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He turned to look at Susan. "Next time, go easy on the salt. The children can't take anything too salty."

Susan was puzzled as to how salty it was. When she made the spaghetti, she didn't even add any salt.

She tasted it herself. "This isn't salty at all."

"Ms. Susan, your taste buds are off. We can't even stomach this. Next time, just leave the cooking to the chef."

"That's right. Just let the chef handle it so that we won't waste any food."

Just when Kyle finished speaking, Evan sighed and instructed the maids to prepare a fresh round of breakfast. He then stood up and left the dining table.

When Susan saw that Evan didn't even taste the food that she painstakingly prepared, she couldn't help but feel outraged. All she got in return for her wasted effort was harsh criticism and contempt.

Suppressing the fury within her, she pulled Evan's plate over and tried the food for herself. The next moment, she, too, spat it out.

"I didn't add any salt at all. Why is Evan's spaghetti so..."

She turned to look at the four children. However, Juan and Kyle averted their gaze and stared at the ceiling instead. They pretended as if it had nothing to do with them.

Nina, on the other hand, gave her the side-eye with her arms folded. She looked as if she was gloating at what had just happened.

As for Maya, she was licking her lips hungrily as she stared at the spaghetti. As her eyes flashed with desperation, her stomach growled in hunger.

She picked up her fork and started to devour the meatballs after mixing them into her spaghetti.

Susan furrowed her eyebrows as she pulled over Maya's plate. After giving it a try, she realized it wasn't salty at all.

Damn it, how dare they make a fool of me in front of Evan. They have wasted all my effort!

She curled her lips into a smirk. "Maya, stop eating. You can continue later. By the way, your hair seems to be in a mess. Come, darling, let me help you comb it."

Maya pondered a moment before nodding.

After jumping down from the chair, she was carried by Susan into her room upstairs.

Once the door closed, Susan's face turned gloomy instantly. She glared at Maya and demanded, "Who told you to say that the food was salty?"

Maya fidgeted with her fingers and didn't say a word.

Earlier, Juan was the one who told her to do it, but she didn't want to betray him.

When she didn't reply, Susan suddenly pulled her hair and ordered fiercely, "Speak!"

As the pain reverberated through her scalp, tears began to swell in her eyes. However, she quickly covered her mouth as she didn't dare cry out.

Susan had previously threatened her not to cry or else her Mommy would languish in prison forever, suffering from hunger and beatings.

Hence, she endured the pain as she didn't want Mommy to suffer.

When she still refused to speak, Susan put her on the bed and took off her pants. After that, she furiously pinched her chubby bum again and again.

It hurt so much that tears gushed down her cheeks. “Ms. Susan, I know I’m wrong. I won’t dare do it again. Ms. Susan, I’ll be a good girl...” she pleaded while sobbing softly.

Susan seethed, “You damn child. The next time you dare to prank me with the others, I will beat your bum till you scream. Also, your Mommy is never going to come out of prison! She will always stay inside her tiny cell, beaten to a pulp, just like a dog!”

Maya thought about the nightmare she had where Mommy was covered in blood. Horrified, she began to bawl aloud.

“Stop crying! You’re driving me crazy!”

At Susan’s order, Maya quickly covered her mouth and tried her best to contain her cries.

Despite her reaction, Susan’s anger didn’t subside. She dragged Maya’s hair and continued to abuse her.

When she finally saw the bruises on Maya, she was so frightened that she stopped.

She was cognizant that she would be finished if Evan was to notice them.

No, I can’t beat her like that. I need to think of another way.

Taking a deep breath, she ordered Maya to put back on her clothes. She then took Maya to the bathroom to wash her face and comb her hair.

After she was done, she was worried that someone might notice Maya had been crying. Hence, she kept Maya in her room for the time being and ordered the maids to bring in some delicious food.

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Preoccupied with rescuing their mother, Juan and Kyle did not notice that Maya was there.

Nina sighed. She thought Susan had bribed Maya with those candies, which was why Maya stayed in the former's room for so long.

Meanwhile, Susan only allowed Maya to leave when her eyes were no longer red and there were no signs of her crying.

Before she left, Susan warned her, "Don't tell anybody about this. Otherwise, your mommy will have to stay in that small dark room forever. Do you understand?"

Maya widened her eyes and nodded vigorously.

"Get out!" Susan yelled as she pointed to the door.

Rubbing her chubby hands against each other, Maya walked out of the room.

When Nina saw Maya coming back, she asked curiously, "Why took you so long? What did that bad woman tell you?"

Without a word, Maya shook her head. Anxiety was written all over her chubby face.

I can't tell her. Otherwise, Mommy will have to suffer in that dark room forever.

Nina glanced at her. That evil woman really managed to bribe her.

Maya lowered her head and sat in a daze. Is Mommy okay?

Did she get beaten up? Has she eaten?

Meanwhile, Nicole was leaning against the cool wall with an angry expression on her face.

Recalling the scene earlier, she let out a miserable laugh before tears started to roll down her cheeks.

Evan, even if you misunderstand my relationship with Levant, you should not allow others to humiliate me like this.

Did you really think that I cheated on you? Is that why you allowed others to treat me like this?

Haha!

Evan, you are ruthless!

That terrible scene earlier replayed in her mind vividly.

That man seemed to be out of control as though he had taken some sort of drug and was all out to rape her. In such a place, if it weren't the doing of Evan, who else had the power to order someone to do that?

In addition, he uttered, "Mr. Seet asked me to take good care of you. Well, when this is over, we'll see if he still wants you. You filthy woman!"

Then, he pounced on her like a beast.

If I hadn't learned medicine and managed to strike his acupoint, who knows what would have happened to me by now.

She felt like she was combating a ferocious wolf.

Although he did not manage to rape her, there were scars all over her body. The corner of her mouth bled when he slapped her, and he even kicked her in her stomach.

Evan's ruthlessness was way beyond her imagination.

No wonder he is known as Lucifer.

I have never imagined that he would be so cruel to me.

Nicole's heart ached so much she felt suffocated.

Well, I guess it's right to say that love is as bitter as it is sweet. Today, she got to experience the meaning behind that saying.

On the other hand, Evan felt somewhat irritated while flipping through his documents in the office.

Then, John walked up to Evan and observed him while he massaged between his brows. John wanted to speak but did not dare to. Therefore, he stood in front of the desk like a statue.

Sighing, Evan said, "What's wrong?"

Since Evan asked, he mustered his courage and did what he had to do. As Nicole usually treated him well, he felt that he should stand up for her.

"Mr. Seet, do you think Mrs. Seet is really Mr. Russell's murderer? I believe she's not that kind of person. Besides, Mrs. Seet and Mr. Russell have always been on good terms, so there is no good reason for her to do something like that."

Without a word, Evan stared at him blankly with deep-set eyes.

John was nervous, and since Mr. Seet did not cut him off, he was unsure whether or not to continue.

Nonetheless, he decided to do so. "Mr. Seet, I think you should investigate what actually happened without delay and rescue Mrs. Seet."

Evan's expression dimmed upon hearing that, and he reached out to pick up the documents on the table. Then, he threw them at John and yelled, "Mind your own business!"

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John was at a loss for words.

Is Mr. Seet annoyed because I talked too much? Well, it makes sense. With his astuteness, he should have known all that.

Why is he not finding a way to help Mrs. Seet then?

John could not understand what was on the man's mind. Picking up the documents thrown at him, he sighed before leaving the office.

Evan leaned back against his chair and narrowed his eyes, deep in thought.

After so many days, is Nicole still planning to leave with Levant?

Recently, while Levant had been finding ways to go against the Seet Group, Evan had been doing the same to Levant's business as well. They were taking drastic measures to destroy each other.

Although the Seet Group suffered tremendous loss, Levant did not gain any advantage either. Soon, Levant's company will lose a foothold in the country. When he leaves, Nicole will never be able to see him again.

In this life, I don't want Nicole to see Levant ever again.

Two days later, after multiple discussions, the quadruplets finally found a way to leave Hillside Villa to rescue their mommy.

After Juan finished explaining, he looked at his siblings and asked, "Do you have any other questions about what we have to do?"

Kyle gave it some thought before he replied, "Nope."

Following suit, Nina also responded, "I have no questions either and will definitely play my part well."

With that, she turned to look at Maya beside her.

She realized that Maya had been awfully silent during their meetings.

“Maya, did that bad woman bribe you with candy? Is that why you don’t even want to save Mommy?” she accused.

Maya merely shook her head vigorously.

“That’s good then. You seem to have a close relationship with her, so you shall be the one to lure her out.”

Hearing that, a hint of fear appeared in Maya’s eyes. Previously, when she commented that the spaghetti was salty, Susan pinched her buttocks and even warned that if the quadruplets ever tried to fool her, she would not let Maya off.

At the thought of being punished, Maya rubbed her palms together nervously. “No, let’s not make fun of her.”

Feeling betrayed, Nina glared at Maya. “What’s wrong? Are you in cahoots with her?”

Maya shook her head again.

She was truly terrified that Susan would beat her into a pulp. Besides, Susan was brutal, and her beatings were very painful.

At the same time, she was afraid to tell her siblings the truth because she did not want her mommy to be stuck in prison forever.

Juan thought Maya was too kind that she felt bad about lying. Therefore, he suggested, “Let’s not force Maya to do it. I will lure her out instead.”

Maya stared at Juan in surprise.

On the other hand, Nina sighed. She complained, “We can never count on Maya. She’s useless.”

“Stop scolding her. She’s only worried for Mommy,” Kyle spoke up for Maya.

In response, Nina rolled her eyes and stopped talking.

Then, they started to carry out their plan. Running to Susan's room, Juan acted as though he was extremely anxious.

"Ms. Susan, something went wrong. Please open the door!" he yelled.

When the door opened, Susan looked at Juan in annoyance. "What do you want?"

"Ms. Susan, Nina fell into the pond at the rear house. Please help her!" Juan sobbed.

Susan was shocked. How could it have happened?

Who cares whether Nina is alive or not? However, since I volunteered to take care of them, how can I explain myself if anything goes wrong?

"Hurry, please take a look!" Juan begged.

With Juan leading the way, Susan hurried to the rear house.

When they finally reached the pond, Kyle looked into the pond worriedly while Maya was rooted to the ground. She looked lost like a deer in the headlights.

Seeing the arrival of Susan, Maya immediately lowered her head, afraid to make eye contact.

"Where is Nina? Where did she fall into?" Susan demanded while scanning the pond. However, the pond's surface was calm, and there were no ripples.

Kyle replied, "She sank! What's going to happen to Nina?"

"She sank?" Susan screamed.

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Susan panicked. It's over. How can I explain the situation to Evan if something really happens to her?

Why would these dumb children come to the rear house?

That stupid girl Nina has to drag me down even when she dies! That's ridiculous.

"Ms. Susan, please get someone to fish her out!"

Snapped out of her daze, Susan anxiously said, "Yes, hurry up. Get the maids who can swim to dive into the pond and look for Nina. We have to find her corpse at least. Quick! We have to get her out of there."

After Susan instructed, Kyle and Juan started to gather the maids.

While the group of people thought of ways to save Nina, Juan sneaked out of Hillside Villa.

"Should we inform Mr. Seet?" one of the maids asked.

"Let's look for her first before we call him," Susan ordered.

The maids were anxiously trying to rescue Nina and those who could swim were already in the pond.

Susan panicked. There was only one question on her mind. How should I explain it to Evan? What should I tell him?

Dozens of maids searched the pond, but there was still no sign of Nina. That was when she started to doubt the quadruplets.

Well, if she really did drown, we would still be able to find her corpse. But why couldn't we find it?

She turned around and noticed Maya avoiding her gaze while standing in a daze with her head hung low.

Then, she looked at Kyle, who stared into the pond expressionlessly while crossing his arms. There was no hint of sorrow or anxiety on his icy face.

Susan froze. Wait a minute... Where is Juan?

Panic-stricken, she growled at Kyle and Maya, "Where is Juan?"

Maya raised her head and stole a glance at her before quickly looking away.

Meanwhile, Kyle did not react at all, as though he did not hear her.

Juan is missing, and we can't find Nina either. What are these children up to?

Susan whirled around and hurriedly returned to the house to find the other two children.

When she entered Nina's bedroom, she saw her in front of the mirror, playing with make-up.

Taken aback, Susan stared at the child and asked, "I thought you fell into the pond. What are you doing here?"

Nina froze for a moment before she replied arrogantly, "I climbed out of the pond by myself. What's wrong?"

Susan was rendered speechless.

Climbed out?

She rolled her eyes in anger.

Sensing that Susan was scrutinizing her, Nina narrowed her eyes and challenged, "Why? Did you think otherwise and hope that I would drown? If I died, how would you face Daddy?"

Well, at least she is alive.

At that moment, Susan could not be bothered to argue with her. "Where is Juan? I can't find him."

Running her fingers through her hair, Nina shot Susan a death glare and replied, "How would I know? I just got out of the pond."

Realizing that Nina would not tell her anything, Susan immediately turned around and went to the other rooms.

However, even after she had searched through all the rooms in Hillside Villa, she still did not manage to find Juan. Furious, she rushed to the rear house to question Maya.

"Maya, where is Juan?" Susan asked in a gentle tone.

Looking at the angel-like smile on Susan's face, Maya froze.

Ms. Susan has mood swings. Sometimes she is gentle, but other times, she is vicious like a devil.

Could there be two different individuals?

While she was still confused, Susan bent down and grabbed Maya's chubby hands. Then, she tried to get an answer out of the latter. "Tell me, where did Juan go?"

Maya jumped at the unexpected contact and said in a quivering voice, "Juan, he..."

“Did Juan sneak out?”

Maya did not respond and merely looked down in guilt.

Instantly, Susan realized that Juan had sneaked out to save his mommy.

How tricky of them!

There was a fierce look in her eyes, and she clenched her fists tightly. The night was approaching, so she had to find him as soon as possible before it was too late.

As night fell, Juan carefully sneaked back into Hillside Villa.

Kyle and Nina anxiously asked him if he had seen Sheila and whether she agreed to help their mommy.

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Juan sighed. “Ms. Sheila was not home. She left the Muir family three days after Uncle Davin was gone. She probably went to Y City with him because her family did not know where she was either.”

“After Great-grandpa died, Uncle Davin did not return, and he even switched off his phone. Who knows where he went?” Nina said before she sighed.

“Then, who did you look for?”

She was certain that Juan had found another way. Otherwise, he would not come home.

Sure enough, Juan explained, "I secretly went to Daddy's company and met Uncle John nearby. He went to K Nation with Mommy before, so he knew a few people from the estate. He said he would find a way to inform Grandpa to save Mommy."

In response, the children let out a breath of relief, knowing that John was willing to help them.

Maya blinked her large eyes, deep in thought. Will Uncle John really help us and get Grandpa to save Mommy?

"Alright, let's prepare to go for dinner. Daddy will be home soon."

"Will that bad woman complain to Daddy?"

"She can do that for all I care. At most, we will get punished by Daddy," Juan sneered like he was unbothered.

"Juan, don't worry. If Daddy wants to hit you, tell him that it was my idea. Besides, Daddy doesn't hit girls," Nina suggested boldly.

"Okay."

Juan nodded. Then, the quadruplets headed to the dining hall.

As soon as they went down the stairs, they could hear Susan complaining to Evan about their behavior today.

After complaining, she even said, "What if something bad happens to them the next time they sneak out like this? I'm worried. Besides, it is not good to be lying at such a young age. Evan, please don't misunderstand. I do not blame them, but they are children after all, and I worry for them."

Evan fell silent, not expecting them to be so daring.

Lying is bad to begin with, but they even had the guts to say that Nina fell into the pond. How could they treat something serious like that as a joke?

When the time is right and Levant has left, I will let Nicole out. Why did they have to take action into their own hands?

Noticing Evan's cold expression, Susan pretended to coax him, "Evan, please don't be angry with them. They are still kids after all."

Ignoring her, Evan headed up the stairs directly.

The quadruplets exchanged panicked looks when they saw their daddy's stern expression while he was coming up the stairs.

Nina asked, "Is daddy going to punish us?"

Terrified, Maya suggested, "Let's hide first."

"Where can we hide? There isn't anywhere daddy can't access in Hillside Villa. There is nowhere we can hide."

By the time Juan finished, Evan was already in front of them.

"I want to see all of you in my study room now."

"Oh no, I guess we are in for a punishment." Juan sighed while the other three headed to the study room obediently.

After they entered, they stood in a neat line, looking at Evan with different expressions on their faces.

Wasting no time, Evan questioned, "Whose idea was it?"

The quick-witted Juan took a step back discreetly.

Nina rolled her eyes and mirrored his actions. Then, Kyle followed suit. Only Maya stood rooted to the same spot in a daze.

The other three children were surprised to see Maya standing in the same spot.

Does Maya want to take the blame for us? They were touched at that thought.

Juan secretly gave Maya a thumbs up.

At that moment, Nina realized that Maya had been awfully quiet for the past few days. She felt that Maya's behavior was a sign of her becoming more mature. It had nothing to do with the bad woman's influence or that she felt distant from their mommy.

I should not blame Maya anymore. She seems tougher than I am.

Instinctively, Kyle wanted to tug at Maya's clothes. However, thinking that Daddy liked her most and probably would not punish her, Kyle retracted his hand.