

After the Divorce CEO Realizes He's the Stand-In Lover By Madison King

Chapter 91 Maintenance

Julian frowned, lifting his eyelids coldly.

"Nana was invited by me. Are you trying to drive her away?" Linda's voice carried authority.

Having just come down from upstairs, she had searched around but couldn't find Nana. She had to ask someone to find out about the commotion that had happened downstairs just now!

Nana actually pushed Niki down?"

Linda clearly couldn't believe it, she must think Niki is playing tricks to frame Nana!

Later, I overheard a familiar acquaintance, Mrs. Ward, saying that Julian had already taken Nana away. This made me even more anxious. I immediately followed the directions given by the guests and found the place. As soon as I entered, I heard Julian wanting to drive Nana away.

When Julian saw Linda standing at the courtyard gate, his face changed, and the reproachful words he intended to say couldn't come out, "Mother, why are you here?"

"If I didn't come, you would mistreat Nana! Just because Nana has a good personality, you think you can treat her like this?" Linda couldn't be bothered to look at her son and walked straight towards Natalie.

"Nana, ignore him. Let's go."

Natalie looked at Linda, "Auntie, it's probably not suitable for me to stay here."

She finally had a chance to leave, but why did her aunt suddenly appear... this was such bad luck.

"Why is it unsuitable? You are the daughter-in-law of the Graham family. If even your presence at the banquet is unsuitable, then who is suitable?" Linda said, lips pursed.

Natalie pressed her lips together. She still wanted to leave this place immediately, "Auntie... I have already divorced Julian, so I'm no longer part of the Graham family."

“Let’s go!” Linda pretended not to hear her words and gently took Natalie’s hand. “You promised Auntie to attend the banquet. You can’t just leave midway, right? Auntie believes that Nana won’t go back on her word.”

Natalie sighed.

Seeing that Natalie couldn’t pretend anymore, Julian coldly spoke, “Mother, don’t let Natalie deceive you. She is not as innocent and obedient as she appears.”

Linda snorted, “I have a better judgment of people than you do. I don’t need you to teach me.”

“I haven’t settled the score with you yet for bringing that Niki seductress to the banquet without my permission.”

Julian frowned and instinctively retorted, “Niki is not a seductress.”

Linda cast a cold glance at Julian, “You’ve been deceived by her, so of course, you can’t see that she’s a

seductress.”

Couldn’t see the forest for the trees.

“Niki claimed that Nana pushed her, and you believe it without any thought? Don’t you use your brain? Who

would be so foolish as to start a fight at a banquet, just waiting to be accused by others?”

“Nana has endured your coldness for three years. As patient as she is, would she act so recklessly and give

others a chance to find fault with her?”

“Think about it yourself!”

Julian was momentarily stunned, wanting to retort, but his mother’s words as the words reached his lips,

he didn’t know how to respond.

Could it be that Niki wasn’t pushed by Natalie?

Without waiting for Julian to speak, Linda grabbed Natalie’s hand and said. “Nana, let’s go, ignore him.”

Linda held her hand tightly, and her warm gaze enveloped her, creating a certain feeling within Natalie.

She was taken aback.

The way Linda spoke softly reminded her of her mother once again.

It made her feel a pang of nostalgia Linda's actions were a means of protecting her.

In an instant, Natalie's earlier frustration due to Julian vanished.

She looked at Linda and nodded gently, saying. "Alright, let's go."

Julian's gaze lingered on the woman's retreating figure, his eyes filled with depth.

Inside the banquet hall, people were still bustling around as if nothing had happened.

Natalie followed closely behind Linda as they entered the venue.

Everyone's eyes turned towards her, almost simultaneously.

Niki, who was standing on the side, was the first to spot Natalie's presence. She glared at Natalie, who followed behind Linda, and her fingertips clenched into a fist.

Why did Linda believe in Natalie so much and protect her in every way possible? What had Natalie done to

Linda?

Linda clearly noticed those gazes and tightened her grip on Natalie's hand. "Nana, don't be afraid. Auntie is

right beside you," she reassured her.

Natalie raised an eyebrow and a slight smile appeared on her lips involuntarily. She nodded and replied,

"Auntie, I'm not afraid."

Niki's fists clenched even tighter, yet she still managed to smile so brightly?

After the two of them entered the banquet hall Julian also walked in with a cold expression. His naturally

aloof appearance combined with his complex emotions made it difficult for anyone to discern his thoughts.

When Niki saw Julian's figure at the doorway, her expression immediately changed. She hurriedly ran up to him, her tone filled with grievances. "Brother Julian! Where did you just go? Niki went out to look for you, but not only did I fail to find you, I almost got lost..."

Her voice was filled with a sense of helplessness.

Julian didn't respond as she had expected. His face remained unchanged, still cold.

"Brother Julian?" Niki felt anxious inside. It had only been a short while since he left, so why had Julian

become like this?

Julian continued walking without stopping.

Niki could only obediently follow his steps.

After a few steps, the man in front suddenly halted. Niki was walking with her head down and didn't notice his abrupt stop, resulting in her head colliding with his broad back.

"Ah..." Niki let out a soft cry.

"Tell me the truth. Did Natalie push you?" Julian disregarded Niki's reaction, his expression serious.

"Huh?" Niki was momentarily stunned but quickly realized the situation. "It was Natalie who pushed me,

Brother Julian."

She affirmed firmly.

Julian didn't say anything further upon hearing her response.

Niki started to feel anxious. She wanted to explain further, but she had no idea what Natalie had said to

Julian.

She was afraid of explaining herself and potentially saying the wrong things, so she remained awkwardly standing aside.

Julian's gaze turned towards Natalie not far away.

It was only then that he noticed she was wearing a black dress today. Her naturally slender and tall figure appeared even more delicate in the black attire, exuding an

indescribable sense of coldness that was completely different from the gentle Natalie of the past.

Deep in thought, he squinted his eyes, pondering something.

After what seemed like a while...

Julian finally withdrew his gaze and looked at Niki. "Stand beside me, Grandfather will be coming down

soon."

Niki replied hastily, "Okay!"

Grandpa Graham descended from: upstairs, wearing a cheerful expression that indicated his remarkable

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recovery

Julian took the lead and approached Grandpa Graham, with Niki following closely behind.

Linda also brought Natalie before Grandpa Graham

Grandpa Graham looked at the people before him, beaming with joy. Then, he scanned the surroundings and didn't see Rudy and Yvonne

However, their absence didn't upset him, instead, it improved his mood

Wait a moment Grandpa Graham's gaze halted.

The smile on his face vanished the instant he laid eyes on Niki

Chapter 92 You unfilial child!

"Who is this?" Grandpa Graham's face instantly turned stern, wiping away the previously jovial mood.

Linda stood by the side, holding Natalie's hand, and she too looked at Niki coldly.

"Grandfather, don't you recognize me?" Niki felt strange hearing Grandpa Graham's question.

Ignoring Niki's words, Grandpa Graham turned to Julian and spoke with severity, "Answer me! Who is this?"

How could this boy go back on his word? Has he forgotten so quickly?!

And he even shamelessly brought Niki to the banquet?

Grandpa Graham's forceful questioning clearly showed his anger. Though the guests in the banquet hall couldn't catch every word, they could sense his fury.

The atmosphere in the banquet hall became tense, unusually solemn and gloomy.

Out of curiosity, everyone's eyes focused on Grandpa Graham upon hearing his voice.

Niki dared not speak. She nervously squeezed her own hand and timidly looked at Julian, who stood expressionless beside her. "Brother Julian... Maybe I should leave."

"I'll only make Grandfather unhappy by staying here."

Julian grabbed Niki's wrist. "It's fine, you don't need to leave."

Seeing Julian's actions, Grandpa Graham grew even more furious, and his gaze towards Niki became filled

with disgust.

Julian held onto Niki's hand firmly, stared directly at Grandpa Graham, and said, "This is Niki, your future granddaughter-in-law."

His tone was extremely calm."

"You...you unfilial child!"

Upon hearing these words, Mr. Graham's anger surged, nearly leaving him breathless. He gasped for air, unable to speak for a while, as fury consumed him.

"Grandfather, please don't be angry," Natalie's startled by Mr. Graham's reaction, fearing for his health. Just recovering from a serious illness, he couldn't bear such anger, and she couldn't help but blurt it out without

thinking.

However, this reaction seemed to have a different effect in Julian's eyes. Natalie's actions were obviously an

attempt to win favor.

She was deliberately ingratiating herself to her grandfather, especially when Niki was being difficult.

He coldly gazed at Natalie, his eyes as frigid as ice.

Natalie felt a pang in her heart under his gaze. What did she do wrong? Was it just because she couldn't hold

back and spoke a few words?

...Was she not even allowed to speak?

She felt dissatisfaction welling up within her and met his gaze without backing down.

"Let her go. I don't want to see her," Mr. Graham regained his strength and pointed at Niki, his meaning clear.

Niki has already arrived. How can we send her away?" Julian shifted his gaze away from Natalie, his tone still calm. "This is not how the Graham family treats its guests."

"What...what do you want?" Disappointment gradually clouded Mr. Graham's eyes as his grandson continued to challenge him.

"How did you agree to my request? Think about how you promised me that day!" Mr. Graham took a breath, "Is everything you've done today how a member of the Graham family should behave?"

Julian fell silent.

He didn't want to upset Mr. Graham too much. "Today is your birthday, there's no need to make a scene over

this matter."

"Yes, it's your birthday. Please don't be angry," Linda stepped forward to mediate.

Although she didn't like Niki either, the situation called for considering the bigger picture.

"With so many guests watching, it wouldn't look good," Linda earnestly suggested, "Dad, let's talk about this after the banquet. Then you can scold Julian to your heart's content."

Mr. Graham stood there, his expression still unpleasant.

"Nana, come here," Linda subtly signaled to Natalie, "Quickly take Grandfather to have something to eat. He hasn't had much food after staying upstairs for so long."

"Alright," Natalie nodded.

"Grandfather, let's go eat," Natalie looked at the old man, her voice gentle like a spring breeze in April.

"I'm not hungry. I lost my appetite the moment I saw her," the old man replied bluntly.

Natalie's lips curved into a graceful smile, her tone even softer, "Grandfather, even if you're not hungry, I'm a little hungry. I haven't eaten all day and really want to have some food."

Leaving Grandfather here to continue being angry with Julian might just aggravate his illness once again."

Grandpa Graham reluctantly left when Natalie gave him a half-hearted push.

Linda watched as Grandpa Graham departed, then turned her head to the two standing side by side. She wanted to say something, but the words stuck in her throat.

With a sigh, she left with just one sentence, "Take care of yourself," and walked away.

This left Julian and Niki, standing in their original spots.

The surrounding gazes lingered on them, subtly watching their every move. Julian felt irritated, his gaze sweeping over the onlookers, filled with an icy chill.

The guests fell silent, no longer daring to gather and spectate. They all averted their eyes.

Although their curiosity led them to watch the scene unfold, they didn't dare to blatantly approach too closely. Aside from Grandpa Graham's loud outburst, they didn't catch any other words.

They could only see Natalie smiling, while Niki wore an unpleasant expression, appearing pitiful and aggrieved.

Zoey, who stood at a distance, witnessed this and spoke indignantly, "Doesn't anyone in the Graham family respect Sister Niki?"

"Despite the Graham family's prominent position in Los Angeles, they are in no way comparable to the Spears family in Kyoto. Why do they treat Sister Niki like this?"

"Aren't they afraid of the Spears family coming to settle the score?"

Clara couldn't help but interject, "Why are you suddenly so enthusiastic about defending Niki? Remember, this is still Los Angeles, not Kyoto."

"Indeed, the Spears family in Kyoto is formidable, but their influence doesn't extend here immediately. You should exercise some restraint."

After hearing this, Zoey fell silent and didn't say anything. She picked up her wine glass, trying to conceal her uneasy expression.

It was true that she looked at Niki differently because of her connection to the Spears family in Kyoto. But that was the mighty the Spears family in Kyoto!

They failed to show respect to Niki, they must not understand the true nature of the Spears family in Kyoto.

Meanwhile, Roger, who had been standing nearby for quite some time, emerged from the shadows. He had overheard all of Zoey's words. Could the beautiful girl really be from the Spears family?

He pondered as he fixed his gaze on Julian and Niki standing in the distance.

Natalie and Grandpa Graham sat down at the banquet table, immersed in silence.

The vast table seemed empty with only the two of them, giving off a cold and desolate atmosphere.

Feeling a bit awkward, Natalie mustered up the courage to find a topic and spoke, "Grandfather, how have you been lately?"

Before Grandpa Graham could respond, Linda's voice came from behind, "Grandfather has been recovering

well. Don't worry."

Linda answered with a cheerful smile.

She knew that Nana couldn't let go of the Graham family. Although Nana reluctantly attended the banquet

after being deceived, she couldn't help but be concerned about the Graham family.

Natalie nodded. "Auntie, did you finish taking your medicine? Did the ones I brought last time suffice?"

"They were enough, no need to worry," Linda replied.

Before they could exchange more words, Julian pulled out a chair from across the table. "Niki, have a seat."

Timidly, Niki glanced at Grandpa Graham, appearing fearful. "Brother Julian... I think I'd better not sit."

Ignoring Niki's words, Julian gently pressed her down onto the chair. "The seating arrangement for the banquet has been organized by the housekeeper in advance, and there are no spare seats. If you don't sit here, there won't be any other options. Relax and take a seat."

Reluctantly, Niki sat down.

She discreetly glanced at Grandpa Graham and noticed his expression instantly darken.

Niki felt uneasy.

If Grandfather disliked her so much, she had to come up with a plan...

Why not settle the authorization matter directly in front of the Graham family members at the banquet...?

Chapter 93 I want to prove myself

Julian pulled out a seat for Niki and then sat down himself.

He just sat there alone and silent, but gave off a very powerful aura, with his eyes full of endless indifference.

Compared to the cowardice of Niki next to him at the moment, it seemed out of place.

The more Grandpa Graham looked at them, the more annoyed he became.

He was thinking about how to give Julian a piece of his mind after the party.

Julian had promised not to divorce Natalie, but he still brought Niki here today. It would only make the situation worse, and make trouble for Grandpa Graham.

Grandpa Graham turned his head and served Natalie a dish, "Eat more. The cook hired by our family today is very skilled in cooking. Please try it. I'm sure you'll like it."

Natalie nodded and thanked, "Thank you, Grandpa." She picked up the fork and put the food in her mouth, and before she finished chewing the food in her mouth, Grandpa Graham took another dish and put it in front

of her.

After several rounds of this, everyone near the table looked at Natalie.

Only Linda's eyes were filled with relief. Both Julian and Niki had complex expressions, and Niki's look was

even worse.

"Thank you, Grandpa. I can do it myself." Natalie felt a bit embarrassed and waved her hand slightly to politely decline Grandpa's offer of help.

Actually, Grandpa Graham was neither good nor bad towards her.

When Natalie had just married into the Graham family, Grandpa Graham's attitude towards her was also cold. As she steadfastly accompanied the Graham family through that difficult period, Grandpa Graham's attitude toward her turned to gentleness.

But there was only gentleness.

In the three years since marrying into the Graham family, Grandpa Graham had never treated Natalie like this before, but today he smiled at her more than he had in all three years combined.

Natalie clearly knew in her mind what the purpose of his behavior was. The reason Grandpa Graham frequently served her dish was to show his attitude in front of everyone in the Graham family.

—The attitude that he disliked Niki.

Of course, Niki also knew it.

But her personality did not allow her to wait for her doom.

Niki suddenly tugged at Julian's clothes and said frailly, Julian, I'm sorry. It's all my fault, I shouldn't come

Julian frowned and said, "Don't worry."

"I took you here. There was no wrong with you. Just sit here with peace of mind. No one can drive you away." Julian took all the responsibility on himself.

"But Grandpa Graham doesn't like me." Niki's voice grew louder, and everyone at the table could hear her

clearly.

Natalie raised her eyebrows when she heard Niki's words. She had had so many unpleasant experiences with Niki that she almost immediately understood that Niki was about to start something.

Grandpa Graham naturally responded to Niki's sad words after hearing them. He snorted coldly and said, "Our family doesn't welcome you. You better get out of here now."

"Grandpa, do you have to do this? Isn't it okay for us to finish this meal quietly?" Almost immediately, Julian spoke up for Niki with a cold voice.

Natalie raised her eyebrows again, It was Niki who first started to stir things up, which turned out to be Grandpa Graham's problem.

Natalie couldn't help but sigh in her heart. She wondered if Niki had saved Julian's life, or why else would he be so protective of her.

"Julian, please don't argue with Grandpa over me," Then Niki looked at Grandpa Graham and said in a serious tone. "Grandpa Graham, Could you tell me why you dislike me?"

"Why? There's no why." Before Grandpa Graham answered, Linda took the lead in answering.

"Is it because Natalie has helped your family so much in the three years since she married Julian? I can do that too." There were both grievances and stubbornness in Niki's eyes.

It gave people a sense of fortitude.

"Really? What can you do?" Linda said, "With your mouth that's only good at hooking up guys?"

Linda's tone was no longer polite.

Upon hearing this, Niki felt angry, but she told herself to be patient and that she needed to put up with Linda before she got the authorization in front of the Graham family.

Niki suppressed her anger and wore a mask-like expression on her face.

"Auntie, I'm so sorry." Niki's eyebrows tinged with sadness and felt very aggrieved. "I want to make up for everything I have missed in these years."

"I know you hate me. You hate me for leaving the Graham family behind when it was most difficult. You even think I'm with Julian for the money and I've come back for him because the Grahams are thriving again."

Natalie raised her eyebrows and sneered in her mind. 'She is pretty clear about herself.'

'She has been laying the groundwork for so long. Why hasn't she started introducing the main topic yet?'

Natalie put down her fork and played with the goblet, feeling a bit impatient.

"But at that time my mother was sick, I had to go abroad and leave the Graham family." Niki cleared her throat and continued, "I'm not with Julian for money."

"I don't want to hide it from you either. I'm from the Spears family in New York, and I'm not short of money."

Natalie was shocked when she heard this sentence. If Niki belongs to the Spears family, it would be a shame

To them!

After hearing the words “the Spears family in New York”, Grandpa Graham’s look finally changed.

“It was only after my mother passed away that I came back. During my three years abroad, I had a very difficult time, living a very difficult life.” Niki seemed unwilling to recall, and her expression was a bit painful. “Sorry, I didn’t want to talk about these painful memories, which would save some people from feeling that I am eliciting sympathy from others.”

At the same time, she looked faintly at Natalie.

Natalie blinked and immediately realized that Niki was alluding to and provoking her even though she remained silent the whole time.

So she took the opportunity to speak up and said, “You said you don’t want to talk about it, afraid that others might think that you are eliciting sympathy from others. So why do you still say so much.”

“Don’t say such useless words. Just tell us what you want to say directly.” Natalie held her cheek with one hand and looked like she was watching a good show.

Niki gave Natalie a stern look and said, “I want to prove myself today.”

“I will help the Graham family obtain the authorization of the New Bleomycin Drug from Glory Group.”

Upon hearing this, Grandpa Graham couldn’t help but burst out laughing and his voice was clear, “Help us obtain the authorization of the New Bleomycin Drug from Glory Group?”

He felt that what Niki had just said was like a joke.

Even Julian didn’t believe this. He furrowed his brow and couldn’t help but speak, “Niki, this is not something you can do. Don’t talk big.”

“I can do it,” said Niki with a firm tone.

“I can call Mr. Johnson of Glory Group now and ask him to send the authorization to the Graham family.”

“You know Mr. Johnson, CEO of Glory Group?” Grandpa Graham changed his face.

"I'm from the Spears family. Although my mother has passed away, her previous connections have always been there. It's not surprising for me to know Mr. Johnson."

"I not only know Mr. Johnson but also has a very good relationship with him, so I can get the authorization very easily," emphasized Niki.

Grandpa Graham was shocked and said, "Really?"

If Niki had such a close relationship with Mr. Johnson and could easily obtain the authorization, it would have saved the Graham family.

Chapter 94 It's time to Investigate Mr. Johnson carefully.

Though Grandpa Graham was very shocked, he had been in business for so many years and had met all kinds of people. He had seen many people who lack practical skills and rely solely on one mouth to talk big.

Julian stood up at the right moment and pressed Niki down with an expressionless look. "Niki just wants to prove herself too much. She's not very sensible. Please don't mind."

Niki was suddenly forced to sit down. She was confused for a moment, and then she realized that even Julian didn't believe her.

She was angry in her mind for there were no one believed her.

She must prove it to them today!

She was not resigned to give up and tried to stand up again, but felt a wave of resistance. She looked up and saw Julian's hand pressing on her shoulder.

"So you just found such an ignorant woman to come into the Graham family? Have you had enough of the good life?" Grandpa Graham snorted coldly.

Julian's tone was faint, "I will teach her slowly and not make trouble for the Graham family."

Niki used all her strength to move her shoulders, trying to swing Julian's hand off her, but his hand remained

motionless.

The difference in strength between the two was too great, and she couldn't move at all. Niki was so angry

that she pursed her lips.

Natalie saw the small movements of the two at a glance.

She held her cheeks with one hand and raised her eyebrows as she looked at the two people silently competing against each other. In Natalie's eyes, It seemed that Julian loved Niki, so he had been defending

her.

Natalie sighed in her heart.

'Why does Julian just like a woman like Niki, a woman who had no advantages except for her pure and

delicate appearance?" Thinking to herself, Natalie felt it a pity.

The things that Niki had done to Natalie in the past demonstrated this woman's despicable, malicious heart

and her lack of morality.

But Julian couldn't see it at all.

Natalie held her cheeks for a moment and then withdrew her gaze.

"My marriage into the Graham family has only good for you, not any harm," Niki spoke as she tried to break free.

"Natalie cannot bring any benefits to you, but I can! I can not only help solve the urgent needs of the Graham family at present but after marrying Julian, the various connections of the Spears family will also be very

helpful to the Graham family."

Upon hearing this, Natalie narrowed one eye slightly, and her gaze, which had just turned, returned to Niki.

Natalie had another emotion in her eyes because Niki was putting Natalie down while praising herself.

But it's not anger, it's impatience.

That day, after Niki left, Natalie had already called Philip to confirm it, but Philip said he was not familiar with

Niki at all.

If it weren't for the fact that she had already confirmed it, she probably would have believed what Niki said for Niki's unwavering demeanor at this moment was confusing.

Niki was a complete liar.

“What I’m saying is true! I can make a phone call now!” Niki couldn’t free herself from Julian’s hand, and she

spoke anxiously.

“Julian, can you take your hand away? I can’t get my phone.” Niki changed her strategy. Her tone at the moment was delicate and soft, with a feeling of weakness.

Julian just blinked and remained completely unmoved.

“Today is my grandpa’s birthday, we won’t talk about business.” His voice was very low and strong, clearly meant for everyone at the table, especially for Niki.

Natalie had taken care of Julian for three years. Upon hearing his voice at this moment, she almost immediately knew that he no longer had much patience.

If Niki continued to confront Julian, she would quickly anger him.

However, Niki clearly did not understand Julian’s warning at all, and she was still trying to find a chance to

speak for herself.

Natalie couldn’t bear to watch anymore.

If Julian got angry, this birthday banquet would end in displeasure. This would completely contradict Linda’s

original intention of inviting Natalie. Natalie was unwilling to see that scene.

Niki was still trying.

Natalie’s eyelashes trembled. When Niki first made a video call, it was obvious that she was gambling whether Philip knew her or not.

Philip told Natalie that he had indeed seen Niki a few times, and with Niki’s temperament, it was very likely to misunderstand Philip’s meaning.

Moreover, when she called, Philip had been speaking to Natalie throughout the entire process and did not respond to Niki’s intention at all. But Niki thought Philip was talking to her and believed that he was very familiar with her.

After careful consideration, Natalie decided to speak up and remind Niki.

“Do you think that Mr. Johnson will give you the authorization?” Natalie said all of a sudden.

Niki looked at her and said, "Of course, I am very familiar with Mr. Johnson, and he will naturally give me the

authorization."

Her tone changed from a soft moment just now to a clear and proud tone.

"Have you forgotten that thing?" Niki stared straight at Natalie. "Everyone present will question it, only you should not question it."

"Natalie, what did she mean?" Linda looked puzzled.

Natalie turned to look at Linda and said, "It's nothing, just a small matter."

That matter could not be explained clearly in a few words.

Natalie decided to speak more clearly, "Do you know Mr. Johnson? I mean before you called in the small

building."

Niki's face changed, but it was only for an instant that she quickly suppressed her emotions and said, "Of

course I do."

"Why would I call him if he doesn't know me? Waiting to be humiliated by you?" Niki sneered.

Natalie shook her head and continued, "You should know the consequences of making phone calls in front of so many people if you don't succeed, right? Have you figured it out? Is Mr. Johnson's relationship with you as good as you said?"

Natalie directly asked three consecutive questions.

However, in Niki's eyes, these three questions indicated Natalie's jealousy and unease.

Niki thought Natalie was afraid that If she got the authorization, Natalie would no longer live in the Graham family and her words were just to prevent herself from being swept out by the Graham family.

Niki snorted coldly, "It's not your turn to question the relationship between me and Mr. Johnson."

Julian was originally listening silently next to her, but when he heard Niki's words, his face changed. He never knew that Niki and Philip had such a good relationship.

Julian's dislike of Philip deepened.

He wondered why Niki never mentioned it before. It seemed that he needed to investigate their relationship carefully.

'It's not my turn to question?' Natalie repeated what Niki said to her again in the mind.

She couldn't help but feel a little funny after hearing this.

Natalie originally wanted to speak more clearly, but when she looked at Niki's stubborn expression, she suddenly didn't want to speak much. She nodded lightly and said, "Fine, just call him."

It seemed that Niki had no intention of turning back.

Natalie had said everything she needed to say, but Niki refused to listen. She couldn't use force like Julian to prevent Niki from saying anything.

Niki turned to look at Julian and said, "Julian, I know Mr. Johnson. You can trust me."

Grandpa Graham suddenly put down his fork and spoke, "Let her speak!" His tone was filled with impatience.

It was just endless, his ears are about to explode.

Julian originally wanted to speak something, but when he thought of Niki's words just now, he kept silent.

The emotions in his eyes were surging.

He did not choose to obstruct.

Chapter 95 Being Rejected on the Spot

Niki felt Julian's hand on her shoulder move away, then she blinked and looked at him.

She couldn't understand the emotions in Julian's eyes.

But she was eager to prove herself and didn't care what Julian was thinking at this moment, or why his gaze

had become so cold.

Niki stood up, took the phone placed next to Julian, wanted to connect with Philip by WhatsApp.

But her hand suddenly stopped at the moment of opening, and she remembered what Natalie had just said.

'Do you really think Philip will give you authorization?' Natalie's words appeared in her mind, and she

hesitated a bit.

Niki hesitated and looked up at the people at the dining table.

Grandpa Graham's expression was clearly incredulous, and Linda's expression was the same. But Natalie

looked very calm, even cold.

Niki didn't know if she was mistaken or something, but upon closer inspection of Natalie's expression, there

was even a hint of inexplicable irony?

What expression is that on her face? Shouldn't she be in a panic? She was no longer Mrs. Graham at once.

Won't she feel embarrassed?

Was she covering up her fear with a sarcastic expression?

Niki couldn't help but sneer. She made up her mind and pressed the voice button, and connected with Philip.

Everyone's gaze was fixed on her.

Julian's eyes were even more gloomy, with an emotion that she couldn't understand. Being stared at like this,

Niki was a little uncomfortable. However, after she thinking for a moment, she still chose to press the

hands-free button directly.

She needs to prove herself, that is, to make everyone who doesn't like her hear it clearly.

The sound on the phone suddenly became much louder, and the entire table could hear it clearly.

Natalie raised her eyebrows.

Niki's move undoubtedly pushed her to the brink of despair. With such a risky hands-free approach, did she have such confidence?

She's still a bit reckless.

The sound continued incessantly, and everyone at the table had different moods and expressions on their faces.

But without a doubt, they are all holding their breath and waiting for Philip to connect.

The voice sound lasted for about a minute before being connected.

"Hello?" Philip's voice sounded.

Niki took a deep breath and said, "Ph..." Before she could finish it, she saw Julian's gloomy face.

What's going on?

Niki suddenly realized why Julian was angry just now, and she chuckled in her heart. But she still didn't change her words, "Philip, I'm Niki."

It is also a good choice to give Julian a sense of crisis appropriately.

"What's up?" Philip stood by the window, looking at the moon outside, his face furrowed tightly.

He felt very familiar with the sound, but he didn't know who it was... He brought his phone closer and saw the

avatar on it clearly.

Then he suddenly realized who she was... Was she the woman who inexplicably stood with Natalie last time?

And she looks a bit like Natalie.

Why did she call him in the midnight? It's best to have something very important... If there's nothing urgent, someone who call him at this time, even if it is Natalie, will be scolded by him.

The tone of the man's voice is obviously very bad, and it can even be said to be harsh.

Natalie couldn't help but raise her eyebrows when she heard Philip's impatient voice. He must have been sleeping just now. She suddenly remembered that Philip was abroad, and it was dark night there.

At this moment, Niki called and woke up Philip, who hates being suddenly woken up by others the most on

weekdays.

Previously, she deliberately set an alarm on Philip's phone to make him unhappy. After he was awakened, Philip became angry with her for a long time and even refused to speak to her.

Natalie couldn't help but lift the corners of her mouth and a smile appeared on her face when she thought of

these past memories.

Julian's gaze swept over Natalie like a blade at the moment she smiled, and he was clearly displeased.

The smile on Natalie's face froze, and she blinked... She seemed to be laughing at an inappropriate time? Then she forced herself to suppress her laughter.

When Niki heard Philip's angry voice, she immediately changed her face and felt inexplicably uneasy.

The happiness that had just arisen from feeling that Julian was jealous also disappeared.

Did she think it wrong? Philip doesn't like her?

It's impossible, or why did he call her so intimate last time and even let Natalie enter the Glory group.

Niki suppressed her unease and gave herself a support.

"L... I want to ask for your help." Niki felt very uneasy and even stuttered in her voice.

After Niki finished speaking this sentence, there was no sound on the other end of the phone

The situation at this time made Niki almost want to turn off the hands-free immediately, which was completely different from the scene she had imagined.

Niki was almost in a state of panic. She hurriedly scanned the people at the dining table and saw Mr. Graham's eyes glaring at her.

Niki couldn't help but clench her phone and say, "Philip...? Are you listening?"

After about half a minute, there was a voice coming from the other end of the phone, only a brief word, "Say.", as if unwilling to say a single word.

Grandpa Graham furrowed his brows, the impatience in Philip's tone was so obvious. How could such an impatient tone be the one displayed when talking to acquaintances on the phone.

What was this Niki doing?

“Sorry...I am just wondering that Dr. Nancy is at the Glory group now?” Niki spoke stiffly.

“Yes. And then what?”

“Then, Dr. Nancy has the authorization of New Bleomycin Drug, right?” She asked cautiously.

“Yes.”, the man still gave her a short word.

“Did you know the authorization of New Bleomycin Drug of the Graham family has expired?” Niki’s voice gradually became weaker and weaker.

Natalie sat next to her and she was feeling annoyed. Is Niki squeezing toothpaste? She felt annoyed for Philip as Niki kept asking questions one by one.

She was so confident about making a phone call just now, but now she is so indecisive and unable to speak?

Natalie felt restless, so she picked up a bottle and poured herself a glass of wine. The amber liquid was poured into the glass, and she shook it.

“The Graham family?” Because Niki’s voice was a bit low, Philip only heard the word ‘Graham’ and couldn’t

hear the rest clearly.

“Yes, the Graham family.” Niki repeated his words.

“You just said what happened to the Graham family?” Philip’s voice inexplicably became serious.

Niki quickly repeated what she had just said, “The authorization of the New Bleomycin Drug of the Graham family has expired.”

So what? He has nothing to do with the authorization of the Graham family. Philip frowned.

The woman just said ‘The Graham family’, which scared him into suddenly regaining his energy and leaving him completely drowsy. He thought Natalie had something to do with the Graham family again... but it turned

out to be a matter of the New Bleomycin Drug?

“So you came to ask the authorization for Julian? Due to Philip’s drowsiness was driven away, his voice. became very calm, not as impatient as it had just been

“That’s right, I’m here to help the Graham family to ask for the authorization “Niki nodded quickly over the phone.” Can you give the authorization to the Graham family?”

The person at the table took a breath.

Philip’s voice came. “No”

His words was still brief, but like a slap in the face.

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At the moment when Philip’s voice came from her phone, everyone fell silent.

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Niki was momentarily stunned and speechless. Just now, her bold words slowly echoed in her mind, and then her mind went blank.

Natalie was still shaking the glass of wine, and the shaking amber liquor reflected light under the light.

Her face was expressionless.

This is completely discernable.

Niki tried to turn her mind around and said, “What you just said was... you can’t delegate authority to the Graham family?”

It seems like she wanted to find a glimmer of life for myself.

“That’s right.” Philip patiently replied. If he hadn’t just woken up completely, he would have hung up the phone by now.

“It’s not for free. The Graham family will buy it.” Niki added this sentence as if it suddenly came to her mind.

She comforted herself in her heart that even if Philip liked her again, he couldn’t let such a high value authorization fee go. His reply is indeed reasonable.

After saying this, she turned her head and glanced at Mr. Graham.

Although Mr. Graham’s face was gloomy, he didn’t mean to speak up and stop her. Niki relaxed and said, “Philip, I mean.. the Graham family can give you as much money as you want.”

“As much as I want?” Philip’s voice was lazy and scattered.

“Yes.” Niki nodded.

“My answer is also ‘No’.

Upon hearing this, Natalie couldn’t help but curl her lips. Philip always like to give people hope but then. makes them disappointed... He is really good at this.

She drank the wine from the glass in one gulp.

Philip was playing with the flowers in the vase on the other end of the phone, and he thought seriously about

authorization.

Although the authorization of the New Bleomycin Drug nominally belongs to the Glory group, it was developed by Natalie after all. As for the authorization letter, it was only after Natalie confirmed it that he

could decide whether to give it or not.

What he said doesn’t count.

“Is there anything else?” Said Phillip.

“Nothing. “Niki was repeatedly rejected. At this moment, her feelings were mixed, but she was more regretful.

Before Niki could finish speaking, Philip interrupted her.

“Please don’t call if you have nothing important.” followed by a hang up call.

The sound of the phone hanging up reached Niki’s ears, and she stood still, as if she had not recovered.

Then Grandpa Graham spoke with only one word.

“Disgraceful.”

At this moment, this word seemed extremely embarrassing for Niki.

Linda seemed calm and composed, as if she had anticipated it long ago. She looked at Natalie put a dish in front of her and said, “Natalie, don’t just drink, eat something.”

It’s as if Niki doesn’t exist at all.

Natalie quickly waved her hand and said, “Auntie Linda, I’m already full, don’t give me any more food.”

“You should eat some.” Linda continued to pick up the food for her with a hint of command in her tone,” Eating more is the key to good health. You’ve done too much for

the Graham family before, but now you've lost too much weight compared to before you married Julian, so you need to eat more for your health."

"However, Nana, there's one thing that Auntie still needs to talk to you." Linda's hand as she picked up the

food paused.

"What? "Natalie suddenly froze and looked at Linda.

"You usually don't like to talk about what you have done and just silently do things for others. This is not

good."

"Unlike some people who have never done anything for their family, they dare to criticize you for not doing

anything."

It is obvious who is being targeted in Linda's words.

Niki immediately understood Linda's meaning, and her face turned red. At this moment, she only wanted to find a underground hole to drill in.

Previously, she confidently stated that she knew Philip and could help the Graham family obtain authorization. Now this situation clearly shows that Philip is not familiar with her at all, and the authorization is even more impossible for her to get.

Niki only felt her lips dry, and she didn't know whether she should stand or sit at this moment.

"Take a seat." a deep male voice came to her ear, with a faint tone and no emotion in his words.

She turned her head to look at Julian, and the man's face was as calm as a peaceful lake. Niki quickly nodded, and in the current situation, she could only say yes.

Then Niki sat down, took a moment to relax, and then picked up a glass to suppress her embarrassment. But

her gaze inadvertently swept over Natalie.

Natalie looked at her.

Niki suddenly had a thought in her heart, and she suddenly spoke out, "Natalie, give me your testimony! You are the clearest about what happened that day."

Natalie raised her eyebrows when she heard the words.

“That day, I made a video call to Philip in front of you. With just one word, he let you become the staff of the Glory group, right? “Niki now likes a drowning person trying to catch a floating object, her voice very urgent.

Natalie didn’t speak.

“Philip always treats me like his own sister. Did you hear what he said when he called? He called my nickname as soon as he answered the phone, didn’t you hear it very clearly?”

Julian looked at Natalie with expressionless eyes, and even Linda and Grandpa Graham looked at her.

Natalie looked directly at Niki, she was smiling and her eyebrows and eyes slightly curved, clearly in a good

mood.

She just smiled like that and didn’t say a word.

At this moment, her expression was filled with sarcasm in Niki’s eyes. She clenched her fists and said, “Say something!”

“Tell everyone that I’m not lying, I really know Philip very well.”

Natalie clearly saw the anger and even hatred in Niki’s eyes.

However, she didn’t care. It was inevitable that Niki would become angry with embarrassment. As for hatred, even if she didn’t do anything, Niki would still hate her. Moreover, she had already reminded Niki, and she explained it to her very clearly, making her even more unashamed.

Niki looked at Natalie angrily and said, “Why aren’t you speaking? Are you trying to humiliate me and let everyone laugh at me?”

Natalie blinked and finally spoke, “Are you familiar with Philip? Do you really believe it yourself?”

“Don’t change the topic! You just need to tell everyone that this is true! I didn’t deceive everyone, nor did I

show off...”

Suddenly, Niki noticed something wrong. She looked at the mockery in Natalie's eyes and realized it.

How could Philip refuse her? That day, Philip's performance was completely showing his interest to her,

whether it was words, eyes, or expressions, perfectly expressing the care in his heart.

But Philip today is completely different from him that day.

What is the difference between that day and today? The obvious difference lies entirely in the fact that Natalie was there that day, while Natalie did not appear on camera today.

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It can't be true?! Niki's heart was shaken by this thought, and she had a bad premonition in her heart.

Niki couldn't help but look up at Natalie, her large grape like eyes staring tightly at the woman, appearing

somewhat terrifying.

That Nana, was for Natalie? With this speculation, Niki couldn't help but think of the scene when she made the video call that day. Philip's gaze... seemed to be also glancing back? Instead of looking at her.

So Natalie already knew all this? And waiting for her to make a fool of herself?! Niki only felt angry. Is she

being played around by Natalie?

She exclaimed angrily, "So he was calling you 'Nana' at that time?"

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"Tell me! Are you the Nana he called?!" After thinking for a while, Niki thought her guess was right so her voice seemed a bit fierce then.

Linda looked at Niki with a look of disgust.

Linda thought to herself "how dare such a loud woman, with no sense of etiquette want to marry Julian? Julian now really lost his aesthetic.

Niki suddenly lowered her voice and went on, "Don't pretend to be silly, tell me."

Well, all she received was silence.

Nana?

Julian thought for a moment cause the name brought back some memories to him.

The moment when he first met Niki by the river suddenly came to his mind. He still remembered the warm feeling when he saw her beautiful face.

The girl with a bright smile looked at him in the sunlight... Then came the call "Nana".

Can Natalie's nickname also be Nana? How could this be possible?

Julian stared closely at Natalie, as if he was eager to find something from her.

"Do you keep silent because you feel guilt? "Niki went on asking.

"Why do you feel guilty? Do you have any secrets with Philip, or do you have an affair with him?"

Julian felt even more uncomfortable upon hearing Niki said so.

His expression changed. Instead of his usual blank expression, he glanced at Natalie with his cold eyes, sharp as a hawk.

Natalie felt his glance and raised her eyebrows.

She was pondering whether to admit it or not.

If she admitted it at this moment, then it would undoubtedly be a confession to all the Graham family that she was acquaintant with Philip.

Once they knew that she knew Philip, would they then come to realize that she was Dr. Nancy?

Or perhaps they would know that she was not an orphan girl, but from the Spears family?

Natalie was not sure. All of these worries could become the reality.

Shall she take the risk?

Linda noticed Julian's eyes at Natalie. Although she was still a bit confused at the moment, she also realized that something was wrong so she asked "Natalie, what's going on?"

"How could Natalie know the president of Glory Group?!"

Natalie regained her composure and gently touched Linda's hand to comfort her.
"Auntie Linda, it's nothing,"

she said

"Nothing? Auntie Linda, she's having an affair with another man! "Niki said in an anxious voice.

Upon hearing this, Natalie raised her eyebrows and showed a sarcastic smile. "What's the matter with you if I have an affair with another man? In what stance can you judge me?"

"Are you admitting it? "Niki looked triumphant as Natalie didn't deny it.

All Niki needed to do next was draw everyone's attention to Natalie, then her own "mistake" would be ignored.

This could not only ruin Natalie's reputation, but also free herself from this awkward situation!

Julian looked gloomier.

He pondered for a while. "Even if Natalie's nickname was Nana, so what? She can't be the same person as before." He told to himself.

But now this event showed Natalie was obviously related to Philip.

He once considered letting someone to investigate Natalie and Philip, but now it seemed that there was no need. So what Niki just did was caused by her misunderstanding of Natalie?

"Tell us. "Julian also spoke at this moment.

His tone carried impatience and a hint of harshness.

Natalie didn't speak, playing with the glass in her hand, without admitting or denying.

If she didn't admit it now, who was that recitation addressed to?

There were only Niki and herself present then. When Niki was talking to Philip on the phone with sound outside, it was obvious that Philip was not familiar with Niki.

Then Nana must be Natalie.

If she chose not to admit it at this moment, Niki would find her fault for this reason, because if she denied, it seemed that she deliberately pretended she was not acquaintance with Philip..

At that time, Niki would definitely confirm that she was trying to cover up!

Therefore, it's better to admit it now.

Seeing Natalie not speaking, but nervously touching the cup in her hand, Niki smiled and said, "You must have an intimate relationship with Philip because Philip has called you Nana! How could a stranger call you

like this?"

Niki then turned her eyes and said, "Natalie, you're not thinking about how to deny it now, are you?"

"Don't try to deny it because we were the only two presents at the time. Since Philip didn't shout at me, it

could only be you!"

"And your nickname is also called Nana. Admit it!"

Natalie looked up at Niki, and now she was calm.

"Are you going to admit it?"

Seeing Natalie's reaction, Julian only felt that the answer was very obvious.

"Yes. Natalie finally admitted.

She had already made a rough analysis of the pros and cons in her mind.

Admitting it now was the best choice.

Natalie knew that Julian had great power, but she believed that Philip's experience in the business world for so many years, as well as his ability to develop Glory Group into the largest pharmaceutical company in Los Angeles alone,

could demonstrate that Philip's power was clearly comparable to Julian's.

But it's impossible for Julian to suspect that she was Dr. Nancy just because she knew Philip.

As for her status as an orphan... it's nothing to do with knowing Philip.

Even if she was an orphan, she could still have money and friends.

Julian only felt angry "You have disappointed me."

Natalie only found it funny. "What are you disappointed with? Why are you disappointed?" said she in a

sarcastic tone.

Julian was with Niki. So whether Natalie had a relationship with other men or not was nothing to do with him. Therefore, there was no reason for him to be disappointed.

"Nonsense!" Niki interrupted.

"You are now Julian's wife. Why do you think he won't be disappointed if you have an affair with other men?"

Natalie replied "Why do you think I have an affair with Philip just because I know him?"

She just thought Niki's words was unreasonable.

"How funny! Don't you think it's funny for saying so?"

Niki snorted coldly, "Funny? I don't think it's funny at all."

"You have always acted as perfect Mrs. Graham for three years, but how come a man call your nickname only after you leave Graham family for just a few days? There is only one reason can explain it: you've been dating the man secretly for a long time."

Natalie sneered "do you have no friends?"

"What's the problem with friends calling each other's nickname?"

While it seemed that Natalie had spoken out the truth that Niki did have no friends. How could a person surrounded by friends say such words?

Niki didn't take it seriously and became even more aggressive. "You've been pretending to be innocent, and

the Graham family doesn't even know your friends at all. While if it's not some kind of shaming affair, why

don't you just admit you know Philip?

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"Why should I admit it? Why do I have to tell Julian about my friends? He doesn't tell me things about his friends, either." Natalie's eyes were extremely cold, and her words were full of sarcasm.

She married into the Graham family as an orphan and concealed her identity as a member of the Spears

family.

But in fact, during the past three years when she was in the Graham family, apart from hiding her identity, she never thought about deliberately concealing anything else.

And in these three years, no one had ever asked her anything.

But now it's funny that they came to ask her about a man just because their relation might bring shame on the Graham family.

"So you mean that Julian needs to report to you all the friends of his? How dare you!" Niki retorted

disdainfully.

"Besides, most of Julian's friends are his business partners. What's the point to tell things about them to an orphan girl like you? You don't understand what's going on among them. It's just a waste of time."

The more Niki spoke, the more excited she became. She was sure that all she said was true. "And Julian has never kept his friends as a secret like you do..."

But before she could finish her words, Julian stopped her.

Niki was suddenly interrupted so she turned around in anger. But it turned out that the moment she turned who she saw was Julian, she quickly suppressed her anger.

She stopped speaking.

Julian turned to Natalie and spoke coldly, "So you don't feel sorry now?"

At this moment, he had already believed what Niki said.

So Niki mentioned earlier that Natalie had already found another man and no longer looked up to him was

true... and the man was Philip?

No wonder when he mentioned divorce before, Natalie was so calm. Because she had already found another

rich man who was the president of Glory Group.

So she was this kind of woman! Julian sneered. She really shocked him!

Julian then felt nothing but angry. He extended his slender fingers and pinched the tip of his nose, so he could barely suppress the anger in his chest.

And then it made sense why did Natalie could appear in the laboratory that time because Philip could help her. Without his help, how could she possibly enter such a heavily guarded laboratory?

All of Julian's doubts about Natalie before could be explained by her relation with Philip after careful

consideration.

Julian became increasingly angry as he thought about it, and the anger he had just suppressed rose again and his expression become more serious.

Niki was right. It's obvious that Natalie had an affair with Philip-illicit affair!

He used to feel guilty about Natalie, but now it seemed that his guilt was really ridiculous.

"I have never done such a thing before, why should feel sorry?" Natalie said in a half smile.

"Shouldn't it be you guys, who slander me without any evidence but just some rumors, apologize to me?"

Julian looked at her coldly.

He only felt that Natalie was just stubborn and reluctant to admit her mistakes, which disgusted him.

"Without any evidence? What Niki said can't be called evidence? Are you still not admitting it?"

Natalie sneered, "How can it be considered as evidence?"

Linda's heart trembled as she listened.

Before, when Niki inexplicably came to their house to find the diamond ring, Niki also told her that Natalie never told them anything about her friends, nor did she tell them anything about herself.

If Natalie married Julian just for money as they thought, she was not obedient as assumed. But she didn't either consider the Graham family as her own home if she did marry Julian for love's sake.

But Linda always felt that a person must have her/his friends... Natalie also needed private space, and it's not her responsibility to tell the Graham family everything about herself even as Julian's wife.

Then it seemed that Philip, the president of Glory Group, was the friend who gave Natalie the very expensive

diamond ring back then?

But would an ordinary friend give such expensive gift? Besides, a diamond ring was a symbol of love!

Linda also began to doubt her relation with Philip.

For a moment, there seemed to be an invisible string gradually tightening in the air, and the atmosphere even

dropped to freezing point.

Everyone looked in the same direction with eagerness in their eyes, with a great sense of oppression.

Especially Julian. He was in an extremely cold mood making people afraid “Why don’t you just admit it?”

But Natalie’s expression was still as calm as before, with no emotions showing in her eyes, as if she didn’t

pay any attention to those glances.

Upon hearing Julian’s questioning, she even frowned impatiently and didn’t even show her interest.

Since Julian didn’t believe what she said, there’s no need to waste any more words. She didn’t want to answer

again and was impatient to respond to his questioning.

Just as the three of them were deadlocked, Mr. Graham, who had been silent all along, suddenly spoke up

“Natalie, do you really know Philip, the president of Glory Group?”

His eyes were sharp at this moment, and upon closer inspection, they seemed to be somewhat similar to

Julian’s.

Niki smiled because, almost immediately, she heard Mr. Gu calling her Natalie instead of Nana.

That meant that Mr. Graham must have already believed most of what she said, otherwise how could he have changed his address so quickly?

Niki sneered.

Natalie nodded calmly, "Yes."

There was no need to deny.

After hearing the affirmative answer, Mr. Graham's expression almost instantly became cold.

"Since you know Philip and are even so familiar with him, why you keep silent when the Graham family is in such a big crisis at the moment? "Mr. Graham asked in a skeptical voice.

Natalie was surprised, she didn't expect that Mr. Graham cared about this.

"At least Niki tried to help us when she misunderstood that she knew Philip. How could you do nothing when we need your help and keep your acquaintance with Philip a secret?"

Mr. Graham's attitude changed very quickly, and it seemed that he believed most of Niki's words.

She knew in her heart that Mr. Graham had no feelings for her. The reason why he had just been kind to her and had been putting food on her plate was just to show his attitude that he rejected their divorce and

Julian's remarriage with Niki.

So, it's no surprise for him to question like this then.

"Are you blaming me for not asking for an authorization letter to help the Graham family?"

Although Mr. Gu was no longer young, his aura in his youth has not diminished by half. "As the daughter-in-law of the Graham family, shouldn't you help the Graham family?"

"How do you know I didn't ask for an authorization letter for the Graham family? "Natalie said calmly, "I had already sent the authorization letter to Julian that day."

"If you don't believe it then you ask him."

Natalie looked at Jullan with a sneer in her eye

but you didn't keep it, did you?"

and turned her head to Julian “I’ve already given it to you,

Julian’s expression was gloomy upon hearing this, and his anger flowed between his eyebrows, but he did

tear the authorization letter.

“Julian, what’s going on?”

“Why haven’t you talked to me before?! “Said Mr. Graham in an anger tone.

“Julian’s expression at this moment returned calm.

“What does it mean not keeping it? What happened to the authorization letter? “The old man’s tone became even more serious, with a sense of oppression.

“Julian, what’s going on? Don’t keep silent!” Linda, who was beside him, became a bit anxious, too. “What else do you hide from us?”

Julian still said nothing.

Today should have been a happy day. How did it become like this?! “Linda sighed as she saw Julian still not

speak.

She had a bad feeling in her heart. She intended to call Natalie to soften the intense relation between her and Julian. And then she could persuade them not to divorce. But at this moment things went in the wrong direction.

It completely deviated from her expectations.

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Natalie raised her eyelids to look at Julian, with no unnecessary emotions in her eyes, and she was very calm. There was no complacency after refutation, nor regret for causing the current situation, just silently watching Julian.

Waiting for his answer.

Niki was very anxious in her heart, but it was she who caused Julian to tear up the authorization letter.

Later, she shifted the responsibility onto Natalie and narrowly avoided a disaster. But she didn’t expect this matter to be brought up again now!

What should she do.

And Natalie was much more difficult to deal with than she imagined.

Niki's brain was running rapidly, striving to find a way to prevent her lies from being exposed at the time.

Natalie clearly saw Niki's expression, and her calm face finally changed.

She was very clear that everything Niki had just done was to draw her attention.

But she had indeed been successful, and now everyone present believed that she had found a man outside

She couldn't even defend herself.

And the matter of the authorization letter being torn, it went without saying, was also caused by Niki. Otherwise, with Julian's temperament, he would definitely not be so impulsive in tearing up the authorization

letter.

Now that the matter of the authorization letter has been brought up again, the first person to panic must be

Niki.

Natalie raised her eyebrows and looked coldly at Niki.

Niki noticed Natalie's gaze, but she had no intention of competing with Natalie anymore. She was thinking

about how to make herself completely withdraw from this scene.

"Julian, aren't you planning to speak?" said Grandpa Graham, not angry.

"Previously, Natalie did give me an authorization letter." But before Julian could finish speaking, he was

Interrupted by Niki.

Niki turned to look at Mr. Graham and said, "Grandpa, it's all because of me!"

She chose to boldly admit her mistake now.

Grandpa Graham narrowed his eyes and said, "Because of you?"

Because some of my misunderstandings made Julian think that the authorization letter was fake, and he also listened to my words before tearing it up."

“Do you know what that is? It’s an authorization letter that could have saved the Graham family’s life, but you even tore it up?”

Niki saw that Julian wanted to speak, but she urgently stopped him.

Afraid of Julian saying more, she almost immediately spoke up, “Grandpa, it’s all because of

misunderstandings! It’s because of my mistake.”

Grandpa Graham frowned and said, “What a misunderstanding!”

Niki was afraid in her heart, but she quickly spoke up. “Niki received the authorization letter sent by Natalie first, and then gave it to Julian... But at that time, Niki already had an authorization letter in hand, which was entrusted to someone to take from Doctor Nancy’s laboratory.”

“Niki thought Natalie’s was fake.” Niki’s expression was very aggrieved.

“The authorization letter obtained by someone from the laboratory?”

“Yes, because Niki is from the Spears family and they know someone from Doctor Nancy’s laboratory, I entrusted him with a letter of authorization. But I didn’t expect the letter of authorization he brought to be

fake.”

“Grandpa, all of this is Niki’s fault! Niki didn’t mean to.”

“Don’t blame Julian! If you want to blame me, blame me. I caused the Graham family to be in this situation today. If you want to hit me and scold me, Niki will definitely not have any complaints. “Niki’s eyes were firm, and her tone was also very firm.

Grandpa Graham remained silent.

“If you blame me for this and even refuse to let me marry into the Graham family.”

Speaking of this, there seemed to be endless pain in her eyes, and then she gritted her teeth as if making up her mind, “Niki... there’s nothing to say... as long as you don’t blame Brother Julian, it’s all Niki’s fault.”

Natalie’s eyes were ablaze with flames. What was the trouble with Niki? She blamed herself entirely, unlike

her style?

Under normal circumstances, shouldn’t Niki blame her entirely, saying that it was because she misled her

that led to this situation.

Why was it so abnormal today?

She was pondering, and in her ear came the voice of Julian.

“Niki didn’t mean it, didn’t you need to embarrass her?” Julian’s voice was faint.

The matter of the authorization letter is now over. If you pursue it again now, it will not be helpful. Why don’t you think about how to obtain the authorization letter again now? That’s the key.”

In just a few words, Niki was pushed off.

Hearing Julian speak for her, Niki felt reassured. She looked up at Grandpa Graham in good time.

Just waiting for Grandpa Graham to speak.

As expected, Grandpa Graham’s expression was unpredictable. He didn’t say much, “Forget it, I won’t hold you accountable.”

Natalie’s eyelashes trembled slightly, and she was somewhat surprised by the result. Did Niki not be held accountable if she was miserable?

During her three years at the Graham family, she had no other contact with him except for taking care of him. on weekdays. She couldn’t understand Grandpa Graham’s temperament.

So now she really didn’t understand what Grandpa Graham was thinking.

The expression on Grandpa Graham’s face, which had just been uncontrollable, almost disappeared in an

instant.

Upon hearing this, Niki’s face immediately began to smile, “Thank you, Grandpa!”

She turned her head and threw a grateful look at Julian, and the small hand placed under the table also

quietly grabbed Julian’s big hand.

Julian had previously told her that Grandpa Graham’s temperament was actually very open-minded, even

considered upright. Therefore, she boldly speculated that as long as she explained the matter clearly,

highlighting that her mistakes were all due to misunderstandings.

A person like Grandpa Graham may not hold her accountable.

“However, even if I don’t hold you accountable, it doesn’t mean I agree to you coming into the family.”

“You should let go of this.” Grandpa Graham said, taking a sip of water from his glass.

Niki clenched her hand tightly.

The feeling of joy just now was like being splashed out by a pool of water.

Julian felt Niki’s movements and looked at Grandpa Graham, “Don’t mention these things now.”

This statement was clearly comforting Niki.

“Since Natalie is also present today, why doesn’t she ask Philip to bring a authorization letter to the Graham family now.”

Natalie was taken aback. What he said was really impolite.

This not only helped Niki break free, but also took the opportunity to ask her to take out the authorization.

Natalie curled her lips, with a sneer at the corners of her mouth. Julian, you really had a good mind!

Grandpa Graham turned his gaze to her, obviously feeling that Julian’s plan was feasible. “Natalie, what do you think?”

know the authorization you worked hard to obtain before, but it was actually torn by Julian himself. I must be very angry in my heart. But the Graham family is currently in difficulties, and Grandpa hopes you don’t

argue with that Julian.”

“If

you are willing to help the Graham family now and do not express gratitude for your great kindness, your are the benefactor of the Graham family.”

Grandpa Graham’s words were very sincere, and his words were completely devoid of the airs of his master, only full of sincerity.

Natalie lowered her eyes.

She understood in her heart that this authorization was really important to the Graham family, and it was even crucial for their life and death

"I can't." Natalie pursed her lips.

Shouldn't Julian bear the responsibility for mistakes? He tore up the authorization letter. Since he had chosen to tear up that copy at the time, Ben should have already figured out what consequences he should bear if this authorization letter was genuine.

She has already helped the Graham family once, and she does not intend to do so again.

She didn't need their moral kidnapping.

"I can't do it."

Natalie spoke the words calmly, with no expression on her face.

Niki first spoke up. "Can't you do it?! How could you possibly not? You just don't want to help the Graham family, you want to see the Graham family go bankrupt, so you're happy?"

"What a cruel heart." Her eyes were full of disdain, as if she looked down upon such people very much.

"Auntie, did you see that? This is the good daughter-in-law you have in mind, who chose to stand idly by when something happened at home."

Linda's eyes were filled with disbelief. Why did she do this and why didn't she want to?

Wasn't Philip on good terms with her? Didn't he even buy her a diamond ring worth billions of dollars?

Was she really like what Niki said?

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"You used to blame me for not helping the Graham family when they were in danger, but for leaving. Now, isn't Natalie's approach the same as mine back then...?" Niki looked seriously at Linda.

A pair of autumn eyes carried emotions and seemed very aggrieved.

Linda choked on her words, although she didn't want to believe Niki's words in her heart. She wanted to speak or defend Natalie, but she couldn't defend her.

Indeed, Natalie personally said that she couldn't do it.

She lowered her head, unsure of what to say.

At this moment, Julian's expression remained unchanged, as he had already predicted Natalie's answer.

He knew she might refuse.

After all, when he invited her to eat at The Sunny Restaurant and used her participation in Grandpa Graham's banquet as a bargaining chip in exchange for the authorization letter, Natalie chose to refuse

It was also possible to choose to refuse this time.

But what he didn't expect was that she wouldn't even have a word of defense?

Actually, when Julian just said that sentence, he still had some expectations in his heart. Because although Natalie didn't seem at all interested in the chips he proposed at the time, she still came to the banquet in the

end.

The reason why Natalie chose to refuse at that time was likely because even though she did not receive the banquet Invitation letter, she was able to come to the banquet, so she would refuse so decisively.

But in the current situation, she was mistaken.

Natalie seemed completely indifferent.

Julian's eyes narrowed slightly, and he remembered what Niki had just said. Also, after all, she already had Philip, how could she think about taking care of his family?

His hand tightly gripped the wine glass, as if it could be crushed in a second.

"Natalie, you really don't want to help the Graham family. You want to watch the Graham family fall into trouble and repeat the mistakes of the past?" said Grandpa Graham.

He didn't expect Natalie to refuse, and when she said she couldn't do it, he felt extremely disappointed.

But decades of experience dominating the business world had taught him that he cannot reveal his emotions. After all, Natalie was the only hope for the Graham family to obtain the authorization letter, and he must maintain a friendly appearance.

"I can't do it." Natalie lifted her eyelids and repeated her words.

Words spoken were like water poured out, they cannot be retrieved.

She wouldn't change her mind either.

"Auntie, look at her, she's still stubborn!" Niki felt annoyed when she saw Natalie's cold and indifferent

appearance.

She couldn't help but make a sound, her accusations were loudly contemptuous.

Why pretended to be arrogant!

It's just a dirty trick of seducing men to have the initiative now.

Natalie gave Niki a cold glance.

She's really stupid and noisy.

spoken, and her eyes were also openly

"My relationship with Philip is just an ordinary friend. I can't say a word to ask Philip to give the authorization letter to the Graham family."

"Then say a few more words!" Niki disdained, as she had to defeat Natalie's authority today.

Natalie rolled her eyes in her heart, and her tone was not kind. "Miss Linch really doesn't have a back ache when she's standing and talking," she said.

"How can you say that standing and talking doesn't hurt my back? You can just blow more for this kind of thing." Niki sneered.

However, later on, Niki deliberately lowered her voice, and only Grandpa Graham and Julian sitting on both

sides of Niki could hear.

Julian's face turned green.

Grandpa Graham noticed the expression on Julian's face when he heard this sentence, and his eyes explored.

Did Natalie really have a shady relationship with Philip?

In fact, he didn't believe what Niki had just said. He was very clear that the relationship between Niki and Natalie was definitely not compatible.

Niki must have hated Natalie very much, so the slanderous words spoken by Niki about Natalie needed to be

considered.

But Julian's face gave him a bad premonition.

If everything Niki said was fake, why did Julian have such an expression?

Niki wanted to say more, but was interrupted by Linda's voice.

"Natalie."

Natalie turned her head and her indifferent expression softened instantly as she looked at Linda.

She was not completely without hesitation in her heart, and there was no one present that made her care,

except for Linda..

"Are you really unwilling to help the Graham family?" Linda had many complex emotions in her eyes, but most of them were expectations.

She hoped to hear from Natalie's mouth, "I am willing to help the Graham family obtain the authorization

letter."

So she could tell herself that Natalie was not that kind of person.

Natalie was very afraid of Linda's gaze at the moment.

She didn't know why. Was she afraid of Linda's disappointment? Or was she afraid that Linda's mental state would become worse as a result?

Natalie couldn't explain clearly.

She pursed her lips and simmered for a long time without speaking.

A voice broke Natalie's hesitation and surging emotions.

"Auntie, Niki thought that when I met Philip, my first thought was to help the Graham family obtain the authorization letter. But Niki didn't realize that all of this was a misunderstanding, and my full hopes were all

dashed."

Niki spoke in awe.

Her voice was very clear on the suppressed dining table at this moment.

Her voice was originally delicate and soft, but nobody knew if it was due to the atmosphere or her deliberate actions. At this moment, Niki's words made people feel a hint of sadness.

Natalie raised her eyebrows.

"I originally thought that since I could work for the family, I would try my best to make up for my mistakes

back then."

"Unexpectedly, it was all a misunderstanding. Do you know what I felt in my heart when I knew that Philip

didn't know me?"

Linda didn't answer.

Niki could only speak on her own with a stiff face.

"There is nothing I can do... and endless regret... why doesn't Niki know Philip? Why can't Niki help the Graham family with something?"

"Why did Natalie know Philip?" Niki lowered her eyelashes and said, "If possible, how I wish it were me."

The more Grandpa Graham listened to this, the more his face darkened.

Niki raised her head, as if with endless jealousy in her eyes, "So, Natalie, do you know?"

Natalie looked at her at the sound, her eyes cold. "Know what?"

That she performed well? Natalie sneered.

She didn't know what Niki was up to now.

Niki spoke, "Nothing."

Don't say it." said a majestic voice.

Niki had just brewed her emotions, and what she wanted to say had just reached a high point and she was

interrupted.

It's Grandpa Graham 's voice, "Natalie, you're not willing to do it anyway, are you?"

Grandpa Graham's voice was not as soft as it had just been, but it sounded cold upon closer inspection.

Without waiting for Natalie to answer, he continued, "Your relationship with Glory Group's CEO Philip. Do have anything to defend?"

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"We are just ordinary friends. "Natalie said in a flat tone, but only she knew she was already a bit impatient.

She didn't know why Grandpa Graham 's tone suddenly became so cold, but she didn't want to know either.

She had said this sentence countless times today. If she continued to ask, she would have no patience at all.

Upon hearing her answer, Grandpa Graham 's emotions deepened in his eyes.

Natalie had only this sentence, without any substantive evidence..

It seemed that all of this was clearly predetermined.

"Someone, drive Miss Spears out!"

"The Graham family doesn't welcome her!"

Grandpa Graham 's tone carried the oppression and reluctance of superiors.