

Chapter 556 He Had to Make a Fool of Himself

Nicole swirled the drink in her glass. Her fingers were long, slender, and flawless like a beautiful work of art.

Nothing happened between them that night. Even if something did happen, this was her answer.

Eric wanted people to misunderstand their relationship, so she would deal with it in her own way.

He was making such a big show of it even before he managed to win her heart. It showed how much Eric was hung up on Nicole.

From an outsider's point of view, Nicole was the more open-minded one among them.

Thus, Eric's advantage was considered worthless.

The people around heard it and wanted to pretend that they did not hear anything.

This was too much information to bear.

Who dared to laugh at Eric Ferguson?

He suddenly moved closer to Nicole. His breath reeked of alcohol as he coaxed her in a soft voice, "We even stayed together last night. Why are you so heartless?" ①

Although his voice was low, the people nearby could still hear it clearly if they wanted to.

Nicole was infuriated at the mention of this.

Eric caused so much trouble for her that day. 'Eric is simply sick in the head! I should've just crippled his leg and thrown him onto the streets!'

Nicole turned to look at him coldly. Her eyes flickered, and Eric felt like she was drunk even when she did not drink.

She let out a light laugh, attracting everyone's attention.

"It's just one night. Don't you know that it's for fun?"

back.

Seeing Eric's gloomy face, Gerard instantly regretted asking this question so openly.

This situation was obviously Eric's unrequited love.

Eric was humiliated.

The other people at the table felt so awkward.

Suddenly, Eric laughed and took away the prawn. He looked at Nicole with his dark eyes and knocked on the chair.

"I'm working on it."

He was too humble.

Everyone immediately understood what was happening.

"Good luck, Mr. Ferguson!"

"Yes, we support you!"

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Eric curled his lips. The alcohol got to his head. Looking at Nicole's calm and collected face, he felt a little bitter.

He suddenly moved closer to Nicole. His

The crowd saw this scene and froze. 'Oh, turns out it's Ms. Stanton who likes prawns...'

Nicole looked down and froze for a moment. She calmly swept him a glance and did not take it, much less take a bite.

She smiled and leaned back in her chair, distancing herself from his hand and the prawn.

Gerard saw this scene and figured it out when he thought about Eric's post.

There was only one woman who could make Eric Ferguson peel a prawn for her.

Gerard asked, "So, you two really got back together?"

Eric paused for a moment.

Everyone waited in silence for the answer, which was an official announcement.

This was more reliable than any media source.

Nicole smiled faintly without any warmth. "No."

Gerard's congratulatory words that were at the tip of his tongue were swallowed

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Gerard choked for a moment. 'I was wrong ... I shouldn't have asked Nicole to help me! These two were like fire and ice!'

The meal ended up being tasteless. Fortunately, it was not too awkward. Everyone went back satisfied.

Gerard followed Eric's people out to make arrangements, so Nicole and Eric were left in the private room.

Nicole picked up her bag and wanted to leave.

Eric called out to her. Looking at her slim and beautiful back, he suppressed the restlessness in his heart and spoke.

"Do you know what's the difference between me and Gerard?"

Nicole was speechless.

He stood up and walked over.

"His wife has been his classmate for eight years, and now they're ready to have a second child."

His voice was low and raspy as he stared intently at her.

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Nicole was puzzled by this sudden drop of random information.

Eric continued, "I'm single, so you should look at me more."

His words were tinged with jealousy and bitterness.

Nicole pursed her lips and swept a glance at Eric speechlessly. She then turned on her heels and left.

Eric was really annoying.

It was drizzling and windy outside.

As soon as Nicole went out, the driver came to pick her up with an umbrella.

Nicole never had the habit of driving after a business dinner even though she did not drink.

Once Nicole left, Gerard came back and saw Eric sitting there like a statue, with a cigarette in hand.

He walked over and patted Eric on the shoulder.

"Mr. Ferguson, you still have a long way to go..."

to go...

Their relationship returned to normal after a meal. They were both adults, so they would not get hung up over an insignificant issue.

Eric took a puff and resumed his usual cold and noble temperament.

“Are you making fun of me?”

“I won’t dare.” Gerard denied it.

“Let me ask you something.”

Gerard said, “Ask away.”

Eric solemnly examined his expression. “Do you usually have much contact with her privately?”

Gerard’s face turned white. He understood what Eric meant. “Was he jealous of me tonight?”

He pushed up his glasses. “Mr. Ferguson, I don’t have much contact with her. You’re there every time we meet.”

Gerard wanted to make it clear because he did not want Eric to blame him just because Nicole did not like him.

Eric knew that Gerard was telling the truth

truth.

'Heh, so she did this just to provoke me? I just had to make a fool of myself in the second half of the dinner...'

Eric stubbed out the cigarette in his hand with force. His fingertips turned white.

He looked at Gerard with raised eyebrows. "For that project involving Clayton Sloan, it'll be more worthless the longer it's delayed, right?"

Gerard nodded. "I'll urge them to speed up the progress."

Eric got up and patted Gerard's shoulder.

"There's no rush. We just got through such a major event, so let the scientists take a break."

Gerard was speechless.

The next day at the Stanton Mansion.

Nicole lived in her apartment for two days. Although it was quiet, it was inconvenient. She thought of getting a long-term nanny.

She went back home for lunch. Even though Floyd did not see Nicole in two days, he felt like it had been a month and

Chapter 557 Girlfriends

Nicole smiled and changed the topic. "K, aren't you going to film a movie? Are you leaving today?"

Kai replied, "Mhmm. It's mainly to bring some popularity to the newcomers. This batch of rookies isn't that great."

Nicole said, "I heard that your new girlfriend is also a rookie?"

The paparazzi snapped a picture of him and a new actress that was rumored to be his girlfriend.

Kai paused for a moment. His eyes flickered as he glanced at Floyd, who was next to him.

He coughed. "We broke up."

Kai only used himself to create hype. Not many of those "girlfriends" were real. It was just to raise their popularity.

Nicole smiled awkwardly. "That's good..."

Floyd sneered and slapped the table. "What kind of boss are you? Do you think you're a decent person if you change girlfriends like you're changing clothes?"

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Kai almost choked on his soup. 'How am I not a decent person?!'

"Dad, didn't you always tell Lil N not to give up the ocean of fish for a small fry?!"

Floyd was so angry that he wanted to slap Kai.

"Look at what you're saying! How can you compare to your sister? You're lucky for someone to be interested in you. How do you have an ocean of fish? Hah!"

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Tigger wagged its tail and jumped off Kai's lap to Nicole's lap to avoid getting involved.

Kai's heart suffered a huge blow.

After a scolding from Floyd, Kai left with his head hanging.

Nicole waited for him in the car. "I'll send you to the office."

Kai frowned. "You don't need to work?"

"Grant gave me a day off!"

As soon as Kai left the house, he was in the spirit and resumed his superstar

coolness.

When he reached the entrance of the office, a sweet-looking female artist with a slim body waved at him very enthusiastically.

Kai smiled and waved back.

Nicole was surprised. "Who is she?"

Kai looked at her. "My new girlfriend."

Nicole was speechless. "So, he doesn't ever take a break?"

Dominic Young did not expect the Stanton siblings to come together. Kai sat on the sofa lazily while going through the script.

He only did one film a year and had the right amount of exposure to remain mysterious while keeping his firm status in the industry.

Nicole just wanted to have some fun and did not expect a certain someone to bother her as soon as he heard the news of her arrival.

After a while, Dominic's assistant knocked on the door.

"Mr. Young, Xander said that he has something important to discuss with

though Floyd did not see Nicole in two days, he felt like it had been a month and was so excited to see her. He ordered all her favorite food to be made and kept putting food on her plate.

Kai shook his head with jealousy on the side with Tigger on his lap. He stroked Tigger's fur with his left hand while he held a soup spoon with his right hand.

"Dad, Lil N isn't your only child!" Kai gritted his teeth and reminded his father. 1

Floyd perfunctorily picked up a piece of mango and put it on Kai's plate. "Eat it."

Kai gulped. "I'm allergic to mangoes!"

Floyd looked at him with surprise. "Since when are you allergic to mangoes?" 1

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you.”

Nicole froze when she heard Xander's name.

She had been so busy recently that she almost forgot about him.

Xander would message her, but she never replied to them, so he gradually stopped sending them.

Nicole just felt that he was an eyesore because he had Eric's face and his sissy temperament.

She wanted to avoid Xander, but Dominic nodded and allowed Xander to come in.

‘Damn it... It's too late to hide...’ Nicole rolled her eyes at Dominic, who felt very wronged.

Dominic thought, ‘Isn't Nicole Xander's sugar mommy?’

Kai just watched the drama without a word. He acted as an invisible person.

“Hello, Mr. Young. Ms. Stanton, you're here too?”

Xander spoke in a surprised tone. Nicole was amazed that his acting skills had improved so quickly.

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It was really close to a professional level.

It seemed that his training did not go to waste!

Nicole laughed. "Xander, you've received a lot of endorsements recently, right?"

Xander nodded happily. He did not say anything awkward because he was delighted to see Nicole.

He walked over and pinched Nicole's sleeve.

"Yes, thanks to you, Ms. Stanton. I miss you..."

Although those endorsements were for small goods, did not generate much money, and made him so tired, it was still better than nothing.

Chapter 558 Financial Backer Came to Set

Dominic Young smiled at the side without saying a word. The corners of his mouth twitched.

Those endorsements were leftovers that no one wanted, so Dominic packaged it for Xander at a price that was not very profitable.

What was more, Xander started off with low-level advertisements, so it would be difficult for him to shoot high-end products.

However, no one told him about these.

Nicole smiled. "No need to be polite. You should thank Mr. Young for taking care of you."

Xander asked, "Ms. Stanton, why don't I treat you to dinner?"

'In the meantime, I can get a paparazzi to snap a picture. What a great opportunity!' Xander thought.

Nicole shook her head and refused. "I have to send my brother to the set later, so let's take a rain check."

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"The set? Is Mr. Kai filming a movie?"

Xander was surprised and delighted. If he could play a role in Kai's film, his status in the industry would be instantly elevated.

Nicole looked at Kai. "Yes, it's still under wraps."

Xander's excited face was indescribable. "Then can you arrange a role for me?"

Nicole was his financial backer, and Kai was Nicole's brother.

They were family, so arranging a role should not be difficult.

Xander did not think that his request was excessive.

Kai and Dominic Young were silent and dared not make a sound.

Nicole said, "Fine, then come along."

It was just a matter of a word anyway.

Xander was so thrilled that he almost went to hug her, but Nicole's stern look made him hold back.

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That was because they knew that for an insignificant role, it would be considered lucky if Xander managed to be in the final cut of the film. If he did not perform well, they would just cut him out.

Xander's face tied him down to play only one role, which was Eric Ferguson.

Since it was almost time, they went to the set.

In order to get this role, Xander simply exerted all his strength.

While serving Nicole with fruit and drinks, he would also ask her all kinds of questions to make sure she was alright.

Kai and Dominic went together and arrived on set long ago.

Xander walked smugly behind Nicole.

With his financial backer coming to set to support him, Xander thought that it was just a matter of time before he became an A-lister.

Nicole was not in a hurry to leave. She sat in the gazebo on the side to watch the action.

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Suddenly, she saw a familiar person.

She waved her hand excitedly. "Jules?!"

Julie Nixon turned around and looked at her for a while before she walked over happily.

"President Nicole, aren't you very busy?"

Nicole heard the sarcasm in her voice, but she was not offended.

"I sent my brother here and will leave in a while. Why are you here?"

Julie brushed her hair and lifted her chin in the direction of an actor.

"One of my staff is here as the artistic director. Roman is also here as the third male lead."

Nicole understood. Julie's company was involved in quite a wide range of businesses, so Nicole did not think too much about it.

Suddenly, Julie's smile stiffened.

"Who's that woman next to your third brother?"

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That woman was nestled in Kai's arms as she whined. Kai took a step back and dotingly stroked her hair.

Nicole saw it and replied, "Oh, that's his new girlfriend. She seems to be the second female lead."

Julie's face changed a few times before she regained her composure.

"Changing girlfriends again? Mr. Superstar is really amorous!"

"He's just playing along. It's all fake." Nicole explained.

The corners of Julie's lips twitched. 'Is it really fake? Or perhaps it only started off fake...'

However, Julie was in no position to care.

The second female lead ran over to Julie and Nicole.

The female lead's iconic prop was on the table nearby.

When the second female lead took the prop, she did not notice that a set of car keys with a teardrop jade pendant was placed next to it.

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At that moment, the car keys fell to the ground, which made a crisp sound.

The jade pendant split into pieces.

Julie and Nicole's faces changed dramatically.

“Stop right there!”

Chapter 559 Fall of the Second Female Lead

Julie Nixon picked up the car keys and jade pendant with trembling hands and heartache.

Nicole frowned. She knew that Julie treasured that jade pendant the most.

“What did you do?”

The second female froze for a moment and looked at the ground, annoyed and disdainful.

“I didn’t do it on purpose.”

After that, she turned around to leave.

“Is it justified if you didn’t do it on purpose?” Julie’s eyes were red. “So, you’re saying that I deserve it?”

The second female looked at her speechlessly. “How much is it? I’ll just get my boyfriend to compensate you.”

Nicole furrowed her eyebrows. “You can’t even apologize?”

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She paused and bit her lower lip. It was not hard to apologize, but that woman was aggressive and too annoying.

“Lil N, it’s not like you don’t know me. Your brother will help me out, so just leave it be.”

Nicole’s eyes sank. Her voice suddenly turned cold.

“What did you call me?”

For a moment, her eyes were frosty and indifferent.

Lil N?

Only her close friends and family could call her this.

How could a small-time actress that she was not familiar with call her Lil N?

The second female lead saw Nicole’s glum face and wondered how this nickname offended this princess, but she could not afford to mess with Nicole.

“Lil N. That’s what I heard your brother call you.”

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Nicole's gaze was extremely dull. "That's my brother. You're a different story."

This sentence trampled that actress' pride under her feet.

The actress' eyes turned red.

At this moment, Kai walked over.

"What's wrong?"

The second female lead immediately jumped into Kai's arms and complained in an aggrieved tone.

"I didn't do it on purpose. I accidentally dropped her things on the floor, she's Lil... Your sister's friend..."

Kai frowned. When he saw Julie squatting on the ground with the broken jade pendant in her hand, his face changed dramatically.

Everyone close to Julie knew that the jade pendant was the only thing Julie's grandmother gave her before she died.

It was a very important memento.

"You can compensate her for me. It's just a piece of jade. No one even knows if it's

real."

real..."

"Shut up!" Kai rebuked her with a glum face.

He walked over and looked at Nicole, who looked away, not intending to speak for him.

Kai was silent for a moment. He walked over and squatted down next to Julie.

He raised his hand and stroked Julie's hair.

Julie's shoulders trembled slightly because she was crying.

He froze for a moment, not knowing what to say. Julie was usually very strong, but her grandmother was her only soft spot.

"Jules..."

Julie did not look at him. She took a deep breath and suddenly stood up. The bottom of her eyes was clear.

"I still have things to do, so I'll get going first."

After that, Julie took the jade fragments and left in a huff.

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Kai was expressionless. "I'll get someone to send you back. Your role in this film will be replaced by Anya."

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“Nikki, don’t worry, I’m fine. I just got back to the office. See you at our next

gathering.”

Nicole told Julie about what Kai had just done, trying to make Julie feel more relieved. Julie’s breathing was heavy, but her tone was much lighter.

“I’m relieved to know that your brother isn’t blind.”

After hanging up, Julie received a message from Kai.

[Jules, I’ll personally make an identical one for you.] 1

She did not reply.

Chapter 560 Conscientious Little Puppy

Nicole sat there irritably replying to emails. Kai was not filming today, so she had to pick him up.

She did not notice that there was another person next to her, holding a small fan and gently fanning her.

Nicole raised her eyebrows. "Xander, what are you doing?"

It was a cold day, so why was he fanning her?

Xander looked a little embarrassed and squatted next to her chair.

"I'm afraid that you'll feel hot, but I'm also scared that you'll get too cold."

Nicole wanted to gag.

He carried over a plate of fruit. "I just cut this. Ms. Stanton, do you want some?"

Nicole pushed it away. "No, thanks."

Xander did not mind it and looked at her with an affectionate smile.

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Nicole raised her eyebrows in surprise.

Second male lead?

"I know it must be because of you, Ms. Stanton. How can I thank you?"

Xander's face that looked so much like Eric's flashed a feminine smile. It just looked so out of place and unpleasant to the eyes.

Nicole looked away and laughed. "Maybe it's because of your acting skills..."

"I definitely won't let you down!"

Xander put his hands together in assurance and attentively took a small piece of fruit with a fork. "Ah..."

Nicole was bewildered.

She did not open her mouth, nor did he intend to stop. It would be awkward if this continued.

Thus, Nicole could only lower her head and take a bite. She did not eat another piece after.

Xander squatted down next to Nicole because there were no other chairs around. He looked like an obedient little puppy telling her about the gossip and drama he had come across in showbiz.

Nicole laughed perfunctorily from time to time. She was still hung up on Julie's broken jade pendant.

The jade pendant was designed by Julie's grandmother. It was the only memento Julie had of her grandmother, so Julie must be devastated that it was broken.

At this moment, she suddenly heard someone's respectful greeting from not far away.

"Mr. Ferguson, with you here, our film will surely be blessed with great ratings!"

Nicole frowned and turned her head, meeting a pair of grim eyes.

He was standing under the eaves of the building on the opposite side of her gazebo. No one knew how long he had been watching her.

Xander's hand that was holding up a piece of fruit shook slightly, so the fruit fell to

the ground.

For some reason, Xander was so scared when he heard Eric's name that he turned pale.

They were in a competitive relationship.

Although Eric had money and status, Xander thought that Nicole preferred himself.

Otherwise, Nicole would not have supported him to this day.

Thinking of this, Xander regained his courage to feed Nicole another piece of fruit. "Ah..."

Xander thought that Nicole would surely protect him no matter what happened.

Nicole subconsciously opened her mouth when the fruit was right next to her.

After she came back to her senses, it was already too late.

She looked in the opposite direction, but the man under the roof had already disappeared.

'Good.' Nicole breathed a sigh of relief. 'It's good that he saw... This way, he'll probably give up on me now, right?'

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She still felt annoyed and stood up from the chair.

Nicole glanced at Xander. "You should go for the shoot. The director is calling you."

Xander looked over at the other side and saw the director waving at him.

He restrained his excited heart and trembling hands then looked at Nicole happily.

"Ms. Stanton, after I'm done with the shoot, I'll personally send you back to the hotel."

After that, he ran off without waiting for Nicole's reaction.

Nicole looked at him in amazement. "Why would I need to stay in a hotel?"

In a flash, she finally figured it out. To him, she was his sugar mommy, so it was his obligation to serve her.

Nicole sneered. Her eyebrows were stern and delicate. A trace of disgust flashed in her pretty eyes.

When she turned around, she saw the man who was just standing under the roof

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right behind her.

His eyes were grim as he stared at her
with a hint of despair.

'WTF! He scared me!'