

## Chapter 576 He's Made of Cotton Candy

Lil Michael jumped down from the bed with wide eyes.

He tilted his head and pouted as he looked at Clayton. "No way! Pretty Lady is mine and mine alone! That Mean Mister can never get close to her! I won't allow it!"

Lil Michael finally got this rare chance to be alone with his pretty lady since his father was away, so he wanted to bond with her.

'Mean Mister won't get a chance to approach my pretty lady!' Lil Michael thought.

Looking at the boy's pufferfish look, Clayton smiled with satisfaction.

'Awesome! With my son by Nicole's side, I can go abroad to deal with my business without any worries.'

Clayton turned around and went back to his room feeling assured.

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That was because he could not wait to see his pretty lady.

It was just after dawn when there was a commotion at the entrance of the Stanton mansion.

Lil Michael was already standing in the living room, carrying his backpack. He stood face to face with Kai, who was still not completely awake.

Suddenly, Lil Michael went over and hugged Kai's legs with a bright smile. "Good morning, third brother!"

Kai froze for a moment. 'How is this child's mouth sweeter than last time? Is he made of cotton candy?'

Kai laughed and pinched his little cheeks.

"You should call me Uncle Kai."

'After all, your dad is chasing my sister...'  
Kai thought.

Lil Michael shook his head in a tangle. "Pretty Lady's brother is my brother too!"

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Kai played with him for a while, then got up and packed up his things to leave.

Nicole got dressed and went downstairs. When she saw Lil Michael sitting obediently on the floor playing with his toys, her heart melted.

She arranged a room for Lil Michael. When it was time to leave, the boy wanted to follow her as well.

Nicole was helpless. Thinking that he would be lonely at home, she took him to the office with him.

She started to get busy as soon as she entered the office. Luckily, Lil Michael was well-behaved and quietly did his online classes by himself.

At noon, Nicole took him to a nearby restaurant for lunch.

Who would have thought that Eric would also be there?

Eric was sitting on a chair in the lobby with a cigarette between his fingers. He wore a black shirt and pants, and his collar was slightly open. His face was austere and cold that made him look



austere and cold that made him look unapproachable. It made the person sitting opposite him look a little cautious.

Seeing Nicole entering the restaurant, a trace of delight crossed his eyes.

Eric stubbed out his cigarette and stood up. He put on a gentle and charming smile.

The person across the table looked at Eric in shock and disbelief because of his sudden change in attitude.

“Darling, we’re really destined to be together. Meeting you is really the luckiest moment of my day.”

Nicole’s gaze turned cold.

‘Darling?!’

Nicole just wanted to gag when she heard that nickname.

She rolled her eyes at him and snorted coldly. “But it’s my misfortune.”

Eric’s face stiffened, but he was undeterred.

Toto reminded him that if Nicole wanted to slap him, he would have to offer his other cheek as well so that she could be

appeased.

That way, Nicole would feel heartbroken after her anger subsided.

Thinking of this, Eric breathed a sigh of relief and went up to pull out a chair for Nicole.

The person who was sitting opposite Eric earlier was still dumbfounded. Seeing this, he immediately jumped up and excused himself.

“Mr. Ferguson, I won’t take up your time then. Goodbye.”

Eric nodded indifferently, and that person quickly disappeared.

Nicole walked past Eric and pulled out the chair on the opposite side and sat down. The chair Eric pulled out was empty, so he thought of sitting down himself, but Lil Michael jumped over and sat there.

Eric was speechless. ‘This annoying kid is just the same as Clayton Sloan! They’re always eyeing my things!’

Lil Michael looked at him with a smile and flung his two short legs. He slowly said, “Mr. Ferguson, there’s no seat left...”

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His provocation was simply too childish.

### **Chapter 577 They're Not as Good as Me**

Eric narrowed his eyes and gritted his teeth. He went up to carry the boy with one hand and put him on the innermost chair.

His force and attitude were irrefutable. Lil Michael simply did not have the time and strength to struggle.

After this was settled, Eric sat in his original spot and unbuttoned his collar. "Now there's a seat."

Nicole stared at him with dull eyes and warned him. "Eric Ferguson, he's still a child..."

Eric raised an eyebrow and swept a glance at Lil Michael, whose eyes were red. "So what? He's not our child..."

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Lil Michael glared at Eric viciously and felt stuffy in his chest. He could not wait to grow up so that he could take his pretty lady out of the country and never come back!

“Pretty Lady, I won’t be able to eat if I see someone I don’t like..”

Lil Michael coldly grunted and was straightforward.

Nicole lifted her eyes to look at Eric. “Hurry up and get lost.”

‘She’s really decisive, huh?’ Eric could not help but feel a little hurt.

He forced a smile and glanced at Lil Michael.

“Then eat with your eyes closed. That way, you won’t be able to see me.”

After that, he turned to look at Nicole and coaxed her in a low voice.

“We haven’t seen each other for so long. Don’t you miss me?”

Nicole smiled leisurely. “You’re not the only man by my side, so what’s there to



miss?"

Eric's gaze instantly sank, but he tried to control his emotions.

He knew that Nicole was provoking him to get him to back off, but he would never!

"None of them are as good as me."

A dark light flickered in his sunken eyes.

Nicole was silent, obviously not wanting to say anything too rude to him in front of a child.

She did not talk much during the meal, and he did not say anything. He just watched as she ate gracefully.

'What a beauty!' His gaze was like a leopard staring at its prey. He was restrained, but he still could not control his desire. 1

His eyes were very possessive.

Lil Michael was furious as he ate his kid's meal. He stared warily at Eric from time to time.

He was frustrated that he was still so small.

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When they finished eating, Eric insisted on sending them back, but Nicole refused, so Eric carried Lil Michael on his shoulders and left.

Lil Michael was shocked. He realized that he was being treated as a tool and struggled with all his might.

Nicole had no choice but to follow.

Eric suddenly grabbed her wrist. "It's the Ludwigs' reception tomorrow. Shall we go together?"

Nicole frowned. She also received an invitation from the Ludwigs.

She just did not know the purpose of the reception.

However, every reception was a networking opportunity, she would still attend.

"No thanks. I'll find someone else."

Nicole spoke in a light tone.

Eric's eyes were gloomy for a moment. He then laughed and said in a cold tone, "I'll come to pick you up tomorrow night. If I see any other man, I will destroy him."

He was ruthless.

Nicole's expressionless face revealed a cold smile.

She was unfazed.

Eric did not want to let go of her hand because it was so smooth and soft. Holding her hand felt so good.

'She can only belong to me! Others shouldn't even think about her!'

His gloomy eyes turned as he got into the car.

Nicole asked, "What are the Ludwigs even celebrating? Why are they so mysterious?"

Eric turned around and chuckled. "To celebrate Keith and his ex-wife's remarriage!"

Nicole's heart thumped. 'I don't wanna go anymore!'

## Chapter 578 Stealing Her in Front of Him

Stanton Mansion.

Lil Michael's bad mood dissipated as soon as he played with Tigger happily.

Nicole freshened up and was studying the stock market in the study.

Someone pushed the door open. Without lifting her head, Nicole knew that it was Kai.

He was holding a small box in his hand.

"Lil N, are you busy?"

"Duh."

Kai chuckled and put the box in front of her.

"Will you help me give this to her?"

"To whom?"

Nicole asked and opened the box with curiosity.

The teardrop-shaped jade pendant came back to life again.

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Upon closer look, there was a little flaw that could be neglected.

It was really rare for Kai to be so attentive!

Nicole looked up at him. "K, you should give it to Jules yourself. She'll be very happy."

Kai sighed. "She probably doesn't want to see me..."

Nicole decisively pushed the box back to him. "No, Jules will be very happy. She'll be even happier if you give it to her yourself."

It was such a good opportunity to reconcile their relationship. Naturally, Nicole did not want to take this away from them.

Kai hesitated. Nicole thought about it and said, "The Ludwigs are hosting a banquet tomorrow. Jules will be there, so you should go with me."

This way, she would not have to face that jerk, Eric Ferguson.

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The next day, Nicole came out of a meeting in the office when Logan asked if she needed a designer dress for the reception later.

Nicole suddenly remembered Keith Ludwig's weird banquet.

'Remarriage? When did Keith even get a divorce? I didn't hear about it...'

Usually, with this kind of marriage alliance involving companies' interests, a big announcement would cause turmoil in the stock market. Thus, most people would not announce a divorce no matter how much others speculated.

Not everyone was as courageous as Nicole and Eric, who would rather bear the consequences of divorce for a clean break.

Logan reminded the distracted Nicole. "President, should I arrange an assistant to accompany you tonight?"

Nicole said, "No, Kai's going with me. Just a simple dress will do."

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She did not intend to steal their thunder and wanted to keep a low profile for someone's remarriage celebration.

Logan nodded and retreated from the office.

Late afternoon.

Eric arrived at Stanton Corporation in his flashy limousine, as if he wanted the world to know that he had come to pick up Nicole.

He stood in the lobby and waited for her, which attracted a lot of attention. Soon, the whole company was speculating about the relationship between Eric and Nicole.

Toto told him that it was better if more people knew about it, so Eric was not in a hurry and waited patiently for Nicole.

The employees who got off work cast meaningful glances at the man and immediately started a lively discussion after walking past Eric.

"Is Mr. Ferguson really getting back together with Ms. Stanton?"

"It's not like he can even if he wants to. Ms. Stanton is single and has so many



s. Stanton is single and has so many suitors. Yesterday, there were several of them waiting downstairs like Mr. Ferguson, but they were all driven away..."

Eric's originally pleasant mood shook slightly. His face turned cold.

'Several?!' He gritted his teeth. 'It looks like I'm too careless!'

While Eric was immersed in his thoughts, Nicole came downstairs wearing a black knee-length bustier dress with an expensive pearl necklace. She wore a white trench coat over her dress and looked so stunningly beautiful and striking.

Logan was holding her purse for her, but the two of them did not walk in Eric's direction. Instead, they walked over to a Maybach sports car that appeared at the entrance at some point.

Eric's eyes darkened slightly. He suddenly remembered that Nicole said that she was going with someone else.

'I guess she didn't take my words to heart, huh? Did she already plan this a long time ago?'

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Eric quietly clenched his fists. His face was cold. He straightened his shirt collar and walked over in big strides.

He wanted to see who dared to recklessly steal her from him right under his nose. 4

## Chapter 579 Who Dares to Take You Away

Logan opened the back door for Nicole. Lil Michael had been waiting inside for a long time. He was escorting her to the banquet.

Nicole bent down and put one foot in when a big hand suddenly grabbed her arm tightly, pulling her back.

She instantly recognized the man's cold and stern aura.

"Mr. Ferguson..."

Logan was a little surprised.

He subconsciously wanted to protect Nicole and was thinking if he should pull Nicole back from Eric's grip. 1

However, Eric tightly encircled Nicole in his arms with a strong attitude and a bitter chill in his eyes.

His tone was playful and a little threatening.

"Didn't we agree that I'd come to pick you up? Who's so ballsy to take you away?"

Eric did not look angry. His face was gloomy, and his words carried an extreme



gloomy, and his words carried an extreme indifference and arrogance.

He was insufferably arrogant even though he tried his best to suppress his emotions.

Nicole was entrapped in his embrace, but she did not struggle. Instead, she moved with his strength and only looked at him indifferently.

When Eric saw this look on her, his heart felt tickled.

She was in his arms, and their breaths were extremely close to each other.

If he lowered his head, he could taste what he had been thinking about lately.

He did as he thought.

Eric lowered his head slightly and almost touched her sweet lips, but in the next second, she gently turned her head sideways. Her eyes were clear and cold.

'Is she so afraid that others will know about us? Is she with the trust fund kid in this Maybach?'

A fierce storm brewed in Eric's eyes.

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In the next second, the young man got out of the car. His voice was cold and sarcastic.

“Mr. Ferguson, you dare to touch her?”

A sharp and dangerous look flashed in Eric’s eyes, but he froze when he saw the man.

Kai stood there with his hands in his pockets. He had a cold smirk at the corners of his lips, but his face was glum as he glared at Eric with a warning gaze.

Eric paused for a moment and looked down at Nicole’s lazy and mocking smile. He then gritted his teeth and let go of her.

The atmosphere was a little stagnant for a while.

Logan just felt like being invisible. ①

Nicole casually straightened her dress and got into the car without so much as a glance at him.

‘Hah! Sick bastard! We’ll see if he still dares to act recklessly!’

Eric did not know what to say for a moment. He did not expect the ballsy

moment. He did not expect the ballsy trust fund kid to be Nicole's third brother ...

What can he do to save his reputation in front of his future brother-in-law?

Eric immediately regretted his actions. He knew how protective the Stanton brothers were of their precious sister, to the point they were willing to do anything for her.

He clenched his fist and coughed slightly. "Young Master Kai, what a coincidence..."

Kai sneered. His gaze carried a detached coldness and disgust. "This motherf\*cker Eric Ferguson dares to bully my sister in front of me? Does he think that I'm non-existent?"

"Coincidence?" Kai asked. "Mr. Ferguson, when did you become so thick-skinned?"

Eric's face stiffened slightly.

No one dared to talk to him like that. If it were anyone else, he would definitely pay the price for that. ①

However, Kai was Nicole's brother, so it was a different story.

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Eric walked past Kai and paused for a moment in front of him.

He spoke in a voice that only the two of them could hear without any emotion.

“Kai, is that piece of jade useful? Does Ms. Nixon like it?”

Kai’s body stiffened slightly. A trace of surprise flashed in his eyes. ‘The piece of jade that I got with great difficulty which I intended to give to Julie as a replacement for her broken jade pendant was actually Eric’s?’

## Chapter 580 Get Married to Someone Else

Kai turned around and got into the car.

The Ludwigs were extremely generous for this lavish banquet.

To book the banquet hall, Keith even bought out the entire hotel for the night. The exquisite and grand decor made it seem like this was his first wedding.

After exchanging pleasantries with the people at the door, Nicole came in holding Kai's arm.

A wedding photo of Keith and his bride was placed at the entrance.

The couple wore a white suit and gown. Keith looked so radiant. His were filled with unconcealed joy.

The bride's name was Livia Lehman. She was very beautiful and looked very gentle and sweet, but her smile was a little stiff in the photo. Perhaps the photographer did not take a good picture.

Nicole did not hear much about the bride. The Lehmans were not a very wealthy family, but they had a good relationship

family, but they had a good relationship with Old Master Ludwig.

Kai looked at the photo and sighed, shaking his head.

“Livia Lehman married Keith Ludwig when her family was on the verge of bankruptcy. After marrying Keith, her family went completely broke.”

Nicole was so stunned that she thought she had misheard.

This kind of marriage alliance was always to save one of the families from a financial loss, so why was it not effective with Keith’s marriage?

Kai chuckled and lowered his voice. “When Keith wanted to get a divorce, he used all kinds of means, which Chairman Ludwig helped to cover up. When Livia found out, they finally got a divorce. I didn’t expect them to get remarried...”

Nicole speechlessly rolled her eyes. This sounded like a plot straight out of a TV show. That woman was also too unlucky.

Keith and Livia stood at the door to welcome the guests. Keith was beaming, while Livia only smiled faintly as she held



while Livia only smiled faintly as she held his arm with one hand. They looked like a good match.

The two of them did not have a trace of resentment or grievance on their faces. It was as if they had always been so peaceful and happy together.

“Ms. Stanton, Mr. Stanton, it’s an honor to see you both...”

Keith reached out to shake hands with Kai, who smiled and shook his hand. Kai immediately changed his expression, looking as if he did not know anything about the couple’s gossip. “

Congratulations to you both! You look great together.”

Keith’s smile deepened and nodded in agreement.

On the contrary, Livia raised her eyes lightly and smiled at Kai without saying anything.

Livia saw Nicole and smiled as she nodded in greeting.

Nicole nodded in response.

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Behind her, Eric walked over and smiled as he glanced at Nicole. He then patted Keith's shoulder.

"Congratulations!"

This congratulatory word came from the heart because it gave Eric hope in his confusing situation.

Eric thought that when he and Nicole got remarried, he would make it even grander and bigger than Keith's. He wanted to invite the media to document their wedding ceremony so that the whole world would know that he and Nicole were married.

Nicole and Kai saw Eric and walked inside without saying much.

Keith looked meaningfully at Eric. "Tsk tsk... Ferg, you're too slow! Is it not going well?"

His voice was smug and complacent.

They were both in the same situation where they regretted their divorce, but Keith only used one month to remarry his ex-wife.

What about Eric?

Eric swept a clear, cold glance at Keith with a warning.

If this was not his big day, Eric would have beat him up.

Livia smiled and spoke gently. "You guys talk. I'll go in and entertain the guests."

Keith nodded and patted her hand gently.

"Okay, go rest for a while if you're tired. Don't force yourself."

The bride nodded and turned to walk inside.

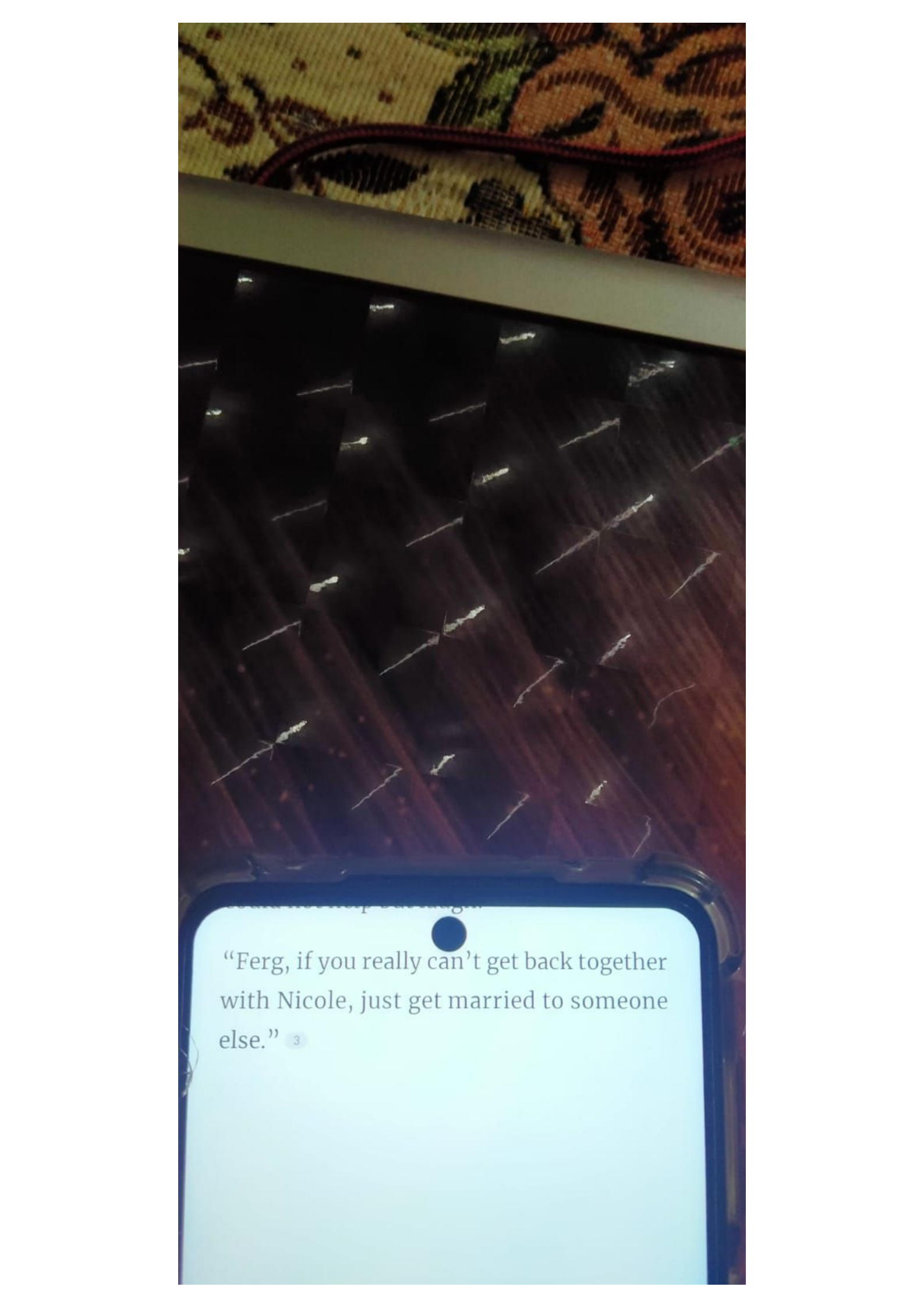
Keith stared at her departing back longingly.

Eric and Keith were left alone, so they talked a little more casually.

Seeing Keith's expression, Eric wrinkled his eyebrows. "Can't you just go home and stare at her?"

Keith listened to Eric's bitter words and could not help but laugh.

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