

My Dreamy Old Husband

Chapter 452

Sophia finally laid down her phone on the set where War Dragon was being filmed. Upon taking a peek at Michael, who was in the middle of the shoot, she secretly sneaked to the set next door to take a look at the actress in action.

In fact, there was a scene in which Nicole, who was the female protagonist, had to rescue her sister from their enemy's hideout, which featured a huge amount of intense actions with a bitter sentiment.

This part of the film talked about how the female protagonist finally decided to swallow her pride and worked with the male protagonist. When they split up to rescue the captured victim, they both engaged in a fierce battle with their enemies respectively on the way, and this scene was about Nicole's side of the story.

This scene was initially part of the plan as the female protagonist only showed up after the male protagonist finished the fight, whereupon it ended with both of them exchanging gazes upon rescuing the victim.

Nevertheless, the director was later impressed by Nicole's performance, so he decided to add on some fight scenes that featured the female protagonist in action. Excited about the extra fight scene, Nicole put her back into the filming and memorized all her moves beforehand to smoothen the shooting process.

Refusing to have a stunt double, Nicole insisted on performing her own stunts from the beginning of the filming. As soon as the camera began rolling, the stuntmen started trading blows with Nicole just like what they had planned in their

choreographer. At the moment, the crew was filming a scene that showed the female protagonist's prowess in taking on ten enemies at one time.

Nevertheless, they later hit a snag just as they were about to finish the shooting as one of the stuntmen was supposed to hit Nicole in the stomach according to the script. Since the fight scene was not an actual brawl, the stuntman was required to take extra precautions in the execution in order not to hurt Nicole.

Soon, the professional stuntman landed three devastating punches in Nicole's stomach, much to the latter's surprise. The next moment, the actress was seen covering her stomach with her hands, rolling on the ground in agony. "Cut!" The director excitedly shouted, "What a perfect shot! Good take, everybody! Let's move on to our next scene!"

After that, Nicole struggled to get on her feet while enduring the excruciating pain in her stomach. At the same time, her experience as a stuntwoman in the past told her that that level of power wasn't necessary at all in filming.

Nonetheless, she quickly dismissed that thought, knowing that accidents were hardly avoidable when shooting fight scenes. In the end, she decided to let things slide.

"Are you alright, Nicole?" Sophia noticed the painful look on Nicole's face and caringly asked about her condition.

Nicole bore with the pain and shook her head. "I'm fine, so don't worry about me."

In the next few shots, the stuntman kept making mistakes, landing all his strikes on Nicole without pulling his punches at all.

Meanwhile, Olivia gleefully watched on the sideline as the poor actress kept taking a beating from the stuntman, gloating over her suffering. You brought this all on yourself for insisting on performing the stunts by yourself, Nicole. I'll wait

until you get maimed so terribly that you can't film anymore. By then, I'll be the one who takes over your role as the female protagonist.

After a long day at work, Nicole felt as if all her organs were everywhere in her body. Feeling pain in her ankles, she rolled up her pant legs, only to find her ankles swollen. Despite the overwhelming pain, she immediately covered her ankles when she saw someone approaching, acting as if nothing ever happened before she got into the car and returned to the hotel.

After everyone else left, she secretly made her way to a hospital far from the hotel to see a specialist. In the end, the medical result showed that she suffered internal bleeding and multiple fractured bones.

In fact, the doctor had long known Nicole ever since War Dragon's cast came here because of the actress's frequent visit due to the injuries she sustained during her filming.

For that, he felt sympathetic for her and angry at the same time. "Nicole, you really need to know when to stop. We don't know how long you can keep doing this, and I'm afraid that the worst could happen. By then, you can forget about your entire acting career."

After that, Nicole responded with silence and took a stack amounting to a few thousand from her bag, whereupon she pushed them to the doctor. "Doctor, can you keep my injury a secret? After all, it concerns my career."

In the last few visits, the actress appeared to be severely injured and was told that she should avoid shooting fight scenes. Therefore, the doctor was frustrated to find out that she didn't listen to his advice.

Meanwhile, Nicole knew she might be forced to take a hiatus from her acting career if the filming cast learned about her injury, but she wasn't going to pass up this golden opportunity because she had been waiting for it for ten years!

The doctor, who was aware of her condition, had been accepting her money to keep the matter a secret until this time because it no longer sat well with his conscience to take her money again. In response, he returned the stack of cash back to her and said, "Save the money to buy some quality medicine for your wounds instead."

Soon, Nicole immediately begged the doctor, saying, "Please, doctor! I really need you to keep this a secret for me because my next few scenes are going to be really important for my career. There are only just a few more days left until the filming is done. By then, I'll take a break from all my work and rest in the hospital.

I'm begging you!" By the time she exited the hospital, it was already late at night. I don't know whether I can last until the last day of the filming, but I'm not about to give up this chance. No, not in a thousand years!

As the actress was about to step out of the hospital, she was greeted by a heavy downpour, whereupon she quickly found a shade under a closed shop while waiting until the rain let up.

Besides being an actress, she was also a popular figure on the internet, so she usually wore sunglasses wherever she went. While the rain kept pouring, she reached out for her phone and lit up the screen, instantly seeing the smiling faces of a number of orphans.

In fact, Sophia had donated some funds for constructing a new orphanage in Taylor's name so that the orphans could live in a safe place and lead a comfortable life. Besides, they would also receive some funds or donations in kind from Taylor Murray's Charity Fund, other than the government's subsidy and the public donation.

Therefore, the orphanage's fate seemed to be promising now that all obstacles had been overcome, while the kids could go to school for free. Upon unlocking her phone, Nicole was greeted by the wallpaper in her background, which was a man's picture, the man who was buried deep in the actress's heart.

A few years ago, both of them met each other up for the first time at an airport in Europe, but sadly, that was also the one and only time they had ever seen each other. Knowing that she'd never see this man again, this picture became the only thing he left her with.

After transferring the picture through multiple phones, the image pixels even started to fade as the man's appearance became more and more blurry.

Nonetheless, she could still remember how he looked vividly in her mind, including his eyebrows, attire, and speech tone. Apart from that, she could also recall the brand and model of his watch, as well as the pointer on it when he talked to her.

The picture was the only thing that kept Nicole going on every time she was overwhelmed by her struggles over the years. Deep down, she hoped she could be like Taylor Murray, who was known by the entire world because she could perhaps draw the man's attention if she achieved that.

Then, her mind flashed back to the moment when she was still a shy little girl who came to the airport to see that man. However, she felt herself on the verge of giving up because she was getting less and less motivation from the man as time went on.

Staring at the man's face in the picture, tears began to well up in Nicole's eyes as she endured the agonizing pain in her stomach and ankle. I really wish I could see him!

While it was heavily pouring, a strong howling wind suddenly blew in her direction and brought the rain with it before she found her phone drenched and soaked. The next moment, the man on the screen faded away into the darkness as her phone no longer responded anymore. "No!"