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Nicole's heart stopped beating.

"Who are you?" Evan asked as he stared at the child curled up into a ball next to the bed.

Nicole immediately rushed in and jumped in shock at the sight.

Since when did my precious Juan become a little girl?

The boy was wearing Nina's clothes and had a wig on.

He sure moved quickly!

"S-She's my daughters' playmate."

"Is that so?"

Juan nodded fervently.

Evan couldn't be bothered with a "little girl". He turned and left after giving Nicole a glance.

Juan was secretly delighted. Isn't he supposed to be a smart guy?

He actually fell for my tricks.

But this is just a preview. The show's only about to start.

After locking the door, Nicole frantically pulled Juan into her arms.

"Thank God you acted quickly, or he would have found out."

Juan fell silent as his eyes turned misty. If I tell Mommy that I had purposely drop that glass, Mommy would surely...

Forget it. The moment he imagined his mother nagging him, he changed his mind instantly. He wouldn't want to go through that.

"Don't worry, Mommy. I'll be careful next time."

Nicole hugged Juan even more tightly. This boy was her life. Evan Seet must never find out about him.

Inside the Maybach.

"Who would've thought that woman had such guts to mess with you, Mr. Seet?"

"She'll pay for it!"

John nodded thoughtfully.

"They're right. Your abilities are endless, Mr. Seet. Mr. Kyle's going to give that woman a hard time whenever she tries to treat him."

Thinking back to how Kyle behaved when he gave the child a Lego set and a tablet, John figured he was being objective with his remarks.

Evan's lips curled into a faint smirk. Kyle was abandoned not long after he was born; it's only natural if he gives that woman a hard time now.

The next day.

Nicole arrived at the Hillside Villa on time to treat Kyle.

Since she had already been discovered by Evan last night, there was no longer any need to put on a disguise. Thus, she showed up as her true self.

Meanwhile, Kyle couldn't get used to this new look.

"Where's the lady from yesterday?"

Nicole reached for her medical kit and told Kyle that she was the same woman.

Kyle frowned; the more he stared at her, the more things didn't seem right.

"No, you're not!"

"It really is me. I had my own reasons for using a disguise yesterday, so..."

As Kyle listened to the woman explaining herself, he had a puzzled expression on his face. The woman from yesterday might not look pretty at all, but she gave off a warm and down-to-earth feeling.

Yet, that plain-looking face turned out to be a disguise?

Feeling as though his heart had been shattered, Kyle flew into a rage.

"So you're a liar!"

"No, I'm not a liar. I'm-

"Why should I believe you when you can even change your face?"

Nicole was stumped.

Evan, who was standing right next to them, gazed at Nicole in amusement.

“Remember this, Kyle. Women are always great liars. Not only can they change their faces, but they can also play dead!”

Play dead...

Nicole could only suffer in silence at the mention of these two words.

She wouldn't have chosen to play dead if it weren't for the sake of protecting the three children.

Upon hearing Evan's words, Kyle glared at Nicole like an enemy.

“I won't let a liar treat me, Dad. Make her leave!”

“I won't lie to you, Kyle. You have to get better quickly,” Nicole insisted.

Then, she anxiously turned to Evan. “Kyle really has to be treated as soon as possible, Mr. Seet. You should know what matters most right now.”

Evan glared at her before walking over to Kyle and stroking his head.

“She may be terrible, Kyle, but there's no one else who can replace her. She's an excellent doctor and hacker. You can let her treat you as you compete over your hacking skills.”

A hint of astonishment appeared in Kyle's disdainful eyes.

“You know how to hack?”

Nicole stilled for a moment before nodding.

She didn't know how to hack at all, but she'd readily say yes if it meant being able to continue treating Kyle.

"Really? Then you can stay. But you'll have to spend two hours practicing hacking skills with me every day."

Kyle gave her a goading stare.

Two hours each day...

This was practically impossible for Nicole as she obviously knew nothing about hacking.

Just as she was in a bind, Kyle continued, "What do you say?" If you won't, then get out of here!

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Nicole had no choice but to bite the bullet and agree to it.

She could only take one step at a time now.

Meanwhile, Evan narrowed his eyes. Kyle's hacking skills were taught by the world's top hacker, so Nicole would definitely be no match for him.

Hopefully, after that, Kyle would think that she was stupid and come to hate her.

When Kyle can't stand her anymore, I can tell him that she's his mother whom he has been wanting to meet. By then, he will definitely not accept her.

That'd be great then!

"Dr. Tussaud is extremely good at hacking. She easily changed my company's encryption key. So, Ms. Tussaud, don't hesitate to guide Kyle while practicing with him, will you?"

Evan's exaggerated bragging made it sound like Nicole was an expert, sparking Kyle's curiosity so much that he wished to get it on with her right away.

Nicole's heart was pounding as she listened to Evan. My cover will definitely be blown if we were to start hacking now.

I must do something.

"Kyle, didn't you promise to get treatment first? It's more important."

"Alright, then. Make it quick. We'll have a go after it's done!"

Nicole had no choice but to nod her head in agreement.

This time around, Kyle was cooperative and did not even frown. It was as if he did not feel any pain at all.

However, Nicole felt distressed seeing a child showing such a high tolerance to pain.

"It must have hurt a lot. I can give you a break before continuing with other acupoints."

"Enough talk. Keep going!"

Saying nothing, Nicole sighed and continued with the acupuncture.

After the acupuncture treatment was over, Kyle got off the bed immediately, ready to have a “hacking battle” with Nicole.

“Kyle, you can rest first.”

“Nah, there’s no need to! There are several computers in the study. You can choose whichever you want.”

Nicole was stunned for a while, feeling guilty. “I need to use the washroom first.”

After which, she left in a hurry.

Once she was inside the washroom, she locked the door and let out a long sigh.

She then took out her phone and moved her fingers on the screen as she muttered, “Juan, you’re the only one who can help me right now.”

She found Juan’s number and sent him a message.

Five minutes later, she walked out of the washroom.

“I’m ready.”

Seeing her confident stance, Kyle frowned. Could it be that this woman is really good at hacking?

“Let’s go to the study!”

“But I have a request—we have to do it in different rooms!”

“Why?”

“To keep you from peeking at my screen!”

Kyle shot Nicole a disapproving look and wondered where she got her confidence to say such a thing.

“As you wish!”

Immediately afterward, the two of them went into the study to choose their “battle weapons”. After a while, Nicole held a laptop and walked into one of the guest rooms.

After that, she immediately texted Juan so that he could control the laptop remotely.

In the study, Kyle took his time to build the firewall, but it was cracked within a few minutes.

This lady is really something!

He raised the level of difficulty.

Similarly, it was cracked within minutes.

In a fit of anger, he raised the degree of difficulty to the highest, which was a feat taught to him by the world’s top hacker. He didn’t believe that it could be cracked.

Just when he was confident that he would win, a firewall alert popped up.

Kyle widened his eyes in surprise as he began to work on resolving it with intense concentration.

Looking at the screen, Nicole frowned slightly and suddenly halted Juan’s remote access to her laptop.

That's enough. If Juan can really defeat Kyle, it will definitely deal a blow to Kyle.

On the other end, Juan thumped the table after his remote access was cut off.
What is mommy doing?

I was still figuring out how to crack this rare firewall system.

The more he thought about it, the more upset he felt. Thus, he took his phone and called his mother.

Nicole glanced at the door before answering the phone with her voice lowered,
"Juan, that's enough help."

"Mommy, the system Kyle builds is so complicated. I was still looking into it. Why did you-"

"Can you crack it?"

"I'm not sure. It is quite advance, and I've never encountered one before."

It seemed that Kyle was still more skillful than Juan was.

"Alright, Juan, you've already done a great job. It's inconvenient for me to talk now. Talk to you later."

After she hung up the phone, she started to click around cluelessly.

Earlier, Kyle had asked her to practice with him for two hours a day. But since she had decided not to take it too far, she could just spend two hours dilly-dallying on the screen. Surely, Kyle would not come up with other tactics after this?

It was not until two hours had passed that Nicole walked out of the room.

“You’re amazing, Kyle. I can’t crack it. I surrender.”

Saying nothing, Kyle looked up at Nicole, feeling angry.

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He was no fool and knew very well that this woman was obviously holding back.

Judging from the time it took her to crack the first two firewalls, such a long period of time could have allowed her to at least do something to the last firewall even though it was of the advanced level.

He gave Nicole a cold look, walked into his bedroom, and then slammed the door shut.

What’s going on?

Confused, Nicole did not understand why he acted that way.

Blake, the butler, walked over and looked at her, saying, “Dr. Tussaud, maybe Kyle is too tired. You should go back first.”

Nicole thought for a while and nodded her head. Before coming over this morning, she had promised her three kids that she would take them to the kindergarten.

“Okay, I’ll come back tomorrow.”

When Evan returned from his office at noon, Nicole had already left.

He nodded in satisfaction after learning from Blake that Kyle had slammed the door in Nicole's face.

Nicole must have made Kyle angry. That's great!

I'm glad that this woman is good at being annoying. By the time Kyle's illness is cured, he will probably never want to see her again.

After Nicole sent her three kids to the kindergarten early the next morning, she rushed to get some desserts and brought them to the Hillside Villa.

When she brought Maya to get some desserts yesterday, she remembered that she had previously run into Evan, who was buying desserts for Kyle. That meant Kyle liked the desserts too.

Therefore, she purposely went to get some desserts and brought them over today.

Looking at the pastries she brought, Kyle knitted his brows.

This woman held back while practicing with me yesterday, and today, she brought pastries over. She must be up to something.

"This is for you, Kyle."

Nicole happily handed a piece of cake to Kyle.

Kyle looked at her warily and uttered a "No" before he turned his head away.

Nicole's hand stopped in the air for a brief moment, and she retracted it embarrassingly.

Evan looked on while thinking to himself, Serves you right, Nicole. You're simply biting off more than you can chew. Hmph! To think you're trying to get Kyle to like you using some cakes.

"Dr. Tussaud, just do your job as a doctor! You don't need to worry about the other stuff concerning my son."

Nicole turned around and looked at the gloating Evan as her blood boiled.

This man really wants Kyle to hate me, doesn't he?

Damn it!

She feigned a bitter smile. "You're right, Mr. Seet. I'll focus on treating Kyle."

"That's good then."

Smirking slightly, Evan shot Nicole a meaningful glance before he walked out with his coat.

"Let's start."

Kyle's voice pulled her back to reality. She sighed and followed him into his bedroom.

He silently endured the pain during the whole treatment like he did yesterday.

After the acupuncture session, Kyle wanted Nicole to hack with him again.

Nicole hesitated. It was because Juan was at the kindergarten today, so he couldn't help her.

"What now? You're scared?"

“Yes, Kyle, your skills are too good. You beat me.”

Yet Kyle wasn't happy, albeit being praised. Instead, he glanced at her with a displeased look. “You're faking it!”

Well, yes... but, I'm more like an impostor since I know nothing about hacking.

Either way, she did not mind what Kyle said to her.

“Kyle, since I've already bought the cakes, why don't you have a bite?”

Kyle, however, only glanced at her and did not answer.

Nicole suddenly remembered Maya, her little glutton. If I were to eat in front of Kyle, would it make him crave for it too?

With this in mind, Nicole immediately put it into action.

Unboxing one of the cheesecake, she took one slice, sat down, and ate it with relish.

But it backfired – Kyle just went upstairs after shooting her a glance.

Nevertheless, Nicole did not give up and followed him up the stairs. Since it was something Kyle liked to eat, she hoped that he could have a little, even if it was just one bite.

However, Kyle chided at her as soon as she walked upstairs, “Stay away from me.”

“I know you like this cake, Kyle. Why don't you-”

Before she could finish her sentence, she saw Kyle calling Evan and telling him, “She's got ulterior motives. Don't have her over anymore.”

“Kyle, you-”

“My dad will agree to it!”

Kyle gave her a look of determination and walked straight downstairs.

Nicole was at a loss. A second later, her phone rang.

“Dr. Tussaud, it seems that Kyle really dislikes you.”

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Evan had been waiting for this moment for a long time.

“Mr. Seet, Kyle’s illness has not been cured, so I can’t just leave like this.”

Evan sneered. “Telling me this is useless. Kyle is the one that is determined to dismiss you away. There’s nothing I can do.”

He’s determined to send me away?

If Even hadn’t give Kyle the idea that I’m a liar, Kyle would not have done that to me.

However, she was the one to blame after all...

She gave birth to quadruplets back then. If it weren’t for Kyle’s poor health and the need for the best treatment since birth, she would not have sent him to the Seets.

But now that she was already a well-known doctor, Tussaud, she must cure Kyle.

“Mr. Seet, I will convince Kyle. Please give me another chance!” Nicole implored.

Due to Kyle’s illness, Evan was not in a rush to chase Nicole away. After a long silence, he said coldly, “Well, that depends on you. You must know that I’m not the one to give you this chance, but Kyle!”

After he finished that sentence, he directly hung up.

Nicole let out a long sigh. As long as Evan didn’t insist on dismissing her, she could still try to convince Kyle.

That’s right. I’d be a failure if I can’t even handle a kid.

However, Kyle’s a stubborn, arrogant, and strong-minded kid. How should I deal with him?

Nicole sank into deep thought.

It’s often said that knowing is half the battle. It seems that I have to find out Kyle’s preferences and weaknesses first.

Looking at Blake in the courtyard, an idea popped up in Nicole’s mind, and she walked over to talk to him.

Blake was respectful towards her since she was, after all, known as a miracle doctor and was now treating Kyle.

“Ms. Tussaud, you’re saying you want to know if Kyle has a wish?”

“Yes!” Nicole gave a firm nod.

Blake heaved a sigh and began to speak earnestly.

Nicole's sorrow grew as she listened to what Blake had said. It turned out that Kyle's greatest wish was to find his mother.

For a child who had lacked the love of a mother since young, he would, of course, yearn for a mother's love and hope that his mother could be by his side.

However, Evan forbade her from telling Kyle that she was his mother.

What should I do?

Blake sighed and continued, "Ms. Tussaud, I believe, as a woman, you can relate as well. I heard that you also have children of your own. You can pay more attention to Kyle. He spends most of his time with Mr. Seet only. In fact, he's also quite lonely and needs love too."

Nicole nodded her head, feeling her heart ache.

After that, Blake went on with his work, leaving Nicole to her thoughts as she pondered about what Blake had said.

All of a sudden, her eyes lit up. I've got an idea!

She walked towards Kyle's bedroom and plucked up the courage to knock on the door.

"Open the door, Kyle!"

"Why haven't you left?"

"There's one more thing I haven't done."

"Which is?"

"I'll tell you after you open the door."

“Ugh, you’re so annoying!”

It took a full fifteen minutes before Kyle opened the door.

He glanced at her, irritated. “So?”

“Kyle, why don’t you let me stay, and we’ll change some rules?”

Kyle shot her a wary glance, wondering what this woman was up to again.

“I wanted to make some changes to our original plan of the two-hour post-treatment practicing.”

Staring straight at her, Kyle remained silent despite his curiosity.

After a while, Nicole added, “I think it’s not good for you to always stay at home. How about I go out with you for two hours every day to get more contact with the outside world? What do you think?”

This suggestion came as a surprise to Kyle. Having some contact with the outside world did seem very appealing to him.

Due to his poor health, his father never allowed him to play outside...

It was just that if his father found out about this, he would definitely be mad.

Noticing his hesitation, Nicole put forward what she thought was more convincing.

“Only by getting more contact with the outside world may you meet the person you like and want to see.”

As soon as Kyle heard that, he immediately thought of his mother.

He had always been wanting to look for his mother, but his father would not let him. His father kept telling him that his mother had died and forbade him from talking about her.

If I can go out for two hours a day, isn't this a good opportunity for me to look for Mommy in secret?

Seeing Kyle lost in thoughts, Nicole knew that she had a shot. Thus, she prompted softly, "How about it?"

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Kyle was happy deep down, but he simply gave a slight nod with a calm expression on his face.

Seeing that he had agreed to it, Nicole breathed a sigh of relief as she was finally able to stay and treat him.

"Will your dad agree to it?" Nicole was worried.

"I won't tell my dad."

Nicole was satisfied with this answer. "That's great! Pinky promise!"

Kyle glanced at her disdainfully and said, "How childish!"

But he still stretched out his pinky to lock hers.

Finally, they had come to an understanding! Nicole smiled sweetly while looking at both of their fingers that were hooked together.

Later, in the evening, Evan was very surprised to learn that Kyle had given Nicole a second chance. It baffled him as he wondered how Nicole did it.

Kyle was stunned. If I tell him that we'll be going out for two hours a day, Dad will most definitely object.

After thinking for a while, he told Evan, "She's quite good for a doctor."

Huh? Just because of this?

Nonetheless, Evan was not convinced, as Kyle was not a child who could be easily persuaded.

Nicole must have pulled some sort of trick. That scheming woman.

He glanced at Kyle before walking to his study.

Kyle breathed a sigh of relief. Having never lied, he hoped that his father would not find out.

The next day, Nicole arrived at the Hillside Villa on time.

Evan especially warned her that he would make her pay a terrible price if she dared to harbor intentions that shouldn't be harbored or lead Kyle astray.

Pulling a long face, Nicole could not help but protest inwardly. Why does this bastard always think that I'm up to no good? I'm Kyle's mom, for goodness' sake. No mom will purposely harm their son!

"Did you hear me?" Evan probed after not getting a response from her.

Nicole had no choice but to reply, "Yes, I did. Don't worry, Mr. Seet, I'll never lead Kyle astray."

Upon hearing that, Evan's sharp eyes scanned her from head to toe before he left for work.

After he left, she went to the bedroom and began to insert needles on the acupoints of Kyle, who had already gotten himself ready.

During the treatment, Kyle kept urging her to hurry up.

When the treatment was finally over, Nicole was worried as she looked at Kyle's expectant face and asked, "Will Blake tell your dad?"

"Don't worry!"

After speaking, Kyle covered a teddy bear and one of his pillows with a blanket and made it as if he were sleeping on his bed.

Then, he had Nicole tell Blake that he needed to rest and sleep after the acupuncture treatment and that no one should disrupt his sleep.

After that, Nicole helped him sneak out of Hillside Villa when Blake was not looking.

Looking at Kyle, who was next to her, Nicole was very excited, as she had been dreaming of having the opportunity to spend time alone with her son.

"Would you like to have some froyo, Kyle? I can take you."

Kyle glanced at her.

Although he really wanted to eat it, it was more important to find mommy. Besides, he could have froyo anytime by simply making a call to his father.

“I wanna go to The Passion.”

“What?”

Nicole looked at him in astonishment. Why would a kid want to go to such a place?

However, Kyle was too lazy to explain, only urging her to drive.

“Why do you want to go to a bar?”

Kyle gave her a sidelong glance.

Seeing Kyle’s serious face and his refusal to answer her, Nicole had no choice but to take him there.

After twenty minutes, she parked her car in the parking lot of the bar.

When they reached, Kyle didn’t get out of the car. Instead, he took out his phone and called John.

Once the call connected, he asked while furrowing his brows, “You still remember our deal, right?”

The mention of the deal caused John’s heart to skip a beat. Kyle has such a good memory.

“Y-Yes, of course I still remember it.”

“Did you manage to find anything?”