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Not only he had to keep the information intact according to the stratagem, but it would be prudent for him to keep it in due to the current situation.

Levant cleared his throat, "Regarding this... I'm afraid I'm not too clear of it myself. If Ms. Lane wants to know more, you may have to investigate it on your own."

"..."

Nicole frowned. Investigate on my own?

What happened to the deal that he had mentioned earlier?

I have not agreed to the deal, but he could have negotiated further!

Seeing a smile etched deep on his face, it was clear that he knew something, yet he chose to keep mum.

Just as she was about to retort, Levant stood up suddenly and graciously said, "Ms. Lane, it's getting late, I shall take my leave now. Goodnight."

With those words still hanging in the air, he turned around and left.

"I..."

While her mouth was gaping for words, Levant's huge strides had already brought him out of the room.

Wow! What's with the sudden change of attitude? Is he interested in a new girl now?

Men are indeed fickle and capricious.

Since he was going to return to K Nation, in order for her to find out more about her parentage, she would have to start with Zane.

As Levant walked into the courtyard, he was seen by Yoda who was bringing the four kids for a walk.

Yoda squinted his eyes curiously. Why did he visit so late at night?

Maya blinked her big eyes and informed, "That man said that he will have a lot of pastries for us back at his winery."

Kyle glanced at Levant's back and scoffed, "He is faking his kindness. He is only good to you as it is part of his ploy to convince Mommy into marrying him."

Juan agreed, "That's right. Don't be fooled by his sugar-coated empty words. How can Mommy be his wife? If he really becomes our stepfather, then surely he will treat us badly."

Nina nodded vigorously, assenting to her siblings' opinions, "I also don't think he looks like a good person; I prefer Rocky. If Daddy doesn't come back, perhaps we can let Rocky be our new daddy?"

The other three exchanged glances with one another.

Yoda, who was holding Maya's chubby hand, looked at Nina in amazement. This little girl actually wanted to change her Daddy? Children really dared to think about the unthinkable.

Taking advantage of her lack of attention, he quickly stretched out his leg and gave Nina a light kick in the butt.

"Ouch! Who kicked me?" she exclaimed.

"No one kicked you," Juan shrugged his shoulders.

"Someone did."

Nina touched her behind, scanned the other three little ones, before finally freezing her stare on Kyle, whose face looked sullen.

Pondering, she finally pointed at him and accused, "It's you! You're the one who kicked me!"

Kyle was speechless.

Nina justified her accusation by saying, "Since you are raised by Daddy you will definitely side with him. When I mentioned Rocky to be the new daddy, you are the one who kicked me."

"You are right. I am raised by Daddy. I surely don't want to change our daddy. But I'm not the one who kicked you!"

"I'm sure it's you!"

"No, it's not me!"

As the two confronted each other, they glared at each other fiercely without giving way.

About ten seconds later, Nina snorted and headed to the living room, livid with anger. "I'll make sure to tell Mommy about how you kicked me!"

Kyle icily watched her walk away and ignored her.

"I'll help you prove your innocence that you did not kick her."

"I'll help out as well."

Kyle glanced at Juan and Maya with indifference. "The truth will prevail."

Meanwhile, Yoda was musing at the side. He wondered how Nicole would react should such a situation come to fruition.

As Nina stormed upstairs towards the study room, Nicole was sitting on her chair, staring angrily at what the butler had just passed to her.

Her eyes were fiery, and her face was red with fury.

Her heart was cursing loudly. What a bastard!

Without noticing Nicole's expression, Nina ran up to her and laid her grievances before her, retelling the whole chain of events, emphasizing how Kyle had bullied her yet refused to admit it. Finally, with an angry tone, she demanded that her mother should force Kyle to apologize to her.

Just as she finished speaking, Yoda and the three little ones entered through the door.

Nicole raised her head and her gaze drilled into Yoda. Her vehement glare was full of intention to skin him alive!

Yoda looked at her and realized from her cold stare that she was in a really foul mood. He thought that the children's conflict was the source of her current frame of mind, hence he did not dwell too much into it.

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"Mommy, I did not kick Nina," Kyle said in a flat manner.

"It's you! There's no one else!" Nina held up her small arm and pointed her finger at him insistently.

"Mommy, I can testify that Kyle did not kick her."

"Mommy, I can also prove it."

Maya and Juan spoke up for Kyle.

Seeing her siblings turning against her, the anger in Nina's heart burned more intensely.

“If Kyle is not the culprit, then that means both of you are the guilty ones. Both of you owe me an apology!”

Maya’s eyes were wide and round as she defended herself in disbelief, “You are talking nonsense. I did not kick you.”

Juan defended his innocence as well, “Me neither!”

“If the three of you did not kick me, then who did? The dog?”

The dog?

The face of Yoda who was standing behind them all this while suddenly sank. The look in Nina’s eyes was really unfriendly.

This young girl had a strong personality, mirroring someone he intimately knew.

Juan glanced at Nina before rolling his eyes and stepping forward.

“Mommy, Nina is framing us. She wants Rocky to be our daddy but we didn’t agree.”

Maya nodded blankly, “Yes, Nina wants a new daddy. The rest of us don’t agree since we don’t want to change daddy.”

Nicole’s sharp stare had been focused on Yoda all the while, and she did not really care about the conflict currently happening between the children.

However, when she heard the words “change a new daddy”, her red lips twitched slightly as she uttered, “Mommy agrees to give you all a new daddy.”

Juan was speechless.

Kyle was shocked into silence.

Maya was dumbfounded.

The three little ones were simultaneously astonished, as their jaws unanimously dropped down to form the standard “O” shape.

“Mommy! What are you babbling about? How can you agree to let Rocky be our daddy?”

Nina, being the prideful one, had not expected the sudden outcome. When she had casually mentioned changing a daddy just now, she was actually missing Evan dearly and had blamed him in her heart for not coming back.

But for Nicole to agree in such a nonchalant way, also caught Nina by surprise.

Nicole stood up and proclaimed as she paced around, “Mommy agreed to a new daddy, but it will not be Rocky.”

“Then who will it be?” the children almost asked in unison.

Stopping her pacing right beside Yoda who was standing still, with a sinister smile and a pair of cold eyes staring at him, she asked casually, “Do you all like Mr. Levant?”

These words seemed to be targeted specifically at Yoda.

He managed to keep his face straight, but his heart was deeply troubled.

How did she suddenly come up with this idea?

“Mommy, do you like Mr. Levant?”

“Mommy, why would you choose Mr. Levant to be our daddy?”

“Mommy, what should we do if Daddy comes back? After all, you are Daddy’s wife.”

Questions were fired in succession from the shocked children. After Kyle, Juan, and Maya had respectively put forth their questions, Nina, who was just complaining fiercely just a short moment ago, earnestly persuaded, “Mommy, please think again about this. I know you love our Daddy.”

The other three were warmed by Nina's attitude and realized that she was still Daddy's dear daughter, and they were still blood siblings after all.

"Mommy has thought it through. After all, your Daddy left us and married several wives thereon. Mommy can't be so lonely all the time. All of you wouldn't want to see Mommy in this pitiful state, right?"

As she said that, Nicole was eyeing Yoda fiercely.

"Mommy, how do you know about Daddy marrying many wives?" Nina questioned.

Yoda was both shocked and incredulous at the same time.

He was shocked that she had smelled out his identity so soon.

He was incredulous that she had accused him of marrying other wives. When did he marry them?

"Your daddy told me so in my dream!"

After the appearance of two inexplicable hickeys, she had thought that due to her overbearing yearning, she might have spent a night with his spirit or the sort. Now she finally understood what was going on.

As she finished making her statement, her eyes were still fixated on Yoda's ugly face. She wanted to see when he would finally tear off this layer of disguise.

She refused to believe that he would watch her marry someone else without doing anything.

"Mommy, this is a big deal. We strongly felt that you should reconsider."

"Yes, Mommy. You should reconsider. Please."

"Alright, we'll leave this for now. It's getting late and you should all go to bed. Meanwhile, Mommy will pick a good day and marry myself off in a grand and pompous manner."

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The three little children looked at each other in surprise as they walked out of the study room, shell-shocked by the sudden revelation and feeling helpless to boot.

Juan mentioned to Kyle, “Do you have any idea why Daddy hasn’t come back?”

“Anyway, I won’t believe a word uttered by that witch regarding Daddy’s death.”

“I don’t believe it either. How could our mighty Daddy die?”

“Exactly.”

It was then Yoda realized, in their minds, Daddy was so omnipotent and powerful that he could control life and death.

Children were indeed innocent.

As they had never experienced life or death, they were not aware that death could be knocking on anyone’s door at any point in time.

Kyle sighed, “But if he doesn’t come back, what should we do if Mommy really ends up marrying Mr. Levant?”

“Then we’ll do everything we can to sabotage the wedding. We can’t let Mommy be with Mr. Levant, ever.” Juan decisively said.

“I will sabotage the marriage too. Yoda, will you help us?”

Looking at Maya, Yoda nodded in agreement.

The children were unexpectedly so united. In this matter, he should be the one who should stop the marriage with all his effort.

The four children settled into their respective bedrooms to rest. As Yoda was walking downstairs, he stopped suddenly when he saw the lights were still on in the study room.

Should I just go up to her and confess?

Remaining silent, he decided that the time was not ripe yet. He still needed to hide behind Yoda's identity to pull off some important tasks.

Once his identity was revealed, all previous efforts would be in vain.

Nicole, I'm so sorry.

He clenched his fingers into a fist, moved his legs, and resumed walking downstairs.

In the meantime, Nicole was sitting at the study, staring in a daze at the human skin mask that the butler had passed to her.

Now she understood why it had not worked when she had forced him to wash his face several times. She had thought that he was wearing a makeup disguise. Instead, he had put on a human skin mask all along.

"Evan Seet, you bastard. You are obviously not dead. You know that I am grieving over your "death", yet you are unwilling to reveal that you are still alive?"

Slamming her fist onto her desk, she continued to murmur, "Do you like to watch me lose my mind for you? Don't even think about it! I won't let you see me sad again. I will be happy and live happily ever after with another man. Just you wait and see!"

As she whispered those words, she was shredding up the human skin mask in her hand little by little.

The next day.

After Nicole got up, she got dressed in front of the mirror. She made up her mind to take a trip to Levant Winery.

Sylphiette had called her before and the former had first mentioned that she was not Zane's biological daughter. Sylphiette had also mentioned that Zane had traveled to K Nation to investigate her parentage.

Obviously, even Zane was not aware of her parentage.

Then again, she had guessed that Levant would know some background information of hers, hence she had decided to seize this piece of clue.

Levant had wanted to marry her for his own agenda. Since that was the case, she should put on an act and play along, just to stimulate and rile up a certain someone who was hiding behind a mask.

"Let's see how long you can keep up your act!" Nicole muttered under her breath resolutely.

Levant Winery.

As he was reading the relationship stratagem Zackery had laid out for him, Levant pondered about his next move.

He had gone over to Nicole's to bid her farewell last night. It was obvious to him that Nicole still wanted to know about her parentage, and knowing her, she would take the initiative to ask him soon.

However, there were just so many unknowns. What if she did not show up?

Levant was uneasy the moment these thoughts struck him.

The manager gave Zackery an eye gesture.

Getting his hint, Zackery stepped forward reassuringly.

"Don't worry, Mr. Levant. She'll be here. If she doesn't show up in the morning, she'll definitely be here in the afternoon. If she doesn't appear today, she'll be here tomorrow. In short, within two days, she'll definitely show up!" Zackery spoke in a very convincing and confident tone.

"She's different. What if she never shows up?" Levant cocked his gaze at Zackery.

Meanwhile, Zackery was praying fervently in his heart. Please let this Ms. Lane be here; she must show up. She had to. Otherwise, his generous reward would disappear.

Although he himself was lacking in faith, he had to put up a brave front to boost Levant's confidence.

"Mr. Levant, don't you worry. I promise you she'll show up. If she doesn't, then well, you can just fire me."

"To merely fire you will be too lenient. Mr. Levant will first let his people beat you up so badly that you'll be beyond recognition even by your own birth parents. Only then we'll let you off," the manager chimed in a jovially dangerous tone.

Damn, what have I gotten myself into? I do not expect a relationship expert to be living a life on the edge.

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Pursing his lips, Zackery dared not speak further.

After fifteen minutes, Levant's phone began ringing. Glancing at it, Levant realized that it was a call was from Nicole.

Overjoyed, he picked up the call.

"What's up, Ms. Lane?"

"I'm outside the Levant Winery right now. I've got a few questions for you and I was wondering if you had the time."

“I’ve got time.”

After hanging up the phone, Levant instructed the manager to escort Nicole in.

Now that Nicole had come just as expected, Zackery’s heart erupted with glee. Puffing up his chest, he took a step forward as advised, “Mr. Levant, you can’t treat her too well. Remember to keep your distance at all times. You mustn’t do anything that would sully your reputation. You have to let the woman offer herself up to you.”

Levant fell silent and then nodded his head.

He felt that Zackery’s tricks were rather useful. After all, Nicole was now personally paying them a visit.

“Mr. Levant, Ms. Lane has arrived.”

The moment the manager had finished speaking, Zackery immediately began studying Nicole from head to toe.

She had a snowy white complexion, exquisite facial features, and a curvy figure. Without a doubt, she was a beauty.

No wonder Mr. Levant is head over heels for her. Ever since ancient times, beautiful women have always seemed to have some kind of magical hold over men.

“Sorry to disturb you, Mr. Levant.”

“Have a seat.”

“Thank you.”

After sitting down, she glanced at the manager and Zackery.

Levant immediately caught her drift. She wanted the manager and Zackery to give them a moment alone.

“You two head out first.”

“Of course, Mr. Seet.”

The considerate manager closed the door behind him after both of them had left.

“The reason I came looking for you was because I wanted to ask you some questions about my family. What else do you know?”

“Ms. Lane, I don’t know much. If you really want to find out more, you can go investigate yourself.”

“Am I really related to the ducal family?”

Although she could tell that Levant was unwilling to share too much, she still couldn’t help but ask this question.

It wasn’t every day one got to meet someone from the ducal family. Thus, she had to make full use of this opportunity and ask as many questions as she could.

She had so many questions that she was dying to have answers. Only then would she be able to understand what had happened.

With a faint smile playing on his lips, Levant gently placed a cup of tea in front of her.

“Ms. Lane, I understand how you feel. Your family, your biological father, the difficult relationship between your biological father and mother... I can help you investigate all these things. However, are you prepared to agree to my terms, Ms. Lane?”

“Terms? You still want me tie the knot with you?”

“That’s right!”

Nicole clenched her fists discreetly. Marrying Levant was definitely not an option.

She knew perfectly well who was the person she loved.

And other than him, she wouldn’t get married with anyone else.

Levant was clearly threatening her. But since both of them had their own agendas, she decided to beat him at his own game.

“We haven’t spent that much time together and we don’t know much about each other. I think it’s a little premature to be talking about marriage at this point,” she bargained, “Why don’t we start from being friends first?”

As Levant gazed into her crafty eyes, he could tell at once that she was stalling him.

However, his goal wasn’t the only reason he wanted to marry her. Deep down, this was what he really wanted as well. Thus, he was willing to accept her terms.

And everything would be perfect if Nicole were to develop feelings for him as well.

“Fine, I agree.”

“Then... when will you be returning to K Nation.”

If he were to return to K Nation, it would be in his best interests to do so after confirming Nicole’s identity and with her tagging along.

“There’s no rush. We can wait till you’re willing to go back with me.”

“Then when will you start helping me investigate?”

“Don’t worry. Even if I don’t go back, all I have to do is give the word and there would be someone who would conduct this investigation.”

Nicole fell silent upon hearing this. It looks like from now on, I’m going to need to deal with Levant as I try to coax the information out of him.

Meanwhile, I can give a certain someone who’s hiding his identity behind a hideous mask and lying to me yet another scare.

“Then it’s settled. You’ll get your people to help me investigate, I’ll head back to the company first.”

“Alright. Shall we have dinner together?” Levant asked as he looked at her, his eyes brimming with sincerity.

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In view of the deal they had just made, it wouldn't seem very nice of her to decline. Thus, Nicole smiled politely and nodded her head.

“Alright then. I'll see you tonight.”

“What would you like to eat? I'll have my guys prepare it.”

Have their dinner here in the Levant Winery?

This was Levant's turf. If anything were to happen, it would be too late to regret it.

After some thought, she said, “I feel like having fish tonight. Why don't we go to the Amazon Hotel?”

Upon noticing the hesitant look in her eyes, Levant immediately understood her concerns. She hadn't let her guard down towards him yet. However, he played along and nodded with a faint smile playing on his lips.

“Alright then.”

He then walked her out of the winery and watched as her car drove off into the distance. Only after her car had been driven out of sight did he turn around and walk back towards the room.

Once Zackery saw Levant, he immediately walked over to fawn over him and take the opportunity to claim credit for his idea.

“Mr. Seet, Ms. Lane is a real beauty. No wonder you like her. I told you she would come, didn't I? And she did. Both of you are a match made in heaven.”

Levant glanced at him. “You've done well this time. You'll be rewarded duly. But for now, I want you to come up with something romantic enough that will just sweep her off her feet for tonight's dinner.”

“Romantic? Don't worry, Mr. Seet. Leave it to me.”

“Great.”

As he watched Levant go back into his room, Zackery sighed quietly. I'm going to have to quickly look up Ms. Lane's tastes in order to tailor a night to her liking.

That evening, Levant specifically gave Nicole a call before work ended as he was afraid that she would forget about their dinner together.

“I'll pick you up later.”

Taking a look at the time, Nicole replied, “I might still be busy for a while. You don't have to pick me. I'll drive there myself.”

“Alright, I'll wait for you there then.”

Hanging up the phone, Nicole finished up the work on hand before calling up her four kids to tell them that she wouldn't be having dinner at home that night.

“Where will you be eating, Mummy?”

“At the Amazon Hotel.”

“Who are you going with?”

Yoda's definitely by the phone, she thought. Thus, she replied, “Mummy's going on a romantic date with Mr. Levant. Don't worry about Mummy. You four have your dinner and behave, alright?”

Once she had finished, she hung up the phone.

She had been quite loud. It was as though she had been shouting into the phone. And Yoda heard every single word. His hideous face immediately tensed up. It was a rather frightening sight.

I certainly hadn't expected her to have the guts to keep her word! The audacity of that woman! She is asking for it!

The four kids exchanged worried glances.

Maya asked the other three, "What should we do? Mummy's going on a date."

"Sabotage the date," Juan replied in a matter-of-fact tone.

"That's right!" Kyle exclaimed with a furious expression on his face, "It'll be best if we could make Levant suffer a little. That way, he wouldn't dare to ask Mummy out ever again."

Yoda suddenly whipped out his phone and typed out a sentence. "I'll go!"

"You? Will you be able to do it?"

"I would!"

"Why don't we tag along? Levant will definitely bring along some bodyguards. And you'll be alone..." Juan said worriedly.

"It'll be easier if I go alone. You guys have sabotaged him before. He'll definitely be on his guard this time."

Juan and Kyle exchanged a glance. Both of them felt that Yoda had a point.

"Then if you run into any danger, just give us a call and we'll go help you!"

Yoda nodded.

Nicole soon drove down to the Amazon Hotel.

As she approached the private room Levant had reserved, she began feeling a little nervous.

I was so loud over the phone just now. Did Evan hear me? Will he come?

I've got to think on my feet later on. If Levant tries anything funny, I definitely won't yield, even if it means giving up on the information he might have about my biological family.

After coming to this conclusion, she pushed the door open and entered the room.

The moment she entered, she immediately jumped with fright. There were bubbles floating all around. These bubbles glistened with a rainbow hue under the lights. It was actually a rather romantic scene, something she certainly hadn't expected to see.

It was clear that Levant had put quite a bit of effort into this.

"Come over and have a seat."

Nicole walked over to the table.

On it laid a candlelit dinner meticulously prepared by him. In the middle of the table was an enormous fish that seemed rather out of place.