

Chapter 821 Harsh Words

It was not that Clayton Sloan had no temper. He just kept his temper hidden.

When Clayton saw that Nicole was being bullied, he could no longer hide it.

Nicole's heart stalled for a moment. This kind of brazen protectiveness made her heart warm and comfortable.

Nicole smiled at Clayton to express her gratitude.

There were still so many people around watching. Keith immediately felt humiliated after getting lectured by Clayton.

Keith thought, 'Who the hell does he think he is?! How dare he lecture me?!'

He was standing on Eric's side and did not have a good impression of Clayton.

Keith was about to turn around and scold him when he suddenly saw the chill in Nicole's eyes.

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AMERA He shuddered and realized that he had just scolded Nicole earlier.

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Suddenly, a chill emerged from his bones.

Nicole had Keith's nudes. If she sent them out, his reputation would be ruined.

Moreover, she was Nicole Stanton!

At that thought, Keith swallowed the words that were at the tip of his tongue.

He looked at Nicole, then at Clayton. He kept his angry gaze hidden.

Just when everyone thought that Keith was going to make a scene again, he suddenly pulled out a smile and went in front of Nicole.

Keith bowed slightly in front of everyone.

"It was just a slip of the tongue. I'm sorry, Nicole. I was too impulsive. Please forgive me!"

Keith smiled stiffly and carefully.

The people present were undoubtedly close to being scared out of their wits.

After all, Keith was the President of Ludwig Corporation.

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at it used to be and could not be compared with the growing Stanton Corporation, Keith had been in this circle for a long time. His status was also held in high regard.

Everyone knew that Keith was Eric Ferguson's best friend. The President of Ludwig Corporation apologized so humbly just because he said something wrong?

For a while, everyone was shocked beyond words.

However, Nicole curled her lips and was not at all surprised or apprehensive about this scene.

Nicole quietly and calmly swept a glance at Keith. This bastard finally grew a brain and realized the benefits of admitting his mistakes in time.

Otherwise, Nicole would certainly make him pay.

After a few seconds of silence, everyone was still watching. Nicole smiled faintly and blinked her bright and beautiful eyes.

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with your words."

Nicole smiled graciously as if she was
joking.

Only Keith could hear her warning.

He felt a tingling in his scalp in an instant.

For the sake of his dignity, he had to
endure it.

Nicole looked at Dominic, who was
watching from the side. "Is it time to pop
the champagne?"

Dominic understood and replied, "I
almost forgot! Come on, let's raise a glass
together..."

The surrounding people's attention was
soon attracted by Dominic.

Keith sighed with relief and looked at
Nathaniel indignantly. When he was just
about to speak, Nathaniel blinked and
looked at Nicole.

"Nikki, we've gone through life and
death together..."

Nicole stood up and put down the cup in
her hand. At that moment, she did not

her hand. At that moment, she did not want to see Keith either.

"Get out..."

Keith clenched his teeth. He originally wanted to find trouble with Nathaniel, but he was ruined by his own words.

He could offend anyone at this event, but he offended Nicole, the person he could not afford to offend the most.

After some thought, Keith forced a smile and nodded his head.

"Okay..."

Keith turned to glare coldly at Nathaniel, then threw down a vicious sentence.

"Manipulative b*tch, just you wait!"

As soon as Keith left, Nicole could not help but laugh.

However, she had to control her emotions again because Livia was still there.

Nathaniel rolled his eyes at Nicole, then took Livia's hand to sit down.

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Chapter 822 Cheat My Feelings

A big man like Keith sounded like a spouse that was scolding a mistress. This feeling was just awkward!

Nicole took a deep breath. She felt embarrassed and denied it. "I didn't laugh..."

However, her smile was so wide that it was almost overflowing from her face.

Clayton walked to the side and sat down. "Do you guys mind me sitting here?"

He did not want to be too far away from Nicole, but he was also worried that it would be offensive if he overheard someone's privacy.

Such considerate people were comfortable to get along with.

Livia was a little embarrassed and waved her hands.

"Of course, we won't mind. Thanks for earlier, Mr. Sloan..."

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He sighed and turned to look at Livia. "There's no need to thank him. He did it for Nikki's sake."

Clayton did not intervene for their sake.

Thus, the thick-skinned Nathaniel would not appreciate it.

Nicole rolled her eyes at Nathaniel, then smiled and looked at Livia.

"Unexpectedly, this season's show is really lively, huh?"

There was hardly any communication between Livia and Nathaniel in the show, so no one would have thought that the two of them would be together in real life.

Livia smiled and looked like she did not know how to explain it.

On the contrary, Nathaniel was very frank.

"It is indeed lively! It's just a pity that you have no luck seeing it. I heard that you left because Xander angered you?"

Out of all topics, Nathaniel just had to mention such an unpleasant memory.

Nicole pursed her lips and glanced at him coldly.

If it was not for the fact that they had survived together on the same island, Nicole would not have put up with Nathaniel.

He only knew to mention the bad things.

“Hmph! Do you think I’m so idle? There are so many big things in the company waiting for my decision!”

Nathaniel curled the corners of his lips. ‘Hehe...’

Livia said, “In fact, we only intend to tell some friends after a while since we haven’t been dating very long. If there are any changes...”

Livia was careful and sensible, and Nicole completely understood.

Nathaniel interrupted Livia. “I wanted to tell the world the first day that we’re together! Don’t worry so much, we can definitely last forever!”

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There was a different kind of solemnity in his eyes.

At that moment, Nicole believed that he must be sincere.

Nicole looked at the couple and felt touched. She felt both envious and a little sour.

Next to her, Clayton handed Nicole a glass of lemon juice.

Nicole was speechless and thought that he did it on purpose.

Clayton smiled and seemed to read her thoughts. "It has honey in it."

'So, it's not sour.'

Nicole took it but did not drink it. She then turned to look at the couple.

"But when did you guys start?"

Nathaniel looked at Livia. "Can I say?"

Livia glanced at him in rebuke. Finally, she curled her lips and nodded.

Nathaniel said, "I started chasing her the first day I got on set..."

Nicole's jaw was about to drop.

She really got a lot of surprises when she came here.

"Of course, Livia ignored me and even reported me to the police for harassment ..."

Clayton smiled and looked a little embarrassed when he heard this.

Nicole and Clayton glance at each other. It seemed like it was not easy for Nathaniel and Livia to be together.

Livia seemed dissatisfied with what he said and simply explained, "He's amazing. He'll personally prepare breakfast and dinner for me every day. When Keith comes to find trouble with me, Nathaniel will be the first to rush out. He'll always consider my feelings. I knew before the show was finished that I couldn't calm down and think because I could only think about him, so we got together!"

It sounded a little crazy, like an impulsive decision. Livia should have calmed down to think about it after filming, but she did not.

He was not someone who would cheat on her feelings.

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Chapter 823 Play Hard to Get

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Livia was very clear about her feelings. She liked Nathaniel, who was a year younger than her, yet he was very thoughtful and reliable.

Thus, Livia listened to her heart and did not play hard to get

She did not regret being together with Nathaniel.

This impulse and enthusiasm would definitely last a lifetime.

It was the best thing Livia had done in her life.

As soon as Livia and Nathaniel looked at each other, Nicole knew that Keith was out of luck.

No matter how hard Keith tried, he could not beat Nathaniel and Livia's momentary glance at each other, with sparks flying and such profound love.

Nicole lowered her eyes and smiled, then reached out and applauded.

"Wow, it's so beautiful! I hope that you both will always be this happy!"

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● They could only feel the blazing love because they rushed into a relationship.

Once the passion faded and faced with other gossip or trivial difficulties, perhaps their love might even be deeper and lasted longer.

Nicole believed that they would.

The couple held hands, which was particularly piercing to the eyes of a lonely woman.

Nicole did not want to stay there any longer, so she smiled, found an excuse, and left with Clayton.

When she just got out the door and before she went into the car, she heard someone calling out from behind her.

Nicole turned her head and saw Livia.

Livia trotted over as she carried her skirt and looked at Nicole with a smile.

“I have something I’d like to talk to you about in private.”

Nicole raised her eyebrows. ‘Did Livia take that *sshole Keith’s words seriously just now? Do I have to explain that

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The driver had the good sense to wait outside about ten meters away.

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Livia chuckled. "I know, he told me a long time ago."

Nicole froze, then curved the corners of her lips. "They could've told me earlier..."

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"I know it's his unrequited love. You're gentle, beautiful, and good-tempered with a good background and high ability, so who won't like you? If I were a man, I'd also like you!"

Nicole suddenly did not know what to say.

"Then what do you want to say to me?"

Livia answered, "I plan to expand the staff. So far, I'm the only one in our law firm, and it's already getting too busy. If there are professionals to help out, I think that we can achieve more with half the effort!"

Nicole smiled and sighed in relief. "Turns out she wants to talk about business!"

"No problem, you can just make the call on these things!"

Livia shook her head. "You're an investor. Besides, you have experience, so your opinion is important. I can only be assured to execute it if you agree."

Nicole laughed. "Okay, I strongly agree."

To Nicole, this was only some insignificant amount of money.

However, to Livia, it was a career worth fighting for her whole life!

Livia reported some more of her ideas seriously, and Nicole expressed her opinion earnestly.

Finally, the two of them hit it off, and Livia returned to the hotel happily.

The driver got into the car and asked, "Miss, shall we go home?"

Nicole was just about to open her mouth when the car door next to her opened again. Clayton came up and looked at her with a smile.

"Do you mind if I hitch a ride?"

Nicole smiled. "Of course, I don't mind."

She then instructed the driver, "Take Mr. Sloan back to the Hilton first."

Clayton said, "Take me to The Grand Manor."

Nicole was surprised. The Grand Manor

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● Nicole was surprised. The Grand Manor was a luxury neighborhood with individual villas. Every inch of land was like gold.

It was on par with Imperial Gardens where Eric lives.

Chapter 824 That's Why He Got Beaten Up

Clayton laughed and said in a light-hearted way.

"I won't be going back to Liberty in the near future. My friends told me that living in a hotel long-term will be difficult to get a girlfriend, so I bought a house."

Nicole's face suddenly felt a little hot. She wondered if Clayton was determined to chase her, so he bought a house and planned to stay in Mediana long term.

The two of them did not speak on the way to The Grand Manor.

The driver played an old song to ease the atmosphere.

The car was just too silent.

"We're here, Mr. Sloan. Non-resident cars can't get in." The driver reminded him.

Clayton smiled. He looked warm and modest as he turned to look at Nicole.

"You don't want to talk to me?"

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Nicole was stunned, then shook her head.

"No..."

Clayton asked, "Do you want to come in and take a look?"

He was afraid that she would refuse and hastily added, "Lil Michael asked me to bring you something from abroad. I haven't found the opportunity to give it to you. You can come and take it away later."

Nicole paused for a few seconds. "What is it?"

If it was jewelry, forget it...

Clayton's smile widened as he cleared his throat and said, "He made it on his own. It's not worth much, but it can't be bought anywhere else."

All children liked to do this.

Clayton originally did not want to give it to Nicole because he did not know how to, but there was no other excuse he could use to get her to go over.

Nicole gladly nodded. "Sure..."

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● thought, 'It must be a very thoughtful little gift! I must treasure it!'

Clayton greeted the guard at the entrance, so the driver drove the car in smoothly.

Nicole remembered something and asked, "Did Lil Michael get into a fight with someone at school?"

Clayton raised his eyebrows.

"He participated in a Youth Intelligence Competition and spoke out of turn, so he got into a fight with a boy five years older than him and ended up getting beaten up."

Nicole was instantly distressed.

"They must be jealous of his talent!"

The corners of Clayton's mouth twitched slightly and smiled wryly.

"Your answer was exactly the same as Michael's. That's also why he got beaten up."

Nicole smiled sheepishly. "Was he hurt?"

Clayton looked cold and restrained. "He's fine. I've disciplined him."

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"He's telling the truth. You don't need to be so serious. The teacher is so childish to call the parents..." Nicole muttered in a small voice.

Clayton looked at her helplessly. He did not expect Nicole to be so protective in private.

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● I witty kid. At a critical time, why didn't his brain work? He should've hired someone further away from school! This child is still a little too inexperienced!

As Nicole was thinking about it, the car stopped.

Clayton went over to open the door for her like a gentleman. Nicole got out and took a look at the surroundings.

The air was fresh, and the environment was neat. The semi-open space was lively and quiet. At a glance, this was a good neighborhood.

Clayton walked forward while he chatted with her.

"I know that you often live in a duplex apartment that you bought yourself. I asked the developer and found that both the upper and lower floors were already bought. No matter how much I'm willing to pay, the owner won't sell. So, I had to settle for the next best thing, which is this property. It's not too far from your place."

Chapter 825 Too Fierce

Clayton's words implied that he only bought this place to be closer to Nicole.

Nicole was surprised for a moment, then naturally recovered her expression.

"That apartment has been sold out. A few years back, it's still relatively sought-after. My third brother bought it for me with his first film payment. But the good thing is that the surrounding area is located in a prosperous area. The Grand Manor is the only property in Atlanta that still maintained its high prices during the real estate downturn."

After all, properties here were only sold to the rich, so why would the rich be so calculative for that little price difference?

Such a reputable investor like Clayton also bought it without even blinking an eye.

At that thought, Nicole had full confidence in that project in Sand City. She wanted to drive up the real estate industry there.

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Clayton laughed and could not help but hold his forehead. 'Did she misread the point?'

However, he gave her an appreciative look.

"Ms. Stanton, you really live up to your name. You know the market like the back of your hand!"

Nicole laughed and lifted her chin. "I've always been very interested in this money-making industry!"

Clayton was speechless.

He stepped forward and opened the door with his fingerprints, then made way for her. "Please come in..."

As soon as Nicole entered, she saw that the home furnishings inside were fully automated systems controlled by artificial intelligent systems.

Clayton was very interested in this area. Otherwise, he would not have invested in the field of artificial intelligence.

As far as Nicole knew, the most advanced and comprehensive smart home system should be from Denmark.

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Clayton must have gone to a lot of trouble to install such a system in Mediana.

Once inside, the system automatically identified the owner. Two pairs of slippers, one male and one female version, appeared in the shoe cabinet automatically.

“Welcome home, Master!”

Nicole wore a thick coat and a snug dress inside, so if she squatted, her coat would touch the floor.

She paused for a few seconds and felt a little lazy to change her shoes, so she did not want to go in.

However, in the next second, Clayton suddenly squatted on the floor with one knee in front of her to help her change into the slippers.

Nicole was flattered and thanked him repeatedly. She really felt embarrassed if she were to leave when she saw Clayton's enthusiasm.

Since she was a child, Nicole had already been accustomed to this kind of action.

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When she was young, Floyd changed her shoes, and when she grew up, her brothers changed them for her.

If this was a different person, such as Grant or Kai, Nicole would not have such a big reaction because that was how she was treated since her childhood days.

However, she was a little uncomfortable with Clayton doing this for her.

Clayton was quick to adapt. He stood up and smiled as if nothing had happened.

"Come on, Michael's gift for you is in the room."

Nicole took a deep breath.

She believed in Clayton's character, and with her driver right outside, Clayton would not do anything out of the ordinary.

The whole house was built with a modern European style that was simple and plain, but it gave off a very comfortable and relaxing vibe.

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When she stood firm, the hand disappeared, as if he was just afraid that she would fall.

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She was in disbelief.

“It’s a mistake, right?”

This gift was just too scary...

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Chapter 826 Leaked Footage

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Clayton smiled apologetically and went over to close the door to block Nicole's view.

"I didn't want to give this on Michael's behalf for fear that it'll scare you, but Michael insisted on giving you a surprise ..."

Nicole's face was pale. "It's not a surprise ..."

She had to thank her youthfulness and good health for not having a heart attack.

Clayton felt very sorry and went over to hug her gently. He then let go and pulled her wrist to the living room.

"Argus, a glass of warm water, please."

Nicole seemed to be really shocked.

Had he known, he would not have brought her over to see it.

A cylindrical white robot butler about one and a half meters came over and handed the water to Nicole.

"Dear, have some water..."