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Maya didn't say anything.

She turned to the empty room, then to the empty closet. I'm not really in a position to say anything right now. Daddy has already gone out of his way to show me that there's no one else in here. That means that either I made a mistake, or that person has already hidden really well. There's no point in asking under either circumstance.

"Oh, then rest well, daddy."

"Okay."

After Maya left, Evan closed the door and locked it before he headed into the washroom.

Nicole stared. An awkward smile crept up on her lips.

Evan frowned and demanded, "It's late. Why did you sneak into my room?"

Nicole's lips never said a word but the gears in her head were turning. I came in to check your pulse. I want to estimate when your poison will act up again, and learn how long you can survive.

Nicole hesitated for a moment before she forced a grin on and lied, "Mr. Seet, I-I was sleepwalking and went into the wrong room."

Evan narrowed his eyes. "Sleepwalking? So you're dreaming?" asked Evan as he approached her slowly and dangerously.

Nicole backed away. She didn't know what Evan's words meant, nor did she know what he was thinking.

"Well, since you're dreaming, then let's do it together."

What the hell? I-is he saying that he wants to sleep with me?

Nicole hadn't even really registered what Evan was saying before he dragged her into his arms. She struggled for a bit. She couldn't break free, but her eyes soon shone with inspiration, so she asked, "Mr. Seet, you're still not sure whether I am your wife, so it's a little inappropriate for you to treat me this way, isn't it?"

"I'm only acting this way because you served yourself up on a silver platter. Besides, now's the perfect time to prove your words," replied Evan. He picked her up immediately after and walked to their bed to lay her down gently on the soft bed. Seconds later, he was on top of her.

Nicole thought something was amiss. She laid in Evan's arms and could feel his heart thumping quickly and healthily. The way he held her and kissed her showed that he was strong as well. There was no sign of him being poisoned, and it didn't seem like his life was hanging by a thread.

What's going on?

"Evan Seet, y-you weren't poisoned, were you?" asked Nicole as she reached out to grab Evan's wrist. She was going to check his pulse.

Shoot! The situation will be bad if Nicole realizes that I have been lying to her. I...

Evan coughed profusely and spoke breathlessly, "I gave it my all earlier. Don't make any sudden moves, or I will honestly break down."

Nicole couldn't speak.

He does sound weak.

Nicole then pushed him as hard as she could, and Evan deliberately stumbled backward, then fell onto the floor.

Evan turned to Nicole, who was still lying on the bed, and demanded, "You pushed me so mercilessly even after I told you that I am weak? Did you come to my room in the middle of the night to try to hurt me?"

Nicole was speechless.

What the hell? The old saying was wrong. Karma doesn't exist, and that is why my kind intentions were being repaid with accusations. Darn it, I came just to check his pulse but end up being accused of attempted murder! Gah, this is so wrong.

"Quit bullsh\*tting. I was sleepwalking and went into the wrong room."

"Did you though?" asked Evan as he got up with "great difficulty" then walked toward her.

Nicole could tell that he was fine, so she quickly left his bedroom. A soft slam later, the door to the bedroom was closed.

Evan's lips curved into a mischievous grin. He checked his own pulse and concluded that it was indeed showing how healthy he was. Nicole will definitely figure out that I am faking everything if she checks my pulse.

The important question is this, though. Did Nicole sneak into my room in the middle of the night because she suspects that I am not poisoned? Or did she do so purely because she was worried? Looks like I will have to be more careful.

With Maya's nutritious meals helping Nicole, the latter's appetite got better, but her health remained poor.

Under normal circumstances, improved appetite usually led to improved health, but Nicole still looked restless and sickly.

Evan got worried, so he called the doctor over when Maya left for her culinary class.

Nicole was cooperative when the doctor dropped by to examine her body. She wanted to become healthier because that'd allow her to see her kids and care for Evan.

After the examination, the doctor stared at her and advised her to rest well. Adequate sleep was crucial for her.

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Nicole nodded cooperatively before she asked about Evan's health.

"Mr. Seet? He's perfectly fine," answered the doctor as he put his medical equipment away.

Perfectly fine?

"Isn't he poisoned and is in critical condition? How is that perfectly fine?"

The doctor didn't say anything.

Poisoned? Mr. Seet was poisoned? Why am I unaware of that?

"You don't need to lie to me. I know everything, doctor. Evan is poisoned and is gravely ill..."

The doctor was stunned.

The confused doctor didn't dare to say anything, so he lied about going to check on Evan before he left Nicole's room.

When the doctor saw Evan, the former asked nervously, "Mr. Seet, are you poisoned?"

"No."

"Then why did your wife...?"

Evan shot a look at the butler, and that got the butler to explain the situation to the doctor. After learning everything, the doctor's anxiety finally ceased.

However, before the doctor left, he warned Evan, "Mr. Seet, I think you should let your wife know the truth about your health as soon as possible. She's worried, and that disrupted her sleep which is bad for her health."

Evan couldn't speak.

He took the time to consider the situation. I was so focused on keeping her by my side that I neglected her feelings. I really shouldn't have kept her in the dark. The only question now is this. How do I get her to keep staying here even after she learned the truth?

Evan started scheming.

Maya didn't go back to the Imperial Garden after her culinary class. Instead, she stayed in the cafe and mindlessly swirled the cup of coffee in front of her.

Something had been bugging her. Daddy has been eating a lot lately, and he has been eating the dishes I made on the second floor every day. Why? And I am certain that I didn't make a mistake that night. Someone definitely snuck into daddy's room.

Maya analyzed everything again. It all started with daddy banning me from staying on the second floor and making me live on the third floor instead...

After scrutinizing everything, Maya became so shocked that her jaw dropped.

Is daddy being so weird because he's having an affair? The dishes he took to the second floor... were they for his secret lover? She's probably the woman I saw sneaking into daddy's room! And he didn't move me to the third floor because he thought it was quieter. He just didn't want me to learn his secret.

Maya felt like her hypothesis made perfect sense, but her heart sank.

Why would daddy hide another woman there? Mommy is still missing. Has daddy forgotten about mommy and moved on?

Maya felt her heart turn chilly.

Nina coincidentally called Maya at that moment. The latter hesitated and wondered if she should tell the former everything.

"Maya, when will you return to Seet Residence? I finished all the dishes you marinated and prepared for me earlier. You gotta come back and make more for me."

"I can't go back just yet, Nina. Daddy still wants me to cook for him... No, maybe... daddy's not the one who likes my cooking. Maybe it's..." muttered Maya. Darn it, I feel so conflicted. Should I tell Nina that daddy's secret lover is the one who likes my cooking?

"Maya, why are you stammering and what are you saying? Daddy's not the one who likes you cooking? If that really is the case, why would he ask you to stay at the Imperial Garden?"

"I... Not daddy. Maybe someone else likes my cooking."

Nina got curious. She didn't understand what Maya was trying to say.

"Maya, what are you saying? Who are you talking about?"

"I-I'm talking about... I just..."

Maya was still in a dilemma. If she told Nina the truth, there's no doubt that Juan and Kyle would learn about it, too. Who knows what the boys will do once they learn about daddy having a mistress? Maya didn't even dare to imagine the consequences.

"Just what? Gah, you've always been a slowpoke, Maya, even when you were a kid! You can't even speak right and are such a..."

Maya sighed upon hearing Nina's diss. The former said, "That's not it! It's complicated, and I'm not sure if I should say anything."

"Just say it. What happened?"

Maya took a deep breath. Don't blame me for this, daddy. Mommy is still missing, and you really shouldn't be having an affair.

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"To tell you the truth, Nina, I think daddy has a mistress. I caught a woman sneaking into his bedroom in the middle of the night, and she's probably the one eating all the dishes I made."

Daddy has a mistress?

Nina suspected that she misheard everything. Daddy loves mommy. Tons of models and socialites tried to court him, but he only ever had eyes for mommy. Why would he have an affair?

"Maya, this isn't some random recipe you can whip up in the kitchen and eat it. You can't just say whatever you want."

Nina doesn't believe me?

Maya expected that, though. She wouldn't have believed it either if she hadn't seen it with her own eyes.

"I'm not making this up, Nina. Come see for yourself if you don't believe me."

"Fine, wait for me."

Nina hung up the call. The more she thought about it, the less she believed in Maya's words. Nina went to Juan and Kyle immediately to tell them what she learned.

Kyle replied, "Impossible! Daddy isn't that kind of man."

Juan deliberated before chiming in, "But Maya isn't the type to lie either. We should just go see for ourselves!"

"Exactly! I think Juan is right. We'll just go check things out on our own."

It wasn't enough for Nina to head over on her own. She needed to drag the boys over as well because if her father was actually having an affair, then all four of them must join forces. They must fight their father and defend their mother.

At the Imperial Garden.

When Maya saw all three of her siblings there, she advised them to keep cool and pretend they know nothing. She also told them that she had never seen the woman in person before, but she was certain that person was living in the Imperial Garden.

Evan was surprised when he walked down the stairs and saw all three of them there. "What brings you here?" asked Evan.

Juan answered, "We just miss Maya's cooking, daddy, so we dropped by for her."

Nina and Kyle nodded in agreement.

Evan knew that his kids had always been close, so he didn't think much of it. He chatted with them for a bit before he returned to his study room to work on the matters in his office.

The four teens headed to the third floor, where Maya carefully closed the door behind them.

"Alright, tell us. What kind of woman is our dear old dad having an affair with?" asked Juan curiously.

Nina glared over and snapped, "What do you mean by old? Daddy is not old. He's at the prime of his life, and plenty of women love men like our daddy."

Kyle's gaze swept past the bickering duo before he turned to Maya and asked, "Do you know anything about that woman?"

Maya shook her head and replied, "Not really. All I know is that she is ridiculously thin."

Nina glared over arrogantly and scolded, "Idiot. Why didn't you investigate the matter properly? If she really is a home wrecker, then we need to chase her out quickly to protect mommy."

"Nina, don't put the blame on Maya. It's better if we're all involved and investigate the matter together," said Kyle.

Juan agreed wholeheartedly. "He's right. Okay, let's make a plan and figure out what to do next."

The four kids started discussing the matter which livened up the place.

They later settled on a simple plan. They would make up an excuse to get their daddy to leave the Imperial Garden. In his absence, they will turn the Imperial Garden inside out to find that woman, then kick her out.

After settling on the plan, the quadruplets took action instantly.

"Maya, you're the least likely to lie among us. Go tell daddy that grandma misses him and get him to go to Seet Residence."

Maya hesitated, "You guys have been living in Seet Residence whereas I've been staying in the Imperial Garden. If grandma really does miss daddy, won't it make more sense for her to get you guys to deliver the message? Daddy will get suspicious if I talk to him about it."

"Good point."



They thought about it for a while before three of the quadruplets simultaneously turned to Kyle.

Kyle hesitated for a moment, then left to look for Evan.

Evan didn't suspect anything, because Kyle was the one who told him that Sophia wanted to see him. Hence, Evan quickly finished up his tasks on hand before he drove to Seet Residence.

The four kids were delighted. The first step of their plan progressed smoothly.

"We don't have much time. Initiate step two right now. We have to figure out which room that woman is staying in before we move on to the next step."

"Got it."

"Let's go."

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The four kids checked every room on the second floor before they set their eyes on the room opposite the master bedroom.

"The door is locked from the inside. This should be it," said Juan.

"Yes, I think so, too," replied Nina as she crossed her arms. Her expression was evil when she glared at the door.

"Let's slam on the door," suggested Maya.

Nina nodded. She acted like the proud owner of the house when she reached out and slammed on the door.

Nicole was sleeping inside the room when she was woken up by a series of loud bangs on the door.

She rubbed her sleepy eyes and got up to open the door. Just before she did so, she heard her children talking on the other side of the door.

"Why isn't she opening the door?" asked Maya.

"She must be too afraid to come face us," scoffed Nina, "Watch and learn."

After saying her piece, Nina shouted at the top of her lungs, "Open the door! I know you're in there, you home wrecker. Open up!"

Homewrecker? Wow, this really is a strange world. I never thought I'd live to see the day my daughter calls me a home wrecker...

Nicole sighed deeply.

"Why aren't you opening the door? I'm telling you right now. My daddy is not home, and you are at our mercy. We can get in even if you keep the door closed, and we will drag you out of there, you home wrecker!" growled Nina angrily.

"Exactly! Our parents are madly in love and are meant to be together. Don't bother trying to seduce my daddy!" shouted Maya.

"You must have some tricks up your sleeves. That is the only reason you manage to move into the house, but it won't matter how good your tricks are. You won't be staying here! My siblings and I are masters in vanquishing vixens like you," scolded Nina evilly.

"The Imperial Garden belongs to my mommy, and home wreckers are not allowed here," yelled Maya as well.

Nicole didn't know what to say.

She was genuinely happy that her kids were fighting so hard to protect her. But I can't let them continue causing a racket here, either. What do I do? How do I get them to leave?

The quadruplets were weirded out about the lack of reaction from the other side of the locked door.

"This home wrecker really can hold it together. We've insulted her to this extent, but she's still not coming out. Should we just pick the lock?"

"I guess that's the only way."

Pick the lock? Given Juan's skills, picking this lock will be nothing to him. The door will definitely be opened if they actually attacked, and I-I am in no condition to see them.

Nicole thought for a moment before inspiration struck. She changed her voice and replied, "You misunderstood. I am not a home wrecker. I am your father's doctor."

Juan blurted, "A doctor? Okay, open the door. Let's chat."

Maya agreed, "He's right. Open the door and prove that you're a doctor."

Nina sneered, "She doesn't sound like a doctor at all. I bet she's just a slutty home wrecker."

Nicole was speechless.

She sighed internally. Nina is just a kid. Why does she keep using words like home wrecker?

Nicole later checked herself out. If she opened the door, her kids would definitely recognize her, but she didn't want them to see her in that terrible state.

"You're lying, aren't you? That's the only reason you'd refuse to open the door," concluded Juan.

"Yes, she must be a liar. What kind of doctor would sneak into my daddy's room in the middle of the night?" shared Maya.

"Stop wasting your breath on her. Just pick the lock!"

Nina crossed her arms. Her glare was locked on the door, and she secretly vowed to chase the home wrecker away as soon as the lock was picked.

Click!

The door was successfully opened a moment later, and Nicole's heart thumped anxiously. She immediately turned around and had her face towards the wall. Her nerves got to her, and she picked her fingers endlessly.

The kids entered the room, one after another.

"You're right, Maya. She really is thin," commented Juan when he saw Nicole's back.

"Why would daddy like a bony creature like this? Ugh, she's so ugly. She's got nothing compared to our mommy's sexy curves!"

Nicole couldn't speak.

A chill ran down her spine as she thought, Nina thinks my figure is ugly? Then she will definitely be disgusted by this ridiculously thin and sickly pale face of mine...

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Of the four kids, only Kyle was examining the figure carefully.

She is thin, but there's something familiar about her. This height, and the way she stands... Kyle thought about Nicole and found more and more similarities between the two.

"Turn around and show us your face! How did you get our daddy head over heels over you?" commanded Nina.

Nicole took a deep breath. Her fingers gripped her shirt. She honestly didn't dare to face her kids before she got better, and it wasn't just because she was borderline skeletal and ugly... Wesley said that if I continue losing weight like this, my body will crumble and my organs will deteriorate. I might also have other complications.

Nicole wasn't sure if she could recover. If I can't recover, then my crumbling health... it'd just get the kids worried and sad. It'll have a negative impact on their lives.

As a caring mother, Nicole wanted her kids to lead happy lives.

"If you don't turn around on your own, we will make you," warned Juan, before he walked to Nicole. He was about to reach out and forcefully turn her around when a loud howl boomed.

"What are you doing?"

That voice surprised the four troublemakers.

Nina turned around and glared right back into Evan's sharp eyes. She replied with her head held high, "We found a homewrecker, daddy. We're curious about the woman who got you to abandon our mommy."

Evan didn't speak for a moment there.

He frowned before shifting his gaze to Nicole's back and seeing how her thin figure was slightly trembling. After that, he roared, "There is no home wrecker here. Get out!"

That roar was filled with intense fury and got the kids to turn to one another. We'll be in trouble if we stay here. Daddy will blow up and punish us mercilessly.

Juan and Maya believed that it was dumb to act when the situation dictated that a fight was pointless. Hence, they were the first to leave. Kyle observed the way Nicole gripped her clothes, and revelation flashed past his eyes. He walked out soon after.

Nina was the only one who remained stubborn. She glared at Nicole's back and walked forward to reach out and turn the woman around. She wanted to chase the home wrecker out.

Evan caught that and was quick to stop Nina in time. "Get out!" scolded Evan angrily.

Nina's eyes were filled with tears, and she glared at Evan in disappointment. "Daddy, you betrayed Mommy, and I will tell her!" shouted Nina before she ran out crying.

Nicole's heart gripped. Did I make the right choice? Maybe I should've let the kids see me.

Unfortunately, Nicole wasn't brave enough to do that. She couldn't face them with a sickly face, nor could she force them to accept the fact that her health might deteriorate. She certainly couldn't bring herself to make them suffer from the knowledge that their mother might drop dead at any given moment.

Please forgive me, my children. Just give me some time. I promise I will work hard to become healthy again, so you don't have to worry about my survival.

Evan's gaze turned gloomy when he saw Nicole's trembling figure. Nicole, when will you open your heart up to us? You refuse to let me fight your illness with you and stopped the

kids from seeing you in your current condition. You kept your hardship and your sorrow from us because you don't want to trouble us, but do you realize that is also a selfish act? I will respect your decision, Nicole. I believe that there will come a day when you can fully open up to me, trust me, and lean on me. I trust you will find the courage to face the kids.

"I was careless this time. I promise this won't happen again," said Evan, before he turned around and left the room. He closed the door after that.

Nicole's tears rolled down her cheeks.

She blamed her ailing body.

Nina wiped her tears away as she stared at her siblings. She announced, "I will never come to the Imperial Garden again. I want to disown daddy."

Maya cooed, "Don't be like that, Nina. Daddy is just confused. We must believe that deep down, he still loves mommy."

Juan sighed. "I'm disappointed in daddy, too. I never thought he'd protect that home wrecker to this extent."