

Chapter 311 I'm a Sponsor

The staff on one side heard this and desperately tried to signal the gossiping actresses to keep quiet. Unfortunately, the two small-time actresses were too immersed in their own world to notice.

Nicole never had the habit of holding her tongue.

She put down her phone, stood up, and turned around, staring straight at them with a clear and cold gaze.

There was a hint of indifference in her lazy voice, "I'm the sponsor of this event. If you have questions about the seating plan, you can go ahead and complain about it..."

Anyway, the complaint would end up with Dominic Young. Nicole was quite curious to see whether these two D-listers could continue their career in showbiz.

The two starlets were stunned when they saw that it was Nicole. When they heard her words, their faces stiffened for a moment.

Under the light, their heavily powdered faces became even paler.

They stood up in a panic from several rows away. Their voices were flustered. “No, no... We didn't mean that. We just didn't see that it's you, Ms. Stanton...”

Nicole rolled her eyes in her heart, turned around, and sat back down.

She originally wanted to switch seats with someone, but since this stupid center seat could trigger so many lowly people, Nicole did not feel like moving anymore.

Those two starlets intended to go over and apologize to Nicole personally, but they were stopped before they could reach the front.

“Please go back to your original seats, or else you will be asked to leave.”

Mitchell stopped them. He was well-mannered and restrained.

Nicole noticed from the corner of her eye that the light seemed to dim on her right side where someone had taken a seat. There was also a faint, cold scent.

She subconsciously looked up and immediately frowned when she saw Eric Ferguson.

“Why are you here?”

Her tone carried inexhaustible disgust.

Eric’s heart sank, but his face remained expressionless.

“I’m also one of the sponsors.”

His voice was indifferent and gentle, which made others subconsciously get sucked in.

However, the words that came out of his mouth annoyed Nicole.

'Hmph...' Nicole was sulking and turned away from him, treating him like he was invisible.

At this time, Fabian came from the other side and sat down. He had been arranged to sit here since he was currently the most popular star.

His clean-cut and handsome face held a light smile as he walked through countless spotlights without flinching. His gaze was gentle and pure, untainted by vulgar desires.

"Ms. Stanton, Mr. Ferguson."

Eric did not pay attention to Fabian, but Nicole smiled and greeted him.

"Come over and sit down. It's quite chilly today, so it must've been pretty cold walking the red carpet, right?"

Fabian chuckled and sat down next to her. "It's not too bad."

Nicole leaned over to Fabian and started discussing the plot of the film with the stills of Fabian in her phone that she had just seen online.

She completely ignored the cold man on her right, nor did she notice that the surrounding air pressure seemed to drop.

It was clearly still relatively warm before this.

More people filed into the hall. The awards ceremony was about to start.

"Nicole..."

The man on her right suddenly spoke as he reached out to tap the armrest.

Nicole turned to look at him.

Eric's dark, deep eyes were fixated on her. The emotions inside were complex and restrained.

Nicole was about to decipher them when Eric's eyes turned pitch-black.

His thin lips parted slightly.

"You look beautiful today."

The surrounding noises seemed to fall silent in an instant.

This was a very common phrase, but when Eric used this on Nicole, the atmosphere suddenly became weird.

The crowd stared at Nicole to see her reaction.

Nicole curled her red lips slightly.

"Mr. Ferguson, turns out you're not blind after all."

Chapter 312 Shameless

There was dead silence all around.

Nicole did not care if Eric's compliment was sincere.

Did she need him to tell her that she was beautiful?

However, for a split second, Eric's words did cause Nicole's heart to tremble slightly.

Her stance was still unstable. She was stunned for a moment and almost got sucked into Eric's sweet talk.

Fortunately, she reacted in time. 'This son of a b*tch can't seduce me! I won't fall for it!'

Countless celebrity bigwigs could not help but secretly give Nicole a thumbs up when they heard her reply.

This was a classic snide remark from

President Nicole.

A standard “thank you” could have answered this, but Nicole’s answer was the best.

The next moment, the music started, and the awards ceremony began.

Nicole was arranged to present an award to Fabian. Thus, as soon as the nominations for the “Most Promising Newcomer” award were announced, Nicole prepared to go onstage.

There were usually two “Most Promising Newcomer” awards, one of which was Fabian’s because he deserved it.

Fabian was unaware of all this until that moment.

The host was on stage, passionately introducing the nominees. The drumroll sounded and countless spotlights focused on the expressions of the nominees as they tried to capture their micro-

expressions. The suspense was at its highest point.

“The winners of the “Most Promising Newcomer” awards are... Fabian and Mikayla!”

Loud applause instantly resounded in the hall.

Fabian stood up excitedly. A camera swept over to him. At that moment, the two seats next to him were empty.

Nicole straightened her dress below the stage and was just about to go up to present the award when someone behind her suddenly took her hand with a firm grip, leading her up.

She glanced to the side and stiffened slightly.

‘Eric Ferguson?! Why is this guy haunting me?!’

The other guest of honor was supposed to be the director of the TV station, so how

could there be a last-minute change?

Nicole glanced back and saw the director of the TV station smiling respectfully at the side. He extended his arm as a signal for Nicole to “please proceed”.

This was clearly Eric’s intention to swap out the director for himself. How shameless!

Nicole wanted to withdraw her hand and did not want to be so close to him. His faint scent of cologne only made her uncomfortable.

Eric pressed down on her hand to prevent her from retracting it.

“Don’t make a scene.”

His low magnetic voice sounded.

He made it sound like he was very tolerant of Nicole, who was the unreasonable one.

‘What the hell?!’

Nicole was stunned for a moment. She clenched her teeth and knew that it was too late to refuse because they had already walked to the stage.

Under the spotlight, countless pairs of eyes and cameras were on them.

Nicole just felt so uneasy and restless.

The appearance of Eric Ferguson and Nicole Stanton in the same frame was far more attractive than the two most promising newcomers. They seemed to carry their unique auras, so when they stood there at this time, it seemed like they were the main focus on the stage.

In particular, Mikayla and the host, who were wearing gorgeous gowns, were overshadowed.

The host on stage reacted quickly. "It's an honor to have Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Stanton here to present the 'Most Promising Newcomer' awards. Would you

like to say anything to the two actors?”

Nicole finally had a chance to let go of Eric's arm, so she took two steps forward to separate herself from Eric.

She smiled so brightly that she made her look as radiant and stunning as ever.

Nicole picked up the microphone and praised Fabian unrestrainedly.

“Fabian's efforts and talent are self-evident. I truly appreciate his performance most among the newcomers. I think he is truly deserving to win this award...”

Eric's gaze had been locked onto Nicole the entire time. When it was Eric's turn to speak, the crowd fell silent.

Mikayla, who was on the side, blushed nervously and looked at Eric with expectant, glimmering eyes.

Eric picked up the microphone. He had forgotten the name of the actress who

won the award, so he just smiled faintly and said, "Whatever Ms. Stanton said is my words exactly."

Nicole thought, 'Shameless bastard!'

Chapter 313 Out of the Way

Eric's speech was lame, but everyone still gave him warm applause out of courtesy.

Nicole rolled her eyes in her heart, but she maintained a gracious and polite smile on her face.

When it came time to present the award, Eric took the trophy and certificate from the attendant on the side and presented them to Mikayla.

Mikayla was very nervous because the person giving her the award was Eric Ferguson.

How could she not be moved?

Eric Ferguson was a business magnate that could shake the business world with a stomp of his feet. Mikayla thought that if she could get in Eric's good graces, then she would no longer have to worry about attending any other social events or

private dinners for the sake of her career...

Mikayla carefully accepted the certificate and trophy handed to her by Eric and mustered all the courage she had. Her face was delicate and shy, with some hesitation and anticipation in her eyes.

“Thank you, Mr. Ferguson. I’ve heard a lot about you. I hope that we can work together sometime...”

Eric just swept a careless glance at the woman and did not reply.

During the group photo, Eric was supposed to stand on the left side of Mikayla, separated from Nicole.

However, Eric shamelessly stood to the right side of Mikayla, squeezing the actress out of the frame while he and Nicole stood in the middle of the two award winners.

This position caused some confusion.

The winners on the stage were speechless.

Nicole stood there, trying her best to maintain a decent smile. She really did not want to make a big deal out of things in front of so many reporters.

In her heart, she thought, 'Oh no... It's over... Fabian won't get to ride on my popularity anymore!'

As soon as the awards ceremony was over, Nicole could not hold back any longer. She did not even participate in the reception and left in a rush. Fortunately, no one stopped her.

Eric was surrounded by people, talking and exchanging pleasantries. He watched as Nicole got into her car and left.

"Mr. Ferguson..."

A sweet and gentle voice came from the back. It was Mikayla.

The most promising new actress stood there at this time, wearing a light dress. Her chest and her back were quite

exposed, so when the cold wind blew, she shivered and looked quite pathetic.

Hearing this, Eric's dark gaze glanced at her indifferently. He seemed to be recalling who this woman was.

The people around Eric knew at a glance what this woman had in mind.

Everyone was single, and with Eric's status, he became the object of desire for many women.

Since this was the first time Eric presented an award to a female celebrity, no one could say for sure what Eric's relationship was with Mikayla. Thus, everyone smiled meaningfully and had the sense to excuse themselves.

Soon, only Eric and Mikayla were left.

Mikayla stepped forward looking soft and pitiful. She bit her lower lip and looked as if she had something to say.

"Mr. Ferguson, my manager left in a

hurry and accidentally took my clothes. Can you please give me a ride on the way?"

Mikayla spoke as she touched her bare arms and shoulders that were pitifully shivering in the cold.

Eric's eyes were indifferent and gloomy. He took out his phone and called Mitchell.

"Bring the car over."

Before Mikayla could smile with delight, Eric said in a magnetic and cold voice, "No, it's out of the way."

After that, he left without looking back.

Mikayla's face stiffened. Her lips were pale as she watched Eric get into the car by himself and leave.

Inside the car.

Eric was expressionless. "Where are the photos?"

Mitchell tapped on his phone a few times

and sent a picture to Eric.

It was the group stage photo with the two most promising new actors as well as the two presenters.

There were only two people left in the middle after the photo was cropped - Eric and Nicole.

The corners of Eric's lips relaxed slightly. He was very satisfied with this photo.

However, his eyes suddenly sank.

His heart clenched, even his breathing became heavier.

In their three years of marriage, Eric and Nicole did not have a single picture together.

Eric had just realized how many important things he had missed in life.

Chapter 314 Isn't It a Nightmare?

Nicole had planned to go on a ski trip with Yvette and Julie, but she was pestered by Nathaniel several times. He wanted her to participate in some adventure variety show that he was producing and participating in.

Nicole was not interested in it because she was enjoying her best life, so why make things difficult for herself?

She was also never one to willingly put herself in challenging situations!

However, Nathaniel came hounding at the Stanton Mansion's door time and time again, so regularly that he was pretty much living at their house. Floyd and Kai were annoyed at Nathaniel's persistence, so they urged Nicole to just participate in the show.

Kai even lent his personal crew to Nicole, including his assistant, make-up artist,

and driver, so Nicole did not have to worry about anything.

At this moment, Nicole was leaning back in a rocking chair with an umbrella overhead shading her from the hot sun. Nicole closed her eyes and enjoyed the warm breeze and nice weather.

The make-up artist cum assistant, Demi, brought out the pastries and cakes that Mr. Anderson had specially baked for Nicole.

Nicole took a small piece of pastry, munching it in small bites to savor the taste. She looked so relaxed.

When Nathaniel, who had rushed over, saw this scene, he almost fainted from exasperation.

He hurried over to Nicole while catching his breath. "Nikki! We're here on an adventure, not on vacation!"

When she heard his disrupting voice,

Nicole opened her eyes and said in a lazy voice, "I know... The shooting hasn't even started yet!"

Nathaniel plopped down next to Nicole, looking a little listless.

"The other guests will be here soon. Nikki, if my show gets aborted on its first episode, I'm really gonna have to go home and work an office job..."

Nicole saw Nathaniel's dispirited look and became more serious.

"Fine... Don't be such a Debbie Downer!"

Nathaniel sat there as he gulped down those delicate pastries. Nicole saw the situation and wanted to say something, but Nathaniel suddenly looked up at her with a serious face.

"Nikki, if I hadn't pulled you to participate in this, my second uncle would've just crushed my show. If I can't get fans from this episode, then there won't

be another one..."

Nicole thought, 'Awesome!'

Of course, Nicole did not say it out loud because Fabian and Mikayla had already arrived...

"They're the guests you invited?" Nicole asked.

Although Fabian was popular lately, he was still not considered a big-name actor.

Nathaniel lowered his voice. "Well, I have limited funds, so that's the best I can do ..."

Nicole looked at him with a dubious smile.

"You're trying to rely on my scandal with Fabian, huh?"

Otherwise, there were so many choices out there. Why would he choose an actor who had a scandal with her?

Nathaniel winked at Nicole. "Don't worry, I won't ever do anything harmful

to your reputation.”

By then, Fabian and Mikayla had already arrived in front of them.

Initially, Nathaniel did not plan to invite Mikayla, but since she won the most promising newcomer award with Fabian a few days ago, she was somewhat popular, so Nathaniel could not let go of this opportunity.

Mikayla had been in showbiz for a long time, but it was only the last two years that she had been in the spotlight.

Since having Nicole as the only female guest on this show would not be very appropriate, Nathaniel decided to go with Mikayla.

Fabian came over and hugged Nathaniel, then shook hands with Nicole.

They were all familiar with each other. Mikayla also greeted them politely.

After exchanging pleasantries, everyone

did their own preparations.

When Nicole turned around, she felt a menacing glare on her, but when she looked back, she only saw Fabian and Mikayla laughing with each other.

‘Was I being paranoid?’

Besides them, a professional independent explorer, like Nathaniel, also joined them. Miles Kavanagh was a burly, handsome, mixed-race man.

Along with the requirements of the show, no one had a script because this adventure was supposed to be spontaneous.

They were divided into two teams, but there was only one final destination. There were also no designated captains in the two teams.

Everyone had a map with a dedicated checkpoint where they had to complete a challenge. After completing that

challenge, they could freely choose to exchange a teammate.

The first game.

Nicole never imagined that she and Mikayla would end up getting the same map.

'Ugh, what a nightmare!' Nicole thought.

Chapter 315 Are You Upset?

Mikayla also seemed to be a little surprised, but the filming could not be stopped, so naturally, she could not back out.

Besides, it was also live-streamed!

The three men were very satisfied with the result.

They thought that they would be able to win this round without any woman holding them back.

Nicole did not say a word. Anyway, her goal was just to pass the checkpoint. She did not care whether she won or not.

It was a pity that during the shooting process, their assistants could not follow them. Only the cameraman was there to do the filming and he would not provide any help.

Nicole took the tools and the backpack provided, then took the map and went separate ways from the guys.

She looked down and focused on the route. There was a mountain path and a water route. Nicole and Mikayla got the map with the mountain path.

Mikayla walked behind Nicole. She looked at Nicole's back with unconcealed envy in her eyes.

She had been in showbiz for so many years, yet she only got the opportunity to participate in this variety show after she won the most promising actress award. That award was also only because her backer pulled some strings. Otherwise, Mikayla would stay a D-lister for God-knows-how-long.

Nicole, on the other hand, easily attracted everyone's attention. She was not from the entertainment circle, yet she was more popular than any female celebrity.

Mikayla was immersed in her own thoughts when she suddenly noticed out of the corner of her eye that the cameraman had pointed his lens at her.

In an instant, Mikayla's expression became nervous and expectant as she quickly followed Nicole's pace.

“Ms. Stanton, do you understand this map?”

Nicole turned around and smiled at her. “Just call me Nicole. The map isn't marked very clearly, but I guess we're heading in the right general direction. Besides, there's only one path here. I don't think the program team will lead us to a dead-end, right?”

Mikayla's eyes flickered. She laughed casually.

“Sure, Ms. Nicole. I'll just follow your lead. I usually like outdoor sports very much. I'm really glad to be able to

participate in this program. It feels like home.”

Nicole was stunned. At first, Nicole did not understand why Mikayla would say this out of the blue, but when she saw the camera, she suddenly understood.

“Ms. Nicole, do you like this kind of adventure?” Mikayla asked.

Nicole walked in front. A trace of annoyance flashed in her eyes as she thought, ‘Are we here to chat or explore?’

“It’s fine I guess...”

Nicole answered perfunctorily. From time to time, she would look down at the map. She obviously did not want to continue chit-chatting with Mikayla.

Mikayla was oblivious to Nicole’s impatience. If there was no drama in the show, what would attract people to watch it?

If Mikayla’s performance was mediocre,

she would probably not be able to show up on camera again.

Thus, Mikayla was racking her brain to think of some sensitive and hot topics to attract more followers.

“Ms. Nicole, did you participate in this program because of Nathaniel? You escaped from the island tribe together, so you both must have very deep feelings for each other, right?”

Nicole’s eyebrows were slightly furrowed. Mikayla’s words obviously had an ambiguity.

‘What does she mean by deep feelings? What kind of feelings?’

If it were not for the camera, Nicole would have shut Mikayla up by now.

‘Does this woman think that I’m a fool?’

Nicole quickened her pace, wanting to pretend as if she did not hear Mikayla’s question. Unexpectedly, Mikayla caught

up to her.

Seeing that Nicole did not say anything, Mikayla's eyes moved. She seemed a little cautious.

“Ms. Nicole, are you upset? I'm sorry... I didn't know that you guys haven't made it public...”

Nicole took a deep breath. “This little two-faced b*tch shouldn't have gotten the most promising actress award. She should've gotten the best director award instead!”

Mikayla could really direct and act out a whole one-man show by herself.

Chapter 316 Cut This Part Out

The grass and trees in the forest were wild and tall, with huge canopies of leaves shading the sky. Occasionally, some sunlight sprinkled through the leaves. It was vibrant and soothing.

The path was very rugged, so it took a lot of effort to walk through.

They had to reach the scheduled checkpoint before dark, where they would be given some supplies. Otherwise, they would have to sleep on the rocks.

Thus, Nicole was not in the mood to play along with Mikayla at this time.

However, Mikayla was still relentlessly trying to add frills to the situation.

“Ms. Nicole, I just thought that you and Nathaniel have gone through so many hardships together, so you must have some feelings for each other. I don’t

mean anything else...”

Mikayla’s cautious look was annoying Nicole.

Nicole stopped a dozen meters away on the path that was covered up by trees and looked back at Mikayla.

Mikayla did not expect Nicole to suddenly stop, so she subconsciously stumbled a step back and stood firm.

She waited for Nicole’s response.

Nicole stared straight at Mikayla with cold and indifferent eyes.

“Ms. Mikayla, I’m two years younger than you, so you don’t have to be so polite. I told you that you can just call me Nicole.”

‘Why the hell is she calling me Ms. Nicole? Am I her teacher?!’ Nicole thought.

Mikayla’s face turned pale. She could

finally see Nicole's displeasure and subconsciously panicked.

"Nicole... I-I'm sorry..."

"Also, we're on an adventure, not an emotional variety show, so I don't need to share my private matters and personal feelings with you, right? The most important thing now is to pass the checkpoint, don't you think?"

Mikayla had to admit that Nicole had a different aura compared with ordinary actresses. Nicole standing there with a clear and cold smile could already make others feel the pressure.

Nicole's gaze was crystal clear as if she could see through everything with a glance. The darkness in Mikayla's heart instantly had nowhere to hide.

The audience waiting to see some drama on the live stream instantly commented on this scene.

[Nicole's so cool and frank, cutting straight to the point! Awesome!]

[Mikayla's a little too nosy. Why would she ask such a personal question if she's not even close to Nicole?]

[Nicole is such a straightforward character! I can tell that she's been tolerating Mikayla the whole way and finally can't help it anymore... Hahahaha ...]

[Although I am indeed curious about Mikayla's question, what Nicole said is also irrefutable!]

[Mikayla didn't do it intentionally. She's just trying to bond. Nicole's just too sensitive...]

[No offense, but I think Mikayla's a bit of a two-faced b*tch, especially in front of Nicole...]

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The two ladies did not know about the live comments. Mikayla felt humiliated by Nicole's words.

Mikayla realized that she had overstepped her bounds and felt a little guilty.

Her face paled. In front of the camera, Mikayla's nervousness was very obvious. She looked flustered.

It turned out that Nicole was not a rich and capricious princess, much less an easy-going lady.

Mikayla could even imagine how Nicole's fans would expose her thoughts and criticize her.

However, Nicole smiled faintly and looked at the cameraman. Her voice was flat and calm.

“Cut this part out later.”

It was not a tone of negotiation, nor a

strong command. Nicole only spoke directly and did not allow others to refuse.

After that, she turned around and continued walking.

The cameraman almost dropped his camera.

He wanted to say, 'I can cut it out... But I can't do anything about the live stream now...'

Mikayla finally kept quiet and did not dare to say anything as she followed Nicole's pace.

Chapter 317 She Wants to Change Teammates

That cave was not on the map that Nicole saw earlier. Since it was not on the map, there must be something fishy about it.

Nicole used a stick to poke at the weeds covering the cave entrance. Mikayla also had the good sense to go forward and help.

The inside of the cave was dark, and the ground was flooded with water. It was eerie and dreary. Even the smell was hard to bear.

Nicole took a deep breath and cautiously walked in with a flashlight.

Mikayla was watching from the outside. She pursed her lips and spoke hesitantly.

“Nicole, this cave doesn’t have any cameras, so I don’t think it’s the place we’re looking for. Let’s not waste our

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efforts!”

Her filming experience told her that places without cameras must not be important.

Nicole walked ahead and said in a flat voice. “Then you can wait outside.”

She did not force it.

Nicole’s cameraman had already gone inside with her, leaving Mikayla with her cameraman outside.

Mikayla frowned. Although she was extremely reluctant, she still gritted her teeth and chose to follow Nicole inside the cave.

Otherwise, if a billionaire heiress like Nicole could go into this dark cave and Mikayla waited outside like a wimp, she would just be criticized by netizens.

Mikayla was planning to catch up to Nicole when she suddenly screamed.

“Ah...”

Nicole looked back when she heard the scream. Mikayla looked like she had twisted her ankle. She was lying on the ground and broke out in painful cold sweat. She even shed tears...

Seeing this, Nicole hurried back. “What happened?”

Mikayla forced a smile, but her pale face could not conceal her pain.

“I twisted my ankle. I’m really sorry for slowing you down.”

Nicole frowned. “Should I contact the staff to send you back first?”

“No... I’m not going back. I can still hold on.”

Mikayla gritted her teeth. Although the pain was killing her, if she just left like this, she would lose her reputation.

Then, the opportunity that she had

fought for would be all for nothing.

Before Mikayla came, she thought that Nicole's frank and cold character would be refreshing to the audience for a while.

However, what the viewers really wanted was a person with high emotional intelligence. If Mikayla could gain a firm foothold and become a regular participant on this show, she would be able to raise her status in showbiz.

Thus, Mikayla would not just leave like that.

Since this was her own choice, Nicole did not insist on anything.

Nicole looked around and found a thicker branch from the cave entrance. "Here, make do with this first."

Mikayla took it over and thanked her, then braced herself to stand up.

Although there was no longer the pain of the moment just now, her mobility was

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still affected.

Nicole stood up next to Mikayla, who winced in pain when she took a step. Her legs went weak, and she was about to fall.

Mikayla subconsciously tugged on Nicole's arm. Nicole also held Mikayla and intended to wait for her to stand firm before letting go.

However, Mikayla misunderstood that Nicole wanted to take care of her, so she did not let go and limped inside with Nicole supporting her.

She looked like she was crippled.

Nicole was speechless and pursed her lips. She could not push Mikayla away, so she could only let Mikayla hold her.

'I must change teammates!'

There was a flurry of comments on the live stream.

[Mikayla's so dedicated! What a poor girl.

She deserves to be popular!]

[Did they make up already? Nicole has such a good temper!]

[Mikayla doesn't look like she's pretending. If she's really hurt, she should just rest. Health is most important!]

[What great teamwork!]

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The further they went in, the darker it was inside the cave. It was a little eerie and cold.

Nicole did not feel much, but next to her, Mikayla kept cowering and looked like she just wanted to jump on Nicole. From time to time, Mikayla would even shriek alarmingly.

The camera crew with them was extremely dedicated to capturing every expression on their face.

About 50 or 60 meters inside, there was complete darkness. They had come to a dead-end.

Chapter 318 You're Too Unreliable

Nicole looked a little surprised. Mikayla just looked very disappointed and wanted to blame Nicole for choosing the wrong path. However, due to Nicole's identity and the viewers' high opinion of Nicole, Mikayla chose to shut up. Instead, Mikayla comforted Nicole.

“Since it's a dead-end, we'd better turn back.”

If it were not for Nicole's insistence, they would not have come here, and Mikayla would not have twisted her ankle.

Nicole frowned and studied the map. It did not feel right because there was only one path in this direction, which led to the cave.

How could this be a dead-end?

“If the map is right, then the exit must be in this cave.”

Nicole said as she walked to the wall in front. She looked around and intended to move the rock.

However, the boulder would not budge no matter how hard she tried.

Nicole frowned tightly and looked around for clues. When she looked up, she noticed that the top was a dark and damp rock with a lot of moss growing on it.

She swept her flashlight across the rock carefully and examined every inch of the moss.

Suddenly, Nicole froze for a moment. ‘That’s a palm print!’

Seeing this, Nicole was so excited that she jumped in excitement.

Even though the program team was the most professional adventure team, they could not erase all their tracks in this wilderness.

Nicole stepped on a rock on the side and carefully tiptoed to check out the top. It was wet, slippery, and full of mud.

However, Nicole could not care less because she saw a faint light coming through from the gap between the rocks.

She gently reached for that gap. The wind outside gently blew through this gap. It was slightly cold.

The hole was about a meter wide, which was only wide enough to accommodate one person crawling out at a time.

Nicole breathed a sigh of relief and jumped down. She looked at Mikayla.

“The exit’s up there. Do you wanna go first, or should I go first?”

Mikayla froze. Looking at the cramped and narrow passage above, she was a little reluctant.

“Maybe... It’s the wrong one?”

Nicole frowned. "How do you know if it's right or wrong without trying? Or do you have your own understanding of the route?"

Mikayla did not voice out her opinion about their journey and even twisted her ankle.

She bit her lower lip. "I twisted my ankle. Why don't you go first?"

Nicole nodded and expected this answer

She took out the gloves inside her backpack and carefully stepped on the rock on the side. She was still not tall enough to reach the gap.

Nicole looked at her cameraman, who immediately looked away.

"If you don't help me now, I'll leave by myself later, and don't expect me to wait for you..."

The cameraman said in a weak voice, "But

... We're not allowed to help..."

Nicole raised her eyebrows. When she tried to jump again, someone held her legs and pushed her up.

With that nudge, it was much easier to climb up.

The cameraman smiled, handed over his camera, and held out his hand. "My turn ..."

Nicole was speechless. 'Didn't he just say that he's not supposed to help...?'

The viewers of the live stream were laughing at this scene.

[No one can ignore President Nicole's dominance!]

[Cameraman: How dare you threaten me?! *One second later* Well, I accept the threat!]

[A camera crew who needs to rely on guests needs to get their salary deducted!]

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The two of them struggled to climb up. That gap was small. If they were a little bigger, they might not even fit through it.

Nicole was careful and slow in her movements as she crawled out.

When she finally saw what was outside, she was baffled.

It was an open space without any tools or equipment. The height was also higher than Nicole imagined.

This was not an adventure. It was simply playing with death!

Chapter 319 This Wimp

Nicole's sharp eyes noticed the two parachutes stacked next to her. Nicole gritted her teeth and thought, 'Fine, this is the last step anyway...'

She reached over, carefully put on the safety harness, and helped the cameraman with his things.

The sunlight was not blinding. The cold winds up top also blew in the right direction.

Nicole took a deep breath, gritted her teeth, and jumped down. The cold wind slapping her face was painful, but she could not shout. Otherwise, her features would look distorted on camera, and she would look like a monster.

'Ugh! I really regret coming here!'

The sound of the wind in her ears felt like it was amplified a dozen times. The air

pressure affected her eardrums. Nicole tried to inch her parachute in the right direction.

About ten minutes later, she felt her body being dragged down. Many people surrounded her.

She finally landed safely.

“Nikki, are you okay?”

Nathaniel’s handsome yet irritating face appeared in front of Nicole’s eyes. He was waving his hands frantically.

Nicole’s face was pale. She finally managed to regain her sanity and heartbeat and rolled her eyes at him.

“I’d rather die than come to the next episode!”

The corners of Nathaniel’s lips twitched. He quickly caught up to her and pleaded.

“The next episode is an intellectual challenge, so it won’t be so physically

exhausting. We still have another game though... Nikki, since you're the first to get here, you get to choose who you want as your teammate!"

Seeing that Nicole came over by herself, Nathaniel knew that Mikayla was the weakling.

Nathaniel thought, 'I knew it, Nikki's the best!'

Nicole closed her eyes. "Yes please!"

Nathaniel nodded contentedly. He broke away from Miles and Fabian's team and arrived here as fast as he could just so that he could change teammates!

"Then who do you want?"

Nicole did not even think about it and replied, "Miles Kavanagh."

Nathaniel froze in place and looked like he was struck by lightning.

"Him?! Why?!"

Nicole rolled her eyes at him and explained, "Fabian's inexperienced, and you can't be trusted!"

Nathaniel opened his mouth in shock. "I ..."

'I can't be trusted?! Nikki didn't choose me because she thinks I'm unreliable?'

Nathaniel felt devastated.

The viewers saw Nathaniel's shocked appearance and could not help but feel amused.

[Nathaniel's abandoned! Aren't they tight friends?]

[Awww... Nathaniel got dumped! He looks so pitiful and adorable...]

[Why do I have a feeling that Nicole wanted to win this checkpoint just to change her teammate...?]

[Poor Mikayla, she still doesn't know that she's been replaced...]

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Nicole was waiting for Miles and took advantage of this time to rest for a while.

The first challenge was over. Mikayla also came out of the cave with the help of the staff and rejoined the group.

Mikayla did not know what to say when she found out that Nicole had swapped her out. She was a little disappointed and felt humiliated to be abandoned like this.

“Nicole, I...”

Nicole looked at Mikayla and hurriedly said, “Nathaniel chose you just now. Can you still continue?”

Mikayla looked at Nathaniel excitedly, while Nathaniel looked at Nicole in confusion.

Nicole just smiled and looked at the clear blue sky.

The netizens commented. [Did we miss a

scene?]

If Mikayla and Fabian were a team, they would not have much chance to win.

Thus, adding Nathaniel to their team was the best arrangement.

Miles and Fabian joined the group. The two of them seemed much closer as they were talking and laughing.

The staff announced that Nicole and Miles were a team, while Fabian, Nathaniel, and Mikayla were grouped together. Miles raised an eyebrow and very gladly accepted this new arrangement.

Nicole followed Miles and chose the waterway.

The camera crew would not follow them on this route, so they had their own camera equipment and drones.

Miles Kavanagh was a tall and muscular guy with prominent mixed features. His

eyes were incredibly charming, and his seductive smile could hook one's soul.

His temperament was different from Nathaniel. Miles was very rugged and did not have Nathaniel's typical gentry look.

Nicole watched as Miles got onto a speedboat.

He reached out towards her. "Take my hand..."

Chapter 320 Too Amazing

Nicole looked around and was secretly amazed that her mountain path earlier was right next to the sea, which was not even marked out on her map.

It seemed like two worlds altogether.

The rolling waves of the sea lapped on the shore. Nicole reached out to take Miles' hand and got into the boat. She was still a bit traumatized by the sea.

When she was on the island, she looked out into the sea every day and felt so hopeless. Those were the dark memories that she did not want to recall because she almost died there.

Nicole looked at the map and was confused. This map of the sea was simply puzzling.

Miles laughed heartily at the side, looking so devilishly charming.

“Ms. Stanton, you don’t need to look at it. A layman won’t understand it.”

Nicole put it away and looked up at him. “Then do you know the direction?”

Miles raised his eyebrows. “Of course, but we’re not at the right place now. You’d better sit tight...”

After he said that, the speedboat sped away. Nicole was almost thrown out of the boat. She clutched the railing next to her. The seawater got into her mouth and almost choked her to death!

Nicole coughed violently, so Miles slowed down and looked back at her. He scratched his head. “You didn’t sit still ...?”

She looked up at him strangely. His eyes were pure with no malice. He even looked at her with surprise and worry.

He clearly did not do this on purpose.

The viewers saw this scene and actively left comments.

[Miles is such a blockhead! Are his looks the only good thing about him?]

[Oh no, my Nicole finally met a tough one. Take care, boo!]

[Miles Kavanagh is a famous international explorer. Has he never participated in such a mild adventure variety show?]

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Nicole held back the curse words that were at the tip of her tongue.

Miles saw the situation and was very sensible to slow down the boat. In less than ten minutes, they could no longer see the coast from where they were located.

“Ms. Stanton, Nathaniel said that you’re very capable...”

Miles smiled and looked at her. He had some doubts. 'Why does she look a little weak?'

Nicole smiled perfunctorily. "Mr. Kavanagh, he also said that you're very capable..."

The smile on Miles' lips deepened. "How'd you get into exploration?"

"I don't really like it. Niel pulled me in just to make up the numbers..."

Miles raised an eyebrow and muttered, "He said you were begging to come here..."

Nicole's lips twitched. "You've known Niel for quite some time, right?"

Miles looked into the distance. The waves were rolling on the vast ocean. The cold wind hit their cheeks.

"Yeah, we've known each other for a long time. Since my girlfriend died, Nathaniel and I have been on various adventures

together, giving our lives to the world.”

Nicole was slightly taken aback and stiffened a little.

‘Did I just accidentally pry into his secrets...?’

She blinked and hurriedly changed the subject.

“Hey, where exactly is our destination? Is it in the sea?”

If that was the case, then the group on the mountain path would never reach the final destination.

Miles reached out and pointed to the sky.

“It’s there...”

Nicole looked up. A few white clouds dotted the blue sky. When she looked towards the shore, she could see a few looming mountain tops.

She looked at him dubiously. Miles sullenly pursed his lips. “There are a few

marked sailboats around here. If we look down and see the panoramic view, we'll get the name of the destination."

Nicole pursed her lips in thought. 'It's so straightforward yet difficult? Panoramic view? How are we supposed to get that? We're in the sea...'

Miles saw through her doubts and pointed to the sea. "This position corresponds to the solar elevation angle and the geographic markers on the map. The tools we need are in the sea."

Nicole suddenly felt suffocated. 'To get to the sky, we first have to go under the sea?!',