

# Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo

## Chapter 196

Before Sylvia could finish talking, Nicole picked up an apple from the table and catapulted it towards her face.

If Sylvia were any slower to duck her head, the apple would have left a pretty big bruise on her face.

Sylvia was visibly shaken as she started to wail, “Zayne! Look at the monstrosity of a daughter you have created! She tried to assault me, her stepmother! You need to teach her a lesson, Zayne!”

“If you still want in on this offer, you better shut your trap! Or else, I will leave right away, and the Lane family will never ever rise from the ashes!”

Nicole crossed her arms and shot daggers at Sylvia.

Zayne gave Sylvia a reassuring look. “Don’t worry, my love. Nicole isn’t that cold-blooded. She would at least have something to offer us.”

Then, he turned to face Sylvia. “Nicole, you want Lane Corporation, don’t you? Fine, I can give it to you, but what else are you offering to us in return?”

What? So now I need to offer them something?

Lane Corporation was founded by Nicole’s mother and grandfather with most of the funding coming from Nicole’s grandfather. After Nicole’s mother’s passing, Zayne took complete control of the Lane Corporation. Since then, he and Sylvia were basically living off the riches amassed by Nicole’s mother and grandfather.

Nicole found it both amusing and infuriating that her father was asking her for more after spending all that fortune that belonged to her grandfather.

“What do you want then?”

“Nicole, you can have the ownership of the Lane Corporation, but you have to compensate me for transferring the company to you. I estimate the company’s net worth to be at around 80 million, but since you’re my daughter, I’ll let you have the company at a discounted price of 50 million.”

What the hell? 50 million for a bankrupt company?

Even when the company was at its peak, its net worth was this much and not higher. I won’t pay 50 million for the awful condition it’s in now!

Nicole wondered if Zane were just kidding with her or thinking that she was so naïve to believe that the company would be worth this much.

“Dad, let me ask you once more. Think about it carefully. What do you want?”

“50 million and nothing less, or the deal’s off!” Sylvia barked at Nicole.

Nicole narrowed her eyes at Sylvia. “50 million? Over my dead body. Anyway, I’m not talking to you, you old hag! Piss off! “

“How dare you! Zayn, did you hear what your daughter just said!”

“Nicole, how much do you want to give us then?”

At the moment, all Zane cared about was how much he could get from his daughter.

“Dad, actually, I am willing to offer you a considerable sum of money, but in return, you have to divorce Sylvia!”

“W-what? What did you just say? That’s absurd!”

Sylvia gaped at Nicole in total shock.

“Also, do you still remember how she treated me and Mom back in the days? If you can somehow treat her the way she treated us, I can consider giving you more.”

“Nicole, you heartless wrench!” Sylvia clenched her teeth in burning anger.

Meanwhile, Zane was deep in thought. From Nicole’s tone, he figured that she had a lot of money to play around with, which meant that she was on good terms with Evan.

He supposed that the sole reason she could be so demanding must be because of Evan’s support.

“Dad, how about this? For starters, you beat up this old hag as a way to commemorate Mom.”

“Zane, we have been together for so many years. You won’t pay heed to her words, right? She’s just trying to ruin our marriage! Do you really think she’ll give you the money if you beat me up?”

Nonetheless, Sylvia was very aware of Zane’s personality.

As much as Zayn cared for his wife, money was still his top priority.

If it weren’t for money, he wouldn’t even have married Nicole’s mother in the first place.

Nicole’s mother was a virtuous and capable woman. Still, Zane didn’t hesitate to abandon her once he had gotten what he needed from her. Thus, it was very

likely that Sylvia would suffer from the same fate too, even more so since she had nothing to offer to Zane.

Under the current circumstances, Sylvia was afraid that Zane would agree to Nicole's request.

Out of the blue, Sylphiette appeared in the living room, and she immediately came for Nicole with her fists clenched.

She raised one arm to punch Nicole, but Nicole grabbed her arm before she could do so. Nicole sniggered and spoke calmly, "Hmm, let me see which point on your body should I puncture to disable your arms. Hold up! "

As she spoke, she removed a silver needle from her clothing.

Sylphiette's eyes widened in horror when she saw the sharp needle approaching her. She struggled to break off from Nicole's hold.

"Dad, she really won't help us! Just chase her away!"

"You're right. I won't help you and your mom, but Zane is my Dad after all. Of course, I will treat him differently from the rest of you."

Nicole's words echoed in Zane's mind. At that instant, he knew Nicole was the only bet he had to revive his company.