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"Ms. Lane had no problem leaving Mr. Seet to die, but Mr. Seet would never do that to Ms. Lane. I believe it'll be hard for the man to part himself from her," sighed John.

"I get it, but saving Evan is more important now. There's only so much we can do about the other things."

Davin turned to look at Sheila. "Will you go to the estate with me?"

"Sure. Let's head there now," the latter replied without hesitation.

Having stayed on the estate for quite a while, John offered to go with the two since he was more familiar with it. He believed that he could be of help to them.

The three were shocked to see Portia and Stephen at war when they arrived on the estate.

They seemed to be fighting over a woman.

"No wonder you stayed at Wicked Palace for so long! You enjoy the company of the pretty women, don't you? For all the years I've been with you, never have you even smiled at me, and I thought that's because you only have eyes for Rosalie. Never did I expect you to treat Murphy's daughter differently! You two aren't really together, are you? That little shit even told me that you're eloping with her. Is that true? If so, I'll make sure that you're ruined, and I mean it!"

The three exchanged looks when they realized Stephen was in trouble and stopped dead in their tracks.

Though, they had never expected Stephen to be in a fight because of an affair.

"This is nonsense! We're done talking here. Go home!" The three could hear Stephen ordering angrily. "It better be, or you'll never hear the end of it! From now on, you're not allowed to see Avril. That girl is just like Murphy. She'll do anything to get you, and if she ever does anything disgraceful, the Musgrave name will be tainted!"

Portia babbled on for a while until Stephen grew impatient with her. Only then did she finally decide to leave.

When Portia passed by the three, she was as embarrassed as she was furious, so she continued to stomp out without a word.

John breathed a sigh of relief. He had thought Portia was going to vent on them, but the woman just walked away.

He had learned that Portia was not an easy person to get along with when he lived on the estate with the amnesiac Nicole and her four children for a year.

Nicole and the children had quarreled with the duchess on more than one occasion.

After the three entered the living room, John introduced Davin and Sheila to Stephen.

Having lived on the estate before, Sheila was no stranger to Stephen, so she went straight to the point.

"We're here today to ask for a favor."

The duke responded in kind, "This is about Evan, isn't it?"

"Yes! So you know about it?"

"Avril was here, and she told me everything. I'll do what I can for him."

Davin was relieved to hear him say that, and he asked the man cautiously, "Are you sure you can do it?"

Stephen smiled faintly. "I'll do my best."

John and Davin then looked at each other. Although Stephen only gave them a simple reply, he seemed sincere. That alone made them willing to believe in his words.

After the three left, Stephen immediately called Nicole to talk about Evan.

When the woman heard how Stephen was ready to risk it all to save her husband, her spirit instantly lifted. The duke planned to threaten Levant with the hospitalized Murphy so that the couple could find a chance to run away.

"That's too dangerous, Dad. You don't know that they'll take the bait for sure. What if it fails?"

"It's better than doing nothing at all. If this works out, you'll be able to return with Evan. Don't worry about what Levant will do after that."

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After some thought, Nicole realized that if her father were to do that, those at Wicked Palace would never stop going after him, and the estate would never have peace.

Look at what happened to Evan. How can I let the same thing happen to the estate?

Since it all happened because of me, I'll bear the full responsibility so that others can have peace.

"Dad, I've already promised to marry Levant. We'll have the wedding soon, so you don't have to do anything for Evan. Levant's already promised to let him go."

Stephen was shocked to hear that. "What are you saying, Nicole? Are you really planning to marry that man?"

"Dad, Levant's good to me, and I want to marry him."

"Nicole... "

"Forget about kidnapping Murphy, Dad. Levant's decided to take him back to Wicked Palace to recuperate. You don't have to do anything other than attend my wedding."

Even after the call had ended, Stephen remained in a daze because he understood the relationship between Evan and Nicole. He thought it was too cruel to have the two destined lovers separated.

That was exactly what happened to Rosalie and him, so he was familiar with the excruciating pain of being separated from a loved one.

His relationship with Rosalie was his greatest regret, so he wished for Nicole to spend the rest of her life with Evan without regrets.

Never did the duke expect his daughter to be separated from her love because of life's cruel circumstances.

Is this her fate?

That evening, Davin and John went back to the estate to see if they could lend a hand regarding the situation.

"It's my brother we're talking about here. There must be something I can do to help."

Stephen smiled somberly at Evan's younger brother. The former had received news that Murphy had already been taken back to Wicked Palace. It was no longer possible to make a move on the man.

The duke regretted telling Nicole about his plan because he was sure that she had deliberately made Levant move Murphy to stop him from taking any risks.

Stephen also heard that Levant fortified his defense at Wicked Palace. The man gathered almost all of his forces to guard the place and made it near impossible for anyone to get in.

It seems Nicole is determined to sacrifice her relationship with Evan to keep him and the estate safe.

The thought pained Stephen, and he took a deep breath to calm himself down.

"You don't have to do anything. Just go home and wait."

Stephen was just as helpless as the two were – he had no idea what to do.

"We do nothing at all? When will Evan be rescued, then? When are you going to make a move?" asked Davin with concern.

"Just... Go back and wait for the news." Stephen did not seem to want to converse on the topic any longer.

Davin and John felt lost after leaving the estate, but their thoughts were interrupted by Sophia, who called to inquire about the date of their return.

"We ran into some problems here, Mom. We won't be going back so soon."

"What kind of problems?"

Davin did not want to worry his mother, so he told her nothing about Evan being trapped in Wicked Palace. Instead, he told Sophia that Nicole wanted to marry Levant and how Evan was trying to win her back.

Sophia felt uneasy after the phone call and wondered why her son had to get involved with those at Wicked Palace.

Wicked Palace is nothing but trouble!

Sophia was sure that her older son would never marry anyone else if he could not marry Nicole, so for her son's sake, she was forced to go back to the place she hated.

When Jonathan noticed the blank expression on Sophia's face, he too asked about Evan and Davin's return date.

"Jonathan, I need to go to Wicked Palace," responded Sophia when she came to her senses.

Jonathan froze for a second before sighing, "You severed ties with Wicked Palace when you married me. Will they still recognize you as one of their own if you go back there?"

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"I have to go back there no matter what."

After a moment of silence, Jonathan lifted his head to look worriedly at his wife. "I'll go with you then."

Sophia thought for a while before finally nodding in agreement.

Meanwhile, at Wicked Palace, Levant was overjoyed that Nicole wanted to marry him as soon as possible.

However, worry flitted across the man's eyes when the woman requested him to let Evan go.

The man knew how much Evan loved Nicole, so he was sure that Evan would stop at nothing to ruin his wedding.

"I have no problem letting him go, Nicole, but it'll have to wait until after our wedding. I'll have someone escort him out of here then."

After the wedding, huh?

Levant sure is careful. He must be worried that Evan will cause trouble if he's released too soon.

"Don't worry, Nicole. I'll make sure Evan is safe for the next few days."

Levant had made up his mind, so Nicole knew that there was nothing she could do to change it. If anything, it would only make things worse for Evan.

In the end, she nodded slightly in agreement.

Davin and John waited for news about Evan to come, but instead, they received news of Nicole's and Levant's wedding.

Sheila let out a long sigh. "How's Levant better than Mr. Seet? Why would Nicole want to marry him instead?"

John was surprised as well. If Ms. Lane's busy with her wedding, she probably couldn't care less about Mr. Seet's welfare.

"I don't think we can count on Ms. Lane anymore, but why haven't we heard from the children either? Do they think they belong to Wicked Palace like their mother now? Is that why they don't care about their own father anymore?" sighed Davin.

Suddenly, his phone rang – it was Juan calling.

"If Juan really says he doesn't care about his father anymore, I'll do anything to sneak into Wicked Palace to twist his ear and spank his butt to teach him a lesson," muttered Davin before answering the call.

"Uncle Davin, we finally found where Daddy, Jeremy, and the others are being held! Hurry up, come over and save them!"

Davin was baffled by the boy's words.

Me? Save them? I don't think I'm capable of doing that.

"They've added more guards, Uncle Davin, so you'll have to be careful when you sneak in."

Even without the extra guards, Davin thought it would be difficult to rescue anyone from the heavily-guarded Wicked Palace. The strengthened defense made it nearly impossible.

"Juan, do you think I could be locked up too if I sneak in?" asked Davin timidly.

His nephew gave it some thought. "Uncle Davin, you're not backing out because you're scared, are you? You have to do this! He's your brother!"

Brother? Even if it's my father we have to rescue, I can't just waltz in without a solid plan!

Why should I get locked up for nothing?

Of course I'd sacrifice myself if it's necessary, but we're not that desperate yet, right?

"Just tell me where your father is being held. I'll try to figure something out."

"Okay, I'll send you the location. This place is like a maze, but you should know where it is once you look at some pictures."

“Alright.”

After looking at the location Juan had sent him, Davin forwarded it to Stephen because he thought it would help the duke with the rescue.

However, it only made the other man distraught as he wondered if he should just let Nicole marry Levant.

After much thinking, the duke decided to visit Nicole in Wicked Palace for a good talk.

When Portia found out that her husband wanted to go to Wicked Palace, she hurried to stop him.

“Why are you going to Wicked Palace? Are you going there to see Avril?”

“I’m going to see Nicole,” replied Stephen coldly.

“Why? She’ll be marrying Levant in two days, and you’ll be able to see her by then. I’ll be going to the wedding with you.”

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“I have to go now! I can’t wait for two days,” insisted Stephen, throwing a pointed glance at his wife, but she would not get out of his way.

“It was Nicole’s fault that you were imprisoned at Wicked Palace for months, and now you want to go back there to see her? I seriously doubt that you’re going there to see her. You’re probably going to see Avril!”

Stephen thought his wife was being unreasonable, so he tried to walk away.

Besides worrying that Stephen would be imprisoned in Wicked Palace again, Portia also worried that her husband would meet with Avril. Seeing how her husband insisted on going, the woman held onto Stephen’s arm tightly like a madwoman and would not let him leave.

Having never seen his wife like that before, Stephen was at a loss.

"If you dare walk out of Musgrave Estate, I'll kill myself! And if I die, you can be sure that my family will bury you with me in my grave!"

Although the Ankins family was not to be underestimated, Stephen would not be threatened.

He squinted at his wife before ordering, "Let me go, Portia!"

"No! I've been silent for far too long, Stephen! I'm your wife, and I will not allow you to go meet another woman!"

"I told you that I'm only going to see Nicole, my daughter!"

"I don't care! You are to meet no other women!"

"Stop this nonsense now!" he growled before breaking free of Portia. Then, he ordered someone to drive him to Wicked Palace immediately.

Rage pulsed through Portia's veins as she watched her husband leave.

How dare you treat me this way, Stephen!

I'll make you pay!

Portia stalked back to her room to make a phone call, and when she was done, a devious smile appeared on her face.

When Stephen arrived at Wicked Palace, he was surprised to see Levant waiting to welcome him.

"What brings you to Wicked Palace, Stephen?"

"I want to see Nicole!"

"The wedding will be in two days. You'll see her then. I'm sure Mom's waiting for you at home. It's best if you don't keep her waiting."

Only then did Stephen realize Levant had been expecting him because Portia had called the man to inform him of his arrival.

Levant sure knows how to please his foster mother.

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned! Portia will stop at nothing to stop me from seeing Nicole.

With so many people guarding Wicked Palace, there's no way I can get in. I guess I'll just have to come up with another plan.

When she saw her husband return not long after he left, Portia's mouth curved into a smirk.

"I'd like to see how you save Nicole or meet with Avril now."

Stephen headed straight to a room where a portrait of Rosalie was hung and gazed at the art longingly.

How do I save Nicole, Rosalie?

Will she be like us, destined to be separated from the love of our lives?

Wait. I think I've got it, Rosalie. I'll wait until the wedding day to rescue her.

It'll be risky, so I'll need you to watch over us. Let our daughter spend the rest of her life with her love and no regrets.

I miss you, Rosalie. I miss you so much.

The next day at Wicked Palace, instead of feeling excited, Nicole was downhearted about the coming wedding.

She would never see Evan again after marrying Levant, so all she could do was let her four children accompany Evan on her behalf.

She specifically urged Juan and Kyle to take good care of the man. She also asked Nina and Maya to be good girls for their father.

The four children all pouted unhappily when they heard their mother's sincere request.

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"Mommy, are you really marrying Levant?"

"You're only marrying Levant because you want him to let Daddy leave with us, right?" asked the ever-perceptive Kyle.

The boy could tell that his mother was not happy about marrying Levant.

Nicole often stared out the window in the direction of where Evan was being held. She would also whisper Evan's name to herself while doing it.

Kyle was sure there was a reason his mother forced herself to marry Levant, and after what he heard her mumble time and again, he finally figured out the reason.

Nicole plastered a smile on her face. "Nonsense! I'll be very happy as Levant's wife."

Nina then voiced, "Mommy, you don't really want to marry him, so how will you be happy?"

Nicole was surprised by how mature her daughter sounded. This child will probably also grow up troubled by love.

"Nina, we don't always get what we want in this world. Sometimes, it's better to just go with the flow instead of going against the current. I'll get what I want if I marry Levant. That'll be enough for me."

Juan blinked his obsidian eyes at his mother. "Mommy, you'd rather leave Daddy so that he can get out of here safely?"

Nicole did not expect her children to be so mature; she was impressed by their insight at such a young age.

She gently patted Juan on the head. "Don't worry about Daddy and I. Tomorrow, you'll get to leave with him. Now, go play."

Maya continued to pout because she had realized that her family would never be whole again if her mother married someone else.

The children walked out to the courtyard and sighed.

"Didn't Uncle Davin say he would rescue Daddy? Where on earth is he?" Maya asked Juan.

The latter froze, for he too was curious about why Davin had not made a move yet.

"I don't think we can count on him anymore," sighed Kyle.

Frowning, Nina suggested calling their uncle, so Juan took his phone and tried to make the call, but it would not go through.

"How can this be?" muttered Juan to himself. Moments later, a realization popped up in his mind.

"It must be Levant's doing!"

Kyle nodded in agreement. "His wedding with Mommy has already been ruined twice, so he must've cut off all connections with the outside world to prevent such a thing from happening again."

Maya pursed her mouth and exclaimed, "Levant sure is devious! He'll do anything to get Mommy!"

"Actually, Levant is just trying to marry the love of his life," sighed Nina. Her remark made her siblings stare at her, wide-eyed.

"Nina, are you actually sympathizing with Levant?" asked Juan curiously.

"Well, he did fall in love with someone he shouldn't. That's very pitiful."

"What about Daddy and Mommy then? They've been forcefully separated! You're supposed to be on our side, Nina!" Maya glared at her sister, but Nina only rolled her eyes in response.

"You don't know what love or empathy is. I may be on your side, but that doesn't mean I can't pity Levant. Plus, it's not just him who deals with such pain. Many in this world deserve pity."

Maya rolled her eyes back at her sister. Juan and Maya knew how good Nina was in an argument, so the two exchanged looks and decided to leave her alone.

Kyle kept quiet, but he thought his sister's argument made sense.

People often say that you'll always find a reason to pity a dislikable person if you look close enough.

I didn't understand what that meant before, but now I believe Levant is such a person.

Since they could not make a call to anyone, the children decided to visit their Daddy and figure out a plan with him.