

When She Stops Playing Nice Chapter 11

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'Why's she here?' Olivia's face darkened, "Why did she turn up like that? Is she trying to embarrass herself?"

Hazel sneered. "What's this? How did this hillbilly sneak in?"

Gina only realized then that there was a party going on. Why didn't "Neil" tell her?

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her with the two dark bottles of medicine. "Miss Miller, Mr. Jackson asked me to show yax into the inner

"Sure Gina nodded.

"Gina Hazel called out.

Gina turned to see Hazel and Olivia. She narrowed her eyes. "Why're you here?"

Hazel snorted coldly. "You're in the Jackson family's old mansion. It's Mr. Neil's birthday. Of course, Olivia is here. What about you, hillbilly? Did you climb over the wall?"

Olivia had told Hazel how Gina had bullied her at home. Hazel hoped Olivia would think well of her and match her to one of the Jackson family.

Hazel looked at Gina's simple outfit. It wasn't fashionable. Still, Hazel had to admit Gina's face was captivating. She still looked stunning despite her outfit.

Gina was surprised to hear where she was. She ignored Hazel.

Olivia pretended to be concerned. "Gina, why didn't you say you wanted to come? I could have brought you here and lent you a dress. It doesn't look good if you sneak in."

Gina snickered. She had already severed ties with the Miller family. "Who are you?"

Olivia's nails dug into her palm. She put on a pitiful expression. "Don't scold me, Gina... Olivia always put on a good show when there were people around.

Hazel stood up for Olivia. "Gina, you ingrate. Olivia kindly offered to lend you a dress. Why can't you appreciate it?"

The commotion caught the attention of some guests.

One of them said, "Hey, isn't that Gina? I heard she was originally engaged to Ethan."

Another pointed out, "She's just a hillbilly. How is she worthy of Ethan? Olivia is the educated one.

A third remarked, "I heard Gina is malicious and likes to bully Olivia. It's not like Olivia caused her disappearance. But Olivia never holds it against Gina. Olivia is so kind."

Olivia heard them and felt smug.

"Olivia, forget about her. Hazel looked at the servant beside Gina. "What're you doing? Kick her out!"

The servant felt bewildered and at a loss.

Gina looked at the unreasonable Hazel and frowned. "I'm here for the party."

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Hazel laughed mockingly. "Is that so? Where's your present?"

The servant quickly gestured to the two bottles. "Miss Gina brought these. The servant didn't know if the bottles counted as a present since there was only a dark liquid in those bottles.

Hazel looked disdainful. "What the hell are in those? Pig slop?" They looked cheap and weren't even wrapped. How ridiculous.

"How dare you show up with these?" Hazel picked up one of the bottles from the tray and smashed it on the ground.

The servant quickly stepped back and saved the remaining bottle. The bitter scent of the medicine spread in the air.

Hazel pinched her nose. "Gosh. It smells disgusting"

The people around them believed Hazel, condemning Gina for bringing pig slop.

One remarked. "She's made her family look like a laughing stock now.

Another added, "If she's my daughter, I'd have killed her long ago.

Hazel pointed at Gina. "Haven't you embarrassed yourself enough? Get out of here."

Several others chorused. "That's right. Scram!"

Somebody chimed in, "She's screwing up the party. If she doesn't leave, when Mr. Neil comes, he will be furious. Wouldn't she be worse off then?"

The others agreed

Just then, an old man appeared with his sandalwood cane. "Who dares to drive away my honored guest?"

Everyone was shocked.

Gina looked at Neil, recognizing him as the old man she had treated on the side of the road. It turned out he was Neil Jackson.

Everyone fell silent. They looked at Hazel.

Hazel paled. She trembled and stammered, "Mr. Jackson, it's a misunderstanding..."

"Was I talking to you?" Neil's face darkened. He looked at Gina and his expression softened. "Lass, what happened?"

Gina explained, "She smashed the medicine I was going to give to you.

Neil eyed the mess on the ground.

"What? Those are really for Mr. Jackson?" Hazel was horrified. Her legs felt weak. She said, "It's an accident. I didn't mean to."

Hazel looked nervously at Olivia, frantically signaling for help. She hoped Olivia might speak on her behalf.

Olivia reluctantly spoke, "Mr. Jackson, Hazel just wanted to see what was inside. But she didn't hold it firmly, that's why..."

Neil ignored Olivia. Olivia felt awkward.

The servant couldn't stand it anymore. Besides, she didn't dare to lie to Neil "Miss Baker did it on purpose."

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"Miss Baker also said plenty of nasty stuff, the servant added.

Hazel was almost crying. She prayed the servant would shut up.

"Who are you to be so rude to her? Throw her out. The Jackson Group will end all collaboration with the Baker Group now and forever, Neil ordered.

Hazel went white. She collapsed on the ground. "No. Please, Gina. I was wrong. Mr. Jackson, please don't do that. My parents will kill me." Her family had done much to get the collaboration with the Jackson Group. If she ruined it, her family would hate her guts.

The other guests were also shocked, but relieved they weren't Hazel.

Neil signaled to the servants. "Get rid of her."

Two servants dragged Hazel to her feet.

"Hold on," Gina spoke calmly.

Hazel was taken aback. The servants at her side froze too.

"You broke my medicine. You need to pay for it. It's 4 million dollars, Gina stated.

Hazel was stupefied. Where would she get the money? However, she dared not refuse before Neil. She gritted her teeth and agreed reluctantly. "Give me a few days. She lowered her head, her eyes filled with resentment.

"You can leave now. Gina nodded at the entrance. Hazel was escorted out.

Neil cleared her throat and spoke, "Please, enjoy your time. And if anyone disrespects her again, don't blame me for throwing you out too."

Olivia kept her head down. Was that directed at her?

Lass, don't stand around. Sit. Neil invited Gina to the inner rooms.

Everyone was shocked and envious. Only the main family and some close relatives could go there. Why did Neil like her so much?

Unaware, Cina followed Neil in. Olivia watched Gina, clenching her fists tightly.

Neil took Gina to the study.

There's one bottle of medicine left, probably enough for half a month. I'll prepare the other bottle within that time." Gina said first.

Neil listened attentively and nodded. "What medicinal herb do you need, girl? Let me know."

"You can't get them. Gina shook her head. She grew those medicinal herbs herself.

Taken aback, Neil asked, "Anything else I can help with? Let me know."

Sure. I'll tell you when I think of something. Gina nodded.

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Neil looked at Gina. Although her outfit was simple, she had innate grace and charm. He really liked her. Besides, Cina had saved him. If she could become part of his family, it would be great.

"Gina, I already know you're the biological daughter of the Miller family and the one who's supposed to be engaged to Ethan. If you want, I can give it back to you," Neil told her.

After Gina saved him from a heart attack, he investigated her and learned how her family ill-treated her and favored the adopted daughter. They even swapped the engagement to Olivia. Neil suspected the Miller family was out of their minds.

If Neil's wife hadn't arranged his engagement when she was alive and good friends with Gina's grandmother, Neil would have canceled the engagement.

Gina's eye twitched. She didn't want Ethan. "No. I think they're a good match. I give them my blessings. Trash should belong in the trash can. Gina didn't want anything to do with them.

Neil sighed regretfully. An idea appeared in his mind. He still had an unmarried son. However... Neil's face turned grave.

Gina noticed and asked, "Are you not feeling well? Let me take your pulse and check how you are, Mr. Jackson."

Neil extended his hand. "Alright."

Gina examined him and found everything normal. It seemed Neil had been following her advice. "It's the same. Take the medicine three times a day after meals."

"Sure." The usually dignified Neil turned into a kind and friendly old man before Gina. After some hesitation, Neil asked, "Gina, you are skilled in medicine. May I ask who you learned it from?"

Gina raised a brow curiously. Why would Neil ask? "I learned it myself."

Neil's eyes went wide.

"What's wrong?" Gina could tell Neil had something on his mind.

"I wanted to ask if you know a doctor named Genevieve," Neil asked.

Rumor had it that Genevieve was the sole heir of traditional healing arts and an excellent doctor. However, no one had seen her true appearance or knew her real identity. Finding her was nearly impossible. Money was useless. It took a lot of luck to

hire her.

Neil thought that Gina might be Genevieve's student. After all, Gina saved him using only a medical bag.

Gina lowered her gaze. "Why are you looking for her?"

"Well..." Neil frowned. "It's a bit delicate, lass. I can't say much."

Gina didn't press further. "Do you doubt my skills and want to find someone better?" Gina could understand that. However, Gina did not intend to reveal herself as Genevieve to Neil,

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"No, of course not!" Neil denied quickly. He even wondered if he had upset Gina.

Since Neil wasn't intending to switch doctors, Gina was unaffected. If Neil didn't want her help, he could say so.

"You can tell me if there's something else. No need to look for Dr. Genevieve, Gina hinted. It was the best she could do. After all, she didn't know Neil well. However, Neil was generous. He paid her 10 million dollars for her treatment last time and two million dollars for the medicine this time. In return, Gina was generous too.

"Sure." Neil nodded. "Hungry, lass? Let's go out to eat."

"Okay," Gina replied.

When Gina left the study, Ethan was shocked to see her. 'She couldn't be here because of the engagement, right?' he thought.

Ethan's heart skipped a beat. When Neil came out, Ethan asked hurriedly, "Grandpa, why is Gina here? Is she forcing me to marry her?"

Neil rolled his eyes. "Do you think you're that good?" Neil could tell Gina wasn't interested in Ethan.

Ethan was confused. Having seen Gina last night and again now, Ethan's mood plummeted. When he saw Gina sitting next to Neil, he was stunned

Neil was slightly embarrassed. "Is it too noisy, Gina? Shall I arrange a private room for us? We can eat there."

"No need Gina didn't think it was necessary.

“Okay. Let’s eat” Neil gestured to the food. “See anything you like? If not, tell me. I’ll get them to make it for you.”

“I’m not picky,” Gina replied calmly.

“Let’s eat then,” Neil said.

Gina respectfully waited for Neil to start eating before her. Neil noticed how meticulous she was. The more he with Gina, the more he liked her.

Just then, Gabriel called. Neil’s expression turned cold, He answered but waited for Gabriel to speak first.

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“Dad, I had someone deliver your present, so I won’t be back, Gabriel said. If he returned, his father would nag at him about marrying again. The two of them always argued when that happened. Gabriel didn’t want to ruin his father’s birthday party and thus, remained at the company working

“Why bother if you’re not here?” Neil was upset. He had Gabriel quite late in his life. Gabriel was now in his twenties and was the only one unmarried. His grandchildren were the same age as Gabriel. Neil was anxious to marry him off.

Gabriel was ruthless in business but cared about Neil. He didn’t want to argue when Neil was ill. He said, “Dad, you know my condition. Anyone would be worse off with me.

Gabriel suffered from a rare congenital illness and numerous internationally renowned doctors declared treatment hopeless. His muscles would atrophy and he would die before thirty.

Gabriel was now twenty–six. His body had begun deteriorating. His right pinky finger had stiffened.

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However, Gabriel wasn’t giving up. He used his health as an excuse to postpone marriage. Moreover, he had someone he wanted to protect.

Gabriel’s cold eyes softened at the thought of Gina. He had been undergoing secret treatments for his illness. Other than Neil, none knew. It was essential to keep it a secret as some might take action if they find out...

Gabriel had also been tirelessly searching for Genevieve. Unfortunately, she remained elusive. Even the high-reward, missing person task he posted on the hacker web was still up.

“Nonsense. Don’t make me yell at you. It’s not hopeless. Hurry back. I want to introduce you to someone.” Neil refrained from being too direct, especially with Gina nearby.

However, Gina focused on eating.

Gabriel frowned. Neil was matchmaking again. There would be plenty of single women from prestigious families at the party, which was why Gabriel didn’t want to attend. He didn’t have time to deal with them.

“Not interested, Gabriel refused outright.

Neil chided, “You just want to annoy me.”

A servant brought over a bottle of wine then. Neil signaled for the servant to pour him a glass. Gina spoke, “Mr. Jackson, did you forget what I said? You shouldn’t drink.”

Gabriel, who was about to hang up, froze. His pupils contracted. Was Gina at his house?

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Neil couldn’t be bothered with Gabriel then. He looked aggrieved. “Didn’t you say I’m recovering well? I’d only have a sip.” Neil gestured with his fingers.

Gina said firmly, “Not even a drop.”

Neil was disappointed. He waved his hand, signaling the servant to take the wine away. The servant was surprised. He had worked there for many years and Neil liked his alcohol. However, Neil listened to Gina this time. It was impressive.

Gina added, “And don’t be angry. It’s not good for you, Mr. Jackson.”

Neil’s anger dissipated with Gina’s concern. Happy, Neil returned to his call, only to hear Gabriel say, “I’m coming back.”

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Neil thought he had misheard. Before Neil recovered from his surprise, Gabriel hung up. "Did the brat wise up?" Neil thought. 'Well, whatever.' Neil looked at Gina with a smile. "Call me Grandpa, Gina. Mr. Jackson is too formal."

Gina couldn't bear to refuse. "I'll call you Grandpa Neil."

"Sure," Neil said.

They chatted for a while until they were interrupted. Ethan had brought Olivia to Neil. Ethan said, "Grandpa, Olivia had a gift for you."

Olivia placed the gift box on the table.

Neil didn't bat an eye. He asked, "Couldn't she give it to Isaac?" Isaac Hills, the butler, usually handled them. Presenting it to him was an attempt to curry favor.

Olivia felt awkward. Did Gina speak ill of her to Neil? She adjusted her mood and smiled. "Grandpa, I just want to wish you a happy birthday in person."

Neil eyed Olivia. "Grandpa? I don't remember I've such a granddaughter."

Olivia sucked in a breath, her face stiffening. She signaled to Ethan.

Ethan stepped up. "Grandpa, Olivia went into a lot of trouble for this gift. Take a look."

Neil was unfazed. "Go on then. Open it."

Olivia was relieved. She glanced at Gina who continued to eat. 'How pretentious, Olivia thought. When she returned home, she would tell her mother and brothers how Gina bad-mouthed her to Neil to make them hate Gina even more.

Olivia took the painting from the box and presented it to Neil "Mr. Jackson, this is Gena's latest work. I bought it for you as

soon as it was sold."

Neil's eyes lit up. His expression softened. Gena was his favorite painter. Neil loved collecting her works. Unfortunately, Gena rarely painted. Whenever a piece was created, it was immediately sold. Neil had people constantly monitoring Gena. However, it was difficult to get his hands on one.

How did Olivia manage it? Neil was surprised.

Olivia noticed the change in Neil and felt triumphant. She wasn't afraid of Gina badmouthing her when she had this trump card. She eyed Gina and snickered inwardly.

Neil took the painting and examined it. "How much did you spend on this? I'll have Isaac transfer it to you."

Olivia spoke, "No need. It's a present. You don't need to pay me back."

Gina's lips curved. "Indeed. Because it's worthless. The painting is a fake."

Gina's words shocked everyone.

Olivia's face changed instantly. However, she suppressed her anger and pretended to be wronged "Cina, I know you dislike me. I can overlook the things you did to me before. However, you can't defame me thoughtlessly."

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Olivia spoke vaguely about "the things Gina did", as though she was giving Gina a way out and being understanding.

Ethan's heart ached for Olivia. He pointed at Gina. "Gina, you're too much. Do you think it's true because you say so?" Ethan turned to Neil. 'Grandpa, she's here to stir things up. Kick her out."

Olivia retreated into Ethan's embrace, crying pitifully.

Gina glanced at Olivia. Olivia always used this weak and harmless demeanor to gain sympathy. The Miller family was particularly susceptible.

However, this wasn't the Miller family.

Weil's face darkened. He ordered Ethan, "Shunt up." Neil asked Gina, "Why do you say it's a fake? I've collected works by Ms. Gena. This piece does resemble her style."

Neil's tone was gentle. Ethan was furious. "How could Grandpa be so nice to her? What trick did she use to charm Grandpa?"

“Because Gena has not produced any works in the past year,” Gina stated.

Ethan snickered. “How do you know that? Did she tell you? No one knows when Gena released new works. Olivia put a lot of effort into buying an authentic piece. How can you defame her?”

Neil lost his temper.

“Shut up. Are you deaf?”

Ethan couldn't tolerate it anymore. ‘Grandpa, how can you believe her nonsense?’

Neil couldn't come up with a retort. Although he liked Gina, he couldn't be outrightly biased. If Gina couldn't prove it, it would be unfair to accuse Olivia.

“Why don't you ask?” A low magnetic voice rang out.

Gabriel was back. He strode to the dining table, his face falling on Gina. “Why didn't you tell me you're here?”

I didn't even know I'd be here. Besides, why would I tell you?” Gina thought. Out of courtesy, she didn't ignore Gabriel. “Does it matter? You see me now, don't you?”

Gabriel smiled faintly.

Ethan was dumbfounded. Why did it feel like Gabriel was quite familiar with Gina? What was going on?

Olivia first admired Gabriel's dashing face. She had never seen Gabriel before and thought Gabriel might be Ethan's cousin or something. But seeing that Gabriel seemed to know Gina, jealousy rose in Olivia

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No wonder Gina didn't react when Olivia provoked Gina with her engagement to Ethan, Gina had already found someone

better.

Neil was surprised. Gabriel knew Gina?

"Uncle Gabriel, who are you going to ask? Do you know Ms. Gena?" Ethan asked, bringing everyone back to the topic.

"Not personally," Gabriel replied coldly. However, Gabriel knew Anthony Campbell from the International Painting Society. Gena was the president of the International Painting Society and Anthony's teacher. Anthony would know about it

"Good. Then you can ask Mr. Campbell, Uncle Gabriel. But before that," Ethan glared at Gina and continued, "If it's real, you'll have to apologize to Olivia on your knees."

Gabriel's eyes turned to ice. He spoke sternly, "Have you forgotten what I said?" He had told Ethan to mind his words.

Ethan was startled by Gabriel's gaze. Gabriel looked like he wanted him dead. Ethan swallowed and pursed his lips.

Sensing the tension, Olivia played the mediator again. "No need. As long as I'm proven innocent, I'm good, even if Gina doesn't apologize. I know you hate me, Gina, and feel I stole everything that belonged to you. I'm hoping we can patch things up. Gina, I want us to be sisters, for real!"

Some servants who knew nothing started sympathizing with Olivia as she looked pitiful.

"Sure. Leave the Miller family and return everything that belongs to me, Gina responded with a half smile.

Olivia went speechless and could only cry.

Ethan wanted to smack Gina. Gina was disrespecting him by bullying Olivia. But Neil and Gabriel seemed to side with Gina. Ethan didn't dare act recklessly. "Grandpa, if Gina wrongly accuses Olivia, shouldn't she apologize?"

Neil looked grave and didn't speak.

Gina didn't want to put Neil on the spot. "If this is genuine, I'll apologize as you say. But that's impossible."

"Stubborn bitch, Olivia cursed. She didn't think Gina would know anything about paintings. She looked forward to seeing Gina apologize.

Ethan rolled his eyes.

Gabriel called Anthony.

Anthony answered. "Mr. Jackson, are you looking to buy some paintings for your father?"

"No. I've something to ask you." Gabriel put the call on speaker so everyone could hear.)

Anthony replied, "Sure. Go on."

"Did Ms. Cena create any paintings lately? Gabriel asked.

Anthony hesitated. "Honestly, Mr. Jackson, this concerns Ms. Gena's privacy. I can't disclose it. After all, Gena was mysterious.

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Gina raised a brow. "Tell them, Mr. Campbell. It's important."

The voice made Anthony jump. He cleared his throat. "Fine. Since you ask, Mr. Jackson, I'll tell you. Ms. Gena hadn't created any new pieces for nearly a year."

"Got it." Gabriel hung up and looked at Olivia sharply.

Olivia's knees went weak. How was that possible?

Neil's face turned glum. He threw the painting aside.

Alarm bells went off in Olivia's head. "I'm sorry, Mr. Jackson, I didn't know it was a fake. I was deceived. I wouldn't have given it to you otherwise. I didn't expect this,"

Ethan panicked too.

Neil didn't react much. "Stop crying."

Olivia's sobs halted.

“Go back and calm down. Neil told Olivia

Olivia would be seen as a laughingstock if she were driven out halfway through the party. However, Olivia knew she was at fault and couldn't beg for mercy. She hated Gina to the core. She would remember today's humiliation.

Before leaving. Olivia said pretentiously, “Mr. Jackson, please don't be upset because of me. I'm sorry

Neil wasn't upset. He thought Olivia interrupted his meal with Gina and should simply leave. “Hold on.”

Olivia turned around. her eyes bright. Did Neil change his mind?

“Take this with you.” Neil pointed to the fake painting.

Humiliated, Olivia took it. Ethan sent Olivia out.

Gabriel sat next to Gina. Gina was surprised. Why did he sit so close to her? It felt uncomfortable. However, since this was his home, Gina didn't comment.

Neil narrowed his eyes. Something was up. Gabriel was hiding something from him.

“Gina, you knew Gabriel?” Neil asked.

“Kinda. We met in school.” Gina had met Gabriel a few times, but Gabriel seemed to know her for a long time. Gina searched her memory but couldn't recall him. Nevertheless, she felt like she had forgotten something.

“I see. Neil dragged out his words meaningfully. Gabriel secretly had his eye on Gina yet lied to him about not wanting to marry. Neil cleared his throat. “Gina, are you dating?”

Neil was trying to help Gabriel. Hopefully, Gabriel didn't disappoint him and render his efforts in vain.

Gina replied calmly, “No.”

“That's good...” Neil realized he was too excited and changed his tune. “I mean, that's odd. You're so outstanding. There must be a lot of people pursuing you, right?” Neil was trying to tell Gabriel he had to impress Gina.

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