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“Wait, I’ll bathe you first before you go to bed. Take off your clothes!” ordered Maya.

Feeling slightly embarrassed, Zayden hesitated and looked at her shyly.

“Take them off!”

“I-I don’t want to take a bath.”

“You have to! If you want to sleep with me, you must take a bath. I don’t like smelly children.”

Lowering his head, Zayden sniffed himself. How am I smelly? I smell like flowers!

Looking at him pouting and hesitating, Maya pulled him over and took off his clothes instantly.

“Ahh! Maya, you’re a girl. You shouldn’t take off a boy’s clothes like this. You’re too rough...”

While he was shouting, she had already stripped him naked. Then, she carried him up and walked toward the bathroom.

On the other hand, Joy opened the door to Kyle’s room, smiled sweetly, and asked, “Kyle, I’m back. Did you miss me?”

Leaning over, Kyle looked at his younger sister, who had inherited all their parents’ good looks, and pinched her cute little face. “Of course, I did. I haven’t seen you for a few days, and you seem to have grown taller again.”

“I did grow taller. Kyle, can I sleep with you tonight?”

Since Mommy isn’t here, it’s better for Joy to sleep with me.

“Sure!” Subsequently, Kyle carried her up and brought her into the bedroom.

Joy wrapped her arms around his neck tightly and suddenly asked a very strange question, “Kyle, you and Juan look similar to Daddy. When Daddy was young, was he as handsome as you are now?”

Hearing that, Kyle pondered over it for a moment and curved his lips slightly. "Daddy was more handsome than me when he was younger."

"Really? He was that handsome?"

"Of course. Otherwise, why would Mommy fall in love with Daddy?"

"I've seen photos of Daddy and Mommy when they were younger, and you and the other older siblings were in the picture too. If I was born earlier, I could play with you as well, but now, I can only play with Zayden."

"Don't you like to play with Zayden?"

"I like to play with him, but it's boring when it's just the two of us. I heard that you guys often held meetings when you were younger. There's only Zayden and me when we have meetings. It's not fun."

"Next time when I hold a meeting with the rest, I'll bring the two of you. How's that?" Kyle responded.

Upon hearing that, Joy nodded her head. "Also, when you're coming up with plans to look for Mommy, can you bring us along too?"

Kyle fixed his gaze on the mischievous girl and came to a realization. So, this was her real objective.

"You want to help in finding Mommy?"

"Yes! We can help! Kyle, you've to trust us."

Staring at Joy, Kyle seemed to see his younger self in her. Small vivid figures of Juan, Nina, and Maya when they were younger flashed across his mind.

Back then, they had always acted according to their will, so he could understand why Joy had the same idea.

"All right, I promise you. It's too late now. Go to bed first, okay?"

"Okay."

Shortly afterward, Kyle laid her on the bed, but she suggested taking a bath. After that, he gently dried her hair. She laid beside him and soon fell asleep.

He looked at Joy, who was sleeping soundly, and his gaze gradually darkened. Has Sally made any moves yet? I've placed a bug in her room. If someone calls her, there'll definitely be a recording.

Out of curiosity and wanting to find out Sally's background quickly, Kyle got out of bed and went to the study room.

In the meantime, Juan, who couldn't fall asleep, was hiding in the corner, monitoring Sally because he wanted to see if she would do anything. Seeing Kyle walking toward the study room piqued his curiosity.

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Chapter 1472 The Older The Wiser

It's already so late. What is Kyle doing in the study room?

After giving it some thought, Juan followed Kyle into the room.

Just as Kyle turned on the computer, Juan hurriedly walked behind him. "It's already this late. What are you looking at?"

Glancing at him, Kyle asked, "Why haven't you gone to bed?"

"I want to see if Sally will do anything."

"She's in the room. What would you be able to observe?"

"T-That's true. But what if she comes out of the room and does something? I'm waiting in ambush."

"We don't necessarily have to use our own eyes to keep an eye on her."

"Then how are we supposed to do that? With our ears? Leaning on her door to hear any movements inside? Wouldn't that be too much?"

Casting a brief look at Juan, Kyle clicked the mouse, and there were sounds from the computer software connected to the bug in Sally's room.

"Hello, how is it? He's no ordinary man. Fine, I'll try my best. How about Dad? Is he doing better? I understand. Talk to you soon."

Is this Sally's voice? Kyle actually planted a bug in her room?

Instantaneously, Juan turned his head to look at Kyle. "You're so smart! Why didn't I think of this? I've only thought of threatening and monitoring her."

The latter was silent for a moment before saying, "This isn't my idea either. Daddy reminded me of it."

Daddy? Indeed, the older, the wiser!

"How could Daddy think of such a trick? Placing a bug in a girl's room..."

"Why? Do you think that it's wrong?"

"No, no, no. A bug isn't a surveillance camera. Since we can't see anything and can only hear sounds, I think it's fine."

"Okay. Let's get down to business. Did you find out anything from the recording just now?"

After staying silent momentarily, Juan piped up, "Play the recording again. I'll listen carefully this time."

After listening to the recording once more, he rested his chin on his hand and started analyzing.

"She's talking on the phone, and her father is sick. Also, who's the extraordinary man that she's talking about?"

In response, Kyle contemplated and replied, "I don't know."

Hearing that, Juan let out a sigh and stated, "There's too little information from her conversation. We only know that her father is sick—"

Suddenly, he paused and snapped his fingers. "Wait a minute. Isn't she an orphan? Wasn't she adopted by a kind old woman? Why does she have a father? We've to get to the bottom of this tomorrow!"

After giving it some thought, Kyle reminded him, "When you ask, pay attention to your choice of words. Don't make her suspicious of the bug. We might get more valuable information from it."

Juan narrowed his eyes and nodded. "Don't worry! I know what to do."

After turning off the computer, both of them got up and left the study room.

The next day, Joy and Zayden got out of bed early and had breakfast with everyone after washing up.

Maya even prepared a hearty meal for them.

Both of the little ones held a large plate each and ate with much relish.

"Is it delicious?" Maya looked at them and asked.

Immediately, Joy nodded and answered, "Yes, it's really delicious!"

In the meantime, Zayden quickly swallowed the food he was chewing in his mouth and replied, "Maya, you're amazing! You're the best cook in the world, and no one can compare to your cooking skills. You're invincible!"

Just then, Juan raised his head and cast a glance at Zayden. "This kid is such a sweet talker, just like Uncle Davin."

Hearing that, Zayden blinked his big eyes and queried, "Is being a sweet talker a good trait?"

Juan fell into deep thought and responded solemnly, "Yes, it is!"

Haha! Then if I want to compliment Daddy in the future, I can say that he's a sweet talker!

Sally then placed a shrimp on Joy's plate. "Joy, you seem to like shrimp a lot. Eat more."

"Thank you."

At that moment, Juan also placed a shrimp on Zayden's plate. "You should eat more too."

"Thank you, Juan. You're the best brother in the world!"

Tsk! Tsk! The more I look at him, the more similar he is to Uncle Davin. Juan could not help but exclaim, "Uncle Davin's son has inherited all his strengths!"

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Chapter 1473 Real Intention

"My daddy has many strengths," said Zayden while chewing his food.

Juan nodded and remarked, "Yes, your daddy has a lot of strengths. If you continue to learn from him, many pretty girls will want to be your girlfriend in the future."

Pretty girls? Many of them?

In an instant, Zayden's eyes lit up. He grinned shyly and stated, "Really? Then I want to choose a girl like Maya to be my girlfriend. The most beautiful and gentlest girl."

Maya did not expect Zayden to mention her again. She put a drumstick on his plate and uttered, "Girls like me don't need a boyfriend, so don't use me as an example. Hurry up and eat your breakfast."

"Maya, what do you think of Wilbur?" Evan asked abruptly.

Needless to say, she was taken aback by his question. "Daddy, I'm not familiar with him. I don't know."

"Isn't Simpson Group collaborating with your food plaza?"

"There are plans for that. He did call me, but we haven't had time to talk. I think it's more important to find Mommy now."

Shortly afterward, Joy put down her spoon and said, "Daddy, I'm full. I want to help find Mommy too."

"I'll help too!"

At that moment, Juan glanced at Joy and Zayden and lifted his head to look at Sally, who was deep in thought. These two little ones might really be able to help.

After breakfast, he used toys as bait to lure them to follow him.

"There are all kinds of toys in my room. Do you want to go and have a look? I have your favorite toy, the latest Lego."

The two little ones pondered for a moment and nodded.

After entering Juan's room, Zayden immediately scanned the surroundings with his eyes. Where are the toys? Where's the Lego?

"Juan, where's the Lego?"

The next second, Juan pointed to a drawing of Lego and uttered, "Here, this is it!"

Staring at the drawing, Zayden gasped surprisingly. Then, he turned around and glared at Juan angrily. "You're lying. This isn't Lego!"

"Although it's a drawing, it's indeed the latest Lego that hasn't been produced yet."

That's still a lie! Liar! Zayden pouted unhappily.

Knitting her brows, Joy guessed that Juan's real intention in bringing them into his room was not to look at the drawing. She felt that he had another purpose.

Therefore, she asked straightforwardly, "Juan, is there something that you want to tell us?"

Never had Juan expected Joy to see through his plan. Glancing at her, he gave her a thumbs up. "I didn't expect you to be so smart. You actually knew that I called you here for something else."

"What is it? What's the matter?" Zayden was interested and questioned impatiently.

Juan pondered over it for a moment and piped up, "If you want to find Mommy, I can provide you with a valuable clue."

"What clue?"

After listening to Juan, the two little ones exchanged looks with doubts in their eyes.

"Juan, you said that Sally knows where Mommy is. Is that true?"

"Yes. However, she won't admit it, and she won't tell us. You'll need to rack your brain as hard as you can to get the answer out of her."

Zayden mused for a while and queried, "Juan, do you mean that Sally is a bad person, and she's lurking among us?"

Nodding his head, Juan responded, "You're right. You could say so."

"Then, we should find an opportunity to teach her a lesson! We've to punish the bad guys!" proclaimed Zayden furiously.

On the other hand, Joy had a different perspective. "If we teach her a lesson, it'd be difficult to make her tell us Mommy's whereabouts. Let's not alert her for now." She blinked her crystal clear eyes and analyzed the situation.

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Chapter 1474 Strategy

"Then what should we do?" questioned Zayden.

"We should come up with a strategy."

Strategy?

Looking at Joy, he felt that the word strategy was very profound.

“What strategy?”

Joy put on her thinking cap and suggested, “Since Uncle Davin said that I have a talent for acting, this is the time to prove it. First...”

Then, she proceeded to tell Zayden about her plan.

After listening to her, he widened his eyes and stared at her. “Will this work?”

“Of course. Think of me as the most popular movie star in the future. I’ll show you my acting skills.”

“Okay. If you need anything, I’ll cooperate with you at any time,” promised Zayden.

Looking at both of them, Juan thought he should let them do what they wanted. They might succeed by chance. Even if they were to fail, at least they’ll be busy.

“I’ll leave this matter to both of you then. Finding Mommy is the most important task. Do your best!”

“Don’t worry. We’ll do our very best, Juan.”

“I’ll definitely do my best.”

In response, Juan nodded solemnly. “Good. I believe in you.”

After he was done talking to the two little ones, Evan suddenly called him and asked him to be in charge of some company matters.

Juan felt a little weird. Why did Daddy suddenly arrange such a task for me?

“Daddy, isn’t looking for Mommy our priority now? Why are you asking me to be in charge of the company matters? John can take care of them. It’s more important to find Mommy!”

“Do whatever I ask you to do. For the time being, you don’t need to worry about looking for your mommy.”

Juan could not help but frown. Recently, he had a feeling that Evan had been acting weird, especially when dealing with Nicole’s disappearance. He did not seem to be very worried.

Daddy loves Mommy so much. Now that she has gone missing, he shouldn’t be able to eat or sleep. He should be distraught, but he’s very calm, as if Mommy’s

disappearance hasn't affected him at all. Moreover, he's maintaining his regular daily routine. Could it be that his love for Mommy isn't as strong as it used to be? He doesn't care about Mommy that much anymore?

"Daddy, I have a question for you."

"What is it?"

"It seems that you aren't in a hurry to find Mommy. Is there a reason for that? Judging from your demeanor, it doesn't seem like Mommy has disappeared at all. You're too calm. Or your love for Mommy has faded?"

"Stop spouting nonsense. My feelings for her will never fade. I know what I'm doing, and I promise you that she'll come back safe and sound."

Why is he so confident about that?

"Daddy, have you heard from Mommy? Or—"

"Enough. Do what you should do. Kyle won't have time to go to the company during this time. I'll leave the company to you."

"Don't worry, Daddy!"

When Juan came out of the study room, he saw Joy and Zayden asking Sally to play with them.

I wonder what plan Joy came up with. Will it work on Sally? I shall wait and see.

"Sally, can you play with us?"

"What do you want to play?"

"Anything! Or you can bring us out to have some fun."

Go out for some fun?

Sally contemplated for a moment and felt that Joy's suggestion was excellent. If something urgent pops up in the next few days, and I've no way to leave, taking these two children out for some fun will be the best excuse.

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Chapter 1475 Bad News Travels Fast

Thinking of that, Sally decided to bring them out for some fun so that they would be willing to go out with her in the future. It could also be considered as bribing them.

“Okay. Since both of you want to go out, I’ll take you out. Where do you want to go? Is there a place that you want to go to?”

“Can we go anywhere we want? Will you bring us to anywhere we want to go to?”

“Yes. Anywhere. As long as it’s where you want to go.”

In order for them to cooperate with me in the future, I must make sure they have enough fun today.

“Great! We want to go to the amusement park! It’s a lot of fun, and I’ve never been there!”

“But I want to go to the zoo. I heard that there are many animals in the zoo. I want to see the tigers, polar bears, and lions. I also heard that Maya used to like to go to the zoo too!” Zayden blinked his big eyes and fixed his gaze on Sally’s face.

“All right. Then let’s go to the amusement park first, and then we’ll head over to the zoo. Is that okay?”

Upon hearing that, the two little ones nodded.

After packing their things, both of them changed into their favorite clothes, and they met Maya when they were about to head out.

Surprised, she stared at them. “Where are you going?”

“We’re going to the amusement park and the zoo! Sally’s bringing us out for some fun!”

Going out to have fun? Didn’t they say they wanted to help find Mommy during breakfast? Why are they suddenly going out? Little kids. They only care about having fun. It seems like they still have a long way to go if they want to catch up with the four of us. When we were their age, we were so busy every single day.

“Joy, didn’t you say you want to look for Mommy?”

Of course, I want to find Mommy. I’m helping now. There might be a chance to find out Mommy’s whereabouts if we follow and monitor Sally all the time. Juan said that she knows where Mommy is. She’s the key to finding Mommy!

“Maya, after I’m done having fun, I’ll help to find Mommy together!”

“Yes. When we’ve played enough at the amusement park and the zoo, we’ll come back and help.”

These two playful brats, Maya mused.

“Okay. Go and have some fun. Come back early!”

Having said that, Maya turned to Sally and said, “Be careful when you’re out with them. Come back early, and bring a few more maids and bodyguards. It’s easy for accidents to happen in crowded places.”

“I know. Don’t worry. I’ll take good care of them.”

Watching as the trio left Imperial Garden, Maya was about to go and ask Evan if there was anything she could do to help find Nicole.

However, before she arrived at the study room, her phone rang loudly.

Looking at the caller ID, she felt curious. Why is Wilbur calling me?

After giving it some thought, she accepted the call.

“Hello?”

“Maya, Wilbur here. Where are you now?”

“I know it’s you. I saved your number. I’m at home now. If you’re calling because of the collaboration, I don’t have the time for it now. I’m not in the mood either. If you’re really interested in collaborating with me, you can head over to the food plaza and talk to my assistant.”

Ha! Such a formal tone. What a straightforward girl. She never beats around the bush. It might be easy to pursue this kind of girl since she wears her heart on her sleeve.

“It’s not about work. I’m calling you for something else.”

After a short moment of contemplation, Maya asked straight to the point, “What’s the matter? Cut to the chase.”

“I heard some rumors about your family, specifically about your mommy. I don’t know if it’s true, so I want to ask about it.”

Did he find out about Mommy’s disappearance? As always, bad news travels fast.

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Chapter 1476 Seize The Opportunity

"If you heard that my mommy is missing, then it's true. That's why I don't have much time to talk to you. I'm in a hurry to find my mommy!"

"Your mommy is really missing? How did she disappear? Where did she go missing? This is serious! Maya, let me help you find her. We'd have a better shot at locating her if we work together!"

Maya was taken aback by Wilbur's words. Does he want to help find Mommy?

"My daddy has sent a lot of people to look for her. You don't need to—"

"Maya, I'm willing to help. How about I pick you up from your house? We'll go and find her together."

"Where to find her? Where can we go?"

"Well... I believe that if we try hard enough, we'll find her. I'll pick you up first!"

"I—"

Before she could refuse him, he had already hung up the phone.

Crap! It seems like Wilbur really wants to help. I guess it doesn't hurt to have more people helping us. We might have a good chance of locating Mommy!

After disconnecting the call, Wilbur, who was decisive, immediately drove to Imperial Garden.

Meanwhile, Evan did not expect him to come and was surprised by his arrival.

"Mr. Seet, just let me know if you require my assistance!"

Naturally, Evan knew why Wilbur said so. It must be because of his relationship with Maya, but I don't even know if both of them will end up together. How can I give him orders? Besides, I don't need his help to find Nicole.

Staring at Wilbur, he fell silent for a moment before saying, "I've already made proper arrangements to look for my wife. Maya is worried because of her mother's disappearance. As her friend, you should assure her that everything will be fine."

This is the chance for you to get along with Maya. Wilbur, it's up to you to seize the opportunity.

As expected, Wilbur quickly understood the hidden meaning behind Evan's words. "Don't worry, Mr. Seet. I understand."

"Okay. Maya is upstairs. I'll ask the maid to call her down. Wait a minute."

"All right."

Moments later, Evan ordered the maid to go upstairs and call Maya. Then, he continued to relax on the couch, drinking tea. He even told Wilbur to join him and asked what he thought of the tea.

In response, Wilbur nodded and picked up the teacup in front of him. The aroma of the tea is rich. It's a premium quality tea. How could the tea from Imperial Garden not be the best?

After being awestricken by the tea, he observed Evan keenly.

Rumor has it that Mr. Seet and his wife are deeply in love, and their relationship is exceptionally good. Logically speaking, he should be anxious when the person he cares about the most has disappeared. But why is he drinking tea so leisurely at home? Not to mention that he's even in the mood to arrange matters between Maya and me, so I could take this opportunity to bring her out with me. Could it be—

At the thought of that, Wilbur could vaguely guess what had happened.

I've heard that he has been a business tycoon for years and has few competitors. Everything is under his control. Indeed, he lives up to his reputation.

When Maya walked downstairs, she was stunned the moment she saw Wilbur. No one had ever cared so much about her family affairs, so she was not used to it.

After being startled for a while, she walked toward Evan. "Daddy."

"Maya, Wilbur is looking for you. You should go out with him and get some fresh air. I've already sent someone to look for your mommy. It's no use staying at home and worrying for nothing."

"Yes, you're right. It's useless to stay at home and be anxious. It's better to go out and find Mommy." With that said, she looked at Wilbur. "I'll have to trouble you."

"It's no trouble. Just tell me where you want to go, and I'll accompany you."

Satisfied with his attitude, Maya piped up, "Okay. Let's go then."

Looking at the duo leave, Evan had a feeling that his precious daughter was being snatched away from him.

Wilbur, if you dare to bully Maya or mistreat her, I'll make you regret knowing her!

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Chapter 1477 Overkill

Maya went out of Imperial Garden with Wilbur. His attentiveness toward her was unparalleled. Even when she was getting into the car, he made sure that she would not hit her head.

To Wilbur, his action was a display of affection. However, in Maya's eyes, it was overkill.

"You don't have to do this. I'm not a child."

"Girls love to be protected and taken care of. You must be quite used to this."

Maya was speechless for a moment.

After some thoughts, she said, "When there is danger, men should indeed protect women. But your so-called protection seems unnecessary to me. The way I see it, it looks more like a stunt that a guy pulls to win a girl's heart, and it doesn't appeal to me."

Looking at Wilbur, she continued, "Y-You... Let me tell you something. I don't need a boyfriend. Stop wasting your time and effort on me."

Wilbur was silent.

Just because you don't need me now doesn't mean you won't need me in the future. I am confident that you will get used to this.

Unless they have no one to rely on, this is the nature of girls to rely on others, if they have, they will eventually get used to it.

Wilbur had no intention of arguing with Maya. "Fine then. Since you don't like it, I won't behave in this manner the next time. I won't treat other girls this way too. Such special treatment is only for you and you alone!"

There was no response from Maya though she found his statement odd.

You should treat other girls like this, just not me! I don't need such treatment!

Maya rolled her eyes and turned to look at Wilbur. She suddenly noticed the ravenous way he was looking at her. It reminded her of the way she used to eye huge chicken drumsticks when she was younger.

Holy crap! Is that what he thinks of me? Something to be devoured? It looks like I have to be careful around this guy. For all I know, he is just as wicked as Chris!

She turned her head away. "So, shall we drive off?"

"Sure!"

As the car started to move off, Maya turned and glanced at Wilbur again. Going out with guys had always felt weird to her.

Both my sister and I are so different. Nina has matured so much earlier and experienced a romantic relationship. She has suffered as a result of it. She was a tragic sight to behold after she was dumped.

As for me, it's a different story. Even until now, I have no wish of getting attached.

If Nina and I don't have such extreme personalities, we might end up with different kinds of lives.

It's a pity, though. There isn't much anyone can do about that!

"Where are we going?"

Wilbur's abrupt question interrupted her thoughts.

She came back to her senses and answered, "I have no idea. My mommy left the hospital after receiving a call. We lost track of her once she got to Willow Street. Why don't we go there and search for her?"

"O-Okay..."

Wilbur sped toward Willow Street.

"Do you think my mommy has been kidnapped? If so, what do they want?"

If they want money or something else, then they would be using Mommy as a bargaining chip to get it. But, so far, there is no news of her.

No, more specifically...

Wilbur knew what she was thinking. He looked at Maya and consoled her, "Don't worry. Your mommy has helped countless patients. She is a good person. Nothing bad will happen to her."

"As long as my mommy is safe and sound, I am willing to do anything! I am even willing to exchange my life for hers!"

"Are you very close with your mommy?" asked Wilbur softly.

Maya nodded. "Yes. My mommy gave birth to me and takes good care of me. She dotes on me a lot."

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Chapter 1478 Stupid Child

Maya started sharing Nicole's life story with Wilbur. Once in a while, he would ask a couple of questions. Gradually, the couple was chatting away.

Meanwhile, Zayden and Joy were sitting on the merry-go-round. Looking at Sally, who was waiting for them, they started muttering.

Zayden asked Joy, "Did you follow her out to have fun?"

Joy nodded.

Zayden sighed. "I thought you had other plans in mind. How are we going to look for your mommy if we are having fun instead? Aren't we wasting time?"

How is this a waste of time?

Joy rolled her big, round eyes. Of course, I have other plans other than having fun. I certainly have the potential of being a fantastic actress because I can put on an act. Zayden, on the other hand, will surely let the cat out of the bag, so I cannot tell him anything.

"Well, just have fun. Shall we play water guns later?"

Zayden thought about it and nodded his head.

"You are your mommy's daughter. Once we are done, you should go back quickly to find out about your mommy's whereabouts."

"Don't worry. I know."

The two children started to play with their water guns.

They shot water at one another. It was great fun for them.

Once in a while, Joy would sneak a glance at Sally. When the latter was not looking, she threw her smartwatch into the reservoir.

Next, she pretended to borrow Zayden's smartwatch to check the time. While she was handing it back to Zayden, the smartwatch slipped out of her hand and fell into the reservoir as well.

Zayden stared in disbelief. "Oh my gosh! My smartwatch isn't waterproof. There's no way for us to make phone calls now."

That's even better.

That was exactly what Joy wanted.

"So what should we do now? What if Uncle Davin or Aunt Sheila or Grandma and Grandpa need to look for you?"

"Your smartwatch..."

"M-Mine fell into the reservoir too. What should we do now? What if Daddy is looking for me? Or maybe my siblings are looking for me? How will they contact us?"

Thinking about it, Zayden replied, "It should be okay. Both your daddy and Juan are aware that we have come out with Sally. They will call her if they need to look for us."

"My daddy and Juan know, but not your parents. What if they have something urgent and need to contact you? Surely, Uncle Davin will call you a stupid child again."

Zayden was dumbfounded.

Huh?

Zayden frowned. It was true that his daddy often complained that he was not intelligent enough. But will being uncontactable be labeled as stupid as well? What has stupidity got to do with this?

Seeing that Zayden was not entirely convinced, Joy added, "When Uncle Davin finds out that your smartwatch has fallen into the reservoir, he will definitely think that you are stupid."

"Aren't you the one who dropped it?" retorted Zayden with a sulky face.

Joy spoke in a matter-of-factly tone. "No, you didn't get a firm grip on it, and that's why it slipped. It's your fault!"

Zayden pursed his lips. I didn't have a firm grip on it? I didn't even touch it! Joy sure knows how to find excuses!

After being with Joy for so long, Zayden realized one thing. His daddy would always listen to anything Joy said. No matter how much he tried to explain himself, his daddy would never listen to him.

Whatever Joy said would be accepted without any question. On the contrary, he would appear unreasonable.

At the thought of that, Zayden had no choice but to accept his fate. With a sigh, he said, "Well, whatever. Worse comes to worst? I will just be called stupid again by Daddy."

"Zayden, there's a way to prevent that from happening."

"What is it?"

"Call your daddy using Sally's phone. Tell him that I'm the one who dropped your smartwatch into the water. I will compensate you with an identical one when we get back later."

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Chapter 1479 Smart Girl

"Really? You will do that?"

"If you call your daddy now, then I will."

Zayden thought about it and hurried toward Sally to borrow her phone.

"Sally, can I please use your phone? Both our smartwatches had fallen into the reservoir while we were playing with our water guns. I just want to call my daddy and tell him about it."

Sally walked toward the reservoir. True enough, both their smartwatches were lying inside. It was then that she believed Zayden.

These two must have been so excited in their game for this to happen.

“Do you want to phone your daddy? What do you want to tell him?”

“I just want to let him know that it was Joy who dropped my smartwatch into the reservoir. If not, I will be spanked when I get home.”

Sally pondered on it. “All right. Do you know your daddy’s phone number?”

“Yes. I memorize both my daddy’s and mommy’s phone numbers by heart. All I need is your phone.”

Sally nodded and gave her phone to Zayden.

“Thank you.”

Zayden took the phone and went looking for Joy, who was nearby. He dialed his daddy’s number from his memory.

“Daddy, Joy dropped my smartwatch into the reservoir. She said she will compensate me with an identical one.”

“Reservoir? What reservoir?” Davin was surprised to hear that.

Zayden proceeded to explain to his father.

Once Davin understood the whole situation, he told his son, “There’s no need for Joy to compensate you. I will buy a new one for you.”

“No. I want Joy to compensate me for it.”

“Uncle Davin, it was my fault. I will get a replacement for him.”

“All right then. If you so insist, go ahead. One smartwatch isn’t going to hurt your daddy’s pocket anyway.”

Once they hung up the phone, Zayden felt very happy because Joy had promised to compensate him for his smartwatch.

Suddenly, Joy suggested, “Zayden, your smartwatch looks quite special. Why don’t you ask Sally to help you retrieve it from the reservoir? That way, I will be able to buy the exact same model for you.”

“Okay.”

“Let me use Sally’s phone for a while. I also want to call my daddy.”

Zayden was more worried about his smartwatch, and so he handed the phone to Joy before making his way to Sally.

Sally took one look at the reservoir and knew it was impossible to retrieve the smartwatch by hand.

“Let me get somebody to help us take the smartwatch out.”

“Sure.”

Once Sally was nowhere near her, Joy scrolled through the contact list on Sally’s phone and began taking multiple screenshots.

Finally, she sent a voice message to Juan together with the screenshots through WhatsApp. Juan, it’s Joy here. I am using Sally’s phone and sending you these without her knowledge. See if anything looks suspicious. Mommy’s kidnapper might have called Sally.

After which, Joy deleted the entire chat history.

Without wasting any time, she immediately searched for Evan’s number and dialed her daddy.

When Juan saw the pictures, he was stunned. After listening to Joy’s voice message, he was astounded beyond his imagination. Juan did not expect his sister to pull off such a stunt on her first trip out with Sally. What a smart girl.

Juan scanned Sally’s call logs and suddenly recalled the listening device that Kyle had planted in her room. In the recording that he had heard, Juan wondered who Sally had been talking to on the phone. Does the person have anything to do with Mommy’s disappearance?

Without further delay, Juan forwarded Sally’s call logs to Kyle so that the latter could check against the timing of the recording and determine the exact phone number. It would be much easier to investigate once they had narrowed down their suspects.

Kyle was equally surprised when he received the WhatsApp message from Juan.

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He went to his study room and found the corresponding phone number that matched the time of the recording.

This is it!

Does this have anything to do with Mommy’s disappearance?

Regardless, he felt the need to check more thoroughly. Moreover, whoever had been in contact with Sally for the past few days had to be scrutinized in detail as well.

At the thought of it, Kyle made a call.

“Find out the owners and locations of these few phone numbers. I want the details of the owners as well. Get this quickly.”

“Yes, Mr. Kyle. I will get to it right away.”

At that moment, Kyle still had no idea how Juan managed to obtain Sally’s contact list and call logs. He thought long and hard about it before asking Juan through a message.

Juan: Joy was the one who sent it to me.

Joy?

Kyle was surprised. He was aware of how bright Joy was, but never in his wildest dream did he expect his sister to be that intelligent and resourceful.

Just as he was deep in his thoughts, Juan asked him: Do you find it very surprising? Inspect everything thoroughly. This little imp may be of great help!

Kyle: Yup! I truly did not expect Joy to be capable of such an act.

Juan: It’s obvious that both Mommy’s and Daddy’s genes are way too superior. By the look of it, they should have a few more babies. We may have more intelligent siblings.

Kyle: This is something worth considering. But, in the meantime, we need to find Mommy first.

Juan: Then I won’t take up your time. I need to work too. In fact, I feel that Daddy should have left the company matters to you. As for the task of searching for Mommy and the investigation of Sally, it should have been assigned to me. This way, we can both maximize our abilities.

Kyle: I’m sure that Daddy has his reasons. Let’s get to work then!

Juan: You are always the one who understands Daddy the most.

Sally did not discover what Joy had done with her phone. After she managed to retrieve the smartwatch from the reservoir, Sally put her phone back into her bag and left for the zoo with the two children.

Zayden was thrilled to see the animals in the zoo.

"Wow! The ears are so big, and the trunk is so long! It's an elephant! I heard elephants can spray water with their trunks. Is it true?"

"Well... Yes. Zayden, is this your first time seeing an elephant?"

Zayden nodded. "I have only seen them in pictures. This is my first time seeing the real thing."

After that, he stared at the tiger and the monkey with curiosity and asked, "Daddy told me that there is no tiger in the mountains, and that's why the monkey is the king. But both the tiger and monkey are here, so who is the king?"

"Of course it's the tiger. If the tiger isn't around, then the monkey reigns supreme. But if the tiger is around, then the tiger is the king," explained Joy.

Zayden considered her explanation and said, "But the monkey can climb trees, and the tiger cannot. I feel that the monkey is more powerful than the tiger."

Joy was taken aback. "Tigers are more powerful. They can eat monkeys."

"Really?" asked Zayden in doubt.

A debate broke out between the two of them.

Sally looked at them and asked, "So, did you enjoy yourselves today?"

Zayden nodded fervently. "Yes! We did! It was a fun day!"

"Me too."

Joy grinned at her. The main reason for her happiness was that she had accomplished what she wanted to do, although she had no idea if it was helpful for Juan and Kyle's investigation.

"Since the two of you are so happy, are you willing to come out with me in the future?"

"Yes!"

"Of course!"

The two children agreed in unison.

"Next time, I will take you somewhere even nicer. Okay?"

"Yes!"

"Sally, when will you take us out again?" asked Zayden in anticipation.

“How about within the next few days?”

“Sure!”

Sally was secretly delighted. If there were anything urgent that required her to leave Imperial Garden, those two children would be her best excuse. When the time came, they would come in handy.