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Chapter 1316 Unlike The Others

On his way home, Juan was feeling down in the dumps. He thought that he would be able to hear Sally's apology and receive some compensation by meeting her. Instead, she had chastised him. I really can't underestimate her!

"Sally is not an easy person to deal with. Who is she, really?" He was confused.

Kyle asked, "That night when the Hidden Masters were following Catherine, I thought you did a background check on her. Did you not find anything?"

"No. Damien said that she was an orphan. It was as if she had appeared from nowhere. There was nothing about her past."

Nothing?

Kyle's eyebrows knitted. "Is someone keeping her identity a secret?"

"I think that's definitely the case! Sally's background is a mystery. We don't know what her motives and intentions are, so we have to be wary."

Right after Juan finished speaking, he turned around and studied Kyle. "I realized that you looked at her differently. Do you like her? Is it love at first sight?"

Kyle's lips formed a careless smirk. "You're thinking too much. She's just unlike the others."

Unlike the others? Indeed, she's quite unlike anyone we've ever met. Will she really match well with Kyle?

It was past midnight by the time the both of them finally reached Imperial Garden.

As Evan exited the study room, he noticed his sons had returned home. His face turned grim in an instant. "Where did both of you go?"

The sudden deep voice surprised Juan and Kyle. Kyle froze, and Juan immediately paused in his tracks. The two then turned to look at their father.

Does Daddy think that we went to do something bad?

Juan suddenly had an idea and smiled cunningly at Evan. "Daddy, what do you think we went to do at such late timing?"

Evan narrowed his eyes. Juan is too playful and uninhibited. His personality is more similar to Davin's than mine.

Thinking about Davin's troubled past and what he heard Juan had done, Evan's gaze turned cold as he looked at his son.

Juan was a little fearful and immediately stopped smiling when he noticed Evan's fierce expression.

I was only joking. Daddy can't even take a joke!

Kyle told Evan in a serious tone, "Daddy, we went to investigate the spy in the company."

"Until now?"

Not really. We also went to visit a woman.

Kyle felt that he should omit this, so he nodded in agreement.

"So, what did you find out?"

"Felix Synder from Synder Group used Naomi Pearson from the Translation Department to obtain company secrets."

Evan's eyes darkened. Synder Group? How dare an insignificant company like Synder Group touch Seet Group! They're playing with fire! It seems that Seet Group has been too lenient recently!

He asked Kyle coldly, "How do you think we should settle this matter?"

"Daddy, Naomi has betrayed the company. Regardless of the reason, it's still the truth, which means she's no longer suitable to work for Seet Group. As for Synder Group..."

Seeing Kyle hesitating, Evan deadpanned, "It would be a sin to let scum companies like Synder Group exist."

Kyle understood immediately. "Daddy, I understand. After three days, Synder Group will no longer exist in Y City anymore."

Evan was satisfied with Kyle's proposal. He let out a sound of approval and advised Kyle briefly. Then, he cast a wry glance at Juan before retreating to his bedroom.

Juan was slightly confused. "Why did Daddy look at me like that?"

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Chapter 1317 | Am Innocent

“Stop joking with Daddy. It’s a miracle he did not kick you in the butt with these jokes.”

“I’m too old for him to kick me. He—”

Before he could complete his sentence, he heard footsteps coming toward them. He turned around and saw Nicole rushing toward them with a feather duster in her hands.

“Mommy, it’s late. Why are you still awake?”

Nicole looked at the grinning Juan and pointed the feather duster at him. “Juan, what have you done?”

Juan threw Nicole an innocent glance. “Mommy, I didn’t do anything!”

“You came back so late at night. It would have been fine if it was just you rebelling. However, you even brought Kyle along! It seems that I have to punish you properly!”

“I-I’m innocent, Mommy!”

“How are you innocent? Evan has told me everything already. I need to teach you a lesson today!”

Daddy?

“Mommy, what did Daddy tell you?”

“Your father told me about everything you did!”

“Mommy, I’m innocent. I didn’t do anything! I was wrongfully accused!” Juan tried to object.

“Not only do you refuse to admit to it, but you’re also saying that Evan wrongfully accused you? Do you mean to say your daddy was lying? How despicable!” Nicole raised the feather duster as if she was going to hit him.

Juan avoided it nimbly and ran toward his bedroom while shouting, “Mommy! I’m really innocent! I’m going to ask Daddy!”

Right after he finished shouting and closed the door, the feather duster flew toward him and hit the door with a loud thud.

Kyle was bewildered. The way Nicole was teaching Juan a lesson was similar to how Sophia always "lectured" Davin. Are such violent methods passed on in the family? However, Juan is truly innocent in this situation. Daddy is too evil. Juan only made a joke, yet Daddy punished him like this.

"Mommy, in truth, Juan and I went to investigate the company spy. He wasn't fooling around."

"Kyle, I'm not punishing him because of the events tonight. It's because..." Nicole hesitated.

Kyle frowned. "Mommy, what is it then?"

"Because..."

The actual reason was that Nicole had heard about Juan teasing and bullying female students at his private school.

He even used snakes and rats to scare off a female student who was infatuated with him. The girl cried for days until her throat was sore. Afterward, whenever the girl saw Juan, she would tremble as though she was seeing a monster. In the end, she dropped out before she graduated.

That was why Nicole felt she had to punish this out-of-control rascal!

Kyle did not say anything after hearing that. He, too, thought that Juan had gone overboard as he could have just rejected the girl instead of terrorizing her.

Nicole picked up the feather duster and returned to her bedroom. Evan stared at her nonchalantly. "You're much kinder than my mother. I remember when we were young and Davin did something wrong, Mom would beat him until he was screaming. I didn't hear Juan scream."

Nicole was speechless. Is Evan entertained by this?

"It's all right. I'll continue tomorrow."

Then, she took off her slippers and climbed into the bed. Evan stared at her as he said, "You've greatly helped the company with your two outstanding points on the proposal. What kind of reward do you want?"

Nicole gave him a smug smile. Is he acknowledging my skills?

"I was just doing my job. I don't need any reward." The gears in her head turned. "Do you think I'm capable of managing a company?"

Evan scrutinized her. "Yes! Is your current position not good enough? Do you wish to manage a company?"

"When I went to K Nation, Lane Corporation merged with Seet Group. Then, many things happened throughout these years. Now, my body has recovered, and I've even given birth a second time. I wish to focus on work and have my own career now. So, can you support me?"

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Chapter 1318 Opening A Hospital

"Nicole, you've been through a lot these past few years. We've encountered so much together as well. You gave birth to five children, and that's an amazing feat. I hope you can have a peaceful future and do whatever you want. You don't have to make a career for yourself."

"But I'll have regrets if I don't do this. I want to do something!"

After pondering for a while, Evan replied, "How about we do something meaningful?"

"Like what?"

"Let's open a hospital. You can use your acupuncture skills and save people. We can waive the consultation fees for people who are in difficulty. It would be meaningful to help people, and you would feel a sense of satisfaction too."

Nicole pondered over the idea for a while. That's right. There are many people that can manage a company, but there aren't many that are as skilled as me and have as much medical expertise. If I could help more people, it would be great.

"What about my previous clinic?"

"That clinic was too small. You only opened it so that you could take care of the children. Also, the consultation fees were low as you wanted to help people. That's why your finances were not that good. That won't happen this time."

"Evan, are you trying to say that you're going to invest money in me so that I can save people?"

After a moment of contemplation, Evan suggested, "I can't keep investing money in it as it wouldn't be feasible in the long run. How about this? We can use the profits earned by the hospital and reinvest them back. If the hospital doesn't

earn that much profit, then we can add on a certain amount of funds every month. What do you think?"

Nicole analyzed, "Not all those that go to the hospital will be people in financial difficulty. We don't have to do charity for those that can afford it. Then, we can use this revenue to fund those that don't have money for treatment. I think we wouldn't need to add on too much."

"Good. Then I'll leave the financial managing of the hospital to you."

Elation flooded Nicole as she nodded. "What shall we call the hospital?"

"You can name it yourself!"

"Me?"

"Yes. From now on, you're in charge of the hospital. You can start by naming it."

Nicole was excited and started thinking of names for the hospital. She was determined to find a meaningful name for it.

The next day, Juan was sitting opposite Evan as they ate breakfast. He recalled Evan's wrongful accusation last night and felt indignant.

On the other hand, Evan was leisurely eating his breakfast and would look at Juan occasionally.

It's now or never! Juan demanded in an upset tone, "Daddy, why did you instigate Mommy to beat me?"

"What did you say?"

"Mommy hit me using the feather duster last night because you wrongfully accused me."

"Wronged you?" Evan glared at him coldly. "I have to ask, how did you even think of scaring your female classmate with rats and snakes?"

Juan's heart lurched. Isn't the school in a private facility? Aren't all the happenings in school kept confidential? How did Daddy find out?

"Spit it out!" Evan suddenly raised his voice, leading to Juan jumping in fright.

"She brought it upon herself! Instead of going for lessons, she came to bother me. I just scared her a few times so that she wouldn't come and bother me anymore."

"Yes, and she became so scared that she doesn't even dare to stay in school anymore and dropped out!"

Juan was dumbfounded. How does Daddy know so many details?

He carefully asked, "Daddy, how do you know all these?"

"Your grandma told me."

Juan was shocked. "Grandma? How did she find out about it?"

"She wanted to introduce a girl to you. However, when the girl heard your name, she adamantly refused to meet you as if she had heard the devil's name. She even said that she would never marry you even if you were the last man on Earth."

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Chapter 1319 Disastrous Consequences

"Hahahaha! That's even better! If she ever dares to pester me, I'll scare..." Juan suddenly trailed off as he felt Evan's cold gaze on him.

What does Grandma see in that woman? She doesn't suit me at all!

Looking at Evan's tight expression, Juan's heartbeat quickened. Is Daddy going to punish me?

Suddenly, he was caught off guard as a feather duster hit him from the back. He immediately turned around and saw Nicole glaring at him.

"Mommy, why did you hit me?"

"How can you bully your female classmates like that? Who will marry you in the future if you act like some sort of thug? I have to punish you so that you'll behave yourself next time!"

Upon hearing this, Juan swiftly grabbed the sandwich on the table and ran out of the living room.

He knew that if he did not run away quickly, he would end up like Davin, who was always being chased around the house by Sophia.

Eh? Uncle Davin went through so many beatings, so he's definitely experienced. I'll ask him the next time I see him and learn about his experiences.

With his playful and devious nature, it was certain that he would have to suffer more beatings in the future.

"You're lucky that you ran away so quickly!"

Just as Nicole returned the feather duster to its rightful place, she saw Maya and Nina walking down the stairs.

Although Nina had been working a regular schedule, her countenance did not look well. There was no longer a smile on her face.

Besides that, she had been binge-eating and had gained some weight. She looked like a completely different person now.

Nicole looked at her in worry.

"Nina, drink some milk."

"Thank you, Mommy."

Nina finished her milk and ate her breakfast. Then, she got up and said, "I'm going to the office."

Looking at Nina's retreating figure, Maya quietly heaved a sigh. "Nina is like a robot. She's been in this state for days and has not talked much. She's like this in the office too."

"It takes time to heal a wounded heart. She really liked Chris. It would be difficult for her to let it go so soon. Let's give her time."

Maya nodded. Nobody could help Nina to heal except herself.

"Mommy, did Chris marry that woman called Felicia? Do you think he'll remember Nina someday and return to find her?" Maya asked innocently with a doe-eyed look.

Nicole made eye contact with Evan before her face fell. "No. He'll never come back to find Nina." Nicole's low voice was mixed with a hint of sorrow.

"Does he really like that woman that much?"

"He..." Nicole's voice faltered as she gripped her fork tighter. She did not know what to say.

"Nicole, you should hurry and eat while the food is hot," Evan said before looking at Maya. "Maya, let's eat."

Maya nodded her head and gulped down a mouthful of her milk. She sensed that the atmosphere had turned rather strange, and her parents' expressions had changed too.

What's going on?

She could not figure it out. After eating, she went straight to her food plaza.

Evan looked at Nicole and reminded her, "Let's not tell Maya about Chris as she's too innocent. I'm afraid that she won't be able to hide this secret. If she tells Nina, the consequences would be disastrous."

"Are you afraid that Nina would not take it well?"

Evan nodded. Nina loved Chris deeply. He was worried that she might not be able to handle it if she found out.

Nicole was silent for a while as she pondered the matter. Then, she let out a sigh. "I understand. I'll be careful and not let anyone find out."

"Come on, let's go to work."

"Yeah."

Nicole went up to take her bag. As the two of them left the living room, she asked, "Where are you planning to build the hospital?"

"John is choosing the location. Once he's settled on one, I'll let you know!"

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Chapter 1320 My Name Is Stephen

At Seet Group, Nina sat in her office like a soulless puppet. She slowly brought the newly developed skincare product on the table up to her eyes and examined it listlessly.

The design on the packaging was good, appearing elegant and classy. She unscrewed the cap and gently took a whiff of the content inside the bottle. A faint but pleasant floral scent drifted into her nose.

Back when Chris was still her tutor, they had researched this formula and scent together. Nina wondered if he would notice it when this product was launched.

As she thought of her former tutor, Nina's heart rate began to fluctuate, her mood plummeting along with it. Nina, get a grip on yourself. He gave up on you and chose another woman. You should also let go of him as soon as possible! Nina thought to herself. I need to let go of him as soon as possible and go back to being the Nina from before...

Chris' face appeared clearer in her mind the more she told herself to forget about him. Images of him when they were together flashed in her mind like they were scenes from a movie. The small fluctuations in her heart turned into a tide as her thoughts became increasingly erratic.

Then, a loud crash sounded as the bottle slipped from her hand and smashed on the ground. She was stunned for a few seconds before hurriedly bending over to pick the bottle up. Unexpectedly, her fingers were sliced by the glass fragments in her rush.

The door of her office just so happened to be pushed open at this time by her beautiful assistant. "Ms. Nina, this is the plan for the company's next beauty—" Her words came to a halt as she noticed the injury on Nina's fingers.

"Ms. Nina, your hand..."

"It's nothing."

A hand holding a band-aid appeared in front of her just as she finished her sentence. Nina was immediately surprised when she saw the owner of said hand.

"It's you?"

"Yeah! You still remember me?"

The man had a healing smile that was like the sun, able to warm the hearts of people who had closed theirs and make them feel a trace of warmth again. Nina then remembered how he had suddenly appeared and saved her when she was in danger at the bar back then as well. In fact, even now she still wondered how he had appeared in such a timely manner to save her.

"Your name is..." Nina couldn't remember his name.

"My name is Stephen."

"Ms. Nina, do you know him? He's the new designer selected by our human resources department and will be one of your subordinates from now on."

"Designer? I remember you said you were a translator," Nina asked curiously.

"Yes, I studied both language and design. I did some translation work before, but I want to do design in the future," Stephen answered neatly.

Nina stared at him, getting the feeling that this man was not as simple as he seemed.

First, he appears out of the blue to save me, and now he's here as a designer working for me. Why? What's his purpose in getting close to me?

With this doubt in mind, she asked him without beating around the bush, "There are so many beauty care companies in Y City. Why did you choose to come to us?"

Stephen thought for a few moments before turning to look at her with a sincere gaze. "People will always choose the best. Seet Group is the leading enterprise in Y City, so it's always the first choice for job-seekers, no matter the sector. A lot of people want to work for Seet Group and will be proud to be one of its employees. Naturally, I'm no exception."

Nina didn't say anything.

Although the reason Stephen gave was rational and sounded nice, she still felt that things weren't that simple.

"Seet Group is very strict with our staff. I don't think you're suited here. It's better if you find another job."

"Ms. Nina, the human resources department think I'm suited to work here and has already arranged a suitable position for me. If you doubt my ability, you can personally conduct an interview with me. I'll be happy to answer anything you ask."

Nina then proceeded to ask him several questions about designing, seeing as he was determined to stay in the company. She originally wanted to make things difficult for him, but Stephen unexpectedly answered all of her inquiries effortlessly.

It was clear that his knowledge of design was extraordinary.

Even her assistant, who had been standing on the sidelines, praised him when she heard his unique thoughts on certain topics.