

“A simple like indicates that you’re paying attention, but it’ll be like absent-minded attention which doesn’t make any big waves. That way, you’ll appear more mysterious. If you’re asked later, just say that you accidentally clicked on it, and Ms. Stanton won’t react too much!”

Eric frowned and nodded sullenly. Although it did not conform to his style, as long as it worked!

After all, he had failed many times, so he could only rely on Toto to salvage himself a little.

However, out of the many identical photos, Eric only liked a photo of Nicole alone that Kai was edited out of.

Eric was only satisfied with that.

Thus, after he liked the picture, he was soon discovered by the netizens.

Eric, who was originally just paddling along, was suddenly pushed up to the trending topics again.

[Hahaha, Mr. Ferguson, you can’t even tolerate your former brother-in-law?]

[Mr. Ferguson, even the superstar Kai doesn’t deserve to appear next to Nicole?]

[They’re siblings! Siblings!]

[Why did Mr. Ferguson photoshop Kai out? Kai has never experienced being ignored like this since his debut, has he?]

[Kai: I'm not worthy? I'll leave then.]

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Toto looked at the trending topics on his phone and then at the sickly fish in the fish tank in front of him. He suddenly felt like he was just like this fish.

He was about to die!

Even if the fish was in a tank worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, it could not swim!

He swore that when Ms. Stanton saw Mr. Ferguson's troublesome actions, she would definitely want to kill him.

Although this airport encounter was unintentional at a glance, Ms. Stanton had revealed her motives from time to time. It was the much-anticipated ring — The Single!

Mr. Ferguson's actions completely attracted the heat.

Toto thought, 'What should I do? Should I cut my stomach open as an apology?'

Just as Toto was struggling, Mitchell pushed the door in. "Mr. Ferguson is going to be interviewed by the media. The appointment was made six months ago. It's in ten minutes. Get the conference room ready."

Toto was stunned. 'Right, I'm now a bodyguard and part-time assistant.'

He then hurriedly went to set up the meeting room.

Eric was too busy. There were tens of thousands of employees under his hand and a great pressure above his head, but even in his position, he still knew all the departments like the back of his hand.

No one in the business world could match his determination. He never relaxed since one misstep was like plunging into an endless abyss.

Ordinary people could not understand it at all!

Toto originally thought that the hundreds of millions worth of chump change in Eric's hands were a gift of fate, but the more he understood, the more he realized that if the person sitting here was not Eric Ferguson, then Ferguson Corporation would not be where they were today.

Eric was so busy, yet he was still trying to get Nicole back. Toto's heart truly ached for him.

Toto moved the documents to the conference room and watched the various media people excitedly set up their various instruments.

The number of times Eric appeared in the media in a year could be counted using one hand, so it was simply bewildering luck that they were able to make an appointment.

Eric was currently sitting in the conference room. His gaze was dark as he looked at the documents sent over by Mitchell. His profile held an inexplicable chill, but it was not anger. It was his natural aura.

Every second counted.

“Start...”

## Chapter 701 Call Him Uncle

As soon as the shooting started, everyone consciously shut up and became silent.

The environment of the meeting room was already solemn. With Eric's aura, even the interviewer felt pressured.

Toto was just about to walk out when he watched Eric raise his hands and put them on the table.

Eric sat there. He looked stern and weary, and his breath had a strong coldness.

However, everyone clearly spotted that on Eric's hands that were folded together on the table, there was a ring on his left ring finger.

The Single!

Toto froze.

The moment Toto hesitated, he suddenly met Eric's dark and cold line of sight. He shivered and did not dare to stay longer, then ran out in silence.

Toto only sighed in relief after going out.

The ring finger on the left hand represented marriage.

The Single was a ring designed by Stanton Corporation for single people, but Eric actually wore it on his ring finger?

He was really crazy about Nicole!

However, he would not have to worry about it soon. Once the media released the interview video, everyone would see the ring on Eric's hand.

This was something that no amount of advertising money could buy.

In Stanton Corporation.

Nicole was busy in the office after coming back from Milan.

She really admired how Grant could work tirelessly like a machine.

Just after the meeting, Nicole was about to take a nap when Logan came in with a stack of materials.

She knew that it was a luxury to be able to rest.

“President, there's new recruitment information from HR. This time, we recruited three graduates who studied abroad. These are their resumes.”

Nicole raised her brows. She always liked to see newcomers join because she liked seeing the clean and blank pieces of paper slowly becoming invincible and powerful.

Just like Tucker. He could already be in charge of a section now.

When J&L's project was finished, there was no doubt that the position in the finance department was his.

Nicole lifted a page and casually asked, "This year's recruitment season hasn't started yet, right?"

"Yes, but several people resigned in the company, so their positions were left vacant. They also needed to supplement new blood for the follow-up, so they picked three outstanding graduates from abroad."

Nicole flipped to the last page and paused.

Xandria?

Her resume looked quite pretty, but compared to the previous two, it was still a large gap. It was superficial and had no advantage.

"Has our bar been set so low now?"

Nicole believed that any random resume in the pile would be better than this one.

Logan pursed his lips and hesitated.

“Ms. Xandria...”

“Say it.”

Logan gritted his teeth. “Ms. Xandria’s qualifications are only enough for the starting positions. The HR interviewer told me that she took out a family photo with you during the interview, saying that she was your cousin. She also called the Chairman on the spot and called him uncle...”

Nicole closed her eyes and rubbed her brows, suddenly feeling like her mind was a mess.

How annoying!

This Xandria really had no self-awareness at all.

Logan looked at her expression and asked tentatively, “President, HR is at a loss as well. They don’t know what they should do with Ms. Xandria...”

Stanton Corporation never kept idle people. Everyone with positions was capable.

As for Xandria, she was clearly defective.



Nicole paused. Her face was expressionless.

“Follow the normal procedures. The internship period is one year. Make her leave if she’s unqualified at any time. Let her run the project.”

Logan froze. The project team was the hardest job!

“On her level, letting her go to a small company might be better, but over here...”

Nicole smiled. “This isn’t a place for people to enjoy retirement. Accepting her admission here is the limit. If she’s still not satisfied, there’s no need to force her to stay.”

Logan instantly understood. Not forcing her to stay meant that Xandria could be asked to leave.

“Yes, I’ll arrange it right away.”

## Chapter 702 Insignificant People

Logan turned and left.

Nicole continued to read the proposal. Their investment direction could not be limited to one aspect, and Grant had already proposed to step into real estate again.

Everyone knew that the real estate industry had not been prosperous in recent years.

However, it was because it was not prosperous that some people would take risks and win.

Thus, when Grant proposed this plan, Nicole was persuaded as well.

The AI project had gradually stabilized and was unlikely to deviate from the track, so their energy could be shifted in other directions.

In the afternoon.

Grant and Nicole discussed the plan of giving the project team a “surprise attack”.

Nicole wore a white shirt and a slim and slender fishtail skirt, outlining her thin waist and long, straight legs. She went to the project department in her high heels.

She stood in the middle of her crowd, looking bright and noble. Even Grant walked behind her.

Everyone in the project department knew who Nicole was. She was a scandalized woman who was not acknowledged in the beginning, but with her sharp and decisive methods, her position gradually grew more stable.

Nowadays, no one dared to underestimate her.

Everyone was talking and laughing idly in their seats. Some people were gossiping in the pantry, while others watched TV shows.

The whole environment was hard to describe.

“P-President Nicole?”

They needed to differentiate their address for Grant and Nicole, so she was naturally President Nicole instead of President Stanton.

The noise suddenly quieted down.

They all looked at the people who arrived in shock.

Nicole smiled and looked at them. They looked so surprised that their eyeballs were about to pop out.

“Everyone must be working hard. Where’s Mr. Cook?”

Everyone glanced around but did not seem to see Jacob Cook.

Someone suddenly reacted and pointed to the office inside.

“Mr. Cook is in there...”

Nicole smiled and thanked the person before walking over.

Behind her, Logan knocked on the door and opened it.

“Who is it? Mr. Young... Ah, President Grant, President Nicole.”

Jacob’s voice was in disbelief.

It was as if he saw a ghost.

“Nicole? Grant? Why are you here?”

Surprisingly, there was another voice in the office.

It was Xandria.

The office that originally belonged only to Jacob had an extra desk and computer where Xandria was sitting.

Nicole's lips curled absently. "You're here?"

"Yes, Mr. Cook took care of me. There are too many people outside and it's too noisy, so he specially arranged for me to work here. It's my first day at work today, but I didn't expect my colleagues to treat me so well..."

Xandria looked eagerly at Jacob, who nodded in satisfaction.

Both Nicole and Grant had no warmth in their eyes. They were rather cold instead.

"I'll go make coffee for you..." Xandria looked at the stagnant atmosphere and was about to leave.

"How can I let you do that, Ms. Xandria? Just let the people outside do it..." Jacob smiled.

Nicole snorted coldly.

The atmosphere sank instantly.

Jacob's smile stiffened as he respectfully looked at the two people in front of him.

“President Grant, President Nicole, to what do I owe the pleasure of your visit?”

Grant stood there with a powerful aura that was enough to intimidate others.

Everything else could be handled by Nicole.

“Mr. Cook, the project department always gets the most bonuses, but you don’t deserve it with the effort you put in, right?”

Jacob’s face whitened. “I...”

Nicole glanced sideways at the small table and narrowed her eyes when she saw the computer screen.

Heh...

Xandria actually used the group photo they took as her wallpaper?

Was she afraid that others did not know they were related?

Was she determined to chew them up here?

For a while, Nicole was surprisingly speechless.

She pointed in that direction. “If you can spend so much of your thoughts on insignificant people, why can’t you spend them on your work instead?”

“Insignificant people?” Jacob’s face was a little pale.

## Chapter 703 A Complicated Choice

Nicole glanced at Logan. Her words could not compare to a group photo that Xandria took out. How ridiculous!

“Ms. Xandria is still in her internship period. Whether she can stay or not is her problem, but if Mr. Cook wants to give up his position, we have no problem with that...”

Jacob instantly went ashen.

Nicole’s words clearly meant that she did not want to be Xandria’s backer.

He sucked up to the wrong person!

It was time to get down to business.

Nicole walked over to sit on the sofa, reached out, and took the documents that Logan handed over.

“To be honest, Stanton Corporation has been flourishing this year. We have project after project, but it seems none of them have anything to do with you.”

The AI project was Nicole's achievements, and the big projects were all a result of Grant's operations. The rest were cooperation with brands under Stanton Corporation.

In that case, what was the significance of the project team's existence?

Jacob looked at Grant in a panic, but Grant merely sat aside with a cold face. He had no reason to speak up for Jacob, right?

"President Nicole, I..."

Nicole raised her hand and interrupted his words, and said with a faint smile, "If it were in the past, we should be having high-level conversations upstairs. The reason why we suddenly came down this time is to see how the company raises its vermin..."

There were thorns in every sentence Nicole said, and her soft tone made people feel a great fear instead.

It was more frightening than getting cussed out by the boss.

Jacob felt himself shivering from the cold. If he was laid off at the age of nearly 40, he would be at his wits' end.



“President Nicole, I... I’ll tell them to work properly immediately!”

Nicole smiled and said in a cold tone, “Don’t be so eager, Mr. Cook. The people who can come into Stanton Corporation are all talents, and the people who can stay in your project team are elites among those talents. You turned this team of elites into this sorry state. How are you going to compensate for my company’s losses?”

Jacob finally felt that he could not stand any longer. His legs went limp.

He was a senior executive of Stanton Corporation with an annual salary of tens of millions. His whole family counted on him. What would happen to his family if he lost his job?

Go hungry?

He was scared out of his wits. Although Nicole had only been in the company for a short time, her swift and decisive methods were not just hot air.

She even dared to move against the shareholders before. Was it Jacob’s turn this time?

“P-President Nicole...”

His voice was extremely flustered.

Nicole looked away and changed her tone, but she was still polite.

“But I know that during the large management shakeup back then, only you were able to stay. My father left you to my brother, not because you didn’t take sides, but because your ability is evident to all. It’s just that it’s easy for people to start slacking off when their days are too comfortable. However, I can’t tolerate my subordinate muddling on like this. I’ll give you two choices. Either you resign yourself and we’ll still be on good terms, or you stand up again and lead the project department to new heights.”

The room was silent for a few seconds.

Jacob suddenly looked up at her in disbelief. She was still letting him continue to stay even though he was like this?

However, he had no other choice. He stood up straight with excitement.

“Yes, I’ll definitely do the projects well. No matter what project it is, I’ll do my best!”

He raised his hand and swore.

Nicole smiled and looked at Grant, then said to Jacob, “In that case, you can look at the materials I have here first. We’ll discuss the next step when you’re done going through them.”

Then, she left calmly and decisively, just like when she first arrived.

Grant stood up and patted his shoulder, his voice clear and cold. “You should thank President Nicole. She was the one who let you stay.”

In other words, if not for Nicole, Jacob would have already been dismissed.

## Chapter 704 This Is My Territory

Jacob's body felt cold.

Xandria came in with coffee. "Mr. Cook, have my cousins left?"

Jacob gave her a complicated look, pursed his lips, and pointed to her small desk.

"Move your things out. You'll be like everyone else in the future. Do what you have to do!"

Xandria's face froze. "Did you misunderstand something? As you saw earlier, Nicole and Grant are my cousins!"

"There's no misunderstanding. The company treats everyone equally. In addition, I suggest that you change that group photo on your desktop wallpaper. There shouldn't be such a bad influence existing in the company. Merit should always be the most important."

Jacob took a deep breath. As a middle-aged man who almost lost his job, he had to take every step steadily and properly!

"W-Why?"

Xandria did not understand. Why did Jacob's attitude towards her change so much after Nicole and Grant came?

Did Nicole and Grant say something to him?

“Because this is my territory!” Jacob said impatiently. “If you're not satisfied, you can complain to President Grant and President Nicole. If you're still not satisfied after that, you can complain to Chairman Stanton!”

It was clear that Jacob did not want to serve this relative who came in through the back door.

Xandria paused for a few seconds. Biting her lip, she went upstairs furiously to ask Nicole about it!

However, the company had a rule where except for senior leaders and people who made appointments in advance, ordinary employees were not allowed to enter Nicole's work area.

Xandria obviously did not have this privilege.

They were relatives, but she did not even have Nicole's phone number.

Xandria pestered the reception endlessly until he lost patience and called Logan.

Logan wanted to refuse directly, but after thinking about Xandria's identity, he went over and told Nicole.

Nicole laughed when she heard him.

“Let her come in.”

Logan was a little surprised.

In less than a minute, Xandria stormed into the office angrily.

However, as soon as Nicole raised her eyes, the chill in them instantly stunned Xandria. Xandria's words got stuck in her throat.

What right did Xandria have to complain?

Did Xandria forget how she joined Stanton Corporation in the first place?

The Stantons' relatives were sent away on New Year's Eve, each sighing heavier than the other, fearing that the Stanton family would stop associating with them.

The two women who said bad things about Nicole were blamed. Everyone wanted to drag them back to Nicole so they could apologize on their knees.

One of the women was Xandria's mother.

That New Year's Eve night was not a good start to the year!

Nicole knocked on the table impatiently and said bluntly, "I heard you wanted to see me for something?"

Every minute was extremely precious to Nicole, so she did not have time to waste on Xandria.

Xandria paused for a second and immediately resumed her delicate and pitiful attitude.

"Nicole, did you say something to Mr. Cook? Why did he tell me to leave the office right after you left? I ... Did I do something to make you unhappy?"

Nicole pursed her lips. 'Did Xandria do something to make me unhappy?'

To the side, Logan could not bear to listen anymore. There was no need for Nicole to personally deal with a person like this.

He cleared his throat. “Ms. Xandria, I believe Mr. Cook has realized his negligence. There are clear rules about who the office is for, and these rules won’t be broken for anyone!”

Xandria said, “But... I’m your cousin. I just wanted to be closer to Mr. Cook so I could learn more...”

Logan’s eyes twitched. He was really speechless.



## Chapter 705 I'm Threatening You

Nicole looked up. Her facial features were stunning, and her temperament was clear. Her indifference was something that came from her bones. She sat opposite Xandria, who was standing, it was like looking at two opposite ends of the spectrum.

“Xandria, you should know how you managed to get into the company. With your resume and ability, it's impossible for you to join Stanton Corporation. Since we're relatives, I didn't tell HR to dismiss you immediately and gave you a chance to see your performance. If you continue to take advantage of our relationship and try to act like you're special in the company, I'll make it so that no company will want to hire you after I dismiss you!”

Nicole smiled faintly as if she was talking about a trivial matter, but Xandria's face went white.

She was threatening Xandria. It was simply a naked threat!

However, it just so happened that Xandria could not say a word in response to that threat.

In the end, she could only purse her lips.

“Nicole, I was hired by the company through normal channels. My education and professional history weren't forged, so it's only natural that I could join the company...”

Nicole's lips curled. She picked up Xandria's resume from the side and threw it at her unceremoniously.

Since they had come to this point, there was no need for Nicole to continue showing her any respect.

“Xandria, your education and professional history aside, you wrote on your resume that you worked as an intern in one of the top 50 companies in the world, but when I called to ask, they denied it on the spot. Also, you wrote that you participated in the school's scientific research project and won great recognition, but when I got in touch with your school, your teacher said that you were in the project team for less than a week, and you took the initiative to quit because you couldn't keep up with the progress. How dare you write that you participated in it?”

Nicole exposed the fraud on her resume one by one, making Xandria's face pale with every word she said.

Xandria's expression was hideous.

She did not think that Nicole would actually call to verify the contents of her resume!

Nicole looked at her coldly. "Just by the fact that you falsified your resume, you're not supposed to stay here anymore. If you want to pass the internship period smoothly, work honestly. I'll have your assessment results verified again according to your performance."

After a three-second pause, Nicole thought of something and looked at her with a smile.

"By the way, you should know that the relationship between us is only because my dad is too sentimental. It's fine for you to pretend in front of him, but if you dare to spread rumors everywhere in the office, I'll have no choice but to put a note down in your file."

Nicole spoke with a smile. She had no choice. Since Xandria's tail was delivered right to her hands, why would she decide to let it go?

Xandria's face had completely changed. Her feigned arrogance had been completely disintegrated by Nicole.

Now that the truth was exposed, how could she dare to continue staying here?

Xandria's body began to shiver as her lips turned pale.

"Nicole... Ms. Stanton, I understand. I'll go back to work."

To the side, Logan wanted to give Nicole a big thumbs up.

Sure enough, when it came to dealing with a woman, one would need an even more powerful woman!

Nicole was not only capable in work matters, but she was also very adept in dealing with scheming b\*tches like Xandria.

She was truly worthy of admiration.

After Xandria left, Nicole turned and asked Logan, "Has the appointment with Mr. Lewis been set tonight?"

"Yes, it's in a holiday villa. Mr. Zimmer will be accompanying him."

Nicole nodded. "Let Jacob participate."

The drinking party was specially arranged for Jacob.

There was no reason for him not to show up!

Logan instantly understood and immediately informed Jacob.

“By the way, The Single has gained enough hype, and the sales department is ready. If there are no problems, it’ll be officially launched tomorrow according to the plan.”

Nicole raised her brows and breathed a sigh of relief. The Single was her most anticipated New Year project. All kinds of hype gathered together, so there was no reason it was not popular.

If only Eric Ferguson was not included in the hype, it would be even more perfect!

## Chapter 706 Full of Energy

Nicole reached out and caressed the ring on her hand. It was cold, elegant, delicate, and beautiful.

Logan said, "By the way, Mr. Ferguson participated in a program and surprisingly wore 'The Single', bringing us a lot of hype and traffic. Everyone online is talking about it. Do we need to respond?"

When Nicole heard Eric's name, she felt like her head was about to explode.

They clearly did not cross paths, but Eric seemed to be lingering in her life every day.

It was so weird, like a ghost haunting her.

Nicole paused for a few seconds before she recovered her expression. "No, let him act in his own one-man show."

Logan nodded and knew what Nicole meant. He then arranged the next steps.

It was late afternoon.

Nicole picked up Jacob Cook and took Logan with her to the vacation villa where she had made an appointment.

To socialize with people of this status, secrecy was most important. Thus, they went to the vacation villa in which the general public could not enter. There were all kinds of entertainment facilities inside.

Jacob felt a little dizzy after looking at documents all afternoon. He was a little surprised to be pulled over to socialize because the speed of getting an appointment was unimaginably fast.

Nicole lowered her head to read and reply to emails on her phone and did not have time to pay attention to him. When she was finally free, Logan handed her a cup of chia pudding with bananas and berries to fill her stomach before drinking alcohol.

She took a look at the nervous Jacob and smiled.

“Mr. Cook, there’s no need to be nervous. This is all child’s play for you.”

Jacob wiped his sweat. “Ms. Stanton, I don’t understand. Based on the document you showed me, that project has been on hold for a long time and is pretty rotten. Is this appointment related to this project?”

Nicole blinked. Her almond eyes brightened up.

“Yup.”

Jacob was dumbfounded. He froze for a moment and immediately explained.

“We’re going through a real estate recession now, so everyone wants to get rid of their land. That piece of land especially has changed a few hands and bankrupted those companies, so everyone is avoiding it. Ms. Stanton, why are you still interested in that piece of land?”

Nicole looked out of the car window. Her gaze was firm and determined. Her fair and translucent skin shone under the light, and her courageous energy was fatally attractive.

Jacob was stunned for a moment. Nicole suddenly turned back to look at him with a bright and beautiful smile.

“In times of failure, someone ought to rush forward. We’ve put real estate on hold for a long time but never left this industry. Real capability is being able to stir up a pool of stagnant water. Besides, as far as I know, this project in Sand City is ready to restart because there will be big developments in Sand City in these two years.”

Nicole only said so much. She heard reliable news from elsewhere, but she could not elaborate on it.

Jacob should be able to understand this.

If Sand City authorities could list this project as a must-develop project, then the policies in all aspects would be extremely favorable for the developer.

With the support of the authorities and Stanton Corporation as a backer, they would not lose.

In an instant, Jacob felt a surge of energy all over his body, making him feel uplifted as if he was young again. Even if they endured plenty of hardships, they would not admit defeat.



Jacob looked at Nicole on the side and had a new understanding of this woman.

When the car arrived, Logan went down to open the door.

As soon as Nicole got out of the car, Logan reminded her in a low voice. "Mr. Lewis just arrived. He's at the entrance."

Nicole looked up and saw two people standing by the car. Just as she lifted her foot intending to walk over, she suddenly saw Eric Ferguson beside another car.

## Chapter 707 Duplicitous Woman

There was a gloomy chill in the air.

Nicole did not know why Eric was here, but she did not have time to think about it. She smiled as she walked over and extended her hand to exchange pleasantries.

“Mr. Lewis, sorry for the long wait...”

The slightly chubby Mr. Lewis smiled and shook her hand. “I’ve also just arrived. Ms. Stanton, you’re really more beautiful than celebrities. No wonder the netizens are asking you to make your debut in showbiz!”

Nicole laughed. “You’re kidding. How can I compare with celebrities? I’m just a conscientious worker bee.”

Mr. Lewis did not expect Nicole to be so down-to-earth. The atmosphere was easy-going.

He turned his head to ask, “Mr. Ferguson, don’t you think that Ms. Stanton is much prettier than celebrities? Her temperament can completely win over those women in a second.”

Eric’s voice was low and raspy. “Yeah, you’re right.”

Mr. Lewis laughed and turned around. “Mr. Ferguson asked me to meet in advance, but my secretary didn’t arrange the time properly. I thought that since you all know each other, it’s better to combine the sessions. Ms. Stanton, you won’t mind, right?”

Eric walked over through the darkness. His upright body was clad in black, and his eyes had an indescribable light.

It was really hard to ignore his presence.

Nicole raised her eyebrows. "Of course I won't mind."

In her heart, she wanted to shout, "Yes, I mind! I don't want him here!"

Eric curled his lips and extended his hand. "Ms. Stanton, it's been a long time."

Since they had not seen each other since that day after the New Year's greeting, Eric felt like it had really been a very long time.

This kind of longing that was felt deep in his bones was so profound that it was hard to ignore.

Fortunately, when he could hardly stand it, she appeared.

Nicole looked at him with feigned seriousness as she politely extended her hand as well. In fact, she was cursing him a million times in her heart.

"Mr. Ferguson, long time no see."

'Is this an act?' Nicole drew back her hand without hesitation and smiled at Mr. Lewis. "After you..."

Everyone walked in together. Before dinner, Mr. Lewis proposed to play some poker first.

Nicole had no objection and told Logan to make the arrangements.

Mr. Lewis, Nicole, Eric, and Jacob played four-player poker.

To get Jacob and Mr. Lewis acquainted as soon as possible, Nicole kept folding, so that they could win happily. That way, their relationship would naturally be closer.

Eric was sitting on the side with a smile on his face. His eyes were deep and dark, and no one could tell what he was thinking.

He was cooperative and lost several games. Nicole even doubted that Eric could not play poker in the first place.

Toward the end, Mr. Lewis was elated because he won more rounds than he lost. Jacob was also all smiles.

Later, Mr. Lewis and Jacob began to get familiar with each other, so much so that they called each other “bro”. Before drinking, they already seemed to be a little tipsy.

Nicole saw that they were in the right mood and proposed dinner. Everyone readily agreed.

Mr. Lewis and Jacob walked in front.

Nicole and Eric unconsciously fell behind.