

Chapter 171 As Long as You Both Remarry

“Satisfied now?” Nicole glanced at Eric and inadvertently saw the caller ID on his phone.

She suddenly felt breathless as if she had been hit hard by something.

A dense pain flooded her chest.

Nicole immediately turned away, stepped on the gas pedal, and drove away without waiting for Eric to respond.

She felt a little soreness in her eyes and forced out a cold laugh. ‘So, this is how he named me? Missus? I was his missus, but not anymore. I no longer fit this title.’

Eric watched as Nicole’s car faded away and looked down at the caller ID. ‘Missus?’

Those memories from before their divorce felt like a dream, and they came flooding out at once.

Eric felt a dull pain in his chest as if a hand was ruthlessly squeezing his heart, so much so that his breathing became a little heavier.

little heavier.

He was to blame for losing Nicole, who used to love him so much.

Now, he had to try and win her back slowly. It was simply retribution!

His phone suddenly rang again.

It was a call from Ingrid. "Brother, Grandpa asked you to hurry back..."

"Got it."

Before Ingrid could finish her sentence, Eric hung up on her. He took a deep breath and tried hard to divert his attention, but that did not make him feel any better.

Ingrid reluctantly hung up the phone. She had intended to gloat at Eric, but he did not give her the opportunity.

Eric had sold off his shares in Gemini Entertainment to Nicole, which helped her to become the actual controlling shareholder.

Old Master Ferguson was furious when he found out and was so angry that he almost fell ill.

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Ingrid had been reprimanded by her grandfather since she failed to apologize to Nicole last time. Now that her grandfather's target changed to Eric, Ingrid was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Once Eric's car appeared at the Ferguson Villa, the low and heavy air pressure inside the house lifted slightly.

As soon as Eric opened the door, the butler immediately welcomed him. "Young Master, the Old Master is waiting for you in the study."

Eric nodded and went upstairs without an expression.

Just as he reached the door, a teacup was thrown at him. Eric dodged sideways with a cold gaze. ¹

"You still have the cheek to come home?!" Old Master Ferguson sat inside the study. The atmosphere inside was extremely oppressive.

"What's the matter?" Eric asked with a frown.

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Old Master Ferguson gritted his teeth in anger. "Hmph! Nicole wants to deal with Ines Xavier, so you gave up your shares in Gemini Entertainment to her? Why are you so obedient? Stanton Corporation is now targeting us at every turn. Don't you know how to use this opportunity to negotiate with them?"

He had always been most proud of this grandson that was a business wiz.

Recently, Ferguson Corporation's image had been on a decline especially on the internet. Since Nicole needed their help, they should seize this opportunity to make good use of it. However, Eric actually gave up on such a good opportunity this time.

How could Old Master Ferguson not be angry?

Eric's face was indifferent and did not care about the old man's wrath.

"There's no need to negotiate. We owe Nicole, so it's right to just give it to her."

His voice was deep and cold. "Moreover, Gemini Entertainment has already started to lose money internally, so holding too many shares is useless. I don't intend to

many shares is used. I don't intend to clean up their mess."

No matter how good or bad Gemini Entertainment's prospects were, Eric did not want to be a part of it.

He did not care for this company.

Since Nicole wanted it, she could have it.

Old Master Ferguson was originally furious, but when he heard the last part of Eric's explanation, he was stunned and came back to his senses.

If that was the reason, he could accept it.

His expression eased slightly before he added, "To be honest, Floyd Stanton won't forgive us so easily, but a tit-for-tat won't benefit anyone, so he's not making any obvious and big moves for now. However, this won't do in the long run. I have a solution to this..."

Eric frowned. The old man grunted and continued, "Based on family background, talent, and capability, both you and Nicole are very compatible with each other. If she hadn't concealed her identity to marry you before, Floyd Stanton's daughter would've been your wife."

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Seemingly anticipating what his grandfather wanted to say, Eric jerked his head up.

Old Master Ferguson swept a glance at him and said in an imposing voice, "Since she liked you before, she'll definitely be able to like you again, so you should put in some effort too. As long as you both remarry, everything will be solved!"

A marriage alliance between Stanton Corporation and Ferguson Corporation was a strong union and a perfect match. It would undoubtedly be a boost for both companies.

This was the best result.

Eric's face was gloomy. He raised his eyes to look at his grandfather.

"She won't agree to a marriage of convenience."

'Especially if I'm the groom.'

Chapter 172 Marry Another Person

If Nicole was willing to get into a marriage of convenience, she would not have concealed her identity in the first place.

What she wanted was never just a marriage.

Old Master Ferguson snorted coldly, "Do you want to watch her get together with someone else? How big a loss would that be to our family?" ²

There was no other person better suited for Nicole than Eric.

No matter who Nicole chose to be with in the future, the Ferguson family would become a laughing stock.

To the Fergusons, it was more harm than good.

Although Old Master Ferguson did not like Nicole as a person, he was willing to disregard his past prejudices and accept this woman because of her powerful family that was a force to reckon with.

When Eric heard this, his expression stiffened and became complicated.

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'Watch her get together with someone else?' Eric had never thought about that.

Although there were many men around Nicole, he never felt that Nicole would marry any of them.

'What if Nicole married someone else...'
Once he thought of this, Eric's eyebrows knitted together. His face instantly became tense.

The resistance and gloom in his heart were very apparent.

'No way!'

Old Master Ferguson stared at Eric with an austere expression. "If Nicole is unwilling to remarry you, then we can only replace her with someone else. You can marry another daughter from an affluent family who can rival Nicole. Only then can we counter the threat posed by the Stanton family." 1

Eric's eyebrows furrowed tighter. His complexion turned glum and he was clearly extremely upset.

He subconsciously loathed this terrible proposal.

proposal.

Eric looked at his grandfather with deep coldness and resistance in his eyes. "No, I don't need a marriage of convenience. You don't need to meddle in my matters with the Stantons. I'll see to it."

His relationship with Nicole was at a deadlock, and he would not even consider other women.

After he said that, Eric turned to leave without waiting for his grandfather to react.

Ingrid had been waiting downstairs for the good show, but besides the sound of glass breaking when Eric first went in, there were surprisingly no other movements. 1

She did not dare to go upstairs and eavesdrop either.

As soon as Eric came down, Ingrid hurriedly greeted him. "Brother, Nicole's such a jinx. She's the reason you got scolded, right? You shouldn't be too nice to her. Otherwise, she'll get so arrogant and think that our family is easy to bully ..."

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Eric narrowed his eyes dangerously and he had an inexplicably cold vibe around him.

“Ingrid Ferguson, I’ve warned you so many times not to provoke her. It seems that you still can’t get that into your head, huh?”

Ingrid was startled and frightened by Eric’s gaze.

Suddenly, she did not know what to do. “I... I didn’t...”

“I asked you to apologize. Did you?”

At the mention of this, Ingrid was too scared to make a sound.

Eric coldly swept a glance at Ingrid and said in a grim tone, “If I find out that you dare to provoke Nicole again, you can get the hell out of the Ferguson family!”

He did not show her any mercy.

After that, he walked out of the Ferguson Villa.

Ingrid stood frozen in place and unconsciously broke out in cold sweat.

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Eric got into the car and recalled his grandfather's words. He could not imagine Nicole being with someone else.

He felt like a boulder was pressing on his heart, which made him gasp for air. It felt incredibly heavy and suffocating.

Somehow, he found Nicole's number and could not help but call her.

He stared at the word "Missus" that was displayed on his phone screen and was in a slight trance.

Eric was waiting for the call to be connected.

Fortunately, he was not blocked again.

He actually felt relieved because of this minor detail, and the dull pain earlier dissipated.

In a few seconds, Nicole picked up.

She seemed to be asleep because her voice was hoarse.

"Hello, who is it?"

There was no tension between them like when they met during the day, which was

very rare.

"It's me," Eric replied.

Nicole seemed to be awake as soon as she heard that. Her voice suddenly turned cold. "Is the repair cost calculated? How much should I pay you now?"

She seemed so eager to cut off all ties with him.

Eric's eyes darkened slightly. His voice was cold as he said, "Wrong number, sorry."

Nicole took a deep breath and cursed through clenched teeth. "Are you nuts?!"

She then hung up the phone in anger. 'He sounds so righteous when he called the wrong number? Did he do this on purpose? How annoying!'

After being hung up on, Eric laughed lightly and was not mad.

The President of Ferguson Corporation, a revered man in the business circle, was actually happy that a woman hung up on him?

No one would believe it if word got out.

Chapter 173 Mr. Ferguson Paying for a Trending Topic

Early in the morning, daylight spilled in through the curtains and cast a soft glow on the floor.

Nicole ate a simple breakfast and went to the office.

J&L Corporation's project was already on track, so there was no need for daily progress checks.

Nicole had to start preparing for another real estate development project.

When she arrived at the office, she browsed the internet for the latest trending topics.

The netizens were split into two camps. One camp was shipping Nicole and Kai, while the other camp supported Nicole and Fabian.

It was surprising that people were so eager to participate in this poll. While a small number of people forcefully added Nicole and Eric to the poll, this pairing was lagging way behind the other two pairings.

'Haha! The netizens are perceptive enough to know that my name and Eric Ferguson's name are incompatible and absolutely should not be put together!'

Logan watched from the side and carefully proposed. "President, should we take down these trending topics?"

Nicole chuckled. "Nah, it's just a harmless game. It's not like I'll have to be with whoever the masses like most..."

'How can I be a couple with Kai anyway? If we disclose our real relationship, I'm afraid it'll cause a stir!'

Logan nodded and left after reporting his work.

Ferguson Corporation.

Mitchell glanced at Eric out of the corner of his eye. He had never seen any president pay attention to online gossip amidst their busy schedules.

Recently, Eric was extremely keen to read all of the comments online. From time to time, he would even reply to them...

'Does he not know that he doesn't have a good image online...?' Mitchell thought to

good image online..” Mitchell thought to himself and dared not say it out loud.

Eric sneered at the two other pairings with Nicole and was incredibly vexed.

‘How are Kai and Fabian even worthy to be compared to me?! Their popularity is even higher than mine? The netizens’ tastes this time round are horrible!’

Eric fiercely threw the tablet he was holding on the desk. His body was emitting a terrifying chill.

Mitchell caught a glimpse of that webpage and instantly understood.

‘It’s related to Nicole again... No wonder...’

“President, should I get them to remove this trending topic? It’s such a sham...” Mitchell suggested.

Eric stared at him coldly for a few seconds. “The face of Ferguson Corporation can’t lag behind those two people. Understand?”

His voice was extremely cold, and his eyes were dark.

Mitchell froze for a few seconds. His brain seemed to be stuck for a moment before h

seemed to be stuck a moment before he finally answered, "Yes, I understand. I'll immediately hire people to push up the popularity of your pairing with Ms. Stanton!"

After working for Eric for so long, it was not difficult for Mitchell to understand what Eric wanted.

Eric opened a document in silence, signed his name smoothly, then handed it to Mitchell.

"Go and get to work."

"Yes, sir."

'He agreed?! What in the world? Is he paying too much attention to Ms. Stanton ...?' Mitchell thought.

In less than an hour, the poll online turned into a three-way battle.

It was really surprising.

Nicole and Eric's pairing surprisingly skyrocketed in popularity and soon surpassed Kai and Fabian.

In Nicole's group chat.

Yvette could not wait to share the details of information she got.

[Yvette Quimbey: I heard from an influencer that Nicole and Eric's pairing is actually bought out by Ferguson Corporation! Hahaha! Is Eric Ferguson sick in the head?]

[Julie Nixon: Wow... I've really seen everything now...]

[Ian Carter: OMG!!! Why is my name not on there?! Don't I deserve a slot?!]

[Nicole Stanton: He's defos on crack.]

'Eric Ferguson must be crazy!' Nicole thought.

She originally did not want to participate in this little fun, but once Eric intervened, she could not let it go on.

Nicole called Logan and instructed, "Remove that trending topic. I don't care how much Eric Ferguson paid. We'll pay double."

Logan did as instructed and did not dare to delay for another second.

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Just as it came out of the blue, this online buzz inexplicably disappeared.

Some people wanted to talk about it, but they could no longer find any traces of the polls.

Eric heard this and did not have any reaction.

He just said expressionlessly, "Alright."

Chapter 174 Make Another Appointment

Nicole had a lot on her plate.

The development of the real estate project was not going well. The developer changed their mind at the last minute about the price they originally negotiated for.

The developer wanted to raise the price by 30% on top of the original price.

Of course, Nicole would not agree to it.

This project was a top priority in the real estate arm of Stanton Corporation, so it was of great importance.

The people sent to negotiate terms with the developer returned without success because the developer was adamant.

With the stalemate, Stanton Corporation incurred a daily loss of up to ten million dollars.

Grant was abroad for an inspection, so this problem fell on Nicole.

Looking at the records of their previous negotiations, Nicole felt that the

negotiations, Nicole found that the developer's attitude was somewhat surprising.

What was the reason for their sudden assertiveness?

Logan saw Nicole's puzzled eyes and explained, "I've inquired about this. It seems that someone has contacted this developer, Tobias Stone, promising him new projects and high commission. I think he wants to use this opportunity to make more demands with us."

Nicole frowned. "Did you find out who it was?"

Logan shook his head. "No, he's very tight-lipped about it. If we look for developers abroad, the cost of a round trip is very high, so it isn't worth it."

That was why they still did not finish him off.

Nicole paused. "Make an appointment with him."

She would not let others take the upper hand.

"Yes, ma'am."

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Tobias Stone agreed quite quickly as if he had expected it.

Nicole arrived at the appointed place on time, but Tobias was a few minutes late.

Her face was already gloomy because of the wait.

Once Tobias arrived, he apologized repeatedly. "I'm sorry, Ms. Stanton. I got delayed by something."

Although he apologized, his attitude was not apologetic but rather smug.

Nicole hooked the corner of her lips. "Mr. Stone, since you're so busy, we can make another appointment for next time."

With that, she glanced at Logan and stood up to leave.

Tobias panicked and hurriedly stopped her.

"Ms. Stanton, let's talk properly. It's my fault for being late, so please just let me off the hook this time."

Nicole paused in her footsteps and coldly swept a glance at him.

"Mr. Stone, I'll be frank with you, Stanton

swept a glance at him.

“Mr. Stone, I’ll be frank with you. Stanton Corporation won’t agree to the request you made. We value honesty in a person and in business. If you don’t even have that, there’s no need for cooperation.”

Tobias Stone’s face changed slightly. His lips twitched and inevitably revealed his trump card.

“Ms. Stanton, it’s best if you reconsider. There’s another boss who offered 30% higher than Stanton Corporation’s price. If you can match his price, of course, I’ll choose Stanton Corporation.”

Tobias was confident in the beginning. He looked down on a woman’s negotiating power and thought that as long as he was insistent, Nicole would eventually compromise.

Moreover, Stanton Corporation’s project had been delayed for a long time. If they dragged this on, they would surely lose money.

Nicole lowered her eyes and hooked up her lips into a cold smile.

“Mr. Stone, you don’t need to feel torn about this. Since business is all about

about this. Since business is all about profit, I can only wish you all the best with the new proprietor.”

Tobias was not given the chance to bargain at all.

If that so-called “boss” could really offer such a high price, would Tobias still be bouncing between sides?

Nicole did not believe him. She was just curious who this person behind Tobias was.

After wishing him luck, Nicole did not even look at Tobias and left the room.

Logan followed after her.

When she reached the entrance, Nicole paused in her footsteps and turned to Logan. “Follow him and see where he goes.”

Logan instantly understood what Nicole meant.

Not long after, Nicole received a call from Logan.

“President, Tobias Stone went to a club. I saw him with the Chairman of HS Corporation and Mr. Ferguson...”

Corporation and Mr. Ferguson..."

There was instant silence over the phone.

Chapter 175 Big Movie Star

After a while, Nicole's calm voice came through the phone, "Alright. Do something for me..."

HS Corporation was not a large-scale company. Their most glorious time was in the past and they were now hanging by a thin thread.

Even so, they still had a reputation and were still better off than other companies.

Nicole did not expect that the person behind Tobias Stone was actually HS Corporation.

It turned out that Eric Ferguson was also involved...

In the evening, Julie invited Nicole to a high-society reception, so Nicole attended as promised.

Nicole was not in a good mood today, so she just sat in front of the bar and drank quietly by herself.

It was difficult for Nicole not to attract attention as she was so beautiful and striking with her long legs and slender waist.

Every move she made felt like art.

No one noticed that someone had secretly taken a photo of her and sent it to a particular person.

When Eric looked at his phone, he frowned slightly.

It was Keith calling.

He impatiently picked it up. "What?"

Keith snorted. "Well, I told you to come to the reception, but you didn't want to. Guess who's here?"

He was being mysterious, so Eric got even more impatient.

"Just spit it out."

Keith sighed. 'He's no fun...'

"Look at the picture I sent you."

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Eric hung up the phone and saw the photo.

Nicole was sitting under the light and looked like she was going to merge with it. The hazy feeling of this photo seemed extremely surreal.

Her thin legs were crossed elegantly. She held half a glass of wine and gazed into space. Her delicate features were deadly attractive.

She was so elegant and valiant. Her temperament was so intoxicating yet she was unaware of it.

Eric frowned slightly, picked up his jacket, and left.

Nicole was a little tipsy and decided to leave after a while.

She never expected someone to be calling her from not far away.

Nicole paused in her movements and glanced sideways.

'I don't know them...'

She ignored that person.

That person was angered and came over t

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“Nicole, are you deaf? I was just calling you. Didn’t you hear me?”

Nicole sized up the woman in front of her. She was arrogant, snobby, and just average in looks.

She gently hooked her lips. “Who are you and why should I listen to you?”

Nicole’s disregard and contempt made the woman in front of her even more infuriated.

“I’m Luna, the daughter of KXY Group’s Chairman from Korea. I just debuted in Mediania and sang many songs. You don’t know me? I have over 300,000 fans now!”

It was much easier to make money in Mediania’s showbiz than it was in Korea. Thus, Luna made her debut in a talent show, gained many fans, and skyrocketed in popularity.

Luna had heard about Nicole from Jenny Lynch, the daughter of HS Corporation’s Chairman.

‘Nicole’s family only has some money, yet she dares to be so arrogant and hook up

she dares to be so arrogant and hook up with so many men. How shameless! Hmph!' Luna thought.

KXY Group had some business dealings with HS Corporation, so Luna had been friends with Jenny Lynch for a long time.

Once Jenny heard that Luna wanted to be a celebrity, Jenny was quick to bring Luna to Medania and introduced Luna to a lot of directors.

Jenny promised Luna that she would help her to get more jobs and resources for her in the entertainment industry, which was important to Luna.

More importantly, Jenny also said that she would introduce Luna to the big movie star, Kai!

Kai was not just popular in Medania. In Korea, Kai was an idol that everyone loved.

Luna decided to debut in Medania so that she could get closer to this man.

However, when she came to Medania, Luna found out that Kai was involved in scandals with this divorced woman.

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Since that was the case, Luna decided to teach Nicole a lesson, which would somehow be of help to Jenny Lynch.

Nicole looked at Luna and shook her head seriously. "I don't know you."

Even though Luna is Korean, she spoke English well.

Nicole was not interested in getting to know Luna and had never heard of her songs. 'What a shameless statement!'

Luna bit her lower lip and felt like she was being humiliated.

She suppressed her anger and snorted. "Ms. Stanton, you're more popular than any artist in Mediania's entertainment circle, so it's normal not to have heard of me. However, there is one thing that I hope you will keep in mind."

No one had spoken to Nicole like this in a long time.

'This new artist is pretty ballsy, huh?'

Nicole thought.

She raised her eyebrows. "Oh?"

"I don't care what your family does. Since you're rich, you can have anyone you

“I don’t care what your family does. Since you’re rich, you can have anyone you want, but don’t get Kai involved in your private life. Are you even worthy of being with Kai?”

‘So... She’s Kai’s staunch admirer?’

Nicole frowned. “What does it have to do with you? He doesn’t care...”

‘Kai himself didn’t even object to it, so why should this clown of a woman jump out and accuse me?’

“Who said he doesn’t care? Kai’s annoyed with you and doesn’t like women like you!”

Nicole hooked up her lips and let out a light laugh. “It sounds as if you heard him say it yourself?”

She did not believe it at all.

The woman in front of her was just putting up another one-man show.

“Of course, I heard him say it. He’s just forced to play along with you and forced to say those words online because of that popular pairing. Nicole, if you know what’s good for you, you should just

what's good for you. You should just hurry up and clarify those scandalous rumors. Don't shamelessly ride on Kai's popularity!"

Luna gnashed her teeth in anger. 'How could Kai be involved with such a woman? What a disgrace! No wonder Jenny's also badmouthing Nicole...'

Nicole's eyes were slightly cold as she hooked the corners of her lips. "He said so? I'll have to ask him personally..."

She then took out her phone and called Kai.

"Lil N, what's up?"

"I've been drinking, so I can't drive. Come and pick me up. Also, bring me a pair of flats while you're at it."

After that, she did not wait for Kai to reply and hung up the phone.

Luna sneered. "Do you think I'll believe what you said? You didn't turn on your phone just now, right? Do you think Kai is someone you can just summon as you please? You should take a look at yourself in the mirror!"