

Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo

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There and then, Evan hung up the phone again.

Susan's expression stiffened. Why did Evan sound so disgusted with me just now? How could he treat me like this?

"Ms. Susan, can we eat yet?" Maya asked timidly as her stomach growled in hunger.

Susan quickly regained her senses and looked at the children with a forced smile on her face. "Yes, you can," she replied.

The children then started devouring their dinner.

Susan looked at them as she continued to think about Evan's attitude toward her. The more she pondered over it, the more uncomfortable she felt.

Why?

Why is Evan treating me this way?

All of a sudden, Maya dropped one of her bamboo chopsticks on the ground.

"Ms. Susan, go and fetch Maya a fresh pair of chopsticks," instructed Nina as she looked at Susan arrogantly.

Susan's face darkened. Damned kid! How could she dare to order me around?

Maya is a fat and stupid kid who just can't stop herself from eating. She needs to be taught a lesson.

"Hold on. I'll get a fresh pair for you," muttered Susan as she glanced at the children with a forced smile on her face.

Nina felt a sense of delight when Susan got up and went to the kitchen. She's such a bad woman. We can't be too nice to her!

On the other hand, Maya was overcome with worry because she caught a sinister look in Susan's eyes when she walked past just now.

Will Ms. Susan begin to abuse me again?

She trembled anxiously as she continued eating.

After she finished her meal, her worries soon turned into reality.

Susan took her into the bedroom under the pretext that she wanted to tell her a story.

Thinking about Evan had acted as though he was disgusted by her and how Nicole was a stumbling block even after her death, she shot Maya a death glare.

Maya's heart started thumping rapidly at that very moment. Her hands fidgeted restlessly and her eyes welled up with tears as she glanced at Susan in fear.

"Ms. Susan, I was wrong. I shouldn't have dropped my chopsticks on the floor," she admitted with a quivering voice.

Being a young, innocent child, Maya didn't understand the real reason that Susan was treating her this way. She thought that Susan was angry at her because of her earlier blunder.

Susan curled her lips as she bent down to pinch Maya's chubby cheeks. "You stupid pig! Even pigs are smarter than you! You're a waste of food," she admonished the little girl.

Maya couldn't help but question herself at Susan's words. Ms. Susan called me a stupid pig, but Mommy always tells me that I'm smart.

When she recalled how gentle and loving Nicole was toward her, tears started rolling down her cheeks uncontrollably and she whimpered, "Mommy, Mommy——"

She was cut off abruptly by Susan who warned her fiercely, "What are you whining about? Keep quiet!"

Maya immediately shut her mouth.

After that, Susan pinched her twice on her body before she walked up to the closet and took out a box of silver needles.

When Maya saw the box, she trembled with fear and begged, "Ms. Susan, please don't poke me. I'll be good."

Susan then recalled Evan's cold attitude and how he had told her not to call if there was nothing important.

Every word that he uttered was like a needle that had pierced through her heart.

Sinister thoughts soon crept into her mind. How many needles should I use to pierce this stupid pig in order to get even with Evan?

Maya's eyes were filled with terror when she saw Susan walking toward her with needles.

Mommy! Help me!

She screamed in her heart, but she did not dare to make a sound as she feared that her mother would be beaten to death if she shouted.

At that very moment, Maya felt that being alive was a rather frightening thing.

"I'm warning you not to make a sound! If you do, you and your mother will die," Susan threatened.

Maya shook her head vigorously as she began to worry in her mind. I don't want Mommy to die. I won't shout...

Her face turned pale as Susan started pricking her buttocks and thighs with needles. Droplets of sweat appeared on her forehead while tears rolled down her cheeks.

It hurts so much.

Go easy on me, Ms. Susan.

Susan was stunned when she saw the prick marks on Maya's buttocks and thighs, but she felt that Maya still needed to be pricked on her arms.

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Susan pricked Maya's fleshy arms with a needle.

Then, she took out another needle and pricked her again.

In her desperate efforts to suppress her pain, Maya began to gnaw at her own lips so hard until she had bled.

Ah! It hurts all over. It really hurts!

I simply don't understand how Ms. Susan has turned into a terrifying monster. Was she possessed by the old witch from the fairy tale?

When Susan finally stopped, Maya collapsed onto the ground, her face pale white and her eyes shut.

Susan kept the needles aside as she brought Maya into the bathroom and cleaned her up.

When Maya returned to her bedroom, Nina was already fast asleep, so she climbed straight into her bed and hid beneath her blanket. She trembled with fear periodically throughout the entire night.

The next morning, Nina woke up and found Maya wrapped in her blanket tightly with her eyes shut.

“Maya, it’s time to get up. We need to go to school after breakfast,” she urged.

Maya faintly heard her sister calling out to her, but she felt weak as her whole body was in pain.

“Get up.” Nina reached out to nudge her.

Maya opened her eyes and crawled out of bed as she struggled to put on her clothes and shoes.

By then, Nina was completely ready to go. She looked at Maya and sighed. “You’re so slow. Come here, I’ll help you brush your hair,” she suggested.

As Maya walked up to Nina unsteadily, she lost her balance and collapsed.

Shocked by her sudden fall, Nina instantly tried to elicit a response from her. However, when Maya did not respond after two calls, she quickly called out for help.

Kyle and Juan were startled to see Maya lying on the ground unconsciously.

On the other hand, Susan began to feel a sense of panic, as her heart began to pound frantically. How has she suddenly fainted? Could it have something to do with what happened last night?

“Send Maya to the hospital now,” Kyle quickly instructed the driver before Susan could stop him.

As Susan was worried that the doctor would possibly uncover what had really happened to Maya, a scheming look suddenly flashed across her eyes.

Kyle then gave Evan a call to inform him about Maya, and he immediately rushed to the hospital.

While the doctor examined Maya's body, he was astonished to find prick marks on her arms.

Upon further examination, he found that there were many more prick marks on her legs and buttocks, along with bruises caused by pinching.

It was clear that she had been physically abused.

This discovery confounded the doctor.

Who would dare to abuse Mr. Seet's daughter?

Could it be——

As a doctor, he simply couldn't let this go just because the patient came from a prominent family.

He walked out of the consultation room and invited Evan to the next room before he uttered cautiously, "Mr. Seet, your child is so young. She shouldn't be treated this way."

His remarks caused Evan to be puzzled.

"What happened to Maya?" he asked.

"Mr. Seet, there are prick marks and bruises all over her body. It's clear that she is being physically abused, and it appears that it was not merely a one-time affair. You shouldn't——" The doctor was interrupted before he could finish speaking.

"What?" Evan interjected as he looked at the doctor in shock. "Are you sure of it?"

The doctor was surprised by his response.

Mr. Seet is unaware of it? He's not the one who has done it?

Ah, of course. I was overthinking this earlier. How could the president of Seet Group do such a despicable thing, let alone to his own daughter?

"Mr. Seet, come and take a look," he urged to Evan.

The other children sitting outside the consultation room were shocked by this news.

"Did the doctor really say that Maya is being abused?" Juan furrowed his brows, perplexed.

Nina was equally perplexed. "Who abused her?"

With a cold expression on his face, Kyle walked toward the consultation room without saying a word.

Inside the consultation room, Evan's heart ached unbearably when he saw the prick marks and bruises on Maya's body.

She quickly tried to cover the prick marks with her hands as she didn't want her father to see her in this condition, but her hands were too small to cover them completely.

Looking at the fear on Maya's pale face, Evan felt a fierce and intense pain in his heart.

Who would do such a cruel thing to my daughter?

How dare this person touch my precious girl! Damn it!

He reached out to stroke Maya's chubby little face, then he asked gently, "Maya, tell me, who bullied you?"

Like a traumatized fawn, she shook her head vigorously.

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That familiar threatening voice rang in Maya's ears. "If you tell others about this, your Mommy will be in jail, suffering for the rest of her life."

Evan persuaded, "Maya, you can tell Daddy."

Fidgeting her chubby fingers, Maya glanced at Evan as tears welled up in her eyes.

"Maya, don't be afraid. Tell Daddy." Evan continued asking Maya questions and saw the pensive look in her eyes.

Suddenly, she cried out, "Mommy, I'm sorry... I'm really sorry..."

What will happen to Mommy if Daddy knows? Will Mommy be in jail forever?

Evan, the doctor, and the other three kids looked at Maya without saying a word.

In fact, they were surprised at how Maya reacted. Why would Maya feel sorry for Mommy? What does this have to do with Nicole?

Suddenly, Susan barged into the room.

"Evan, how's Maya?" She looked very upset when Evan turned to look at her.

She continued, "I'm so sorry, Evan. I didn't take good care of Maya. After knowing Maya fainted and was sent to the hospital, Leah wanted to leave. I tried to force the reason out of her, but she committed suicide after admitting to abusing Maya as she feared the consequences."

After hearing her words, Evan fell silent.

She died?

Evan narrowed his eyes.

Working as a maid in Hillside Villa for a few years, Leah had always been dutiful. But why would she abuse Maya?

Susan looked at Maya with her face etched with pain. "Maya, don't worry. Leah's dead, so she can't hurt you anymore. It's my fault for not noticing your sufferings. I will call your Mommy and tell her to come back for you. Is that okay?"

When Maya heard her Mommy would take care of her, she nodded fervently.

As long as I can be together with Mommy, I don't care if I got beaten.

Susan said, "Maya, don't be sad. I'll take good care of you from now on."

And Maya nodded like a fool.

Hearing that, Nina stomped her foot in anger. "Leah must be crazy. Why would she torture Maya for no reason? If she was still alive, I'd beat her up!"

Susan chimed in and added fuel to the fire. "Yeah. Leah has a mental illness, and she's been taking her meds in secret. I've heard that she likes to abuse children when she was young. Thank goodness she's gone now, so good riddance to her."

Evan frowned. Hmm... I never knew that Leah was ill...

Kyle stared at Susan. Something seemed amiss, but he couldn't put a finger to it.

Right then, Juan asked, "Maya, why didn't you tell us? If you did, we'll help you."

However, Maya couldn't tell them the truth, so she stayed silent.

Susan hurriedly interrupted. "That's enough. Maya must be terrified, so we should let her rest. Maya, do you want to stay in the hospital or return home?"

"Hospital. I want to stay at the hospital." Maya answered without hesitation, as she didn't want to be tortured by Susan again.

Susan suggested, "Alright. I'll stay here with you."

Upon hearing her words, Maya had a look of fear. Evan rejected her suggestion and said, "It's okay. I'll stay here to take care of Maya. Meanwhile, please bring the kids back home."

Yet Susan insisted, "Evan, why don't we take care of Maya together?"

"There's no need to. I said that earlier, so don't make me repeat myself."

After that, Susan didn't say anything and left the hospital with the other three kids.

On their way home, Nina's heart ached as she thought of the bruises on Maya's body. Leah had paid the price with her life, so there wasn't a need to pursue this matter any further. However, Nina still couldn't figure out the reason that Leah had abused Maya.

Then, she asked, "Leah has a mental illness, but why does she only abuse Maya and not me? Maya is chubby, and I'm quite skinny. Isn't it logical for her to target me instead?"

Juan analyzed the matter and said, "Maybe she thinks Maya is an easy target."

Kyle, who was staying silent the entire time, looked at Susan suddenly. "Ms. Susan, what do you think? Do you think Maya is a pushover, so she got abused?"

Hearing his question, Susan's heart stopped a beat. The way Kyle looked at her resembled Evan. Both their gazes were cold and stern.

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Susan blurted out, "Only Leah knows why."

But Kyle kept on asking, "Ms. Susan, you don't dare to analyze the situation?"

"Well... No one could guess a mental patient's intentions." Susan replied simply.

Listening to her excuses, Kyle's suspicion deepened.

It was so obvious she was feeling guilty.

She must have something to do with all of this.

We have to be wary of this bad woman.

In the meantime, Evan took care of Maya when she was in the hospital for a week.

It feels so great to be with Daddy.

But why did Daddy let the baddies hit Mommy?

With these thoughts in her mind, Maya blurted out suddenly. "Daddy, can you stop instructing people to hit Mommy? Mommy's bleeding!"

Evan's face fell a little when he heard her words, as he couldn't understand why Maya said that.

"Maya, how do you know Mommy's bleeding?"

Maya was startled as she realized she said something wrong. Rubbing her hands nervously, she refused to talk.

She didn't dare to tell Evan she saw the pictures on Susan's phone.

What if I tell Daddy, and Mommy's trapped forever?

Noticing how Maya was spacing out, Evan didn't take the matter to heart. He thought she merely dreamt of it or overthought it.

Then, Evan said, "Alright, Maya. Let's drink up this fish soup. When your Mommy was hospitalized, she liked this soup the most."

Maya nodded as she held the bowl and gulped the soup. It tasted delicious, so she drank the entire bowl.

After she finished, Evan took the bowl from her hands and wiped her mouth with a piece of tissue. "Maya, let's go home. You've stayed in the hospital for a week, and you've recovered."

Once Maya heard the word "home," fear resurfaced in her eyes.

I'm scared.

Susan's not here, so no one will hurt me as long as I'm in the hospital.

Thus, she begged Evan, "Daddy, can I stay here for a few more days?"

Evan frowned. Why does Maya like this place so much?

At this moment, his phone rang. He took out his phone and saw it was an incoming call from Juan, so he immediately answered. "What's the matter, Juan?"

Juan said, "Daddy, have you seen Levant's tweet? Something is wrong!"

"What is it?" Evan asked nonchalantly as he felt Juan was overreacting, let alone something related to Levant.

"Daddy, Mr. Levant is going to marry Nellie Musgrave. Isn't Musgrave my grandpa's surname? And doesn't Nellie sounds familiar?"

Evan was thunderstruck by Juan's analysis. And this matter instantly attracted his attention.

Nellie Musgrave?

Nicole?

Juan said, "Daddy, do you think Nellie is actually Mommy?"

Instantly, Evan replied, "Juan, Daddy got it. Daddy needs to hang up and call someone else now."

After hanging up, Evan quickly dialed John's number.

When the call got through, John joked, "Mr. Seet, you've finally called! Time seemed to sit still without your calls."

Reluctant to drag on the conversation, Evan instructed, "I need you to send Damien, Darius, Jeremy, and Jensen to K Nation and investigate Nellie, the woman whom Levant is going to marry."

Nellie?

John froze.

Mrs. Seet died, so there's no way she's Nellie.

Despite having doubts, John obeyed his command. "Yes, Mr. Seet. I'll get straight to it. I'll let you know if I find out anything."

"I want to know the soonest possible!"

"Yes, Mr. Seet." John hung up after that, and he was excited.

Mr. Seet won't use his men just to investigate someone unimportant, so this "Nellie" might really be Mrs. Seet.

With that, he immediately took his phone and dialed a few calls to inform Evan's men about his orders.

At the same time, the three kids in the Hillside Villa were making a wild guess while holding in their anxiousness.

Worried, Nina asked, "What if she's really Mommy?"

Juan asked curiously, "If she's Mommy, why would she agree to marry Mr. Levant?"

When Juan asked that question, Nina felt puzzled as well. "True. Isn't Mommy in jail? Why is she at K Nation? And why is she marrying Mr. Levant?"

Kyle, who was staying quiet all the time, said, "It must be because Mr. Levant helped Mommy escape from the prison and brought her to K Nation. His kindness touched Mommy, so she agreed to marry him."

Then Nina and Juan exchanged looks with each other.

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The next day, Evan received a photo from Jeremy in the evening. It was a photo of Levant and Nellie.

It was taken by Jeremy when he sneaked into the Wicked Palace, but the photo only showed Nellie's back.

Evan studied the photo, and it was just like looking at someone he hadn't met for a long time.

His slender fingers trembled uncontrollably as he confirmed that the familiar figure in the photo was indeed Nicole.

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There's only one explanation for all of this.

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