

CEO Daddy 71

Chapter 71 Why Arent You Wearing Your Clothes

Upon hearing Nicole's stern voice, Jay stopped and turned to her with an aggrieved look on his face.

"But Mommy..."

Seeing the quarrel between the mother and son, Kerr walked to the latter's side and lifted him up in his arms with a faint smile on his face. Then he looked at Nicole and lied blatantly,

"He was telling the truth. I'm afraid of sleeping alone, so I asked him to stay here with me. Why not? Director Ning, if you are still worried, you can stay with us too. My bed is big enough for all of us."

He looked at her playfully and didn't think he had said anything wrong. The anger on her face didn't go unnoticed by him, either.

"You!" Nicole snapped.

She didn't know what to say. For the first time, she thought that Kerr was such a rascal. He really had no bottom line. It was obvious that he was using Jay as a bargaining chip.

Seeing her son in his arms, she suddenly felt powerless.

"Mommy, just say yes, okay? I promise it will just be for one night!" Jay chimed in at this moment.

As he spoke, he stretched out his small hand and held hers.

When Nicole saw Jay's innocent face, she couldn't refuse him.

She realized that perhaps she couldn't be so selfish. Since Jay had never had a father's love, it was only natural that he would seek it. Now, Kerr was a good compensation for him. Besides, Kerr was indeed Jay's real father.

"I'll go get my pajamas," she finally said,

then turned around and went back to her room.

"Yes!" Jay yelled triumphantly. Then, with a wide smile on his face, he turned to Kerr, who looked back at him affectionately.

Kerr carried the boy into the bathroom, helped him take off his clothes,

and threw them outside the door of the bathroom.

Meanwhile, Nicole paced around her room, thinking long and hard about the matter.

'It's not a big deal. Jay is with us

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

abbed her hand and placed it on his stomach.

Then, he took Kerr's hand and placed it on top of his mother's. Feeling content, he finally closed his eyes.

Nicole's heart ached as she looked at this unfamiliar expression on Jay's face. Sleeping like this was a common thing for every child, but for Jay, it was a luxury.

"He can sleep like this every day from now on, if you like,"

Kerr said earnestly, holding Nicole's hand tight.

He had never felt as peaceful as he did at this moment, and he felt an insatiable greed for this feeling.

Nicole gradually closed her eyes, pretending not to hear him. She didn't know how to answer him because her heart had begun to waver.

She couldn't deny that Kerr's actions today had moved her. It seemed that he could understand what she was thinking and what she wanted even if she didn't say anything.

"Good night."

Although Kerr knew that Nicole wasn't asleep, he could feel that she wasn't being as defensive as usual toward him. This was a good sign.

He leaned over and gave both Jay and Nicole a gentle kiss on the forehead before closing his eyes.

When Nicole felt Kerr's lips on her forehead, she stiffened. A feeling that was hard to describe arose in her heart.

Chapter 72 Your Choice Is My Choice

From his home, Baron had been calling Nicole tirelessly, but every time he went straight to voice mail. When he knew the party was over, he tried to reach Nicole, but his mother stopped him from going anywhere.

"Baron, where are you going?"

Mrs. Fang didn't hide the reprimand in her voice when she noticed Baron was worried about Nicole.

"Mom, you've gone too far already, don't you think? I'm the one who wants to be with Nicole. She had no idea what I had in mind before today. You shouldn't treat her or Jay like this ever again."

He frowned at his mother.

He couldn't believe how far she had gone to make him give up Nicole. For a moment, he felt she was a stranger to him.

Mrs. Fang, on the other hand, couldn't believe the resentment in Baron's eyes. He had always been a mild-tempered man. He had never even raised his voice to her. She would never expect a woman like Nicole Ning to bring such intense feelings out of him.

"Baron, how can you speak to me like this over that woman?"

Mrs. Fang's voice trembled with grief. A little sorry for her, Baron didn't say anything else.

"Auntie, don't be like this. Let me speak to Baron, okay?"

Seeing the tension between the two, Maggie Chen gave Mrs. Fang a reassuring smile before approaching Baron.

"I've booked a hotel room. Can you drive me there?"

It was easy to tell that Maggie had come to ease things out. Following her lead, Baron glanced one more time at his mother and then nodded.

"Aunt, I'll come back to see you tomorrow!"

After saying goodbye to Mrs. Fang, Maggie got into the car.

On the road, Baron couldn't stop thinking about Nicole for an instant.

"Time flies. I guess I wasn't expecting we would be so grown when we met again."

Maggie turned to see Baron's gentle features and fixed her eyes on him. She si

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

that way before, especially a single mother.

Sunny clenched her fists. It was time for her to teach Nicole a lesson, or she would win Kerr's heart for good.

"I have to get rid of her as soon as possible."

She frowned when she heard nothing but silence from the other side of the line.

"What are you doing?"

Still no answer. When she was almost running out of patience, a calm voice spoke through the phone.

"How many people have you hurt for Kerr? Do you even remember? Do you still remember how you used to be?"

She was surprised to hear him say that. She had always given the orders and the man had never questioned any of them before.

"Those women who seduced Kerr are the ones to blame. All of them. They messed with the wrong person. You know I must be the one marrying into the Gu family."

She never had any doubts that no matter how many women Kerr went to bed with, she was the only one qualified to stand beside him.

"Do you still remember that seven years ago, the He Group purchased another group by all means necessary and nothing stood on its way?"

The man remained in silence. He didn't want Sunny to make mistakes, but he also knew he couldn't stop her from marrying Kerr.

Chapter 73 In His Arms

"My father seemed to have mentioned it a long time ago. Why did you bring it up all of a sudden?"

There was a puzzled look on Sunny's face. She didn't know why this man would discuss with her a past deal made by the He Group. Her father was the one in charge of the He Group's financial matters so she had limited knowledge about the family business.

"Seven years ago, the Ning Group's company was purchased by the He Group. Coincidentally, Nicole Ning was the eldest daughter of the Ning clan."

Sunny's eyes widened in surprise as her mind tried to connect the dots. No one could escape red thread of fate no matter how hard one tried. Fate was indeed a powerful force, she thought to herself.

"You mean, the He Group was the cause of Nicole's loss?"

This turn of events took her by surprise. Seven years ago, she vaguely remembered that her father indeed told her about it. But she was not interested in business matters at all.

Interestingly, her father told her that Kerr had helped the He Group to secure the business deal. His involvement was the only reason why she remembered that incident.

When she thought of Kerr, a realization suddenly dawned on her. Unseen by the man she was talking to over the phone, a cunning smile stretched the corners of her mouth.

To Sunny's perspective, it seemed that the goddess of fate was helping her.

"I know what to do," she replied a bit enthusiastically.

Hearing her excited voice, the man sighed.

"The He Group already took everything away from Nicole. Are you going to make her suffer even more?"

He told Sunny about the He Group's involvement with the Ning Group in order to win her pity. He was hoping that Sunny would feel guilty and spare Nicole.

But apparently, she didn't think so. He didn't expect that his plan would backfire.

"Nicole is so unlucky. Wait, you seemed to be too concerned about her. Are you in love with her? Don't forget who you are!"

With a smile on her face, Sunny hung up the phone. If Nicole were to know that Kerr was involved in the purchase of the Ning Group's company, she would be furious at him. She would never see Kerr again.

That was exactly what Sunny wanted. As for Nicole, she could only

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

Kerr's introduction, no one would easily disregard Nicole.

Regardless of whether she decided to leave or stay in this city in the future, she had to find out the answers to the doubts in her heart, which was another purpose for her to return to this country.

When the car was parked in the parking space reserved to the CEO of the Gu Group, Nicole didn't get off.

"You go inside first. I will come in later," she explained to him.

She didn't want to repeat what happened last time as she didn't want to be misunderstood about her relationship with Kerr.

"Do you think you can escape from their eyes by doing this?"

He was a little upset as he saw through her at a glance. Other women were desperate to be involved with him.

Only Nicole hid from him all day long, as if he was a virus.

"No, no, No. you are thinking too much!"

With a smile on her face, she immediately explained, her hands still swaying on her chest.

"You have two choices. Walk inside with me or let me carry you inside."

As he said in a firm tone, he opened the door and got out of the car. He walked to the other side and opened the door for her directly, waiting for her to get out of it.

Looking at the firm look on Kerr's face, Nicole knew that she couldn't escape today, so she had to get out of the car. But before she could make a step, Kerr reached out to hold her up by the waist and strode towards his exclusive elevator.

"Hey, put me down. I'll walk in by myself."

Chapter 74 I Will Wait For You Tonight

Nicole desperately wanted to break free from Kerr's hold, but the man was having none of it. He ignored her and headed straight for the elevator.

"Too late."

Kerr couldn't help but smile as he saw the look of embarrassment etched on the face of the woman in his arms. He tightened his hold, letting her know that he had no intention of letting go.

He bent over and whispered in her ear, his voice sounding enchanting,

"Did you sleep well last night?"

Hearing what he said, Nicole was obviously stunned and couldn't help but glare at him.

"Quite the contrary, actually, I'm used to sleeping in a larger bed. Whenever there is someone else on the bed, I can't sleep well! "

She didn't want to give Kerr the satisfaction of being right. She was going to drown any chance for him to fantasize, so she expressed her discontent significantly.

But the smile on Kerr's face seemed to linger in her mind, which made Nicole feel all warm and fuzzy, and made her a little dizzy. The cold expression that grazed his face all the time being replaced by a smile was new.

She had to admit, but only to herself, that she liked Kerr's smile.

If she was being honest, Kerr's bed was far from small. Even if the three of them slept on the bed, there was still much room. She just wanted to find a reason to refuse him.

"I will help you sleep well."

There was no sign of displeasure on his face. Instead, a wicked glint flashed through his eyes. 'There is no way you can escape from me!' the CEO thought.

He could always get the woman he wanted easily, but this time, he not only wanted Nicole's body, he also wanted to capture her heart.

"This is my stop."

When the elevator stopped at the floor where her office was, Nicole got her chance and jumped out of Kerr's arms.

As she was about to walk out of the elevator though, Kerr held her hand. Then with a little more strength, he pulled Nicole back and gently tucked the stray hair o

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

a long time, she answered.

"Nicole, where are you?"

Upon hearing Baron's voice, emotions rushed through her. The events of the previous night came flooding back. She lifted her hand and gently rubbed her forehead to ease the tension that was rising in her head.

"I'm working. What's up?"

She didn't know what Baron was going to say to her. After she left the Fang Group's gathering last night, she didn't contact Baron again. She felt that they should be given a chance to think about what had happened. It was a lot to take in.

"Can we talk? I'm at the entrance of the Gu Group."

Baron sensed the alienation in Nicole's tone. He didn't blame her, because he knew that what his mother did last night had pushed her over the limit, and that was his fault.

"Can't you just tell me over the phone?"

She stood up and walked to the window. The floor was so high that she couldn't see Baron's car. She didn't know how to face him now.

"I have something to tell you. It won't take too long."

He didn't expect that Nicole wouldn't want to meet him face to face. There was an obvious sense of loss in his tone, but he had to tell her in person.

"All right."

Nicole didn't want to lose her friend because of last night's occurrence. After all, in Manhattan, Baron did help her a lot.

Chapter 75 Accept His Apology

Nicole was fully aware that what transpired last night was not what Baron actually wanted.

Now, she felt awkward to face him. It was not that she didn't want to see him, but she never wished to put Baron in such a predicament because of her.

Feeling like she had no other choice but to see him, she hurried down and walked out of the Gu Group office building. As soon as she spotted Baron's car, she sauntered straight to the passenger seat and got in. She couldn't hide her surprise the moment she lifted her eyes and noticed him still had his suit on which he wore yesterday. His face was unkempt, and he looked tired.

"What's wrong with you? Did you stay up all night?"

Nicole asked as she had no inkling that he had been waiting for her the whole night.

"Did you go to Kerr's house last night?"

Even though Baron was quite sure in his heart, he still couldn't help asking. He never let his eyes wandered off her face. Seeing how uncomfortable she was because of his words, he opted to remain silent as he fought hard the anger that was about to consume him.

"That's what you want to ask me?"

Nicole deliberately changed the topic. For her, Baron misunderstanding her relationship with Kerr was the last thing she wanted to happen. To think that her relationship with Kerr now remained as clear as mud, sometimes, though she hated to admit it, she was confused herself when it came to her emotions.

"I want to apologize to you. I honestly didn't expect that my mom would do that. I have never thought about bringing you any harm. Trust me, Nicole. If possible, I genuinely hope to protect you at any cost.

Yesterday, I was going to tell you..."

Baron expressed apologetically. He no longer wanted to hide how he felt for her as he didn't want to lose her. All he needed was to get this off his chest and openly pursue her.

"Baron," she countered. "You know I have always regarded you as my best friend. In Manhattan, when Jay was still a baby, it was you who took care of him. And I'm so grateful for that.

I am aware that you don't like the marriage arranged by your mother, but you can't use me as a pretense. I think you'd better go back and have a talk with her.

I accept your apology, but I can't take anyone to hurt Jay. So I'm sorry that I can't forgive your mother for slandering him."

It was true that back then in Manhattan,

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

e conscientiously examined the set of documents sent to her. Initially, she planned to work overtime last night to finish all these data, but because of the emergency, she fell short in beating the deadline.

It was indeed undeniable that Kerr was helping her. He was doing this on purpose since he intended to ease her from some difficulties in her work.

"Thank you, Mr. Kang. Please send my thanks to Mr. Gu as well,"

Nicole politely acknowledged. She was not ungrateful, but she decided not to accept this friendship with Kerr. If possible, she ardently hoped that he would still treat her as an ordinary employee and nothing more.

"Director Ning, if you go personally to thank Mr. Gu, I believe that he can feel your sincerity more explicitly,"

Jared gently urged her. He refused to lose this moment in creating a chance for Kerr and Nicole to be together.

"I still have something to do now. I will thank Mr. Gu later,"

she stated matter-of-factly. Anyway, they had to go out for dinner tonight. She had to face it. So it didn't matter.

"Okay,"

Jared nodded and soon left her office. Glancing back at the documents, Nicole went over the data made by Kerr without any reservation. She had to admit that his work style was more sensitive and conscientious than hers.

She immersed herself in her work that she didn't notice how time flew. Darting her eyes at the wall clock, it was already past the closing time.

She gathered the files on her desk at once. Feeling satisfied that everything was in order, she hurriedly grabbed her bag and went downstairs.

Chapter 76 Dont Be A Busybody

The whole building was almost empty, including Nicole's office. Seeing that there was no one else around, Sunny walked into Nicole's office stealthily, reached for the folder on her desk, and snapped a few pictures with her mobile phone.

Then, she carefully placed the folder back in a way that it looked untouched, and left the office.

Meanwhile, Nicole walked quickly to the parking lot and saw Kerr already sitting in the car. She opened the door of the passenger seat in the front and climbed in.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Gu. I forgot the time," she said, twisting her head around to look at him.

She pretended not to notice the unhappy expression on his face.

Kerr could easily tell how alarmed she was, but he just looked out the window without responding. He didn't pay any attention to her during the entire car ride. Anyway, he knew she wouldn't be able to hide for the rest of her life.

Nicole was pleased that Kerr wasn't going to blame her. She breathed a sigh of relief and nodded to Jared with a smile.

Jared smiled back without thinking, but when he sensed the chilling aura coming from Kerr, he quickly turned his focus to the road ahead and ignored Nicole.

They reached their destination in Good Times. Once the car slowed to a stop, Nicole got out with Kerr. This was the second time she was coming here, and she felt somewhat overshadowed.

"Don't worry. I won't let you get hurt again," Kerr whispered to her, taking her hand and giving it a gentle squeeze to reassure her.

He had begun to unconsciously notice her every move.

"Thank you for your concern, Mr. Gu," Nicole replied impassively, pulling her hand away and stepping back.

Then, she politely pointed forward with her arm, ushering him into the building.

Kerr didn't want to make things difficult for Nicole, so he just walked forward.

The room where the meeting was held was already full, and when Kerr showed up, everyone kept si

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

Although she didn't know what kind of drug Sunny had given the waiter to mix into the drink, she had a guess.

Without thinking, she took Kerr's hand and pulled him out of the private room in spite of all the people around them. She didn't want him to lose his composure in front of so many people.

Kerr silently followed behind Nicole. A smile crept across his face as he saw the worried look on her face. He was expecting what would happen between them next.

Out loud, he said, "Why are you in such a hurry?"

He stopped and gave Nicole's hand a tug, pulling her into his arms. Then, he put his chin on her shoulder and felt his body temperature rising as he breathed onto her.

"I think you misunderstood. I wasn't the one who?—"

But before Nicole could finish her sentence, Kerr directly kissed her on her red lips.

Nicole's eyes widened in surprise. Feeling his hot body on hers, she tried to push him away, but he was too strong.

"Kerr! Wake up!"

she yelled, pinching his face to bring him back to his senses.

"Nicole, what are you doing?" Sunny asked loudly, walking over to them at this moment.

She had been waiting at the end of the corridor, but as soon as she had seen Kerr being dragged out of by Nicole, she had known that there must be something wrong.

Chapter 77 Admit That You Love Me

Sunny had planned this for a very long time. She definitely couldn't let Nicole swoop in at the last minute and reap the reward!

Nicole, however, tightened her grip on Kerr's hand and broke into a run as soon as she heard Sunny's voice. She pulled him into the elevator and quickly pressed a button.

"Nicole, where are you going with Kerr?!" Sunny screeched as she ran to the elevator, but it was too late.

The elevator doors closed smoothly, blocking out Sunny's voice.

Nicole finally breathed a sigh of relief, but she was only able to relax for a moment.

After all, Kerr was still drugged. He could feel the drug swallowing his sanity, but he made no attempt to fight it.

Instead, he pushed Nicole to a corner of the elevator and pressed his hand on the wall next to her face. Then, he lowered his head and kissed her passionately.

He was strong enough to resist the effects of the drug, but when it came to Nicole, he didn't want to.

The elevator stopped at the first floor. When the doors opened, Jared was astounded by what he saw.

"Mr. Gu..."

Upon hearing Jared's voice, Nicole put her hands on Kerr's shoulders and tried to push him away.

However, he was so strong that he didn't even budge.

It was only when she felt like she was about to suffocate that he finally pulled away and gave her a chance to breathe.

"Mr. Kang, hurry up! Pull him away!"

If she didn't escape from Kerr right now, she had a feeling that he would never let her go.

"Director Ning, what happened to Mr. Gu?" Jared asked hesitantly as he stepped forward.

However, he didn't dare to touch Kerr or pull him away.

Having been with Kerr for a long time, he knew him well, so he directly walked into the elevator and pressed the button that would take them to the floor of Kerr's private suite.

"Hold on, Director Ning,"

he said comfortingly.

Realizing she was on her own, Nicole placed on her h

on Kerr's bed, an unspeakable depression grew in her heart.

That was why she was in such an awkward situation in the first place.

"Then why are you the one in my bed in the end? Why did you stay?"

Kerr didn't care who had drugged him. The only thing he knew for sure was that the woman in his arms right now was the woman he had had his eyes on for a long time. It didn't matter how they had ended up here. This was the result that he had always wanted, so he could allow a little mistake to happen in the process.

"I..."

Hearing his question, Nicole did not know what to say.

Was it just that she didn't want to see Kerr fall into Sunny's trap? Or was this what she really wanted? She didn't think either of those reasons was the right reason, but she really didn't want the events of last night to bring them together.

"Is it because you didn't want me to be with Sunny? Admit it, Nicole. You've fallen in love with me,"

Kerr said firmly, as if he had already known what was on Nicole's mind. Only if she cared about him from the bottom of her heart would she be so bold as to disclose what Sunny had been planning.

The smile on Kerr's face left her speechless. When she heard him say those words, she felt like her thoughts were exposed for the world to see.

Chapter 78 She Wants To Leave

Her mind was unclear, but with everything that had happened, she couldn't admit her feelings for him. She refused to admit anything. She barricaded herself well for so long. A seedling of doubt in her heart couldn't break that down so easily. Right?

"Mr. Gu, you are thinking too much. We are both adults. You were drugged and had no control over your actions, it was all an accident. There's no need to take it seriously. I won't, and I believe you won't either, right?"

She propped herself up to get out of the bed, but Kerr stopped her.

He put his hand on her shoulder, leaned forward and looked at her with firm eyes.

"Nicole, look into my eyes and tell me you don't love me!"

He knew that Nicole was avoiding his question. Anyone could see that she had her own worries, but what could it possibly be? Was it Jay? Baron? Or perhaps someone, or maybe something else, that he wasn't aware of?

"Couldn't you at least give me an answer?"

"I..." Her voice trailed off. Looking at Kerr's affectionate eyes, she felt a little guilty. She couldn't even say that she didn't love him without hesitation. She simply looked away.

She didn't know how to face Kerr. She didn't even know the depth of his emotions, let alone whether or not they were true. She knew it was a hole she wouldn't be able to get herself out of if she was in too deep. Unlike Kerr, she was naive, and she couldn't make herself too vulnerable.

So if this was or wasn't a trap, she wasn't going to sink into it.

"Mr. Gu, there's nothing else to it. I just wanted to thank you for what you've done for Jay. I don't want to see you be set up. That's all."

Nicole didn't look at Kerr. She simply replied as calmly as she could and tried to squash her emotions deep down.

"Director Ning, you are so kind. It seems that I have seen things in a way I shouldn't have. Don't worry, I will compensate you for what happened last night. As long as Director Ning asks, I will grant it, you have my word."

He released her arm and lay beside her, and stared at the

n the past seven years, she didn't know how many women Kerr had, and he even forgot her.

But now when she looked at Kerr, she realized that she had already let him enter her heart.

Closing her eyes, she didn't want to let herself overthink. For now, she'd let her guard down for a bit. She slowly leaned against Kerr. Perhaps this was the last time she got so close to him.

Pathetically, when she found that she was in love with Kerr, she had already decided to leave him.

As the night fell, the woman in his arms had disappeared when he opened his eyes, just like what the woman from seven years ago did. He felt a loss in his heart.

Except this time, there was nothing left on the night table. By instinct, he thought of Nicole as the lost girl from seven years ago.

"What's wrong with you? Why do you look so tired?"

Baron looked at Nicole in the car. Obviously, she looked tired. She didn't have a good rest and seemed to be in a very low mood.

"No, I'm just a little bit busy with my work recently. How about you? The bidding is approaching. Have you decided on your wedding date yet?"

She decided to avoid talking about her current state and turned to look at her friend to direct some questions about his life.

Again, she ran away from Kerr. She didn't know how to face him when he woke up, as she didn't know how to face her heart.

Chapter 79 A Reunion With Avery

"What wedding date? Don't make fun of me. I'm already busy enough. Fortunately, the bidding is going to start soon, so I'll be able to use it as an excuse to stall off my mother."

Baron felt helpless as he said it.

He wasn't expecting his mother to be so determined this time. He even considered going out and distancing himself from it all for a while, but avoiding the problem wouldn't solve it for him. Not to mention that Nicole was still there.

At least she was already past what happened at the party, which put his mind a little at ease.

"Ok, don't be so picky about girls. I think Miss Chen's a nice girl. She's kind and generous, and a good match for you."

Nicole looked down at her watch and suddenly remembered she had an appointment with Avery Lin that day. She then turned anxiously to Baron.

"Holy crap! Baron, take me to that restaurant we often go. I've completely forgotten I had an appointment today."

Noticing how restless she was, Baron nodded as he turned the steering wheel and picked the road towards the restaurant.

"Who is it?"

Baron wasn't used to seeing Nicole anxious about anything. As far as he could tell, she would only get apprehensive within matters which regarded Jay.

"You should come with us. We haven't seen each other for seven years, but she's my best friend. She's the daughter of the Lin Group's CEO and quite a beautiful woman. Her name's Avery Lin. I think you'll like her."

Nicole's eyes lit up with hope. If Baron wasn't interested in Maggie, he could be in Avery. Who knew if they weren't each other's fate?

Baron shrugged in response.

"How beautiful? As much as you are?"

Baron had come across with many beautiful women, but no one compared to Nicole. He would never forget the moment he first saw her.

"She's more beautiful than I am, actually."

Growing up with Avery, Nicole knew her well.

Baron parked the car in front of the restaurant and

it happened. But when I got at the airport, you had already left.

After you were gone, people started to forget about the Ning Group. There wasn't any news about your stepmother or your sister anymore. Then, I went to find Aunt Sandra and asked her about the events of that year.

She's your father's wife, so I thought she might've known something about her husband's business. But she refused to mention or look further into any of it."

At the time, Avery thought Sandra was still grieving her husband's death, so she didn't ask her more. However, later she started to realize it wasn't so simple.

"Maybe Aunt Sandra just didn't want to mention my father's death again. It all happened so sudden. She must have felt so alone. My sister was still too young and I also wasn't around, she was probably under a lot of pressure," Nicole sighed.

Every time she was reminded of how everything happened, Nicole felt guilty towards Sandra and Bonnie. Even though Sandra wasn't her real mom, she had lived with her for over ten years and regarded her as a family member.

"That was what I also thought at the time, but later, I found that it wasn't that simple."

Avery raised her head and glanced at Baron. During their whole conversation, he'd been sitting opposite to her in silence.

Chapter 80 Dog Bite

Avery was wary of Baron's presence with what she was about to say to Nicole. The Fang heir noticed it and decided that he should probably leave. "Nicole, it looks like you two have something very important, and quite sensitive, to talk about. I'll go ahead, I just remembered that I still have a few phone calls to make."

Baron rose from his seat and was about to leave, but Nicole stopped him.

"Take a seat, Baron."

She turned to look at Avery and reassured her that Baron could be trusted.

"Avery, Baron is a good friend of mine. He could help us. He's helped me so much since we were in Manhattan. Don't worry, there is no need to hide anything from him."

She knew that Baron was always reasonable and she trusted him as her friend. She just had to reassure Avery of that confidence. With a sigh, Avery nodded in response, looked directly at Nicole and began,

"Alright, so after the Ning Group fell apart, I thought that Aunt Sandra didn't have a job. Since Bonnie was still really young, I figured I should try to help by sending some financial aid. But when I went to see her, I accidentally saw that your stepmother was talking to a man and they seemed really close, suspiciously close.

I followed her in secret. I saw them enter a hotel, and it took long before they came out. After that day, I sent someone to follow her around for some time. I was worried that the reporters would bother her at first, but I accidentally took a picture of her and that man together in the picture.

I did a background check on the man and found out that he was the CEO of the He Group—Daniel He."

Nicole looked at Avery who was a little embarrassed as she explained. Although Nicole was surprised at what she had heard, her face remained stoic.

"My father passed away, and Aunt Sandra and Bonnie had to survive somehow. My stepmother needed to find a person she could rely on."

Nicole knew she couldn't really blame her stepmother for doing what she did. It was the most reasonable course of action. But she was rather uncomfortable with the fact that so soon after her father's death, her stepmother found a way out for herself.

However, she had been acquainted with the fickle and cold side

Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

To take her revenge, she married the man, and used him.

"As long as I'm alive, I'm still his legal wife, while all of you are just his mistresses."

She remained adamant even when he was involved in scandals with other women.

Eventually she stormed off after she learned that he had betrayed her again. But life brought her back to him a few years later, to his astonishment.

ed her mouth with a napkin with one hand, and tidied up her long hair behind her ear with the other to cover the hickey on her neck.

Damn it! When she took a shower in the morning, she found that her body was covered with hickeys, which could not be covered up at all.

"It's nothing. I was just bitten by a dog."

Nicole was clenching her jaw, which made Avery feel that she was going to get bitten next. She shook her head involuntarily, and when she glanced at Baron's gloomy face, she realized that she might have said something wrong.

Maybe the hickey on Nicole's neck was not left by Baron.

Baron cleared his throat and simply said, "I will take you to the hospital to get a rabies vaccine after lunch."

He poured another glass of water for Nicole and put it in front of her. He spoke in a serious manner.

Looking at the guilty expression on Nicole's face, he knew that it must have something to do with Kerr.

He was getting anxious that Kerr would slowly slipping his way into Nicole's heart.

"Yes, you're right. She will be fine after getting vaccinated. Do you have any more work to do, Nicole?"

Avery tried to divert the topic quickly. She also felt a little embarrassed with the situation at hand.

"I'm fine. A little busy. I'm still competing with Baron, right?"

Feeling a little guilty with the turn of events, Nicole looked at Baron and changed the topic.

"That's right. You should work hard and focus on your work," Baron said.