

## **Chapter 281 Calling Her Sis**

Inside Nicole's cabin.

The room was spotless, comfortable, and luxurious. As soon as Nicole opened her eyes, she heard Kai's hysterically excited cry. "Nicole's awake!!"

Nicole felt like her eardrums were about to shatter, but at the same time, it felt dear to her heart.

The sunlight shone through the window and spilled on the floor. Drops of water gently tapped the cabin's window from the waves lapping around the ship. In the distance, soft fluffy clouds dotted the sunny blue sky.

It was beyond beautiful.

Nicole gently moved her hands, which felt clumsy and heavy because they were wrapped in gauze.

Kai sat by her bedside. His eyes were red.

“Lil N, since your plane crash, I’ve been trying to find you at sea for so long. I’m finally able to bring you now... I promise to buy you whatever you want!”

Nicole hooked her lips. This felt like an unrealistic beautiful dream, but the strong smell of disinfectant filled her nasal cavity and brought her back to reality. ‘I’m alive! I survived!’

She saw Kai’s messy hair, and that deadly handsome face now looked disheveled and haggard.

“Then... I gotta think about it...” Nicole chuckled.

Nicole had never gone soft when using her brother’s money.

Kai nodded his head incessantly.

Suddenly, someone pushed open the door frantically.

**“Nicole...” Eric’s voice was careful.**

**Hearing the familiar voice, Nicole was slightly stunned. She looked to the side and saw that it was really Eric Ferguson.**

**She remembered seeing him walk towards her from the helicopter when she was on the island.**

**Nicole thought that it was a dream, but it turned out to be real!**

**It was surprising that he would be able to take her away from the rain of bullets.**

**Nicole saw the deep emotions that welled up in his eyes. She lowered her eyes slightly and gave him a polite and detached smile.**

**“Mr. Ferguson, I ought to thank you for this time.”**

**Eric’s body fiercely stiffened, as if her words stabbed him at the weakest part of his heart. The color of his lips paled.**

To her, he was just an outsider...

“I... I’m glad that you’re okay.”

A bleakness flashed across his eyes. Even so, he still stepped forward and helped to get her cup in a fluid motion.

“Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere? Are you hungry?”

Nicole’s smile stiffened and froze. “I’m fine. Thanks for your concern.”

She then looked at Kai. “K, can you pour me a glass of water please?”

Kai immediately turned around and got her a glass of water.

When he handed it to Nicole, he even glanced at Eric with a smug look.

Nicole was just about to take the glass from Kai when Eric squeezed her wrist.

“Wait a sec.”

He turned to the side and took out a straw

he had long prepared at the side table, then stuck it in the glass.

“This way, your wound won’t split open.”

Eric smiled gently and handed the water to Nicole. “Drink it.”

Kai, who was sitting on the side, rolled his eyes in exasperation. ‘What’s so great about a bloody straw?!’

Nicole found it a little weird, but she did not want to make a fuss. After drinking the glass of water, she felt so refreshed.

When Nicole was on the island, the water she drank was filtered from seawater. It was not very pure and had a salty taste to it.

She took a deep breath to savor the sweet mineral water she missed. Before she could hand over the empty cup to someone, Eric had already taken it away from her hand.

“The doctor’s here...”

**There was a flurry of footsteps outside, which indicated there were more people.**

**“Sis! We heard that you woke up, so we came to see you...”**

**“Sis, are you feeling better?”**

**“Sis, you’re so brave! No one will believe that you escaped that group of pirates and even dare to shoot them back! You’re the first one!”**

**“Don’t disturb her rest. Let’s leave...”**

**There were a lot of men gathered at the cabin door. Each of them was very tall. Although they were laughing and fooling around, they still had a tough temperament that was typical in a well-trained soldier.**

**If Nicole was not mistaken, these were the soldiers from those helicopters on the island.**

**‘Why are these people calling me “sis”**

though...?’

## **Chapter 282 Because He Said You're His Life**

Nicole was a little confused by that title. Eric touched his nose, stood up, and looked a little diffident when he swept a glance at Nicole's face.

However, as soon as Eric turned around, he looked at the group of soldiers behind him with a glum face and said, "Keep quiet!"

Everyone subconsciously quieted down for fear of Eric's strong aura. However, they still stretched their necks to look at Nicole and refused to leave.

Nicole chuckled and looked in the direction of the door. Her voice was gentle and soft.

"Hi guys, thanks for risking your lives to save me."

She was incredibly grateful from the



bottom of her heart. If not for them, Nicole might have died on that island long ago.

“You’re welcome, sis. We’re fellow Medianians, and we’re really proud of what you’ve done! Besides Ferg, you’re the only one in this world who dares to point a gun at the pirate captain David’s head.”

“Yeah! You and Ferg truly are a perfect match!”

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The tall man in a white doctor’s coat standing at the front helplessly walked over.

“I’m going to do a follow-up check. Will you guys keep it down?”

After saying that, Dr. Jackson looked at Eric and said, “Take this bunch outside.”

Eric’s dark gaze was somewhat hesitant. He glanced at Nicole, then walked out.

**“You too.” The doctor looked at Kai.**

**Kai’s face, which was still smug a moment ago, was instantly dreary. He then reluctantly walked out of the room.**

**Every time Kai came over to take care of Nicole, he would be “invited out” by Eric’s group of soldier buddies, who were just helping Eric to get some alone time with Nicole. Kai was so upset and did not think that he would still be treated like this even after Nicole was awake.**

**The room finally quieted down.**

**Nicole smiled and looked at the doctor. “Thank you, doctor. Sorry for the trouble.”**

**The doctor raised his eyebrows and shook his head.**

**“You’re not the same as legend says.”**

**As he talked, Jackson took out a series of instruments to test her heart rate and wounds.**

**“What legend?” Nicole asked.**

**“Well, from what we saw on the news, the heiress of Stanton Corporation is pampered, arrogant, and has a temper. Eric once said that you’re quite the stubborn and capricious character...”**

**This doctor was really direct.**

**Nicole was a little stunned. If Eric could say this to him, it meant that they had a close relationship.**

**She did not want to continue this discussion and changed the topic.**

**“Doctor, how is Nathaniel, the guy who left with me?”**

**The doctor paused for a moment. “He’s fine. He can eat and sleep just fine. He finally knows his place after getting beaten up by Eric.”**

**Nicole was taken aback. “Why did Eric beat him up?”**

**“You don’t know that he’s Eric’s nephew? The Ferguson family didn’t like that he’s an explorer and cut off his allowance because of this, but he somehow found the resources by himself and ran off to that island alone. The Ferguson family didn’t even know where he went, and he’s been reported missing for three months! If not for saving you this time, he’s probably still unaccounted for...”**

**Nicole was stunned. Her mind suddenly flashed back to her semi-conscious state when Nathaniel yelled “Uncle Eric”.**

**That meant Nathaniel, whom she met by accident, was really Eric’s nephew.**

**What a small world!**

**Nicole thought of something and asked, “Are those people earlier soldiers? Were there any casualties when they fought off the pirates?”**

**If there were, she would feel extremely**

**guilty.**

**The doctor bowed his head to redress her wound and gave her another injection.**

**He laughed when he heard this.**

**“No casualties on our side, but the pirates did have some. You’re the one who caused them too. Those people out there, including myself, are Eric’s army buddies from the same brigade back then. The sea surrounding the island you landed on is pirate’s territory, so governments won’t send troops over. Eric only managed to bring us over this time because he went to beg our admiral. This time, we’re not helping as official soldiers, but on our own accord so that it wouldn’t cause any political conflict.”**

**Nicole’s chest felt a little heavy like she had been struck by a hammer. The doctor’s words made her feel like she owed Eric more than ever.**

**“Thank you, guys. If you hadn’t been able**

to come, I might not have survived...”

The doctor shook his head and gave her a meaningful look.

“If you want to thank someone, you should thank him. We know that you’re both divorced, but everyone’s still willing to come with him because he said that you’re his life.” 3

They could not just stand by and watch Eric lose his life.

## **Chapter 283 Our Family Isn't Broke, Right?**

Nicole was slightly stunned. Her heart shook and her eyes instantly became sore. She quickly lowered her head to hide her emotions. 'Eric...'

Nicole knew very well that if it was not for Eric Ferguson, she would never have had a chance to survive.

However, how was she supposed to repay him for saving her life?

The doctor quietly left, and the room fell silent again.

Nicole's chest felt heavy, like a boulder pressing down on her, making it hard to breathe.

At this time, Kai quietly slipped in and sighed with relief when he saw no one else there.

**"If it wasn't for the fact that they saved**

you, I wouldn't have put up with those fools! These past few days have been so suffocating!" Kai complained.

Nicole laughed and asked, "How are dad, G, and Mav?"

Kai went over and stroked her hair.

"Mav's right here on the deck. If it weren't for him, I would still be roaming around where your plane crashed, literally searching for a needle in a haystack. I guess having a high IQ has its advantages..."

Nicole could not help but burst out in laughter. She felt very relieved. Deep down, she knew that the only one who could find her would be her second brother.

He was indeed the Great God Maverick!

"G's fine. Dad's in the hospital, but he's recovering."

Nicole instantly turned anxious. "Is



**everything okay?"**

**"How can everything be okay? In the few days after your plane crash, we couldn't even find a body or anything. In a moment of distress, Dad even wanted to donate all our family fortune!"**

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**Nicole raised her eyes to look at Kai in shock and cautiously asked, "Tell me our family isn't broke, right?"**

**'Oh no... Will I still be able to splurge on things?' Nicole wondered.**

**Kai patted her shoulder and sighed heavily. "Don't worry, I stopped that from happening. I won't let you be a broke \*ss!"**

**Nicole let out a sigh of relief. 'That's good!'**

**She looked down and saw that her clothes had been changed. She felt clean and did not feel as wretched as she did back on**

**the island.**

**With Kai and Maverick around, Nicole did not have to worry about anything.**

**“Why is Eric Ferguson here?”**

**It was unexpected that he would come to her rescue.**

**At the mention of this name, Kai had nothing good to say. “Cuz he’s thick-skinned!”** 1

**Maverick pushed the door in at this moment. When he heard Kai’s words, he frowned slightly and chided. “K, how many times have I told you to look at the facts!”**

**Tigger happily jumped onto Nicole’s bed. The clean and cute little tiger whirled around in front of her.**

**Nicole stroked its soft little head and stretched out her hand at Maverick. She smiled with squinted eyes. “Mav, I knew you’d come to save me!”**

Afraid of ripping her wounds, Maverick hugged Nicole gently, then glanced at Kai.

“We have no other way to approach this sea, so Grant went to Eric for help. Eric’s been with Kai searching everywhere for you since the plane accident. He spent just as many resources as we did. The risk he took to go to the island is huge as well. Objectively speaking, Grant and I never expected Eric to be able to do this.”

Nicole’s smile froze on her face. Her heart seemed to be electrocuted with a slight tingling sensation.

The gloominess in her eyes became more obvious.

She would have been ecstatic to hear this if this was before their divorce, but now... She could no longer afford any favors from him.

Kai was dissatisfied with Maverick’s attitude and snorted.

“Hmph! If he hadn’t given Lil N that stupid invitation, she wouldn’t even need to suffer all this in the first place! He’s the perpetrator, so it’s only right for him to help!”

Maverick frowned helplessly. “You should look at this objectively. The plane malfunctioning isn’t his responsibility.”

“Even so, he’s still to blame for this! Anyway, I don’t appreciate whatever he does. Lil N, just ignore him. Mav’s brain must be muddled. How can he side with Eric Ferguson?!”

Kai walked over and held Nicole’s hand. He stroked her hair lovingly and did not want to pay attention to Maverick.

Nicole hooked up the corners of her lips. “You guys should stop arguing. Both of you have very valid points.”

The corner of Kai’s lips twitched. He snorted slightly and said reluctantly, “

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**Whatever, peacemaker!"**

## **Chapter 284 Take Care of Me**

The warm sunshine was pleasant, and the sea breeze was blowing the waves in one direction. Everything at this moment felt perfect.

Nicole and her two brothers were talking when someone suddenly knocked on the door.

Seeing that someone else came, Maverick excused himself to go back to his room to study his physics equations.

Kai did not want to leave Nicole's side. He raised his chin slightly at the person at the door.

**“What are you doing here?”**

Nathaniel Ferguson had a fair complexion and prominent features. He could hardly hide his charm.

He wore a cream-colored tracksuit with a

bluish-gray coat. It was stylish and simple. At this moment, he looked like a typical gentry.

Nathaniel smiled faintly and looked at Nicole with concern. His voice was gentle and lazy.

“Nikki, you’re finally awake! You worried me to death...”

Kai rolled his eyes at the side. ‘Hypocrite!’

Nicole was quite happy to see Nathaniel and felt relieved especially when she saw that he was doing just fine.

Although they had only spent a few days together, Nicole and Nathaniel had a revolutionary friendship after having gone through near-death experiences together. This was certainly unforgettable!

“Are you worried? Niel, I noticed that you’ve even gained weight...”

Nathaniel touched his cheek

**incredulously, "Impossible!"**

**Nicole laughed and suddenly remembered Nathaniel's other identity that he kept from her. She raised an eyebrow.**

**"Niel, didn't you say that you have nothing to do with Eric Ferguson?"**

**Nathaniel touched his nose sheepishly and grinned ingratiatingly at her.**

**"I... I didn't mean to lie to you, I swear! It's just that before I went to the island, I saw the news that you guys just got divorced, so I was afraid you'd leave me behind and run away..."**

**Nicole looked at him speechlessly.**

**Instead, Kai laughed coldly. "Well, your fears are right."**

**Nathaniel flashed a charming smile and warmed up to them fast.**

**"Nikki's not this kind of person. At a**



moment of life and death, Nikki asked me to stand behind her. She's such a kind and righteous little goddess..."

Kai raised his eyebrows with a hint of pride. "That's right, our Lil N is a goddess!"

After that, Kai turned to look at Nicole and said in a sullen tone, "But next time if you ever encounter a dangerous situation, you can't do this again. You can only stand behind others. You can't put yourself at risk again!"

'My sister can't block bullets for anyone!'

Nicole suddenly felt a soreness in her eyes. She took a deep breath.

Just when she was about to speak, Nathaniel patted his chest confidently and assured them.

"There won't be a next time! In the future, no matter what dangers we encounter, I won't hesitate to stand in

front of Nikki because we're family now..."

Nicole turned to look at Nathaniel with surprise. Kai also found it strange and said, "What the hell?! Who wants to be your family?"

Nathaniel smiled calmly and said righteously, "Hmph! Nikki said that she'll take care of me for the rest of my life! So, that makes us family..."

He leaned on Nicole's shoulder and smiled at her with squinted eyes. Their distance was extremely close.

"Nikki, you gotta keep your promise..."

Nicole was shaken. Before she could open her mouth, a familiar tall and well-built figure strode inside from the door.

Eric yanked Nathaniel away from Nicole by the ear. His gaze was clear and cold, and his voice was chilly.

"Get the hell away from her."

Nathaniel bared his teeth in pain. He covered his ear and jumped to the corner, then looked at Eric indignantly.

“Uncle Eric, why are you so tough on your beloved nephew?”

“You’ve already been kicked out of the Ferguson family, and you now owe me five billion dollars. It’s my misfortune to have a dumb nephew like you!”

Nathaniel looked at the cool and reserved Eric. Even if Eric did not speak and just stood there, his aura was enough to kill.

Although Nathaniel was Eric’s nephew, he was only five years younger than Eric.

Nathaniel thought, ‘Even if Eric’s slightly more impressive than I am, I’m young and I’m tight friends with Nikki, so I still have the advantage here!’

At the thought of this, Nathaniel straightened his back and let go of his painful ear. “Don’t mention money with

me. It doesn't matter how much it is,  
Nikki will pay it back for me. Right,  
Nikki?"

## **Chapter 285 I Want You**

**Nicole felt an oncoming headache.**

**Before this, Nicole had always thought that Nathaniel was just a poor explorer.**

**Had she known that Nathaniel was Eric Ferguson's nephew, she would not have promised so blatantly that she would support him for the rest of her life.**

**'I can't afford to take care of this gentry!'**  
**Nicole thought.**

**"I..."**

**Before Nicole could finish her sentence, Kai interrupted her. "Is the Ferguson family trying to blackmail us? Just state your price then. It's not like we can't afford this money!"**

**'It's merely \$15 billion! Only those pirates who haven't seen the world think it's so much anyway.'**

Kai then looked at Nathaniel and frowned. "Where do you get the cheek to cling onto our family, huh? Feeding you is just a waste of resources! Get lost!"

Nathaniel did not mind Kai's attitude. Instead, he smiled politely at Kai. "Third Brother... I'm young, strong, and obedient. I swear it's not a waste of resources to help me. What's more, I can support myself too. All I want is to be with Nikki forever..."

After those words fell, Kai could instantly feel the drop in temperature in the room. It was inexplicably cold.

When Kai turned around, he saw Eric's dark and sullen face.

Kai laughed coldly. "Don't even think about it! Stop dreaming in broad daylight!"

Seeing that they were about to quarrel, Nicole helplessly interrupted them.

**“K, stop. I did promise Niel before this.”**

**Nathaniel beamed as his eyes lit up.**

**“However, that was before I knew of your identity. Since you hid the truth from me, whatever I promised you will be greatly discounted.”**

**Nicole saw Nathaniel’s eyes dim in an instant. He looked so lost.**

**Thinking about what Eric just said about Nathaniel being kicked out of the Ferguson family, Nicole thought that Nathaniel probably had a hard time.**

**“How about this... Mr. Ferguson, I’ll get my brother to pay you back twice as much for all that you’ve paid for during this time, including manpower and the ransom.**

**This, of course, included Nathaniel’s share.**

**Nicole raised her eyes and looked at Eric.**

**This was the best way she could think of to thank him.**

**She would pay for his services so they would not owe each other anything.**

**After she proposed this, Eric's face became even more sullen and depressed.**

**Eric stared at her with his dark eyes that were overflowing with such complex emotions, but he suppressed them with all his might.**

**He tried hard to calm himself down.**

**The silence and atmosphere in this room became somewhat bizarre.**

**Nicole pursed her lips and thought, 'Perhaps this isn't enough for him?'**

**She tried again. "Of course, Stanton Corporation will give up all our shares in the Yewshire development."**

**This was not a small amount of money. Eric had personally created the blueprint**



of this project, which would eventually be hundreds of billions of profits.

Thus, Eric would know the value of it best.

“Nicole, do you think that this is all I want?” Eric said through gritted teeth with so much forbearance. His gaze was dark, deep, and bottomless.

Nicole frowned. ‘Still not enough?!’

Nathaniel coughed on the side. “Uncle Eric, that’s already quite a lot...”

“Shut up! Get out of here!”

Eric finally found someone to vent his overwhelming anger at. His eyes were red, and he looked very intimidating.

Nathaniel opened his mouth and wanted to retort, but he feared Eric’s powerful aura since he was young, so he had no choice but to leave dejected.

Eric looked at Kai. His eyes were dark, but his tone was as gentle as possible.

**“Please leave as well.”**

**Compared to the reproach Nathaniel got, this was considered relatively polite.**

**Kai snorted coldly. ‘Who the hell does he think he is?! Self-righteous bastard!’**

**“Why should I? I’m protecting my sister!”**

**Nicole paused and said, “K, leave us first. We need to talk in private.”**

**Kai frowned and wanted to insist on staying, but seeing Nicole’s resolute attitude, he reluctantly agreed. ‘Fine, I’ll listen this time!’**

**Once everyone went out, the room fell back into silence.**

**Nicole sat on the hospital bed. Since she was injured, she looked a little pale and her eyes were not as cold as usual. She seemed gentler and softer and was still as beautiful as before.**

**The long silence made Nicole feel**

**uncomfortable.**

**She was extremely uncomfortable being alone with Eric.**

**Finally, she could not stand the silence anymore. She looked up at him with a calm face.**

**“Mr. Ferguson, you might as well get to the point. What do you want?”**

**Nicole had a negotiating stance, only this time, she had already made a lot of concessions.**

**Eric’s eyes sank. He looked at her with a complicated and restrained gaze. There were so many emotions that were buried in the bottom of his heart, so how could he explain it to her at once?**

**Under Nicole’s intent stare, Eric put aside his ego and had a humble attitude.**

**His voice was raspy and deep, with a hint of nostalgia.**

**“I want you, Nicole.”**

## **Chapter 286 Give Me Another Chance**

Eric's voice was magnetic, mellow, deep, and raspy. The emotions in his eyes were suppressed and restrained.

As soon as his words fell, the air almost froze.

The blood on Nicole's face drained in an instant.

Her eyes carried disbelief.

'Have I misheard? He wanted... Me? The person who wanted to throw me away like a bag of trash back then actually chose me?!'

Nicole was perplexed and could not believe what she just heard. 'What exactly did Eric Ferguson want?'

The silence in the air gradually ate away at her calmness.

Eric's eyes were locked onto Nicole's face,

watching every emotion and detail from her eyes closely.

Shock, amazement, detachment, resistance...

Fortunately, among so many emotions, there was no disgust!

Eric moved closer to her and wanted to touch her hair. He wanted her to feel that his affection was real.

He was sincere.

However, before he could touch her, Nicole subconsciously backed away like she was afraid of him.

Earlier, Nicole did not react when Nathaniel was so close to her, but she dodged Eric like the plague.

Her avoidance deeply stung Eric's heart.

Eric pretended as if nothing had happened. He hooked his lips into a smile, but the emotions in his eyes surged.

His voice was raspy and gentle, with extreme restraint.

“Nicole, I wasn’t joking. During this time, I’m not much better than you. I think that perhaps our divorce was too rash...”

Nicole’s brow was tightly locked. She suddenly realized something and turned to look at him.

The undisguised joy and glee in the man’s eyes were like fire. It almost burned her.

The moment she saw through the emotions in his eyes, her heart trembled violently.

‘Did I just see nostalgia and fondness in his eyes?’

At that moment, the feelings in Nicole’s heart that were like a stagnant pool of water rippled from the rock that was suddenly thrown in.

It was not from joy, but shock.

However, it only lasted for a split second. Nicole withdrew her gaze and resumed her stoic attitude.

Nicole hooked the corners of her lips and raised her eyes to look at him. There was no trace of warmth in her eyes.

“Mr. Ferguson, what was too rash was our marriage.”

The divorce was a decision she made after three years of deliberation.

For her, it was a relief.

Once Nicole’s words came out, Eric’s body stiffened. His gentle face became tense, and the emotions in his eyes shattered inch by inch.

Nicole met his gaze without any avoidance.

If he had asked for anything else, even if he wanted to demand an exorbitant sum, Nicole had no reason to refuse.

However, if he wanted a romantic relationship, Nicole no longer had the heart to step into that pit of fire again.

“Nicole, just give me one more chance. I’ll ...”

Eric’s face was pale as he looked at her almost pleadingly.

Before he could finish his sentence, he was interrupted by Nicole.

“Mr. Ferguson, don’t tell me that you’re regretting the divorce and that you fell for me now, do you?”

Eric looked at Nicole and nodded. “Yes.”

His voice was hoarse and dry.

Eric admitted that Nicole was irreplaceable in his life.

He admitted that he had never been so clear about his affection for her.

He admitted that when he learned of



Nicole's accident, the kind of heart-wrenching pain was so unbearable that she must be the love of his life.

Their divorce was truly the stupidest thing he had ever done. If he could do this all over again, he would have given anything to have Nicole back by his side!

However, when Nicole got that answer, she merely hooked the corners of her lips and gave him the death sentence in such a calm and composed manner.

“Mr. Ferguson, everything between us is in the past. I no longer care for it, and I've long lost any interest in you. So, it's really not suitable to talk about feelings between us. I am truly grateful for everything you've done by risking your life to save me, so if you want anything, you can go to my father and my eldest brother directly. They certainly won't refuse you.”

Nicole did not want to talk about repayment. Even though the Ferguson

family was not lacking money, who would ever complain of having too much money?

It would be more appropriate for Floyd and Grant to deal with this.

Nicole's distant and polite attitude came as a surprise to Eric.

“I've long lost any interest in you...”

This sentence, more than her mockery or resentment, made Eric feel so lost. He felt like thin needles pierced all his organs, which brought him unimaginable pain.

A bitterness suddenly rose from the bottom of his heart, which made him feel powerless.

Eric had long lost that Nicole from three years ago who only had eyes for him.

## **Chapter 287 That's Not Me**

Nicole lowered her eyelids and stroked Tigger, who was in her arms. She looked like she was done talking to him.

Even so, Eric refused to give up. 'How could I give up so easily? I deserved that stab in the heart!'

Eric smiled miserably and made an effort to look warm.

He looked down and took out a photo he had been staring at countless times from his pocket. His fingertips were white from pinching it so hard.

Nicole had saved his life before, but she had never mentioned it.

Eric did not believe that she would really forget all those feelings she had for him.

His voice was magnetic and raspy as he said, "Nicole, I still owe you a life. You

never told me that the person in the photo was you.”

If Eric had known that it was her, then he would not have ignored her existence in their marriage.

At the very least, he would not let their marriage come to such a disastrous end.

Nicole glanced at that photo. Her expression stiffened as she was stunned.

Her breath stalled for a moment. She subconsciously looked up and saw the deep guilt and remorse in Eric’s eyes. Suddenly, Nicole understood something.

The bottom of her heart turned cold.

“Turns out he feels that he owes me, huh?”

Nicole pursed her lips, withdrew her gaze, and said in a calm voice, “That’s not me.”

If that was the case, Nicole would rather not admit that it was her. That experience

in Europe with the terrorist attack and underground fight club felt like a dream.

Nicole was glad to have met Eric, but she also regretted having met him.

Eric paused for a moment. His eyes were full of doubt as he simply did not believe Nicole's words.

“Impossible, how can this not be you?”

‘She’s clearly lying! Why? Is it because she didn’t want to admit that she had known me long ago?’

Eric’s heart felt like it had been gouged out as he took a painful gasp.

Nicole laughed lightly. Her eyes were cold and indifferent.

“Mr. Ferguson, you’re mistaken. I’m not the person that you’re looking for. We’ve never met before we got married.”

Nicole did not want to admit to those memories that had long been buried,

those carefully guarded hardships that belonged to her alone.

She did not want the little bit of dignity she had left to be trampled on at will.

Since she decided to let go, she would just throw away the past.

Eric's eager gaze cooled little by little. He looked at Nicole's distant gaze and felt like his heart was doused in a bucket of ice water, slowly cooling it to a freezing point.

If she did not want to admit it, he could not force her.

'It's okay if she doesn't admit it now... We have a long future ahead anyway...'

Eric kept the photo and looked at her gently.

"Okay. It doesn't matter if that's not you. Nicole, I mean it when I said that I want to be with you."

His large hands were beautiful like works of art. The moment they covered Nicole's hands, Nicole frowned and withdrew her hand, but he held her tightly.

He did not move and did not allow her to refuse.

Nicole was slightly stunned and did not struggle again. Instead, she raised her eyes to look at him.

She met his gaze and faintly hooked the corners of her lips. Her voice was gentle but without a trace of warmth.

“Mr. Ferguson, sometimes, wishful thinking is just as annoying as being brazen-faced. Just as how you hated me when I insisted on marrying you back then, I now understand what you felt.”

They had completely switched positions.

Hearing her words, Eric's body stiffened slightly. His gentle smile froze on his face, and a dull pain spread in his chest.

Panic spread from the bottom of his heart and expanded infinitely.

Eric opened his mouth and wanted to say something, but Nicole did not give him the chance.

“Kai, are you there?” She shouted towards the door.

“I’m here!” Kai answered without hesitation and pushed the door in.

He would stand by his sister at all times and would not give others the slightest chance to hurt her.

Nicole smiled and looked at Eric.

“Mr. Ferguson, I’ve said everything that I wanted to. Now, I’d like to get some rest.”

Eric stood there, unmoved. His gaze was deep as he looked at Nicole’s stunning face which had such a cold smile that was like a sharp knife stabbing his heart, bringing him bursts of pain.



He clenched his fists at his sides. There were countless words of regret that he could not say because she simply did not want to hear them.

Nicole did not even hate him now. She was just ignoring his emotions.

Kai coughed and looked at him harshly.

“Eric Ferguson, didn’t you hear her say she was tired? Can you leave?”

Kai did not like Eric because anyone who had hurt his sister was an evil person!

Thus, there was no need to be polite to him.

Nicole had already turned away. She stroked Tigger and leaned back comfortably.

Eric saw the determination and frankness under her eyes and felt his heart clench. It was an indefinable feeling.

He finally realized that Nicole really did

not like him anymore.

Eric was silent for a few seconds. His voice was still gentle, but it was hoarse, deep, and despondent.

“Rest well then.”

After that, he turned to leave. Before he reached the door, he stopped in his tracks and said in a deep voice, “What I said was sincere. Perhaps you can’t accept it at this moment, but Nicole, I really do regret it.”

Eric then left the room without hesitation.

Kai frowned and was puzzled. “What did he say to you?”

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Although Kai was just standing outside the door, the soundproofing of this room was really amazing.

Thus, Kai did not get to hear anything.

Eric inexplicably left such a weird sentence, so how could Kai not be curious?

Nicole pursed her lips. Her eyes flickered slightly, so she looked down and said, “Nothing. K, how long do we have to get home?”

“Two or three days.”

Kai frowned. ‘It better be nothing, otherwise, I won’t forgive that jerk, Eric Ferguson!’

Tigger, who was in Nicole’s arms, poked his head out and said in a cute and soft voice, “Papa left... Papa’s so sad...”

Kai was baffled.

Nicole said, "Papa? Are you talking about Eric Ferguson?!"

Tigger sighed insouciantly and said, "Mama rejected Papa, so he's really sad..."

Kai strode over in two steps and picked Tigger up by the neck.

"What the hell?! Didn't you hate him? You little traitor!"

Tigger wiggled his legs and said in indignation, "Hmph! The Great God Maverick said that you have to be objective! He's already modified my program, so my bad impression of Papa is gone!"

Nicole's lips twitched. "Mav is too much. How can he just modify Tigger's thoughts?!"

Tigger's cute little whiskers moved.

"The Great God Maverick said that you shouldn't be a bad influence on cute little

animals like me!"

Nicole and Kai looked at each other.

Forget it, there was no way they could fight Maverick even with combined IQs.

Nicole was really tired and felt sore from her wound that had not yet healed. She finally let down her strong guard and vigilance from the past few days and succumbed to being sick.

Eric's words kept ringing in her ears like a curse.

Nicole desperately wanted to escape, but she could not get it out of her mind.

While Nicole was sleeping, the images of gunfire on the island and the terrorist attack on the streets of Europe overlapped in her mind. She had nightmare after nightmare.

When she woke up, she opened her eyes and saw Kai by her bedside, who had stayed up all night watching her

worriedly. She lowered her lush, dark eyelashes and said in a relaxed yet firm tone. "K, please find me a psychiatrist."

The night sky was a dark blue. The ocean reflected the stars and moonlight, which rippled across the water as the cold wind blew.

A man stood on the deck. His shadow was stretched long. His eyes were as dark as ink and had a gloominess in them.

He stood there in silence. The chill he exuded merged with the raging coldness of the sea.

Jackson, the military doctor, walked over slowly and said in a teasing voice, "Is the great President Ferguson standing here to heal his broken heart?"

He had never seen Eric, who was usually indifferent about everything, get distracted the whole day because of a few words from Nicole.

The man's jawline was defined. At first glance, there was no emotion in his eyes, but on closer look, one could see the heavy and complex sentiments churning inside.

Eric instantly collected his emotions and glanced to the side. His voice was indescribably low and husky.

"I have a feeling that she will never like me again."

Jackson raised his eyebrows slightly. "You saved her. Is she still blaming you?"

Eric laughed self-deprecatingly.

"She has stopped hating me for a long time, so she naturally won't blame me..."

Just because she did not blame him did not mean that she would like him.

Ferguson Corporation could be inextricably linked to Stanton Corporation when it came to benefits, but

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Nicole would never have anything to do with Eric again.

Jackson sighed and patted his shoulder.

“Well, I think it can still be saved. You deserve to pay the price for all those dumb things you did back then. But... Since you think she's the one, you gotta do all you can to get her back! Otherwise, how could you let all of us brothers risk our lives for nothing, huh?”

Eric hooked his lips and laughed. His eyebrows finally relaxed.

“The brothers have gone back?”

“Yeah. Several giant helicopters entering the airspace together will incur quite a troublesome procedure. If not for the patient onboard, I would've followed. By the way, Mr. Hollywood came to find me today asking me if I knew psychotherapy. Do you think Ms. Stanton...”

Jackson stopped mid-sentence. He



frowned slightly and thought that if any ordinary person encountered the things Nicole did, they would have probably collapsed mentally.

Nicole's psychological defenses were considered very strong because she could still control her emotions so well.

When Eric heard this, his face instantly sank. The anxiety and concern in his eyes could not be concealed.

He did not even have time to wallow in sadness and turned to leave immediately.

Jackson, who wanted to have a chat with his buddy, was speechless. 'Did I just get abandoned after a few sentences?'

Eric walked to the corner of the hallway and heard Kai, who was talking to Grant on the phone.

"Yeah, she has nightmares all day. She has a low-grade fever. Yeah, she's conscious."

Eric wanted to stop and listen, but Maverick, who was standing opposite Kai, had already seen him, so he walked over openly.

Kai rolled his eyes at Eric while he continued to report Nicole's condition to Grant.

“Of course, I took good care of Lil N! She's fine when she woke up. She asked to see a psychiatrist herself...”

Hearing these words, Eric's eyebrows knitted up tightly.

## **Chapter 289 Get Out**

After hanging up the phone, Kai looked at Eric with a hostile gaze.

“What are you doing here? No one’s here to help you now!”

Before this, Eric relied on his army buddies to carry Kai, who refused to budge, out of the way. It was simply bullying, and Kai felt humiliated.

Eric’s gaze was dark. “I’ll contact my friend who’s a psychiatrist.”

The psychiatrist who Eric recommended was probably great, but Kai immediately refused.

“No need for that. Grant will get it sorted, so you don’t need to worry about it.”

Eric wanted to say something else, but Maverick also agreed with Kai and politely refused Eric’s offer.

After all, a psychiatrist would get into one's privacy and weaknesses, and Nicole must not want her weaknesses to be seen by Eric or his friends.

Late at night.

Kai was resting on the sofa outside Nicole's room.

Eric sat by Nicole's bed and quietly looked at her face that kept changing in her sleep, which was sometimes nervous, scared, or calm.

He did not feel sleepy at all, only heartbroken.

Nicole put up such a strong front, but it was clear that she was traumatized and suffering.

The night was still. Suddenly, Nicole grunted and opened her eyes in a daze.

She murmured, "Water..."

Soon, a cup of warm water was handed to

her with a straw placed right at her lips.

Nicole quenched her thirst and became somewhat conscious.

She saw Eric and opened her mouth to speak. Eric gently moved closer to hear what she was trying to say.

“Eric...”

She called his name.

Eric’s heart rippled softly. It felt warm and soft.

She had not called his name for a long time.

“Nicole, what do you need?”

In the late-night darkness, his voice sounded so gentle.

Nicole was half awake. Her voice was weak as she said, “Eric, get out...”

After that, she no longer had the strength to say anything else and passed out.

Naturally, she also missed Eric's expression after he heard those words. His eyes that lit up for that moment instantly became dull and despondent.

The tenderness on his face shattered into pieces, little by little.

For a long time, the silence overwhelmed the darkness, and the whole room was shrouded in gloom and depression.

Eric slowly stretched out his hand and stroked Nicole's hair.

His voice was low and raspy as he said, "Okay..."

Two days later.

The cruise ship docked. Kai and Maverick brought Nicole onto a private helicopter, which flew straight to the West City.

Floyd Stanton had been worried sick about his daughter for several days. He had to see for himself that she was okay

before he could be assured.

The helicopter landed on the hospital's top floor helipad.

With the best doctors, top-notch equipment, and the best care, Nicole's wounds quickly healed.

Not many knew that Nicole had returned safely.

Thus, during this period, except for the Stanton family and the doctors, not a single person came to disturb Nicole.

In order to let Nicole get some proper rest, Floyd Stanton did not intend to announce Nicole's return and kept the news hidden.

The psychiatrist came every day to observe Nicole's recovery. Nicole had a very high mental toughness. Her psychological defenses did not collapse, and her mental state was constantly improving.

During this time, Maverick returned to the lab to continue his secret research.

Grant was busy running between the hospital and the office every day. Even so, he was happy and did not feel tired.

Everyone in the office could clearly feel the change in atmosphere. Grant was previously immersed in the sorrow and pain of Nicole's death, which brought about such a dense and dreary air. This seemed to alleviate as Grant started to smile more and more...

Kai and Floyd accompanied Nicole all day long to eat, drink, and catch up on TV shows.

The superstar Kai was not just a slave to the two patients, he was also responsible for explaining the real-life gossip of the actors in the shows they watched.

After a few days, a popular social media influencer suddenly released a video of



his adventures.

Besides Nathaniel, the well-known independent explorer, there was another main character in this video - Nicole!

## **Chapter 290 Nikki**

**This social media account had a very high following. That was because Nathaniel's identity was special, and his handsome features made him a true homme fatale.**

**The most important thing was that this account never posted any fake videos. The shooting process was thrilling, real, and always surprising.**

**Nathaniel had not updated his work for nearly a month, so everyone was worried for his safety. Unexpectedly, he released his latest work online.**

**In just a few minutes, it caused a huge sensation.**

**Nathaniel was in a primitive tribe on the Atlantic Island. More importantly, Nicole appeared to be on the adventure with Nathaniel.**

**The woman whom everyone thought had**

died in the plane crash actually came back to life!

Nicole's rate of appearance in the video was not high, but the most exciting part of the video was on that rainy night when the indigenous people were chasing them.

Nathaniel had strapped the camera to his body, so he did not appear in many of the shots.

The pair ran for their lives and were out of breath. They were soaking wet and in a mess.

The camera panned out to the back. The trees bent in the harsh winds, and the raindrops fell heavily all around. Nicole almost fell into a trap and was so close to danger.

In the nick of time, Nathaniel reached out to pull her, and the two tacitly continued to run. Every second seemed so thrilling.

Even after Nicole fell and had scrapes

everywhere, she did not say a word and did not slow down her companion.

Every scene had such a thrilling and heart-stopping tension.

Through the screen, the audience could clearly feel the crisis of this adventure. Their lives were hanging on a thin thread.

Everyone followed the ups and downs of their mood and could feel their nervousness and anxiety.

The video ended right before they met the pirates. Nicole's clothes were disheveled as she ran towards the sea.

Her grimy face had such a vibrant smile from having escaped the danger. Her eyes were so bright and stunning, clear and pure. Her eyes were so animated and showed such resilience.

The last scene was of Nicole running towards the sun that was rising over the horizon after the rain. She was laughing

so brightly and cheerfully.

Suddenly, Nathaniel shouted, “Nikki!”

Nicole subconsciously looked back, and the video stopped there.

The waves were crashing on the shore behind her as the sun cast a warm glow all around.

The sea breeze blew up her long hair, and when she turned back, the light in her eyes had not yet dissipated. She looked so radiant and beautiful in that frame.

This soul-stirring scene felt eternal.

The video, which was less than a minute long, set off a shocking wave on the internet as soon as it was posted.

The number of views rose by four digits a minute!

[Ahhhhhhh! Am I seeing this right? Is that Goddess Nicole?!]

[The Goddess is reborn and returned in

**glory! She's simply too beautiful!]**

**[The least princessy princess is finally back! I'm so touched that I'm about to cry tears of joy!]**

**[Welcome back to earth, Goddess Nicole! We love you forever!]**

**[She's alive! She's really alive! What about the others then?]**

**[Thanks, Nathaniel, for bringing our goddess back! I'm so emotional right now ...]**

**[My heart is melting from the way Nathaniel called her "Nikki" at the end...]**

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**Soon, the news of Nicole's return quickly dominated the headlines of major online platforms.**

**Countless media outlets wanted to get first-hand news. Some went to Nathaniel's studio, and others went to Stanton**

**Tower.**

**The series of reactions to this uproar exceeded everyone's imagination.**

**Meanwhile, the main character, Nicole, was peacefully recuperating in the hospital, getting fed all kinds of delicious food by Kai. Tigger was sitting in Floyd's arms wagging its tail happily. All four of them were still not aware of the chaos outside until several people rushed to the hospital. They were stopped outside by the doctors, nurses, and bodyguards, but were relentless.**