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Seeing that Evelyn was sincere, Siobhan put down her guard, especially when Evelyn told her that she wanted to forget about Colton. At that moment, Siobhan trusted Evelyn completely.

"I'm glad that you have thought this through. Now that Colton and Nicole are close, it's right that you choose to let him go," said Siobhan. Her voice was filled with happiness.

When Evelyn heard her words, she was furious. A hint of anger flashed in her eyes as she clenched her fists tightly. However, she suppressed it and gave a fake smile. "Yeah, Mom. I have been thinking for the past few days. Sometimes, things are just not meant to be. No matter what I do, it will be useless. I don't want to waste my time on them and have decided to live my life to the fullest. I want to spend some time alone at Sounien."

When Siobhan saw the regret on Evelyn's face, she sighed and agreed. She didn't suspect anything. Moreover, Nicole had just called and told her that she would be going on a trip with Colton to Dane, which was in the opposite direction from Evelyn's trip. Thus, she didn't have to worry about them encountering each other and making a scene.

"I'm glad that you think this way. Nicole and Colton will stay in Dane for a month, so you can stay at Sounien longer. After you guys return, talk it out and apologize to Nicole. After all, we are still family..."

However, Evelyn wasn't listening to what Siobhan was saying now. She was thrilled as she thought about Siobhan's words—Colton was going to Dane!

Although she was thrilled, she maintained a stoic expression and pretended that she was listening to Siobhan. Initially, she was worried that she would never find out Colton's whereabouts. However, she

had gotten the information from Siobhan easily! It was a surprise gift for her!

After Siobhan had finished talking, she told Evelyn to go to bed earlier, yet the latter was already thinking about other things. After bidding goodnight to Siobhan, Evelyn returned to her room and started preparing her next move.

She prepared some items and a ticket to Sounien for her doppelganger. Then, without anyone noticing, she bought a ticket to Dane. Evelyn knew that without any evidence, the police could only monitor her for seven days. Thus, when they saw "her" get on the plane, they would stop monitoring her.

As expected, the plan went well. After Evelyn got a text from her doppelganger that everything went great, she transferred 15 thousand to the woman as promised.

As Evelyn sat on the plane flying to Dane, she was clutching her chest. She had put the love bug in her shirt pocket. Now, she had no other choice but to go down this road. Although the love bug had just fed on her blood and was squirming in satisfaction in her pocket, she was worried that someone would notice it. However, everything went well. After Evelyn exited the airport and saw the big 'Dane' sign, she breathed a sigh of relief.

She knew that Nicole and Colton would arrive at noon tomorrow. She arrived a day before them so that she could make the final preparations. Once the duo got off the plane, she would stalk them and find the opportunity to put the bug on Colton.

The next day, Nicole and Colton arrived at Dane on time. However, they didn't notice that Evelyn was stalking them.

Chapter 1102 The Start of Their Honeymoon

In April, the weather in Dane was perfect. When Nicole got off the plane, she saw the clear blue sky and high mountains. It was a beautiful scenery.

"No wonder everyone wants to come to Dane. It is indeed a beautiful place," she said in amazement.

Seeing that she was intrigued by the scene, Colton said with adoration, "If you wish, we can buy a house here. I'll bring you here every year."

"Really?" Nicole looked at him with bright eyes.

"Of course. I'll do anything as long as you like it." He kissed her forehead affectionately.

She blushed and looked at her surroundings. "There are people here. B-Be mindful of your actions!" she said shyly.

Colton's heart thumped wildly as he looked at her reaction. Then, he wrapped his arm around her waist and pulled her close to him. "Let's go to the hotel."

Nicole nodded. With that, the duo got in the car that the hotel prepared.

In the meantime, Evelyn, who had been watching them from behind, was jealous at the sight of their public display of affection! She clutched her shirt tightly, and her face twisted with anger when she saw how in love they were. This is supposed to be mine! It is all Nicole's fault! She stole everything from me, no matter if it's the title of the young lady of the Wrenn Family or Colton! She took everything away from me!

When she saw they had gotten into a car, she quickly told the cab driver, "Follow that car. I'll give you double the money."

The cab driver knew she was someone from the riches when he saw how she dressed. Thus, he said nothing more and immediately followed her orders.

The two cars maintained a distance as they drove. Soon, Colton and Nicole stopped at a hotel entrance.

Immediately, Evelyn knew that this would be the place they stayed. On the other hand, the cab driver hesitated when he saw the other car stop. "Miss, should we still follow them?"

Hearing his words, Evelyn thought for a moment, If I were to stop the car abruptly, they might be suspicious. Thinking about it, she cleared her throat and said, "Don't stop the car. I want you to drive around this area for two rounds before letting me off by that place."

"Okay!" the cab driver replied. To make such a strange request, she is one weird customer, alright. Doesn't she know that telling me to drive around the building would only help me earn more money? Well, not that I mind!

Naturally, Evelyn couldn't care less about how much fee the cab driver would be charging after the ride. Right now, all she could think about was Nicole and Colton. When she exited the car, she took some cash out of her purse and tossed it to the driver without counting it. "Here's the money, and keep the change." With that, she immediately turned around and left.

At this moment, Nicole and Colton were standing by the reception desk and checking in. Looking around the hotel, Nicole couldn't help but feel confused.

After all, today was a public holiday, and the road was jammed with cars. Yet, there was no one else in the hotel other than them.

When she asked the hotel staff member about this, the staff replied, "That's because you have booked a stand-alone villa. And this is the passageway for our VIP customers to check in, so that's why you won't see many people here."

Hearing her words, Nicole nodded in realization and couldn't help but be in awe at how considerate the hotel was.

Chapter 1103 Haven't You Learned Your Lesson Yet?

After they had finished checking into the hotel, Colton grabbed their suitcases and walked ahead.

The hotel was huge. As they walked past the lobby, they saw a series of villas lining up there. The villa they booked was a double-story mansion, and the hotel staff had already cleaned the place up. When Nicole swiped the key card and entered the villa, she felt it'd be comfortable to live in it despite its simple interior design.

After unpacking their suitcases, they decided to go for lunch.

As they arrived at the lobby, Nicole realized she had forgotten to bring her phone. "I think I left my phone in the room," she said as she stopped walking. Recently, she seemed to be forgetting things easily. It was as if she had Alzheimer's disease.

Colton chuckled and said affectionately, "Wait here. I'll go and get it for you."

"Okay." She nodded.

It would take about 10 minutes for Colton to return, so Nicole started to look around out of boredom.

At this moment, a man in his forties stood beside her. He was fat, and his belly was huge. His face was squished together as he looked at Nicole and snickered creepily.

When Nicole saw him, she subconsciously moved away from the man and decided to ignore him.

"Hey, beautiful. Are you here alone?" asked Harrison Riggs—the man leering at Nicole. He rubbed his

palms together, seemingly satisfied at what he saw.

He just happened to come here to check on the hotel, but never had he expected to run into a beautiful woman sitting on the couch. Nicole had a good figure, to begin with. Since she wore a white dress, it showed off the curve of her body even more, making her look all the more elegant. With her black hair, dark eyes, and beautiful facial features, she doesn't even need to do anything to attract attention from others. That was how stunning and attractive she was.

As soon as Harrison entered the lobby, he was captivated by her. After observing her for about three minutes, he noticed that she seemed to be alone, so he approached her.

Nicole glanced at him and frowned as she averted her gaze. At first glance, she knew that he had ill intentions. Thus, she smirked coldly and ignored him.

Harrison was irked by her attitude. "Do you know who I am?" he asked with an upset tone.

"I'm not interested," she responded.

Her actions humiliated Harrison, and he gripped his knuckles tightly. Suddenly, he let out a chuckle and mocked, "It's your honor that I am interested in you, woman. I am the boss of this hotel. If you sleep with me tonight, I will give you lots of money. How does that sound?"

The owner of the hotel? No wonder he looks like this. Thinking about it, Nicole chuckled and raised an eyebrow as she looked at him. "Do you think I'm poor?" she retorted.

Harrison was infuriated by her defiant attitude. He wanted to teach her a lesson, but Nicole had learned self-defense. Thus, just as he was about to touch her, she grabbed his hand and bent his wrist.

Immediately, the man howled in pain.

Looking at his pale face, Nicole didn't loosen her grip. Instead, she used even more force.

Thud! Harrison dropped to his knees since it was too painful. He bit back his cries of pain and gritted his teeth as he spoke, "You crazy woman! Let go of me!"

Nicole released him and stared at him with cold eyes. He grabbed his wrist and quickly stepped aside. He looked at her grimly, his eyes filled with viciousness as he thought, She's going to pay for this!

Seeing the hard stare he was giving her, Nicole raised her hand and threatened him, "What are you looking at? Haven't you learned your lesson yet?"

Chapter 1104 I Can Help You

After hearing her words, Harrison immediately cowered in fear and dared not to say anything. After giving Nicole a final glare, he turned around and left.

Just as he left the scene, Colton returned with Nicole's phone. When he saw her standing there, he thought something had happened. So, he walked over and asked, "What's the matter?"

She didn't tell him what had happened since she felt she could handle it herself. Thus, she shook her head and replied, "It's nothing. I saw you come by and was waiting for you. Come on, let's go and eat." As she spoke, she couldn't help but yawn. After all, she was exhausted since she had woken up early and sat on the plane for a long time.

"Are you tired?" Colton tilted his head and looked at her.

Nicole nodded. Since she was tired, her voice was slightly hoarse. "Just a little bit. We can get lunch first before taking a break. I just feel a little bit tired. After all, it has been a while since we hung out like this."

"Okay." Colton nodded. Then, he casually wrapped his arm around her.

On the other hand, Evelyn had seen everything that had happened. She glared at the couple and clenched her fists tightly. It hurts to see them being so intimate with each other! However, there is a chance for me now. The man from earlier seems like he is interested in Nicole. In that case, I might as well help him get his hands on her. If her innocence is to be tainted by another man, I'm sure Colton will not treat her the same again! Thinking about it, Evelyn smiled evilly.

In the meantime, Harrison was still furious about what Nicole had done. Just as he went to the reception desk and looked for their information, a woman appeared beside him. She was tall and had heavy makeup on her face. Although she looked pretty, Harrison felt that Nicole looked better.

"Are you Mr. Riggs?" Evelyn asked casually.

Harrison's mood had improved significantly at the sight of the beautiful woman. He eyed her up and down before putting on a smile. "Why do you ask? Do you want to have some fun with me?"

Evelyn took a step back when she saw him reaching out for her. "I saw a woman hurt you just now. Don't you feel angry about it?" she asked softly.

Her words reminded the man about what had happened, and he felt infuriated. After all, he had just been manhandled by a woman! He would be a laughingstock if anyone were to know about this! He studied Evelyn and asked gruffly, "What do you want?"

"Nothing. It's just that I'm upset that she mistreated you. Thus, I want to help you out. How does that sound?" She smiled triumphantly.

Hearing her words, Harrison narrowed his eyes as he stared at her, seemingly doubting that she was as kind-hearted as she made herself out to be.

"I have some grudges against that woman, so it's only natural I'd be happy to see something bad happens to her. What do you think, Mr. Riggs? Do you need my help?" Evelyn stood there quietly, waiting for his answer.

Nicole's face flashed across his mind when he heard Evelyn's offer. He gulped hard, a smile forming on

his lips. If this woman can help me get the woman from earlier... That sounds like a great deal to me! As he thought about it, he replied, "Okay. If you succeed, I can promise you whatever you want."

Hearing his answer, Evelyn smiled faintly and said, "Clear up a room tomorrow, and I'll make her go to you. I hope you won't disappoint me."

"It's a deal, then." Harrison nodded. He would never refuse such a good opportunity.

Looking at him, Evelyn smiled. She had just done a background check on Harrison; she knew his wife was not someone to be messed with.

Chapter 1105 I'm Here Too, Mom

The next day, Nicole woke up late. She yawned and got out of bed. On the other hand, Colton had already woken up and was making breakfast in the kitchen. When she walked down the stairs, she saw his broad figure and could smell the scent of food.

One of the benefits of renting a villa was that they could cook on their own.

"You're awake. Here, have some food." Colton put the food in front of her.

Looking at the delicious food before her, she let out another yawn and said, "Thank you, darling."

He was happy to hear how she addressed him. He chuckled and leaned down to kiss her.

After snuggling with each other for a while, they began to eat breakfast. As soon as they finished their meal, Colton received a call. He answered it and said in an upset tone, "Don't call me for anything related to work or family matters for the time being. I'm busy."

Tony was speechless upon hearing the irked tone in Colton's voice. "President Gardner, Mr. Morgan is also at Dane. All you have to do is meet up with him. If we can collaborate with him, it will increase the company's profit considerably," he mumbled quietly.

"I'm not going," Colton said coldly.

Tony wasn't surprised. He was merely trying his luck to see if Colton would agree to his request. However, the outcome was just as he had expected.

"I don't need this money. I'm on my honeymoon, so please don't disturb me." Just as Colton was about to hang up the call, Nicole leaned toward him.

She looked at his phone and greeted Tony politely, "Did something happen?"

"Here's the thing, Mrs. Gardner. The company has a project at Dane that needs President Gardner to attend to. It will only take about two hours, and we will be able to make a huge profit out of it," replied Tony.

Colton was dissatisfied and wanted to hang up the call. In that split second, he heard Nicole replied, "Okay. I'll ask Colton to go. Don't worry."

Hearing her words, Tony was delighted. Before Colton had married Nicole, he was a workaholic. However, after he was with Nicole, he changed into a completely different person and always followed his wife around, refusing to work. Though, it didn't matter much since the Gardner Family was wealthy. Even if Colton didn't work, he would still have enough money to spend for the rest of his life.

After Colton hung up the call, he pursed his lips. He wrapped his arms around Nicole's waist and snuggled his head at the crook of her neck. "Why would you say that, Nicole? This is our honeymoon. I don't want to be separated from you," he mumbled.

Seeing that he was clinging to her, Nicole couldn't help but chuckle. She gently pushed his head and said, "We still have a lot of time. There's no reason to let such an opportunity pass by. Moreover, it's only two hours; it won't take long. Once you are back, we will head over to the beach and spend our time there."

Colton didn't say anything more since she had already persuaded him. Hence, he nodded and said,

"Okay. Be good and wait for me to come back, then."

Hearing his words, she felt he was starting to act like a kid. He had just clung to her moments ago, and now he was behaving in a spoiled manner.

"Okay. Just go." She refrained from teasing him for his childish behavior.

Colton leaned down and kissed her before leaving. Just as he left, Nicole got a text from her phone.

'I'm here in Dane too, Mom. I'm at the hotel where you and Dad currently stay in.'

Nicole looked at the text and realized that it was from Hayden. Initially, she had wanted to bring him along on their honeymoon, but Colton didn't want a third wheel between them. Thus, he coaxed her into leaving Hayden at home.

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Nicole found it strange that Hayden came alone, so she quickly called her son, but it went straight to voicemail. Worried, she sent a text message. 'Hayden, did you come alone? Isn't Grandma with you?'

Although her child was smart, he was still young. She couldn't relax knowing a six-year-old boy wandering around alone.

'I came alone, Mom. I'm in Room 313 at the hotel.' After a while, Hayden replied with a text message.

She glanced at the message and immediately decided to head over to find her son.

The hotel was only a short distance from the villa area, and she reached the lobby after an eight-minute walk.

As she searched for Room 313, she couldn't help but feel uneasy and decided to call Hayden. However, his phone was in a busy signal state the whole time, and she couldn't get through. She grew more anxious and took the elevator to the third floor.

Meanwhile, in a corner of the lobby, Evelyn wore a large black hat that almost covered half of her face. When she saw Nicole enter the elevator, a sinister smile tugged on her lips.

After a light chuckle, she immediately made a phone call. "Is this Mrs. Riggs? I saw Mr. Riggs with another woman on the third floor of your hotel just now," she calmly stated.

As expected, the person on the other end of the line exploded in anger upon hearing that her husband was with another woman. "What did you say? How dare Harrison?!" The woman shouted furiously.

Evelyn continued to provoke, "Why don't you come and see for yourself, Mrs. Riggs? Then, you'll know whether he dares or not."

The woman on the other end of the line asked warily, "Who are you?"

"Just a good Samaritan. It's up to you to believe me or not." After Evelyn said that, she hung up right away. Harrison's wife is a skeptical person. This phone call will certainly make her suspicious, and she will come and see for herself. It seems like there will be a good show to watch next.

Meanwhile, Nicole reached the third floor and stood outside Room 313. After a moment of hesitation, she decided to knock on the door.

Soon, footsteps could be heard from inside the room. As she listened carefully, she realized it wasn't a child's footsteps, as it sounded rather heavy and dull.

Just as she was puzzled, the door suddenly swung open, revealing the face of a portly man she had encountered downstairs yesterday.

The man seemed to have just finished bathing since he was wearing a white bathrobe. When he saw Nicole standing at the door, his narrow, lustful gaze instantly fixed on her. "Hey, beautiful. You're here." Harrison smirked creepily, his gaze roaming all over her.

Nicole was dressed differently today. She was in her casual clothes—a white T-shirt and black pants. Her dark, slightly curled hair cascaded down her back, and she had no makeup on, though it only made her appear even more innocent and attractive.

Seeing that, he couldn't help but swallow nervously. She looks even more alluring today than yesterday. Just as he was about to reach out his hand, he remembered the painful lesson from her grabbing his wrist yesterday and quickly pulled his hand back in fear.

As Nicole coldly glanced at him, she called out, "Hayden? Are you in there?"

There was no response from her son inside the room. That was when she realized someone had used her child to lure her here. No matter how poor the lie sounded, as long as it had to do with Hayden, she would still get panic and fall for it, which allowed others to take advantage of her.

She had no intention of entertaining Harrison further, so she turned around to leave.

However, just as she took a step, Harrison approached her and seized her wrist. Afraid that she would grab his wrist like before, he decided to grab both of her hands.

Chapter 1107 I'm Wrongly Accused

As Nicole looked at Harrison, her voice suddenly turned cold. "Let go."

The man chuckled, and his lecherous gaze stuck to her. "Why don't you just surrender to me today, beautiful? Once you're with me, I won't let you suffer." As he spoke, he forcefully prepared to pull her inside.

Although Nicole tried to struggle out of his grip, the strength difference between a man and a woman was significant, so she couldn't break free at all. Seeing that he was about to drag her into the room, she swiftly kicked his stomach.

Unprepared, Harrison took a direct hit and yelped in pain as his body fell backward. His round figure hit the ground with a dull thud.

Taking the opportunity, she tried to leave, but the man quickly climbed back up, his face terrifyingly dark. He gritted his teeth and sinisterly looked at her, roaring, "Nicole Anderson! Where do you think you're going? Let me tell you this. You must come to bed with me today, or else I won't spare you!"

Nicole had barely taken a few steps forward when several tall, sturdy figures suddenly appeared before her, blocking her path.

At this moment, Harrison sneered, for he had called in the security guards specifically to ensure nothing went wrong. Let's see how you escape now! "You want to run? Keep running, Nicole! But let me tell you, this entire hotel belongs to me. You can't escape anywhere." With a proud face, he confidently stepped forward. He had a penchant for unattainable things, and the more she resisted, the more it pleased him.

When Nicole saw that he was approaching her, she was about to fight back when a vigorous shout came from behind. "Harrison Riggs! I can't believe you're cheating on me again! How dare you?!"

Hearing the familiar voice, Harrison trembled in fear. He looked up and saw a plump woman coming toward them. The woman had an angry expression, and her brows were furrowed.

At once, he started to panic and explained, "Darling... I-It's not what you think. This woman seduced me!" He quickly shifted the blame.

The plump woman stood before Nicole, squinting her narrow eyes as she carefully examined her. With a sneer, she sarcastically remarked, "Oh, so it's you. You're not even that old, yet you're involved in this kind of affair. Don't you think it'll ruin your reputation if this matter gets out?"

Nicole's face remained cold as a hint of mockery appeared on her lips. "Anyone who's not blind can see what's happening here."

The plump woman had a very obese figure, weighing at least 200 pounds. Her body was covered in fat, and her whole body shook when she walked.

After hearing Nicole's words, her sharp gaze immediately fell on Harrison. She looked at the bathrobe he was wearing and figured out he had just showered not long ago. She instantly grew furious, pointing at him as she berated him, "Harrison! You even took a shower?! What's the meaning of this? Have you two slept already? You made a solemn promise to me. I can't believe you couldn't even last a day. You are such an unfaithful man!"

Instantly, Harrison became flustered. He quickly pointed at Nicole and said, "Darling, I'm wrongly accused. It was this woman who came to seduce me. I was about to ask the security guards to chase

her away when you arrived."

When the woman saw his sincere expression, she started to believe him to some extent and asked for confirmation, "Really?"

He quickly nodded. "Yes!" This hotel was originally invested in by his wife's family, and half of the shares belonged to her. Naturally, he didn't dare to offend her.

Chapter 1108 Colton's Arrival

When the plump woman looked at Harrison's face, she became somewhat convinced. She looked at Nicole and cursed loudly, "You shameless woman! Do you know that he is someone else's husband? Are you trying to be a homewrecker?!"

As Nicole looked at the scene before her, she couldn't help but chuckle. She then raised her head and glanced at Harrison in contempt, letting out a subtle laugh. "Oh, I seduced your husband, huh? Ma'am, would you like to check the surveillance at the front desk to see who was harassing whom?"

Seeing that she was about to reveal the truth, Harrison quickly shouted, "Don't believe her, darling. She's full of bullsh*t and is trying to sow discord between us. How could I be interested in such a woman?"

With his outcry, the plump woman became even more convinced that Nicole had been the one who tried to seduce Harrison. She bellowed, "You shameless woman! Not only did you seduce my husband, but you also shamelessly fabricated such lies. I'll tear your mouth apart today!"

Right after saying that, she rushed forward to engage in a fight. However, due to her overweight body, her movements were slow. Just as she reached for Nicole, Nicole sidestepped and evaded her.

Frustrated at not being able to catch Nicole, she was getting even more infuriated. She pointed at the two security guards behind her and shouted, "What are you waiting for? Quickly grab this woman for me!"

Hearing that, the security guards immediately took action.

At this moment, Nicole's eyes darkened. When she received a text from Hayden, she was in a rush that

she didn't bring along a needle. With the two burly bodyguards, the overweight Harrison, and his wife, she was clearly at a disadvantage.

Just as she was preparing to fight back, a familiar and icy voice came from behind her. "What are you going to do to my wife?"

Hearing the voice, everyone looked up and saw a man in a neatly tailored suit walking steadily toward them. The man had a striking appearance with a refined and noble aura. With a cold expression, he stared at them.

The security guards were startled by the aura emanating from him and froze in place, forgetting to make any moves.

When Nicole saw Colton, she felt a tingling sensation at the tip of her nose. She ran toward him and asked, "Why are you here?"

He looked down at her and said in a doting tone, "Didn't I tell you to wait for me? How did you run into trouble as soon as I left?"

In front of him, she no longer had the arrogant and domineering demeanor she had before. Now, she looked like an innocent and harmless little kitten, appearing pitifully helpless. "They used Hayden to deceive me. I hurriedly came here, but it's all a trap," she explained with a hint of grievance, resembling a child tattling to a parent.

When he heard that, his eyes turned cold in an instant. He looked at Harrison with a chilling gaze and asked, "You used my child to deceive my wife into coming here?"

Even though Harrison had experienced many things, he was startled by Colton's icy gaze. He looked at the young man before him, who exuded a terrifying aura that sent shivers down his spine despite being younger than himself. It made him feel a tinge of fear.

However, Harrison managed to hold his ground, straighten his posture, and look at Colton. "Nonsense! It was your woman's greed for my wealth that made her eagerly come to me."

Meanwhile, the plump woman beside him gave Colton a sharp glance and chuckled. "Boy toy, are you being kept by this woman? You two are such a match. A boy toy and a seductress."

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At the plump woman's insulting remark, Colton's face had darkened. His pitch-black eyes seemed like an endless abyss, and he was exuding an intense and unfathomable aura as he stared straight at the plump woman.

Startled by his gaze, the woman felt weak on her knees and almost fell to the ground.

Only after a brief delay did she realize that she had been intimidated by a young man. She quickly put on a defiant face and shouted, "What are you

looking at? Don't leave your house if you can't take care of your woman! This b*tch wanted to climb into my husband's bed. I'm going to tear her apart today!"

After saying that, she rolled up her sleeves, preparing to take action. However, when she saw Colton's towering figure, she hesitated. After a moment of contemplation, she turned to the security guards behind her and said, "You two, hold that woman down for me. I'm going to give her a good beating today!"

At her command, the security guards quickly prepared to take action. Yet, before they could even touch Nicole, they were sent flying and crashed heavily to the ground; Colton's movements were swift and decisive.

The security guards lay on the ground, writhing in pain. When the plump woman witnessed Colton's impressive skills, she was taken aback, and her face turned pale. She stammered, "D-Do you know who I am? How dare you act recklessly here? T-This is our territory. Do you have a death wish?"

She struggled to maintain her composure when she fixed her gaze on his grim face. Still, when she saw his expression, her confidence faltered.

Ignoring the plump woman, Colton's gaze wandered and landed directly on Harrison. In a cold voice, he interrogated, "Is it you who want to defile my wife?"

The chilling tone made cold sweat drip down Harrison's forehead. However, with the plump woman by his side, he dared not speak the truth and shifted the blame to Nicole. "It was this woman who knew I am the owner of this hotel and willingly offered herself."

Having been a dominant figure in the business world for many years, Harrison knew he shouldn't provoke the man before him. At this thought, he reached out to pull the plump woman over, whispering, "Let's just forget about this, darling. It won't be good for our hotel if this escalates."

However, the woman refused to give up. Seeing Harrison's cowardly look, she became even more infuriated. So, she sternly said, "Look at you. Where's the spirit of a man? He's just a little brat, but you're scared of him? If the two security guards aren't enough, then bring 20 more. I want to see how capable he is."

As she said that, she took out her phone and called the head of the security guards. Arrogantly, she ordered, "You, bring all the security guards to the third floor of the hotel now. Someone's causing trouble here, so come prepared."

After the call, her attitude grew even more arrogant. She raised her double chin and sneered at Colton. "If you kneel and apologize to me now, I might let you off. Otherwise, I guarantee you won't leave here unscathed!"

At this moment, Colton coldly stared at her, his clear pupils radiating an intense chill.

When the plump woman saw his unyielding expression, she grew increasingly infuriated. She stood

with her hands on her hips and shouted sternly, "Let me tell you this. If you don't kneel and apologize today, don't even think about leaving here in one piece!"

In the end, he couldn't help but chuckle at her words. He lifted his gaze and looked at Harrison, asking, "Are you the president of Riggs Corporation and the legal representative of this hotel?"

When he heard Colton mention his name, Harrison thought he was afraid, so his expression became even more smug. "That's me. Now, are you finally scared?"

As soon as the words came out of his mouth, a cold and chilling voice came from Colton.

Chapter 1110 Bankrupt

"Riggs Corporation will go bankrupt today, and you won't be the owner of this hotel anymore," Colton said, causing the Riggs couple burst into laughter.

The plump woman looked at him, her eyes filled with sarcasm. "You may have a decent face, but something is clearly wrong with your mind. Do you know that Riggs Corporation is one of the top companies in Dane? Who do you think you are?"

Ignoring her, Colton took out his phone in front of her and made a call. With a cold tone, he instructed, "I want Riggs Corporation in Dane to go bankrupt in 10 minutes."

On the other end of the call, the person was taken aback by their president's unusually ominous words but quickly responded, "Understood, President Gardner. I guarantee it will be done in 10 minutes."

After receiving a reply, he hung up the phone, but his series of actions made the couple burst into laughter once again. "This guy has truly gone mad. He's even indulging in wild fantasies now. Make us go bankrupt in 10 minutes? Haha! Have you been watching too many TV series?" Harrison mocked, his face filled with scorn. Riggs Corporation has been established in Dane for many years and has a deep-rooted influence and a strong presence in the region. There's no way he can bankrupt it in 10 minutes. He's delusional!

As they conversed, the security guards downstairs rushed in, totaling over 20. This bolstered Harrison's confidence even further. He pointed at Nicole and Colton, arrogantly commanding, "Arrest them both."

The security guards promptly moved to execute the order. However, Colton's skills were exceptional, and the inexperienced guards were no match for him. Within moments, he effortlessly defeated a significant number of them. Seeing this, the guards glanced at Nicole and swarmed in her direction.

Little did they expect that she was also skilled in martial arts. Together, they swiftly took down over 20 guards.

Harrison was taken aback by the scene. He pointed at Colton and asked in a trembling voice, "W-Who are you? How dare you act recklessly on my territory!"

Likewise, the plump woman felt a sense of panic after seeing how skilled they were. "It was your woman who seduced my husband first. Teaching you a lesson is doing you a favor! How dare you two do this?! Do you have a death wish?"

Just then, Harrison's phone suddenly rang. He glanced down and discovered it was a call from his secretary. Curiously, he answered the call, only to hear his secretary's urgent voice on the other end. "M-Mr. Riggs, we have a situation. Someone has manipulated Riggs Corporation's stocks, and... we have gone bankrupt!"

"What?!" Harrison's eyes were filled with shock and disbelief. He asked again, "Our company has gone bankrupt?!"

"Yes, Mr. Riggs. I don't know what happened, but someone manipulated our stocks, and now we're bankrupt. We have nothing left," the secretary mournfully explained.

Those words hit Harrison like a thunderbolt, fully awakening him to the fact that he had offended an incredibly formidable opponent. He looked up at Colton, sensing the aura emanating from him as he parted his lips and asked, "Who are you, exactly?" To be able to bring my company to bankruptcy in such a short time, he can't be an ordinary man. Fear crept into his heart as he gazed at the person before him.

"I'm Colton Gardner," Colton said coldly.

Colton Gardner?! Harrison was shocked to his core. Gardner is not a common family name, and the only family capable of bankrupting me in 10 minutes can only be the Gardner Family, which happens to be the wealthiest family in the world. In the past few days, news of the Gardner Family's alliance with the Wrenn Family has been circulating widely on the Internet. Does that mean the woman by his side is the Young Lady Evelyn of the Wrenn Family?!

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Harrison's legs gave way as he fell to the floor. He couldn't calm down even after a long while.

The plump woman lowered her head at Harrison's wimpy behavior, anger suddenly rising within her heart. She reached out and grabbed Harrison's ear, shouting, "What's the matter? Why are you intimidated by something a househusband said? Harrison, where are your guts?"

At that moment, Harrison could only feel his mind buzzing, but the stupid woman next to him was still mocking Colton. He hastily scrambled to his feet and reprimanded in a low voice, "Shut up! Stop talking!"

Still wobbling, Harrison reached up and wiped the cold sweat off his forehead. He looked at Colton and apologized, "I'm sorry, Mr. Gardner. I should've known better than that. I'm so sorry that I didn't recognize you and your wife."

Seeing Harrison behaving so meekly, the plump woman was even more confused. She put her hands on her hips and questioned, "Harrison, what are you scared of? What's wrong with you? Didn't you say that this woman seduced you?"

"No, it wasn't her who seduced me. I was the one who had indecent thoughts about Miss Anderson. I knew what I was doing. I apologize for my behavior, so please have mercy." Harrison realized that even his voice was shaking.

Now that he had offended both the Gardners and the Wrenns, he feared that he would die a horrible death.

When the plump woman heard that, she instantly fumed. She glared at Harrison and shouted, "Harrison, how dare you?! You were staring at other women behind my back again! Back when the Riggs Family was in trouble, my family was the one who helped yours!"

After shouting at Harrison, the plump woman turned her gaze toward Nicole. She strode forward and glared viciously at the latter.

"Wretch, I knew you were the type to seduce men when I saw your face. I'll tear your face apart right now!"

With that, she was about to attack, but as soon as she raised her hand, Harrison held her back. He was panicking so much that his head was drenched in a cold sweat, but the plump woman was still making a fuss. Harrison lowered his voice and warned, "Stop that! We can't afford to offend them!"

However, the plump woman became even bolder and questioned, "Who can't we afford to offend?! I'll teach this woman a lesson right now!"

Seeing that the plump woman was still raring to go, Harrison reached out and slapped her face. He then said viciously, "You stupid, stubborn woman! I told you, he's from the Gardner Family!"

The plump woman was stunned by the slap. She looked up at Harrison in a daze and blinked as if she couldn't believe what he just did. There was grievance in her voice as she said, "You hit me."

Harrison wasn't in the mood to keep arguing with her and turned to apologize to Colton. "Mr. Gardner, Riggs Corporation has gone bankrupt now. I'm really sorry, so please be gracious and let me off the

hook. "

With that, he knelt on the floor and hit his head on the ground a few times.

The plump woman returned to her senses. When she heard that Riggs Corporation had gone bankrupt, she suppressed the fury in her heart as she stared in bewilderment at Colton. Before she could react, Harrison dragged her down.

She suddenly remembered something. Gardner Corporation was one of the top enterprises in the world, so destroying Riggs Corporation would be as easy as killing a bug for them.

Had she directed her anger at the wrong person just now?

At that thought, the plump woman shivered. A look of fear flashed across her face and she instantly behaved as nicely as she could. "I-I'm sorry, M-Mr. Gardner. I didn't mean what I said just now."

The plump woman was in so much panic that she reached up and slapped herself repeatedly. Soon, her plump face had turned red.

She couldn't believe that she had called the head of the Gardner Family a househusband!

Chapter 1112 Someone Did It on Purpose

As Colton looked at the two people trembling on the floor, there wasn't the slightest bit of compassion in his eyes. They deserved it!

Nicole was a little annoyed at the sight of the two apologizing. If they didn't have any power or status, how would it have ended today? These punishments were too light for arrogant people like them.

"Colton, let's go. I'm getting tired, so let's go back and rest for a bit." Nicole said, lowering her gaze.

Colton nodded. He glanced at the security guards wailing on the floor in the corridor, then turned around and carried Nicole in his arms.

Everyone was watching, so Nicole lowered her head in embarrassment. She murmured, "You don't have to do this. I wasn't hurt, so I can walk on my own."

Even though she was married to Colton, she still felt embarrassed to have their affection displayed in public.

Colton lowered his head to look at her, his voice softening. "I won't have them dirtying your feet."

With that, he left with Nicole in his arms.

When Colton and Nicole were gone, Harrison finally let out a huge sigh of relief. He dropped to the floor and panted heavily, sweat already gushing out of his pores. The incident just now was too terrifying, and the vicious glare from Colton looked like it would kill him at any moment.

"Darling... Darling, what do we do now?" The plump woman was terrified as she asked Harrison in a

shaky voice.

Harrison turned to look at the plump woman and asked, "Why did you come here today?"

The plump woman took out her phone and passed it to him. "Someone called me here."

Harrison had been in the business field for so long that he could see through these tricks in an instant. Someone did it on purpose!

He lowered his head to look at the number on the phone. The call was made when he brought Nicole upstairs!

He gripped the phone tightly. Just seeing the plump woman made him extremely mad. He began shouting, "You stupid woman! You didn't even know you were being used! Now that we've offended the Gardners, we definitely won't make it out alive!"

The plump woman was panicking as well, and anxiety filled her eyes as she hastily asked, "Then what do we do?"

"What else can we do? We can only wait for bankruptcy and days of poverty." With that, Harrison left without even looking back.

Only then did the plump woman realize the grave mistake she had committed. She ran after him with the phone in her hand, but as soon as she went out, someone gave her a call.

"Mrs. Riggs, bad news! All our property is confiscated. They said that it's because the company went bankrupt, and even the hotel isn't ours anymore."

The person on the other end of the line sounded panicky.

The plump woman's heart skipped a beat. Her face suddenly turned white as she said in a heavy tone, "What did you say?!"

"Mrs. Riggs, we're bankrupt," the person said while sobbing.

The plump woman lost all her energy and plopped down in the elevator. She always had things her way all her life and had never faced any troubles, but now she had gone bankrupt overnight!

"I... I see." The plump woman responded, then struggled to get up in the elevator. Just then, the elevator doors opened, and she ended the call.

At that moment, fierce anger burned within her heart. She had ended up like this entirely because of the woman who called her.

That woman did it on purpose. She must have known Nicole's identity and set up this plan. Now, the plump woman was left with nothing.

At that thought, the plump woman grew even angrier. She took out her phone and dialed the woman's number.

Evelyn was sitting in the main hall with a magazine in her hands. She had just witnessed Colton carrying Nicole out, and the intimate actions between the two pricked her heart.

Chapter 1113 Two Slaps in the Face

What's going on? Since when did Colton arrive? Why didn't I see him at all? Furthermore, that's not how it should happen, according to the plan. They should be caught red-handed in the middle of their affair. Where is Harrison? And that plump woman?

Before Evelyn could figure out the answer, she saw Harrison rushing out of the room and the plump woman following right behind him not long after. In fact, the plump woman seemed angry when she entered the room, but when she came out of it, her face was pale as if she had just seen a ghost.

Moreover, Evelyn remembered seeing the security guards gathering around. She believed that they would give Nicole a hard time, but Nicole still managed to get out of that situation.

Just when Evelyn was still caught in her train of thought, her phone suddenly rang. She looked down and saw the plump woman's phone number. Frightened, she accidentally answered the phone call instead of rejecting it, which was what she intended to do.

In the meantime, the plump woman, who was making the call, heard the ringtone near her. She looked in the direction of the sound, whereupon her eyes fell on Evelyn. Her face darkened as she walked up to Evelyn. "Were you that woman who called me?" The plump woman set her eyes on Evelyn, as if she was her servant.

"I-I don't know what you're talking about..." Evelyn hung up the call and played dumb.

The plump woman scoffed and said coldly, "I'm sure it was you! You were the one who gave me a call and told me that Harrison had an affair! You knew their identity, didn't you? Are you trying to ruin the Riggs Family?!"

Despite the plump woman's aggressive attitude, Evelyn still refused to admit her mistake. Then, before she could turn off her phone, the plump woman snatched it away from her and called her number again. When Evelyn's phone rang once more, she was sure the previous call came from her.

"Answer me! Why were you trying to ruin the Riggs Family?!" The plump woman was filled with anger and she glared at Evelyn. As her temper got the better of her, she blurted out her speculation and screamed at Evelyn. "Did

you also have an affair with my husband?! Is that why you wanted to set me up?!"

The place was crowded with people, and they were immediately drawn by the plump woman's voice. At once, Evelyn shook her head repeatedly and tried to explain herself. "No, Mrs. Riggs! This is all a misunderstanding. I saw a woman going upstairs with Mr. Riggs, which was why I called to inform you. I swear I didn't know this was how it'd turn out."

Nevertheless, the plump woman was too angry to listen to any of the words that Evelyn said. She then went on to vent her anger caused by the humiliation she suffered at the hands of Colton and Nicole on Evelyn. She pushed down on Evelyn's head while snarling at her like an angry beast. "You b*tch! I'm going to make sure you regret what you did! Are you so shameless?! How could you do such a thing?!"

As the plump lady spoke, she started to act violently toward Evelyn. She grabbed a fistful of Evelyn's hair and dragged her across the ground while the latter struggled frantically. "You! You're crazy! What are you doing?! Let me go!"

Seeing Evelyn struggling helplessly, the plump woman stepped up her aggression with a cold sneer. "You're a shameless lady who knows nothing but seducing married men! Don't even think about becoming my husband's mistress! I know you're trying to bring the Riggs Corporation down with you, and that's why I'm going to teach you a lesson now!" As soon as she finished her words, she gave

Evelyn two slaps across the face.

Evelyn was caught off guard by the slap and didn't know how to react. The plump woman had used a lot of strength, so Evelyn's cheeks turned red and swollen in no time. There was even some blood at the corner of her lips. Evelyn clutched her face in disbelief. "I don't know what you're talking about!"

The plump woman had suffered humiliation today, and on top of that, she was already upset about Harrison fooling around with women on the usual days, so the plump woman vented all her anger out on Evelyn.

Chapter 1114 Lie Low From the Cops

The plump woman set her eyes on Evelyn's face, still angry and rageful. "You know what I'm talking about! You're what I'm talking about! You're the one who set me up by putting me in a tight spot with the Gardner Family, aren't you? You did that to seek revenge on me because you tried and failed to seduce my husband." The plump lady's voice was so loud that it attracted everyone's attention. With their eyes fixed on Evelyn, they started to gossip in murmurs and talked behind her back.

As she was still stunned by the slaps she got in her face, Evelyn couldn't comprehend how she was accused of seducing Harrison. "No, I didn't do that!" she explained anxiously, but the woman was too stubborn to listen. She then slapped Evelyn again. After that, instead of stopping there, she escalated her violence by starting to hit her wildly.

"Ah!" Evelyn shouted in agony. After all, the plump woman, who was wearing pointy leather boots, landed a devastating kick on Evelyn's waist and left a bruise there. Overwhelmed by the searing pain, Evelyn was instantly covered in a cold sweat as she gasped in pain.

Then, the plump lady went on to give Evelyn a terrible beating until the latter lay down on the floor without much energy left to resist. She then clicked her tongue and let out a cold grunt, placing her hands on her waist in an arrogant manner. "B*tch! That should teach you a lesson! Remember, never seduce a married man ever again!" After making her point, she stopped her beating and walked off without saying another word.

Meanwhile, Evelyn, who was injured and could barely move a muscle, struggled to even take a breath and staggered as she tried to find her footing. At the same time, the bystanders were led to believe by the plump woman's words that Evelyn was the one who had had an affair with Harrison. Thus, they began to give her strange looks while gossiping about her adultery. Enduring the bitterness within her, Evelyn snarled at those people in her own defense. "I-I didn't do that! She wronged me!" Despite her

desperate effort to explain herself, she still sounded as if she was trying to talk her way out.

"She looks young, but I seriously didn't think she would do such a thing at her age."

"It's no wonder that woman was so mad. Who wouldn't be angry if another woman had an affair with her husband?"

"That's right! She is a mistress who doesn't deserve to be pitied at all! No one is going to pity her even if she dies right here, right now. She deserves it!"

Evelyn was unhappy when she heard those unkind words. There is no way I'd fall for a fat man like Harrison. Despite having taken a beating for something she didn't do, there was nothing Evelyn could do besides putting up with the disdain and criticism. "She was obviously smearing my name! I didn't seduce her husband! It was all a lie!"

Soon, Evelyn felt a chilly sensation in the back of her head and placed her hand there, only to find blood on her hand. At the sight of her red palms, she endured the pain and took a deep breath. A few people among the crowd who were rational enough not to jump to the conclusion sided with her and said, "Hey, lady, if you insist that you're not the mistress, why don't you call the cops and have that woman who beat you up arrested?"

The cops? Evelyn's face turned pale when she heard the suggestion. Since she was still a suspect, she had to lie low as much as possible to avoid being discovered by those law enforcers. "Nah. No need for that." She shook her head.

When the crowd noticed the look on her face, their suspicions were immediately confirmed. "Tsk, tsk, tsk! Look at her face! That's the look of guilt, isn't that? She must have cheated with that woman's husband."

"Yeah, she must be a mistress. Otherwise, she would have called the cops, considering the rough beating she just took."

"This woman doesn't deserve any sympathy at all. Look at her! She didn't have to be a mistress! Couldn't she have gotten a career by herself or something?! Shame on her!"

Evelyn seemed unhappy, and she no longer dared to stick around anymore. She covered the back of her head and quickly fled from the scene. It was only when she left the hotel that she heaved a sigh of relief. Then, she took a look at the bruises that covered her body and decided to head to the hospital for a checkup before they became more obvious. When the long night seemed to

come to an end, Evelyn clenched her fists in frustration, feeling disappointed that her wicked plan had backfired on her.

Chapter 1115 A 'Dutiful' Husband

In the meantime, Colton returned to the mansion with Nicole in his arms. Then, he placed her down on the bed and took a closer look at her beautiful face. "What's wrong?" she asked in confusion.

After making sure she suffered no injuries, he heaved a sigh of relief and said, "I thought you were injured, so I was just checking if you were fine."

Nicole pursed her lips and smiled, looking up with a confident look on her face. "Come on, I'm skilled, and you know that. You have nothing to worry about because no one can take advantage of me."

Staring at the confident look on her face, Colton pinched her nose and spoke in a frustrated tone, "You need to be careful. Don't let your impulse and emotions cloud your judgment. I don't want anything bad to happen to you."

She looked down submissively and wrapped her arms around his neck. "I'm sorry. I was worried because of Hayden."

Seeing the submissive look on her face, Colton couldn't bring himself to lose his temper, but even so, he still reacted with a darkened look. "I know you care about your son, but if anything happens, you need to tell me right away!"

At his warning, Nicole rubbed his chin with her face and responded with an affirmative reply, "Alright, I heard you."

She then indulged herself in the man's embrace, her eyes darkening. At the same time, Colton gulped and placed his hands on her waist, pulling her closer. With a hoarse voice, he said, "Don't move, or I won't be able to hold back much longer."

Nicole looked up, showing a puzzled yet innocent look on her face. However, without her knowing it, her expression somehow got Colton aroused. Damn it! I'm turned on! Ah, screw it! I'm going to show her how I can be a real man. "You turned me on purposely. Who else can you blame?" he responded with a grunt and pinned her down in bed.

When she finally snapped back to her senses, she realized what the man was about to do. At that thought, she blushed furiously and started to stammer, "W-What do you think you're doing, Colton?"

Colton curled his lips upward and rubbed her cheek with them, speaking in a deep voice, "Well, I'm trying to be a 'dutiful' husband here." He then began to slide his wandering palm upward from the lady's slim belly. At the same time, Nicole only bore with Colton's amorous advance. She had wanted to say something but only to swallow back the words that were forming at the tip of her tongue. While her cheeks turned red and her eyes misted over, she weakly lay there without resisting.

Seeing that, Colton chuckled softly and planted a kiss on her lips as he whispered in her ear, "I'm going to help myself, Nicole." He then lay down on his belly on top of her while she bashfully tried to push him away in a futile manner.

He giggled and seized her arm, speaking in a soft voice, "Nicole, if you wish to push me away, you will have to try harder. Otherwise, I'm going to carry on."

In the meantime, Nicole's cheeks turned a few shades redder when she heard Colton flirting with her. I can't believe this man. Just do whatever you want to me! Must you be such a tease?!

When Colton noticed her bashful look and that she had chosen to remain silent, his smile grew even wider. He then rubbed her chin with his lips and smiled brightly. "I want you, Nicole." When she heard

that, Nicole figured she might as well lie down straight and let Colton do whatever he wanted to her. When he saw her response, he excitedly went on to do what he had been waiting for. The next moment, he unbuttoned his shirt and revealed his muscular physique before seizing the woman's wrists and pinning them above her head.

Chapter 1116 An Encounter with Evelyn

Later that afternoon, Nicole lay down in bed and took a look at the marks on her body. With her blushed cheeks, she recalled what had happened not long ago. Thus, she glared at Colton and clenched her jaw. "I told you not to leave a mark on me, right? How am I supposed to go to the beach looking like this?!"

In response to her complaint, Colton wrapped his arms around her waist and chuckled. "We'll go there next time, then." After finishing his words, he planted a kiss on her lips.

Seeing the mischievous look on his face, she couldn't bring herself to lecture him further. Instead, she just lay down there sluggishly. Then, she stared at the ceiling and looked to the side, fixing her eyes on his handsome face. However, her temptation got the better of her and prompted her to land a kick on him. The next second, she moaned in pain as she instantly felt great soreness that overwhelmed her body from head to toe.

Colton grabbed her ankle and playfully laughed at her. "Alright, that's enough. Your body is aching, so why don't you get some rest for now? I'll take you to the beach some other day." Nevertheless, Nicole was still annoyed and pissed off, so she looked the other way without bothering to give him any response.

He realized just then that he might have been a little too aggressive while he was going at it earlier. Thus, he quickly tried to play on her sympathy and said, "Alright, I know it's my fault, darling. Punish me all you want."

She softened up upon hearing his gentle voice. Then, she rubbed her belly and said, "I'm starving now. Get me some nuggets, and I'll perhaps forgive you."

"Alright, I'll buy you something to eat," he responded with a nod, chuckling.

"Okay, hurry up, then. I'm going to get some rest now. When I wake up, I want to see nuggets right in front of me," she said cheekily. Pampered and spoiled by Colton, she indulged herself in making demands.

Colton gently tucked her in and nodded. "Alright, rest well." After making sure she was tucked in, he went out and made his way to where the hawker stalls were. There is a street just outside the hotel with hawker stalls along it. It should be an easy task to find nuggets. As soon as he walked out the door, he quickly headed to the hawkers, only to bump into a silhouette that suddenly came his way.

"Ah!" That girl yelped in pain and fell backward onto the ground. When Colton habitually tried to help her up, Evelyn's face came into his view.

"What are you doing here?" His voice sounded cold.

Evelyn gazed at him as tears started to well in her eyes. She then sniffled and called out to him, "Collie."

However, Colton only shot her an icy look without responding any further. Evelyn couldn't care less about that as she continued to step forward and get closer to him, speaking with a skittish voice, "What a small world, Collie. I can't believe we just ran into each other here."

He responded with a cold chuckle and pried Evelyn's hand off him, replying in an unfriendly tone, "Stop pretending, Evelyn. I know you've been tailing me all the way here. What are you up to?"

"No, I swear I wasn't tailing you. It was just a coincidence. I was out here taking a stroll until I ran into

you," she answered while secretly releasing the voodoo from a box, thinking it was a good time for her to do that.

Colton furrowed his eyebrows and looked at her with a disgusted look before backing away to keep his distance from her. When Evelyn noticed his reaction, she felt a stab of disappointment and pain. She wiped the tears from her eyes and sobbed, "Is this how you think of me, Collie? I'm merely strolling around to take my mind off things. Furthermore, I've already explained everything to the cops before. It was Queenie and her mother who did it. I had nothing to do with that!" As she spoke, she secretly released the voodoo bug.

The insect flew and stopped on Colton's neck. However, he didn't notice anything strange at all. He only looked over his shoulder without turning around and warned Evelyn, "Don't follow me."

Chapter 1117 Out Cold

Evelyn kept her gaze fixed upon the voodoo bug that landed on Colton's neck. In less than a second, it somehow buried itself beneath the man's skin and disappeared. At the same time, Colton felt a twinge on his neck and naturally placed his hand on it, only to feel nothing. Thinking it was just an illusion, he turned around and walked away.

Instead of blocking his way, Evelyn just stood still and watched him leave this time. Now that the bug is inside him, all I have to do is wait until the effect kicks in. Soon, she began to fantasize about having a future with Colton,

which put a smile on her face. With her eyes fixed on Colton's muscular build, she couldn't help but feel excited about the thought of having him for herself.

In the meantime, Colton had a strange feeling inside of him after running into Evelyn. As the leader of Gardner Corporation, he was often occupied by his duties of running and overseeing the organization. Nevertheless, he was still disciplined enough to visit the gym several times a week. Thus, he had a strong and healthy physique.

However, he was starting to feel a little dizzy. Then, it felt as if something was moving inside his body. He then felt his nape and shook his head, dismissing it as nothing more than his wild imagination. After buying the nuggets that Nicole wanted, he picked a few other of her favorite foods and returned home.

An hour later, Colton finally returned to find Nicole had woken up from her sleep and was now sitting on the couch. When she saw him back, she raised her head in his direction and yawned. "You're back," she said.

"Yup, and you're up." Colton sat beside her and placed all the food he had bought right in front of her.

Nicole looked down and spotted some other food, such as desserts, strawberry cakes, and some

cream puffs, apart from those nuggets. "Wow, you bought cake, too." She sounded surprised. Although she was never one with a sweet tooth, she somehow began to fall in love with desserts ever since she started dating Colton.

"Yeah." The man nodded and presented the cake right in front of her eyes. "You seemed to enjoy it a lot when you were eating it previously."

She nodded without denying it, grabbing a spoon to get a small scoop of the cake. The next moment, the delightful taste of the cake began to sweep through her tongue, filling her mouth with a flavorful fruit taste. After taking two more bites, she pursed her lips and smiled as she thought about her dramatic and checkered past.

I've been living my whole life in misery. My mother died when I was young, and Queenie wouldn't stop coming at me with her evil plans. Then, I ended up having a one-night stand with a man whom I thought was a playboy at first. When Nicole thought about her present life, she couldn't help but feel grateful

for having Colton as the man of her life. Although the two of them might have been through a lot of ups and downs, she was glad that they were both having a happy life now.

Nicole munched on the nuggets, but before she could savor its taste, she suddenly heard a moan from Colton. She then turned around and saw his look of discomfort as he covered his neck with his hand. Apart from that, she also noticed his flustered cheeks, which indicated that he was unwell. At the sight of that, her heart skipped a beat as she quickly got closer to him to check him out. Nevertheless, she couldn't seem to find anything wrong with him upon checking his pulse. Thus, she anxiously asked, "Are you alright, Colton? Where do you feel unwell?"

Colton's forehead was covered in veins. Although he tried his best to comfort Nicole, his throat felt like it was burning so badly that he could barely talk. At the same time, he had a strange feeling that

suddenly surged through his head and made him feel dizzy just as his vision started to turn blurry.

"Colton!" Nicole shouted, finding it hard to believe that the man was losing consciousness. However, as Colton listened to her voice, it eventually faded away. Then, he lost his balance and passed out soon after.

Chapter 1118 Evelyn's Name

Nicole looked at the unconscious Colton, feeling a sudden sense of panic. At once, she dragged his body onto the couch, made him lie down, and then started to feel his pulse.

After a while, she finally detected a slight anomaly in his pulse. The pulse was strange; it was as if there was something alive inside his body.

Her eyes widened in shock as she looked at his pale face. She was suddenly feeling unsure of what to do.

However, she tried to suppress the panic in her heart and thought for a while before heading into the room to retrieve an acupuncture kit.

She used needles to stimulate several acupoints on his body, trying to prevent the spread of whatever was inside him. Meanwhile, he lay motionless on the

couch, his handsome face showing no expression. Even when she pricked him in the most painful spots, he didn't react.

When she put her finger under his nose, she felt relieved that his breathing was normal. However, she was puzzled. How can he suddenly faint for no reason?

After his encounter with Evelyn earlier, Colton had been feeling that something was off with him. Now, he felt weak all over; it was as if someone had tied a rope around him and thrown him into the sea with a heavy stone. He struggled to open his eyelids, but they felt as heavy as lead.

Memories of Evelyn started to become clear. Her face appeared before him, and her name kept flashing across his mind over and over again.

Nicole had never encountered such a situation before. Since she couldn't wake him up, she wanted to call 911, but he suddenly took a deep breath and woke up abruptly.

He sat up on the couch, his handsome face covered in cold sweat as he gasped for breath.

When she saw him awake, she asked with concern, "What happened, Colton? Are you feeling better now?" Her face was filled with worry, as she was genuinely frightened by his sudden collapse.

Colton shook his head, his voice hoarse. "I'm fine. Don't worry."

As she pressed her lips together, Nicole reached out to hold his hand. She didn't know when she had become so fragile. Previously, she didn't even display any sign of fear when facing Sasha, but now, she was actually scared. When Colton was unconscious, the panic in her heart kept spreading as she feared something bad had happened to him.

"Your health has always been good. There's no reason for you to faint suddenly. Did something happen?" She speculated immediately. Considering his physical condition, he can't possibly faint so suddenly.

At her reminder, he immediately thought of Evelyn. After thinking for a while, he finally said, "I met Evelyn when I went out to buy things for you."

Evelyn? Evelyn's love for Colton is almost pathological. I know she wants to have Colton, but I don't think she would harm him. But how do I explain his unusual condition? Perhaps, it was a woman's sixth sense, but Nicole couldn't help but feel uneasy.

After some thought, she reached out and held his hand, firmly saying, "Colton, I think you should go to

the hospital for a checkup."

"I'm fine. There's no need to make such a fuss," he reassured her, his heart aching slightly as he looked at her pale face.

Yet, she shook her head and firmly stated, "No, we must go to the hospital and get you checked. I felt something strange in your pulse, but I couldn't pinpoint what was wrong. So, going to the hospital is the best option." Her gaze on him was unwavering.

Chapter 1119 No Problem

As Colton looked at Nicole's expression, a doting smile tugged on his lips. He nodded and said, "Alright, let's go now. Don't worry, darling."

She finally breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that he was willing to go to the hospital. Hopefully, I'm just overthinking.

Accompanied by Nicole, Colton went straight to the Town Central Hospital. He went through a complete set of examinations, but the blood results and other indicators showed no problem.

When she read the report, she finally relaxed. It seems like I misjudged the strange pulse earlier. Thankfully, he's fine.

Seeing the relief on her face, he reached out and caressed her head. "You can rest assured now. I'm perfectly fine, and I was actually thinking of having another little sister for Hayden with you."

At his words, Nicole's face instantly turned red. Tsk, tsk, this man. He can always say these shameless things, no matter the situation. "Ahem." She cleared her throat and blushed, saying, "Well, since you're fine, let's go back and rest."

When they left the hospital, the sky had already turned dark. She glanced at the time and realized it was already 8.00PM. She hadn't expected the examination to take so long.

"Accompanying me to the checkup delayed your trip to the seaside," Colton said, looking down at Nicole.

She glared at him and complained, "Do you know how scared I was when you fainted just like that?"

As he looked at her aggrieved look, his heart melted. He reached out and stroked her head, apologizing, "I'm sorry for worrying you."

Only when she heard his heartfelt words did she feel slightly relieved. Although the checkup showed no problem, she would still be a bit more cautious in the coming days, just in case.

"Let's go back," she said as she held his hand and tilted her head.

"Okay." He nodded and held her hand tightly as they walked out together.

The two figures—one tall and one short—walked along the road, their silhouettes elongating under the streetlights.

Nicole couldn't explain her current state of mind, but she felt an inexplicable worry, afraid that something might happen to Colton.

On the other hand, Evelyn had been tailing him in secret after bidding him goodbye. She felt bitter as she watched the two hold hands affectionately. Why? Why could Nicole have Colton's love while I have been waiting for so many years and yet have nothing? Since Colton went to the hospital, it must be because the voodoo bug has acted up. However, seeing him so affectionate with Nicole, Evelyn hesitated.

When Ryan gave me the voodoo bug, didn't he say Colton would fall in love with me once the venom took effect? Why is he showing no reaction and still happily smiling at Nicole? After some thought, she still couldn't figure it out, so she took out her phone and called Ryan.

The call was quickly answered, and she hurriedly asked, "Ryan, I've already embedded the voodoo bug you gave me in Colton. Why hasn't he fallen in love with me and is still with Nicole?"

Hearing her anxious voice, Ryan chuckled softly. "Don't be so impatient, Miss Wrenn. Everything takes time. The voodoo bug has just been embedded, so it needs some time to adapt."

As she listened to his nonchalant tone, she felt inexplicably annoyed. With furrowed brows, she asked loudly, "When will Colton finally fall in love with me then?"

"At least a week, but it could take up to a month," he replied confidently.

Hmm, I see. Although the timeframe he gave me is somewhat different from what I expected, at least Colton will soon be mine! Evelyn thought.

Chapter 1120 Past Grudges

With that thought in mind, Evelyn's expression eased up a little. I've already waited so many years, so enduring another month won't be difficult. I can wait. "Okay," she replied with her eyes lowered. With the answer from Ryan, she felt much more at ease.

"By the way, now that you have embedded the voodoo bug, you should spend more time around Colton. It will make him like you even more," Ryan suggested in a soft voice.

"I got it," she replied.

As Ryan listened to her voice, his eyes flickered with a malicious look. Nicole, I will make you taste the unbearable pain of heartbreak!

After hanging up the phone, he suddenly heard a powerful voice behind him. "Is everything arranged?"

He turned around and saw an elderly man with gray hair sitting on a mahogany chair. The man wore a reddish-brown suit and held a cane in his hand. He was incredibly skinny. It was as if he had nothing but skin and bones, and his appearance gave off a chilling aura.

"Yes. Evelyn has already embedded the voodoo bug in Colton. Within a month at most, he will fall in love with her," Ryan replied earnestly.

A pleased smile appeared on the old man's face as he slowly nodded. "Good. That's good news."

"Grandpa, would you like to rest first? I will keep an eye on Nicole," Ryan respectfully suggested.

At the mention of Nicole, a crimson light flashed in the old man's eyes. He clenched his hand on top of

the cane tightly, gritting his teeth. "Back then, White severed my tendons, leaving me to walk with a cane for the rest of my life. Now that he's dead, I will seek revenge on his apprentice. I will make Nicole's life a living hell!"

He and White had studied medicine in the same place. Both of them were highly talented, but White had better comprehension abilities and often outshone him.

Naturally, Logan Yael was not one to accept being overshadowed. One day, he happened to come across a manual on using poison as a countermeasure, which led him down this path.

When White discovered his involvement with poisons, he advised him to stop, but how could Logan give up when he had finally grasped the principles? Naturally, he refused to do so.

As a result, many people died from the poison he was experimenting with, and White reported him. He was expelled from the sect, and before being expelled, White sent his men to sever his tendons.

Since then, he had been at odds with White. Yet, when his power grew, he discovered that White was long gone. He couldn't find his apprentice, either. It was only by chance he had found Nicole, and he sent his grandson to plan out this grand scheme meticulously.

After all, if he simply let her die, it would be too easy for her.

"Grandpa, rest assured; I will definitely help you seek revenge," Ryan promised.

When Logan heard Ryan's resolute voice, his expression slightly softened. He looked at Ryan and thought, This grandson is the most satisfactory creation of my life. Not only does he possess exceptional talent in using poison, but he can even breed voodoo bugs. I failed to cultivate this bug that

can control people's hearts, yet it seems effortless in his hands.

"I know you will. I'll get some rest now. Let me know if anything happens with Nicole," he said, leaning on his cane and trembling as he left.

As Ryan watched Logan's departing figure, a cold smile played on his lips. The voodoo bug I gave Evelyn is not that simple. As White's apprentice, I believe you will not disappoint me, Nicole. Nevertheless, when the voodoo bug is eradicated, it coincides with the demise of the individual responsible for its elimination. I'm curious to see whether you will choose your life or Colton's heart.

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After the body checkup, Colton returned to the hotel with Nicole.

Late at night, darkness enveloped the surroundings, and the two in the room had fallen into a deep sleep.

Colton had a fragmented dream, but it connected all the incidents involving Evelyn.

"I love you, Collie. Can you be mine?"

"I saved you, Collie. Why did you choose Nicole instead of me?"

"It wasn't me, Collie. Can you please believe me?"

Evelyn's voice echoed in his ears, lingering and unable to dissipate.

The dream jolted him awake from his sleep. As he opened his eyes, he saw Nicole lying in his arms.

He felt something was off about him today. Why does Evelyn keep popping up in my mind? The only connection between her and me was when she saved me during our childhood, but with what she has done, I have long settled the debt.

It was only when he glanced at his phone that he realized it was only around 3.00AM. However, he couldn't find a trace of sleepiness after being startled

awake. He lowered his head to look at Nicole, who was still sound asleep. After some thought, he got up and went to the bathroom.

In the bathroom, he looked at himself in the mirror and noticed a reddish hue in the depths of his eyes,

making him look eerie. He squinted his eyes, trying to calm himself down.

Then, he rubbed his temples to relax, but his head still throbbed uncomfortably. Squinting his eyes, he splashed cold water on his face. What is happening to me? Why do I have such strange dreams about Evelyn?

Colton was sure that he liked Nicole, but something seemed off recently. Evelyn kept appearing in his mind as if someone intentionally planted these memories in his head.

Annoyed, he rubbed his forehead to suppress his doubts.

After fully awakening, he went downstairs and sat on the couch instead of returning to the bedroom.

He lit a cigarette and smoked slowly, feeling more annoyed than ever before. He rarely smoked; he only did that when he felt particularly agitated. However, today, he had been smoking from 3.00AM until 6.00AM, and the table was filled with cigarette butts, permeating the room with a choking smell of smoke.

When he glanced at his phone, he suddenly decided to give his assistant, Tony, a call.

It was 6.00AM, and Tony's mind was still foggy when he received the call. He was puzzled as he picked up the phone. In a groggy voice, he asked, "Hello, President Gardner. Why are you calling so early? Is there something wrong?"

Colton's expression was solemn as he thought for a moment before earnestly asking, "Tell me, why do I keep seeing a woman's image in my mind lately? What's going on?"

Tony didn't expect to be awakened by his employer early in the morning, especially to be asked about relationship matters. "So, the reason for your early morning call is to ask me about this?" He couldn't help rolling his eyes, for he thought there must be some major company issue.

Without caring what Tony was thinking, Colton replied, "Yes. Now, answer me."

At this moment, Tony let out a sigh. President Gardner is indeed an unparalleled business genius in the business world, but when it comes to relationship matters, he is truly clueless. "If you dream about her, it must have meant you like her. Anyway, aren't you traveling with Miss Anderson? You're sleeping next to her and still dreaming about her, huh? You two sure are lovey-dovey," Tony remarked teasingly.

With furrowed brows, Colton pressed his lips together. "What if it was Evelyn who appeared in my dream?"

Chapter 1122 Fell in Love With Someone Else?

Tony fell silent instantly; he was genuinely startled by the revelation. President Gardner dreamed about Evelyn?! After pondering for a moment, he tactfully asked, "President Gardner, have you fallen in love with someone else?"

"Shut up." Sure enough, as soon as he spoke, he was reprimanded by Colton.

Feeling awkward, Tony rubbed his nose before continuing after some thought, "Well, what you think during the day will appear in your dreams, or perhaps Evelyn did something to you."

At his words, Colton's brow furrowed even deeper, and he rubbed his temples for a moment before saying, "Ever since I saw Evelyn that one time, I've been feeling strange. Now, I even dream about her."

At this moment, Tony didn't even dare to breathe. Anyone in this situation would have suspected something fishy was going on. However, he also witnessed Colton's love for Nicole, so he couldn't believe Colton would shift his affections so easily.

"Don't overthink it. President Gardner. It's probably just a one-time thing," he said, scratching his head as he refrained from saying too much.

Colton lit another cigarette, took a puff, and watched the faint smoke drifting in the air. Then, he asked somewhat seriously, "Did I fall in love with someone else?"

"I was just talking nonsense earlier, President Gardner. As outsiders, we can see the love you have for Miss Anderson. Your relationship has endured many trials, and it was not easy for you two to be together. How could you possibly fall in love with someone else?" Tony spoke in one breath, reassuring Colton.

When Colton heard that, he let out a sigh of relief. He felt like he had been losing his mind lately, constantly thinking about unrealistic things. After contemplating for a moment, he nodded. "I got it. You should go back to sleep."

After that, he hung up the phone right away.

Only after he slowly finished his last cigarette did he begin to tidy up the room. Looking around, he realized he had smoked three packs of cigarettes. It had been a long time since he last smoked, and now, he had consumed so many in such a short time that his throat felt hoarse.

He opened the window and let the lingering smoke dissipate, but the smell of smoke on his body was too overpowering that it seemed like it had seeped into his skin. So, he turned around and went to the guest room to shower. It was then that he finally got rid of the smell.

When Nicole woke up, the person beside her had already disappeared, leaving behind a cold spot on the pillow.

She let out a yawn and picked up her phone to check the time, only to see that it was just a little after 7.00AM. Why is Colton up so early?

Just as she was puzzled, the door was quietly pushed open, and a tall figure entered the room. She looked up and saw that it was Colton, who had just finished showering. Unable to hold back her laughter, she covered her lips and chuckled softly. "What's gotten into you? Taking a shower so early in the morning?"

"Yeah. I smelled bad, so I took a shower. Aren't you going to sleep a little longer?" His dark eyes fell directly on her face, his pupils quickly dilating with a faint smile.

She got out of bed, shaking her head. "I slept early last night, so I'm not very sleepy."

"Okay." He nodded and used a towel to dry his hair.

As she passed by him, she caught a faint, elusive smell of smoke. She instinctively frowned and looked at him with some confusion. "Did you smoke?"

Having spent so much time together, she had long understood his habits. Unless he was troubled by something, he wouldn't smoke.

"Yeah." He nodded, not hiding anything. However, he still didn't mention the dream about Evelyn. After contemplating for a moment, he said, "I had a nightmare in the morning and felt a bit agitated, so I went out to smoke a cigarette. I was worried you wouldn't like the smell on me, so I washed it off."

Chapter 1123 An Affectionate Confession

Nicole blinked her eyes and could not help feeling worried. "A nightmare?" What kind of nightmare could make Colton uneasy?

With a faint smile, he nodded and answered, "Yes. You weren't with me in my dream, so I was scared."

After hearing what he said, she giggled and felt somewhat resigned. She thought about it and decided to hug him. "Alright, don't overthink it. I won't leave you."

Since Colton was a bulky man with a broad chest, it gave Nicole a sense of familiarity. She leaned her head against his chest and could hear his heart beating. Tightening her arms around him, she embraced the tall man with all her might.

He lowered his head and smelled the crisp fragrance on her body. His eyebrows trembled slightly as he reached out to caress her hair. She was not shy either as she snuggled her face against his chest. While looking at her fuzzy head, he indisputably gulped.

His eyes dimmed, and he pondered before wrapping his arm around her waist. That startled her, and before she could react, he had already brought her to the bed. With eyes widened in shock, she looked at the handsome face before her and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Nicky, you smell so good." His face dug into the crook of her neck, and he slowly sniffed her scent.

She felt a tickling sensation on her neck and was helpless. "Colton, don't you even try to think about that. We came here for vacation."

Yet, he behaved like a cute kitten leaning on her, whining gently, "Nicky, I want you."

Is this guy always insatiable?

While Nicole was feeling quite speechless, Colton was already groping her. She could not hold back her urge to roll her eyes, but the man was already getting handsy with her. After sighing slightly, she gave it a thought without rejecting him.

He closed his eyes and smelled the familiar crisp scent on her body. It was only then that he felt more assured. What happened today was too strange. For some reason, Evelyn's figure would appear in his mind. If he was not adamant that he liked Nicole, he was about to suspect that he cheated on her.

The consequence of indulging in their desires was to sleep until late afternoon. When Nicole woke up, she fell into Colton's gaze. She recalled what happened earlier and shot up from bed, blushing bright red.

While shoving him, she gnashed her teeth, complaining, "It's all your fault! We agreed to head outside and enjoy ourselves but ended up staying inside the hotel the entire day."

Faced with her accusations, Colton smiled while pulling her into his embrace, wrapping his strong arms around her slim waist. "Nicky, I'm so in love with you," he muttered while gazing at her.

When she heard that, she thought it was strange because he had never acted this way. She raised her eyebrow and giggled. "What's the matter? Why are you suddenly so affectionate?"

He did not reply and held her tightly instead. Unsure of what was happening to him, he kept feeling an unknown sense of anxiety. It felt like he could lose the woman before him at any moment.

Seeing that Colton stayed quiet, Nicole let him hug her. However, she thought things had become stranger because he had been acting peculiarly since he fell unconscious yesterday.

He never smoked, but he did today.

She lowered her head and thought about it before stating, "Colton, we're married. You know you can tell me anything, right?"

Chapter 1124 Stay Away From Me

While hugging Nicole, Colton did not know how to put his thought into words. Could he tell her he had dreamt about Evelyn? That would prove he had betrayed their relationship. "I'm fine. I just feel slightly uneasy," he replied.

His reluctance to disclose information rendered her to stop pressing on. Silence filled the air, and before the two could speak, they suddenly heard a gurgling sound. Colton bowed his head and discovered Nicole was hungry. He could not hold back his laughter and let out a low chuckle before getting out of bed.

"What would you like to eat? I'll buy it for you," he asked.

Blushing, she secretly complained that it was his fault because his inability to control himself made her miss breakfast. "I want Restradian dishes, and you can decide the others." She flipped to the side and covered her head with the blanket.

The man left upon humming in response. Once he was gone, Nicole emerged from under the covers and stared at the ceiling. Her mind began wandering as she blinked, recalling the events during these two days.

Meanwhile, Colton came out of the hotel and bumped into Evelyn. When she saw him, she did not hesitate to greet him, "Collie, are you here on vacation too?"

He glanced at her and moved away without replying, prepared to act like he did not see her.

It was difficult for Evelyn to come upon such a chance, so how could she let it go so carelessly? Seeing

that Colton was ignoring her, she approached him and hugged his arm, whining, "Collie, I'm talking to you. Why aren't you replying to me?"

Looking at the hand on his arm, he habitually shook it off. Perhaps he had used too much strength because she stumbled and fell backward onto her butt. Her eyes brimmed with tears as she bit her lips, looking at the tall man pitifully. "Collie, why are you treating me like that? I like you. Nicole came second, while I've always liked you!" she accused while crying.

She struggled to get up from the floor and continued to approach Colton, but his voice instantly deepened as he warned her, "Evelyn, I'm warning you. Stay away from me, or I won't show you mercy."

Despite his warning, she did not care because she only had him in her mind. Now that the love bug had been planted on him, he would be hers sooner or later. While she thought of that, she shamelessly approached him and looked at him with affectionate eyes. Then, she gently added, "Collie, can you not act so heartlessly? Just look at me. I don't mind your feelings for Nicole."

Colton frowned and was about to push her away but suddenly felt immense pain flooding his mind. The pain was so agonizing that his whole figure began shaking, and his hands were instantly balled into fists.

Noticing his strange behavior, she leaned closer and deliberately used her body to nudge him, gently uttering, "Collie, you were so rough with me. It was so painful when you pushed me, and my hands are bruised."

While speaking, Evelyn raised her hand and waved it before Colton to let him have a closer look. When she fell to the ground, her hand grazed the floor, so her palm was bright red. He did not know what was happening to him because he should have pushed her away, but his limbs were going against his will.

Also, he had an irresistible urge to get closer to her.

Biting the tip of his tongue, he felt more clear-minded after the intense pain.

Chapter 1125 Evelyn's Approach

Once he returned to his senses, Colton pushed Evelyn away, but he did it gently this time. Rubbing the corner of his eyes, he thought he was behaving rather strangely. "Go away!" he ordered. His throat burned, and his voice was extremely hoarse.

Evelyn stood in her spot and watched Colton. She did not leave and continued watching in detail, thinking that the love bug seemed to be working because he nearly could not escape the voodoo's effect. Consequently, the smile on her face brightened even more. It seemed like he would fall in love with her sooner or later.

After Colton screamed those words, he left as though he was escaping something. Once far from Evelyn, he panted softly and covered his face with his hand. There was a painful feeling on the tip of his tongue.

He did not show mercy to himself when biting his tongue, so his entire tongue felt numb. His mouth filled with a faint iron taste as he tiredly closed his eyes. He had just dreamt of Evelyn this morning, and now, he bumped into her and was inexplicably unable to reject her.

If this situation persisted, he believed he would betray Nicole sooner or later.

At that thought, Colton clenched his fists and quickly shook his head to remove those outrageous thoughts. By the time the food he ordered arrived on their doorstep, Nicole was up and sitting on the couch, wearing a white dress.

She had flawless skin that was snowy white. Even without makeup, she still looked stunning in her casual clothes. She wore a sleeveless camisole with black, broad pants, and her jet-black hair hung before her chest, making her look listless. It was noon, so the sun was bright outside. When the

sunlight shone on her, it made her seem slightly languid.

When Nicole saw Colton had returned, she slowly yawned and rubbed her eyes, greeting him, "You're back."

"Yes. The restaurant has delivered the food. Let's eat." In an attempt to force down his discomfort, he looked at her beautiful face and kissed her on the lips.

She thought the man had been acting more insatiable lately and frequently behaved affectionately toward her. Though she was not repulsed by it, she kept feeling that something was amiss.

After the meal, they decided to go on a walk. However, a familiar figure appeared before them right after they exited the door. Nicole glanced at the

person and saw it was Evelyn, who glared at their intertwined fingers; an inexplicable fury filled her heart.

"Collie, how could you be with this woman? You're supposed to be with me." While Evelyn said that, she reached to grab Colton's hand.

Nicole watched her actions and frowned. Has she gone mad? How can she openly try to get his attention?

"Evelyn, what do you think you're doing?" She blocked in front of Evelyn and gave her a warning stare. She knew Evelyn liked Colton, but she had never behaved so unbridled.

On the other hand, Evelyn's gaze remained glued onto Colton as she disregarded Nicole's thoughts and affectionately asked him, "Collie, why don't we date?"

Following her words was another wave of pain in Colton's head.

Nicole noticed the abnormal behavior of the man beside her and looked over, only to see him hugging his head with a pained expression. His eyebrows were knitted so tightly that it seemed like he was in immense pain.

Chapter 1126 Colton's Strange Behavior

Nicole saw Colton's pained state and hurriedly read his pulse. This time, she could vividly feel something abnormal. It feels like something is inside of him. "Colton, are you alright?" she asked.

Trying to endure the pain in his mind, he shook his head and replied in a raspy voice, "I'm fine. It's just a headache."

When Evelyn saw his behavior, she knew the love bug inside him had begun to work its magic. Her eyes filled with excitement as she approached him. "Collie, let me see what's happening."

Not knowing why, Colton felt the pain in his head instantly disappear when Evelyn approached him; his anxiety seemed to have calmed down too.

Since Nicole still had her fingers on his pulse, she could feel him relaxing. When he regained his composure, he angrily pushed Evelyn away and warned her, "Evelyn, this is my last warning. Leave me alone."

She stared at him in shock as her eyes welled up with tears, making her look rather pitiful. She bit her lips and reasoned aggrievedly, "Collie, I meant to help you. I know you're feeling uncomfortable, so let me help you."

While she spoke, she wanted to get closer to Colton but was mercilessly pushed away. After landing on her butt, she did not get up and stared at him with moist eyes.

Instantly, he shut his eyes as his momentary captivation by her behavior bewildered him. He did not want to stay longer, so he held Nicole's hand and coldly uttered, "Let's go, Nicky." Once he was done

speaking, they left.

After some distance from Evelyn, Nicole tugged on Colton's hand and asked, "Colton, didn't you notice you've been acting strangely lately?"

He stiffened. Of course, he had noticed his strange behavior, but he could not help himself. It was like the nerves inside his brain were controlled by someone else, causing him to stay flustered. Trying hard to suppress the strange thoughts, he held her hand and assured her, "I'm fine. There's nothing to worry about."

However, Nicole did not let it slide this time and sternly added, "Colton, when you had a headache just now, I could feel something inside your body, and when Evelyn approached you, the thing inside your body calmed down."

When he heard that, he was dumbfounded as he did not expect something to be inside him. Frowning, he thought about it and asked, "How's my body now?"

"It's unnoticeable during regular times, but there will be an obvious surge when Evelyn is near," she explained, gazing at the familiar and handsome face with her bright eyes.

He fell silent because he had noticed his strange behavior, and his mind would uncontrollably lead him to Evelyn. Also, his body would react peculiarly every time he met her. "Nicole, I'm so sorry. I don't know what's happening to me." This was the first time the decisive and resolute Colton Gardner in the business world felt helpless.

Nicole looked at him, heartbroken, and intertwined her fingers with his. She thought about it and said, "Colton, I think you might've been charmed, but don't worry. I'll try my best to find out what it is."

With his strong will, he would never act like he did. Therefore, the only explanation for his abnormal behavior would be voodoo. However, she had never encountered a charm like this, so she needed to do some research.

Chapter 1127 I Won't Forget You

They lost all interest in strolling at the park after bumping into Evelyn, so they returned to the villa, where Nicole started searching for information and even called many renowned medical scientists to find out what was happening to Colton. After a night's effort, she finally found a medical scholar who was friends with her master.

"In this situation, the prelim prognosis is probably a voodoo bug."

Her irises shrank and filled with disbelief. "Did you say voodoo bug?" she asked hesitantly.

"Yes. I learned about this when I was young. It's incredibly difficult to rear voodoo bugs, and only a handful of people can do that. However, once they're successful, it can be used for mind control."

After hearing the explanation from the other end, the knot between Nicole's brows tightened. Lowering her head, she contemplated for a minute before asking, "What are the usual uses of the voodoo bug?"

"In the past, when I was in contact with this topic, I saw that it could control a person's mind, make them forget everything, and only listen to the orders of the person who planted the bug. As for the way to break the curse, I have no idea about it, either."

Nicole kept tightening her grip on her phone, and there was no light in her eyes. Taking a deep breath, she briefly told the other end about Colton's condition.

A few minutes passed in silence as the other end sank into deep thought and said, "That's probably a love bug. About two weeks later, the person with the bug planted in him will fall in love with someone else uncontrollably."

After listening to the explanation, Nicole finally understood why Colton behaved so strangely in the past few days and why he had such a huge reaction after meeting Evelyn.

"Sir, do you know where this voodoo bug can still be found?" she asked after giving it a thought. She had not seen something like this even after years of medical practice with White and only read about them occasionally from books.

"I only know that the head of the Yael Family, Ryan Yael, has them."

Stunned, she repeated in her head, Ryan Yael? The Yael Family?

Ryan's grandfather, Logan Yael, had a deep hatred for White. Decades ago, they learned medicine from the same teacher, but Logan went down the unorthodox path. Fighting poison with poison was not his only aim, for he even experimented on living humans. Due to this, White exposed him, and the tendons on his hands and legs were severed.

I don't think this feud will ever be forgotten, she thought and took in a deep breath of cold air. So, the person behind Evelyn is the Yael Family. She calmed herself and asked, "Do you know where the Yael's are now?"

Although she knew about the grudge between White and the Yael's, she had never met the latter all these years and had let her guard down, not expecting they would harm someone around her one day.

"Durobrivae."

After she learned all she needed to know, she hung up and went to Colton. "We're packing and booking

a flight to Durobrivae right now, Colton," she told him straightforwardly.

There was no time to lose. Just earlier, she discovered that this bug would take effect in two weeks, so she did not have much time left. She had to find Ryan as quickly as possible and a way to break the curse.

Colton was confused, seeing how anxious she seemed. "What happened?"

"You've been cursed, which explains why you've been acting so weirdly in the last few days. We must go to Durobrivae and look for the Yaels to find out how we can nullify this," she explained with a straight face.

The muscles on his face froze as he thought about it for a few minutes. Then, he looked at her seriously and asked, "What curse is this, and what will happen to me?"

"It's a voodoo bug. Once it acts up, you'll forget me and fall in love with Evelyn," she answered honestly.

In the spacious room, her voice was crisp and clear. It never occurred to Colton that he would be cursed with this bug. He raised his hand, placing it gently on her face. "Nicole, I won't forget you."

Chapter 1128 Durobrivae

Soon, they started packing and lost all the mood to have fun because Colton was cursed with the voodoo bug. In the meantime, Nicole called their family and informed them that they would be taking a short break in Durobrivae, but she did not mention anything about his condition. Their family did not find it surprising and asked them to have fun.

She bought flight tickets for the next morning and brought Colton to Durobrivae, a metropolis she was familiar with. In her earlier years, when she was still learning medicine from White, she had lived for quite a long time in Durobrivae. Nevertheless, she had not been to the science academy because of the grudge between White and the Yaels, who were the owners of the science academy. The only reason she was here was because of the voodoo bug in Colton.

After landing in Durobrivae, she took Colton to the medical base that White had set up when he was alive, and the place had advanced equipment. At the base, a woman in her late thirties was stunned to see Nicole. Then, she slowly recovered as her throat trembled in disbelief. "Nicole?"

Nodding, Nicole greeted her. "Hi, Gina."

Gina Feuer nodded in acknowledgment. The smile on her face was a little stiff, and despite her efforts to appear natural, her expression remained a little odd. "Nicole... W-What brought you back?" she asked.

As Nicole's mind was preoccupied with Colton and his condition, she did not notice anything amiss with Gina and simply answered, "I brought my husband here for a full-body checkup."

Twisting her head, Gina saw the man next to Nicole. Dressed in leisure clothes, the man seemed very casual, but the air of nobility he had with him could not be hidden.

The news that Nicole was the young lady of the Wrenn Family had already spread out in the country, and it was also said that her boyfriend was the head of the Gardner Family. So, this man next to her is Colton Gardner? Gina wondered. "Okay, I'll arrange it for you. Which specialized area?" she asked.

"A full-body checkup, please," Nicole said. Although she was pretty sure Colton was infected with the voodoo bug, she wanted to play it safe and check everything thoroughly lest something was overlooked.

"Got it. I'll pass the instructions and make the arrangements. The checkup will be finished in about an hour, but I'm afraid you can only get the results in the evening." With a nod, Gina beckoned to a young girl.

Looking at Colton's gorgeous face, the young girl lowered her head in embarrassment. "Please come with me. I'll lead you through the checkup."

He turned to Nicole with worry in his eyes, and she smiled at him. "Don't worry. This place belonged to my master, and I'm gonna catch up with Gina for a while. Go on ahead," she said reassuringly.

Her words set his heart at ease, and he turned to leave with the young girl.

Gina waited until they were gone before asking, "Nicole, why did you suddenly come to Durobrivae?"

When Colton was out of the room, only then did Nicole notice the uneasy expression Gina was wearing. Casting her a puzzled look, she frowned and asked, "Gina, why does it seem to me that you don't wish to see me at all?"

Immediately, Gina realized her expression was off and hurriedly shook her head, denying, "No, I'm just surprised because we haven't seen each other for almost eight years."

Nicole nodded. Back then, after White passed away, she had handed over the medical base to Gina because she was uninterested in managing the place.

Gina was merely a student that White had taught and not his disciple. The only disciple he acknowledged was Nicole, but Gina was rather gifted and picked up medical knowledge quickly enough. So, she handed the medical base to her when she was unprepared to take over the management.

Chapter 1129 The Medical Base

Nicole nodded and sighed. "Yeah, it's been years since we last met." If it was not because Colton was infected with the voodoo bug, she reckoned she would never return to Durobrivae.

"You ordered a full-body checkup for your husband. Is there a problem with him?" asked Gina.

Nicole lowered her gaze to the floor and, as though she remembered something, looked up at her and asked, "Gina, have you heard about the voodoo bug before?"

Taken aback, Gina then furrowed her brows together tightly. "This is only recorded in the medical books and hasn't appeared in reality. What happened, Nicole? Is your husband infected by it?"

Nicole nodded as worry shrouded her eyes and said with a bitter smile, "Colton's been a little weird lately, and I'm worried about his health. I asked around and deduced he was infected by the voodoo bug." A sigh escaped her lips, and she added, "I've only read about the voodoo bug in medical books but have never seen them before. Furthermore, regular hospitals can't find any trace of it through tests. That's why I brought him here."

After hearing why she was here, the look of unease on Gina's face finally faded away, and she nodded, saying, "Okay, I'll ask them to do a thorough scan."

Assured, Nicole nodded, and something else popped up in her mind. "Is my office in the base still available?" she asked, changing the topic.

Gina froze and started to look awkward. After keeping her silence, she muttered, "Nicole..."

The hesitancy on her face struck Nicole as odd, so she asked, "What's wrong?"

Appearing embarrassed, she said, "Nicole, it's been so many years since you left the base, and it's such a waste to keep the office unoccupied, so it's been repurposed. Why don't you use my office?"

Without thinking much about this, Nicole thought, She has a point. It's not surprising that the office is repurposed when I've already left the place for almost eight years. "It's okay. I just want to look for information about the voodoo bug," she said with a smile.

Feeling relieved at her answer, Gina returned her smile and said hastily, "I'll ask someone to show you to the library. There are many records of the voodoo bug in there."

"Sure. Thanks for the help, Gina," Nicole said with a nod.

Then, Gina instructed someone next to her to lead Nicole to the library and breathed a sigh of relief after she left. Next to her, Roxanna Miller, who had kept quiet the entire time, finally spoke after Nicole was out of earshot, "Ms. Feuer, do you think she's back to take away the medical base?"

Her question hit Gina's sore spot, and her face fell, snapping. "That's nonsense! She has never cared about this place and is not fit to manage it!"

Although White has left the medical base to Nicole, the person managing the base all these years is me! Gina thought. Why should I hand over the place I've poured years of effort into to someone else?

"Somehow, I don't think things are as simple as it seems with her sudden return." Roxanna continued to insist next to her.

A frown started to form on Gina's face, and she contemplated for a while before saying, "Let's just

observe the situation first and see what exactly she's up to this time."

With down-casted eyes, Roxanna nodded and said, "Okay, but we better beware of her, Ms. Feuer. This woman isn't as friendly as she appears."

Tired, Gina closed her eyes and nodded, saying in a low growl, "I got it. Say no more." After that, she turned and left the spot.

She thought Nicole would never return to the base again, but she suddenly showed up today. If she was simply here for that man's body checkup, then Gina had nothing to say. However, she would never allow it if she was here to take back the medical base!

Chapter 1130 A Trip to the Science Academy

Led by a girl, Nicole arrived at the library of the medical base and started reading books related to the voodoo bug. Back then, White had set up a medical base in Durobrivae and wanted her to inherit it. Unfortunately, she was later pregnant before marriage and was not in the best position to take over. Thankfully, Gina was capable enough to manage the base all these years.

Page by page, she perused the books, but even at the medical base, there were very few guides about voodoo bugs, and she only managed to find a few books after searching for two hours. Voodoo bug was tough to cultivate and could only be raised through careful environmental and temperature control while using blood as the feed. In addition, to break the curse, she had to know which type of bug was used.

While reading the information, she could not help but frown and lower her head, thinking, This is not an easy problem to solve, and only the science academy has the voodoo bug now. Looks like I'll have to think of a way to make a trip to that place.

Two hours later, Colton found her, and the report was out very quickly because the equipment in the base was more sophisticated. At that stage, the bug was right beneath the heart, only inches away before intruding. As Nicole read the report, the frown on her face deepened.

When he lowered his head and saw her face, he patted her head and assured her, "Alright, Nicole. Don't worry. I'm fine."

Biting her lip, she thought for a while before lifting her head at him and said, "Colton, I have to visit the science academy. I suspect that the voodoo bug this time is the brainchild of Ryan Yael. If I want to solve the problem from the root cause, I'll first need to find out the breed of this bug."

"The science academy? Ryan Yael?" It seemed that Colton had heard this name before as his sword-like brows furrowed when she mentioned him, as though he was trying to recall something. A few seconds later, he said solemnly, "Nicole, I've heard of Ryan Yael from the science academy. Word has it that the Yaels are a bunch of talented people, but their talent lies in the making of poison."

The Yaels did not have a pleasant reputation amongst the upper class because they were notorious for poison-making.

Nicole nodded. "I know that, but there's no other way out. If I don't search there, you can only hold on for another two weeks, at the most."

The light in Colton's eyes went out the next second, and he placed a hand on her supple cheek, smiling bitterly. "If the curse can't be lifted from me in two weeks, will I fall in love with Evelyn?"

Although reluctant, she nodded in reply. "Yes."

He felt his heart turning cold because the last thing he wanted was to give up on Nicole. Since he was born, he was the heir to the Gardner Family that was high and above. Never before had he been threatened like this. "Fret not. I'll look for many renowned doctors, and they'll have a cure."

Shaking her head, Nicole had tears in her eyes as she choked. "Colton, I've consulted many people, and this voodoo bug isn't as simple as we think. But I found out that the science academy will have an enrollment expansion in three days, and I plan to use this chance to slip in. Maybe I can find some clues."

Squeezing his palms, Colton did not want her to go, but he had no other solution now. "It's okay. I'm going to be safe. If you're worried about me, wait outside for me in three days, and I'll let you know if

I'm in trouble," she assured, forcing a smile.

For a few minutes, the man was quiet, but he nodded in agreement eventually. "Okay, but watch out for your safety. I don't want you to be hurt because of me."

"Okay." She nodded and reached out to hug him around his muscular waist. Burying her head into his chest, she took a couple of deep breaths before calming down.

I'll never let Colton leave me! she vowed silently.

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It was late at night.

The two of them were staying at the research center, where the wind outside was howling, and the rain was relentlessly pounding against the windows.

Nicole and Colton slept in each other's embrace.

Everything seemed peaceful until he suddenly woke up from his deep sleep and abruptly sat up.

His sudden movement startled Nicole, who reached out in the dark to turn on the light. She turned to look at Colton and asked in confusion, "What's wrong, Colton?"

However, Colton didn't look like he was fully awakened. With his eyes closed and his face contorted in pain as he hugged his head, he kept mumbling, "It hurts..."

Nicole worriedly took Colton's pulse, only to notice that it was irregular as if something was frenzying through his body.

"Ah!!!" He suddenly opened his eyes wide and let out a scream.

Her eyes welled up with tears as she reached out and held Colton, anxiously asking, "Colton, are you alright?"

At this point, Colton's back was drenched in cold sweat as he sat at the edge of the bed, gasping for breath.

His face turned terrifyingly red as if he had encountered something dreadful.

Shaking his head weakly, he replied, "I'm fine. Don't worry."

Nicole turned her head and noticed Colton's deadly pale complexion. He looked as if he could collapse at any moment.

"You look terrible now. Did you dream about something?" Nicole worriedly asked.

A crimson glint flashed in Colton's eyes, but still, he shook his head. He didn't want to worry Nicole. "I'm all right," he rasped.

Nicole felt hot tears well up in her eyes when she heard those words. Her voice choked with emotion as she tightly held onto Colton's arm. "Colton, please tell me the truth. I need to know everything about you in order to help you."

He was slightly moved when he looked at Nicole's sincere expression. After a while, he slowly explained, "I dreamed about Evelyn again, about how she saved me when we were kids, and then about the time we spent together. I didn't want to see her, so I forced myself to forget, but that gave me a terrible headache."

Colton lowered his gaze. He realized that he couldn't control his thoughts anymore. Every time he fell asleep, he would dream about Evelyn. If he forcibly tried to stop himself from thinking about Evelyn, his head would throb with intense pain.

It was an excruciating pain that even he could barely endure.

Nicole knew this resulted from the voodoo in Colton's body. This voodoo was extremely potent, and it caused Colton intense pain whenever he tried to control his thoughts.

Her eyes darkened as her grip on Colton's arm gradually tightened. It seems like I will need to hurry and go to the research center. She then embraced Colton and reassured him in a soft voice. "Colton, you don't have to control your thoughts. It's because of the voodoo bug inside you that you're longing for Evelyn. It doesn't mean you're betraying me."

However, Colton felt a deep sense of guilt when he listened to Nicole comfort him. He felt as though he had betrayed her.

He reached up to touch his forehead and realized that he was covered in cold sweat. Closing his eyes, he replied in a hoarse voice, "I understand."

Still, Nicole was concerned about him. She let go of the embrace and looked at Colton's handsome face before her lips slightly parted. "Colton, I will help you get better. Please don't push yourself too hard now."

Colton's deep and gentle gaze narrowed as he looked at the person he adored in front of him. There was a pool of tenderness in his dark eyes.

"Mm, I know. I believe you, Nicky," he whispered softly.

He now realized that he couldn't control the voodoo bug within his body even with his strong self-control. Whenever he defied its will, his head throbbed so badly it felt like it would explode.

Chapter 1132 Dragon's Spine

Nicole busied herself in the research center the next morning. She wanted to see if she could find any clues based on the information in the books.

Gina was slightly surprised when she saw Nicole earlier. "Nicole? Why are you here so early?"

Nicole glanced at Gina and replied casually, "I want to look for books related to this matter. You don't need to worry about me, Gina."

With a smile, Gina approached her and kindly offered, "Feel free to ask me if you need any help. I'll do what I can."

Nicole seemed to suddenly remember something then. She stopped what she was doing and turned to Gina. "Gina, there was a box of Dragon's Spine in the research center, right?"

Gina looked somewhat uncomfortable upon hearing Nicole mention the Dragon's Spine. She averted her gaze and asked in return, "Why are you asking about Dragon's Spine?"

"I've checked tons of books, and it's mentioned that Dragon's Spine has a certain suppressive effect on voodoo. I want to try it," Nicole openly shared her thoughts.

Gina's expression changed slightly at those words. After contemplating for a moment, she replied, "Nicole, the Dragon's Spine is a treasure of the research center. It's an extremely rare and valuable medicine that appears once in a hundred years. For something whose existence holds research value, it shouldn't be wasted like this."

Gina's words clearly indicated her reluctance to hand over Dragon's Spine. Nicole furrowed her brows,

feeling puzzled. "I remember there are two Dragon's Spine herbs in the research center. I only need one. If it's for research, you can use the other one."

Indeed, it was incredibly hard for one to get their hands on Dragon's Spine. Back then, Colton and Nicole had gone through countless hardships together to find the two. However, they kept it untouched at the research center since they hadn't encountered any ailments that required the use of the medicine.

Gina only looked grimmer after hearing Nicole's words. After thinking for a moment, she tried to talk Nicole out of it again. "Nicole, you haven't been at the research center for so long, and there may be many things you don't understand. Although the reputation of Dragon's Spine has been hyped up by the outside world, it doesn't have as many benefits as people claim. Why waste it?"

Seeing Gina constantly trying to stop her, Nicole finally realized that something was not right. She looked straight at Gina with her clear and perceptive eyes, sending shivers down Gina's back.

"Gina, why do you keep trying to stop me from getting Dragon's Spine?" Nicole questioned.

Despite her interrogation, Gina couldn't tell her the truth. After hesitating for a moment, she uttered, "Don't get angry, Nicole. I'm just advising you out of kindness. If you really want the Dragon's Spine, I'll arrange for someone to get it for you."

Upon hearing Gina's concession, Nicole decided not to dwell on it any longer and nodded. "Then please do it quickly, Gina. I want to see if the Dragon's Spine can effectively suppress the voodoo."

A strange gleam flashed in Gina's eyes.

Dragon's Spine was indeed an extremely rare and excellent medicine. Due to its scarcity, its price was exorbitant, and it had been sold for more than 1.5 million in earlier years.

Not only that, the research center was the only place in the country that had it!

Initially, the research center had two Dragon's Spine herbs. However, when the science academy offered Gina 7 million for one of them, she couldn't resist the temptation and secretly sold it off.

Now, there was only one Dragon's Spine left at the research center.

If that vial was taken and used by Nicole, they would have nothing left at the center.

No one knew about this. It had been several years since Gina placed a fake Dragon's Spine in that box. She hadn't expected Nicole to suddenly need it.

As she thought, Nicole came back here for a reason.

However, White Nicholson was the one who brought the Dragon's Spine herbs here back then. Since not many people in the world had seen it before, and the appearance of the fake medicine she found resembled the real Dragon's Spine to some extent, she could deceive others with the fake one!

Chapter 1133 How Dare You

Gina personally handed the fake Dragon's Spine to Nicole.

"Nicole, this is a priceless object. You have to use it well. It would be a pity if it goes to waste."

Nicole nodded and lowered her head to take a glance at the Dragon's Spine in the box. She didn't suspect anything since it looked the same as it did a few years ago.

"Alright. Thank you, Gina." She placed the Dragon's Spine aside.

Dragon's Spine herbs were incredibly hard to find, and this one definitely had to be used wisely. But if it could suppress the voodoo in his body as described in the book, Colton could at least suffer less until she found a way to break the curse.

Nicole spent almost the entire afternoon in the research center, constantly experimenting with the Dragon's Spine in her hand. However, every attempt failed without exception.

She was puzzled by this. She couldn't understand why she kept failing even though her master had told her before about the effectiveness of the Dragon's Spine.

As Nicole carefully examined the Dragon's Spine in her hand, she suddenly noticed something amiss.

Dragon's Spine was named so because it twisted into a spiral shape resembling an animal spine, hence the name.

Outsiders believed that Dragon's Spine was a plant, but in reality, it was formed by two worms— one male and one female—intertwined and buried underground for many years.

The rarity of the Dragon's Spine was because it was a plant that required the coupling of a male and a female worm to form. However, the Dragon's Spine in her hand was strangely withered. It even resembled an ordinary plant.

Nicole's eyes dimmed when she thought about this. She then started to examine the Dragon's Spine.

After a series of tests, she could confirm that the object in her hand was not the Dragon's Spine at all. It was just a plant that resembled its shape.

Upon learning this, Nicole felt her temper rise. However, she clenched the object tightly and held in her anger for the time being.

Gina might be unaware of this.

Thinking of this, Nicole took a deep breath and went to Gina's office with the Dragon's Spine. Just as she was about to enter the door, she heard a conversation coming from inside.

"Ms. Feuer, this was sent here from the science academy. Please take a look."

Gina took the exquisite gift box and opened it. Upon seeing its contents, she couldn't help but burst into laughter, "Ryan sure knows my preferences. He specially sent me this set of Wedgwood tea set that I love."

"Yes, the science academy has always been concerned about your situation. Please don't worry, Ms. Feuer."

Science academy? Ryan?!

Nicole couldn't believe what she had just heard.

Her master had always been at odds with the Yaels, which was why the research center and the science academy had never had any dealings with each other.

Not only she, but the entire medical industry was aware of this feud.

So why would Gina, as the temporary manager of the research center, have any interactions with people from the science academy?

Nicole immediately pushed open the door, her gaze falling on the tea set in Gina's hands.

Startled by Nicole's sudden entrance, Gina looked around nervously as she put the tea set on the table.

"Nicole! W-Why are you here?" Gina asked awkwardly.

As Nicole quickly approached her, her clear eyes narrowed as she scrutinized Gina from head to toe. "Gina, where did this tea set come from?"

Gina had no idea if Nicole had overheard their conversation earlier, so she could only respond as guilt washed over her. "It was a gift from a friend. I liked it, so I accepted it."

"Friend? Which friend?" Nicole pressed while getting closer.

Seeing Nicole's attitude, Gina couldn't help but get irritated. "Nicole, what are you trying to do?"

Nicole sneered and fixed her gaze on Gina. "Gina, our master had a deep-seated grudge against the Yale Family, but you, on behalf of the research center, are in contact with the science academy? How could you!"

Chapter 1134 Cut Ties With the Science Academy

After hearing Nicole's tone, Gina knew that Nicole had heard the entire conversation in the room just now. She decided to drop the act.

She placed the tea set on the table and looked at Nicole with a solemn expression. "Nicole, times have changed. Mr. White has passed away, and there's no need for us to continue the grudges of the previous generation."

Nicole couldn't help but laugh at Gina's lofty reason. She chuckled sarcastically at the irony of this situation.

"Gina, you've spent more time with Master White than I have. You should know why he despised the Yael Family so much. It wasn't for personal reasons; it was because of the unforgivable atrocities they committed!"

Nicole's tone grew heavier, putting pressure on Gina.

Even so, Gina persisted. "Nicole, the science academy has gained a reputation in Durobrivae. There is nothing disgraceful about collaborating with them. Those are outdated thoughts. A partnership between the research center and the science academy now will benefit both parties."

"Benefit?" Nicole laughed, her gaze falling on the tea set on the table. She then pointed at it and asked, "Do you mean this kind of benefit?"

Gina's expression soured. With her face glum, she tightened her grip and answered, "Nicole, the research center can't remain out of touch with the present forever. The collaboration between me and the science academy is only about the production of some medications. It benefits everyone."

As Nicole looked at how self-righteous Gina was, she couldn't help but laugh in exasperation.

"You are Master White's student, Gina. You should respect him. When our master established the research center, he explicitly stated that it should have no association with the science academy. You are the person in charge. How can you not remember that?"

Gina looked embarrassed after being criticized by Nicole.

She had worked tirelessly for the research center for years, only to end up receiving a barrage of criticism from Nicole.

Nicole closed her eyes. She had witnessed firsthand how the Yael Family conducted experiments on their employees when she was with White. People who were once lively and energetic were tormented into a state of mental exhaustion. Even if they were saved, they had to live the rest of their lives with dementia.

Those shocking scenes were still vivid in Nicole's mind. She could never forget what had happened.

So, over the years, she had avoided anything related to the science academy or the Yael Family.

But never in her wildest dreams did she imagine that the research center which she and their master had established would now have a connection with the science academy.

Gina was several years older than Nicole, and she could be considered a senior at the research center. As someone who had grown accustomed to her high position over the years, she couldn't tolerate

Nicole's insults.

Her face immediately darkened as she roared, "Nicole, think carefully about what you want!"

"It's simple. Cut ties between the research center and the science academy," Nicole said firmly. There could be no compromise on this matter.

Gina balled up her fists. Considering the close collaboration between the research center and the science academy, cutting ties with them would result in immeasurable losses.

How dare an ignorant chick tell me what to do!

However, the research center was currently under Nicole's name. Gina couldn't do anything if Nicole truly wanted to take it back.

Thinking of this, Gina could only temporarily compromise. She took a deep breath, and her eyes gradually cleared as if she had finally understood something.

"Nicole, I've thought about it for a while, and you're right. Mr. White did say that the research center should have no dealings with the science academy. I have overstepped my line these years. I only want to research and develop more medicines to save patients."

Gina's voice lowered as she slowly said those words. An unpleasant smile then tugged at the corners of her mouth as she continued, "I've thought about it after your reminder. I will cut ties with the science academy, so you don't need to worry about it."

Chapter 1135 Something's Wrong With This Herb

Gina could only compromise for now because Nicole was the legitimate heir of the medical base.

If she were to anger Nicole, Nicole just might kick her out of the base. Not only that, she wouldn't be able to do anything about it!

Nicole started to calm down at Gina's compromise.

The reason she kept her distance from the science academy was that she had been there when they experimented on people.

She had witnessed the horrifying incident firsthand, which was why she refused to have any dealings with the academy. She was sure that a place capable of such things must be corrupt.

"I'm sorry, Gina. I was too harsh earlier," Nicole apologized when she sensed the tension easing.

Gina also didn't look as annoyed as before. She turned to look at the person beside her and waved. "Leave us alone. I need to have a chat with Nicole."

Hearing this, the person nodded and quickly left.

Gina then turned to Nicole and spoke in a softer tone. "It's okay. I was the one who didn't follow the rules our master set. It's normal for you to scold me. I'll definitely keep it in mind from now on."

"Okay." Nicole nodded, letting go of the issue now that it had been resolved.

She soon took out the Dragon's Spine whose front portion had been shaved off from her pocket and

placed it in front of Gina.

Gina glanced at the medicinal herb on the table before looking back at Nicole. She curiously asked, "Is something the matter?"

"There's something wrong with this Dragon's Spine," Nicole replied.

Gina's heart jolted nervously. She had never thought Nicole would know that there was something wrong with the Dragon's Spine.

Dragon's Spine was an extremely expensive and rare herb. Few people had seen it, and even if they had, they wouldn't be able to distinguish any irregularities.

A forced smile appeared on her face as she dryly asked, "Something's wrong? What is the problem? I got it from the medical base. No one has touched it."

With her eyebrows pulled together, Nicole took out a small knife from her pocket and lightly scraped the herb, collecting some powder-like substance. She then handed it over to Gina.

"Dragon's Spine has a bittersweet taste and carries the scent of grass. This one is different."

Gina's heart skipped a beat when she heard Nicole describing the characteristics of a Dragon's Spine. She never expected Nicole to know about them!

However, she kept her calm and only asked after a moment, "Nicole, could it be that the smell changed because it has been stored for too long?"

"No, that's not possible." Nicole gave a confident reply immediately. "This herb has been air-dried and stored in the medicinal herb repository. It won't go bad. I remember there were two pieces of Dragon's Spine herbs. Take me to find the other one, and let me see if it's the same."

A hint of guilt flashed in Gina's eyes. She knew that the Dragon's Spine she gave Nicole was a fake, but she didn't think Nicole would notice!

If she took Nicole to get the real Dragon's Spine now, not only would she be exposed, but she might also arouse suspicion.

Just as Gina was about to come up with an excuse, Nicole spoke again. "If it's inconvenient for you, I can go by myself. I remember that the Dragon's Spine was kept at the very back of the repository."

Gina looked at Nicole's expression and could only grit her teeth. "Alright, I'll take you there."

She could only put a bold face on and take Nicole to the repository now.

Not seeing anything odd about this situation, Nicole nodded and went with Gina.

The medical base's medicinal herb repository was an enormous space that occupied an area the size of a football field. There were rows of reddish-brown wooden cabinets containing various types of herbs, including some precious ones.

Nicole quickly found the cabinet where the Dragon's Spine was stored. Due to its rarity, the herb was delicately wrapped in silk and placed in a red wooden box.

Chapter 1136 Why Do I Need Someone Else's Permission

Nicole gently pushed the silk aside and took a whiff of its scent—it was the smell she remembered.

Placing the two Dragon's Spine herbs together, she noticed that they looked almost identical. However, their scents were vastly different.

Nicole presented both of them to Gina and informed seriously, "I suspect this Dragon's Spine is fake."

Gina's eyes flickered with a hint of guilt for a second, but she quickly composed herself and put on a small smile. "That's impossible. This Dragon's Spine has always been kept in the medicinal herb repository this whole time. No one could have taken it. Moreover, there were no issues when it was brought back here."

However, Nicole was certain that this was definitely a fake.

She said earnestly, "It could have been an inside job."

Hearing her talk about it being an "inside job" left a mark on Gina's heart.

This Dragon's Spine was extremely valuable, and with her as the person in charge of the medical base, no one dared to touch it without her permission. Because of that, things had been peaceful after the science academy bought the herb from her at a high price.

Until Nicole appeared!

Why is she so annoying? Not only does she want the Dragon's Spine, but she can also distinguish between real and fake ones.

Gina took a deep breath and refuted with a frown, "It can't be. Nicole, the people in the medical base are carefully selected, and the personnel in the repository wouldn't do something like this either."

However, it was Nicole and White who had personally placed the two Dragon's Spine herbs in the medicinal herb repository. They were undoubtedly real. But now, one was real and the other was fake —someone must have switched them!

"You should look into this. Dragon's Spine herbs are precious. If someone has tampered with it, we can't let them stay in the medical base any longer," Nicole reminded while taking out the Dragon's Spine.

Gina's heart skipped a beat. She wasn't sure if Nicole was hinting at something.

She looked at the Dragon's Spine Nicole was holding and hesitantly uttered, "Nicole, if we only have one real and one fake Dragon's Spine left, maybe we should keep them both for now. Otherwise, the medical base will be left with no Dragon's Spine."

Nicole paused for a moment, her gaze dimming slightly. "Although the Dragon's Spine is said to have incredible uses, its main effects are tied to voodoo bugs. Therefore, its usefulness is limited. I need it to save Colton. I hope you understand, Gina."

Gina walked up to Nicole with her eyes fixated on the Dragon's Spine in her hand. "Nicole, the Dragon's Spine represents the medical base. You can't just

use it for your personal gain. I am sure there are other ways to save your husband."

When Nicole heard the underlying threat in Gina's words, she stopped in her tracks and clenched her fists.

The beautiful and aloof woman's gaze was cold and piercing when it landed on Gina's face.

Gina's heart seemed to stop for a second there, but she quickly regained her composure and insisted with a smile, "Nicole, as the current head of the medical base, I naturally have to consider the interests of the base. I gave you one because I thought there were two Dragon's Spine herbs. Now that we found out there is only one left, I'm afraid it will be a problem if I let you have it."

Although her words sounded polite, there was a hint of stiffness in both her words and demeanor that made Nicole uncomfortable.

She realized that the person standing before her was no longer the senior she knew from years ago. Gina had changed. She had become someone who was driven by personal gain and disregarded human emotions.

Nicole refused to compromise. She tightened her grip on the Dragon's Spine in her hand and smiled. "I don't think there is going to be a problem at all."

Gina's expression changed slightly, and her tone unknowingly became gloomier. "Nicole, are you really going to selfishly use this Dragon's Spine for yourself?"

Nicole proceeded to scoff as she raised her hand holding the herb, mocking, "Ms. Feuer, this item was discovered not by anyone from the medical base, but by me and Master White in the wilderness. Why do I need someone else's permission to use what belongs to me?"

Chapter 1137 I Was the One Who Found It

Gina's face froze as she stared blankly at Nicole.

Nicole only tightened her grip on the Dragon's Spine in her hand and continued coldly, "Master White and I were the ones who found the Dragon's Spine herbs. It is a given that I have the right to use it."

After saying that to Gina, Nicole didn't bother wasting any more time on her as she swiftly turned around and left.

Gina was so infuriated by Nicole's words that her blood boiled. She clenched her fists by the sides of her torso, her face filled with malice.

Nicole Anderson!

Ever since Nicole arrived, her life had been anything but peaceful!

The science academy was like a treasure trove to Gina, and she would never give up on it.

I'll have to find a way to get rid of Nicole.

As long as she is around, the medical base will never be mine.

Even though she has never managed the medical base before, she is its sole heir when she returned.

I need to think of something to make her disappear forever!

With this thought in mind, Gina had a sinister gleam in her eyes.

After obtaining the Dragon's Spine, Nicole began tirelessly concocting various mixtures day and night.

As time passed, the voodoo bug in Colton's body became more and more active, forcing him to think about Evelyn. If he didn't, he would experience severe headaches.

It was only after Colton took the pills Nicole made using the Dragon's Spine that his symptoms improved significantly.

Nicole looked at Colton with concern. The bug was extremely powerful, and if it weren't for Colton's strong will, he would have already succumbed.

"Colton, do you feel okay?" Nicole asked in a soft voice.

Colton nodded, his face dripping with exhaustion. In a hoarse voice, he replied, "I'm fine. I feel much better after taking the medicine."

He had clearly felt something moving in his body these past few days, and now he had finally managed to suppress it.

Nicole breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that. Fortunately, the Dragon's Spine could suppress the effects of the voodoo bug. She handed the pill to Colton and reminded him earnestly, "This is the medicine. Take one every day, and remember to take it on time. I need to be at the science academy for the next few days. I'm afraid I won't be able to take care of you."

Watching Nicole's worried expression, Colton chuckled and reached out to pat her head affectionately. "I'm not someone who can be taken down so easily. You go ahead. Don't worry about me."

Nicole cast a worried glance at Colton then. She only felt slightly relieved when she saw that he was doing much better now.

She needed to be at the science academy tomorrow as there was going to be an enrollment expansion ceremony.

The science academy the next day.

Today was the enrollment expansion ceremony at the science academy, but an unexpected person had arrived.

Logan looked at the name "Nicole" on the list with a sinister smile playing on his lips. "I never would have expected White's apprentice to come and participate in the science academy's enrollment expansion."

Standing beside Logan was Ryan, whose red pupils flickered with an eerie light. He whispered, "She must be here to find the voodoo bug."

"Voodoo bug?" Logan turned his head slightly to look at his grandson.

This grandson was his most satisfactory test specimen. Among the younger generation of the Yael Family, Ryan was the most talented one. In fact, he had been well-versed in poisons since childhood.

"Yes, I cursed Nicole's husband with voodoo. She arrived in Durobrivae a few days ago, but she has been at the medical base the whole time. Her coming to the science academy is probably related to the voodoo," Ryan explained in a low voice.

Nicole and Colton's wedding caused a sensation worldwide. After all, the union of two business empires, the Gardner and Wrenn Families, held great significance. It was only later that they discovered Nicole was the heiress of the Wrenn Family.

"She is White Nicholson's only apprentice! Since White is already dead, she is the only one I can take my revenge on for my injuries!" Logan hissed in a deep voice. His hand gripping the cane continued to tighten as a lace of anger appeared in his resolute eyes.

Chapter 1138 Treat Her Well

As Ryan cocked his head and saw the gloomy look on Logan's face, he spoke in a calmer voice. "Grandpa, what are you planning to do with Nicole?"

Logan lowered his head and began to contemplate. After a moment, he asked, "Do you remember Natasha?"

"I do." Ryan nodded. Natasha Zack had been studying at the science academy for about five or six years. When she failed the exam last year, she even got on her knees and begged Logan to let her pass, saying she was willing to do anything.

Ryan still somewhat remembered the woman because the incident had caused quite a stir. "I remember. Grandpa, are you planning to..." He had made a guess, but he didn't say it out loud.

"Yes." Logan nodded. "Since Natasha wants to enter the science academy so badly, I'll have her do something for me. I'm sure she will be willing to do it."

As he spoke, an evil smile appeared on his face. "Are you suggesting we use Natasha against Nicole, Grandpa?"

Logan nodded and chuckled. "Nicole is associated with the Gardner and Wrenn Families. It might not end well for us if they find out that we're the culprit. So, we'll have to use someone else's name."

"I understand," Ryan said, nodding.

Meanwhile, it was the expanded enrollment written exams day at the science academy.

As soon as Natasha arrived at the venue, she was called over by the staff. When she saw that it was Ryan who had summoned her, she anxiously asked, "M-Mr. Yael, can I help you?"

Her family was burdened with debts, and her only way out was to enter the science academy. But it wasn't easy getting into the academy. She had spent seven years trying and even humiliated herself by kneeling and begging for their acceptance.

Ryan's red pupils scanned Natasha for a moment before he mentioned with a smirk, "There is something I need your help with this year. Will you do it, Miss Zack?"

Natasha felt as if she had received a great honor. Ryan, the heir of the science academy, was entrusting her with a task. She urged, "Do tell me what you need, Mr. Yael."

Ryan took out a photo and handed it to her. "Stay close to her and treat her well," he instructed her in a barely audible voice.

A trace of confusion flashed across Natasha's face as she looked up at Ryan. "That's all?"

"That's all." He nodded slowly and continued, "If you genuinely treat her well and build a good relationship with her, I will instruct you on what to do next. And before that, I guarantee that you will be admitted to the science academy this year."

Her face immediately bloomed as soon as she heard about the science academy's admission. She had wanted to enter the academy for the longest time. Her opportunity had finally come!

Furthermore, the condition was as simple as having to treat someone well.

She quickly bobbed her head and agreed. "Yes, sir! I will definitely do as you command."

Ryan chuckled when he saw how excited the woman before him was. "You and I are the only ones who know about this. I don't want anyone else to find out, understand?"

Natasha nodded eagerly. "You can rest assured; I'll keep it a secret."

After Natasha's reply, Ryan didn't say much more as he sent her off. "The written test is about to start in half an hour. You should be on your way."

At that, she nodded and pushed the door open as she walked out. What an unexpected stroke of luck. I'm so lucky. I only need to be nice to one person to get a chance to enter the science academy!

Joy overflowed from Natasha's eyes as she returned to the exam venue.

The written test hadn't started yet, but a crowd gathered outside the exam hall. Suddenly, Natasha spotted a figure in the crowd. Upon closer look, she realized that it was the person in the photo Ryan had given her!

Chapter 1139 Natasha Zack

A smile immediately appeared on Natasha's face as she approached Nicole and asked, "Are you here to take the entrance exam for the science academy?"

Nicole heard the voice and turned her head slightly to look. She then saw a chubby woman with an average-looking face smiling widely at her. The woman was dressed in a white hoodie and jeans.

Nicole put on a faint smile and teased, saying, "Why else would people come here today if not to take the exam?"

Natasha laughed and nodded. "You're right, but let me tell you something. I've taken the exam for the science academy seven times now. I know most of its content by heart."

Nicole only looked at the woman who was talking non-stop in front of her. Instead of stopping her, she listened quietly.

Seeing that Nicole didn't chase her away, Natasha took the opportunity to sit down next to her and started talking.

"There are two sessions in total for today's written exam. After the exam, you will be taking a mock test the next day if you get accepted. However, the mock test is different each time, and it depends on your level. The final step is the interview, but it's more of a formality. The top three scorers from the written exam and the mock test combined gets to join the science academy."

After listening to her, Nicole nodded and simply thanked her.

With a smile in her eyes, Natasha turned to look at her. "Also, even if you pass both the written exam

and the mock test, you still have to attend the interview. After the interview comes the enrollment ceremony. You will be disqualified if you're late."

Nicole didn't interrupt Natasha while listening to her explain every detail.

Right as she stepped out, she heard a voice calling her from behind. "Nicole, wait for me!"

Nicole stopped and turned around to see Natasha.

Seeing that she had stopped, Natasha quickly caught up and walked beside Nicole, cheering, "You're amazing! I think you were the first one to turn in your paper."

Nicole put on an unconcerned smile. "Well, the questions were quite easy."

Natasha sighed with envy. "I'm only fast because I've taken the exam for seven years. The questions in this written exam are mostly the same, but you're different. You finished so quickly on your first try."

Nicole only smiled at her.

Lost in her own thoughts, Natasha continued, "By the way, Nicole, there's a really nice restaurant nearby. Let me take you there. They have private rooms where we can rest after eating. After we get some rest, we can head straight to the second exam in the afternoon."

Nicole didn't refuse Natasha's eager invitation. Instead, she nodded in agreement. "Sure."

The two of them then arrived at a restaurant. It wasn't lunchtime yet, so there weren't many people inside.

Natasha led Nicole to a private room that wasn't very big. It had sliding doors, and the interior had a slight Jesund influence. They could rest comfortably here after their meal.

Chapter 1140 I'll Bring You to the Medical Base

The two of them ordered some dishes and began eating while chatting.

However, Natasha was the one who did the talking most of the time, whereas Nicole quietly listened to her on the side.

"The treatment at the science academy is very good. If you get in, you won't have to worry about money for the rest of your life. By the way, what do you do for a living, Nicole? Why do you want to take the science academy's entrance exam?" Natasha asked curiously.

Nicole lowered her gaze and pondered for a moment before answering slowly, "I work as a fashion designer. I used to study medicine before this, so I want to see if I'm suited for this field."

Natasha widened her eyes slightly and thought for a while before frowning. She then said tactfully, "The science academy has a great reputation in Durobrivae. Those who can get in are the cream of the crop. It's rare for someone to pass the exam on their first try, but you can do it if you work hard."

Nicole listened to her words, smiled faintly, and remained silent. She had learned from White, so these exams were a piece of cake to her. Even if Logan Yale personally came forward, he wouldn't be able to beat her.

Noticing Nicole's silence, Natasha didn't say anything more and started eating.

Meanwhile, at the science academy, Evelyn only knew that Nicole had come to Durobrivae with Colton but didn't know their exact location. As such, she was here in the science academy to look for Ryan.

He wasn't surprised to see her there. He simply raised an eyebrow before asking, "Miss Wrenn, is

there something you need?"

She asked worriedly, "Will something happen to Colton if I'm not with him?"

"Yes," Ryan responded affirmatively. After thinking for a moment, he added, "The voodoo was cultivated using your blood. It will erupt if it stays away from you for a long time. Colton will die within a month."

When she heard that Colton would die, her expression froze. She had gone to great lengths just to be with Colton. She couldn't let him die!

"Do you have any way of getting me into the medical base?" Her eyes flickered with urgency as she looked at Ryan and asked.

"I do, but why should I help you, Miss Wrenn?" he asked nonchalantly.

Evelyn's body stiffened. After thinking for a moment, she asked, "What do you want, then?"

He proposed a deal. "Help me with something, and I'll help you get into the medical base."

She instinctively felt that it wasn't going to be something good. However, since she wanted to see Colton, she had no choice but to agree.

"Alright, I can agree to whatever you want."

Seeing Evelyn's willingness, Ryan didn't waste any time. He pulled something out from his pocket and handed it to her. "It's not too troublesome. Just give this to Gina."

"That's it?" Her eyes flashed with a hint of doubt.

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"That's it. Colton is in the medical base, so you can conveniently enter under the pretext of delivering the item, right?" Ryan nodded, but his inscrutable expression did give Evelyn an idea that something fishy was going on.

However, she was completely blinded by love. The mere thought of being able to see Colton made her disregard everything else. She clenched the item in her hand and nodded. "Then please arrange it as soon as possible, Mr. Yael."

As Ryan observed Evelyn's infatuated appearance, a hint of mockery flashed in his eyes.

This woman is truly pitifully foolish, completely blinded by love.

"This afternoon. You go to East Ring Road and someone will take you there," he instructed.

She nodded.

Now, all she could think about was being able to see Colton. She was so excited and couldn't wait to see him.

Colton was afflicted with the voodoo. I can make him love me wholeheartedly as long as I stay close to him for a long time.

Evelyn let out a sigh of relief at the thought.

On the other side, Nicole chatted with Natasha for a while after they finished their lunch.

Natasha kept talking—almost without stopping—since they started eating.

"My family isn't well-off. I have a younger brother who just started junior high school. My father passed away early, and my mother was ill due to years of hard labor. She can't engage in any strenuous activities, so it falls on me to work and support the family." As Natasha spoke, her gaze dimmed slightly. She propped up her chin and continued, "I used to work in a pharmacy, and then I self-studied and obtained certification. My current life is just enough to support my family, but I feel that it's not sufficient. I'll get better pay if I can enter the science academy. My life will be better in the future."

Listening to Natasha's words, Nicole glanced at her sideways. She realized Natasha was optimistic. However, beneath her optimism hid a lonely soul.

Nicole pondered for a moment, propping up her chin, and said, "You should give it a try. If you don't pass, you can consider going to the medical base."

In Durobrivae, both the science academy and the medical base were good choices in the field of medicine.

Natasha's expression instantly dimmed when Nicole mentioned the medical base. She blinked and sighed, "The number of spots at the medical base is

even more limited. It also requires money to enter. I went to ask and learned that it costs at least 30 thousand. I don't have that much money."

Nicole's expression darkened, and her face became serious. She turned her head and asked, "Money? But I remember the admission process for the medical base is similar to the science academy, with a

written test and an interview."

Natasha chuckled lightly and patted her on the shoulder. "You don't know this. The medical base is different from the science academy. Although the science academy belongs to the Yael Family, they dare not act recklessly. It was because many departments supervise each other. At first, the medical base was created by White, but she passed it on to Ms. Feuer, and she messed it up in recent years. The so-called written test is just a formality. It's all about money!"

Chapter 1142 Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars for a Spot

After Nicole heard Natasha's words, her face darkened terrifyingly.

When White personally established the medical base, he aimed to involve capable individuals, not to create a superficial presence solely for prestige.

Nicole inhaled deeply, her eyes shimmering with an uncommon glint. After a brief contemplation, she hoarsely asked, "Are you mistaken?"

Noticing Nicole's disbelief, Natasha swiftly pulled out her phone and began searching. After a brief moment, she found the video and presented it to Nicole. "See for yourself. Everything I said is true. It's just that the medical base holds a prominent position in Durobrivae, and we common folks are afraid to cause any trouble."

Nicole lowered her head and glanced at the video before reaching out to play it. In the video, she saw Gina's assistant and an unfamiliar individual. With a smile, the stranger held a paper bag and politely presented it to the assistant, saying, "Miss Miller, please speak favorably for me in front of Ms. Feuer later. I'll entrust this gift to you."

Roxanna lowered her head to peek into the paper bag, and a smile instantly brightened her face. She patted her chest and assured him, "Don't worry. I

can see your sincerity. Go back and wait for the notification. Your enrollment in today's expansion will surely be confirmed."

The video ended there, and it was evident what the individuals in the footage were engaged in.

Staring at the screen in disbelief, Nicole looked at Natasha and asked, "Is this the medical base's expansion you were referring to?"

"This is a common fact among medical students. I suppose you're new to Durobrivae, which is why you're unaware," Natasha replied without displaying any surprise.

A common fact, huh? Nicole had not expected that Gina had managed to turn White's meticulously- built medical base into such a chaotic state within just seven or eight years. She certainly has quite the talent.

Releasing a shallow breath, Nicole blinked her eyes and mustered a bitter smile. "Better late than never, right?" Observing the girl before her, she had a feeling that Natasha might be aware of everything. Tentatively, she inquired, "Are you familiar with the collaboration between the medical base and the science academy?"

Natasha's expression instantly turned solemn at the question. She scanned around and lowered her voice, saying, "We shouldn't openly discuss this matter."

Nicole raised an eyebrow in curiosity. "Oh? Why is that?"

Natasha leaned closer to her and whispered, "The two sides may seem incompatible on the surface, but in reality, there are some connections."

"You know about all of this, too?" Nicole looked at her with a smile.

Natasha honestly explained, "I work in the pharmacy, so I have access to some insider information. The medical base and the science academy have a connection because of Dragon's Spine."

Chapter 1143 Busted

The Dragon's Spine? Nicole's eyes widened slightly. She never imagined that Gina would use the Dragon's Spine as leverage to establish a connection with the science academy.

As she recalled the moment when she asked Gina for the Dragon's Spine and received a fake one instead, everything became clear to her—Gina had stolen the Dragon's Spine in the medical base.

No wonder she gave me a fake Dragon's Spine at the beginning. It turns out she had already given the real one to the science academy! Nicole suppressed her anger and kept her composure.

What she did not expect was that Gina would engage in such actions after taking over the medical base. She's tarnishing our master's legacy!

Noticing the anger on her face, Natasha couldn't help but remark, "While the actions of the medical base are unacceptable, it doesn't directly affect us. There's no need to be so furious."

Nicole composed her expression, mustering a faint smile as she nodded. "It has been a while since I was last in Durobrivae. I didn't anticipate the medical base turning out like this."

Natasha observed her reaction and assumed she was a recent graduate who had just entered society. So, she chuckled and said, "Once you've been in Durobrivae for some time, you'll come to understand. We've grown accustomed to these situations."

Nicole pursed her lips, choosing to remain silent.

As she had an exam in the afternoon, she decided to confront Gina at the medical base after the exam.

During their lunch break at the restaurant, she learned a lot about the situation from Natasha. She realized many seemingly concealed facts were, in fact, widely known by everyone. It was a matter that had been known for a long time but not openly discussed.

"Ms. Feuer is likely in her office at this hour. Allow me to guide you there." Roxanna hastily volunteered to lead the way.

Nicole glanced at her and waved her hand, saying, "No need. I'll go by myself." With that, she left without looking back.

As she departed, Roxanna's fawning expression turned into a gloomy one as she stared at Nicole's departing figure. She then snorted, "What audacity she has to think so highly of herself?"

Having spent years with Gina, Roxanna had long become well-versed in the ways of this medical base and naturally did not hold Nicole in high regard.

After Nicole had left, Roxanna took out her phone and dialed Gina's number. "Ms. Feuer, Nicole is on her way to see you."

Gina responded, "Got it."

Feeling uneasy, Roxanna paused for a moment before adding, "By the way, Nicole happened to see someone giving me a gift when she arrived."

At that, Gina's irritation surged, and she scolded, "How could you be so careless?! You'll be in trouble if

she finds out about it!"

Roxanna quickly apologized, "Ms. Feuer, I'm sorry! I didn't expect that she would see it."

Letting out a sigh, Gina contemplated for a moment before saying, "Since she has already seen it, there's nothing we can do. Just be cautious while she's at the medical base from now on!"

Chapter 1144 Evelyn Sneaks Inside

Roxanna nodded hurriedly.

Meanwhile, Nicole happened to push open the door and walked inside after Gina hung up the phone.

Gina immediately put a smile on her face as her gaze fell on Nicole. "You look like you're in a rush, Nicole. Is something wrong?"

Nicole looked at Gina pointedly, her gaze cold. "There's something I want to talk to you about."

Gina rose to her feet, and the smile on her face grew wider. "What's the matter? You look exhausted after spending a day out there."

Since Gina was still playing dumb at this point, Nicole decided to be more direct. "Do you remember the recruitment requirements for the medical base?"

Gina was taken aback by the question. A moment later, she replied, "Of course. The candidates have to go through a written test and an interview."

Nicole hummed in affirmation and nodded before continuing, "I want to see the previous years' written test results."

Gina stayed quiet for a moment. She didn't expect Nicole to visit her only to make such a request. At that moment, she recalled her conversation with Roxanna earlier. Is she asking for it because she saw Roxanna?

She immediately made up an excuse. "It's not what it looks like, Nicole. There are exceptions."

Nicole cast her eyes down. A wry smile formed on her lips as she demanded, "Is that so? Excuses aside, I'd like to see the past results, please."

She refused to back down, and it put Gina in an awkward position.

She gave up on keeping quiet since he was awake. She strode to his bedside and watched him affectionately. "Collie."

He furrowed his brows when he realized she was in his room. He asked hoarsely, "What are you doing here?"

She feigned innocence as she paced toward him. "I'm worried about you. I have to make sure you're alright with my very own eyes."

As she got closer, the once-suppressed voodoo bug in his body became agitated in her presence. He grunted as a sharp pain struck his heart.

The woman came to a stop at the sight of his painful expression, and she stood by the bed and watched him.

The veins were bulging on his forehead, and agony was written all over his face as the pain within him tortured him over and over again.

The cure Nicole came up with helped suppress the voodoo bug in his body, but it wouldn't work when

Evelyn was around.

Now that Evelyn was near Colton, the voodoo bug in his body immediately reacted to her. The medicine no longer worked.

Evelyn swooned over him as she mumbled, "Why don't you just return my feelings, Collie? It'll stop hurting you if you grow feelings for me." She took a seat on the bed as she spoke. The voodoo bug in Colton's body was eager and restless since the woman was within range.

As Evelyn slid across the bed, Colton realized that he was losing control over his body.

Chapter 1145 A Ticking Bomb

As the bug began to take effect, Colton felt his vision slowly getting blurry. He couldn't help but lean closer to Evelyn.

Watching him leaning closer to herself, Evelyn couldn't contain the urge to reach out her hand to catch him. Her hand almost touched his cheek, but a voice at the door interrupted her.

"What are you doing here?!"

Evelyn stopped short in the air and turned toward the source of the voice, only to see that Nicole was standing outside the room.

Nicole's eyes had turned scarlet from rage as her gaze fixed on the hand that almost landed on Colton's face. I'll cut her hands off!

Her voice had managed to snap Colton out of his trance, and he winced in pain after his senses returned to him.

Nicole approached them upon noticing his discomfort. Then, she pulled Evelyn off him and dragged her out of the room.

Nicole's interruption angered Evelyn. Once the two were in the corridor, Evelyn swatted the other woman's hand away. She accused Nicole with a frown between her brows, "What do you want, Nicole?"

Nicole watched her coldly. The shadow that fell on her face darkened her expression. She started in a low voice, "Evelyn, stay away from Colton."

Evelyn shot her a smile of mockery. "It's him who can't live without me now, Nicole. Stop being selfish. You should leave him to me for his sake."

Nicole found Evelyn's words ridiculous and almost laughed at Evelyn's attitude. This woman is selfish like always.

"Evelyn, do you know that the love bug would cause the host to hallucinate and weaken the immune system? There's a possibility that it would harm his brain," Nicole sternly berated.

Nicole succeeded in using the Dragon's Spine to create a cure to control the poison in his body. However, the Dragon's Spine was useless when Evelyn was around.

Therefore, all she could do was prohibit Evelyn from entering the medical base and getting near Colton.

However, she didn't expect Evelyn to sneak into the medical base and almost made a move on Colton.

It would have been disastrous if I didn't make it in time.

Nicole returned to the room after chasing Evelyn off. Colton was curling up on the bed in pain. She immediately took the medicine and helped him swallow it.

Moments after Colton took the medicine, his cheeks regained their colors. The voodoo bug had been a torture to his mind and body over the last few days.

He looked up at the worried woman and soothed her, "I'm fine, Nicky. Don't worry about me."

Tears welled up in her eyes. Everything was fine until it went wrong at some point. The voodoo bug in his body is a ticking bomb. I need to deal with it as soon as possible, or it will take him away from me one day.

She could never imagine a life without Colton.

Chapter 1146 A Bracelet

A faint smile formed on Colton's face at the sight of her sad face. He ruffled her hair and teased, "You can just dump me if I ever forget you in the future."

Nicole wrapped her arms around his waist and leaned against his chest. The statement only saddened her even more. "I won't." She cast her eyes to the ground.

He looked down at her, and the sight of her in his arms hit a soft spot in his heart. Then, he took out a bracelet from his pocket and put it around her wrist.

Nicole felt coldness enveloping her wrist. Therefore, she cast her eyes downward, only to find a red string around her wrist. She could see a round bead tied to the string. Out of curiosity, she couldn't help asking, "What is this?"

Colton's gaze fell on the bracelet around her wrist. "Press the bead and hold for three seconds, then it'll send your location to me."

She stared at the bracelet and did as told. As expected, three seconds later, his phone received a notification. A map showed up on his phone, and the blinking red dot on the map suggested her current location.

He chuckled before explaining, "I'm well aware that I'm not in the condition to go out, and you won't allow it either. However, I'm worried about your safety, too. Therefore, I asked them to get me the bracelet. Nicky, press the bead on your bracelet if anything happens. I promise I'll be there for you."

She caressed the bracelet around her wrist affectionately. Colton's gesture put a smile on her face. "I will."

Gina always behaved like a harmless woman when spending time with White and Nicole. She showed no ambition at all. However, it turned out Gina wasn't fit to manage the facility. She ruined the image and reputation of the medical base! Now, one needs only pay to gain access to the place.

Even though Gina gave her the data, Nicole could tell that the data was fake from one glance. Though, she decided not to call Gina out for her perfunctory. Gina will put the medical base under the manipulation of capitalism one day if things go on like this. I must stop her!

Humming in agreement, Colton nodded before adding with a smile, "White worked hard to build the facility from zero. As his student, you're responsible for looking after the medical base for your mentor. Don't worry; I'll stand by your side until the end."

His promise warmed Nicole's heart. Moved by his gesture, she nodded. She tightened her arms around his waist as she leaned against his chest. His familiar scent soothed the beating of her heart and calmed her down.

I wish everything would stay like this forever, she thought.

Chapter 1147 Bring Her Here

The following day, the written test results were swiftly announced. Nicole, who had arrived at the science academy, prepared herself for the afternoon interview.

Her remarkable performance stood out, surpassing all others on the list.

If all went according to plan, she would have the opportunity to join the science academy.

Meanwhile, in another room...

Natasha looked at Logan and Ryan in front of her before respectfully reporting, "Mr. Yael, I have almost completed all the tasks."

Logan's penetrating gaze focused on her as he narrowed his eyes. Then, as if something had just occurred to him, he smirked and said, "Nicely done."

She couldn't contain her excitement. Her hands clasped together as she gazed up at Logan. So, it was with a heart brimming with anticipation that she uttered, "Um... Mr. Yael, regarding my position..."

A sinister smile gradually etched onto Logan's lips as he peered at Natasha with his murky eyes. Then, he reached into his pocket and retrieved something before handing it over to her.

Natasha glanced down at the object now in her hand, a flicker of confusion crossing her eyes as she looked up at Logan.

Logan's voice grew profound as he instructed, "You need to bring Nicole here and spray this substance on her face. Only then will your task be considered complete, and the academy will reserve a place for you."

Natasha was taken aback by this revelation. She thought that her role was simply to treat Nicole kindly. Her lips trembled as she hesitantly asked, "W-What is... this?"

"It's a sedative," he replied slowly.

"She's a woman who values opportunity over reputation. Now that she has such a promising prospect, she won't back down so easily. Have you assembled the people I asked you to?" Logan inquired, shifting his gaze.

His animosity toward White ran deep. Once he attained power and influence, his sole intention was to dismantle White piece by piece.

Unfortunately, White's untimely demise left Logan's pent-up fury with no outlet.

Following White's death, Nicole concealed herself for a long time. Despite his efforts to locate her, not even the slightest trace could be found.

It was only a few months ago that Nicole finally revealed her identity. Logan had long plotted to eradicate everything associated with White, including Nicole and the medical base.

As thoughts of the medical base consumed his mind, a glint of cunning flickered in Logan's murky eyes. After a moment of contemplation, he inquired, "By the way, how are things progressing at the medical base?"

"We've managed most of it. We can finally tighten the net after dangling the bait for so many years," Ryan replied with a smirk.

Gina, a member of the medical base, was easily enticed by greed. She was willing to stoop to any depths as long as the price was right. Now that they had deliberately sweetened the deal to lure her into their trap, it was only expected that she would jump right into the frying pan without asking further questions.

Chapter 1148 Caught in a Trap

As Logan heard this, a smug expression appeared on his face.

This unexpected turn of events, with Nicole's arrival at the science academy, was a stroke of luck. It was his perfect opportunity to eliminate her completely.

His smirk gradually turned sinister as he nodded approvingly and waved his hand dismissively, saying, "Okay. Deal with this matter as soon as possible. I want the medical base to become part of the Yael's as well!"

"Alright." Ryan nodded in agreement.

After Natasha staggered out from Logan's place, she couldn't shake off her sense of confusion and disorientation.

While she was certainly willing to do whatever it took to enter the science academy, being asked to harm someone made her think twice.

She tightened her grip on the item in her hands, a flicker of unease shimmering in her eyes.

Just as she approached the door for her interview, she was startled by a voice calling out to her from the side.

When she raised her head in response, she saw Nicole standing there.

Nicole took in Natasha's disoriented appearance and casually asked, "What's wrong with you?"

Nicole had developed a liking for Natasha. It was because of her words the previous day that Nicole began to sense something amiss with the medical base. After she conducted some investigation into the matter, she confirmed that Natasha had been telling the truth.

Natasha immediately snapped back to reality upon hearing Nicole's voice and forced a stiff shake of her head. Then, she mustered a bitter smile. "Nothing."

Nicole sensed that something was off about her, but since she didn't want to open up about the thing that was bothering her, Nicole decided not to push further.

Natasha took a seat beside Nicole. After a while, something seemed to click in her mind. Then, she turned her head toward Nicole and inquired, "Nicole, I think I left something in my room. Can you come with me?"

Once they were inside, Natasha fumbled around in the darkness, while Nicole stood by the doorway and could only catch vague glimpses of her figure.

Suddenly, Natasha seemed to trip over something and let out a startled cry.

Nicole instinctively took a few steps forward and inquired with concern, "Are you okay?"

Natasha shook her head, responding, "I'm fine. It's just incredibly dark here, and I stumbled on something. Nicole, can you lend me a hand?"

Nicole nodded, aware of the hazards lurking in such darkness. So, due to her limited vision, she

cautiously moved forward and stood in front of Natasha. As she crouched down and was about to help Natasha up, a strange scent suddenly wafted toward her.

As she was utterly caught off guard by Natasha's actions and coupled with the dark atmosphere, Nicole had no time to hold her breath.

A wave of darkness quickly enveloped her mind. She tried using the needle to seal her veins, but it was too late. Her body went limp, and she collapsed backward. Still, she summoned her last ounce of strength and pressed her hand against what Colton had given her on her wrist before succumbing to unconsciousness.

Natasha knew that Nicole had passed out the instant she heard a soft thud.

As she still felt overwhelmed by her emotions, especially after sabotaging Nicole, she clumsily searched for the light switch in the darkness. When her eyes fell upon Nicole who was utterly out of it, she gulped nervously.

Chapter 1149 Abducted

At this moment, the sound of footsteps echoed from outside.

Natasha looked up and caught sight of Logan walking in with his cane.

A trace of satisfaction painted across Logan's face as his eyes swept over Nicole unconscious form on the ground. Then, he nodded in approval and remarked, "Good job."

A fearful and hesitant Natasha mustered the courage to call out to him, "Mr. Yael..."

After that, she shifted her gaze toward Nicole and asked with concern, "Mr. Yael, what are you planning to do with Nicole—?"

Before she could finish her sentence, Logan interrupted in a mocking tone, "Natasha, all is said and done. There's no point in putting on this fake pretense anymore."

Natasha's words dissolved into silence, and her embarrassment was evident as she tightly crossed her hands. She remained silent, unsure of how to respond.

When Logan saw that she was still here, he waved his hand and dismissed her impatiently, "Hurry up and leave. You'll lose your spot if you're late for the interview."

At this, Natasha immediately felt any protests she harbored disappear down her throat. She had worked so hard for this opportunity for many years, and now it was within her grasp. She wouldn't give it up because of someone she had just met. Someone who was barely an acquaintance at that.

With that in mind, she turned resolutely and left without saying another word.

Ryan, who was standing, cast his gaze downward to where Nicole lay on the ground. Then, he turned his attention to Logan and asked, "Grandpa, what's your plan?"

Logan's voice resonated with a chilling tone as he recalled his past, "White severed my tendons and left me stuck with this cane for the rest of my life. I won't let his disciple escape without paying the price!"

A malevolent smile gradually crept across his lips as he beckoned a few people from outside. Then, he issued a sinister command in hushed tones, "Take her to the operating room on the outskirts."

Although he was advised to stay indoors due to the voodoo bug in his body, Nicole's situation made it impossible for him to remain at ease.

Even though he understood that he was being rash, he had already made up his mind and promptly headed out.

Meanwhile, inside the black minivan, Nicole found herself tightly restrained by three robust men.

The drug's effects were not overpowering, and she gradually regained consciousness during the journey.

As she drowsily opened her eyes, her gaze fell upon a group of muscular men. A frown creased her brow, and a throbbing headache intensified her confusion about how she ended up in this situation.

She could only recall Natasha in her memory before everything went dark.

It seemed like she had been drugged by Natasha.

As this realization sank in, a cold determination flickered in Nicole's eyes.

She had been careless, being deceived by someone she had only known for a few days.

"Urgh..." Nicole groaned, her awakening accompanied by a pulsating headache caused by the drug.

As those burly men noticed her coming to, their faces contorted into lecherous grins, while their hands fidgeted with anticipation. One of them even said with a leer, "Well, well, look who's finally up."

All the men shifted their attention toward Nicole when they heard his words.

"This chick has quite a pretty face and an appealing figure. Don't you think that it would be a waste if we take her straight to the operating room," one of them remarked.

At these words, the expressions of those men instantly changed, and their lustful gaze roamed over Nicole's figure.

Chapter 1150 Heading to the Outskirts

Nicole's eyes darkened instantly, and she coldly warned, "Do you know who I am? If you lay a finger on me, both the Gardner and Wrenn Families won't spare you!"

Alas, her words fell on deaf ears as the thugs became even more brazen in their mockery at her warning.

"Hahaha, this chick is moments away from her demise, yet she still dares to act tough."

"Exactly! Look at her, all pampered and spoiled. Who cares about the empty threats from the Gardner and Wrenn Families? By the time we're done with her, there won't be a trace left to find!"

"Hahaha, she is quite an amusing one."

After they expressed their disdainful remarks, those men began to approach her.

One of them even reached out and caressed her face with a lecherous touch.

Nicole recoiled as though she had come into contact with something utterly repugnant. Her gaze locked onto the burly man before her, a fiery crimson intensity burning in her clear eyes.

Meanwhile, the man who had touched her face sighed in admiration as he remarked, "Tsk ts, her skin is incredibly smooth and delicate. Clearly, she has been well cared for."

As his words hung in the air, his hands inched toward her collar.

Before Nicole could react, a ripping sound resonated through the air. Her collar was violently torn open,

and a large expanse of her bare skin was exposed.

Instantly, her eyes turned a fiery red.

Although she was forced to endure countless trials over the years, she had always prided herself on her strength. However, as she was faced with this kind of situation, an unsettling sourness tingled in her nose.

A churn of discomfort gripped her stomach, and a wave of nausea coursed through her body.

With those words, the man eased up slightly. Then, he glared at Nicole maliciously and growled, "I can't wait to see what you're gonna do later!"

Nicole let out a sigh of relief, thankful that things had not taken a turn for the worse.

Then, she closed her eyes as she lay still in the van, preserving her energy. The exertion from earlier had left her head swirling in darkness. She took in shallow breaths as she knew that she needed to regain her strength soon if she were to stand any chance of making an escape later.

As she was also uncertain if Colton had received her message, she knew that his physical condition would hinder any immediate rescue.

Nicole closed her eyes as she focused on steadying her breath and taking a quick nap.

The van left the city and continued on its way to the outskirts.

The burly man glanced out the window before shifting his gaze toward Nicole. "You're in for a rough time when we get there," he threatened menacingly.

Nicole ignored him, not even bothering to open her eyes.

When the man noticed her indifference, he wisely kept quiet.

Colton sped along the road; his face clouded as he stared at the red dot on his phone.

Someone is taking Nicole to the outskirts?

His bad premonition grew even stronger, and his hands clenched tightly on the steering wheel.

There's no way I'm letting anything happen to Nicole!