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Nicole let out a breath after the person left. It really felt good. She picked up her phone and gave Ian a call.

“The person you found isn’t bad and is actually quite reasonable. I already gave him the money and found him another job as well. Is there anything else that needs to be done?”
Ian stammered. “There’s no need to...”

Nicole frowned. “Carter, where did you find him?”

The matter was urgent, and she posted her plan into the group the moment she got it. Ian had recommended that person to her. Since it was someone that Ian recommended, she did not suspect the person at all and simply used him. He did not disappoint her either and did his job perfectly.

If not for the fear that someone would find out the truth of this matter in the future, Nicole would have wanted to keep him for herself. Ian hesitated for a long time before deciding to speak.

“Eric was the one who found him. I was at the bar and muttered out loud when you talked about this matter. He unexpectedly heard me, so he told me to hand this person over to you.”

Nicole paused. Her heart trembled slightly.

She did not know what feeling it was, but it was a complicated emotion that was slightly different from coldness.

It was sour and astringent, which made her feel uncomfortable. Ian knew that it was impossible between Nicole and Eric because Nicole and Clayton’s relationship was getting better by the day, and they had no intention to break up.

However, no matter what, Ian was at fault for letting Eric intervene in this matter. “If you want to scold me, then go ahead. You were in such a hurry back then, so I didn’t think much about it either. If he dared to cause any difficulties for you, I would’ve been the first to get back at him...”

Nicole was silent. Her heart felt like it was being crushed by a boulder. Eric was the last person she wanted to owe a favor.

Why was she just unable to avoid him?

“Alright, I’m hanging up now.”

Nicole was not in the mood to listen to Ian ramble and directly hung up the phone. The young man earlier had said it was "Mr. Carter" probably because Eric had instructed the man not to expose him, right?

In that case, should Nicole just pretend not to know? However, she already found out about it.

Conflicted, she found Eric's number on WhatsApp. She typed. [Thanks for your help.]

Eric replied in seconds. [You're welcome. I'm glad I was of help.]

It was gentlemanly and decent.

He did not just help her, he helped her a lot. Nicole breathed a sigh.

Logan knocked on the door and interrupted Nicole's thoughts.

"President, he just left. What should we do next?"

Nicole immediately recovered her composure and focused on the next matter. "If I remember correctly, the day after tomorrow is the award ceremony for the Superstar Awards?"

Logan nodded. "Yes, Harvey Sage was nominated for Best Actor in the film he's starring in, but there's another actor with outstanding acting skills who was nominated along with him. The ratings for his film were very good. That's why the industry feels like Harvey might just be the side-show this time..."

The ratings for Harvey's film were noteworthy, and his acting skills were also widely recognized.

However, compared to that senior actor, Harvey was still slightly inferior.

Nicole paused. Her brows were slightly knitted.

Logan quickly said, "Harvey will indeed steal the show if he can win the award for Best Actor, but the other actor's reputation has always been good, so it's actually quite an even match between the two. It's possible to talk with the organizers..." It was just a matter of giving them some benefits.

Nicole wrinkled her brows and raised her eyes, looking at Logan.

"No. Things will become complicated if we intervene. It's fine even if he doesn't get the award. Besides, there are merits to being a side-show as well. He won't be brushed away easily.

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Nicole paused.

"Go talk to the major media platforms. Harvey's circular must be developed towards sincerity, modesty, and being low-profile..."

It was fine to make people get a good impression of Harvey first.
Logan nodded.

News about Viola's scandal had spread all over the place. Once this matter was exposed, no one in the circle would want to be associated with them in the future. No one would dare to take the risk to work with Viola Magazine on their cover. Who would dare?

It would result in "those" kinds of photos being exposed.

For a few days in a row, Viola Magazine's editor-in-chief, Viola Ziegler, did not dare to show her face.
Then, after an unknown person called the cops, the police came out and arrested Viola along with the photographer.
When news of this incident was spread online, the internet was instantly flooded with a wave of praise.
They all praised the police for their efforts to get rid of evil.

Next, it was time to warm up for the Superstar Awards party.

After this Viola incident, the best nominee was undoubtedly Harvey Sage.
His fan club was also very capable and had a strong convening power.

The young idols that debuted in the same period, including Fabian, were only in the midst of honing their acting skills and were nominated for the Best Newcomer Award at most.
However, Harvey was directly nominated for Best Actor. It was clear that his acting skills were deeply approved by the industry.
The significance was not the same.

The most crucial thing was that Harvey had not been willing to succumb to the casting couch. He put forward a positive and proactive image and stood out among many artists.
This was one of the evaluation criteria of the Superstar Awards. There was no guarantee that the judges would not be biased toward Harvey because of this incident.
This was also the reason why Nicole did not allow Logan to pull some strings in secret.
Once they spent money to buy the title, it was inevitable to become something that needed to be kept in the dark.
It would make the judges unwilling instead. Thus, it was better to let nature take its course. Harvey would not lose anyway.
The event this time was important, so Nicole naturally would not be absent.
She wore a form-fitting and fancy dress. She looked delicate and bright, and her temperament was cool with a few hints of fatal tenderness.
Nicole sat in the car, waiting to enter the venue.

She could have entered straight away, but Harvey was arranged to walk on the red carpet alone, so she wanted to see it.
To the side, Clayton was dressed in a dignified and noble manner and complemented her dress.
Without a closer look, only a few people would discover the detail Clayton put in

his style.

Clayton looked sideways at Nicole, who was looking outside the window. At that moment, he felt a little jealous. "Don't be anxious. It'll be his turn soon..." Nicole could not help but complain. "The people in front really know how to dawdle. What's the point of staying just a few seconds longer?" "It's a rare opportunity to show themselves off, so they want to hog the camera lens a little more."

Nicole pouted. Clayton was being very considerate.

Clayton silently smiled. "But I think none of them are as pretty as you." Nicole's eye twitched. Clayton had finally gotten her attention. Clayton's voice was like gurgling water, gently flowing into her heart. "You're the most beautiful."

Nicole's heart trembled slightly, and her ears subconsciously reddened.

She smiled and graciously accepted the praise from her heart.

"You're right."

Nicole turned away and continued to look outside.

Clayton was speechless.

The driver drove a new MPV, so no one recognized who the owner of this car was. Nicole counted. Harvey's turn would be coming up soon.

The few people slowly dawdled outside the car and surrounded a well-dressed man in the middle.

"What the hell? The organizer let Harvey's appearance be the grand finale? They clearly invited Fabian long ago!"

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Another staff member echoed.

"Yeah, people nowadays are really snobbish. It's okay, Fabian. When the time comes, you can just go in with Harvey. Who will dare to stop you?" Nicole's attention was drawn by the conversation outside.

She turned her head back and saw Fabian surrounded by some staff members. Fabian was still dressed boyishly, but his smile was a little forced and his expression did not look very pleasant.

Fabian sighed and smiled. "It's okay. It doesn't matter which order I appear in."

Harvey is very popular now, so the audience will definitely like it.”

As soon as he spoke, several staff members grew indignant.

“Like him? If not for his company deliberately whitewashing his name, would he have the chance to change his fortune? In his dreams!”

“Exactly. I don’t know what’s going on in the company. It’s like there’s someone in upper management who wants to promote him. I heard that the Viola incident was also because that person wanted to protect Harvey. I wonder who that person is?”

“How is our Fabian inferior to Harvey? Fabian’s ratings are good. He works for his fashion, film, and television resources until he’s exhausted and earns so much money for the company. How could they be so cold to him now?”

“That’s right. Fabian, later, you should just go in last as the finale. You’re from the same company as Harvey, so he won’t dare to make a scene either.”

A chill flashed in Nicole’s eyes.

What a coincidence. The gossip they were talking about as they waited to enter happened to be heard by Nicole.

She heard every single word.

Beside her, Clayton reached out and squeezed her hand. His voice was gentle and soothing in her ears.

“They’re all employees who make money for you. There’s nothing to be angry about. Didn’t you also promote Fabian in the past?”

Nicole’s face softened slightly.

She glanced to the side again to look at those people before faintly turning away. “I regret it.”

Back then, she was really blinded by that young man’s simplicity.

That young man was more familiar with the unspoken rules of this circle than she was.

What was there to pity?

The driver in front spoke up.

“Harvey Sage will be the next one on stage. He’s getting ready...”

Nicole paused and immediately recovered her composure.

After a moment of hesitation, she withdrew her hand from Clayton’s hand.

“I’ll walk with him. You go by yourself.”

Then, without waiting for Clayton to react, Nicole lifted her skirt and opened the car door.

Clayton, who still had not come back to his senses, was speechless.

The bright light spilled on her body like a halo, emphasizing her snow-white skin. She looked absolutely stunning.

As soon as she got out of the car, the noisy voices around her instantly quieted down.

It was as if they were all in shock of her dazzling beauty.

Fabian and the staff beside the car were particularly shocked.

Fabian’s face instantly turned pale and glum.

He looked nervous. His jaw was tense, and his gaze was tinged with panic. The staff member next to him pushed him.

“Go on and wait by the side. We’ll help you stop the staff later. You have to steal the limelight from Harvey!”

The world seemed to quiet down.

Fabian’s body stiffened, and he did not dare to move. At that moment, Fabian saw the indifference and detachment in Nicole’s eyes. Fabian had stayed in this circle for more than ten years since he was a child. He had long learned to read people’s thoughts from their body language. In the past, when Nicole looked at him, her eyes were filled with undisguised amazement and appreciation, and all the

good resources would be directed to him.

It was not like how it was now.

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“Ms. Stanton...”

The staff did not expect that they had been discussing such a disgraceful matter beside Nicole’s car. Nicole looked over, lifted her skirt, and strode forward.

Her aura was unparalleled, and she always had a bright and progressive vitality. Every movement she made was noble and beautiful. Nicole went to the waiting area of the red carpet and saw Harvey standing there looking slightly nervous. Harvey was a little surprised to see Nicole. “Ms. Stanton, what brings you here?” Nicole smiled and walked over to stand beside him.

“I’m here to cheer you on. Don’t be nervous. You’ll attend plenty more occasions like this in the future.” Harvey smiled gratefully and straightened his tie. ‘Thank you, Ms. Stanton.’ The staff certainly would not stop Nicole and Harvey from entering. After all, both of them had very attractive faces.

They would attract a lot of attention the moment they went It was a fortune that others would not get even if they begged for it. However, just as they were waiting, a man behind them ran over while panting.

“Ms. Stanton...”

Nicole turned slightly and saw Fabian standing there. His face was a little red because of the strenuous running. She blinked. “Do you need something?”

The staff on the side hastily spoke.

“Mr. Fabian, you’re set to enter after Mr. Sage. You can wait a few feet away.” He was most afraid of people in this circle trying to act self-important and insist on changing the order of appearance. Sometimes, some people shamelessly walked over, and he would be powerless to stop them. It would only disrupt the sequence for the rest of the people. Fabian looked a little embarrassed. He pursed his lips, looked at Nicole, and then at Harvey. Then, Fabian withdrew his gaze and looked at Nicole. “Ms. Stanton, I have something I want to say to you.” Nicole gave him an extremely faint smile. “We’ll talk about it when we have time later. It isn’t an appropriate occasion right now.”

Nicole was not in the mood to say anything to Fabian.

She did not owe him anything.

Nicole was already being very benevolent by not taking away the resources in Fabian’s hands. It was up to him whether or not he could keep them. Fabian’s gaze flickered slightly, and his tone was somewhat lost. “I wouldn’t have done that. The people beside me were just joking earlier. Harvey and I are considered old friends, so I’m very happy that he’s getting popular.”

Harvey stood there dubiously, not knowing what happened at all. Nicole’s lips curved, but it did not look much like a smile.

“That’s great. Fabian, you should know this. You can only want what I give you. If I don’t give it to you, you can’t reach out to grab it.”

Fabian’s face went white, but under the watchful eyes of Harvey and the other staff on the side, he nodded obediently.

He knew that Nicole was starting to be discontented with him.

His previous series of actions had already made her dissatisfied. He should have realized that long ago.

Fabian should not have been careless and picked up Viola Magazine’s cover on a whim. He thought that it was okay. Even if they were artists from the same company, it was fine to have a competitive relationship.

By picking up the slack, he could maintain a good partnership for the company.

Besides, he also needed a cover like that to boost his status.

Unexpectedly, Viola Magazine’s downfall was only the beginning.

The staff on the side urged.

“Mr. Sage, Ms. Stanton, it’s your turn...”

At his words, Nicole casually took Harvey’s arm.

The two people stood not too close nor too far and had a very strong sense of propriety. They were very attractive in front of the camera.

It could be seen that the order for the finale was very important. Everyone had already gotten tired of the aesthetic in the front, and the speed at which they pressed the shutter had slowed by a lot.

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Once Nicole and Harvey made their appearance, they were both ready to attract a lot of controversies. They were also getting a lot of attention online. Very quickly, the media reporters started snapping photos like they went mad. Nicole maintained a decent and elegant smile. Beside her, Harvey kept an incredibly low profile in contrast, acting like a gentleman who did not want to steal attention away from her. An artist actually decided not to grab the limelight in order to take care of a girl? That action really endeared him to the public.

Nicole and Harvey obviously wanted to move forward, but they were repeatedly called back by reporters and hosts. The red carpet of several dozen feet took almost ten minutes to walk through. It was truly an amount of time worthy to be jealous of. The photos and videos that were uploaded to the internet in real-time immediately caused an intense reaction. [Ahhhhh! My two favorite people actually appeared together! My brain is gonna explode shipping them. Stop talking about Mr. Ferguson or Mr. Sloan. Harvey Sage is her true love!] [My Goddess is so beautiful! Although Harvey looks good too, his temperament always lags behind slightly!] [Fabian is completely eliminated. The Goddess's new favorite is Harvey Sage!]

[The two of them are so well matched and partnered. Long live friendship!] [The two people look like they're forced to work overtime. They aren't even smiling when standing there, so it looks fake as hell. Hahahaha! But it's so cute...] [The Goddess's dress is a limited-edition haute couture dress. I heard that it can only be bought and can't be borrowed. None of the female celebrities can win against the mighty President Nicole! It's so nice to be rich!]

Fabian appeared after them. Although his popularity was not small, after Nicole and Harvey left, it was considered a small climax. There was not much attention left. Nicole and Harvey stood in the background, exchanged a look, and breathed out a sigh. The two of them looked calm on the surface earlier, but in fact, they were extremely nervous. As soon as Nicole turned around, she saw Clayton standing there looking at her

with a deep gaze.

She subconsciously withdrew the hand that was holding Harvey beside her and smiled at Clayton.

"What are you doing here?"

Clayton's eyes were dim, and his voice carried some sorrow.

"You won't walk with me. Do you think I can walk alone?"

If a man who was not an artist walked on the red carpet by himself, he would be laughed at.

Nicole forgot about that.

She left him behind and chose Harvey instead. She was at fault.

Nicole felt extremely guilty.

As Clayton spoke, he looked at Harvey, who was beside Nicole.

Harvey quickly nodded his head in greeting. "Mr. Sloan..." Clayton knew very well why Nicole was helping Harvey.

He knew that nothing could happen between the two of them, but when he watched them walk on the red carpet, he still felt incredibly upset.

It was very hard to suppress the jealousy in his heart.

On the surface, Clayton looked warm and elegant. He gave off a pleasant feeling like a soothing spring breeze.

Nicole hesitated for a moment before walking over. She took the initiative to hold Clayton's hand and swayed it a few times.

"If the three of us walked together, you'd have stolen our thunder. It'll make people think that you're bullying others..."

Clayton was speechless. 'So... I'm the one who got between them?!'

Harvey wanted to laugh when he saw his situation, but he did not dare to, so he simply said, "I'll go say hello to the people over there. Please excuse me, Ms. Stanton and Mr. Sloan..."

Nicole nodded. This kind of occasion was naturally a good opportunity to socialize.

Looking at Harvey's back, Clayton finally let out a huff.

He casually straightened his clothes and looked down at Nicole.

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Kai gave him a call last night, half in jest and warning. It was very clear what he meant.

If Dominic did not want to continue in Falcon Entertainment, he could leave and set up his own business outside.

Starting up his own business would be easy, but he got all his contacts from Kai. If Dominic left, out of consideration for Kai's reputation, everyone would stop working with Dominic.

Then, the value of the name "Dominic Young" in the industry would decrease

significantly.

Dominic knew very well that he would only firmly remain a big shot if he continued to stay at Falcon Entertainment.

As soon as he leaves, there would no longer be a place in the circle for him.

A burst of fear hit him. He had to take the initiative to admit his mistake to Nicole. Even if he had to kneel, he would be willing.

Clayton knew that Nicole did not want to see Dominic. Just as Clayton was about to stand in front of Nicole, she snickered softly and sneered.

"Why, if it isn't President Young? You're finally willing to show your face?"

Dominic's face turned red and white. He smiled.

"Ms. Stanton, your talent in public relations is really unmatched by countless professionals. It's truly admirable!"

That was the truth.

To an outsider, all of Harvey's reversals could be coincidental.

However, Dominic knew in his heart that it was all planned by Nicole.

If Nicole entered the entertainment industry, no one would be her match.

Nicole's cold eyes swept him a glance. Her tone was not as polite as it was before.

"It's a little better than yours, at least. I should actually thank you for not being a hindrance at the critical moment."

It was public humiliation. Although it was shameful, Dominic felt that he could still bear it.

He would have been even more afraid if Nicole did not show her high and mighty temper.

Furthermore, Kai's phone call made it very clear.

Whether or not Kai was around, Nicole held all his authority in Falcon Entertainment. Even doing something like signing his name on the spot and handing it all to her could be done in just minutes.

Dominic smiled ingratiatingly.

"You're absolutely right, Ms. Stanton. I was really thoughtless in this matter. At that time, I only let Fabian take the rap considering that our relationship was passable. Who knew that the photographer and Viola would be so unethical? Fortunately, this matter was exposed early. Otherwise, Fabian would also be involved. If it ended up causing trouble to the company's reputation as well, Kai would kill me!"

He mentioned Kai so that Nicole would show him mercy out of respect for Kai. Nicole saw through his thoughts and smiled coldly.

"Mr. Young, you're great at admitting your mistakes, but you're too opinionated."

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Nicole did not care about Dominic's reputation. The anger in her heart had not subsided yet.

Harvey's reputation had almost been smeared to the point of no return, but not only did Dominic not say or do anything, he even made a private settlement with Viola.

How revolting was that?

"I'm not interested in being a stickier regarding the unspoken rules, but I've already told you what Harvey Sage means to Stanton Corporation. You didn't take that seriously and almost sent Harvey on a path of no return. I've taken this incident to heart. If it happens again, don't even try to mention Kai's name. It'll be useless even if Kai comes."

Dominic froze. Although his expression was unpleasant, he could only smile ingratiatingly.

"Thank you for your generosity, Ms. Stanton."

To the side, Clayton laughed and eased the atmosphere.

"Nicole, don't scare Mr. Young. That's not what you said just now."

Dominic subconsciously looked over at him. Clayton glanced at Nicole and spoke with a smile.

"Mr. Young, don't take Nicole too seriously. She just told me in private before we came here that we can't blame you. You saw the bigger picture and acted for the good of the company. Everyone in this circle has a trick or two. Nicole is an outsider in the entertainment industry and doesn't know the rules. She screwed things up on a whim, but it's already good enough that you were able to clean up the mess. However... Your method didn't conform to her thoughts."

At those words, Dominic's expression returned to normal.

Clayton's tone was teasing, but his gaze was very sincere when he spoke.

It made people believe that what he said was true.

When Dominic heard Clayton's words, he sighed with relief and looked at Nicole with a smile.

"I know that you're a highly principled person, Ms. Stanton. Don't worry, I'll definitely heed this warning and clean up the company. I'll make sure that you'll be able to buy a few more yachts by the end of this year..."

Nicole rolled her eyes speechlessly at Dominic.

The matter of her asking Kai to buy a yacht had unexpectedly spread to the public.

Hmph!

Dominic smiled brightly. His eyes when he looked at Clayton became more favorable.

Nicole put down her cup and gave him a faint look.

"Mr. Young, I also hope that you'll earn clean money in the future. After all, the company can't do without you."

Her words were reassuring, which made Dominic's heart feel settled. If Dominic could still stay in Falcon Entertainment, that meant he had gotten through this hurdle overwhelmingly well. A staff member at the venue announced that they could go in now. Nicole's attention was drawn there, and she pulled Clayton over.

Clayton nodded at Dominic, then followed Nicole over with a helpless smile. Nicole leaned into Clayton and spoke in a low voice.

"Why did you say so much to him? I won't be able to find anyone to replace him for a while anyway."
Clayton let out a low and helpless chuckle.

"Ms. Stanton, you've stood at the top for too long that you forgot the most fundamental aspect of workplace relationships is gratitude. If you keep him, you have to make him feel grateful for your kindness."

The two lowered their voices so that no one around could hear what they said.

To outsiders, they only looked like a couple whispering intimately.

A talented man and a beautiful woman. What a beautiful scene!

Nicole pursed her lips. She did not care about Dominic's thoughts at all.

If Dominic did that in Stanton Corporation, she would have told him to pack his bags and get out.

However, it was in Falcon Entertainment. Dominic always had a good relationship with Kai. If Dominic left, they would not be able to find anyone in the company to replace him.

Thus, Nicole did not intend to fire Dominic. She just wanted to scold him and get over it.

In any case, she just did not want him to get complacent. Clayton said, "But it's okay. You can stay like this!"

He thought about it before speaking slowly.

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Nicole turned her head in surprise. The warm and soothing fragrance of Clayton's body drilled into her heart.

She subconsciously became dazed. "Why?" She quickly asked.

Clayton chuckled. His voice was clear and pleasant. "Because a princess should always be high and mighty." There was no need for Nicole to stoop low or compromise.

Even though her little temper was not elegant, Clayton felt like it was adorable. His voice was low and deep, drilling into Nicole's ears and making her slightly stunned.

The tips of her ears turned red.

It was not that she did not understand the way things were done in the workplace. She also made it up from the bottom little by little. However, after growing up in an environment like the Stanton family, there was an inherent arrogance that she could not hide or correct. Nicole suppressed it for too long during the three years she was with Eric, and she did not have a good time. After the divorce, Nicole let loose.

At that moment, her heart inexplicably softened when Clayton said that. Clayton did not notice her change in attitude and entered the venue with her in his arms.

The front row seats were for the artists, and it was also where there were the most cameras. Their seats were on the second floor. The angle was excellent, and the atmosphere was not as intense as below, which was surrounded by cameras. Nicole and Clayton sat down. From their seats, it was just enough to see the host on stage and the densely packed cast sitting below. Almost two-thirds of the entertainment industry had come. It was clear that this awards ceremony was grand and formal. Harvey was currently very popular, so his seat was arranged in the first few rows. He sat together with Fabian. Nicole took a deep breath and looked down expectantly. Clayton frowned, poured her a glass of juice, and handed it over. "What are you nervous about?" Nicole said, "Of course, I'm nervous. I poured my heart and soul into Harvey!" Clayton hesitated for a moment before asking in surprise, "You didn't bribe the organizers?" Nicole was speechless. Of course not! Nicole looked at him blankly and frowned. "Do you actually think that I'm that kind of person?" Even if she was powerful, she would not take the risk to challenge ethics. Although Harvey would shoot up in popularity if he won Best Actor, it would be even worse for her if the news that she pulled strings was exposed. Clayton instantly shut his mouth and choked.

After regaining his composure, he cleared his throat and recovered his expression. "No, I was just curious. Weren't you very interested in Harvey winning the Best Actor award? He's also one of the nominees. Wouldn't it be safer if you made a deal privately?" Nicole pretended to be angry and looked away, ignoring him. The clean and gentlemanly Clayton Sloan actually suspected her of secretly pulling strings? It was possible that others might think so too.

In that case, Nicole did the right thing by not letting someone pull the strings. When Clayton saw that Nicole was silent and frustrated, he thought that she was angry because he said the wrong thing. The staff members at the venue were testing out the equipment, and the music was deafening. Clayton tugged her clothes. "Are you angry?"

Nicole was immersed in her own world, deep in contemplation, so she did not notice the man beside her.

Clayton saw that she remained silent and thought that she was really angry. He gently leaned down close to her. His clear voice sounded pitiful.

"It's not that I think you're someone who doesn't know how to differentiate between public and private affairs. Some time ago, you took me along to understand this circle.

Each one of them has a capital behind them that represents their interests. Harvey naturally represents you. If others can push their people up, what's the big deal if you push Harvey up?"

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Clayton's words burrowed into Nicole's ears like ants, but she instantly understood what he meant.

He was right.

Just because she abided by the rules did not mean others did too.

Nicole wrinkled her brows and looked to the side, hesitating to speak. Clayton asked, "What's wrong?"

"Why didn't you say so earlier?"

Nicole grumbled, but Clayton heard her clearly. He let out a low chuckle but quickly held back. "Who knew that our Ms. Stanton is so upright?"

Although Clayton did not know much about the entertainment industry in Mediana, he was seasoned after so long in the business world. He knew that when one reached a certain position, some things that could not be tolerated in the eyes of others would just be harmless when done.

Although he disliked it, if doing that could benefit the interests of other aspects, he would do it.

Thus, he was surprised that Nicole did not do anything.

However, after thinking about it, it made sense. If Kai was around, he would have taken care of it for her.

It was understandable that Nicole momentarily neglected it.

Nicole's brows were shrouded in sorrow. Clayton reached out and squeezed her hand, speaking with a smile.

"It's okay. The few minutes you walked down the red carpet with him is enough for him to become the focus of today's event. He already won."

Nicole paused before smiling.

"That's right. Anyway, since it's become like this, let's just let nature take its course."

Clayton secretly sighed in relief when he saw her mood turn for the better. However, his grip on her hand never loosened.

From the side, the two people sitting and laughing together really looked like a couple in love.

Nicole was bright and beautiful, and Clayton was gentle and noble. They looked so suitable for each other.

Everyone secretly sighed. If Eric Ferguson saw this scene, it would cause another bloody storm!

They looked at the main seat. Even if Eric did not come, no one dared to sit there. Recently, Eric had been attending fewer public events.

It was most likely because Nicole's secret romance was too high-profile.

Although Nicole did not admit it in public, she never denied it either.

It could be seen that Clayton Sloan had really grasped her heart.

Clayton said something which made Nicole turn her head and laugh. Her smile was bright and warm, which stunned those who saw her.

Before the crowd could react, they heard the host on the stage begin to recite his speech, and their attention was finally shifted to the main event below.

"For tonight's awards, we've specially invited the top twenty artists with the highest online popularity ranking to perform for everyone. Please enjoy..."

Nicole raised her brows and immediately looked down to see.

All of a sudden, the lights in the whole venue dimmed. The venue fell silent. Three seconds later.

Suddenly, a shadow started to move around the stage, and two rows of white fog lamps suddenly lit up.

The moment it lit up, someone appeared on the stage along with the flashing lights. His steps moved to the same rhythm as the lights lit up. It was as if in the boundless universe, only the figure of that person on the stage could be seen in the darkness.

It was Fabian.

Fabian was a representative of the most popular newcomers. His persona had always been positive and active. He was also liked by many seniors, audiences, and fans because of his humble attitude.

With him as the opening model, he instantly ignited the heat in the venue.

Fabian wore the latest fashionable suit and walked at the forefront with a pure feeling of youthfulness.

As he walked in front, he seemed to glance upward and saw Nicole.

Nicole did not notice that Clayton was acting weird.

She placed one hand on the railing in front of her. Her eyes were twinkling and expectant.

Out of all these familiar male artists, that model's footwork was really impressive. He looked really pleasing to the eye.

They were not just there to show off their clothes. Each person had a different style, from their hats and sunglasses to their scarves. There was no aesthetic

fatigue at all.

The first dozen people walked by one after another, and the lights went out after the final person walked by.

The room fell into silence again.

The next second, the last person came out.

The lights suddenly came on again, probably a few degrees brighter than earlier. As the blinding light hit his body, Harvey Sage walked out in a casual outfit. The most eye-catching thing was that his shirt was only buttoned loosely, revealing almost half of his chest as well as the faint eight-pack. He was incredibly dashing and looked much more wild and unruly than the dozen or so people earlier.

The moment he walked over, the screams in the venue instantly went up an octave.

The female celebrities in the venue unabashedly admired his unique charm, and the male artists simply smiled without saying anything, having mixed feelings about it.

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Thus, male artists could only rely on their faces and fans to stand out in the circle. The appearance of the first batch of people represented the current popularity rankings in the circle. Harvey's appearance at the end was the finale, the strength, and the focus.

Harvey's acting skills were remarkable and highly acclaimed.

Although there was a very large controversy about him, after the whitewashing recently, he seemed to carry a kind of modest and introverted nature that was not the same as Clayton's.

The modesty in Harvey's bones seemed to be a kind of low-profile toughness. That toughness came from resistance and reluctance.

When Nicole saw Harvey, her eyes lit up for a moment, and she applauded along with the people below.

It was as if she saw a pot of gold. The person she promoted with her own hands finally obtained a kind of recognition today.

Thus, Nicole did not hold back at all when applauding. She even screamed along with the people below.

The surrounding big shots were speechless.