

Chapter 501 The Two of Them Are Really Together

Clayton's smile faintly stiffened. His eyes darkened for a brief moment, but it was only for a short second before he returned to his usual self.

"Did Mr. Ferguson ask you to come and persuade me?"

Keith was stunned and immediately denied it. "Of course not, we're just reminding you that there are women everywhere, so you don't need to look for a divorced woman with a domineering and strong personality, right?"

After Keith finished speaking, he felt a cool breeze on his back.

Before Colton could nudge Keith, Nicole's icy voice gradually approached from behind.

"Keith Ludwig, didn't anyone teach you to be more discreet when talking bad about others?"

Keith's body shook violently. His eyes flashed with a hint of panic. He had goosebumps all over.

noded his head.

Keith quickly said, "Are you very close to Ms. Stanton? Oh right, Ms. Stanton has a good relationship with anyone, like Miles Kavanagh, Fabian, and some other young hunks in showbiz..."

Colton nodded in agreement. "Yes, Nicole and Miles Kavanagh definitely have something going on..."

Clayton's eyes flickered. His smile deepened.

"Mr. Ludwig and Mr. White, what exactly are you trying to say?"

Keith sighed. "You've just returned to Mediana, so don't think that Nicole likes you just because she treats you better. We're just reminding you so that your feelings won't get hurt. Nicole only likes Eric Ferguson. When they weren't divorced, Nicole was so humble and passionate. That was real love. They're only at odds momentarily, but they'll certainly reconcile one day. Look, she's recently found Xander, don't you think that she's just looking for a substitute?"

himself to say the l word. He looked at Nicole's eyes, which were filled with disbelief.

'Sigh...'

"Of course... He did..."

Keith bit his tongue. 'I'm sorry, bro!'

Nicole was expressionless. Her gaze swept past Keith and she looked toward the entrance. She hooked her lips in a cold and mocking smile.

"Mr. Ferguson, you hear that? No one wronged you. Your best friend admitted it himself."

Keith's body shook as he slowly turned back with a stiff face.

He saw Eric standing there with a dark and sullen face, shrouded in a gloomy coldness.

Keith just felt like he was struck by lightning twice in a row. He was completely terrified and shocked to the core.

All he wanted was to burrow into the ground.

ground.

‘Why is there such a coincidence?! How did Eric show up out of the blue?’

Nicole sneered and turned to Clayton with a faint smile on her face. “I’m not in the mood to eat anymore. Let’s head back?”

Clayton raised his eyebrows. “Sure.”

The two of them went out one after the other and walked past Eric, whose face was extremely glum. His thin lips were pressed into a straight line as his gaze was fixed on Nicole. Unfortunately, Nicole did not show even a trace of emotion.

Eric opened his mouth wanting to explain, but he only looked miserable and powerless. His fists on both sides were clenched tightly and his body was tense.

After Nicole left, Keith braced himself and walked over. “Um... Ferg, I think the two of them might really be together...” 1

Eric lifted his eyes and cast a cold and sharp sidelong glance at Keith.

Chapter 502 Street Interview

Keith knew that he was in the wrong and dared not provoke Eric. If he added fuel to the fire, he would be the first to go up in smoke.

Yannick Zabinski was a good example. Keith was scared to death!

After all, Eric was someone who would forgo his friends for a woman.

Keith trembled as he watched Eric leave in a huff. He did not dare to go after him and felt really aggrieved.

Colton cleared his throat and patted Keith's shoulder. "Wish us luck..."

They could only pray that Eric would let them off the hook.

Nicole and Clayton left and went to a quiet restaurant nearby for a simple lunch, then prepared to go back.

Since the driver left beforehand, they decided to walk back together.

Both of them were extremely eye-catching with an equally outstanding aura. Many passersby saw the couple and

envied them.

When they passed by the University of Atlanta, they could feel the youthful college atmosphere.

A group of students seemed to be filming some kind of street interview, and many students were looking forward to being interviewed.

Nicole and Clayton unintentionally walked past their filming site. Their stunning faces were captured by the interviewer's keen eyes.

"Excuse me, are you both students here?"

Two female college students stood in front of Nicole and Clayton, who finally realized that they were called on.

Nicole was a little excited and smiled at them gently.

"What is it?"

"Um.... We're interviewing passersby. Can you guys please spare a minute for this interview?"

The girls looked at Clayton with a gleaming and adoring gaze. They could hardly suppress their excitement.

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However, Clayton's indifference made them feel like they were too abrupt.

When they saw Nicole, they were even more excited. Nicole looked about the same age as them, but she was exquisitely dressed and had a gentle temperament. She was also incredibly beautiful!

They thought, 'This lady looks so familiar! Is she a celebrity?'

However, they could not recall who Nicole was.

Nicole's eyes were serious, sincere, and gentle as she looked at them with a smile. There was no trace of hostility or annoyance.

In an instant, everyone's gaze shifted from Clayton to Nicole.

"Is it okay?"

The girl asked Nicole expectantly as she blushed. "Although we don't have many fans, we promise that we won't simply edit the video and won't bring you any bad gossip."

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Nicole heard this and chuckled. "Sure, but just one minute, yeah?"

She liked that they did not have many fans. There were so many vloggers around, and hundreds of fans were really nothing.

Nicole was also sure that the girls did not recognize her as the famous Nicole Stanton.

The students nodded excitedly and looked at Clayton with some concern. "Your boyfriend can recuse himself."

Clayton immediately replied, "There's no need for that. I don't mind."

Nicole raised her eyebrows and did not want to explain more.

The student asked, "Then may I ask, what made you decide to give up your previous relationship?"

Nicole was stunned for a moment. She smiled and thought, 'No wonder they wanted Clayton to avoid this. It was indeed a bit awkward.'

However, it was not awkward for her. After all, she and Clayton were not really dating

dating.

Nicole thought about it and nonchalantly flipped her hair back. The diamond studs on her earlobes were shimmering and eye-catching.

As she raised her hand, she also revealed her watch and diamond bracelet worth tens of millions of dollars.

“I’m so rich, so why should I stay with a scumbag?” ¹

Nicole blithely blurted out this casual sentence.

However, she could not bring herself to say the true reason for leaving her past relationship. In fact, it was because of the disappointment she felt time and time again.

The students were speechless.

Right...

Everyone could see that she was rich!

Chapter 503 Do I Have to Pity You?

Nicole and Clayton walked away under everyone's adoring and envious gaze.

Nicole's answer was just a casual remark, but it was so befitting to her identity and dressing.

The female student who interviewed Nicole looked envious and looked back at the camera.

"Dear fans, y'all heard this young lady's answer! I hope that we'll all have such courage to wave goodbye to our exes!"

The video came to an end.

Nicole received a call to go back to the office, so Clayton walked her back to the entrance.

"See you next time."

Nicole nodded. She thought of something and spoke hesitantly, "Mr. Sloan, actually, what Keith Ludwig said earlier isn't a lie."

She wanted to take this opportunity to make things clear so that he would back off.

on.

Clayton chuckled. "Those who only look at someone's past are pathetic. I'm a little saddened that you don't seem to have trust in me."

Nicole raised her eyebrows. At this time, her phone rang again, urging her. She glanced at it and bid goodbye to Clayton before walking in.

"What is it?"

Logan's voice came through the phone. "President, Joy Harrison from Harrison Corporation is here with Ivy Harrison."

Nicole had taken away one of Harrison Corporation's projects to teach the Harrisons a lesson. Since she had close dealings with Sheldon Corporation, Harrison Corporation's archrival, the Harrisons could not sit idly by.

She expected them to come to her, but she did not expect them to come so soon.

Lounge.

When Nicole arrived, Ivy and Joy Harrison had been waiting for nearly two hours.

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Ivy sat on the side a ● ehesively and dared not talk. She looked very uneasy.

On the other hand, Joy Harrison was a high-society lady who had been in more serious situations. She just sat there and glared viciously at Ivy.

“You’re a troublemaker! It doesn’t matter if you can’t seduce men, but you even provoked the wrong people. You made us lose tens of millions of dollars and now, I even need to wipe your *ss! If you can’t get back this project, you’ll get kicked out of the Harrison family!”

Joy fiercely pinched Ivy’s arm and gnashed her teeth. The more Joy looked at Ivy, the more annoyed she felt.

Ivy’s existence was never welcomed.

Ivy’s mother was a mistress who wanted to become Eli Harrison’s rightful wife by using the unborn baby in her womb to drive out Joy’s mother, who was Eli’s lawfully wedded wife.

However, Eli Harrison was not serious about his mistress. After Ivy’s mother made a farce, she provoked Eli’s wife, lost her job, and went back to her hometown t

her job, and went back to her hometown to give birth to Ivy. Seeing that it was a girl, Eli was indifferent toward Ivy.

Since Joy's mother was the daughter of an affluent family and Ivy's mother was just Eli's secretary, a shrewd businessman like Eli knew which of them to choose.

Ivy did not dare to retort. Her face was red, and she had tears in her eyes, but she lowered her head to endure Joy's insults and abuse.

If Nicole had not snatched that project, Eli and Joy Harrison would not have been so angry.

Nicole, who got to the door, heard these words and raised an eyebrow. Logan shrugged and indicated that this was what he heard for the past two hours.

Logan held the door open for Nicole, who strode in.

He thoughtfully reminded the Harrisons. "Ms. Harrison, sorry to keep you both waiting."

Ivy and Joy were both stunned.

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Joy's face immediately changed. She put on an ingratiating smile and stood up to shake hands with Nicole.

"Ms. Stanton, I've heard a lot about you. You're just as beautiful as they say..."

Nicole smiled faintly. "Thank you, Ms. Harrison. To what do I owe this visit?"

She was not in the mood to exchange pleasantries with them.

Joy stiffened for a moment and let out a natural laugh.

She pulled Ivy's arm and said, "We've told her to work well and learn well from you, Ms. Stanton, but this woman still caused you a lot of trouble when she was working at Stanton Corporation. My father found out and was so furious that he was hospitalized. He instructed me to bring her here to apologize to you."

Ivy looked timid and weak with tears in her eyes that were close to falling. She looked so pitiful and aggrieved.

"I'm sorry, Ms. Stanton, it's all my fault."

It was as if the whole world had to pity her. Otherwise, the world would seem cruel.

Chapter 504 Kneel and Apologize

Nicole swept a glance at her and curled up her lips into a cold smile.

“I believe you know what she did and that my counterattack is justified. You should understand that an apology is not necessary, right?”

Ivy jerked her head up with unbelievable shock and coldness in her eyes.

She did not expect Nicole's cold reaction.

Joy was speechless for a moment. She then turned around and slapped Ivy hard in front of Nicole as if she was helping Nicole to take out her anger on Ivy.

“Look what you've done! Ms. Stanton is so angry. Do you think that you can turn the page with an apology?”

A very obvious slap mark appeared on Ivy's face immediately. She bit her lip with forbearance and lowered her eyes, not daring to fight back.

Nicole frowned. She did not expect Joy to hit Ivy in front of her.

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Joy was furious. She fiercely twisted Ivy's arm and kicked her shin. "Kneel and apologize to Ms. Stanton!"

Hearing that, Nicole froze.

Even Ivy stiffened for a moment.

"Come on, why are you hesitating? You've done something wrong, so why are you acting aggrieved?"

Joy urged relentlessly.

Anyway, as long as they could achieve their purpose, it was no big deal for Ivy to suffer some humiliation if it could appease Nicole.

Ivy hesitated for a few seconds and was about to kneel, but Nicole stood up impatiently and intended to leave the lounge.

"Ms. Harrison, Stanton Corporation isn't a place for you to teach your sister a lesson. Since there's nothing else, please leave."

Joy stiffened and hurriedly went over to stop her.

"Ms. Stanton, wait! I just wanted to let you vent your anger. Nothing else..."

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Joy was secretly shocked by Nicole's reaction. In the past, Joy would scold her wimpy sister in her circle, but everyone would only watch the show in excitement.

Why did Nicole look annoyed?

"Actually, I came here this time on behalf of my father to talk to you about cooperation," Joy said with a straight face.

Nicole paused in her footsteps. Her face was calm. "Then let's make it short."

Joy breathed a sigh of relief and went back to her seat. She brushed her hair back and smiled brightly.

"My father said that he wanted to cooperate with you when he first met you at a cocktail party in Santos Island. Unfortunately, you didn't have much interaction with him at that time, so he was regretful that he didn't get to settle it sooner."

Nicole held a faint smile that did not reach her eyes. "It is quite regrettable."

Ivy was left out on the side. She did not know whether to stand or sit, but no one bothered with her.

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“So, I came over this time to determine the preliminary cooperation target with you. Harrison Corporation is quite big in the west, so it’ll be best if our companies can work together.”

Joy had long heard Eli mentioning Nicole’s intention to cooperate.

She thought that Nicole would have the sense to accept her offer, but Nicole did not have the slightest expression after hearing everything that she said so far.

“I think that Harrison Corporation can distribute Stanton Corporation’s AI products and jewelry exclusively in the west. I guarantee that you’ll get retail profit.”

Nicole laughed lightly. “Indeed, but Sheldon Corporation in the west also proposed cooperation with me with the same exclusive guarantee. Their proposal is in the final stages and will be confirmed after the board meeting next week, so I can only express regret for cooperation with your company.”

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Joy's face changed slightly.

She obviously panicked. 'So that's not a rumor? Our archrival, Sheldon Corporation, had taken advantage of the situation a long time ago!'

"No!"

Ivy, who was on the side, suddenly spoke in shock.

Chapter 505 It's Your Fault

Nicole looked to the side.

Ivy Harrison knew that she had lost her temper and hurriedly looked at Joy for help.

Joy was not bothered with her and explained, "How can Sheldon Corporation's scale and financial strength compare to Harrison Corporation? You shouldn't fall for their scheme, Ms. Stanton..."

She was well aware that the reason Harrison Corporation could have a steady foothold in the west was because of Ferguson Corporation's support.

Even if Sheldon Corporation started to expand in the past few years, Harrison Corporation was seated securely in the same position.

Ferguson Corporation would not allow its partners to be subservient to others.

If Harrison Corporation could cooperate with Stanton Corporation, they would reach greater heights and would completely surpass Sheldon Corporation!

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However, if Nicole decides to cooperate with Sheldon Corporation, Harrison Corporation's archrival, they would soon be on an equal footing with them and would even threaten their power.

It was more harm than good for Harrison Corporation.

Nicole smiled indifferently. "I can see Sheldon Corporation's sincerity. As for whether we'll reach cooperation still needs to be discussed further. Ms. Harrison, if you're interested, you can also come up with a proposal to compete with Sheldon Corporation."

Although Nicole politely said that Harrison Corporation could come up with a proposal, her words were in favor of Sheldon Corporation.

However, Joy thought that Nicole was willing to give them the opportunity.

She did not think too much about it and only wanted to tell her father about the bad news.

Joy found an excuse to leave. Ivy hesitated for a few seconds and followed her out.

Nicole was just about to leave when Ivy turned back.

She raised her eyebrows, so Ivy spoke hesitantly and humbly.

“Ms. Stanton, I know my mistake now. Can you please be magnanimous to let go of that project that you snatched from Harrison Corporation?”

Ivy thought that if they could not get this project back, she would either be tortured to death by Joy, or she would have to go back to that poor dull life she once had. She did not want to become one of the mediocre working-class girls.

Nicole’s eyes sank. Her smile was clear and cold.

“Ms. Harrison, I thought that you realized that your apology is not worth anything to me. I don’t need to accept it, nor do I care for it. This cooperation is just to maximize the interests and benefits of my company. I merely left a signal, but the other party reverted quickly. I didn’t need to snatch anything from Harrison Corporation.”

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There were plenty of companies who wanted to cooperate with Stanton Corporation, but only lacked opportunities and contacts.

Ivy awkwardly bowed her head and looked cautious like she had said the wrong thing.

Pathetic.

“I’m sorry, but as you can see, I have no status at all in the Harrison family. If they lose such a big project because of me, they will throw me out. Joy won’t let me off the hook as well...”

Ivy looked at Nicole. She bit her lower lip and gathered her courage to continue.

“You also wanted to give me the opportunity to get close to Mr. Ferguson in the beginning because you were sympathetic to me, right?”

Ivy looked at Nicole with teary eyes.

Nicole was indifferent and unmoved. She did not care for Ivy’s pitiful life, especially after how Ivy schemed against her at that play. That little bit of sympathy Nicole felt for Ivy completely vanished.

She was not a saint, so she could not

She was not a saint, she could not possibly help every person who was more miserable than her.

Nicole was getting impatient.

She coldly raised her eyebrows. A layer of chill surfaced in those beautiful eyes.

“How about this, it’s possible for me to break the contract...”

Ivy looked at her with unconcealed excitement.

Nicole continued, “Harrison Corporation can fork out three times the penalty and any losses that Stanton Corporation will sustain for breaking the contract. If you can do this, I’ll give up this project immediately.”

In an instant, Ivy looked like she was struck by lightning and froze in place.

She opened her mouth, but there was no sound.

Nicole added, “The contract amounts to three hundred million. I can’t possibly pay for this just because of some ridiculous sympathy for you, right? You can inform Chairman Harrison or Joy

Harrison about this. I’ll wait for your

can inform Chairma Harrison or Joy Harrison about this. I'll wait for your news."

After that, Nicole walked past Ivy to leave.

Ivy cried in despair. "This money is nothing to you! Why must Harrison Corporation bear this? You're the one who snatched it from us! It's all your fault..."