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Chapter 1071 Promised to Marry Him

Mia was a very shy person by nature. Over the years, although Ridge had helped her become more outgoing, in situations like this, when Ridge kissed her, she still felt nervous to the point that her heart felt like it was about to jump out of her throat.

However, Mia had no intention of pushing Ridge away and never even thought about it for a moment.

Today, Mia didn't want to do anything. She just wanted to indulge herself completely.

In response to Ridge's kiss, Mia seemed to have poured all of her lifelong passion into this moment.

It was still Ridge's timely braking.

He was so excited by Mia's response that he could hardly contain himself.

If it weren't for a little bit of sanity left, Ridge would really devour Mia alive.

Hugging Mia tightly, Ridge looked at Ben and Tilly and said, "Uncle Lee, Auntie, don't worry. I will always treat Mia well and never let her suffer in this lifetime."

Tilly was already full of tears, as expected of the son-in-law she had chosen at first sight back then. He really deserved it.

Ben was utterly speechless, his daughter being taken away like that, and his wife being made to cry. Ben really wanted to beat the hell out of Ridge, that little jerk.

However, in the end, accepting the reality, Ben said, "Remember what you said today."

Ridge looked back at his parents and when he met Patrick's gaze, he still felt a bit nervous.

Ever since he was born, those two had never gotten along. They had always found pleasure in teasing and belittling each other.

However, at this moment, Ridge still said, "Dad, thank you."

Patrick's heart suddenly felt as if it had been poked by something.

Originally, he had planned out how he was going to settle accounts with Ridge after returning.

However, these words made Patrick's eyes well up with tears directly.

There was no reason for a parent not to love their own son.

Until now, Patrick really felt that his son had grown up.

Ridge looked at Aimee and said, "Mom, I took the liberty of assuming that you want a daughter-in-law."

Aimee said, "I hope that you and Mia will be happy forever."

Ridge nodded vigorously and held Mia's hand tightly, exerting some force unconsciously.

Mia was made to feel a little sore by him, but she didn't cry out in pain.

Her mood was also very excited.

Although her relationship with Ridge was assumed, everything seemed natural and she never thought about having any kind of ceremony.

She had already prepared herself for this moment. But now, Ridge had given her such a grand proposal that Mia couldn't calm down for a long time. Her mind was in a daze and many times she wondered if all of this was really happening.

However, the ring on her finger and Ridge's strength around her waist were telling her that yes, all of this was really happening. Ridge had proposed to her and she said yes.

Mia looked at Patrick and Aimee and said, "Uncle Patrick, Aunt Aimee, I will be very good to Ridge."

Ridge lowered his gaze to Mia again and his eyes turned red once more. He wasn't an emotional person but at this moment he couldn't control himself. The girl he loved had agreed to marry him.

Chapter 1072 Not Emanuel's Rival?

Aimee's birthday could be said to have been a success for many people. Ridge was the biggest winner, of course. After the birthday banquet ended, there was no pause as they immediately began discussing marriage plans.

Patrick didn't waste any time because he knew that if he gave Ben a chance to react, who knew what kind of trouble he would cause. Although Patrick wasn't happy that Ridge didn't give him any heads up before making such a big decision, since it was already done and dusted, they naturally had to make hay while the sun shines.

If his son couldn't propose smoothly and easily, then how could he expect himself to succeed in asking for their hand in marriage? Ben knew exactly what Patrick was thinking. If it were another time, he would have had a tug-of-war with Patrick.

However, today he really didn't have the energy. The key issue was that this shameless Patrick had completely turned into an all-out Hayden family mobilization force. Without even adding anyone else in the mix – just having members of the Hayden family present – it was already grandiose and felt like a gang of bandits instead of proposing; it was clearly eloping!

Eden and Damion were there just for entertainment purposes but River and Ash naturally fell into line with the Hayden family camp along with Douglas and Yael; they all became part of the Hayden family camp.

This made Ben seem particularly pitiful on his side. Eden and Damion couldn't stand by idly so they brought their whole families over to support Ben but unfortunately outnumbered by too much against them from the Hayden Family.

Nathalie quietly moved over to Emanuel's side asking softly, "If this were between us two instead, how would we calculate our own camps?"

Knowing her understanding about Ben well enough now, Nathalie said, "The situation is very dangerous."

However Emanuel hadn't been listening at all as his gaze lingered on Nathalie's face carefully studying every expression she made until Nathalie finished analyzing everything when Emanuel said, "You agreed."

There was a momentary confusion on Nathalie's face as she hadn't realized yet what she had agreed upon, but then her face turned red right after realizing what happened.

Without looking away, Nathalie said, "I just felt envious suddenly so I wanted to try too."

Emanuel repeated again,"You agreed."

Nathalie furrowed her brows and blushed even more deeply. She found that she really couldn't resist a man like Emanuel. He seemed to need a definite answer. Otherwise, he wouldn't understand anything at all.

Suddenly, Nathalie turned her head and looked at Emanuel, saying, "If you don't want me to agree, just say so."

Emanuel immediately grabbed Nathalie's hand and said, "Once you agree, you can't go back on your word."

"Who's going back on their word? Who wants to go back on their word?" Nathalie was angry and forgot where they were. Her voice suddenly rose.

In an instant, everyone's gaze turned towards them.

The whole room fell silent.

Even Ridge was dumbfounded. What did this mean? One tit for tat?

He stole Patrick's thunder and now Nathalie was stealing his thunder in discussing his wedding with Mia!

Nathalie finally noticed the gazes of the people around them and subconsciously wanted to retract her hand. However, her strength was no match for Emanuel's grip.

Chapter 1073 She Didn't Want to Stay in the Room

Patrick was lost in thought for a long time, his gaze fixed on Emanuel's hand holding Nathalie's.

Well, perhaps Patrick had suffered enough blows today that he was now very calm.

Not only was there calmness, but there was even a hint of tranquility in his heart.

This feeling was very mysterious.

He had gained a daughter-in-law and married off a daughter, which was very fair.

However, in hindsight, Patrick still felt that it was a heart attack.

And at this moment, Ben finally let out a particularly sincere laugh.

Patrick cast a sharp glance at Ben, who provocatively stared back at him.

Both of them were robbed of their precious daughter today, and neither of them fared better than the other.

Among the crowd present, there was one person with even more complicated feelings.

That was River.

He had previously speculated whether his son had feelings for Nathalie, especially since many members of the Knight family were sent by Emanuel to protect her.

But what Emanuel said at the time was that the business Miles talked to him about was something he wanted to keep in-house and not share with outsiders.

After all the effort, it meant that the benefits were kept within one's own circle and not shared with others.

However, now River was in a particularly awkward situation.

He was currently sitting inside the Hayden family camp, proposing to Ben.

In the near future, he will be the one proposing to the Hayden family.

Given Ben's personality, it would be good enough if he didn't seek revenge when the opportunity arose. It was impossible to provide him with support.

At this moment, River even felt that Patrick and Ben did not have it as bad as him today. He was the most miserable one.

Although Nathalie was a highly acclaimed celebrity, living in the spotlight and always being the center of attention, she remained humble and grounded.

But at this moment, she really can't stand these gazes.

Therefore, Nathalie decisively pulled Emanuel up and said, "You guys continue to discuss my brother and sister-in-law's marriage. As for us two, we will solve our own problems first."

After saying that, Nathalie grabbed Emanuel and ran out.

Nathalie ran forward with all her might.

She was never good at running, but she was okay with other sports. Whenever she ran, she just can't keep up.

Therefore, after only running a few hundred meters, Nathalie was already out of breath.

Emanuel was pulled over by her, and he didn't even feel like he had just been running when he saw Nathalie panting.

Nathalie looked up at Emanuel and said, "Is it my fault? Who doesn't go for a run every now and then? I'm just not good at it, so what?"

"It's okay," Emanuel replied. "I'll carry you."

Nathalie's eyes widened in surprise as she was lifted into his arms before she could even react.

Looking at her, Emanuel asked, "Where do you want to run to?"

Nathalie was dumbfounded. She didn't want to experience running; she just didn't want to stay cooped up in the room.

Tapping her foot impatiently, Nathalie said, "Put me down."

Emanuel complied obediently. Whatever Nathalie wanted him to do, he would do.

Looking around nervously, Nathalie spotted a bush and pulled Emanuel towards it.

Despite their tall statures, they both managed to squeeze into the low-lying shrubbery.

Nathalie sat down on the ground without hesitation and when she saw that Emanuel wasn't moving either, she pulled him down beside her.

Chapter 1074 He Still Doesn't Dare

Nathalie and Emanuel sat face to face, and Nathalie asked, "Do you really like me?"

Emanuel replied, "Yes."

Nathalie asked, "Then tell me, since when have you liked me?"

She had known Emanuel since birth but when it came to liking him, she could only think back a few years. When she was younger, she didn't have those kinds of thoughts.

"At fifteen," Emanuel said.

Nathalie frowned and said, "At that time I had just debuted."

"At that time I thought I was just a fan," Emanuel replied.

Nathalie accepted this explanation because at that time she had become the nation's sweetheart.

"When did you stop being a fan?" Nathalie asked.

"When I turned eighteen," Emanuel said.

Emanuel was eighteen and Nathalie was fifteen when Nathalie blossomed into a beautiful young woman. Most children experienced their first feelings of love around that age so it made sense.

"Why didn't you tell me?" Nathalie asked.

What Nathalie couldn't understand the most was why every time Emanuel saw her, he acted like he was angry with her as if she had done something wrong.

"I was afraid of scaring you," Emanuel explained.

"Do you know how scary it is for someone to be angry with me?"

"I never got angry with you," Emanuel protested.

"You did! That's why for awhile I avoided seeing you altogether."

This cut deep into Emanuel's heart. He knew exactly what she meant. For awhile there were times where Nathalie would see him, then quickly leave without saying much else afterwards. At the time he thought his feelings were discovered, which made her uncomfortable, causing such an extreme reaction from her part but now he realized that wasn't the case at all.

Back then he couldn't control his emotions nor could hide them either, so instead of risking revealing himself too soon or not knowing how to keep his emotions hidden properly caused him great pain during those times.

"I'm sorry about that; it wasn't intentional."

"It's okay; otherwise we wouldn't be having this conversation right now."

Emanuel stared at Nathalie intently while they talked.

Her expression was always so vivid, constantly grabbing at his heart.

Emanuel never thought of himself as a greedy person before. He would think about his future with Nathalie, but only on rare occasions did he allow himself to do so. Most of the time, he was very restrained and didn't dare to let himself think too much.

He knew that people were greedy and once that desire emerged, it would be uncontrollable. He would rather suffer forever than allow himself to do anything that could hurt Nathalie.

Therefore, most of the time Emanuel suppressed his emotions.

Now Nathalie sat face-to-face with him and asked him these questions. Emanuel even felt like it wasn't real. He didn't even dare blink his eyes for fear of misunderstanding her intentions.

In fact, Emanuel really wanted to touch Nathalie but he still couldn't bring himself to do it.

Chapter 1075 There Will Be Many Intimate Scenes

Nathalie felt a little embarrassed under Emanuel's gaze. Even though she was used to being stared at by all kinds of eyes, she couldn't resist Emanuel's gaze. She rarely felt this shy, but his stare made her blush and feel hot.

Nathalie raised her hand to cover Emanuel's eyes and said, "Don't stare at me like that."

Emanuel replied, "You look good."

Nathalie's heart was once again struck by his words. If she didn't like Emanuel, hearing him say something like that would make her speechless. However, now Nathalie was very clear that she liked Emanuel. This meant that no matter what he did or said around her would make her happy.

Nathalie took back her hand and met Emanuel's gaze before saying, "I've been thinking about it these past few days and I think I also like you. Otherwise when you scolded me earlier, I wouldn't have been so angry."

"I didn't scold you," replied Emanuel.

Upon hearing this, Nathalie frowned in a petulant manner and said, "I'm telling you that you did!"

Emanuel stumbled over his words because he really didn't remember ever scolding Nathalie before. But as Nathalie had said it, then it must be true.

"I'm sorry," apologized Emanuel. "I won't do it again in the future."

Once again Nathalie found herself being charmed by him without even realizing it. She had wanted to act tough but with just one sentence from him, she couldn't help but soften up towards him.

"Have you ever secretly dated someone?" asked Nathalie

"No," answered Emanuel truthfully. If Nathalie wasn't interested in dating him, then he had already accepted the fact that he wouldn't date anyone else for the rest of his life.

Nathalie snorted softly before saying, "Well, I think you're pretty good at flirting."

Emanuel remained silent. He didn't know what "flirting" meant nor did he know which sentence made Nathalie think so. But Emanuel only had one principle: whatever Nathalie said was right. So if Nathalie said he was good at flirting, then indeed he must be good at flirting. Nathalie also realized how much influence she held over Emanuel; whatever she said went!

With a twinkle in her eye, Nathalie continued speaking, "There are some things I need to explain first. I may say I like you, and want to try dating, but due to my job nature, it won't be possible for us to go public anytime soon. It might take until my thirties or forties before we can go public. Do you think, you can handle waiting?"

"I can take it," Emanuel said.

He didn't care about those things at all, what he cared about was only Nathalie.

Nathalie said, "If I don't make it public, it means that besides our own people, everyone else thinks I'm single and there will be many people pursuing me. Men and women will both come after me. Can you handle that?"

Emanuel was not speaking.

He couldn't answer this question.

The answer was naturally that he can't handle that.

However, if he said he can't handle that anymore, then he will force Nathalie to come out publicly.

He knew how much Nathalie loved her job and how driven she was in her career.

If something must be sacrificed, Emanuel can be sacrificed.

However, if he saw someone else pursuing Nathalie, he really can't do it.

Nathalie suppressed the laughter that was about to well up and continued, "Oh, by the way, when I'm acting, there are a lot of intimate scenes. Can you handle that?"

Chapter 1076 Really Promised to Be with Him

Every question Nathalie asked seemed to stab a knife into Emanuel's heart. He really had no way to answer them. If he had to give a answer, it was naturally unbearable. But what could he do? Force Nathalie not to do this job anymore? How was that possible? Nathalie had been in the business since she was twelve years old, and even with Miles and Matilda protecting her, she had suffered so much before achieving her current success. Emanuel knew this very well.

It was precisely because of this that for Emanuel, he actually cherished her career more than Nathalie did herself. However, he wasn't a generous man.

In fact, on this matter, he was very stingy. He liked Nathalie and loved her; his possessiveness towards her was very strong. However, he couldn't express his possessiveness directly – it would be forcing Nathalie.

The one thing Emanuel would never do in his life was make Nathalie compromise or back down on anything. But at the same time, it wasn't possible for him to generously say that he didn't care about it either.

For a moment, the issue seemed stuck in an impasse.

Nathalie waited half a day for Emanuel's response before chuckling softly and saying, "If you're like this, then I really have to wonder if you don't actually like me."

Although Nathalie hadn't experienced any serious romantic relationships before now (although she'd acted them out), even those adolescent relationships were forms of love where both parties were extremely selfish.

Emanuel made Nathalie feel as though no matter what she did or how unreasonable the request may be, he would agree with everything just so long as it meant helping her achieve what she wanted. But by doing so, they were only enabling each other's selfishness without considering how their actions affected one another.

After remaining silent for quite some time, Emanuel finally spoke honestly, "Nathalie, I can't tell you I don't care because I really do care. I can't stand hearing these things from you, and when I see you holding hands with someone else on stage, it makes me angry."

"But, I know how much your career means to you, and if I love you, then accepting your career should come along with loving who are as well. So please forgive me, but saying that I'm not bothered by all of these things is something I cannot say."

God knew how disgusted he felt when he said these words. He felt like he was kidnapping Nathalie by forcing her to choose between her career and him. No matter how noble his words sounded, it couldn't change the truth inside.

Emanuel didn't look at Nathalie anymore. Instead, he lowered his eyelashes to cover his gaze.

Nathalie listened carefully to Emanuel's words and suddenly burst out laughing.

"Congratulations, you barely passed," Nathalie said. "Although I forced you to say it, I appreciate your honesty. If you had told me that you were generous and didn't care about this, then I wouldn't have chosen to be with you."

Emanuel suddenly lifted his eyelids in shock as he looked at Nathalie.

Did she really agree to be with him?

Chapter 1077 It Seems Like You Want to Kill Me

Nathalie looked at Emanuel and said, "I do care about my career, but I won't limit myself to it. Right now, I make a living off of my fans. Maybe being in a relationship will have some impact on me. It might disappoint some people or even lead to attacks against me. But the truth is, I don't really care."

Emanuel felt heartbroken just hearing that someone might attack Nathalie.

Sensing his distress, Nathalie gave him a reassuring smile.

"Do you know why I took three years off work to go back to school?" she continued.

Emanuel didn't answer.

"It's because I don't want to be just an idol or a female star," Nathalie explained. "Those are all titles given by others who like me and can easily take them away when they don't like me anymore. But the skills I've learned are what keep me going in this industry. I simply enjoy being an actress and not being worshipped or making money in showbiz."

"So, I study in peace for three years. When senior year begins, I'll go back to filming. At that time, I can honestly say that I really is an actress."

Emanuel was deeply moved by her words.

It was the first time he had heard Nathalie talk about her dream of becoming an actress so passionately.

But after listening to her story, Emanuel blamed himself even more for not confessing his feelings earlier or waiting for a better time instead of adding pressure on Nathalie while she was still working hard towards her future career goals.

Nathalie noticed Emanuel's expression and understood what he was thinking right away.

Feeling helpless herself now, she reached out and held his hand saying, "I told you all this not because you should feel bad for putting pressure on me, but I'm not feeling bad myself."

Emanuel squeezed her hand tightly as he realized how greedy he had become with wanting more from their relationship than before.

He wanted nothing more than staying by her side forever now that he knew how much she meant everything she said about pursuing acting as opposed to fame or fortune in show business.

Nathalie felt Emanuel's strength and continued, "I'm saying this to tell you that I don't care about what others think of me, I only care about what matters to me."

Emanuel was moved.

He can imagine what Nathalie was going to say next.

Nathalie said, "You are also someone I care about."

Emanuel's eyes suddenly became moist, but his heart felt a sour ache.

Nathalie said, "If you're ready and only care about me, let's try dating."

Emanuel gave a jerk, pulling Nathalie straight towards him.

Nathalie let out a soft cry, but the next second, she slammed directly into Emanuel's chest.

Her fingers poked at Emanuel's chest, causing a sharp pain.

Nathalie said, "Do you really like me? You look like you're going to kill me."

Chapter 1078 They Seem to Have a Natural Soul Connection

Nathalie held her fingers up in front of Emanuel's eyes, the tips of her fingers red from being squeezed too tightly.

Emanuel took her hand in his and said, "I'm sorry. I just wanted to hold you."

Nathalie understood now. She had been overthinking things earlier. If Emanuel had ever been in love before, she would have written his name backwards.

"You can't be a little gentler with me?" Nathalie asked him. "I want to be your girlfriend."

"Teach me," Emanuel replied.

Nathalie scoffed and said, "That's a dangerous thing to say. Usually when a woman teaches a man something like that, he ends up becoming someone else's man."

Emanuel furrowed his brow at the convoluted statement.

"I only love you," he said firmly while looking into Nathalie's eyes.

She was taken aback by how serious he sounded when she was just teasing him moments ago. Was this really appropriate? But Nathalie had grown accustomed to the way Emanuel spoke – even though it could be confusing at times – because whenever he spoke earnestly like this, it stirred something within her heart that she couldn't quite explain.

She liked feeling this way around him.

Without any more fussing around with Emanuel, Nathalie straightened up and adjusted her sitting position so that she was closer to him than before – close enough for their breaths to mingle if they leaned forward even just slightly more towards each other's faces.

Looking directly into Emanuel's eyes again, Nathalie asked, "So will you try being my boyfriend?"

"Yeah," came the simple response from Emanuel.

It was such an uncomplicated answer but it made Nathalie smile anyway as she moved closer still until their noses touched.

"Nice meeting you then...boyfriend," Nathalie whispered without opening her mouth yet.

Her lips were tantalizingly close now; they kept parting and closing as if inviting Emanuel for a kiss which sent blood rushing through his head, making it hard for him think coherently anymore except one thought – kiss her! Kiss her!

With what little restraint he had left, Emanuel asked hesitantly, "Can I kiss you?"

Nathalie smiled coyly back at him saying, "What if I say no?"

"It's too late," replied Emanuel already leaning forward capturing those lips of hers with fervor!

The person he had been longing for day and night was now in his arms, and he was kissing her lips.

All of this felt so unreal.

However, the sensation on his lips was telling Emanuel that he wasn't dreaming.

All of this was real.

Emanuel's kisses lacked any technique, and sometimes even caused Nathalie some discomfort.

However, Nathalie couldn't help but wonder if she was seeing things. Otherwise, how could she feel so fascinated.

When Emanuel was willing to let her go, she still hadn't gotten enough.

Of course, Emanuel was the same.

He tried hard to restrain himself and let go of Nathalie, just because he didn't want to be too excessive and cause any bad feelings for Nathalie.

However, in this aspect, they seemed to have a natural soul connection.

They didn't know how long the kiss was before Nathalie finally couldn't stand it anymore and fell softly into Emanuel's arms.

Both of them remained silent and quietly savored the moment.

Chapter 1079 Find out One by One

After Nathalie regained her strength, she pulled away from Emanuel's embrace.

She took out her mobile phone and said to Emanuel, "Let's take a picture together."

Emanuel used to hardly take any photos, but now, at Nathalie's request, he naturally went along with it.

Nodding his head, Emanuel let Nathalie fiddle with it. Whatever pose she wanted, it was up to her.

Nathalie seemed to be particularly fond of Emanuel who listened to everything she said.

Although he was a person with a strong personality, it seemed like he had let go of everything here.

Nathalie found an angle and took dozens of photos in a row.

Finally, she took another background picture with Emanuel.

She didn't want so many people to see Emanuel's face.

Emanuel didn't know what Nathalie wanted to do, and he hadn't asked. Anyway, whatever she wanted, he will cooperate.

Nathalie ultimately chose that background image.

She edited a tweet and sent it out.

Nathalie tweeted: Childhood sweetheart, inseparable and destined for each other. He loves me so much and I love him just as much.

At the moment Nathalie sent out the tweet, Emanuel's phone rang.

It was the notification sound that the tweets he should pay special attention to.

Nathalie was speechless.

She looked at him in astonishment, blinking her eyes as if she couldn't believe it, and asked incredulously, "You also have a Twitter account?"

Emanuel finally became a little uneasy.

He said, "To follow you."

Nathalie was particularly happy and laughed with great joy.

It was known that her brother Ridge hadn't even followed her.

Nathalie hugged Emanuel tightly and nuzzled her little face against his neck, saying, "You really love me so much."

Emanuel hooked his arm around Nathalie's waist and opened Twitter. After seeing Nathalie's tweet, a smile appeared on his usually stern face that he didn't even realize was there.

Of course, Emanuel would be even happier if he didn't see Nathalie's Twitter comment.

Nathalie released Emanuel and leaned over to his phone, taking a quick glance before snatching it from his grasp.

"Hey, don't look at it. There's nothing interesting here. I'm already used to it," Nathalie said.

Before Nathalie decided to post her tweet, she already anticipated what the comments would be like.

Actually, it was a little better than she imagined.

Emanuel said, "Sorry, tell me, what should I do?"

Emanuel did as Nathalie asked, he could hug and kiss her, but how to comfort her? He didn't know how. Nathalie couldn't help but laugh at his awkwardness and hugged Emanuel's neck. "Just being with you is enough for me. You make me happy and forget about all those negative voices," she said.

Emanuel held onto Nathalie tightly around the waist. If he were to handle it himself, he might resort to a more aggressive approach and confront those who spoke ill of them one by one.

But that wouldn't be good for Nathalie, so even if he wanted to do it that way, he couldn't.

For now, all Emanuel could do was hold her close like this.

Chapter 1080 The finale

Nathalie's announcement of her relationship caused quite a stir. She had been receiving criticism for years, especially after returning to the film industry following graduation and starring in a niche movie that didn't do well at the box office. Almost everyone blamed Nathalie for the movie's poor performance.

Despite some viewers acknowledging Nathalie's improved acting skills compared to three years ago when she was still in school, people were quick to label her as someone who prioritized love over career and used studying as an excuse.

Nathalie wasn't one to flaunt her relationship online or go on dates where she could be easily spotted by fans. However, rumors about their breakup circulated almost every month among netizens who created various versions of what happened between Nathalie and Emanuel. The most popular one claimed that Emanuel cheated on Nathalie.

Nathalie was fed up with all these speculations but chose not to engage with them. Instead, she focused on improving herself academically and professionally while enjoying her time with Emanuel whenever they could meet without being disturbed.

The decision to star in this particular movie was entirely hers. The director was a former teacher from drama school who had several excellent scripts but couldn't get them produced due to various reasons. This movie was one of them.

When Nathalie stumbled upon the script by chance, she fell in love with it immediately and knew how much people would regret not seeing it if it didn't get made into a film. So despite knowing that this might not be commercially successful, she decided to take up the role as part of her comeback plan while showcasing her acting abilities.

However, from its release until attending various film festivals afterward, Nathalie received harsh criticisms continuously until good news finally arrived: The movie won Best Foreign Language Film Award at a prestigious festival where Nathalie also won Best Actress Award!

This news sparked an online trend on Twitter: #IOweNathalieMovieTicket#.

Nathalie didn't have much of a reaction to this. She had thought it through before choosing this movie. It was a film that would leave a lasting impression on those who watched it, but it wasn't a commercial success.

That was why Nathalie didn't arrange for many screenings, even with Miles backing her up.

Now, having won Best Actress, Nathalie took the stage and graciously thanked many people while also explaining why she chose this particular movie. And then, at the end of her speech, Nathalie announced some big news: she was getting married tomorrow.

Two bombshell announcements in quick succession left netizens stunned.

Nathalie didn't pay attention to the online chatter though; she was ready to become Emanuel's bride.

The wedding took place at the festival venue with all their important guests in attendance. As Nathalie walked towards Emanuel arm-in-arm with Patrick, she felt truly happy in that moment.

Patrick had planned out what he wanted to say to Emanuel about taking care of and loving Nathalie but when it came down to it, all he said was "I'm entrusting her to you."

Emanuel looked back at him solemnly and replied "You can trust me."

With that exchange between two men complete – one handing over his beloved daughter into another man's care – Nathalie began a new chapter in her life walking hand-in-hand with Emanuel towards their happily ever after.

The applause and cheers from the audience faded away as they only saw each other now; Emanuel saying "I love you" as they walked together towards their future happiness.

As Patrick held Aimee's hand watching them walk away, his eyes were filled with bittersweetness yet also an unprecedented sense of satisfaction.

Aimee met his gaze and without needing any words exchanged between them, they both knew what each other meant by just one look.

"I love you."

"I love you."

There were no more moving words than these three simple ones.

Patrick lifted Aimee's hand up placing gentle kisses on them like he did when they first fell in love. Time may have moved forward but their love never changed.

Their grand wedding continued as two people who loved each other forever remained so until eternity.