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Chris' expression dimmed and he bowed his head to look at the equipment. "Change is a constant. We'll never know what happens next. You should prioritize your studies for now. Do you have any questions about the experiment just now? If you do, you may ask me."

Nina fell silent.

Did Mr. Sanders just decline my invitation? Is he not willing to work with me to develop a new skincare product? But why not?

Right when she wanted to inquire further, the roaring sound of thunder distracted them.

"Nina, I'm afraid it will be raining cats and dogs later. Why don't I take you home now?"

"It's fine, I don't feel like going home just yet. My driver will be here to pick me up when the class ends."

Chris hesitated for a while and stopped pursuing the matter. He then handed over a reference book to Nina. "Take a look at this book, it might come in handy in the near future."

Nodding, Nina packed up the equipment and put them back one by one. After cleaning up the working desk, she sat down to read.

With a book in his hand, Chris sat opposite her. No one spoke a word. The room fell into a state of pin-drop silence.

Within moments, whooshing sounds of a rainstorm filled the room. Nina continued to bury her head in the book as if she heard nothing. Chris withdrew his gaze from the window and fixed it on Nina. Her small face looks so fair and proud, hinting at her headstrong

personality. And the way she would draw and write from time to time, with the pen in between her slender fingers... She seems to be indulging in the ocean of knowledge.

Following a thunderous rumble, the wind blasted as the rain got heavier. Chris could feel a chill settling in. He grabbed his own jacket and covered Nina.

Smelling the man's unique scent from the jacket, Nina looked up and gave him a thin smile. "Thank you, Mr. Sanders."

"You're welcome. Carry on with your reading then."

"All right." Nina's heart skipped a beat. This is an amazing feeling. It feels really wonderful to be cared for.

Half an hour had passed and the driver of the Seet family came to pick up Nina.

She returned the jacket to Chris. "Mr. Sanders, there's a faint floral cum fruity scent on your jacket. It smells really good, giving people a very comforting and warm feeling."

"You like the scent? I made this cologne myself. If you like it, I can make you one that's for ladies."

"Really? Thank you so much."

"Don't mention it. I'll bring you a bottle in our next class. In the future, you can learn how to customize your own fragrance."

"I'd love to learn that. Thanks again, Mr. Sanders."

Nina left with her driver. During the journey home, she could not help sniffing her clothes to inhale the calming scent.

Back at Imperial Garden, Nicole and Evan were watching the rain on the balcony and chit-chatting away.

"Daddy, Mommy, I'm home."

Nicole saw that Nina's clothes and hair were a little wet. "Go take a hot bath, Nina. Get changed so that you don't catch a cold."

"All right, Mommy. You have a sweet time with Daddy then. Haha." With that, she darted upstairs.

Nicole felt something was off with Nina and nudged Evan. "Did you notice the changes in your daughter?"

"Changes? In terms of what?" Evan frowned and looked towards the direction of the staircase.

"She used to look exactly like you, always wearing a cold face. But look at her now. She seems to be more active and down-to-earth. She's actually smiling more often. I've caught her giggling for no apparent reason too. That look she has..."

Evan interrupted her, "Being active is good. She's still a child and it's totally normal for girls her age to be laughing and crying as they learn how to express themselves freely."

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Nicole raised her head and stared at Evan blankly. Normal? How could this be normal? You didn't get me the first time. Nina's behavior now clearly shows that she's...

Hmm... I'd better not say a word more as Nina is very sensitive about these things. Puppy love during the teenage years comes and goes very fast. Oh well, I'll just let it be.

"Why are you staring at me like that?" Evan was puzzled.

"Because you're good looking," Nicole simply answered.

"Oh, really? I'm glad to receive your compliment."

"There's no need for you to grin from ear to ear. I was just saying and didn't really mean it."

Evan was dumbstruck for a moment.

He pulled her into his arms. "Then, praise me like you mean it."

Praise him like I mean it?

She blinked her rounded and she said in a serious tone, "You have such exquisite taste in women and as a result, you found yourself a terrific wife."

Evan furrowed his brows at that.

"You're very lucky too, for your wife has blessed you with four smart and adorable children. Your sons are handsome and your daughters are gorgeous."

Are you even praising me?

"Do it properly!" He pinched her on the waist.

Nicole thought for a while. "Um, you have an attractive face, a hot body, and a fantastic career. Everything about you is awesome."

"Is that so?"

"Of course. Look at my face, I'm dead serious."

"Since you said so, I think I shouldn't waste any of my incredible genes then. Since you're recovering very well, I think it's time for us to catch up on our childbearing plan."

Nicole was rendered speechless.

He wants to have more children? Seriously?

He surely has a knack for connecting any topic to making babies.

"Well, some things are beyond my control. The right timing is key to getting conceived successfully."

"I concur with you that the right timing is of utmost importance. However, hard work is necessary to make it happen too. We should work on that... now!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, Evan carried Nicole and strode upstairs to the master bedroom. She snuggled in his embrace, listening to the rhythm of his heartbeat, and a smug settled upon her face.

Seeing how sweet the couple were, the maids hid away to give them their well-deserved private space and time. Seems like there might be a new addition to the Seet family very soon.

Meanwhile, Nina came out from the shower and was met with Maya who was about to send her laundry to the maids. She looked at Nina and asked, "Where are your change of clothes? I can pass them along with mine to the maids."

Nina paused for a second. "No worries, I'll do that later."

"It's fine, just give them to me."

"No need," Nina insisted.

Curious but couldn't be bothered to inquire about it, Maya simply turned and went to look for the maids. When she returned, she caught Nina in a daze with a silly grin on her face while hugging her laundry tightly.

Intrigued, Maya approached her. "Nina, why are you holding on to your laundry?"

Nina took a glance at her. "I like the cologne smell on my clothes."

Maya sniffed. There's indeed a light, citrusy scent. "What fragrance is this? It's quite pleasing."

"It's Mr. Sanders' cologne. He mixed it himself."

Maya's forehead creased. How did Mr. Sanders' cologne get on Nina's clothes?

When she was about to ask further, she noticed Nina was hanging up the clothes.

"Nina, aren't you going to send them for washing?"

"No, I don't want the smell of cologne to be wash off."

Maya was stunned into silence.

What's going on?

The ever-so-cool Nina is refusing to wash her clothes in order to keep the smell of the cologne?

Something isn't right...

Something fishy is definitely going on...

In the evening, one of the maids brought in a well-crafted box with floral carvings on it and placed it on the table.

"Mr. Seet, this is a gift from Mr. Levant. He said that Mrs. Seet would like it."

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"A present for Mrs. Seet?"

The maid nodded. "Yes. Mr. Levant asked for the gift to be passed to Mrs. Seet because he knows that he's not welcomed in the Imperial Garden. He left the moment he passed us the gift."

Evan was silent for a moment.

He narrowed his eyes as he opened the box. Your presence is not welcomed here and neither is your gift. Such a persistent man who's still thinking of Nicole even now.

He whipped out his phone and made a call.

"Hello Evan, to what do I owe the pleasure?"

"Hello, Uncle Morris, I would like to know how's Tiffany doing now?"

"How did you know that she's here with me? Did your mom tell you?"

"No, she didn't say anything. I just took a wild guess."

When Murphy called Sophia at the Seet Residence the last time, Evan already noticed Sophia's reaction and had suspected that since.

Murphy chuckled. "That's a brilliant guess. Indeed, Tiffany is here with me. She's pregnant with my grandchild, so it's only natural that I'll ensure both mother and child are safe and sound. Speaking of which, I have you to thank for keeping the baby alive. I know that you called the hospital when Levant wanted her to go for an abortion. Rest assured that when the baby arrives, I'll thank you in person."

"No worries, you don't have to thank me, Uncle Morris. Once the child is born, don't forget to bring me along when you present the baby to Levant."

Thinking deeply, Murphy said, "I know, this stubborn rascal is still pursuing things in the wrong way. I should really teach him a lesson. When the time comes, I'll definitely get you involved."

After hanging up, a gleam flickered in Evan's eyes.

I wonder if Murphy will accept this daughter-in-law of his after a few months of observation period?

Levant, enjoy your last few months of freedom while you can. When the baby arrives, you'll have no time to think about Nicole but to pay full attention to the child.

"Put this away. There's no need to pass it to Mrs. Seet. Use it where you see fit."

"Understood, Mr. Seet." The maid went away with the box.

The next morning, Levant rang Nicole happily, thinking that she had accepted the present since it was not returned.

He went straight to the point when the line was connected. "Nicole, did you like my present?"

"Present? What present?" Nicole was completely baffled.

"The box that I personally sent to Imperial Garden yesterday; the one with a nice floral design on it. There are many rare items inside the box which money can't buy. Tell me which one do you like and I'll keep searching to bring you the best gift in the world."

Nicole was stunned.

What? I didn't receive any present, let alone any rare items!

"Why aren't you talking, Nicole? You don't need to be shy. I'll give you anything, as long as you like it."

"Um... Are you sure that..."

"Was the present for me?" Before she could finish her sentence, Evan interrupted her and snatched the phone away.

Looking at the screen, he uttered, "I thank you on behalf of Nicole. She likes many things, so feel free to keep searching and bringing them to me. I'll organize an auction, sell them off, and make sure that all proceeds go to charity."

Evan Seet?

"I'm having a conversation with Nicole. Why did you interrupt us? Also, who are you to auction off my gifts to Nicole?" Levant squeezed those words through his gritted teeth.

Evan laughed out loud. "Who am I? I'm the rightful husband of Nicole and I do things my way." With that, he hung up.

Nicole heaved a long sigh as she finally understood what happened. Apparently, Evan put away my gift from Levant.

"Evan, what did he give me?"

"Why? Are you interested in his gifts?"

"I'm just curious."

"There's nothing good about his gifts, if you want anything, I'll just buy it for you."

Nicole fell silent at that.

So, I can't even have a peek?

She sighed inwardly. I can see that Evan finds Levant and anything related to him annoying.

Looking at the dimmed cell phone screen, Levant was infuriated that his effort was in vain. I didn't expect all the precious goods to end up in Evan's hands, and the worst part was that I delivered them personally. I would not have sent them if I had known Nicole wouldn't be there to receive them.

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Should I go take it back?

I doubt Evan would return the gift to me easily. Even if he intends to do so, it would come with a great price.

But why should I be forced to suffer in silence? I can't stomach the sense of aggrievement. What should I do?

To go or not to go?

After pondering over the matter, Levant decided to pay Imperial Garden a visit.

The moment he stepped foot into the residence, he made a scene and requested to see Evan.

“Mr. Levant, are you looking for Mr. Seet to retrieve your box?”

He nodded. “Yes, it belongs to me and I’m here to collect it.” Since Nicole can’t keep it, I sure as hell am not going to let Evan have it for free. After all, it’s a special item that I’ve obtained at an exorbitant price.

“Mr. Seet has ordered us to return it to you if you’re here to claim it.”

What?

That’s it? He’s giving it back just like that?

Levant was surprised.

The maid brought the box out and placed it in front of him. “Here you go, Mr. Levant.”

He grabbed the box and scrutinized it. It’s the same one I brought here; everything is in one piece, not an item more or less.

“Mr. Levant, Mr. Seet also reminded us to send you off immediately once the box is returned.”

Levant scoffed, “Do you think I’m willing to linger around any longer? Well, I won’t! Not even if you beg me.”

At the urging of the maids, Levant took the box and drove away.

Back at Levant Winery, he opened the box and took out a first-grade white jade and a pair of ruby jade bangles. He noticed something strange when he held the jewels in his hands.

The ruby jade was supposed to be crystal clear, with its marble design clearly seen from all angles. This one looks polished but where are the marble designs which look like blood veins? And the white jade... it doesn't quite look like the one I had.

Levant mulled it over and finally figured out what had happened.

"Evan Seet! How dare you swapped out my stones?"

No wonder he gave it back to me promptly. He had the items replaced!

"What a shameless man!" Levant slammed the box lid shut.

I guess I have to endure the loss. Evan must have planned a way to work around this. If I keep harping on it, he might turn it around and frame me for trickery or fraud.

"Just you wait and see, Evan!"

Meanwhile, back at the Imperial Garden.

Evan was enjoying a cup of tea on his mahogany chair while visualizing the look on Levant's face when he discovered that the stones had been swapped.

A smirk appeared on his face. Hopefully, Levant would learn from this episode and refrain from gifting Nicole anything. Otherwise, the consequences are his to bear.

I have to admit though, the white jade and ruby jade are such magnificent jewels. Soon, they will be put to good use.

Two months later.

Evan received a sudden phone call from Sophia, asking him to bring Nicole to the Seet Residence for an urgent matter.

Both of them speculated a million agenda during their journey.

"Could it be that Sheila found out about Renee and how she has been pestering Davin?"

"Perhaps. We'll find out when we get there."

Nicole thought long about it. "I think I heard your uncle's voice over the phone but I can't be sure if I heard it right."

Murphy?

But why would Murphy be there?

Could it be... Looking at the calendar, it's almost time.

The Maybach sped all the way and rolled to a stop at the Seet Residence. When they got off the car, they were met by Levant who arrived at the same time.

Huh? Why is he here too?

Just when the curious Nicole was about to greet Levant, Evan grasped her wrist and pulled her toward the direction of the living room.

Evan seemed to have predicted Levant's presence, so he did not even bother to take a glance at him.

Levant was displeased by how the couple ignored him. I'm a guest. How could they be so rude and treated me with disrespect?

Then, he recalled the jade which had been replaced by Evan and resentment surged within him. This won't do. I must get back at Evan for his actions.

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Levant swiftly caught up with Evan and yelled at him, "Evan Seet! How can the president of Seet Group conduct such a shameless act?"

Evan turned and looked at Levant. "Now, now, hold your tongue. You must present solid evidence to back your claim. You went to Imperial Garden and collected your belongings personally. The process was recorded clearly in the CCTV footage."

"But what I retrieved was not mine. The originals had been replaced!"

"Really? Why didn't you say so back then?"

"I... I didn't check on the spot."

"Well, that's your problem then, seeing that you are one who didn't check."

"I..."

Levant suddenly recalled that the maids were pressuring him to leave right away after handing the box over to him. There wasn't any time for me to check the contents then. Come to think of it, that was probably part of Evan's plan too.

"I'm not letting this matter off so easily, Evan. I'm going to complain to Aunt Sophia. You ought to return everything to me."

In response, Evan simply chuckled and led Nicole forward by holding her hands.

Levant followed suit when an idea came across his mind all of a sudden. "Nicole, did Evan give you my precious white jade and ruby jade? He replaced the ones returned to me. But if he gave it to you, that's okay then. Just know that they are gifts specially prepared for you, from yours truly."

"He didn't give them to me. I didn't even get to see it," Nicole replied truthfully and glanced at Evan.

"Nicole couldn't be bothered about those things," Evan responded with a sneer.

Levant retorted disdainfully, "Evan, since you took those stones but didn't present them to Nicole, are you planning on giving them to someone? Your mistress, perhaps?"

He then turned to Nicole and said, "Nicole, I'm pretty sure he's keeping them for another woman. Those are very precious stones. He's probably using them to please other women, hence, he kept it from you. It's best if you interrogate him. I wonder which mistress of his has them now."

Evan stared daggers at Levant. "Well, your things will indeed fall into the hands of a woman. Brace yourself, as I'm going to show you which woman is the new owner to those stones."

Both Nicole and Levant were dumbfounded by Evan's statement. Did he mean it? Or was it just a passing remark?

"Are you really going to gift them to a woman?" Nicole asked.

"Yes." Evan answered firmly.

She pursed her lips at his reply. What nonsense is this? He didn't let me accept any presents from another man, yet he offers them to another woman?

Evan Seet, you're doomed if I ever find out that you did something you shouldn't have.

Levant scoffed disapprovingly. Is Evan keeping them for Aunt Sophia? If that's the case, perhaps I can sweet talk her into giving me back the jade.

After all, those belong to me in the first place. Even if I can't have them back, I can still ask for some interests or other benefits. There's no way I'll let Evan have it for free.

The trio entered the living room and was welcomed by Murphy and Sophia with big smiles. "Evan, Ms. Lane, I can't thank you enough for this."

Thank us? Nicole was perplexed.

"Don't mention it, Uncle Morris. That's what we're supposed to do."

"Hahaha, all the credit goes to you, Evan! I'll be sure to repay you a favor in the near future." Murphy looked at him with an ecstatic expression on his face.

Levant was bemused by the situation at hand. What did Evan do for my father?

"Dad, why bother asking him for help? You can just task it to me."

As soon as Levant opened his mouth to speak, Murphy turned in his direction to give him a cold stare with a stern face. Levant was taken aback by his father's terrifying look and his heart started pounding.

"Dad, your expressions changed too quickly! You were beaming at them just seconds ago! So why is it when you're facing me, you're acting so hostile? I haven't seen you for ages, so I don't think I've upset you in any way, have I?"