Chapter 161 You Can Be the Lead Villain Hearing this, Nicole lowered her head and laughed lightly. She did not show a trace of panic or fear from Ines Xavier's threat. It was as if those words were insignificant and nothing more than a ridiculous joke. When Ines was about to explode from anger, Nicole slowly said in a dull voice, "Ms. Xavier, are you only treating me like this because of Eric Ferguson?" Having her thoughts exposed, Ines panicked for a moment but quickly calmed down. There was no need for her to hide her affection for Eric in front of Nicole. "It's good that you know. Since you're already divorced, get the hell out of here and stop hanging around him! Otherwise, don't blame me for being cruel." Nicole looked askance at Ines and laughed coldly.

because she had a lot of things to do.

She gently turned her head to the side with her cold and proud gaze, then looked askance at Ines' exasperated face.

"You want to bury Fabian? Well, I'm going to promote him. I want you to know who's the real boss around here!"

Nicole did not need to announce her ability to the world and only targeted Ines alone. ' How dare she offend me?!'

She laughed coldly for a few minutes with gloom in her eyes. 'We'll see who's more capable!'

"Fine! Do you think I'll be scared of you?"
Ines' temperament was far inferior
compared to Nicole's. She felt extremely
vexed and irritated and did not want to
admit defeat.

"Ms. Xavier, I hope that you'll still be this confident in a few hours."

Nicole spoke indifferently, then walked into the building after.

Ines followed in unwillingly.

However, she did not expect someone to come and pick a fight so early in the morning.

"Miss, you don't have the potential to be a celebrity. Why don't you head back? There are hundreds of people every day wanting to introduce themselves to our boss, but he has no time for all of this. Our company also has a rule that we won't accept artists who have done plastic surgery."

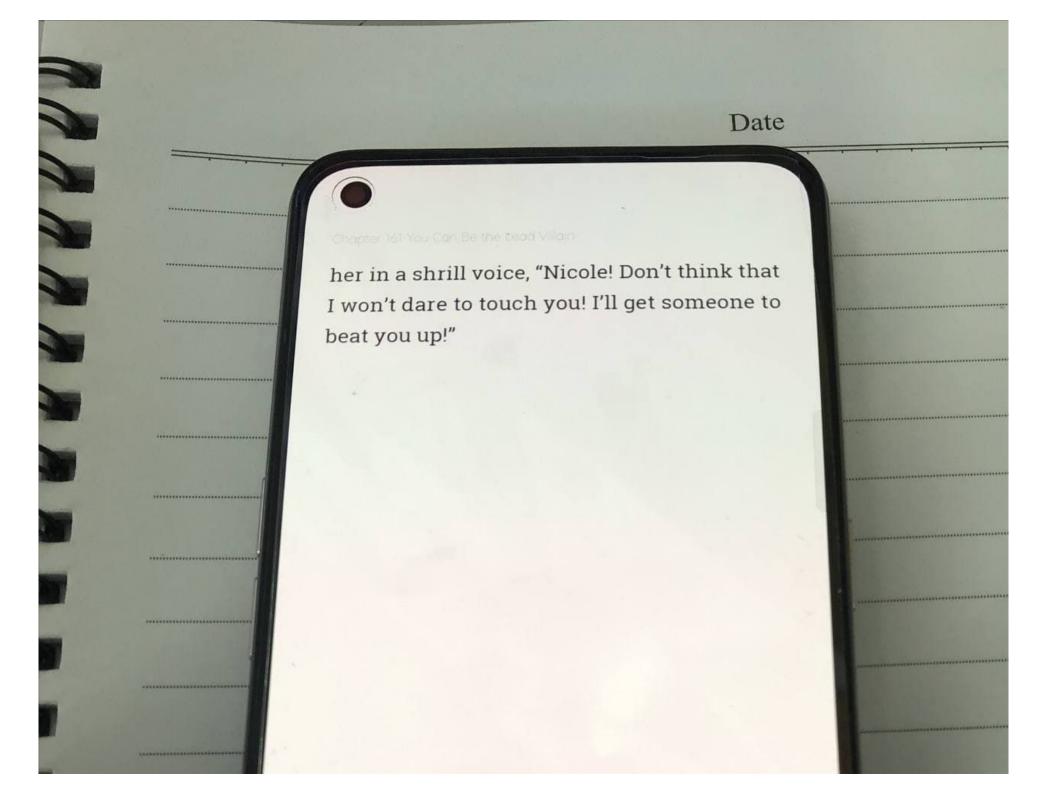
That last sentence completely pissed off
Ines. 'How dare she say that I have a plastic
face?! My face is so natural that it's not even
obvious I've done cosmetic surgery before...'

Ines was just about to lunge at the receptionist in anger when Nicole laughed out loud at the side. 'This receptionist is hilarious!'

Nicole stood there with a lazy smile as she sized up Ines' face.

"Ms. Xavier, I think that you can act in a horror movie. I'm sure you'll be a good lead villain."

Ines felt extremely insulted and shouted at



Chapter 162 Her Father Wouldn't Dare

Before Ines could finish her sentence, the President's exclusive elevator arrived downstairs.

Dominic Young walked out of the elevator, scanned the lobby, and spotted Nicole. He breathed a sigh of relief and went up to greet her with a warm smile.

"President Nicole, you can just summon me over the phone. Why bother making a trip here personally?"

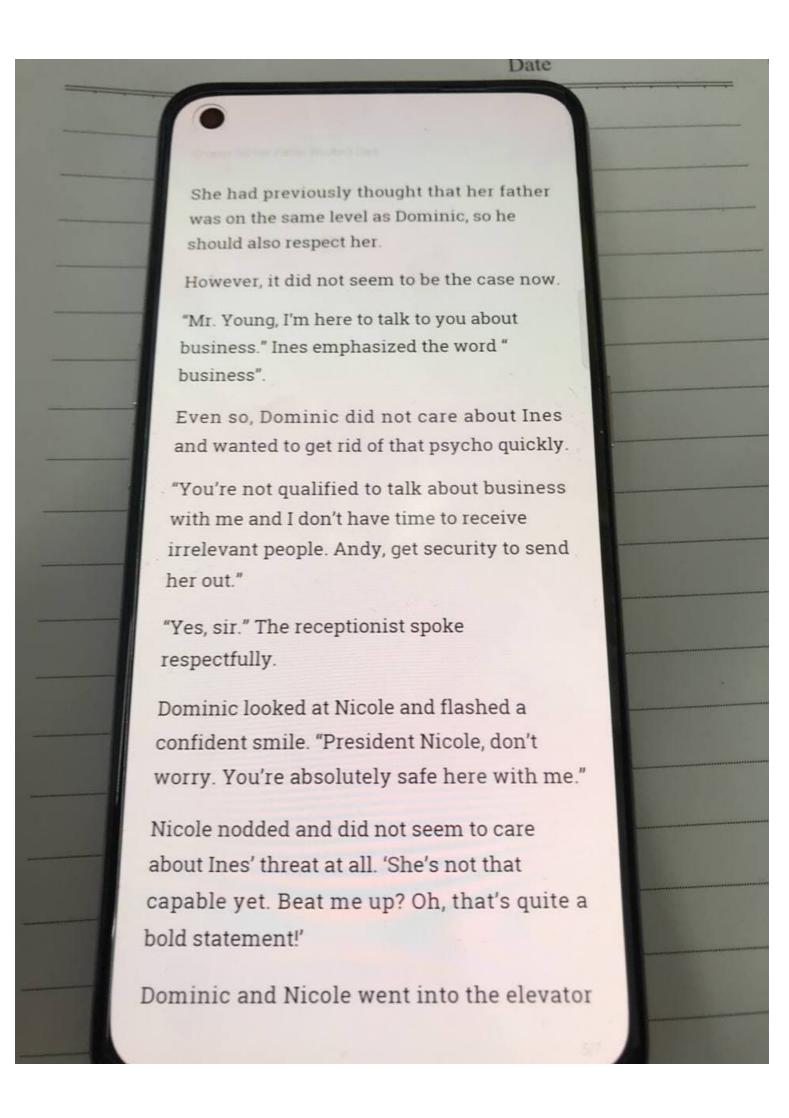
Dominic's cautious and humble attitude to Nicole was not at all like the big shot in showbiz who could turn the tide with a snap of his fingers.

Ines instantly looked irritated and thought that she was high and mighty just because she was the daughter of a giant entertainment company.

"Dominic Young, you..."

"Who did you want to beat up just now?"

Dominic suddenly spoke. His face was cold,



one after the other. Nicole then sent a recording of her encounter with Ines at the entrance to Dominic.

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Ines probably never imagined that Nicole would have this recorded.

"This will be sufficient to clear Fabian's name."

Nicole did not want to implicate others in this.

Dominic listened to it once. The smile at the corner of his lips slowly widened. He teased Nicole, "President Nicole, that's a pretty extensive trap, huh?"

Nicole rolled her eyes at him. "I've already instructed my people to acquire Gemini Entertainment so there will be a shareholders' meeting this afternoon. Any problems on your side?"

Dominic instantly looked serious. "No problems on my side. Falcon Entertainment is at your service."

He would cooperate with her unconditionally.

From the day Dominic became the President of Falcon Entertainment, he knew that the Stantons could not be offended. Nicole laughed. "Well, you'll have more work to do after the acquisition." Dominic immediately understood Nicole's purpose. She was planning to let him handle Gemini Entertainment as well. How exciting! "Then I'll just work a little harder. I'm still young after all..." Nicole's lips twitched for a moment as she looked at this forty-year-old man. 'He still dares to call himself young?' The two of them discussed some issues about the post-acquisition. When the talk was almost over, Nicole thought about Fabian and asked, "Is he okay?" It was probably tough for him to encounter such a big bump in the road right after his debut.

"He's fine. His team is rather anxious. After all, when they went to Gemini Entertainment to plead for mercy, they were kicked out mercilessly. His manager's still pretty scared."

Dominic laughed and continued, "But... With your help, this will be solved in no time."

Nicole raised an eyebrow. "That's good. Give him more jobs as compensation. After all, he got implicated because of me."

"Don't worry. Who will dare to offend your sugar baby anyway?"

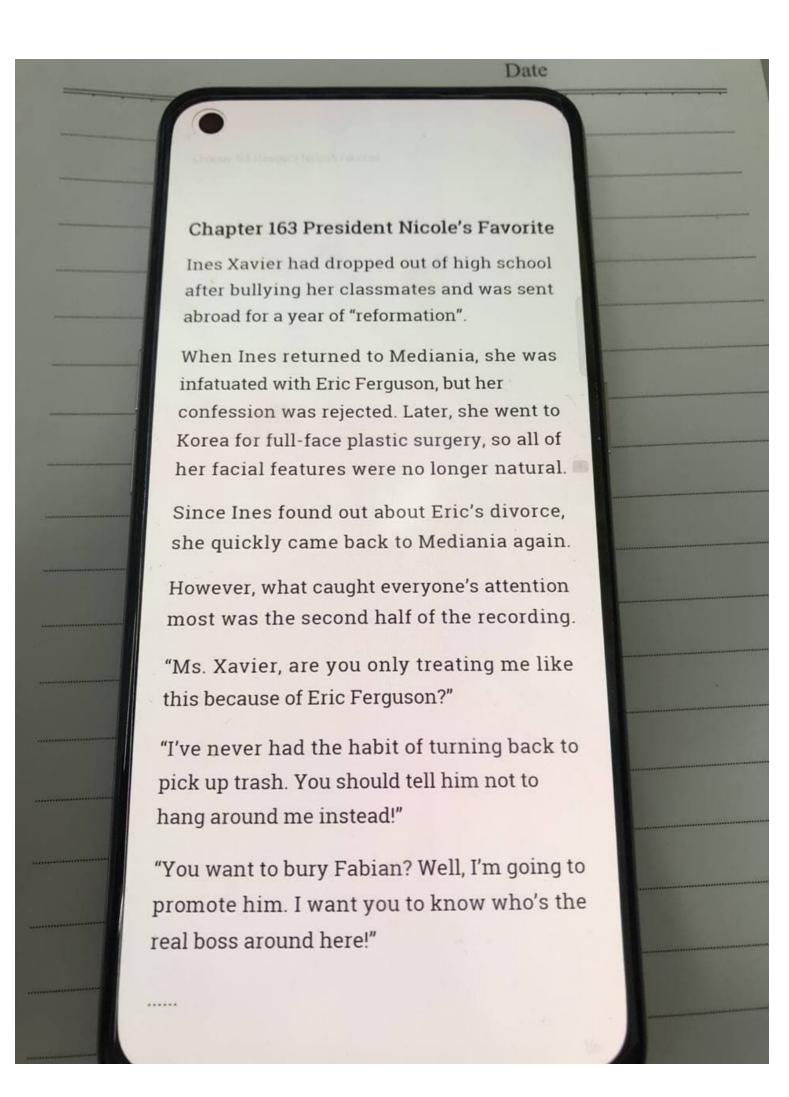
"Get lost!"

Nicole glared at Dominic. He had been with Kai for a long time, so much so that they had the same irritating mouth.

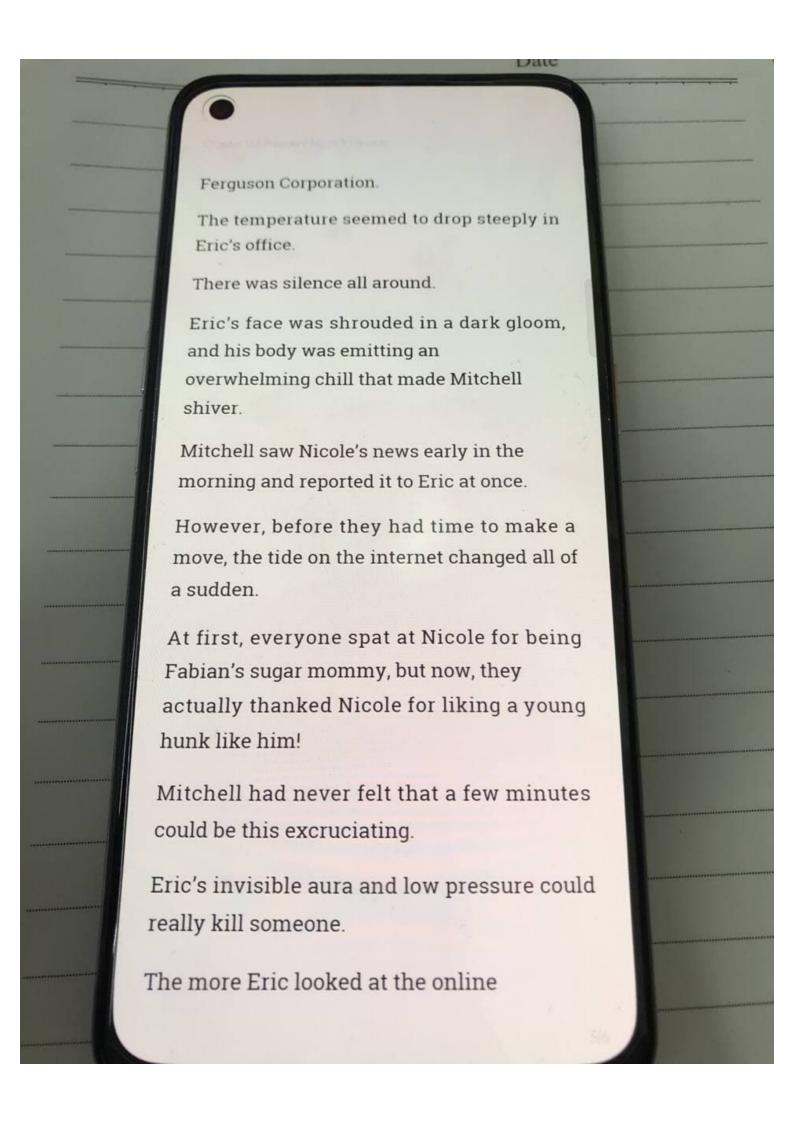
After settling this business, Nicole strutted away in her high heels. If she stayed any longer, she would probably beat someone up!

In less than ten minutes, the recording of Ines replaced the news of Nicole being Fabian's sugar mama as the number one





was sexy young men.



comments, the angrier he became. However, he continued reading each one of them very seriously.

Some people even edited the clip of Nicole and Fabian and put some romantic background music to it, as if they were "the couple of the century".

Nicole and Fabian were indeed very compatible with each other.

Eric, the rich and powerful aged "sausage", was actually defeated by Fabian, the newly debuted fresh "meat"...

Suddenly, Eric viciously threw the phone on the table and the phone screen shattered.

Mitchell's body stiffened and instantly panicked. "President..."

Eric's face was red with anger. He gritted his teeth and said in a cold and harsh tone, "
How are all those people in the mood to mind other people's business when they're struggling to make ends meet? Young hunk?! He looks like a sissy! How are they even compatible?!"

Mitchell answered immediately without a

thought, "It's only because Fabian's fans are so full of themselves. How could Ms.
Stanton fall for such a person? I think
Fabian just wants to take advantage of Ms.
Stanton's fame and ride on her popularity.
The entertainment industry is too messy nowadays..."

However, what Mitchell thought in his heart was, 'They're already divorced, so why does he still care who Ms. Stanton is compatible with? President's such a pitiful guy...'

Eric grunted coldly. He suddenly remembered the last part of that recording where Nicole unexpectedly dragged him into this mess. It felt like those words were deliberately meant for him.

His expression that eased a little instantly turned cold and sullen again.

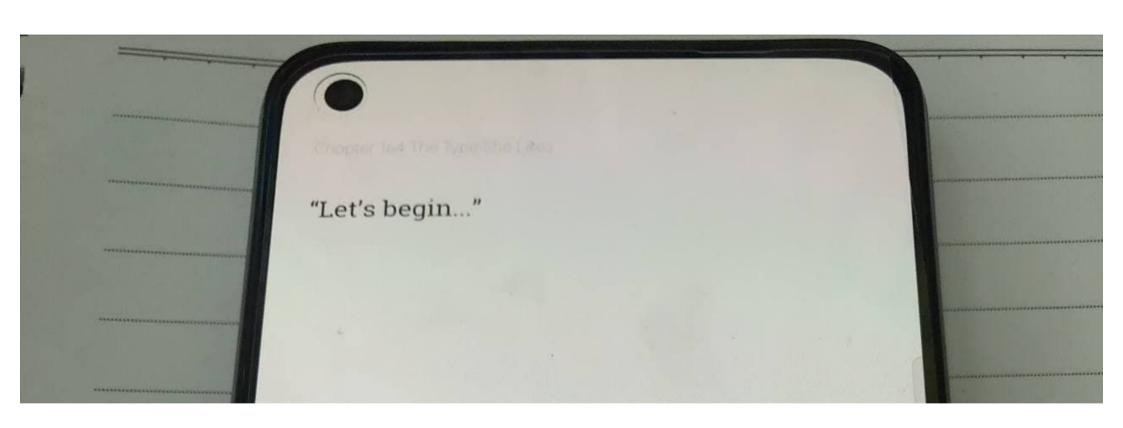
'Never had the habit of turning back to pick up trash? To her, I'm the trash from the past?!'

Eric's head snapped up. He stared intently at Mitchell, who was standing in front of him, and asked, "Then what kind of person do you think Nicole likes?"

His voice carried an inexplicable chill. 'If I recall that night correctly, Nicole smiled at Mitchell more times than she'd ever smiled at me! She only sneers and laughs at me! On what grounds?!' The resentment in Eric's heart was simply too obvious.

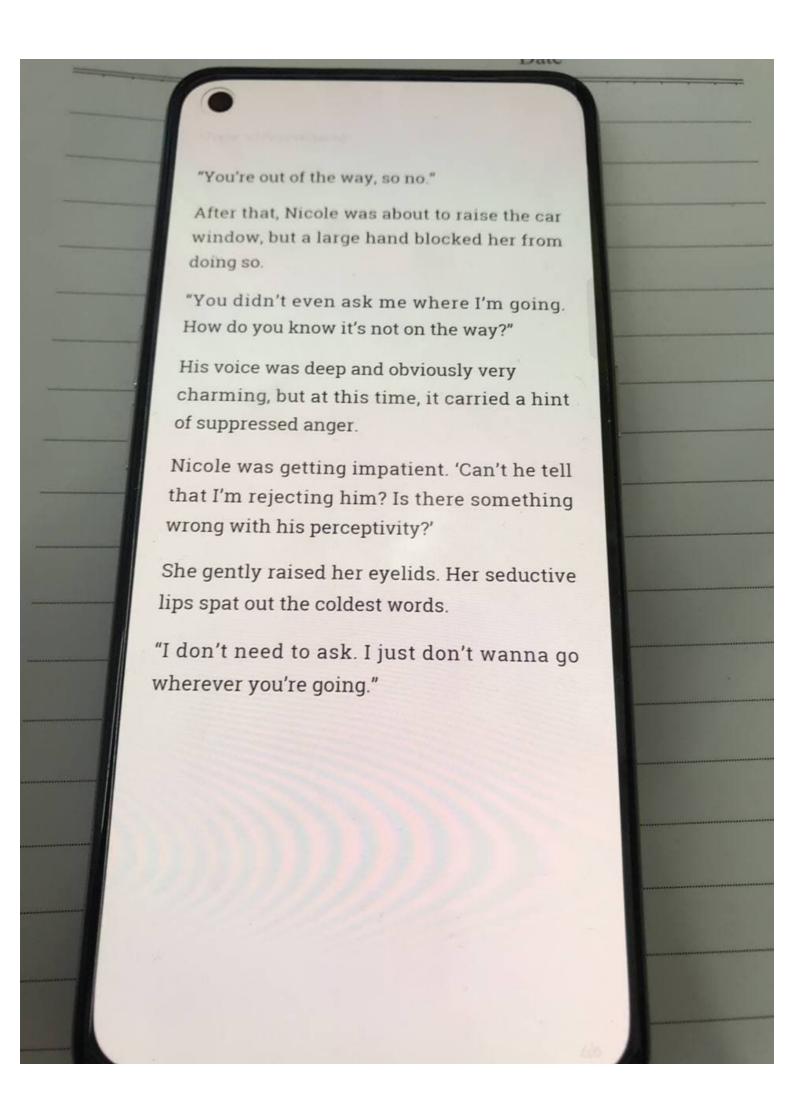
mainstream media. It became the number one trending topic. All other gossip took a backseat this time. Countless people began to speculate what the main purpose of this press conference was, but Gerard was simply too good at keeping it under wraps. Many reporters exhausted all means but still did not get any news. Thus, the venue was filled with three hundred journalists, all waiting eagerly for the press conference to begin. Besides journalists, they had also invited world-class medical experts as well as the leading experts in the field of artificial intelligence to join this press conference. This press conference instantly became more solemn At the scheduled time, Gerard Lichman, Eric Ferguson, and Nicole Stanton appeared together on screen. The most dazzling one was undoubtedly Nicole, who was standing between the two

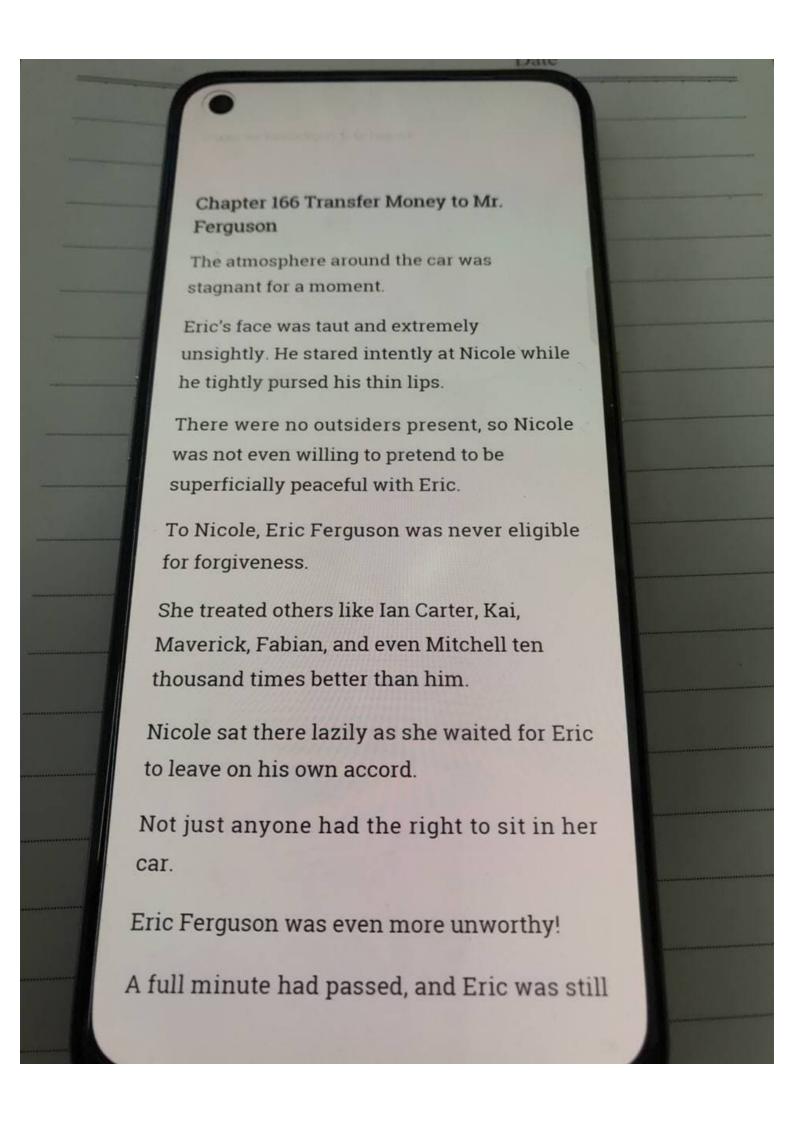
tall men. Her calmness and composure had such innate regality without arrogance. Her beautiful face and figure also made her impossible to ignore. Nicole was born to live in the spotlight, to stand at the very top of the pyramid looking down on all life. Gerard Lichman wore a smoky gray custommade suit that made him look cool and gentle. Eric's perfectly sculpted features amazed everyone. His black bespoke suit made him look so unattainable, cold, and aloof. These three bosses already looked better than most people. If they made their debut, they would probably crush many big names in showbiz The internet was buzzing with anecdotes about Eric and Nicole's relationship, but now that this extraordinarily eye-catching duo was in the same frame, no one dared to ask questions about their gossip. That was because this occasion was too formali



extremely glum as he stared at that particular person in the crowd. The reporters did not notice that Eric Ferguson was there! Asking this question in the face of Nicole's ex-husband was indeed a bit awkward. Moreover, Nicole's answer seemed like a slap in Eric's face. It was a loud and crisp slap too. At this moment, everyone looked a little anxious because they all knew about Eric's temper. He was the Eric Ferguson that could crush any media company in a day, the man that all journalists feared. Nicole still looked like she was unaware of Eric's presence. She just looked into the cameras with a sweet and kind smile, looking so beautiful and generous as she elegantly strutted away in her high heels. When she got into the car, Logan handed Nicole a document. "The five percent of Gemini Entertainment's shares are from Mr.

Eric Ferguson." Hearing this, Nicole was stunned. She raised her head intending to clarify this when she heard someone knocking on the car window. It was Eric Ferguson. He stood there with a cold brooding face and knitted eyebrows. Nicole slowly lowered the car window and asked nonchalantly, "Mr. Ferguson, something wrong?" "I have to go to a shareholders meeting. My car broke down, so can you give me a ride along the way?" Eric looked at his watch and pointed to the Range Rover not far away. Mitchell squatted next to the car. He hesitated with heartache as he held the nail in his hand 'What did the car do wrong?' Nicole raised an eyebrow and laughed insouciantly.





standing there unmoved.

Nicole frowned at him. 'Does he not understand English?!'

Just when Nicole was about to chase him away, Eric's thin lips parted. His voice was clear and cold. "Nicole, are you sure that you don't want to go to the place I'm going to?"

'Of course...' Nicole thought.

Before she could say anything, Logan coughed at the side, signaling that he had something to say.

Without waiting for Nicole to react, Eric laughed lightly. "Although you bought that five percent of Gemini Entertainment's shares from me, I haven't signed it yet. We can forget about it if you don't want to go..."

Nicole was taken aback by his words. 'What the hell?!'

Logan helplessly closed his eyes, cleared his throat, and explained, "President Nicole, I was just about to tell you about this. Mr. Ferguson sold five percent of the shares to us, but there's still one final step of signing."

the left side of the back seat. He was respectful and courteous.

"Mr. Ferguson, if you please..."

Eric's back was facing them at this time. The corners of his lips had a faint curve, but it soon disappeared.

Without much hesitation, Eric turned back around and sat in the car.

Once he got into the car, he could smell the light fragrance.

Nicole was wearing her favorite custom Shalini perfume. This unique fragrance filled his nasal cavity and bore into his heart.

Eric, who used to hate women's perfume, suddenly felt inexplicably tolerant and moved at this moment

He felt that only Nicole's perfume matched her temperament.

Nicole was looking at the document in her hand. The share transfer document was indeed missing Eric Ferguson's signature.

The corners of her lips twitched before she

calmly looked at Eric. "Mr. Ferguson, why
did you give up your shares in Gemini
Entertainment?"

'Coincidentally at this time as well? I'm sure
Eric doesn't need money to the point of

The man returned to his senses and swept a glance at her. Her delicate features were filled with wariness and distrust of him.

He frowned slightly. 'She'll probably never believe that I'll be nice to her, right?'

After some thought, he took over the share transfer document in her hand and signed it, then handed it back indifferently.

"Now do you believe it's true?"

selling his shares!"

Nicole looked at the signature on it and faintly froze for a moment.

She suddenly remembered Eric's signature when they got divorced. It was also so decisive and crisp without the slightest hint of hesitation.

When she returned to her senses, her gaze turned cold. She put away the share transfer

document and resumed her cold and aloof attitude.

She instructed Logan. "Remember to transfer money to Mr. Ferguson as soon as possible."

They would not owe each other then.

Logan naturally answered at once and dared not delay it.

Nicole hooked her lips into a smile and lowered her eyes, covering all the inappropriate emotions. She promptly changed the topic.

"Mr. Ferguson, you should know what I'm about to do, right? I thought that you'd be a little more lenient to Ines Xavier because she 's infatuated with you, but come to think of it, you've always been so cruel to the women who like you..."

Chapter 167 Not Necessarily Yours

Nicole was just making a casual remark, but it set off a huge ripple in Eric's heart.

T've always been so cruel to the women who like me? I was cruel to Nicole, Wendy, and now Ines Xavier...' Eric furrowed his brows, and a huge wave of emotion was hidden in his eyes.

His lips were pressed into a straight line. Eric pondered for a moment and lowered his voice.

"Nicole, you're not like them."

At least, Nicole used to be his wife.

Other women were nothing to him.

Thus, he had nothing to worry about.

Nicole lowered her head and laughed, then looked at him with a cold and detached gaze.

"Yes, I'm not like them. At least I was once someone who managed to marry you because of my special blood type..."

She laughed self-deprecatingly, glanced at

him, then coldly looked away. Eric frowned slightly. He clearly did not mean it like that. "We're here, President Nicole," Logan said. Finally, Logan could breathe a sigh of relief. Logan felt that this journey was the most difficult car ride he had ever experienced! Nicole got out of the car, not wanting to spend another second in the same space with Eric Eric also followed her out. These two had just left J&L Corporation's press conference. In the blink of an eye, they got out of the same car and appeared together at the entrance of Gemini Entertainment, which was more than enough to attract everyone's attention The sudden shareholders' meeting was already puzzling. Now, it was even more bewildering that these two big shots were here, especially for the shareholders and top executives of Gemini Entertainment. They could not afford to offend Nicole Stanton or Eric Ferguson.

"Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Stanton..."

Everyone exchanged a few pleasantries and respectfully went up to greet them.

Eric's face was dull as he nodded. He was not in the mood to respond.

The Chairman of Gemini Entertainment, Gabriel Xavier, respectfully went forward to press the elevator for them, then bowed to ask Eric and Nicole to go in first.

None of them were qualified to ride with these two big shots.

Eric paused for a moment and took the lead to go into the elevator.

Nicole just stood there and smiled faintly. "
You guys go ahead. I'm going to make a
phone call."

After that, she turned around and went in the other direction.

Eric subconsciously knitted his brows and

clenched his fists. Although it was not explicitly said, he felt that Nicole simply did not want to stay in the same enclosed space with him. Everyone could not figure out what was going on, so they could only do as they were told. Logan explained a few words for Nicole, so everyone went to the conference room on the top floor one after another. The lounge area was empty. Nicole took Kai's call there, but it was irrelevant, so she hung up. When she turned around, she saw the aggressive Ines Xavier. Ines was rushing towards her in big strides. She questioned loudly. "Nicole! Why are you here?" When the recording of Ines provoking Nicole was posted online, it immediately met with a huge backlash. Countless netizens started to dig up dirt about Ines' background.

Ines had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to no avail, and she still could not suppress the matter.

Now, everyone saw Ines as a stinker, so Ines did not even dare to speak out.

Gemini Entertainment also suffered a big blow because of Ines, so her father, Gabriel Xavier, was furious and scolded her for an hour.

This all happened because of the trap Nicole set up for Ines.

Thus, Ines was extremely resentful.

On the other hand, Nicole attended the press conference with Eric Ferguson and Gerard Lichman as if nothing had happened. She was so elegant and composed.

Even as she sat next to the two giants in the industry, Nicole still had a striking presence.

People's praise and attention toward Nicole even exceeded Eric Ferguson's.

When Ines was at the beauty salon, all she could hear was people complimenting

Nicole. 'The most beautiful CEO in history?' Ines was so infuriated that she left halfway through her spa. What gives Nicole the right to be in the spotlight? It's all just luck! These people are really blind!' She could not get over it, so she came to Gemini Entertainment to ask her father for help. She wanted to defame Nicole to the point of social death. However, Ines never imagined that as soon as she entered the front door of her father's company, she would see Nicole sitting leisurely in the lounge area chatting on the phone. The anger and jealousy in Ines' chest surged uncontrollably. When Nicole saw Ines, she let out a light laugh. "What a coincidence, Ms. Xavier." "I asked you, why the hell are you here?!" Ines was anxious and infuriated. 'This is my turf! I won't allow a nasty person like Nicole to come in here!'

Nicole's gaze was slightly cold, but the smile on her face did not fade. "As one of the shareholders of Gemini Entertainment, is it necessary for me to report to you when I'm here to attend the shareholders' meeting? As far as I know, I don't think you have any shares in Gemini Entertainment..." Therefore, the one who was not qualified was in fact, Ines Xavier. Ines' face sank and her fists clenched tightly. "This is my family business, so I can come if I want to. You, on the other hand, are not welcome here. That little share of yours is nothing! I will ask my father to buy it back immediately, so leave right now!" Ines' voice was sharp and piercing. Nicole raised her eyes insouciantly and tucked a strand of hair behind her ears. She spoke coldly, "Your family business? Not necessarily..." She gently glanced at Ines with obvious

