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"What?" shrieked Sophia.

Childhood trauma would affect a person's entire life, and Sophia refused to let that happen to her precious grandsons.

She looked worried when she turned to her two precious grandsons. She reached out to wipe their tears off and cooed, "Don't cry. It's going to be okay. Grandma will chase the big, bad wolf away and make sure that your daddy will never be with her, okay?"

"Really, grandma? Are you sure?"

"Of course."

Juan sniffed a little more. His tiny hand moved to his brother's back before he secretly gave Davin a thumbs up.

Davin enjoyed receiving that compliment. He had been waiting for Sophia to crush Sylphiette, ever since Sophia claimed that she would. However, Sophia hadn't done anything since, and Davin was tired of waiting for the show to begin.

Yes, the show is finally starting!

Sophia peeled her mask off and packed up a little before she changed into a classic, rich lady outfit and tied her hair up nicely. She had the two kids get into the car, and they hurried over to Rose Garden.

Davin was there for the show, and the more out-of-control things get, the more entertaining the show would be. Hence, he shared his ideas while driving everyone over.

"Mom, that Sylphiette can really put on a show, and it looks like you'd have to be strategic to see her true colors."

"Strategic?" murmured Sophia, who went quiet for a while. She then added, "Stop beating around the bush and share your plan if you have one."

"Well..." said Davin before he shared and explained his plan.

"Will that really work?" asked Sophia. She wasn't sure then.

"It'll definitely work."

Davin's confidence shone through, and Sophia decided to do as he asked after a while.

The car drove to Rose Garden, and Davin got out of the car with the kids.

"We're counting on you boys."

Juan nodded firmly while Kyle shot Davin a distant look. The two kids later followed him into the Rose Garden.

Sylphiette's good mood turned sour when she saw Davin there with the kids.

She didn't bother hiding her distaste, so she shot one look at them before she ignored them and turned around to go back to her room.

Davin was secretly amused. I knew it! This b*tch only puts up an act when it suits her. I know her true self, and the kids are not close to her, so she didn't even bother to act nice. Perfect! Let's show everyone your true colors. "Shouldn't you at least greet us when you see us? We're guests, after all."

Sylphiette paused and turned around to face Davin. She crossed her arm and looked hateful when she said, "This is not a place where everyone is welcomed."

"You know, I never understand why my brother would suddenly be interested in a woman like you."

That question got Sylphiette's heart to skip a beat. Her eyes shone with a hint of guilt. She couldn't afford to let Davin know the truth, or she would lose everything she had.

She kept her mouth shut and refused to answer that question to be safe.

Davin was observant, and he caught the guilt in her eyes. The more reluctant she was to speak up, the more suspicious Davin was of her.

"How about this? We'll make a deal. You will satisfy my curiosity, and I will do you a favor."

Sylphiette scoffed, "You're overthinking it. Evan likes me from the bottom of his heart, and that is the kind of love that cannot be explained or controlled."

Davin put on a disgusted look after hearing what Sylphiette said.

"Pfft, my brother fell in love with a piece of trash for no reason? Now, why don't I believe that?"

"W-who are you calling trash?" said Sylphiette with bulged eyes. It was obvious that she was about to lose it.

Davin sneered at her before turning to Kyle and Juan. "I'll go to the study room to see if your daddy is there. You guys wait right here and don't move, okay?"

The two little ones nodded.

Davin had just left when Sylphiette turned her attention to the kids. Her lips curved into a satanic grin.

"You're here for your daddy?"

Juan nodded like he is a good kid.

Sylphiette then added, "Why are you looking for him?"

"We want to ask him to let mommy move back in."

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Sylphiette's eyes glowed with uncertainty. She had done so much to chase Nicole out of the house, and those two idiots want to reverse all that? No freaking way!

"You two shouldn't talk to your daddy about that. He won't let your mommy move back in. Also, remember how your daddy spanked you and locked you in the room to have you think about what you did? He will hit you again if you mention your mommy."

"No, he won't. Daddy loves us, and he won't hurt us!"

"He already did, didn't he? Never talk about your mommy in front of him again, or he will lock you both up and beat you so much that your butt will bleed. I'm saying this for your sake, understand?"

The two kids turned to one another before they cried simultaneously.

Sylphiette was surprised by that. Those two kids had always been ridiculously brave and had pulled pranks on her time and again. So why are they crying so pitifully all of a sudden?

Were they frightened by what I said? Dang it. They are crying too loudly. What if Evan came out and saw all that? How am I going to explain everything?

Sylphiette quickly cooed the kids, but nothing worked. She got so nervous that she threatened them harshly.

"Stop crying or I will throw you into the pond and drown you!"

Juan and Kyle cried even louder upon hearing that. Grandma must be able to hear it, right? We're so loud.

"Y-you're doing this on purpose, aren't you? Shut up right now or I will throw you into the pond!"

"Who do you think you are to throw my babies into the pond?" roared a strict voice suddenly, and that surprised Sylphiette.

She turned around and saw Sophia fuming as she ran over.

Why is she suddenly here? How much of that did she hear?

Sylphiette's heart shivered.

"H-hi, what brings you here, Mrs. Seet? I was just playing and joking with the kids."

Sylphiette was terrified, and she didn't even dare to speak too loudly. Her heart felt like it was stuck in her throat at the time.

"A joke? Who the hell do you think you are? How dare you joke about these things with my grandkids?" demanded Mrs. Seet as she glared over.

"M-my name is Sylphiette, and I am Evan's..."

"You're his nothing! Evan... that is not how you should address him!"

Sylphiette had long heard about how Evan's mother was direct and powerful. To top it off, it was said that Evan's mother showed no mercy, and it looked like the rumors were true.

What do I do now? How do I fix our relationship that got off on the wrong foot?

Sylphiette honestly couldn't think of anything at that moment, and she knelt down under the pressure.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Seet, please don't be mad."

That sudden act surprised Sophia. She didn't expect that woman to be able to adapt that well. No wonder my son is conned.

Evan and Davin got out of the study room at that moment and saw that. Both men were flabbergasted.

Davin secretly gasped. Holy... Mom really is something else. She got that woman down on her knees right after showing up!

Evan was surprised too. He rushed over and asked Sylphiette what was going on.

Sylphiette's eyes shone with tears, and she looked pitiful when she turned to Evan, then to Sophia. Sylphiette then acted weak and claimed that she was wrong to have made such a terrible joke.

"You wanted to throw us into the pond and drown us."

"She did! Such a witch!"

Juan and Kyle chimed in strategically, and that got Sylphiette to panic. She quickly explained, "Evan, I was worried that you'd be burdened by it, so I asked them not to talk about Nicole. I wasn't actually going to throw them into the pond. That was just a joke."

Evan's eyes shone with a complex emotion when he heard Nicole's name.

Sophia couldn't be bothered to watch the woman act, so she immediately requested, "Shut up already. Rose Garden is not for woman like you, so leave!"

"Evan, I-I don't want to leave you."

Evan shifted his gaze to Sylphiette, who looked pitiful at the time, and asked his mother to let it go just that once.

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"Evan, have you gone nuts? How could you let someone like that stay?"

"Mom, s-she must stay."

"Seriously, Evan, what do you see in her? Ask yourself and be honest. Do you really love her?"

It doesn't matter if I love her. I made a promise that I cannot break.

Davin had his eyes on Evan, and the former could tell that the latter was hiding something.

"That is none of your business. She must stay."

Evan's persistence infuriated Sophia, and she demanded an explanation.

Sylphiette saw how troubled Evan was, and she was worried that he would tell them the truth. Once he shared the secret, Davin and Sophia will surely spare no expense investigating the matter. If the truth is discovered...

"Evan, I don't want to put you in an awkward position. I'll leave. I'll leave right now..." said Sylphiette, before she stood up and dashed out while crying.

"Shouldn't you pack your stuffs?" asked Davin as he glared from behind.

She should pack and leave without looking back like Nicole did. That was true determination.

Dragging your feet and putting on an act like that. It's obvious you want Evan to chase after you.

To everyone's surprise, Sylphiette didn't wait for Evan to chase after her before *Crack!* Sylphiette fell onto the floor.

"Ah, my leg. My leg hurts so much!"

That was when Davin realized that Sylphiette never wanted Evan to chase after her. She fell deliberately so she couldn't move out. That was her true intention and how she planned on staying.

Huh, that is a pretty good trick. Evil, but good.

As expected, Evan rushed over to check on her. Sylphiette acted as if she couldn't move and was weak and in pain.

She is pretty good at acting weak.

Exasperated, Evan had the maid help Sylphiette into the room, then call the family doctor over to check on Sylphiette.

That whole incident got Sophia fuming.

Davin chimed in from the side, "Mom, I have an idea. Let's get the production company to sign a contract with her and make her an actress. She doesn't even need a script to act well."

Sophia turned around and scoffed, "How is that good acting? She is just too dumb to realize that everyone could see through her act. I find it so strange. Why would your brother be into a woman like that?"

"Mom, I think Evan has another reason for letting her stay."

Davin asked Evan if he loved Sylphiette, and the way Evan avoided eye contact suggested that his feelings for Sylphiette weren't genuine.

Davin's findings intrigued Sophia, and she asked what was troubling Evan.

"I'm investigating it. Give me a couple more days."

Sophia sighed.

Evan was persistent in letting Sylphiette stay, and Sylphiette's supposed fall made it seemed like it was impossible for her to walk. Given the situation, it was not wise for Sophia to chase Sylphiette away at that moment.

If Sophia pushed any more, she would risk damaging her relationship with her son, which would in turn push him further towards Sylphiette.

Their only option was to wait until Davin learn the secret before they attack accordingly.

Having concluded that, Sophia turned to Juan and Kyle before suggesting, "Follow grandma back home. This is not a good place for the two of you now, and you can return after she has left."

Sophia was worried about leaving her two grandkids there. *The consequences would be devastating if Sylphiette traumatizes the kids further or do something bad to them.*

"Then when will she leave daddy?"

"That would depend on how good your Uncle Davin is at his job."

"Me?" blurted Davin as he pointed at his own nose.

"Yes, you. We can only move forward after you discover the secret, so you must hurry."

Davin sighed deeply before nodding.

Juan stepped forward and acted like he was an adult when he encouraged Davin, "You can do it, Uncle Davin."

Davin gave the kid a thumbs up.

Kyle, on the other hand, stared coolly at Davin. His tiny face was serious when he informed, "This is your shot to prove yourself. Don't disappoint grandma."

Kyle's cool style got Davin to punch his own chest and promised, "Don't worry. I will go investigate the matter right away."

Davin turned to head to Evan's room.

He had only taken a few steps before Sophia called out, "Drive us home first. The stench of a pretentious vixen is too heavy in here, and I'm getting a headache."

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After saying her piece, Sophia held Juan and Kyle's hands before walking out.

Juan inhaled deeply before turning to Kyle and asked, "Why can't I smell anything?" Also, is there something wrong with my nose?

Kyle sniffed around too, "I don't smell anything."

Davin chuckled aloud.

"You two rug rats are hungry, aren't you? Alright, I will get you some barbequed fox today, and the two of you can pretend that meat is the woman. Tear into that flesh and vent out all your anger."

Sophia glared over at Davin and reminded him, "That is too graphic for the kids. Let's have hotpot today, and we'll get a variety of meat, not just barbequed fox. How's that?"

The two kids were ecstatic to hear that.

Juan suddenly thought of Maya, and how happy she would be if she were there with them.

He pictured Maya eating so much that her face was all smudged, and her round, little tummy would bulge like a cute piggy. That got him to giggle while covering his lips.

He missed them when he couldn't hang out with them all the time.

I wonder what they're doing now.

Nina was putting make-up on a figurine at the time when she suddenly sneezed. Maya immediately got Nina a piece of tissue.

"Thank you."

"You're welcome."

Nicole smiled as she watched her children played together nicely.

Her phone rang up at the very next second, and she checked the screen to see that it was from Rocky.

She accepted the call.

Rocky invited Nicole out for dinner. He suggested a restaurant nearby. It served unique dishes that the kids would love.

Rocky had been a great help to Nicole, so she didn't feel right rejecting his invitation. Besides, she thought she would pay for dinner as a gesture of appreciation.

"I'll go pick you girls up. I should be there in about twenty minutes."

"Alright."

The two kids were delighted to hear that they were eating out that night.

Maya was especially happy, and she jumped around gleefully. She completely ignored her plump tummy showing itself and dancing in the air.

Nina looked exasperated and turned away as if she was too annoyed to say anything.

Nicole walked to Maya and helped her cover her tummy up.

"Maya, let's go change into another outfit, okay?"

Maya stared at the tiny shirt that could barely keep her tummy concealed. She sighed.

The floral print shirt was her favorite.

She reached out and touched her chubby face before saying, "Mommy, I think I should really lose some weight."

"Alright, then we'll eat less."

"Okay," agreed Maya as she nodded.

Nina's eyes bulged as she stared at Maya.

Nina was convinced that Maya's sudden desire to lose weight would definitely be defeated by her incredible appetite.

Twenty minutes later.

Rocky showed up on time, and Nicole got the two kids into the car before they headed to Amazon Hotel.

The night was as chilly as ice.

Evan seemed gloomy when he sat inside his Rolls-Royce. He kept thinking about how Davin had asked him if he truly loved Sylphiette.

Do I really love her?

Evan lit up a cigarette.

The smoke parted, and when it brushed past him, it highlighted the pride in his handsome face and the sorrow in his eyes.

He took a deep breath and thought about what Sylphiette had said earlier.

"Evan, your mom doesn't like me. What do we do if she insists on chasing me away and make me leave? I don't want to leave you. I honestly don't! I've always

seen you as my future, and you promised. Back then, you promised that you will keep me safe for the rest of my life, Evan."

Back then...

Why can't I feel the way I felt before? What's the problem? Is it because the silly little girl from all those years ago had changed? Or am I the problem?

Nicole's beautiful face suddenly popped up in Evan's mind when he thought about the girl. The way Nicole looked at him, her smile, her frowns... everything was memorable.

Why am I thinking about that woman again?

Evan slammed on the steering wheel. He was even more frustrated, and he tossed the cigarette out of his car before he stepped on the gas.

The neon lights shone brightly under the dark sky that night.

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The colorful lights did little to chase the sorrow in Evan's heart away. At that moment, Evan felt like he was engulfed in endless loneliness.

He drove around mindlessly. He didn't know where to go or what to do. All he knew was that he wanted to get rid of the frustration and stress inside him.

His phone suddenly rang up, and when he saw that the call was from Kyle, he immediately picked it up.

"Daddy, are you free?"

"Is something wrong?"

"Mommy went to Amazon Hotel. Juan called Maya earlier, and she told him that. You should go check the place out. Rocky is there with them."

Is Kyle spying for me? What does Nicole's whereabouts have to do with me?

Evan didn't reply, so Kyle added, "Good luck, daddy, and don't worry. Mommy likes you."

Evan frowned with suspicion after hanging the call up.

Nicole likes me?

Evan was frowning, but his lips had instinctively curved into a smile.

Why did that woman go to Amazon Hotel with Rocky? Are they on a date? Perhaps a dinner date?

Well, I haven't had my dinner yet... and I'm a little hungry... I think I'll go over for dinner...

Evan gripped the steering wheel and made a U-turn before he sped towards Amazon Hotel.

"Mommy, I want some fish," requested Maya in her baby voice as she handed Nicole her plate. Nicole got two fillets for her before placing the plate by Maya's side. Maya stared at the ridiculously little portion of fish. Her chubby finger pointed at them as she pouted. She looked displeased as she stole a glance at her mommy.

Maya's annoyed gaze were basically screaming, Why am I getting so little fish? It's my favorite!

Rocky caught that look, so he quickly placed some more fish in front of Maya and said, "Here, this is all for you."

Maya's beautiful eyes glowed as brightly as the stars. She said, "Thank you, Uncle Rocky." After that, she couldn't be bothered to say anything more before she dug in.

"Didn't you say that you want to lose weight? Looks like your desire to keep fit is nothing compared to your desire for food."

Maya was stunned after hearing Nina's murmurs. The former put half of her portion of fish onto another plate before handing the plate to Nina. "You should have some too," offered Maya.

After that, Maya tossed a dirty look towards Nina. She's always complaining about how much I eat. It's not like I ate her portion, and the fat isn't growing on her body, so why must she be so naggy and irritating?

Nicole shot a look at Nina, but Nina was too proud to react to it. The kid simply picked up her glass of juice and drank some.

"The kids are so cute."

"Yeah, and they are so considerate. They always help me whenever and however they can. They're my tiny assistants."

"It's such a bliss to have daughters," commented Rocky as his eyes glowed with envy. Nicole smiled and replied, "You'll have kids in the future too, and I'm certain they'll be cuter than my girls."

Maya suddenly stopped and turned to Nicole after hearing that. She defended herself and her sister. "Mommy, have you ever seen a baby cuter than us?"

Maya's big, round eyes bulged, and her tiny, fuming face was simply too cute!

"She hasn't because that's impossible," answered Nina.

"I know, right?" agreed Maya.

Nicole was speechless.

And so was Rocky.

The two adults looked into each other's eyes and grinned. The kids were arguing just a second ago, but they had since turned into BFFs and working together. My gosh, those tiny things are so cute.

"Uncle Rocky, would you like us to be your daughter?" asked Nina suddenly as her clear eyes shone with diligence.

Rocky was stunned. He shot a look at Nicole and grinned warmly. He spoke as if he was making a promise, "Yes."

Maya thought about her own daddy and got curious. Why ask Uncle Rocky to be our daddy when we already have a daddy of our own?

"Nina, we already have a daddy."

"He is too mean and is not good enough to be our daddy."

"Yes, he is."

"No, he isn't."

"Yes, he is."

The two kids were arguing away when Evan suddenly showed up by the door. His dark gaze landed on the kids.

Everyone in the room was flabbergasted to see him there.

Nina was shocked. She didn't understand why her evil daddy would show up all of a sudden. Did he fly down from the sky or something? Is that why I didn't see him?