

# Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo

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Juan and Kyle could not help but marvel at the latest iPad and Lego.

“This is just so cool!” the boys exclaimed.

A fond smile broke out on Nicole’s face as she gazed at the four kids getting so excited about their new toys.

Beside her, Evan looked at her from the corner of his eyes as he held out a box, waving it in front of her.

Nicole’s eyes glimmered in curiosity as her eyes trailed the exquisite box. She flashed him a coy smile and asked eagerly, “Is this for me? What’s this?”

“Take a guess,” Evan replied playfully.

“Hmm, jewelry?” Nicole asked.

“Nope,” Evan said, shaking his head.

“It must be a watch then,” Nicole guessed confidently.

But still, Evan shook his head.

She scrutinized the box carefully, trying to come up with a good guess. It must be something small enough to fit in this box. Aha! I think I got it! “It’s an accessory!” Nicole clicked her fingers and gave a smart guess.

But she still got it wrong.

Nicole's brows furrowed seeing Evan's reaction. She really could not think of anything else no matter how hard she tried and she gave up in the end.

"Come on, just tell me what's inside! I'm tired of guessing," she cried out.

Evan caved and handed her the box. "Open it then," he said.

Nicole took the box from him and opened it with a suppressed smile on her face. When she finally got to what was inside, she was astonished.

She cocked her head and looked at Evan in surprise.

Why is he giving me this?

Has he found out about it?

"I've waited for years to give it to you," Evan said.

Nicole never expected him to find out that she was the little girl he met when they were kids.

When did he find out about it?

Nicole's mind raced rapidly trying to figure out how did Evan find out it was her. She was completely dumbfounded.

Evan returned her questioning gaze with a warm smile but did not say a word either. Instead, he turned and asked the kids to get ready for their mealtime.

Nicole looked at the red paper ring, and memories came flooding back.

“Tye! You know you need a ring to marry someone, right? You’ll need one if you want to marry me!” the girl said.

“Of course I have a ring,” the boy replied.

“What does the ring look like?” she asked eagerly.

The boy rushed into the house and came back with a red color paper in his hand. He ran to the stone table beneath the rose banner and started folding the paper into a ring with a heart shape on it.

Tye held the ring carefully and went towards Nicole.

“Do you like it?” Tye inquired.

Nicole’s eyes sparkled as she stared at the ring. But before she could reach out and take the ring from his hand, a voice called for her and she frantically crawled back through the hole.

They never met each other again after Nicole left that day.

But life brought them together and their paths crossed after so many years.

Nicole never once expected that she would see this ring again.

Although the color had faded over the years, the ring felt dense in Nicole’s hands. It carried the memories they shared and the time they spent together when they were young.

She went into her bedroom and kept the invaluable ring in a safe place. Just as Nicole was about to step out of her room, she heard Maya calling for her from the dining area and quickly made her way over.

The aroma of delicious Western cuisine wafted out from the kitchen and Nicole wondered if Evan actually cooked, or if he bought some tasty food.

The four kids concertedly attested to their Daddy cooking. They added that Evan had been busy in the kitchen after picking them up from the kindergarten—and he even cooked Nicole’s favorite crab and shrimp.

This was totally unexpected. In fact, Nicole was so overwhelmed she was at a loss for words.

Evan spotted her and let off a slight cough to ease up the situation. “Well, if you’re really touched, I’ll give you a chance to show your gratitude,” he said jokingly.

Nicole rolled her eyes at him. Show my gratitude? I’m just not used to getting special treatment. No, wait, you’re supposed to cook a nice meal for your children. Besides, I’m their mom!

“I’m sorry if you got the wrong idea. I don’t intend to show my gratitude. Also, we’re a family, there’s not a need to be so formal and polite,” Nicole hit back.

She knew Evan would make some outrageous demands if she agreed to thank him.

For a while, Evan was taken aback by her reply. But he shot her a mischievous look after some thought and said, “Of course, we don’t have to be this formal.”

Nicole went speechless. She knew full well what Evan meant when he deliberately emphasized the word ‘formal’.

How informal does he want to be?

Something popped up in Nicole’s mind and her heart skipped a beat. She quickly dismissed the thought and dived into the meal.

After dinner, Evan wanted to help her out with the dishes but Nicole chased him out of the kitchen because she thought he was such a pain in the ass.

He was the president of Seet Group and she did not want to bother him with house chores.

Besides, he took care of the kids today and even made dinner.

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Since Evan was spared from clearing up after dinner, he went to the children and started asking them to get ready for bed.

“But, Daddy, Mommy is not gonna chase you out now. Do we still have to pretend we’re asleep?” Juan asked. The boy did not understand why they had to turn in early tonight.

“Yeah, Daddy! Mommy will see through us if we use the same trick again,” Kyle agreed.

Evan looked at them with a serious look and said, “You’re right. We’d have to try a different trick tonight. Y’all will have to sleep for real this time.”

“What? It’s still so early, Daddy! Why do we have to go to bed so soon?” Juan protested as he rolled around the bed and shook his head.

Likewise, Kyle was unwilling to sleep so early. “We didn’t even have time to play with our new Lego and iPad,” he told Evan. Juan swiftly came up next to Kyle and nodded in agreement.

Evan would definitely not let these two kids ruin his secret agenda. He stared at them and asked, “Do you guys want to go shopping tomorrow? I’ll get y’all new clothes and treat y’all to a nice meal.”

Kyle and Juan exchanged looks and nodded without hesitation.

“Alright then, go to bed early and get a good night’s rest before our adventure tomorrow,” Evan ordered.

So he’s bribing us?

Daddy’s only thinking about spending time with mommy.

What a bad daddy.

Evan knew what they were thinking in their little heads. He flicked them on the forehead and hurried them to bed.

Juan buried himself in the blanket unwillingly and mumbled to himself.

Seeing Juan caved, Kyle knew he could not do anything either. So he sighed and lay down beside Juan, ready to call it a night.

Over in another room, Evan told the girls the same thing.

Maya closed her eyes and kept telling herself that she had to sleep. I’m having good food tomorrow. I’m getting new clothes tomorrow. I need to close my eyes. I need to sleep.

And she really fell asleep in the end.

Beside her, Nina snuggled underneath the blanket with the makeup organizer in her arms.

She really liked her new toy and she thought having a Daddy was not a bad idea after all.

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Nicole was surprised to see all the four kids sound asleep when she came out of the kitchen.

But seeing Juan wriggling in the blanket like a worm and Kyle staring into the ceiling blankly, Nicole knew instantly that Evan was up to something.

She went to the living room and questioned Evan. "Why did you tuck them in this early?"

"So they won't get in our way," Evan replied nonchalantly.

"Whatever," Nicole said before heading for her bedroom with her pajamas.

But Evan quickly followed her into her room. He locked the door behind him and turned towards Nicole before she could even react.

Nicole looked at him uncomfortably and said awkwardly, "You staying over tonight?"

"Why not?" Evan asked.

"You know we're not married yet," Nicole replied.

"You're our kids' Mommy, and I'm their Daddy. We don't have to be married," Evan said unapologetically.

"You're unbelievable," Nicole mumbled. She was not interested in having a debate with him. So she turned and went into the bathroom to change.

But before she could close the bathroom door behind her, Evan stuck his agile arm in and poked his head around the door.

"I hope you don't mind us bathing together. It saves both time and water," Evan suggested.

Nicole raised her brows at his tenuous statement and yelled, "I do mind, a lot!"

"Oh, really? It's okay, cause I don't mind," Evan said.

He made his way into the bathroom without waiting for a response.

Seriously. This guy is brazenly shameless!

Nicole looked around disconcertedly, thinking what she should do next. But Evan reached for the showerhead and hot water started pouring out into the bathtub. The whole bathroom became damp and foggy in no time, and hot air filled the small space.

Evan took off his clothes and suddenly remembered something. He tilted his head towards her and said, "From what I remember, you're more than willing to help me shower."

"What?" Nicole crossed her brows and cried out.

"You even asked the kids to snap pictures of me naked," Evan reminded her.

Why is he bringing this up now? Is he for real?

"That wasn't what I wanted them to do! I wanted to..."

"It's okay, we can do whatever you want tonight," Evan interjected in a suggestive tone before she could explain herself.

Evan pulled Nicole close and his strong arms enveloped her securely, leaving her with no room for escape. He peered into her eyes intensely, compelling her to stay still.

"Don't move," he said commandingly.

His deep and magnetic voice suffocated her like a spell and his breath tingled across her delicate skin.

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Nicole wanted to break free before she lost herself under his spell, but Evan's grip tightened around her and she knew there was no way she could get away.

He drummed his fingers against her back and started undressing her slowly.

A shade of pink spread on her plump cheeks and her heart started beating faster.

Before Nicole could even get her head around what was happening, Evan had stripped her and she was left exposed before him.

She stole a glance at Evan as she sensed his piercing look on her naked body. The way he gazed at her was full of affection, love, and longing.

He leaned down and scooped her up in his arms before gently putting her down in the bathtub.

“Is the temperature okay?” Evan asked, dabbing some water on her skin.

“Yeah,” she replied softly with a slight nod.

Nicole closed her eyes as Evan joined her in the bathtub and she surrendered herself to him.

Under the muted lights dimmed by the heavy and heaty mist, two fluttering shadows intertwined rhythmically and danced passionately into the long and steamy night.

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A new day arrived as the sun showered generously on the huge bed.

Nicole felt the bright rays tickling her eyelids and her lashes quivered slightly. She gradually opened her eyes and wanted to stretch herself awake. But her whole body felt sore and wasted.

She let out a grunt and turned her head to look at Evan. But the spot next to her was already empty.

Nicole could hear Maya and Nina fighting over toys from her room.

She could also hear Evan's deep voice reprimanding them, saying “Keep it low, girls. Mommy is still sleeping!”

Maya pouted her lips in dissatisfaction. "Now we can't even talk because Mommy is sleeping."

"Yeah! Why is she still not awake? Didn't you say we're going out today?" Nina asked.

"Enough questions. Go back to your room and let Mommy rest. We're not going anywhere if she's not well-rested," Evan instructed.

Evan was being unreasonable and the two girls glared at him angrily.

But Evan shot them an intimidating glare and the two went back to their room without another word.

Nicole smiled sweetly as she listened to them from her bed. It had been a long time since she slept in.

The last time she got to get a long night's rest was also because of Evan.

He really pampered her like a queen.

But Nicole still got out of the bed and washed up. After getting a change, she went out only to find Evan making breakfast in the kitchen.

She offered to help but he asked her to go check on the kids instead.

"Go take a look at the kids. They were looking for you after they woke up. They were afraid I did something nasty to you," Evan said with a sly smile on his face.

"Huh?" Nicole looked at him with questioning eyes.

"Yeah, I let them sneak a peek and they finally agreed to go back to their rooms after seeing you were asleep," Evan explained.

Aw! These babies are so adorable.

She quickly went into Kyle and Juan's room. The two boys leaped off their bed and ran towards her when they saw Nicole at their door.

“Mommy, are you okay?” they inquired worriedly.

“Mommy is okay,” Nicole replied patiently.

Maya and Nina also came into the room when they heard Nicole’s voice.

“Mommy, we will protect you if Daddy bullies you,” the kids said.

Nicole smiled embarrassedly as she recalled what happened yesterday. The kids must have misunderstood.

“Mommy is okay, don’t worry. Let’s go and have breakfast,” she told the kids.

The lot followed Nicole to the dining area and each of them took their respective seats, waiting to taste the delicious food their Daddy made.

They quickly finished breakfast and implored Evan to bring them on an outing. Evan threw the ball to Nicole and asked where should they go.

Since they will be meeting the Seet family tomorrow, Nicole figured they should go shopping and get some new clothes first. She needed to make sure everyone looked their best.

Maya and Nina were the most excited among the kids. Their jaw dropped as they walked into a grand and luxurious shopping mall. They looked at the plethora of colorful and fine clothing in the shops and wanted to get some for themselves too.

“Daddy, where is the children’s section? We want to get some pretty clothes too,” the two girls said, clinging to Evan.

“We’ll go get clothes for the both of you later. Let mommy get hers first, okay?” Evan replied.

Maya and Nina nodded understandingly. They knew Mommy always had the first place in Daddy’s heart.

Maya went through the beautiful clothes, checking each of them out carefully before turning to Evan.

“Daddy, aren’t these clothes expensive? I’ll just go get cheaper ones,” she told Evan quietly.

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Evan was pleased that Maya was more understanding and empathetic for a kid of her age.

But he looked at her lovingly and said, “It’s okay, Maya. You can get whatever you like.”

“Yeah, Maya, Uncle Davin owns this mall, so feel free to choose anything you like,” Juan added.

Maya was surprised and exclaimed, “Wow, Uncle Davin must be really rich then!”

Kyle scoffed and said, “Well, Uncle Davin is the poorest in the Seet family. Our Daddy’s the richest man in the family!”

Maya listened to him and nodded as if she could comprehend what Kyle was saying. All she knew was that Daddy sounded really wealthy.

She rolled her eyes around and finally said, “Alright then! I’ll buy three pretty clothes today!” Maya turned towards Nina and gestured a “three” with her cute little fingers as smiled at her happily.

“Just three?” Nina asked with an unimpressed face.

They heard the crowd buzzing and mumbling just as they arrived at the women’s section.

The children hastened their little steps to see what was going on. Evan and Nicole quickly followed behind.

As they were approaching the crowd, a sarcastic voice rang in their ears.

“Oh my gosh, look at this girl. She thinks she can be a princess by wearing all these classy clothes. She’s delusional!” someone from the crowd commented.

“I know right? She’s just an ugly duckling trying to act like she’s actually a swan! She needs a reality check,” another woman agreed.

“Don’t tell me she dreams of marrying a prince! More like she should marry a frog!” a random stranger added.

“Seriously, she should focus on changing that face of hers instead of buying clothes,” yet another lady remarked.

Maya and Nina shifted their gaze to the subject of those unabashed criticisms.

In the middle of the crowd stood a plump and short woman, and she had a birthmark on her face.

It was true that her beauty was unconventional.

Her apparel was plain and down to earth—which was probably why she came to such a high-end shopping mall to get a makeover.

She fixed her eyes on the ground trying to avoid eye contact with anyone as she fidgeted away nervously. It was conspicuous that she was trying her best to hold in her tears—as if she did something wrong.

“Why doesn’t she just leave?” Maya asked, looking at Evan.

“Yeah, she should run away,” Nina agreed.

But Evan looked at them and said, “Why should she leave?”

“Cause they will only laugh at her,” Nina replied.

“Yes, Daddy. She must be really sad because everyone is making fun of her,” Maya said.

“Is it her fault that she’s born this way? Doesn’t she have the right to buy the clothes she wants regardless of her looks?” Evan threw them a few questions.

Maya and Nina thought in silence.

Evan bent down and explained, “We don’t get to decide our looks. So this woman didn’t do anything wrong, to begin with. On the contrary, it’s those people who jeered at her, those people who judged her based on her appearance are the ones at fault. They shouldn’t walk all over her and treat her like she’s less of a human. They are the ones who should leave.”

Nina reflected on Evan’s words and thought he was right.

As for Maya, she nodded in agreement as she recalled what her teacher taught her in school—she should never make fun of other people.

“Yes, Daddy. We understood. We won’t laugh at people or judge them anymore,” the girls softly.

“Daddy knows you both are good kids,” Evan assured them, giving each of them a pat on the shoulder.

Nina slowly made her way to the woman and pulled her gently at the hand.

“Don’t be sad, I can help you do some makeup,” Nina said earnestly.

The woman looked at her shyly, not knowing what to reply.

“Trust me, I can give you a makeover,” Nina tried persuading her.

The woman hesitated and finally gave in.

Nina leaped in joy and ran to Nicole, asking for her makeup bag. She took a look at the woman’s face and started putting foundation on her face.

The people who previously sneered at the women started talking among themselves.

“She’s just a kid, does she even know anything about makeup?”

“I bet she’s gonna look even worse after ‘makeup’.”

Nina disregarded these nasty comments and focused on doing makeup for the woman. Her hands moved adroitly as she switched between the brushes and palettes, just as how she always did at home.

Ten minutes later, the crowd was amazed at how the woman looked after makeup.

Although she did not become a superstar instantly, she did look a lot more beautiful.

The birthmark was completely covered and her eyes looked a lot bigger. Her features became more prominent after contouring as well.

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Even the woman was shocked when she looked at herself in the mirror.

“Is this really me?” she cried out.

“Of course! You’re still you,” Nina assured her.

The woman looked at her face and thanked Nina tearfully.

“Your makeup skills are really impressive! Could you teach me how to do it?”

Nina agreed readily.

It was her pleasure to help other people enhance their looks.

She even gave the woman her name and her contact number, just in case she wanted to know more about makeup.

Seeing Nina agreeing to help the woman, those who made fun of her earlier on also came over, asking Nina to give them some makeup advice.

“You’re such a sweet girl, could you teach us as well?”

“Yeah, me too!”

Nina shot them a glare and said arrogantly, “Sorry, I don’t have time for people with questionable character.”

She stood up immediately and walked away holding Nicole’s hand.

Looking at his little girl, Evan smiled proudly and followed after them.

This little girl is the perfect blend of Nicole and my character.

A true Seet indeed!

The family continued their shopping spree and Evan bought everything Nicole had her eyes on.

They bought so much Nicole felt bad for Evan and the kids for having to carry all the shopping bags.

“Let’s get something for the kids,” Nicole said.

Kyle and Juan said they would pass because they already had enough clothes.

As for Maya, she reminded them saying she would only need three.

Nina, on the other hand, decided to go all out since Daddy had lots of money.

Maya picked three shirts with cartoons on them, while Nina picked some classy and more mature apparel.

Maya stole a look at Nina's picks and wanted to have something similar too, so she went back and selected some more lady-like clothes.

But unfortunately, she could not fit in those clothes and could only fall back on her original options.

Nina looked at her and said, "See, I told you to keep your weight in check. Now you can't even wear the clothes you like."

Maya glared at her and puffed her cheeks out like a chubby chipmunk.

Evan came over and told her that he could have those clothes tailor-made if Maya wanted.

Her little eyes glittered in hope and she gave Evan a wide smile, thinking about how pretty she would look in those clothes.

"Thank you, Daddy," Maya said sweetly.

"Hey there! Nice to see all of you!" A man's voice came from behind.

"Uncle Davin!" Maya shouted in surprise.

"What a nice little girl. Just pick whatever you want, it's on me," Davin said.

"She doesn't like any of these. Can she have them tailor-made instead?" Evan asked.

"Tailor-made?" Davin raised an eyebrow.

The shopping mall was huge and they had a variety of trendy children's apparel. Davin was surprised Maya could not find anything fitting to her taste.

This little girl is really picky!

But since Evan asked, Davin had no other choice but to say yes.

"This is their first time here, I hope you don't mind us picking a few items at liberty," Evan said courteously.

Davin forced a grin and nodded tensely as he looked at all the shopping bags Evan was carrying in his hands. Seriously, dude, those are all branded stuff! Man, look at all the things the kids got.

Wait, that's not all!?

Davin's eyes narrowed as he spotted the shopping bags Juan tied to his waist.

Gosh, I'm getting ripped!

They aren't even going easy on me!

Davin could tell Evan had got a good taste from his choices. Judging from all the designer brands and limited edition items they chose, the total could easily go beyond a million.

Davin's heart wrenched at the figure but he had to fake a smile. "No, of course. I don't mind. Feel free to pick whatever you like," he said grudgingly.

Looking at Davin's reluctant reaction, Nicole thought Davin was really the poorest among the Seet family.

Meanwhile, Davin started planning on a way to get back at them after the family bid him goodbye.

