

Chapter 151 Do You Want to Die?

Nicole's eyes flickered, then she shook her head with a smile.

'Hell no! Turn over the page? Dream on! These people are really more naive than one another!' Nicole thought.

Keith's smile faltered. It meant that he only came here to make a fool of himself.

He left the office feeling disappointed while Nicole spoke indifferently.

"Mr. Ludwig, it's good enough that I didn't take the initiative to find fault with you guys. Next time, don't come looking for your own discomfort."

Keith paused in his footsteps. An idea suddenly flashed in his heart, so he turned back to look at her with shining eyes.

"Nicole, do you still like Eric?"

'If she still likes him, then the chances of them being together now is definitely much higher than three years ago! They both have the same status and are a perfect match!'

Nicole's face turned even colder when she heard this. "Do you want to die?"

It was a barefaced threat.

Keith shrank his neck, smiled awkwardly, and ran away as fast as he could.

That was her answer.

'How could she still like Eric? She's not a masochist...' Keith thought.

Once he was out of Stanton Tower, Keith called Eric.

"Ferg, I've never felt that you and Nicole are so well-matched before this..."

'Their personality, aura, and family background are simply the same! Eric should really be matched with a woman like Nicole who can stand shoulder to shoulder with him. Besides Nicole, who else could match Eric?' Keith thought.

Eric was curious. "Hmm?"

His tone was cold and suspicious.

However, Eric was secretly gleeful when he heard that.

Keith sighed and continued, "But you really have no chance!"

Eric immediately hung up the call and uttered, "This sick bastard!"

After Keith left, Nicole received a call from Kai to attend an auction in the evening.

Since people online often misunderstood the relationship between Kai and Nicole, Kai decided to ask Julie Nixon as his female companion.

Kai carefully selected Nicole's male companion, who was a budding actor that had just debuted, Fabian.

He looked so clean-cut and handsome. It was no wonder that he had so many fans.

Fabian was obviously a little nervous. He looked like Prince Charming in his white suit.

He was even blushing a little when he saw Nicole.

Nicole just smiled without saying anything, then took his arm and walked inside the venue to find their seats.

The huge screen in the front displayed photos of the auction items.

There were very valuable jade bracelets, collectors' paintings, and a pair of black opal cufflinks designed by the famous designer, Pire.

Fabian saw the photo of the cufflinks and was visibly stunned. He had a glint in his eyes.

"Pire's final work is actually here?" He muttered to himself incredulously.

"You like it?"

Fabian nodded and said with enthusiasm, "I was a designer before I joined showbiz. Pire is my idol! If he's willing to take me as his apprentice, I can quit showbiz to join him!"

Nicole did not know much about cufflinks, but she only remembered that Eric Ferguson loved collecting them, especially Pire's works.

'What the hell! Why would I think of him? How annoying!'

Nicole swept a glance around and saw Eric

Ferguson sitting a few seats away.

A talkative woman was sitting next to him chattering while looking at him with her bright eyes.

Sensing Nicole's cold gaze, Eric turned his head to the side. He saw Nicole who was talking to Fabian with her head lowered.

Her side profile was gentle and beautiful. She even had cute dimples when she smiled.

'Turns out she can be so beautiful when she's not angry! Those two look awfully close and intimate...'

An irritation surged in Eric's chest. His face was sullen and bitter. His eyes also turned colder.

The woman next to him sensed that something was off about Eric and followed his gaze.

She deliberately exaggerated her voice, "Oh! Looks like Ms. Stanton has a new boyfriend. She has a really good eye. Fabian is a budding young actor. His first drama was a huge hit! Ms. Stanton is so popular with the guys!"

Eric cast a sidelong glance at the lady and said in a harsh voice, "This doesn't seem to be your seat."

Ines Xavier froze for a moment, then revealed an awkward smile and explained herself, "My dad is the organizer of this auction. Those people are willing to change seats with me."

What she meant was that she could sit wherever she wanted.

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Ines Xavier had just returned to Mediana and came over to join the fun.

She did not expect to see Eric Ferguson here, so she could not care less about anything and wanted to approach him.

Three years ago, Nicole robbed Ines of her chance, so three years later, Ines vowed not to give up!

Eric did not say anything. His face was a little cold, and the disgust in his eyes was obvious.

If Mitchell, who was sitting next to Eric, still could not see Eric's displeasure, then it would be a waste of all those years of working for Eric.

At this moment, Mitchell hastily proposed. "President, why don't we change seats?"

Eric stood up without saying a word, so Mitchell quickly moved to the side and sat on Mitchell's original seat.

Mitchell tried his best to ignore the

indignant piercing gaze from Ines, who was now next to him.

Nicole's phone beeped. It was a message from Julie Nixon.

[That lady sitting next to Eric is Ines Xavier from Gemini Entertainment, right?]

Nicole saw the name and frowned slightly, then replied. [I couldn't tell.]

She thought about it for a long time before remembering who Ines Xavier was.

Ines Xavier was the infamous high-society lady who declared that she would not marry unless it was Eric Ferguson. Her father was a big shot in the entertainment industry, so Ines had always been able to get what she wanted.

After being rejected by Eric, Ines felt devastated and went to Korea for plastic surgery.

However, Ines did not expect that once she left, Eric would marry Nicole.

Ines, who had just completed her plastic surgery in a foreign country back then felt

depressed and hurt.

The pain was unbearable.

Julie Nixon: [I heard that she spent \$800K to do up her whole face in Korea. That chin's so sharp that it can probably slice things! *expression of horror*]

Nicole laughed, but this had nothing to do with her, so she was not bothered.

When she looked up again, the auction had already begun.

Nicole was not interested in the other items and for some reason, she only paid close attention to the pair of cufflinks.

By the time the bid for the cufflinks started, the starting price was \$200,000.

This was already not cheap for a pair of cufflinks.

Next to her, Fabian raised his bidding paddle without hesitation.

"\$250,000!"

"\$300,000!"

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It went up to \$600,000. Surprisingly, there were still people bidding for the cufflinks.

Fabian had begun to waver.

For a budding young actor who just made his debut, it was quite a big amount for him.

Nicole thought about it. Since Fabian accompanied her to this boring auction, she should show her appreciation.

Thus, Nicole raised her bidding paddle without hesitation.

"\$700,000."

The person who had just made the previous bid saw that it was Nicole and did not intend to fight with her.

To Nicole's surprise, Ines raised her bidding paddle. "\$750,000!"

Ines turned to Eric and said excitedly, "Eric, let me give this to you as a present..."

Eric did not have any reaction like he did not hear her.

However, Ines was not discouraged.

Ines did not want to give up this good opportunity to win over Nicole.

Since they were sitting nearby, Nicole could hear it clearly and thought, 'I'm afraid Ines has some sort of misunderstanding about her self-worth, right? She even dares to compete with me?!'

Nicole placed another bid. "\$1 million!"

The whole room was in an uproar.

This was truly the most expensive pair of cufflinks that had been on auction.

Ines' giddy passion had not yet faded when her expression collapsed in shock.

That was because Ines did not have more than one million dollars of pocket money.

Her resentment for Nicole deepened in that instant.

Fabian, who was sitting on the side, wanted to say something, but he was also afraid of making a fool of himself.

Before the host finalized Nicole's bid, a man's deep and mellow voice resounded in the

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room. "\$1.1 million."

It was Eric Ferguson.

This pair of cufflinks was not worth so much, but this was the last pair designed by Pire and the only missing pair in Eric's collection.

His collection would be imperfect if he did not collect it all.

Thus, he needed it.

This pair of men's cufflinks seemed to be of no use to Nicole anyway.

At this moment, everyone felt that they could watch a good show.

The ex-wife and the ex-husband were in a face-off, so who would win in the end?

Nicole pondered for a moment and raised her paddle again. "\$1.2 million!"

It was like any price was merely a number to them.

Fabian could not help but speak up. "Ms. Stanton, forget it, it's not worth that much."

Nicole smiled at him and did not make a

sound.

Without a doubt, Eric called for another bid.

It went straight to \$1.5 million.

Eric faintly glanced sideways at Nicole.

This time, Nicole's focus was not on Eric. She was just looking at the pair of cufflinks with some obsessive desire.

Nicole did not hesitate and raised her bidding paddle again. "\$2 million!"

The host called out, "\$2 million going once! \$2 million going twice--"

He deliberately paused and dragged it for a few seconds to wait for Eric to raise the bid again.

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The venue was silent.

To everyone's disappointment, Eric Ferguson faintly withdrew his gaze and did not continue bidding.

'If she likes it that much, I'll give it to her.'
Eric thought.

"\$2 million sold!"

The sound of the hammer finalized the bidding war.

The crowd was a little shocked. 'Mr. Ferguson conceded?'

The show that they were expecting was not that exciting after all.

Nicole coldly snorted and thought, 'This doesn't even cost that much. Eric Ferguson raised the bid for no reason just so that I'll spend an extra million. He did this on purpose, right?'

She stood up and went to make the payment.

Fabian followed by her side.

None of them noticed that they were being followed.

Nicole looked at the pair of cufflinks and handed them to Fabian personally.

"It's for you."

Fabian froze and widened his eyes in shock.

"For me?"

"It's worth two million dollars, yet Nicole just gave them to me?"

Nicole nodded and smiled. "Thanks for accompanying me to the auction. It's a little gift, so just accept it."

"Thanks for your kindness, Ms. Stanton, but I can't take it."

"But in my opinion, only you are worthy of this pair of cufflinks."

Fabian was someone who could give up everything for his dream, so his heart and passion were very admirable.

They could hear heavy footsteps leaving from outside the door, but Nicole and Fabian did not care.

Fabian still wanted to refuse, so Nicole hesitated for a moment and said, "If you don't like it, then you can give it to someone else."

Nicole could not take back what she had given.

It just so happened that Julie and Kai came in one after the other.

Julie chuckled and said, "I just saw Mr. Ferguson leaving in a rage. Did you guys get into an argument?"

Fabian shook his head in confusion. "No... No one came in just now..."

Nicole recalled the heavy footsteps she heard earlier and understood in an instant.

However, she was not concerned.

Julie went over and took Nicole's hand. "Let's go get something to eat."

Nicole nodded, greeted the rest, and followed Julie out.

"It's really unexpected for Eric to give way to you."

Nicole sneered. "You think he's giving in? He's clearly just raising the price!"

Julie nodded and finally understood. "That makes sense!"

Not far away, many young actresses surrounded Ines and flattered her.

Ines was the daughter of a showbiz big shot, so naturally, they had to suck up to her.

After all, being banned or being a big hit was just a matter of her words.

When Ines saw the oncoming Nicole, she was furious, so she had to mock Nicole.

"Ms. Stanton, you're really willing to spend money on a man. I'm curious... How do you manage to get a different man by your side every time?"

Ines was laughing at Nicole's messy private life.

The surrounding people smiled perfunctorily and did not dare to chime in.

They knew of Nicole's status and knew that she was not someone they could afford to

offend!

Nicole laughed. She was so beautiful and striking. Nicole simply standing there was enough to steal the spotlight from all the actresses around her.

She was such a unique beauty that no one could shift their gaze away from her.

"Well... That's because I'm beautiful. I'm afraid that it'll be difficult for you to follow in my footsteps though..."

Nicole even glanced regretfully at Ines to scrutinize her done-up features. There was no specialty in Ines' beauty, like a regular beauty filter.

When Ines heard this, she immediately exploded in anger.

Ines hated it when people talked and laughed about her plastic surgery.

"Nicole, don't think that I'm afraid of you just because you're Floyd Stanton's daughter! You're just an average basic b*tch! Do you think Eric Ferguson would've married you three years ago if your face wasn't bearable?"

Nicole hated that name.

Julie saw that Nicole's expression changed and hastily retorted.

"Ines, I remember that you confessed to him three years ago but failed and went to get plastic surgery instead. Could it be because he thought that you were fugly?"

Ines' face turned red while she shook with anger. She was so vexed as if what Julie said was true.

Her eyes that had been operated on were so big that they almost popped out of her sockets when she glared at the ladies.

"That's nonsense! You're the fugly one! You both are ugly!"

As Ines shouted, she picked up a drink from the side and threw it at Nicole without thinking it through.

Unexpectedly, Nicole's reaction was extremely fast and pulled Julie to the side, perfectly avoiding the splash.

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Mitchell spoke anxiously at the side, "President, are you alright? Do you want to get a change of clothes?"

Chapter 154 Criteria for a Girlfriend

When Eric Ferguson heard what Nicole said earlier that only Fabian was worthy of those cufflinks, he got so angry that he turned around and left without a word.

He never would have thought that it was such a coincidence to see Nicole surrounded by people amidst an argument.

When he walked over, a glass of juice was splashed on him.

He became collateral damage.

At this moment, everyone, except Nicole, looked at Ines like she was doomed.

Ines was stunned and her lips twitched. "Eric... A-Are you okay?"

Eric's gaze was cold and dark. His voice was extremely cold.

"I'm not familiar with you. Please call me Mr. Ferguson."

After that, he just gently swept a glance at Nicole, who looked unconcerned, then

turned around and left.

No one ever dared to make Eric look so wretched since he was born.

Mitchell hurriedly caught up to his boss.

Ines had just told everyone that she was on good terms with Eric Ferguson and that their families would most likely have a marriage alliance.

In the blink of an eye, Ines was slapped in the face by the protagonist himself.

'Not familiar? What a deadly insult!' Ines thought.

She bit her lower lip and stared at Nicole with indignation. The glass that was already empty was clenched tightly in her hand.

Ines just wanted to crush Nicole.

Julie even added fuel to the fire from the side.

"I'm afraid Eric Ferguson forgot your last name. Did you introduce yourself?"

Nicole could not help but laugh lightly, then she pulled Julie away.

The rest of the group immediately changed the topic. They did not want to upset this princess...

The dinner was about to begin.

Kai was the biggest movie star there, while Fabian was the hottest young actor.

The organizers could not afford to invite Kai to make a presence onstage. Besides, Kai only did whatever he wanted depending on his mood.

Thus, the organizers took this opportunity to get the recently popular young actor, Fabian, to go onstage.

Fabian was used to this kind of scene, so he calmly greeted everyone and spoke eloquently.

However, the host was not willing to give up the opportunity of a hot topic.

"Fabian, now that you've already come of age, may I ask, on behalf of your fans, what kind of girls do you like?"

Fabian froze for a moment and lowered his head with a smile. He was not going to

answer this tricky question.

Seeing this, the host rephrased his question.

"Among the ladies present, is there a type that you admire?"

Everyone waited for Fabian's answer with bated breath.

Fabian thought about it and spotted Nicole in the middle of the crowd.

His smile was innocent and bright, revealing his small protruding cupid.

"I admire ladies like Ms. Stanton."

Everyone cheered and looked at Nicole's reaction.

Nicole laughed helplessly and waved her hand at Fabian as she thought, 'What a cute kid... He can be led by the nose with just one question... Is it just because I gave him that pair of cufflinks?'

She was already involved in a lot of scandals, so she did not mind adding a few more to her list.

It was just that this budding young actor

might probably get into some trouble.

Among the countless gazes, two pairs of eyes glared at Nicole coldly, which made her feel extremely uncomfortable.

When Nicole turned her head to the side, she saw Eric Ferguson's deep, dark eyes.

Nicole did not hesitate to look away and pretended that he was invisible.

She just looked at the little hottie on stage and smiled to reassure him that she was not mad at his response.

Kai could not resist going up on stage at this moment as he thought that his sister would get slandered again if he did not say anything.

"Yo, Fabian. Nicole's my scandalous partner at the moment, so spare some of that traction for me, eh?"

Everyone roared with laughter.

With Kai's popularity, these words were undoubtedly helping Fabian out of this awkward situation.

However, someone with a motive uploaded

this scene online.

Ines looked at the video on her phone with a smug face and smiled with satisfaction.

'Now the whole world will know what a slut Nicole is! Let's see how smug she'll be now!'

The banquet lasted until late at night.

When it was over, Kai got someone to send Fabian back while he sent Julie home.

Nicole drove there. When she walked out, she happened to meet Eric Ferguson and Ines Xavier.

"Why don't you send me home? It's so late already and I'm scared to go home alone..."

Ines' voice was so whiny that Nicole just wanted to punch her.

Eric's eyebrows were slightly knitted. "It's out of the way."

"Then take a detour! Mr. Ferguson, what if I get into danger when I leave by myself?"

Ines pretended to be weak and looked panicked. She reached out to grab Eric's arm, but she missed.

He dodged her.

Ines was just trying to take advantage of Eric.

It was extraordinarily funny to Nicole.

Nicole could not help but laugh silently behind the wall and did not show herself.

"You won't be in danger," Eric said with certainty.

That tone could not be more direct.

'Even if you do encounter someone, it's still uncertain which party will be the one in danger...'

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Ines did not give up and wanted to continue saying something.

However, Nicole's phone rang at that moment.

Her ringtone cut through their laughable atmosphere.

Having no choice, Nicole answered it and walked out.

It was Kai.

"I heard that a fugitive is on the loose nearby, so just stay where you are. I'll get someone to pick you up."

Nicole smiled and said, "It's fine, I can go by myself."

She ignored the two people and walked past them.

"Nicole..." Eric called her name.

Before Nicole could react, Eric chased after her. "I'll send you home."

Nicole raised her eyebrows and laughed lightly.

She felt amazed by his boldness. 'When are we ever on good terms with each other? He must be on drugs... I don't need his help!'

"Don't get me wrong. I heard that a fugitive is lurking around here, so it's not safe. If something happens to you, I'll probably get scolded by the netizens again."

'That ferocious fugitive even robbed and raped a lot of ladies before...'

Eric's tone was dull. His shadow under the dim streetlight was elongated and made him seem very lonely.

When he spoke, he looked a little nervous, so much so that Nicole thought she was mistaken.

'Why will he be nervous about my safety? Hah! If that ever happens, the sun will probably rise from the west!'

Nicole then saw Ines, who looked so aggrieved, chasing up to Eric.

She hooked her lips and said in a cool voice,

"No need. I'd rather meet a fugitive than spend another second with you."

After that, Nicole left without another word.

"Why is Nicole acting so smug?! That ungrateful b*tch!" Ines was infuriated.

'Was she trying to humiliate me by rejecting Eric's offer in front of me?! That b*tch must've done it on purpose!' Ines thought.

Eric's eyebrows were tightly furrowed.

Mitchell drove over, so Eric got into the car and said in a cold voice, "Drive."

He ignored Ines' screams from the back.

Mitchell quickly drove away.

There were several broken streetlights on this section of the road. Eric felt nervous and uneasy because of a bad feeling in his heart.

In front where it was dark, there was a car parked without anyone inside.

"That's Ms. Stanton's car!"

It had only been less than two minutes since they parted ways, yet something

already happened?

"Stop the car!" Eric spoke in a cold voice with a bitter chill in his eyes. Without another word, he jumped out of the car and ran over.

Mitchell also followed his boss quickly.

When they got close enough, they heard a man's muffled grunt, then saw Nicole and a bald man standing in front of her car.

Upon closer look, the man had a dagger in his hand and had mud all over his body. He looked so wretched and frustrated as he glared viciously at the woman in front of him.

Seeing more people approaching, the man panicked and just wanted to get this over with.

Nicole calmly took a step back with a stern and fearless gaze.

'Sigh... I'm just so unlucky. Out of all people, I'm the one who's unlucky enough to meet this fugitive?!'

When the man lunged at her with the

dagger, Nicole suddenly moved to the side and kicked the man in the back. The man's head landed heavily on the hood of her car.

Her movement was so fluid, crisp, valiant, and beautiful!

The man was caught off guard and did not think that Nicole knew how to fight. He endured the severe pain and got up, but before he could raise his dagger again, he felt a sharp pain in his wrist.

Clang!

"Ah!" The man screamed as his dagger fell to the ground. Nicole's sharp heel had already pierced through the back of his palm.

It was a gut-wrenching pain.

His scream resounded through the silent night.

He was no longer a threat.

Mitchell looked at the scene in shock and shuddered when he heard the man's gut-wrenching scream.

If he had not witnessed this himself, he