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On the other side.

Sheila was dumbfounded and didn't know what to say when she saw how angry Nicole was.

Just a second ago, Sheila tried to talk to Nicole and make the latter change her opinion of Evan. Unfortunately for her, Nicole's fury was triggered the moment Sheila said anything good about Evan.

Nicole ended up complaining about Evan for a good thirty minutes.

"You don't know this, but Evan Seet is nothing but an assh*le and a fox in sheep's clothing! His office drawer had a bottle of folded stars that he personally folded just for Susan. That gesture alone shows just how much he loves Susan," protested Nicole before she added in a pitiful tone, "I don't think he's ever been that nice to me before."

"He even wrote a message on those stars and invited Susan to go stargazing. After that, he actually went with her! He's all lovey-dovey Susan, but with me... How could he do that to me? He actually let the others send me to prison, and...."

Sheila could see just how upset and angry Nicole was. The former thought that if a blade was within sight, and if Evan happened to be in the room... There's a good chance that Nicole would actually grab the knife and drive it into Evan's heart.

After sharing everything, Nicole said, "And there you have it. How can I be with a man like that? I can't stay with him even if it's for my children's sake. Not only did he tried to kill me, but he also bullied me, and sent me to prison!"

Sheila knew the truth behind Evan sending Nicole to prison and was aware of the misunderstanding that had arisen from the prison incident.

However, Sheila had never heard about the date between Evan and Susan.

Nicole spoke so confidently and even pointed out that everything was placed in Mr. Seet's office drawer. There has to be some truth to it.

Nicole's reaction and tone showed that the incident truly upset her, and Sheila felt the need to learn the truth about it.

If Mr. Seet is actually that much of an assh*le and is playing with both women's hearts... Well, then I'll stop voicing up for him. I might even turn around and convince Nicole to be with the real Levant.

When Sheila returned, she told Davin everything.

Sheila complained angrily, "Your brother really crossed the line this time. He acted like he felt nothing for Susan at all, but he was actually secretly doing all that!"

Davin analyzed silently before saying, "But why do I feel like this isn't Evan's style?"

"Maybe he's good at putting on an act. Men are all the same."

At that, Sheila glared at Davin who sat up and insisted, "No, something is off. I can feel it. I'll ask my brother about it."

The moment Evan heard about it, he was beyond surprised.

He never expected that Nicole had discovered the folded stars that he locked in his drawer.

"Is it true, Evan? Did you fold the stars for Susan?" asked Davin curiously as he stared at his brother.

Evan nodded and confessed, "Yes."

Davin gaped in shock.

"Oh c'mon, Evan. How could you do that? I thought you didn't like Susan. Why did you...?"

Evan narrowed his eyes. Looks like Nicole had misunderstood me even before my grandpa's death and her incarceration.

But how did Nicole discover the bottle of folded stars I kept in my office drawer in the first place? And last I checked, nothing is written on those stars. Wait a minute, Susan was the one who gave me that bottle... Could it be...

"Nicole hates you to the core because of this, Evan. How do you plan on explaining everything to her?"

Evan didn't respond to that. All he did was instruct Davin to have his men send the bottle over.

Davin didn't say anything either. He simply walked out of there.

Evan looked up and saw how the sunlight painted the wall orange. He suddenly recalled the fire accident and how Susan went all out to rescue him...

He thought everything through, and certain things simply didn't add up. Back then, he brushed everything off as a coincidence but thinking back, it was more likely that everything was planned.

Evan whipped out his phone and made a call.

Looks like there are a lot of things that I need to investigate.

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Sheila asked about how things were as soon as Davin walked in.

"I-It's all a misunderstanding," said Davin.

"A misunderstanding? What did Mr. Seet actually say?" asked Sheila.

"H-He didn't say anything, but he asked for the bottle to be delivered over. Think about it. Why would Evan do that if there's nothing wrong with it?"

Sheila sighed before adding, "Your brother and his wife sure have a lot of misunderstandings between them."

"That's probably because someone is jealous of their relationship and is trying to get between them."

"You mean Susan? It's been a while since I last saw her."

"Yeah," replied Davin grimly before he scoffed, "That woman is like a venomous snake. She's probably hiding in some corner and waiting for the opportunity to attack."

"Is she really that scary?"

"Just wait and see if you don't believe me.."

Davin's words sent a shiver down Sheila's spine, and she trembled.

At that moment, Susan was in Darkmoon Manor and trying her best to open the secret door.

I'll be able to figure out what happened if I can just open the door and get in.

I must open this door. I have to!

Despite her determination, Susan felt like she wouldn't be able to do it on her own, so she made some calls to get help.

Inside the Wicked Palace.

Nicole was leaning against the sofa in the living room lazily. In her hand was a book about overcoming the repulsion caused by others' touch, and she was focused on it.

As she read, she started nodding off. She was about to lie down and get into a comfortable position to take a nap when she heard Maya calling out to her and running over.

"Mommy, Mommy! Kyle and Juan said they found a treasure. Hurry over and check it out."

Nicole sat up and turned to Maya, who was panting after her run. She stroked her daughter's head and asked, "What treasure are you talking about?"

"Juan and Kyle said that it's something awesome and that you'll know once you see it."

"Let's go and have a look, Mommy," said Nina curiously as her eyes shone with anticipation.

Nicole nodded and hurried over with Maya and Nina.

Evan received the same message as well. He couldn't wait and hurried over immediately. That was when he saw a deep-looking cave.

"The treasure's in there, Mr. Seet."

"Please see for yourself, Mr. Seet."

"Mommy, let's go!"

Nicole stared at the cave curiously. She nodded and went in. Nina was about to follow along when Juan stopped her.

"We designed this just for Mommy and Daddy. You shouldn't go in."

Nina frowned. When she turned around, she noticed that Nicole and Evan were indeed the only ones who went into the cave. In the next moment, the cave's entrance was sealed shut.

"Will Daddy and Mommy get into any trouble?"

"Not at all. There's another exit in there," informed Juan.

The Hidden Masters sighed. Kyle was the one who came up with the idea, and that was the price the men had to pay to get the kids to join the treasure hunt.

The only problem is, we have no idea if Mr. Seet will blame us for tricking him like that.

Jensen voiced his concern.

John replied calmly, "I don't think he will. He'll probably be ridiculously happy about being trapped with Mrs. Seet."

Everyone turned to the sealed exit and guessed what would happen.

Maya rubbed her tiny, plump hands. Her watery eyes shone with concern as she asked, "Will Mommy and Daddy get scared and get into a fight after being trapped in there?"

Juan chuckled. "Well, if that happens, they can air out all their grievances and get back together. We'll have a family reunion then."

Maya fell silent in response.

Hmm... Will everything really turn out that way?

A tiny frown curled up between Maya's brows, and she started listening closely by the sealed exit.

John sighed internally. Most kids are worried about their parents fighting, but this brat is hoping that his parents would vent everything out. Mr. Seet's kids really are something else.

Nina was worried as well. She complained, "You didn't need to con them into a cave even if you want them to spend some time together. It's all dark and gloomy in there, so it's not even romantic."

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Nina thought that they should've picked a romantic place where the stars could be seen shining brightly above their heads. Champagne, roses, red carpet... Everything should've been there, and her parents should've been locked in a luxurious place.

Kyle turned to look at Nina. She will definitely grow up to be someone who craves romance.

"There's a saying that couple needs to endure hardship together before they learn who they truly love. Sending them off on an adventure together will give them a chance to discover how they really feel."

Nina couldn't actually understand what Kyle was talking about, but their parents were already trapped, so she could only observe from the side.

The lighting inside the cave was terrible, and Nicole and Evan could barely see each other's figures, let alone their features.

"What's going on? The cave's entrance is sealed. How do we leave the place?" asked Nicole nervously.

Evan scanned his surroundings and suggested, "Maybe we triggered some sort of trap."

"W-what do we do now? How do we get out?"

I'm only here to check the treasure out. I did not sign up for being trapped!

After checking her surrounding, Nicole called out nervously, "Hello? Can the entrance be opened from the other side? Let us out. Hello?"

Nicole shouted as loudly as she could, but she didn't get any response.

Can they not hear us from the other side? Is this cave soundproof?

"Let's not shout anymore. I think there's another exit somewhere. We should go look for that instead."

Nicole blinked and looked around as her mind spun. She silently sighed when she concluded that that was their only way out.

With no other option, Nicole followed the man deeper into the cave.

"Why is it so dark in here?"

"Here, hold my hand."

Nicole was a little hesitant, but Evan did not wait for her response before reaching over and holding her hand.

The warmth exuded from that firm grip felt familiar. It feels like a certain someone's hand.

For a moment there, Nicole was surprised by how she didn't want to resist. She simply let the man hold her hand as he led the way.

"Levant, have you ever been here before? Is there really another exit?" asked Nicole curiously.

Hearing her calling him “Levant” caused a pang of jealousy to strike his heart. After all, he was holding hands with the woman he loved the most, but she was calling out to another man.

And here I am, standing here and assuming another man’s identity just so I can get close to her.

Hah, what a humbling experience.

It seemed that love truly could turn someone humble.

Still, Evan had no regrets because he was doing it for Nicole.

Nicole gripped his hand tighter and followed closely behind him. She walked carefully along the uneven path. Out of nowhere, she asked, “Do you think there’s really a treasure in here?”

Evan pondered for a moment. He was borderline bullsh*tting when he instructed John and the Hidden Masters to hunt for the treasure. I don’t even know if there’s actually a treasure within these walls.

“Let’s not think about the treasure now and focus on getting out.”

Nicole’s eyes, however, kept circling around the cave. She thought that her getting trapped there wouldn’t be for nothing if she actually found the treasure.

They were walking when Nicole suddenly stumbled on something and fell forward.

Evan immediately turned around and held her waist to stop her fall. Before Nicole even knew it, she was already in Evan’s arms.

Her heart pounded erratically. But even so, she didn’t push him away because being in his embrace and the sensation that she felt... Everything feels so warm and familiar.

Nicole didn’t understand why Levant would make her feel that way.

She was still deep in thought when a passionate kiss landed on her lips suddenly. That got her even more confused, and she was at a loss for what to do because that kiss felt just as familiar as the embrace she was in.

Evan was slightly taken aback. Nicole was resting in his arms and didn't look like she had any intention of moving away. Nicole didn't push me away when I kiss her, and as far as she is concerned, I am Levant! Is Nicole not pushing me away because she had fallen for Levant?

Jealousy raged within Evan at the thought of that.

His kiss became more domineering as if it were with the intent of punishing her.

Nicole suddenly realized that something was off. A suffocating sensation engulfed her, and that got her to struggle as hard as she could. Mustering her strength, she pushed Levant as far away as she could.

After that, Nicole took a deep breath and yelled, "You've gone overboard, Levant!" With that, she walked away in a huff.

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Evan's expression darkened, and his eyes turned bloodshot.

He felt conflicted and was at a loss. On one hand, he wanted to get close to Nicole, but on the other, he was worried about Nicole getting confused and falling for Levant.

Evan clenched his fist. In a fit of frustration, he slammed his fist into the wall.

That slam hit something in the dark, and a secret passageway revealed itself some distance away. A bright light illuminated the space, and the two adults simultaneously turned towards the source.

What is a door doing there? Is that the exit?

Nicole hurried over, and Evan followed closely behind.

The place wasn't spacious, but it contained several weird containers. Nicole and Evan checked the place out curiously.

Nicole reached out to one of the containers. As soon as she picked it up, the entrance through which they came from closed slowly.

What is going on?

They were both surprised.

"Why did the door suddenly closed by itself? How do we get out now?"

Evan scanned their surroundings and hypothesized that there had to be a secret lever or button somewhere.

"For now, let's open the box and see what's inside."

Nicole nodded and opened the container only to find a medical book placed inside.

The book looked old, and it was almost as if it was an antique.

Nicole started flipping through it and soon saw the medicine used to make someone lose their memories. That got her to recall how she once lost her memories while being in the Wicked Palace.

She turned to "Levant" and growled, "So this is how you gave me amnesia."

Evan fell silent for he did not know what to reply. The real Levant was the one that gave Nicole amnesia, and Evan had nothing to do with that. Besides, Evan wasn't even sure if her amnesia had anything to do with the book in her hand.

"The book also mentions hypnotism and ways to turn others crazy, and..."

Nicole started mumbling as she read the book, she noticed that most of its content was linked to hurting others. The more she read, the angrier she got. In the end, she tossed the book into the box and exclaimed, "This book is basically designed to bring chaos. We might as well just set it on fire."

"There has to be a reason it was kept safe and passed down for generations, so let's put it back for now."

Nicole gave it some thought. She assumed that “Levant” was simply reluctant to destroy an antique that had been in the Wicked Palace for ages, so she sighed. She later put the book back in its place before checking out the other boxes in there.

They opened every single box before Nicole finally massaged her shoulders and sighed. “These are all random paintings and doesn’t look like it’s worth much. Should we get a few out of storage and sell them? Let’s see if they’ll fetch a good price.”

Evan was surprised as well.

The paintings they found weren’t created by famous artists, but it didn’t look like it was painted by amateurs either. Some of the paintings were just strange symbols, so it was likely that a secret was hidden within them.

That being said, those were the Wicked Palace’s secret, so he wasn’t interested in deciphering them. The most important thing to do right now is to get out of here.

Nicole and Evan searched everywhere for the mechanism that would get them out of there but to no avail.

Nicole couldn’t help but sigh. We will starve if we can’t find a way out of this place. We don’t even know if the people in the Wicked Palace and the kids are aware of us being in trouble. Will they come to rescue us?

Meanwhile, the Hidden Masters started worrying upon noticing how Nicole and Evan had been inside the cave for a while.

“They went in this morning, but they haven’t gotten out even though the sun is about to set. Aren’t they hungry?” said Jensen as he stared suspiciously.

“You’re right. Should we go check the situation out?” suggested Jeremy.

John replied, “You guys obviously know nothing about Mr. Seet. He’s probably enjoying his time alone with his wife and forgot all about his hunger.”

The Hidden Masters turned to one another. We’ll let Mr. Seet and Mrs. Seet spend some more time together then.

The quadruplets discussed the matter on their own as well. They later decided to go with John's words. It's not like there are monsters in there, anyway. We'll just give Daddy and Mommy some more time to interact with one another. If they are still trapped when night falls, we'll go in with our torches to search for them.

It was nearly dusk when Nicole's stomach started to grumble in hunger. She was so tired that she didn't even want to move a muscle.

Evan went over and sat by her side so she could lean on him.

Nicole, however, thought that it was a little inappropriate for her to lean on "Levant". She moved away awkwardly. The image of the domineering kiss they shared earlier flashed across her mind and she felt uncomfortable.

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Evan let Nicole have her way when he saw how reluctant she was. He simply got up and continued looking for a way out.

As he examined the place, he kept an eye on Nicole. When he saw that she was getting drowsy, he rushed to her side and pulled her into his embrace.

Being in his embrace created a sense of warmth that Nicole hadn't experienced in a while, so she laid there. She didn't feel like moving away from him anymore. Before she knew it, she had already drifted to sleep.

Evan stared at Nicole as she slept. He held her closer to him and wondered who she was dreaming about as she laid in his arms.

Is she dreaming about me or Levant?

Nicole, if you truly love Levant, then why don't I take you away from Wicked Palace? We'll go to a place where it's just you and me, and I will spend the rest of my life with you while assuming his identity. Will you be okay with that?

Nicole was sleeping soundly, and her arms somehow made their way up to Evan's shoulders. She had a weird dream and reached out to grab hold of something.

She scratched and actually caught something in her hand.

Evan was stunned.

My face... Nicole ripped my mask off! D*mn it. I can't believe how wild this woman is even in her dreams. What do I do if she wakes up and sees my face?

Evan was at a loss when Nicole opened her eyes slowly and woke up groggily.

When she shifted her gaze down, she got the fright of life when she saw the mask that she was holding.

"What the hell is this?"

Nicole turned to look at "Levant" only to see that the man by her side had Evan's face. She was utterly stupefied.

"Y-you... How did you get here?"

Evan stiffened for a moment before putting on a bewildered look as well.

"I don't know. W-What am I doing here?"

Wait, he doesn't know?

Nicole frowned and demanded, "Evan Seet, what the hell is going on?"

Taken aback, it wasn't after a moment when he replied calmly, "I must've traveled through time and space. That must be why I'm here."

Nicole's eyes twitched at the obvious lie.

Oh, f*ck you! Space and time travel? Who are you trying to fool?

Nicole frowned and tried to recall everything that happened when she went into the cave.

Levant was the one who followed me in. How did Evan suddenly show up here?

She then examined the soft, fabric-like item she was holding. She was completely stunned when she realized that it was a mask.

She blinked rapidly as her gaze shifted between Evan's face and the mask she was holding.

She later thought about everything that had happened recently.

Evan hadn't shown up in a while, and lately, when I hung out with Levant, I felt a sense of familiarity when he touched me. Not to mention Levant has also been acting like a hooligan... No way... Is... Oh hell, this is why everything felt so familiar. This, right here, is the d*mn reason!

Nicole turned to glare at Evan. "It's you? The Levant I had been spending time with was you all along?"

Evan simply stared at her without saying a word.

Disbelief shone through on Nicole's face. Evan actually impersonated Levant? No wonder I could feel a sense of familiarity whenever I am with Levant. It's especially obvious when Levant acted like an idiot that was very much like Evan! Turns out it was him all along!

"Wait, if you're impersonating Levant, then where is he? Where is Levant now?"

Fury got ahold of Evan when he saw how anxious Nicole was, so he lied and huffed out, "I killed him."

Nicole's pupils constricted, and she was thunderstruck by his words.

"W-Why did you kill him?"

"He dared to come after my wife, it's only natural that I'll kill him. What? Are you heartbroken to know that he's dead?"

Nicole couldn't bring herself to speak. Her mind was blown, and she could hear a buzzing sound resonating in her head.

Evan killed Levant because of me, which means that I am the reason why Levant is dead!
How could Evan do that?

“Evan Seet, how could you...”

“You want to spend the rest of your life with him and have been working hard to build a rapport with him. Are you disappointed to see my face and know that your plans have failed?”

Evan’s words got Nicole thinking.

Am I disappointed? I should be. But, when I saw his face, I felt a sliver of joy in addition to the shock and surprise. It was like I had been missing him and wanting to see him! Nicole Lane, you’re supposed to hate him. You should hate him.