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Chapter 181 Winning Is All That matters

Edmund Lynch frowned in shock. "What? What's going on?" "I just... I just spread a little rumor about Nicole and Kai on the internet.

I didn't expect them to involve the police! Dad, do something! Suppress this! I'm a celebrity, so I can't get arrested..." Jenny Lynch admitted to everything.

She never imagined that Nicole would be so ruthless or that Kai would be Nicole's brother. Now, she had really stirred up a hornet's nest! Edmund Lynch's mind was a mess.

All of a sudden, he panicked, turned around, and wanted to seek Eric's help. As a result, Edmund was stopped by Mitchell. Mitchell politely extended his hand. "Mr. Lynch, the President is in a video conference and can't be disturbed. If you please..."

His attitude was firm, leaving no room for negotiation Edmund was helpless and left. He called Tobias Stone before heading to Stanton Tower.

At this moment, Edmund could not care less about hiding the fact that he and Tobias Stone had colluded. He thought that as long as he gave way and gave up the project, Nicole would let Jenny go.

However, when he arrived at Stanton Tower, Nicole refused to meet him. Edmund was so angry that he paced around at the entrance of Stanton Tower and refused to leave.

Tobias Stone was perplexed. "Mr. Lynch, are we just going to let it go? That's thirty percent more profit..." "Shut up!" They waited until dark when Nicole got off work and came out with Logan.

Before Nicole got into the car, Edmund Lynch ran over in a panic. "Ms. Stanton..." Hearing her name, Nicole turned her head to the side.

She had not seen Edmund Lynch before, but she recognized Tobias Stone, who was right behind Edmund. "Oh, Mr. Stone. I'm guessing you're Mr. Lynch from HS Corporation?" Edmund Lynch was stunned for a moment and did not expect Nicole to be so quick to guess his identity, In his heart, he suddenly did not feel so confident about winning this negotiation.

"Ms. Stanton, Jenny Lynch is my daughter. I hope that you can let her off the hook this time."

She's a celebrity, so she can't get arrested." Nicole smiled and raised her eyebrows." Mr. Lynch, you didn't teach your daughter well, so you should just hand her over to be taught by the police.

As a public figure, it's all the more important to be careful with words and behavior to set a good example to the public. I believe that Ms. Lynch will finally get that in her head after this."

This painful lesson would make Jenny Lynch remember not to cross Nicole for the rest of her life.

It would also kill her career as an actress. 'Haha... What does it have to do with me? Jenny asked for it...' Nicole thought, "Wait, Ms. Stanton! I only have this one daughter...

How about this, I won't meddle in the West Coast Project anymore and will send the developer back.

You can go according to the price as agreed upon before. Ms. Stanton, you should be satisfied with this arrangement, right?" Nicole sneered.

'I didn't take the initiative to settle accounts with him, yet this guy has the cheek to mention it? What kind of family is this? They really are father and daughter...

I guess now I know where Jenny got her character. Her father is just as vile!' Tobias Stone stood in the back, drenched in a cold sweat.

He had colluded with Edmund, so he was already in the wrong Now, he only felt humiliated that he did all this for nothing.

Nicole swept a glance at the two men. She hooked the corner of her lips and said, So, you're saying that I should also thank you for not meddling in my project?" She wondered how someone at this old age could be so shameless.

Edmund coughed slightly and spoke righteously "Ms. Stanton, you're still young. The business world is a cruel place. Winning is all that matters." Nicole raised her eyebrows.

"Yes, indeed. Winning is all that matters." a She hooked up her lips into a faint ruthless smile. "So yeah, Mr. Lynch, you' d better accept this reality.

Not only will I pursue Jenny Lynch's responsibility, but I will also hold you responsible."

Edmund jerked his head up. "What do you mean?» "Mr. Lynch, do you really think that without Tobias Stone, the West Coast Project won't be able to proceed?" Nicole lifted her eyelids and laughed at his naivety.

"Tobias Stone's second-in-command has been eyeing his position for many years. I went to the guy for help, and he agreed without a second thought.

He even gave me a 10% price reduction. What a perfect cooperation..." Edmund and Tobias' expressions changed dramatically. They had such shock and amazement in their eyes.

They could not believe that Nicole pulled the rug from under them. No wonder she dared to refuse meeting Edmund Lynch earlier. Turned out that she already found a way to deal with it.

Nicole's smile was indifferent. "Mr. Lynch, the business world is a cruel place. Winning is all that matters." Nicole gave Edmund the taste of his own and returned the advice he had given her earlier.

Edmund's face was extremely unsightly because he had been fooled by a young girl who was just a novice in the industry. After that, Nicole turned around.

Logan was already waiting at the side and respectfully opened the car door for her. Tobias returned to his senses and immediately went forward to beg for mercy.

"Ms. Stanton! Please let me off this time. Don't give them this project! I'll lower the price by 20%! No, 30%!" If Nicole was willing, Tobias would do it for free.

Tobias had been suppressing his second-in-command for the longest time. If his second-in-command made a comeback, Tobias would not stand a chance.

He would have worked most of his life for nothing! However, Nicole just got into the car and turned a deaf ear to him. She simply did not care.

Nicole thought, 'Did they think about the consequences when they tried to trick me? A bunch of fools!'

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Chapter 182 She Bought You a Present

It did not take long for Jenny Lynch's rumors to spread like wildfire on the internet.

It was shocking that a big movie star who usually never fought for anything would do such a thing.

What most people were angry about was that Jenny took the netizens as fools, so most of them gloated at Jenny when she was in trouble.

In an instant, all of Jenny's partnerships and endorsement deals were suspended. She even had to pay penalties for causing damage.

Since this matter could no longer be covered up, Jenny had no choice but to apologize for her mistake.

She recorded an apology video and announced that she would quit the entertainment industry to inherit her family business.

Thus, Jenny's family background was also dug up with all kinds of comments surrounding it. Nicole did not expect that Jenny would be so quick to apologize.

Jenny was smart to retreat nicely with some leeway instead of completely exhausting her fans' trust in her. In a blink of an eye, lan Carter's birthday arrived.

Every year, Julie and Yvette would crack their brains to find the most unique gift for Second Young Master Carter. Nicole did not care much about it because Ian always liked whatever she gave him.

Yvette dragged Nicole to the mall with her. Yvette did not get to buy lan a gift but rather lugged around a few large shopping bags of her own things.

She got someone to send her items to her residence and continued shopping with Nicole.

Nicole was looking at a Patek Philippe watch that was very pricey. It looked flashy and extravagant, which was very consistent with lan's character.

However, who would have thought that they would meet Ingrid and Keith there. 1 It was a bit awkward when the four of them bumped into each other. Keith was the first to speak.

"Nicole, you guys are also here, huh?" "Are you blind?" Yvette snickered. Ever since Keith went to apologize to Nicole last time, he was a lot more courteous.

He had no choice because Nicole still had his nudes. Moreover, with Anson as a precedent, Keith was afraid to piss Nicole off.

Ingrid snorted coldly and folded her arms. She was annoyed whenever she saw Nicole's face.

"What are you guys doing here?" "Is this place yours?" Yvette retorted, not willing to show any weakness. Nicole ignored them and pointed at the most expensive limited edition Patek Philippe that she had her eye on earlier."

Wrap this up for me, please." She did not even need to ask for the price. "Wait! We saw that first!" Ingrid hastily interrupted. Keith wanted to stop her, but it was too late.

"Ms. Ferguson, it belongs to whoever pays for it first. Got it?" Nicole hooked the corner of her lips and glanced at Ingrid, instantly killing Ingrid's assertiveness with that one look.

Ingrid gritted her teeth reluctantly. She suddenly realized something and asked," Nicole, are you also preparing a birthday gift for my brother?" The air was stagnant for a moment. Keith raised his head in shock.

A flash of thought suddenly came to mind. 'Right! Why else would Nicole buy a men's watch at this time?' Nicole was stunned for a moment.

At the a mention of this, she suddenly recalled that lan and Eric's birthdays were just one day apart. 'I only remembered lan's birthday? Awesome!' Nicole subconsciously hooked her lips into a satisfied smile.

Ingrid thought that Nicole acquiesced to it and seized the opportunity to mock Nicole. "Don't even think about it. My brother won't invite you to his party, so you don't need to send him a gift. Let me have it..."

Keith's lips twitched as he tugged Ingrid behind him. "Don't talk nonsense." In previous years, Eric had never invited Nicole to his birthday party, but he might invite her this year...

Nicole turned to look at Ingrid. Her gaze was cold as she smiled faintly. "You want this? Then all the more reason for me not to give it to you because I hate you."

She snorted coldly, took out her card, and paid for the watch. Yvette folded her arms and thought that the self-absorbed Ingrid was absurd, "Ms. Ferguson, don't make a fool of yourself.

Nicole's not blind or dumb, so why would she rush to buy Eric Ferguson a gift?" After Nicole and Yvette left, Ingrid was still jumping in anger.

That Patek Philippe was the only one available in Mediania, but it was bought by Nicole. 'So what if she's rich?!' Ingrid thought.

Keith walked to the corner and could not wait to share this news with Eric. "Ferg! I just saw that Nicole bought you a birthday present!" 1 Eric's hand that was holding the phone trembled slightly.

He almost dropped his phone. 'Unbelievable!

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Chapter 183 The Ring She Gave Him

"It's true! Ingrid also saw it. Nicole bought the Patek Philippe that you like. You just need to wait for your gift! Hahaha Keith could not help but share what he saw with Eric.))

This knowledge made Eric a little surprised and depressed. Eric suppressed the joy in his heart and pretended to be calm.

His voice was deep as he said, "Alright, I'm hanging up." » Originally, Eric did not plan to celebrate his birthday this year.

However, now it seemed like he needed to host a big party so that he could invite Nicole. In the previous years, Eric had always celebrated his birthday with a few close a friends.

Eric recalled that before the divorce, Nicole seemed to look forward to celebrating his birthday, but back then, he did not like to be alone with her, so he had always politely refused.

However, she still prepared gifts for him every year. When Eric thought of this, he immediately called Mitchell. "Where are the gifts from my previous birthdays?" The sudden question stunned Mitchell, but he soon reacted.

"President, the expensive gifts are kept in the safe and the collection shelf." Eric panicked because he could not seem to remember what gifts Nicole had given him in those three years.

"What about the ones from Nicole?" Mitchell paused for several seconds before he asked slowly, "President, which year are you referring to?" Eric's eyes were cold. His voice was deep as he said, "All of them."

Mitchell coughed slightly to clear his throat, then braced himself for what was to come. "For the first year, Ms. Stanton gave you a ring, but... You lost it..."

Mitchell mumbled in a small voice to help Eric recall this event. Eric's face sank for a moment. His gaze was ashen, and his heart suddenly clenched. He felt a throbbing pain.

Eric suddenly recalled that he had never gotten her a ring because he was too lazy for such formalities.

However, Nicole bought them the rings. Eric wore it for two days and felt uncomfortable with it, so he casually chucked it in one of his pockets.

Later, it was gone... Mitchell continued, "For the second year, Ms. Stanton gave you a scarf that she knitted by hand, but you casually gave it to Wendy Quade, which she later threw away..."

Before Eric could react, Mitchell hurriedly finished his sentence in one breath. "Ms. Stanton didn't give you anything for the third year..." There was dead silence over the phone.

Eric felt a suffocating pain, like his heart was torn apart. His body stiffened, and his conviction collapsed slightly. Suddenly, Eric realized that wearing out a person's enthusiasm was an extremely mundane and sinful thing.

He had personally worn out Nicole's passion. Thus, she did not even bother to give him anything for the third year.

The ring and the scarf she gave him were lost. At that time, Eric did not feel anything, but today, he suddenly found it hard to breathe.

Eric did not want to look deeper into it as he was afraid that he would not be able to accept the truth. He threw his phone to the side and ran like a madman to the coatroom.

He took out all his jackets one by one and carefully searched every pocket. By the end of it, his clothes were piled up into a mountain, but he still could not find the ring an It was futile because he would never be able to find it.

The clothes from several years ago would not have remained in the coatroom because they would be switched out with the latest arrivals.

The housekeeping staff would also clean it regularly and would not have ignored the ring.

Eric was reluctant to believe how much he had neglected Nicole back then. It felt like there was a missing piece in his heart. That emptiness could not be filled again.

"That ring...' Nicole must have used so much courage and held so much hope to overcome the despair that Eric had brought her to give him that ring.

As a result, he lost it... After a while, Eric walked out of the coatroom and found Nicole's number. He was extremely antsy while he waited for her to pick up.

"So, how much is the repair?" Nicole was impatient and straightforward, without intending to exchange pleasantries with Eric.

Eric's heart was beating so violently that he thought he might be going crazy, but his voice was still calm and composed. "Nicole, it's my birthday tomorrow.

You must come to my party." This was the first time he had personally invited someone to his birthday party, so he felt a little nervous.

Nicole's few seconds of silence was extremely torturous for Eric. Suddenly, Nicole's laughter was heard over the phone. "Mr. Ferguson, have you forgotten that we're not friends?"

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Chapter 184 Lacking a Girlfriend

Nicole hung up the phone without giving Eric the chance to retort.

That was her answer. What did his birthday have to do with her anyway? Eric's heart sank. However, when Eric thought about what Keith told him earlier, that Nicole had bought a gift for him, she would probably attend.

He felt much better after some thought. Eric's phone call yesterday did not affect the quality of Nicole's sleep

. It was raining last night, so the sound of rain was the best lullaby. In the morning, the sky was still a bit cloudy. Nicole pushed open the door of the balcony and felt the cool morning breeze rushing in.

At that moment, Ian Carter called. Nicole picked it up at once and said, "Happy birthday, Carter! Wishing you a lifetime of prosperity and longevity!" Ian laughed out loud.

"Lil N, are you paying tribute to your grandpa?" Nicole snorted. "Whatever! I would've beaten you up if you're not the birthday boy."

She turned on the speakerphone and went to get dressed. She put on some light makeup and picked out an exquisite, limited-edition dress with a gray-blue pearl inlay.

She looked so gorgeous and elegant. Nicole wore a pair of stilettos that instantly boosted her noble temperament.

Her aura was so powerful, composed, and majestic, "My Queen, what gift did you get me? I've been thinking about it all night..." Ian could not help but ask.

He had always anticipated Nicole's gift the most. "What are you lacking?" Nicole asked. "I'm lacking a girlfriend..." Ian said nonchalantly. His intention was very obvious.

lan announced, "I'm going to formally pursue you!" Nicole sneered. "No, I don't agree with it." "It's my decision, and I don't need your consent! My love for you just flows in my blood and..."

Beep... Nicole hung up on Ian without a second thought. 'What a psycho!' She packed up and went straight to the office. Logan placed the documents for the morning meeting on her desk and hesitated a little.

"President..." 1 "What is it?" "Ferguson Corporation sent you an invitation for Mr. Ferguson's birthday...")) Logan's voice gradually became smaller.

He was wondering where Eric got the confidence to think that Nicole would actually agree to attend. With their current relationship, it was euphemistic to say that they were incompatible with each other.

The office was silent for just a few seconds before Nicole let out a light laugh. "He's just making a fool of himself. Ignore it." 'Who the hell is he? Why should I attend his birthday celebration? He's so full of himself!' Logan breathed a sigh of relief.

This was what he expected. It was Nicole's normal reaction. Logan then found an excuse to reply to Mitchell, who went to the President's Office with difficulty.

"President, Ms. Stanton's assistant conveyed Stanton Corporation's best wishes for your birthday, and..." .) "What?" Eric's eyes were dark and sunken. He looked upset.

"Oh... There's an accident with Stanton Corporation's project abroad, so Ms. Stanton needs to go over there to deal with it. She has already left the country..."

Mitchell paused for a moment and lifted his eyes. 'Nicole's excuse is really amazing...' "Got it." The man's voice was deep. His heart sank at once. It felt quite painful.

'She's not coming. Didn't she already say so yesterday? We're not even friends, so why would she come to my birthday party?' Eric thought.

In the evening, Keith and a few of Eric's friends arrived at the clubhouse. They chartered the entire clubhouse, so no one without an invitation could enter.

They must celebrate President Ferguson's birthday grandly! Everyone was in high spirits. Soon, the venue was very lively, but Eric only sat in the corner, silently drinking mulled wine, Eric seemed so out of place with the atmosphere around him.

Keith walked over with his wine glass and gently clinked it with Eric's. "Happy birthday, Ferg!" Eric did not even raise his eyes and downed the wine in his glass.

His eyes were so deep, like the bottomless ocean. "She didn't come." His voice was deep)) and cold. Keith was stunned and instantly knew who Eric was referring to.

His brain spun fast for an excuse as he went up to put his arm around Eric's shoulders. "She's probably just shy. After all, both of you are in this awkward relationship now.

It'll be weird if she's too proactive. Maybe she'll send you the gift tomorrow." Keith was confident that his guess was not wrong.

Nicole had been so infatuated with Eric previously, so she would certainly know how much Eric liked Patek Philippe.

Thus, Keith was certain that the watch must be for Eric. "Hey, isn't that Nicole?" Someone in the crowd suddenly shouted.

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Chapter 185 Deduct Your Bonus

Upon hearing this, Keith and Eric stood up and walked over. There was no one at the entrance.

"What are you on about?" Keith scolded the person who broadcasted fake news. The man who shouted earlier was startled.

He saw Eric's grim face and smiled apprehensively, then took out his Phone.

"My friend just sent me a video of Nicoleplaying poker. She won a lot..."

Before he finished his sentence, his

phone was snatched over.

Eric clicked on the video and saw several men and women gathered around playing poker. Instead of chips, there were car keys, jewelry, and even gold bars on the table. It was clear how intense this game of poker was.

It was definitely much more exciting compared to this birthday party! Everyone in the video was dressed in luxury clothes. Nicole's limited-edition gray-blue pearl inlay dress made her look so stunning.

It was impossible to look away from her. Ian Carter and Julie Nixon sat next to Nicole looking like they were feeding her cards. Nicole just sat there smiling so brightly and beautifully.

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At that moment, Mitchell happened to pass by. Eric raised his eyes and swept him a glance.

He threw the phone back to the man, and coldly said to Mitchell," Deduct your bonus." Mitchell was baffled. Except for the birthday boy himself, everyone else had a very good time at this birthday party.

Eric left his party midway. None of them knew what was going on. He could not control himself, so he went to the newly opened bar.

When he went in, Nicole and her friends had already left. Eric went back to the car with a dull and uncomfortable feeling in his chest, The cigarette he was holding burned in the night.

Its ashes dispersed in the wind. By midnight, Eric had received countless birthday wishes, but none of them were Nicole knew that Mr. Anderson had more than a dozen cars.

a "Mr. Anderson, did you buy a new Porsche? Why is it not the latest model? Is my dad being stingy?" Mr. Anderson smiled helplessly and said courteously, "Of course not.

Third Young Master said that I can't drive the same model as his, so I bought the classic model." > Nicole blinked. "Why do you care about him? Kai's always so unreasonable!" Mr. Anderson smiled as he stepped forward to open the car door for her.

"Miss, get in. I'll take you there." The butler also brought Floyd Stanton's gift to the Carters. When they arrived, they saw so many celebrities and dignitaries.

The manor was also decorated in a low-key luxury fashion. Nicole was a little shocked because this was simply beyond the scale of a regular birthday party "It's just a birthday party.

Why is Ian making it such a big deal?" Mr. Anderson chuckled and got out of the car to open the door for her.

He replied, This is probably Chairman Carter's intention to use this opportunity to pick a girlfriend for Second Young Master Carter."

'No wonder!' Nicole was surprised and thought that it made sense. "Nikki!" Julie waved at her. Nicole spotted her at a glance and walked over with a smile.

"Where are the others?" "They're all inside. I came out to get you." Nicole waved goodbye to Mr. Anderson and went inside with Julie.

They had not gone far when a familiar voice made them stop in their tracks. "Aren't you popular, Ms. Stanton? Why are the men around you getting older than the last?" Nicole glanced to the side and saw that it was Luna, who was with Jenny Lynch that day.

'Hmph...'

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Chapter 186 She's Performing

Nicole said, "Ms. Luna?" Luna proudly raised her chin. "It's rare that you can remember me, Ms. Stanton. I heard that marriage alliances here are made as long as both families are of equal backgrounds.

Is that rich businessman just now your marriage partner? Although he's not very good-looking and a bit older, I guess he must be quite rich.

Otherwise, how could he match a noble and elegant person like you, Ms. Stanton?" She did not pay attention to the dynamics online about Medianian gossip and trends.

Thus, Luna did not know about Kai's real identity. Jenny Lynch only called Luna to tell her that Nicole had retaliated, so Luna came here in a huff.

Julie wanted to go up and say something, but she was stopped by Nicole. Nicole's gaze was cold as she looked at Luna. "Don't think that I won't touch you because you're a foreigner.

Stay the hell away from me. Listening to your voice just makes me want to puke." Luna's face stiffened. She felt so humiliated She took out the phone and waved it in Nicole's face, not willing to admit defeat.

"I just need to get someone to check who the owner of that car is to know the identity of that rich businessman just now.

I know that it's a classic Porsche and its market price is around \$10 million. My father drives this car too. I think that everyone will be curious about Ms. Stanton's marriage partner, right?" Nicole hooked her lips into a cold smile and snorted lightly.

"Are you trying to threaten me with this?" Luna thought that Nicole was scared and looked smug.

"Hmph! I only want you to let go of Jenny. She's such a kind person. How can you get her arrested? Do you know that her acting career is ruined?! Why are you so vicious?" "She asked for it, so she's the one who ruined her future.

No one forced her to do those vile things," Nicole spoke indifferently. She coldly swept a glance at Luna and smirked insouciantly.

"Ms. Luna, you should just care about yourself." After that, Nicole turned on her heels and was about to leave. Of course, Luna refused to let it go.

"If you don't withdraw the lawsuit, I'll post those photos just now on the internet so that everyone will know that your marriage partner is an old man! In no time, you'll be known as the tramp that sleeps around with any man regardless of age!" There were quite a few people around who heard this commotion, so they pricked up their ears.

Nicole paused in her footsteps. There was a bitter chill in her eyes. Luna was startled by her gaze. "Ms. Luna, go ahead and spread the news Nicole sneered.

"My butler isn't afraid of such rumors. He has four companies of his own and more than a dozen luxury cars, so he's more than capable of handling whatever you wanna throw at him."

In an instant, Luna's body stiffened. She stood there in disbelief. 'A butler?! The person who drives the same type of luxury car as my father, who has four companies under his name and more than a dozen luxury cars, is merely a butler to the Stanton family?!'

After overhearing this conversation, everyone had a new understanding of Nicole's power. a Nicole was someone who could just squander \$800 million in an afternoon, so how could she get married to a mere businessman? Did the Stantons lack money? Ridiculous! Luna really knew nothing about rich people.

"You... What exactly does your family do? Isn't it just a small company? You have a butler?" "The butler even has his own companies? So rich?!' The corners of Julie's lips twitched. She snorted lightly and did not answer Luna's question.

"Ms. Luna, since you're so close to Jenny Lynch, didn't she tell you about Nicole's family? It looks like your friendship is just superficial."

Nicole cast a sidelong glance at the dumbfounded Luna and said nonchalantly, "Ms. Luna, since you're so concerned about Jenny Lynch, you don't need to waste your effort thinking about who to sling mud at.

Why don't you just take the blame for her? Jenny Lynch will certainly be very grateful to you." 'What an admirable friendship!' Nicole thought sarcastically.

Luna's heart sank. She looked flustered. Julie and Nicole's words made Luna inexplicably anxious. 'Is everything not as Jenny told me?' Luna's lips turned pale. She trembled slightly.

Before she could react, the Carter family's butler heard the commotion and immediately rushed over.

He greeted Nicole respectfully. "Ms. Stanton, you're here! The Old Master was just saying that the gift Mr. Anderson just dropped off is too expensive.

Second Young Master isn't qualified for such a big gift. Old Master himself fancies it though..." Luna's tiny doubts were swept away as soon as she heard what the Carter family's butler said.

Sure enough, who she thought was a rich businessman earlier was merely Nicole's butler. Her original intention was to pick on Nicole backfired.

"That gift is for Grandpa Carter. My father just used lan as an excuse..." Nicole laughed.

"Ms. Stanton, Ms. Nixon, this way, please)) The butler bowed and extended his arm, then led the way.

Nicole was just about to leave when she suddenly paused in her footsteps.

She looked at Luna, who was standing on the side, and asked, "Why is Ms. Luna here?" Luna, who had just debuted in Mediania, was not yet qualified to be part of Medianian high society based on her status.

Hearing this, Luna's face turned pale. Before she could make a sound, the Carter family's butler recognized Luna at a glance and responded, "Oh, she's here for a performance.

The entertainment company recommended her saying that it'll be something new.

If you don't like her, I can change her out immediately..." Luna's agency had given her the best opportunity to be able to perform at Carter's birthday party. After all, the people who attended this party were all dignitaries and celebrities.

Jenny Lynch introduced Luna to this agency so that Luna could get more opportunities to join these high-society events. That was because if a rich person fancied her, she would no longer have to worry about her future.

However, Luna did not think it through when she actively provoked Nicole. "Nevermind then. Ms. Luna, since you're here for a performance, you should be at the waiting area doing your rehearsals.

If you threaten to take pictures and defame the guests, who will dare hire you in the future?"

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Chapter 187 Pollute Your Ears

The people around were stunned. Nicole was not the only one in danger of defamation! Everyone might get defamed at any time.

Since this was the Carter family's party, the Carters would also be implicated if something went wrong. Thus, when the Carter family's butler heard this, his face stiffened a little.

He looked at the two bodyguards behind him and said in a cold voice, "Take her backstage. Performers and crew aren't allowed to roam around."

Nicole and Julie glanced at each other and followed the butler inside, The two ladies went to greet Old Master Carter before looking for lan.

Second Young Master was surrounded by people toasting him. When he spotted Nicole, he looked like he saw his savior." My pretty lady is here, so all you losers without girlfriends aren't worthy enough to drink with me..."

lan's friends were all vexed with his statement. However, when they saw Nicole, they dared not say anything about it and only smiled as they cheered.

Nicole wore a dark green dress that made her look so bright and outstanding. Her wavy long hair was effortlessly draped over her shoulders.

No matter where she was, she became the focal point of the crowd because of her extraordinary temperament. Hearing their cheers, Nicole glared at the group and turned to walk away.

lan Carter quickly chased after Nicole. "Did a goddess come down to earth to visit us, mere mortals, today?" As soon as Julie heard this, she wanted to puke in disgust and left the couple.

Nicole laughed and looked at him with raised eyebrows.

"If you wanna get beaten up, you can try being even more irritating!" Ian smirked and leaned into Nicole. "But ... I only ever speak the truth..." He tugged on Nicole's dress playfully.

Nicole grunted and took a step back from him. In the eyes of outsiders, the two of them looked like they were a flirting couple. Not far away in a corner, a pair of deep and dark eyes stared intently at the dark green figure.

The surrounding air turned cold and oppressive.

Keith stood by the side and kept his mouth shut. The woman, who was supposedly abroad dealing with urgent business and who Eric had waited for all night yesterday, appeared in glory at Ian Carter's birthday party.

The parties were less than twelve hours apart, and both birthday parties were two completely different styles. This was simply a slap in Eric Ferguson's face.

Keith looked at Eric's grim face and coughed slightly, trying to break this awkward atmosphere.

"Ahem... Ferg, don't you think that the Carters are being too flashy like some parvenu? It's just a birthday, so why such a big fuss? Do we even need to be polite and attend this obnoxious party?" With Eric Ferguson's status, attending Ian Carter's birthday celebration was already showing a lot of respect to the Carter family.

Thus, Keith was surprised that Eric would attend. Eric withdrew his gaze indifferently and furrowed his eyebrows. His voice was deep as he said, "I'm just curious who would come to this boring party...")) Keith almost choked on his drink.

'I think he's just curious if Nicole will come, huh?' Since their divorce, the frequency of Nicole appearing in front of them was remarkably high. Suddenly, the stage in the banquet hall became lively with a performance.

The music was very upbeat. Several popular singers and dancers took turns to come out on stage for their performance. In a moment, the bright and colorful stage lights and loud music attracted everyone's attention.

The event organizer knew that the guests for this birthday party were mainly a young crowd, so they picked pop music that youngsters liked.

Thus, the good response from the crowd was not surprising Nicole and Ian stood closest to the stage. Nicole saw that the performer in the middle singing and dancing most actively was none other than Luna.

Luna swayed her hips in exaggerated sexy movements and danced like other popular K-pop stars. She even made a cute little heart gesture. Her faces on and off stage were so different that Nicole found it very astonishing.

'How can such a two-faced person have any fans? Maybe they're fake fans?' The music was loud and shocking, and the enthusiasm of the crowd was overwhelming When a waiter passed by, Nicole casually took a glass of juice and sipped on it.

She shook her head as she thought, 'How noisy... Before she could say anything, a pair of large hands covered Nicole's ears. Ian leaned in behind Nicole and said in a tender tone, "It's too noisy... Don't let it pollute your ears..."

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Chapter 188 Where'd You Get This Imbecile?

Nicole subconsciously looked up. When she heard what Ian said, she laughed unconsciously. Two people on the second floor saw this scene.

Eric's eyes became gloomy. He put down the glass of wine in his hand and went downstairs without hesitation. "Ferg! Don't make a scene!" Keith hurriedly spoke.

Otherwise, what could explain Eric's current behavior? Coincidentally, the music downstairs came to a stop. The artists on stage bowed and everyone gave them a round of applause.

The other performers went down one after another while Luna stayed onstage.

Luna looked at Nicole, who was not far away, and smiled meaningfully, Julie sensed that something was wrong and approached Nicole. "Is Luna trying to make a scene?" Nicole laughed insouciantly.

"Since she's asking for it, don't stop her...' » Julie raised her eyebrows and was relieved to know that Nicole noticed it. On stage. "Hello everyone, my name is Luna. I'm truly honored to be here today.

I'd like to wish Second Young Master Carter a happy birthday..." Everyone cheered, to which lan responded by raising his wine glass. It was a courteous and cordial atmosphere.

The applause gradually quieted down, so Luna continued, "It might seem presumptuous, but I'd like to invite Ms. Stanton to the stage for a performance.

Ms. Stanton, will you play a song for Second Young Master Carter?" Luna was resentful towards Nicole.

'So what if she's rich? I'm the daughter of a business magnate too, so why should I put up with her? She was also envious of Nicole when she thought about how Kai treated her. Nicole smirked at Luna, who was on the stage.

'Where did she get the courage to invite guests to perform on stage? Does she think that I'm a performer too? Perhaps she thinks that I won't be better than her, so she can highlight her strengths? Or that I'll chicken out?' lan's smile stiffened.

He pointed at Luna and lowered his voice to ask the butler, who was by his side. "Where'd you get this imbecile?" The butler's face turned pale in an instant as his forehead broke out in cold sweat.'

Had I known that this young artist was so clueless, I wouldn't have hired her!' Luna said, "Ms. Stanton, do you think that you're too honorable to play a song for Second Young Master Carter? Or... I'm sorry, perhaps you don't know anything about piano?"

She even deliberately made a sympathetic face with regret and surprise. However, her eyes carried a hint of , excitement and a gloating smile.

lan secretly cursed under his breath and said, "Nicole, ignore her..." He was just about to go up to stop Luna when Nicole pulled his arm.

She cast a sidelong glance at the woman on stage. Nicole lowered her head and chuckled, then took a sip of juice and handed the glass to the waiter on the side.

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She lifted her long dress with one hand and walked up onto the stage gracefully. Under the bright lights, Nicole's presence overshadowed Luna, who had become a prop in the background.

Nicole stood there in the spotlight and seemed to be surrounded by a faint halo, which made her skin glow. She looked even more stunning on stage.

Luna stiffened slightly and wanted to say something, but Nicole suddenly reached out and took the microphone from her. Her action was gentle and firm.

Nicole's eyes were cold as she swept an indifferent glance at Luna. "You can get down now."

In the future, Luna would not have a chance to stand on any stage again. Nicole ignored Luna, turned her body sideways, and bowed slightly to the crowd before she walked over to the piano.

Everyone held their breath and was a little surprised. No one had ever seen Nicole play the piano on a formal occasion. Everything about Nicole was only known through the statement released by Stanton Corporation.

The rest was a mystery to them. Nicole sat upright in front of the piano and placed her hands gracefully on the keys. Everyone was caught off guard when they heard a string of smooth notes resounding through the hall.

The crowd jumped slightly with surprise. It was an adapted piece of Pachelbel's "Canon". Her fingertips created such smooth music with a soothing and orderly rhythm.

It was a beautiful melody with such resilience. Nicole had incorporated her own emotions and soul into this piece. It was not just a regular song, but a piece of artwork and an interpretation of her life.

She displayed her tenacity, patience, tenderness, and change. It was clear that Nicole had a deep foundation and amazing talent in piano.

Otherwise, she would not be able to play such a soulful piano piece. a That scene was remarkable. When Nicole sat there playing the piano, she looked like a moving portrait. It was so beautiful that no one wanted it to stop.

The only sound in the hall was the piano music on stage. Everyone held their breath and even breathed quietly. After the song ended, Nicole got up with a faint smile and winked at Julie.

Julie nodded and handed over the gift in her hand to Nicole. Ian's gaze was so sweet and tender as he locked his eyes onto Nicole.

Nicole looked at lan and took out the exquisite and expensive Patek Philippe watch from its box. Every diamond on the watch glimmered in the light.

"That song is for everyone, and this watch is for Second Young Master Carter. Ian, this is my gift for you." Just as her words fell, a hand tightly grabbed Nicole's wrist. "Nicole..."

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Chapter 189 Really Missed It

"Mr. Ferguson, what are you trying to do?" Ian Carter said with dissatisfaction because Eric just ruined such a romantic moment.

'So what if he's Eric Ferguson? I won't let him get his way!' Ian thought. Eric did not even care about Ian and only stared intently at Nicole with a deep and dark gaze.

The Patek Philippe in her hand was dazzling, but Eric had never felt more hatred for this watch than at this moment, so much so that he wanted to throw out his entire collection of this brand of watches into the trash.

Nicole frowned and twisted her wrist away from Eric's big hand. She looked at him coldly. "Mr. Ferguson, what's the matter?" Eric's lips were tightly pressed into a straight line.

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He was just about to speak, but Nicole did not give him the chance. "Mr. Ferguson, save whatever you want to say for later.

This is Second Young Master Carter's birthday party, so you don't want to steal the limelight, right?" As she said that, Nicole smiled and carefully put the Patek Philippe on Ian's wrist.

When she was done, she had a satisfied smile on her face. "Happy birthday, Carter!" lan moved his arm exaggeratedly to look at his new watch to deliberately rub it in Eric's face.

"Thanks, Nikki. This is the best gift I've ever received! It's really worth keeping for the rest of my life..." Ian looked at Nicole with such deep affection in his eyes.

Nicole held her breath for a moment. Ian's gaze was so warm, passionate, and tender that she felt so overwhelmed.

She also could not ignore the piercing cold gaze on the other side of her that was heavy and depressing. > Eric thought, 'She celebrated his birthday, gave him gifts, and played the piano for him...

That person is not even me!' Looking at this scene, Eric felt hurt like he was stabbed in the chest. It was as if those memories that only belonged to him were about to be uprooted.

The pain was unbearable! In a few seconds, Nicole lowered her eyes and chuckled. She looked at lan, who was standing in front of her and teased him. This one should be quite valuable in a few years. You should keep it properly..."

Julie saw Nicole standing in such an awkward situation between those two men. Eric was also so dull that he had no intention to leave and even stared at Nicole unblinkingly.

'What an idiot!' Julie hurriedly walked over and dragged Nicole away, deliberately finding an excuse to save her from that awkward situation.

"Nikki! I lost my purse... Quick, help me find it!" 2) Nicole understood and quickly followed Julie. "You always lose your stuff..."

"Eric looked at Nicole's back until it faded away before he withdrew his gaze. In front of him, lan smirked and said, Mr. Ferguson, it's clear that Nicole doesn't want to see you, so stop being an eyesore to her." The surrounding temperature instantly dropped to freezing point.

A bitter chill enveloped Eric's body. His gaze was dark and cold. "Mr. Carter, if you don't want me to ruin your party, you'd better stay away from me."

Eric's aura was so domineering with undisguised resentment. 'I didn't come here for lan's bullsh*t birthday! Is he even worth it?' Keith saw what happened and quickly went forward to pull lan away.

He laughed and said, "Second Young Master Carter, don't mind him... He has a weird temper... By the way, I haven't wished you a happy birthday yet..."

Keith pulled lan away and came back to Eric after a while. a Seeing Eric's cold and gloomy eyes affixed in one direction, Keith smiled and asked, "Whatchu lookin' at?" Eric ignored him. Keith did not give up.

They were friends for so many years, so he knew what Eric was thinking about and grunted. "Are you looking at Nicole?" Eric coldly swept him a glance. "Will you die if you don't speak for a second?" Keith laughed and teased him.

"Ferg, are you really starting to miss your 'ex-wife? > How could he mistake Eric's odd behavior? If Eric was only feeling remorseful, there was no need to be so angry when he saw Nicole giving someone else a gift for their birthday, right? Eric almost lost his stature and demeanor as the President of Ferguson Corporation! Eric's eyes sank.

His breathing stalled for a moment. His voice was cold and oppressive as he said, "Keith Ludwig, I haven't come to you to settle accounts and you still have the cheek to ask me this?!" 'Who swore that Nicole prepared a gift for me? Who said that Nicole would definitely attend my birthday party? Look what happened! My birthday is only one day ahead of lan's, yet everything Nicole prepared was for lan, not me! If it wasn't for Keith, I wouldn't even have such high expectations! Such high expectations only set me up for such bloody disappointment! Damn it!'

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Chapter 190 Excessive Naivety Is Stupidity

Keith put away his smile apprehensively. The corners of his lips twitched. "Ahem... Uh... I didn't expect this to happen either Keith thought, 'Ingrid's the one who misled me to think in that direction in the first place! I didn't think that Nicole would be so heartless either.

That scene earlier was simply a slap in Eric's face!' Meanwhile, the two ladies walked backstage while talking and laughing. Julie and Nicole casually found a dressing room and walked in, just in time to see someone coming out after getting changed. It was Luna.

Luna stiffened slightly when she saw Nicole. She walked up to Nicole and was 1/8 Scanned with CamScanner Chapter 190 Exce just about to speak when the Carter family's butler came in with some bodyguards. The butler looked at Nicole and bowed respectfully to greet her.

"Ms. Stanton, please excuse me. I have to take care of a little matter. It will be settled in a few minutes." Nicole and Julie glanced at each other and nodded. "Go ahead."

The butler nodded at the two burly bodyguards behind him. The bodyguards went forward and took Luna's arms, then dragged her towards the door.

"What are you guys doing? Is there some kind of misunderstanding?" Luna knew that the Carter family's butler was an honorable man, whose words and actions represented the Carter family, In Mediania, one should not offend the rich and powerful.

Thus, Luna was afraid of what the Carters would do to her. She did not want to ruin her career in the entertainment industry in Mediania.

'If I go back to Korea, I'll be laughed at! What's happening?' Luna thought. "Ms. Luna, you didn't perform according to the negotiated terms.

In the event of such breach of contract, we're required to return you to your company and cancel the contract. I will contact your agency directly.

As for the penalty fee, we'll wait for the results of the negotiation..." The butler looked serious and indifferent. "What? I didn't..." Luna suddenly saw Nicole standing there and her expression changed drastically.

She was shocked. "Nicole, it's you—" Nicole, who was suddenly named, was slightly stunned. She let out a cold laugh and looked at Luna.

"You're not even an actress, but you 're quite the drama queen, huh?" "Besides you, who else would..." Nicole took a step forward with her arms folded. Her cold and aloof expression was quite intimidating.

"Ms. Luna, excessive naivety is no different from stupidity." She faintly hooked the corners of her lips and took out her phone to call the President of Falcon Entertainment, Dominic Young, right in front of Luna.

"Dominic, it's me. Find out which company Luna is from. From today onwards, I don't want to see her in any public event or on screen. Try to make her name disappear to the best of your ability."

The other party did not even hesitate and instantly responded, "Yes, Ms. Stanton. That won't be a problem. The name Luna will completely disappear from showbiz from this moment on."

Dominic Young was confident that he could bury an unknown artist in a snap of a finger. Luna's face instantly paled. Her body went limp, and she almost fell.

Nicole raised her eyebrows with an indifferent expression on her face. Her voice was clear and cold. "Ms. Luna, whatever that was earlier wasn't me.

Now, this is my doing. Got it?" Nicole had always been frank. She would admit to whatever she did. Why would she need to cover it up? This was Nicole's capability.

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"Didn't Jenny Lynch tell you that her family's HS Corporation is about to go bankrupt?" Nicole looked at Luna's shocked face and continued to hit her with shocking information.

"My Stanton Corporation is about to acquire HS Corporation, but it's a pity that you won't get the chance to witness this in Mediania..." When the words fell, Luna's face turned pale.

'Nicole is acquiring HS Corporation? In Korea, HS Corporation is also a very large-scale company, even more so than my family's KXY Group... But to Nicole, acquiring HS Corporation is just a matter of words? She can do it so easily...'

Luna suddenly felt a sense of trepidation.' What if Nicole starts to target KXY Group ... In an instant, Luna felt an icy feeling in her heart. 'Jenny Lynch lied to me?! She used me to offend someone so rich and powerful like Nicole! Did Jenny want to get me killed?!'

Looking at Luna's state, Nicole laughed lightly and walked to the sofa on the side. 'She's such a poor thing being tricked like that... But, serves her right!' The Carter family's butler stepped forward.

His voice was cold and emotionless, "We'll continue to settle the Carter family's account. Take her away..." "Yes, sir." The bodyguards responded.) Throughout this ordeal, Luna did not make a sound because she was trembling with fear for her future and her family.

Not only would Luna be banned in Mediania, but she would also be saddled with a large amount of debt. If this story gets out to Korea, it would be a stain on Luna's name. Luna would then spend the rest of her life in torment. The Carter family's face was cold as he took Luna away.

Julie snickered. They were already used to seeing small fry like this looking for their own demise. Jenny Lynch was a precedent, but unfortunately, Luna did not learn her lesson.

Julie suddenly remembered something and looked at Nicole. "What's up with Eric Ferguson anyway?" Nicole raised her eyebrows and shrugged her shoulders.

"How would I know?" "That look just doesn't feel right..." Nicole frowned and jolted up like she had just woken up from a dream. "Oh, right! I still owe him repair fees!"

