now to discuss the next move with Steven?

Judging from the uneasiness on her face, it’s highly likely! If I follow her secretly, I might discover Steven’s hiding spot and see Mommy.

Chapter 1512 Follow Sally Secretly

“It’s a bit unsafe for a girl to go out at night. Be extra careful.” Juan pretended to care about Sally.

“I will. I’m going out to buy some groceries and will be back soon.”

Juan followed Sally right after she stepped out of the house.

After quite some time, Sally’s car pulled over at the dilapidated Maupay Manor. She then hopped out and looked around carefully before entering the manor hastily.

Meanwhile, Juan followed Sally to that place and fixated his gaze on Sally, who wasn’t far from him.

Why does she come here? Could it be that Steven is hiding here?

Why did Kyle’s subordinates only abduct Skyler and not with Steven? Wouldn’t we save a lot of trouble if they had done it?

After giving it some thought, Juan tiptoed toward the manor carefully. Also, he purposely kept a distance from Sally to avoid being discovered by her.

Under the dim moonlight, Juan saw Sally enter the westernmost room and immediately followed her. However, he lost sight of Sally when he arrived and peeked through the door.

Given that the room led to the secret room, Juan knew that Sally had entered it.

He sneaked into it but had no idea how he could enter the secret room. Suddenly, he heard someone talk from the floor.

“Ms. Maupay, why are you here?”

“Where is my dad? I’m worried about him. How is he? Is he doing fine?”

“He’s fine. Ms. Maupay, please come with me.”

“Alright.”

With that, the room fell silent. Juan looked around carefully to find the trigger that could open the entrance to the secret underground room.

The next moment, Juan turned on the torchlight on his phone and scrutinized the wall. However, there wasn’t any trigger or switch on the smooth grey wall.

After that, he bent down to check the floor but didn’t see anything suspicious. Well, the room isn’t that big. Where on earth is the trigger?

Juan stood up and closed his eyes to calm himself down and analyze the situation. Soon, the images of all corners in the room, including the wall and the floor, flashed through his mind.

After half a minute, Juan suddenly opened his eyes and stared at the center of the wall upon which the moonlight fell.

Sally didn't switch on any torchlight when she entered the room. In that case, how could she turn on the trigger so quickly? Did she see the trigger because of the moonlight? Is there something wrong with the wall?

With that, Juan looked closer and realized that the texture at the center of the wall was slightly rougher. He knew that the wall was empty, for he could hear echoes once he knocked on it.

Juan heard footsteps approaching as he wanted to push the wall. Hence, he swiftly hid in the dark corner and stared warily at the figure.

"Mr. Juan..."

Despite his low volume, Juan instantly recognized that it was Saul's voice.

He tiptoed to Saul's back and patted on his shoulder. Shocked, Saul immediately turned around to look at him.

"Why are you here?" Juan asked.

"Mr. Kyle has instructed us to find out the secrets of the secret room. Since it would cause suspicion if I do it in the morning, I've decided to come at night. When I arrived, I saw Sally and you behind her. That was why I hid first before entering the manor."

"In that case, let us go down together."

"Sure. Mr. Juan, I know how to enter the secret room. When we surrounded and observed the manor, I saw how they went in and out of the room."

With that, Saul came up to the spot where Juan thought suspicious and pushed it with all his might. The next moment, the floor slid open, revealing a staircase that led to the secret room.

"Well done, Saul. It looks like you didn't waste your time observing the manor for a few days."

Saul replied smilingly, "Mr. Kyle is meticulous and has good observation skills. We have learned a lot from him."

"That's enough. You don't have to flatter Kyle since he isn't here anyway. Let's go down quickly."

Chapter 1513 The Seet Family Deserves It

"Okay."

With that, they cautiously walked toward the secret room downstairs.

Meanwhile, Sally hastily came to Steven's room. She calmed herself down before knocking on the door.

Knock! Knock!

"Come in!"

Upon hearing the deep voice, Sally opened the door and saw Steven. With his eyes half-closed, he was leaning back in his mahogany chair and listening to a soothing piano piece. Moreover, two ladies squatted beside him to clean and massage his legs.

“Dad!” Sally said.

After slowly opening his eyes, Steven was shocked to see Sally.

“Sally, why are you back so abruptly?”

“Dad, I’m worried that you might be emotionally overwhelmed at the news that Skyler has been abducted. That is why I’m here to visit you.”

Staring at the ladies who squatted beside Steven, Sally’s expression turned grim. She realized that her worries were unfounded, for Steven enjoyed his relaxed and serene life very much. Why isn’t Dad worried about Skyler’s safety at all?

Meanwhile, Steven sat straight and gazed at Sally with a stern face.

“Instead of making any accomplishments, Skyler sure has a talent for screwing things up! Since he has underestimated his enemy, he deserves it! I have ordered him not to leave the house for fifteen days; yet, he didn’t obey me. In that case, he should be punished and learn a lesson.”

“Dad, this isn’t the time to argue about it. You can chastise him all you want once he returns. For now, our priority is to figure out how we can rescue him.”

After falling silent for a while, Steven gestured for the two ladies to leave, leaving only Sally and him in the room.

Once they left, Steven glanced at Sally and said, “It’s not easy to rescue him. We have to plan it well.”

“Dad, we do have an option that can guarantee Skyler’s return.”

“What is it?”

“We can use Nicole in exchange for him.”

“I heard from Skyler that you have used Nicole to obtain half portion of the antidote. In that case, she is already worthless now. Also, Nicole is the wife of Evan and the mother of Juan and Kyle. Hence, the Seets will agree if we use her in exchange for Skyler.”

After giving it some thought, Steven rebutted hesitantly, “Who says Nicole is useless? We will lose out if we use Nicole in exchange for Skyler.”

Sally was stunned, for she couldn’t believe her ears. “Dad, what do you mean? Why is it not worth it to get Skyler back? I mean, he’s your only son!”

“Of course, he is my only son. However, do you know what I want from Nicole? Do you know how important she is?”

“Dad, regardless of what you wish to do, you can’t ignore your son’s life! What is more important now than saving Skyler?”

Nonetheless, to Steven, he had a far more important task at hand than saving Skyler.

How is Skyler’s life on par with what I want? Who is he compared to the lives of all of the Seets?

After glancing at Sally, Steven slowly grabbed the cup on the table and took a sip of it.

“Sally, you have lost your cool. Although Skyler is in their hands, don’t forget that Nicole is in our hands as well. Hence, they will be cautious and won’t kill Skyler.

“You, on the other hand, have stayed by Kyle’s side for quite some time and joined Seet Group successfully. Have you figured out the company’s capital flow?

“If all members of the Seet family have died, are you capable of controlling Seet Group?”

Sally was on tenterhooks once she heard that all members of the Seet family would die, for Kyle would be on the list as well.

I don’t want to see Kyle die!

“Dad, what you want is to take revenge. In that case, only the one who did something wrong deserves punishment. Can you only target the perpetrator who harmed you—”

“Sally!” Steven scolded and interrupted Sally before she could finish.

“You’re my daughter and part of the Maupay family. Always remember that our family was nearly wiped out back then. Shouldn’t I punish the Seets for the hideous crime that they committed?

“You aren’t feeling attached to them after spending a lot of time with them, are you? “Don’t forget that you are a Maupay!”

“I.. I just feel that it’s overly brutal to take away so many lives.”

“Be that as it may, they deserve it!”

Chapter 1514 Ruthless Man

Sally kept mum.

She began to worry about Kyle. Is he going to die too?

“It’s getting late. You can leave now. Take over Seet Group as soon as possible. Don’t disappoint me.”

Sally’s expression turned grim. “Take good care of yourself,” she said and left.

Meanwhile, Juan and Saul cautiously walked along a narrow road.

“Something’s not right. We’ve been walking for so long now but found nothing. Where does this road lead to?” Juan asked.

Saul responded, “I’m not sure, Mr. Juan. That palace-like building which we came across earlier used to be Skyler’s residence, but we didn’t see Steven and Sally in it.”

There must be other buildings here that can accommodate them.

Using the torchlight on their phones to light up the path, the two men continued their journey.

About half an hour later, what they saw had rendered them speechless. Saul exclaimed, “We’ve come out!”

Juan was just as surprised. He lifted his head, looked at the moon that hid behind the clouds, and took a glance at the forest around him. "I can't believe this is the exit. This place is like a maze! It'd be difficult for us to locate Steven even if they are here."

"What should we do now? Shall we go back?" Saul asked.

"I don't think we can find anything today. Let's go back and rest. We'll get someone's help to map out the area before taking the next step." Juan then turned on the Global Positioning System on his phone and continued walking.

After a long day, he finally returned to Imperial Garden.

The moment he stepped into the house, he asked a maid, "Is Sally back?"

The maid replied, "Yes, she reached home an hour ago. Do you want to see her, Mr. Juan?"

An hour ago? I can't believe she reached home earlier than me.

Our stalking mission failed miserably!

Steven must have poured his blood, sweat, and tears to build the underground secret room. He's definitely no ordinary man.

It's not going to be easy for Seet Group to take him down.

The next day, Juan told Kyle about this in the office.

Juan said, "I can't figure out the mind games Steven is playing. I thought he'd feel sorry for his son and might propose to exchange him with Mommy. I'm surprised that he managed to keep his cool. Come to think of it, he's just like Daddy!"

"Yes. We have to be extra mindful of this man," Kyle responded.

Juan thought about it and continued, "Why don't we kidnap Sally too since she's on our watch? Let's use both of his children to pressure him to give us Mommy, and we'll take it from there!"

Kyle lifted his head and looked at Juan. "What if Steven refuses to cooperate?"

"Refuse? We're talking about his son's and daughter's lives! You mean to say he's willing to sacrifice his children?"

"But what if? What if he could care less about his children and is determined to die with the Seets?"

Juan could imagine how calm Steven would be when Sally and Skyler died before his eyes.

He also saw an image of how Nicole died at the hands of Steven and the bloodbath that took place at that time.

Juan felt as if his heart was being torn apart.

Kyle's concern is valid. Steven might be ruthless enough to sacrifice others in the name of revenge.

"What can we do to stop the disaster?" Juan's expression darkened.

“We can’t run away from this anymore. We have to figure out his secret and his plan before we can work on our next move. And we must also think of ways to rescue Mommy as soon as possible.”

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Juan went deep in thought. “I’ll leave the company to you. Saul and I will find out about Steven’s secret as soon as possible.”

“All right.”

All of a sudden, Sally, clad in an assistant outfit, entered the office.

Sally was getting on Juan’s nerves, and he could not stop giving her a killer stare. Had Kyle not reminded him how useful Sally was, Juan would have kidnapped her right away. He was so sick of seeing her around!

“Good morning, Juan,” Sally greeted.

“Morning.” Juan plastered a stiff smile to his face before leaving the office.

Sally was not bothered by Juan’s attitude, as her mind was set on taking over Seet Group.

After completing the tasks given by Kyle, she began to think of how to control the capital chain of the company. After giving it some thought, Sally decided to approach the manager from the finance department.

She invited the manager to dinner after work. “I need your advice on something. Let’s have dinner at Neon Hotel tonight? My treat.”

The manager hesitated for a moment and nodded. “Sure. I’ll meet you there once I’ve finished my work.”

“Great. I’ll see you later.” Sally then left.

The manager immediately gave Kyle a call to seek his advice. Upon receiving Kyle’s instructions, he made his way to the hotel.

He did what Kyle told him to do when he arrived. He stood outside the private room that Sally had booked and dialed Kyle’s number before knocking on the door. “Sorry to have kept you waiting.”

“No worries. Come in!” Sally said.

The manager was all tensed up, as he had to watch what he said in front of Sally, and at the same time, be careful not to offend Kyle, who was on the phone.

This was going to be challenging for the manager.

“This is Neon Hotel’s most expensive wine. Try it.” Sally started pouring a bottle of wine into his glass.

“I’ll do it myself, thanks.”

“Don’t worry about it. You’re my guest. It’s my duty to serve you,” Sally insisted.

“That’s very kind of you. Let me know if you have any questions. I’ll be happy to answer them,” the manager said.

Instead of diving into the main topic, Sally took her sweet time and raised her glass. “Cheers.”

The manager reciprocated and finished his wine in one gulp.

After they had put down their glasses, Sally smiled. “You’re a steady man, and I appreciate that. So how long have you been working for Seet Group?”

The manager thought about it. “About six years.”

“Six years? Wow. You must have contributed a lot to the company.”

“You’ve flattered me. I’m just an ordinary employee. Seet Group owes its success to Mr. Seet, Mr. Juan, and Mr. Kyle,” the manager said.

“You’re very modest. I heard Seet Group hadn’t increased your salary in years. Are you alright with that?” Sally asked.

“That’s not true. I was entitled to annual increments in the last few years. Mr. Seet even gave all the managers a manor. We’re all grateful to work for him.”

Kyle, who was listening to their conversation, could not help but sigh. He shouldn’t have said that. He should have danced to her tune to find what’s on her mind!

Sally kept mum for a moment. “I’m sure Mr. Seet cares for his employees. But based on your capabilities and experience, don’t you think you deserve better treatment or position?”

Upon hearing that, a line formed between Kyle’s brows. What is this woman trying to do? Is she trying to sow discord among our employees so that she could win them over?

Does the Maupay family have any company that is in need of manpower though?