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Chapter 891 A Mad Dog

Charli sighed in exasperation. "Indeed. He might likely lie to you for money. You would have fallen into his trap if you believed him."

Elisa smiled. "Forget it. Let's leave it for now. I'll have to take it slow for this."

She had never seen her mother. Though she had a strong urge to know about her, she had other matters to attend to. Hence, she planned to find out the truth altogether.

Charli nodded. "Okay. It's getting late. I'm heading back now. Take a good rest."

Elisa got up with her and sent her off.

she returned, she looked

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her friend,

her thoughts. She held her cutlery

she was, Veronica asked,

to her

and looked at Nicole. "Nothing? I don't believe

a crimson dress and put on some makeup. Even after dolling

I've been thinking about the

she started the

are

Chapter 892 She's Incredible!

"Is it serious?"

Nicole raised her head slowly and looked at Veronica coolly. "Wickam Group's private and confidential information got leaked. How serious do you think it is?"

"Good grief!" Veronica exclaimed. "Elisa is Black-Eyed Susan, isn't she?"

She's incredibly talented!

With Nicole around, she didn't dare to say it out loud.

Susan had been her idol. She had been impressed by her hacking

made sure of that. How could you allow that, seeing how long you've carried a torch for Gareth?" She felt slightly speechless before continuing, "I'm quite skeptical that Elisa would fool Gareth – he's such a sharp and smart person! Could he be using this to lure

"I think he's been quite lenient with Elisa because of his feelings. But Elisa is cunning

at a loss

know you've already given up on Gareth and even given him your

continued, "Also, your giving up is not helping Gareth. Didn't you want to protect him? This is your chance! Since he can't discern the truth, you should help him with

overstepping the boundaries? What if I

at a loss for

moment later, she said, "If that's the case, you need to stop here! I know you've already given up on Gareth and even given him your blessings because you want the best for him. Since that woman is up to no good, you

"Also, your giving up is not helping Gareth.

troubled. "Would he... think that I'm overstepping the boundaries? What if I got

* "Okay."

Both of them continued the meal. Veronica tried to find several topics for conversation, but Nicole was still distracted, only giving short replies.

It seems like Nicole is going to do something about it after all. She has always been cool-headed and classy. Yet, because of a man... Alas, I guess this is life.

They went shopping after the meal until they reached the said time.

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Two days later, Elisa's phone rang just when she was about to finish her morning work.

Looking at the number, her gaze flickered before she picked it up.

"Hello, Ms. Tabor."

"How do you know my number?" Nicole asked in surprise.

there anything

you free for lunch

vigilant as she wondered the reason behind that. Nevertheless,

I'll send the address to you

and

and Elisa went to the lunch spot
restaurant only the upper class would patronize; the average person wouldn't
there weren't
clients here for a discussion. It was a more appropriate setting
in the open area when she spotted Elisa. She gave her a nod with a smile, which Elisa
is unrelated to work since she didn't book a private
gave her the menu. "What would
fine with
her, and
waiter left, Nicole noticed Elisa had no intention of

Chapter 895 Unexpected Encounter

Nicole didn't care about Elisa's work; she was just being polite and trying to find a topic.
She nodded in reply. Judging by Elisa's lukewarm response, she knew Elisa wanted to draw a line
between them. They could never be friends.
It was undeniable that being friends with each other would be awkward.
Nicole liked Gareth for a long time, while Elisa was his ex-wife, who was still entangled with him.
Nicole attempted to control the conflicted feelings within her as she spoke, "I just want to have a casual
chat. I won't pry into your work, so you don't have to be so defensive."
Elisa arched her eyebrow upon hearing that. "I know you have always been quite clear between work
and personal life, and I never intended to be defensive."
Elisa had no clue what Nicole was planning. Nevertheless, she never trusted her and put her guard up.
to know more about your personal life, actually.
boss, that's
to ask about my personal
wanted to know more. It was different from her usual calm and
and looked at her. "What
fair question
"I'm sorry. It's just that I
slight nod. It's none

Looking back at Elisa, she smiled, "It seems like Gareth's grandmother likes you a lot. Has she been pushing for you guys

She paused. "Your family business started in the
that the rumors about Gareth sleeping with her and him

Chapter 896 That Damned Woman!

As Elisa was facing away from the door, she didn't notice the newcomers. On the other hand, Nicole was also deep in her thoughts, so she wasn't paying much attention to her surroundings.

Neither noticed the two men who had just entered the restaurant, but the guys saw them immediately.

Vincent was pleasantly surprised. He pointed at the girls and asked, "Look who's here!"

Gareth pursed his lips silently. I can see for myself.

Vincent smiled. "Should we join them?"

A frown appeared on Gareth's face. It didn't seem appropriate for him to interrupt their meal – he was generally well-mannered.

Nevertheless, his reaction had betrayed him – he stood still as though he was waiting for Vincent to convince him otherwise.

Vincent's lips twitched irritably upon seeing that. He had no words for Gareth but immediately walked to Elisa and Nicole.

coincidence!" Vincent

to look at him but instantly noticed Gareth

here! Does he know my plans with Elisa? Or is he here

wasn't the beautiful and intelligent person people usually regarded her as. She wanted to run away, yet turned around. When she saw Gareth walking

walking. That damned woman! I knew she wouldn't have anything

Elisa take that tone

shot a glance at Elisa before smiling

"I

that, he sat down

eat together?" he asked as though they knew each other

reply to her. I

frowned

to Gareth. "The ladies are here. It would be rude if you walked away right now. Come over! Their food has already arrived. You

Chapter 897 Don't Call Me That!

Vincent could tell that Gareth was about to lose it, so he quickly asked, "Why are you here? I don't see much interaction between both of you beforehand. Are you going to discuss a new project together?"

Nicole smiled. "If so, I would have booked a private room. I didn't have a lot of opportunities to get to know Ms. Bennett before this. In fact, I quite admire her."

Like Gareth, Nicole would eventually take over her family business, Tabor Group, which was on the same footing as Wickam Group. The way she said it made her seem superior and demeaning to Elisa.

She merely 'admired' Elisa. It was different from liking Elisa and wanting to be friends with her. She was not a hypocrite; she just wanted to lift Elisa up and had the authority to do that because of her background.

One couldn't tell that she was putting Elisa down from the natural smile on her face.

Nevertheless, Elisa smirked and ignored her.

She no longer wanted to be with Gareth. They were nothing more than colleagues at that point. Hence, she was not concerned with Gareth's romantic relationships, let alone Nicole's feelings toward him.

"Elisa, you are such a weird person," he commented

at him in confusion.

after you divorced Gareth, you were revealed to be the famous

all. Then, you appeared as Wisteria to spite me. Do you

froze after

angrily, "Yeah! Didn't you

tightly knitted together.

When would you teach

that, Elisa's frown deepened while

on purpose

lofty and disparaging remark just now, he revealed all of Elisa's hidden

tremendous difference was her family background, yet Elisa was

Chapter 897

Vincent was dumbfounded.

Gareth's dark face seemed to ease slightly at that moment.

He picked up his cutlery and continued eating silently.

When Nicole saw that he wasn't saying anything, her heart had an indescribable feeling of scorn. It hadn't been easy for her to eat with Gareth, but she never thought it would be because of Elisa.

But she had never been the type of woman with trivial thoughts. She had managed the company systematically for so many years. At the very least, she wouldn't reveal anything at this time. She smiled lightly and said, "Mr. Wickam."

Gareth's gaze fell on her.

He didn't say anything and was waiting for her to go on.

Nicole paused before she smiled and said, "You've been working with Ms. Benett recently, Mr. Wickam. Can you spare some time and come to Tabor Group for a partnership? Lately, there are two great projects that we need you to look over, Mr. Wickam."

side, who had no thoughts. Coldness streaked

moment, he nodded indifferently.

was slightly surprised. She never thought Gareth would agree so quickly. It looked like Elisa

and said, "What about later in

would be hanging with each other in the afternoon as

like an innocent invitation for Gareth that Nicole

start until the end. She didn't want to listen

grew. At the next

elated, but she just

everyone knew she liked Gareth, she didn't want to pressure him. Otherwise, Gareth would only choose to distance himself from her. This wasn't what

clearly had their own thoughts, but the air was harmonious. Everyone

the meal, no one said anything. Nicole cleverly chose to say

didn't want to talk to them. As for

hinted to by Gareth a few times

Chapter 899 Did He Drive?

After a moment's pause, Nicole thought of something and smiled. "Why don't you take my car? I'll go with Ms. Benett. After all, I need to go to Wickam Group."

Vincent was dumbfounded.

This woman is good!

That way, she will stop Gareth and Elisa from being together. It will also make her seem less aggressive and annoying.

Then again, it might not be what Gareth wants. Her suggestion may have displeased him.

Vincent glanced at Gareth and saw the man's grimacing dark face.

"Haha, we can't do that. Let me get the driver to pick us up."

Nicole was floored.

Vincent wasn't being very nice to her.

But she knew that Gareth... didn't like it.

Many times, Vincent would say things on Gareth's behalf.

Nicole smiled. "Alright."

she should step back

she was unwilling to, she had no

say anything. She smiled and nodded at

But.

to the underground parking lot to get out of

take my car? I'll go with Ms. Benett. After

cars were there, so they had to head in the same

two men, just as

the two women who had left. He turned to look at the man with a dark expression at his side, and with a half-smile, he said, "What should we do? Get someone

informed Thomas. It sufficed to say that he didn't plan

wasn't as simple as

didn't want to give him a

but Gareth didn't want to get into

conflicts of

of his lips couldn't help but curve. He liked seeing Gareth with a dark expression in a

Vincent could consider it further, Gareth went to the underground

instantly delighted, but he pretended to be clueless. He said, "Hey, I said that our cars aren't there, and Elisa doesn't want to give us a ride. Are you going to

no intention of entertaining Vincent and started

long after, they caught up with

at the man beside her, and her brows furrowed slightly. She had walked alongside Nicole, but Gareth was already by

Chapter 900 As Long as She Wasn't Involved

There would come a day when Gareth would stand beside her and give her everything instead.

No one would take her place!

With such thoughts, Nicole looked down and got into her car.

Not long after, Elisa reached her car.

When she walked to the driver's seat, Vincent suddenly ran over and opened the door.

He smiled at Elisa. "Let me drive! How can I let you drive while hitching a ride from you? Leave it to me!"

Elisa was dumbstruck.

When did she agree to give them a ride?

But Vincent didn't give Elisa a chance to say anything. He immediately got into the driver's seat.

Elisa's brows wrinkled slightly, and she walked to the backseat.

But she never thought that Gareth would walk to the other side of the backseat and get into the car.

Elisa frowned. She went to the backseat because it was closer to the driver's seat. She hadn't planned on walking to the other side of the passenger's seat. Furthermore, Gareth was on that side at the time.

But now...

She felt indescribably jittery and irritable. She was on the verge of booting the man. Since he'll work with Nicole, why didn't he get a ride from her? Why is he harassing me instead?

Vincent started the engine and sped off. He passed Nicole's car shortly.

He glanced at the Bentley behind him through the rearview mirror before looking at Elisa in the backseat. She had her eyes shut. "Why did Nicole ask you out today?"

Elisa kept her eyes shut and didn't plan on opening them. She answered with ease, "Just for a chat. She didn't say much."

"Didn't say much?" Vincent was astonished. "This woman has a motive behind every move. She's been managing Tabor Group for the past few years and has the best business tips and tricks. She will never waste her time on someone that doesn't benefit her. Why would Nicole meet you without good reason?"

Elisa's lashes trembled slightly. Yes. Vincent is right. Nicole isn't the type of person who wastes her time on someone without cause.

How could she not know what Nicole's intentions were? But Nicole might not necessarily believe her if she said too much, and she didn't want to waste her time.

Elisa opened her eyes and saw that Vincent was still waiting for her reply. Her lips twitched. "Why else do you think she came looking for me?"