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“Mommy isn’t really hungry. How about we go to the amusement park now?”

“No! Mommy, you should drink a glass of milk and eat a piece of cheese at least!”

“That’s right! Otherwise you won’t have the energy to bring us around!”

Nicole chuckled at the serious expressions on Juan and Kyle’s face. She sped toward the dining room and gulped down a glass of milk. After that, she wolfed down some cheese.

“Alright, let’s go!”

She got four excited nods in response.

The amusement park was like the children’s playground.

The moment they entered, the kids charged straight for the Ferris wheel.

Nicole and the accompanying maid followed along behind them. The adults did not take their eyes off the children as they called out for the kids to be careful.

Despite their vigilance, something unfortunate still happened!

The kids got off the Ferris wheel and were about to head for the pirate ship when they noticed Maya was missing.

“Where’s Maya?” Nicole asked as she looked down at the three remaining children.

“She was just behind us!”

“Yeah! I swear she was still giggling behind me a moment ago!”

“Mommy, do you think she could have gone off to buy something to eat? She’s very gluttonous.”

“C’m on, we have to find her! Keep close to us and don’t stray!” Nicole ordered as she searched frantically for Maya.

Yet even after searching through the entire amusement park, there was still no sign of the little girl.

Nicole was way beyond panic now. She prayed that nothing had happened to Maya.

She kept imagining Maya’s chubby, adorable face, smiling innocently.

Her fingers were clenched so tightly her nails were digging into her sweaty palms. Worry and anxiety set her heart racing.

“Mommy, call Daddy.”

“Daddy will be able to find Maya!”

“Okay, okay.”

She hurriedly fished out her phone and scrolled through her contacts for Evan’s number, tapping on it. She wondered how she was going to break the news to him.

How is he going to react to the news I lost his precious daughter? Will he blame me for it?

The call connected and Evan’s deep voice drifted out, “Hello...”

“E-Evan, Maya is missing! I lost Maya!” Nicole cried out in a quavering voice.

“What?”

Evan was taken aback by her words. However, he could tell from her tone of voice that she was absolutely terrified.

“Calm down. Tell me where you are right now. I’ll head over immediately!”

“We’re at the amusement park. I’ll send you the address.”

“Okay. Don’t panic, okay? I’ll be there in a moment!”

After he hung up the call, Evan rushed out of his office. He bumped into Susan the moment he stepped out of the elevator.

“Evan, what’s wrong? Where are you going in such a hurry?”

“The amusement park!”

“I’ll go with you!”

Evan did not even stop to answer her as he strode out of the building. Susan hastily followed him.

The noise and bustle of the amusement park seemed to have been put on mute. Nicole could not hear a single thing as her head spun wildly. Only one thought was running through her mind right then.

I have to find Maya!

“Maya!”

She kept screaming Maya’s name as she continued forward numbly.

Suddenly, she tripped and stumbled a few steps. Unfortunately, she was unable to regain her balance and went crashing to the ground.

“Mommy!” Juan yelled anxiously.

She sat on the ground, staring at Juan’s small figure sprinting toward her. Out of nowhere, there was a sharp pain in her head. Time seemed to come to a halt as images flashed through her mind. She saw Juan when he was still a toddler, learning how to walk. Then, another image flashed in her mind—Juan had only just learned how to run...

Next, her head began to throb dully and she cradled it gingerly. Like a broken dam, wave after wave of images crashed upon her relentlessly. They played out in her mind like a video that was hastily patched together.

It started out with her giving birth to several babies. Then, it was the children crying, smiling, feeling cold and feeling hungry.

Next, it was images of her returning to the country and meeting Evan again—using her identity as Dr. Tussaud to cure Kyle’s illness. There was the time when Evan tried to fight for the custody of their children, and when Evan was in a plane crash. Finally, she remembered when Evan followed her to K Nation to discover her real identity as the daughter of a duke.

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The pain in her head was agonizing. Nicole felt like her head was about to explode with the intensity of the pain as her whole body trembled violently.

“Mommy, what’s wrong with you?”

“Mommy, are you hurt somewhere?”

It was a good long while later before Nicole lifted her head to look into the worried faces of Juan and Nina. Raising a shaky hand, she stroked their heads gently. Tears welled up in her eyes before slipping down her cheeks.

“Mommy, don’t cry. We’ll definitely find Maya!”

“Don’t be sad, Mommy! Daddy will find Maya for sure!”

The emotions playing across Nicole’s face was too complicated to describe as she stared at her children quietly.

She remembered everything.

She had regained all her memories.

Evan married another woman!

When Evan and Susan arrived at the amusement park, they spotted Nicole crouching on the floor with her head buried in her hands.

All three children and the maid surrounded Nicole as they kept comforting the distraught woman, "Mr. Seet will definitely find Maya. She'll be brought back safe and sound, you'll see."

Susan instantly squatted down beside Nicole. "Ms. Lane, how did this happen? How could you lose Maya? She's still so young! She..."

At this, tears squeezed their way out of Susan's eyes.

Nicole did not even lift her head as she remained silent.

"Ms. Lane, I'm not trying to blame you. I'm just so worried about Maya!" Then, she turned her teary eyes on Evan. "Evan, it must be exhausting for Ms. Lane to take care of four children on her own. Maybe we should bring them back to live with us at Hillside Villa!"

Although he had noted the state Nicole was in, Evan was not in the mood to think of anything else. He said, "What's more important now is to find Maya."

With that said, he started to make some calls.

Nicole slowly stood up. Grabbing Nina and Kyle's hands, she called Juan to her side and turned to leave.

Realizing she was leaving, Susan instantly moved to block their way.

"Ms. Lane, Maya is still missing so I think these three should return with Evan and me to Hillside Villa."

At last, Nicole raised her head to pin the other woman with a hard stare.

Susan hastily clarified, "Please don't misunderstand. I'm not blaming you or anything. I know you must be incredibly upset that something like this has happened as well. They're Evan's children, which means they're my children too. I really don't want anything to happen to them. I..."

She trailed off before turning to look at Evan anxiously, clearly expecting him to say something.

Nina scowled at her viciously and spat, "We're not your children! We want to be with Mommy!"

"Yeah! We don't want to return to Hillside Villa! We wanna be with our Mommy!" Juan chimed in.

Kyle stared at the sheer despair and grief on his mother's face before tightening his grip on her hand. He declared, "I want to be with Mommy too!"

Susan did not expect the children to be so obstinate. Then, she turned to face Evan with a pleading look.

Evan was silent for several moments before he walked toward Nicole. Coming to a stop before her, the sadness on her face sent daggers of pain stabbing into his heart.

"Don't worry. I'll definitely find Maya no matter what! Go back to Imperial Garden and have a good rest. Let Susan bring the kids back to Hillside Villa for now."

"You don't have to worry about a thing, Evan. I'll take good care of them."

Susan took several steps forward and reached out to grab Juan and Nina's hands. However, Nicole immediately stepped in front of them to block her.

"Ms. Lane, what are you doing?"

A troubled expression appeared on Susan's face. Biting her lip gently, she turned to look at Evan. Her voice was sickly sweet when she called out to the man, "Evan..."

The man knitted his brows slightly at Nicole's refusal to hand the kids over.

He was allowing Susan to bring the kids to Hillside Villa because he wanted to let Nicole rest. She was obviously not in a good shape right then.

Since she was unwilling, he would not force the matter.

He was about to open his mouth to say so when he noticed the glare Nicole was sending him. Her eyes were dark with anger as she said in a frosty tone, "Why should I let you take away my children?"

Evan froze at her words.

Did she just say "my children?"

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Has she regained her memories?

Evan's heart skipped a beat before beating faster.

Susan was staring at the other woman in shock as her heart jumped into her throat. By her sides, her fingers slowly curled into fists.

Don't tell me Nicole remembers everything?

Without speaking another word, Nicole led her children in the direction of the parking lot.

Evan watched her go. Recalling the look in her eyes and the tone she used, he felt like he had plunged into ice-cold waters. Like a statue, he stood there unmoving.

She remembers everything.

“Evan, I don’t think Ms. Lane is in her right mind currently. Shall I head over to Imperial Garden to help her look after the kids?”

It was several seconds later before Evan replied coldly, “No need.”

With that, he spun around and stalked toward the Maybach. The color drained from Susan’s face before she hurried after him.

Back at Imperial Garden, the three kids were watching their mother, who was staring off into space blankly. They sighed silently.

“Mommy, do you remember everything now?” Juan asked in a soft voice.

His words dragged her back to the present and Nicole nodded.

Nina exclaimed in delight, “Really, Mommy?” After a beat, she huffed angrily and continued, “Mommy, since you’ve remembered everything, you should take revenge on Daddy! He married another woman when you lost your memories! He’s such a big, bad meanie!”

“Mommy, Daddy... He...” Kyle was lost for words, not knowing how to defend Evan.

He could tell his father still loved his mother and most likely had his own reasons for marrying that woman.

But that did not change the fact that he did marry another woman.

Nicole was quiet. Her mind was in turmoil at the fact that Evan had married another woman. She did not know what she was feeling right then. All she knew was that she did not want to think about her feelings. She wanted to avoid and escape from them.

“What’s most important now is that we find Maya! Don’t worry, Mommy is still able to take care of all of you alone. Are you all willing to stay with Mommy?”

The three kids did not hesitate in nodding.

Daddy’s already abandoned Mommy so we can’t do the same! We’ll stay with Mommy forever!

At Hillside Villa.

Evan made call after call while Susan lingered nearby, her heart thumping furiously in her chest.

“Find out who kidnapped Maya. I want them to pay a hundred times over for what they did to her!”

His voice was as sharp as a blade, a blade that Susan felt was hovering over her own head. Her breathing was erratic while her fingers kept twitching. At last, she excused herself by saying she needed to change clothes.

Slipping into the room, she swiftly locked the door and sent out a message.

About an hour later, Evan received news about Maya’s whereabouts.

Maya was standing outside the doors of a dessert store like an abandoned child. Her face was filthy as she blinked her bright eyes, staring at the passers-by.

How did I get here?

Stars swam in her vision and she rubbed her eyes blearily. There was an utterly lost look on her face.

Glancing around, she did not see her mother or siblings anywhere. Scared about getting lost, she did not dare move from that spot. Thus, all she did was stand there, all the while crying out softly for her parents. Tears welled up in her eyes before spilling over.

When Evan finally arrived, she immediately burst into tears and wailed loudly, “Daddy!”

He pulled her into a tight hug, wiping away her tears as he shushed her gently. “It’s alright. Everything’s okay now, Maya.”

When they were seated in the car, he asked her, “How did you get here?”

This dessert store was quite a distance away from the amusement park.

Still a little misty-eyed, Maya shook her little head. “I don’t know. When we were at the amusement park, a lady called me over to her. She smiled at me a-and I don’t remember anything after that. Then when I opened my eyes, I was already at that dessert store.”

Did she run into some human traffickers? But why would they abduct her then drop her off at that dessert store?

Bewildered, Evan had his men investigate the matter further. Whatever the case, he was extremely glad that nothing had happened to Maya.

“Daddy, I want to see Mommy. Can you take me to Mommy please?”

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“Alright, Daddy will take you back to Imperial Garden.”

Nicole must still be incredibly worried.

The Maybach sped like a bullet down the roads, heading in the direction of Imperial Garden.

When they arrived there, the other three kids were elated at seeing their sister.

“Maya! Daddy found you!”

“Maya, are you alright?”

“Maya, it’s so great that you’re back!”

Back with her siblings and mother, Maya could feel tears threatening to roll down her cheeks again. She sprinted over and threw herself into Nicole's arms.

"Mommy!"

"Maya, just what exactly happened?"

"Mommy, I-I ran into some bad people!"

"Bad people?" Nicole's heart jumped into her throat.

"Yeah!" Maya nodded before launching into her story again.

Someone took her away on purpose? Was it human traffickers?

Questions swirled around Nicole's mind.

Evan was standing off to the side, his eyes glued on Nicole. He wanted to talk to her but did not know what to say.

Even if he did, he was sure the words would not leave his lips.

"Daddy, sit down! Why are you standing?" Maya questioned while blinking her eyes innocently.

Juan and Kyle snuck a glance at their mother. Her expression was hard and distant. She was clearly furious at their father. The atmosphere was so tense that they did not dare speak up.

Nina hesitated slightly before running off to the utility room. After a while, she returned with a feather duster and handed it to Nicole. She then announced, "Mommy, you can get your revenge now!"

Nicole did not even glance at her daughter. All she did was sit there silently.

Maya stared at Nina like she was crazy. “Nina, have you gone nuts? How could you tell Mommy to hit Daddy?”

“He dared to marry another woman when Mommy lost her memories! Shouldn’t Mommy get her revenge for that?”

Maya’s fingers flexed as she turned to look at Nicole with surprise. Has Mommy remembered everything?

Since Nicole did not make a move to take the feather duster nor speak, Evan paced toward her with heavy steps.

“Don’t bottled up your anger. Take it out on me if it makes you feel better!”

His words instantly set her off.

Her head whipped around and she focused her infuriated gaze on him. “Mr. Seet, why should I hit you? You’re someone else’s husband now. What right do I have to beat you?”

Her words were like daggers that stabbed him in the heart.

His fingers twitched reflexively but he could not refute her statement.

“Mr. Seet, please don’t come to Imperial Garden in the future! From now on, you and I shall go our own ways. In fact, let’s just pretend we don’t know each other!”

Grief and hurt filled Evan’s eyes at her harsh words. Is she cutting off all ties with me?

At that moment, it was like somebody was carving at his heart with a knife. He could not breathe.

So this is what it feels like to have your heart broken.

“Mr. Seet, please go home!”

Then, Nicole turned and walked toward the stairs without another word or glance in his direction.

Evan did not know how he managed to walk out of Imperial Garden. His mind was blank as he plodded on—every step felt like he was stepping on cotton. Before he knew it, he was back at Hillside Villa.

Susan ran over to support him the moment she spotted how terrible he looked.

“Evan, what happened to you?”

“Don’t touch me!” He deftly avoided her hands and headed for the stairs.

The cloud of pain and sadness that surrounded him was nearly visible. Susan watched as he stumbled his way up the stairs, tears welling up in her eyes.

One year.

It had been one year since they had their wedding ceremony in K Nation and returned here. Evan had not even touched her once.

Nicole only just regained her memories and she’s taken his heart again. Heh! The depth of their feelings for each other is truly remarkable!

Liquid trailed down her cheeks even as those frail-looking fingers curled into tight fists. It almost looked like she was squeezing something to death.

Evan remained in his study till the early hours of the morning. His face was so cold and hard it was like he was carved out of marble.

At dinnertime, a maid came in to call him down for dinner. He did not bother replying as he sat there with red-rimmed eyes. A terrifyingly cold aura emanated

from him. Gulping, the maid did not dare linger long, scurrying out as quickly as she could.

When Susan herself came in, he still did not make a sound. Hence, she ordered the maids to bring in the food. Crying and pleading, she tried to coax him into eating. His only reply then was, “Get out!”

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The menacing growl sounded like something a demon from Hell would make. Shocked, Susan instantly stopped crying and shivered. She sniffled slightly while wiping her tears away. After that, she had the maids leave the room with the food.

She was intensely curious about what had happened between Evan and Nicole for him to be in so much despair.

Back at Imperial Garden.

Nicole tossed and turned in bed, unable to fall asleep. Images of what happened during the time she had amnesia kept flashing in her mind—especially Evan and Susan’s wedding.

No wonder she felt a sense of familiarity with Evan and was so attracted to him.

All those perverted thoughts about him made a lot of sense too.

That would also explain the tight feeling in her chest and the tears that had trickled down her face at his wedding.

Turns out the groom was my man, the father of my children, and the bride was another woman, not me. Nicole, you stupid woman! You even gave them such a generous wedding gift!

Everyone must have been laughing their asses off at me! Nina was right. How could Evan do this to me when I lost my memories? It's unforgivable!

However, at that point, she had to snort at her own idiocy. He was already married to someone else. He did not need her forgiveness anymore.

She gave herself a slap across the face. From now on, he can do whatever he wants! I don't want anything to do with him anymore! Stay the hell away from him, Nicole!

With that mental warning, she shut her eyes, trying to keep her out-of-control brain in check. Half an hour later, she finally fell into a deep sleep.

The next day, she was woken up by her alarm. The children needed to go to school so she had to get them ready. She needed to make sure they had their breakfast and dressed warmly before heading to school.

The four kids were utterly dumbfounded when they saw her up so early.

They were planning on getting the chauffeur to send them to school if she did not wake up in time. Yet to their surprise, she was already up even before they started to eat breakfast!

Nicole scrutinized them closely, taking in their appearance and attire. Kyle and Nina were the best dressed and the neatest in appearance. Juan had buttoned up his shirt wrongly so she helped him rebutton it. Maya's hair was not brushed properly and looked like a bird's nest.

"Maya, Mommy needs to brush your hair."

Maya stared at her with her big doe eyes. A second later, she nodded slowly.

"Mommy, Maya is obviously not fully awake. She's definitely going to fall asleep later in class!"

Not really in the mood to fight with Nina, Maya lowered her head tiredly. She had a dream about Evan last night. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to sleep after waking up from that dream. It was only close to dawn that she fell into an exhausted sleep.

In truth, she really wanted her parents to be together again. She was even dreaming about it in her sleep.

“Okay, I’m done with your hair! Go have your breakfast!”

When they were done eating, Nicole sent them off to kindergarten.

On her way back home, she received a call from Rocky.

“Rocky, what’s up?”

“Nicole, I heard that you are back. You should probably drop by the clinic if you have the time.”

“Okay, I’ll head over right now. Sorry for troubling you, Rocky. Thank you for all that you’ve done for me.”

“There’s no need for that. I’m ashamed to receive your gratitude. I’m afraid I have been busy with my company matters and staying at M Nation for a while. I haven’t been to the clinic at all. It’s already been shut down. Are you planning on reopening it?”

“Of course! I’ll go take a look now.”

She needed to earn a living to look after the four kids now. A lot of companies had clamored to work with Lane Corporation due to her relationship with Evan. However, now that he had married another woman, the company was bound to be affected.

She had no idea what the future would hold.

That was why she had to reopen the clinic. It would serve as an alternative source of income for her.

Arriving at the clinic, she checked over everything carefully. With a bit of cleaning up, she was certain she could reopen the business.

After going through the necessary procedures, she sent out news about the clinic’s reopening.

Juan and Kyle were overjoyed when they heard about this piece of news.