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The van soon arrived at the base on the outskirts. The science academy had poured a considerable sum into building this base. There were even rumors that shady deals with the black market had also been exchanged to build this place.

A few burly men roughly manhandled Nicole as she was weak since the drug had not worn off.

A big man grabbed her, and his gaze turned lewd when he noticed the ripped shirt on her chest. He started to stare at the skin on display.

She had goosebumps when she noticed his gaze. Then, she tightened her fist as she mustered her courage and shouted, "How much did the Yaels pay you? I can pay you triple as long as you let me go!"

The men couldn't help but laugh at her and looked at her in amusement. "Triple? I doubt you can even take a few hundred from your pocket by the looks of it. Stop pulling our leg."

She suppressed the fear in her heart and continued to offer, "I really have that kind of money. You just need to let me go and I'll transfer the money right away."

The men were rather swayed by Nicole's claim as the Yaels paid them a handsome sum. If Nicole could pay them triple the amount, they would be making a fortune.

One of the men couldn't hold back his anticipation and inquired impatiently, "Can you give us a million?"

Nicole immediately answered, "Yes. I can give each of you a million as long as you guys let me go."

Those words were such a temptation that the other man could barely restrain the greed in his eyes.

Just as they were pondering the matter, a person suddenly spoke up, "You idiots! Do you think you could live to spend that money if we crossed the science academy?"

This reminded them that they couldn't go against the promise no matter the amount Nicole could give them.

They knew what the science academy was involved in. If they let Nicole go, they would be next.

They had assisted the academy in several shady activities over the years such as communicating with the black market and selling bodies and organs under the table. None of these transactions could see the light of day, especially when they earned big bucks through their work with the science academy. So, they knew which party to prioritize.

The few men looked at Nicole with sad looks. "Even though your price is very tempting, sorry. If we betray the science academy, we won't even have the chance to enjoy that money. So, sorry, girl."

"That's right. But what we can do now is let you enjoy yourself a little before you die. Don't you think that's great?" A roar of raucous laughter burst out at that suggestion.

Nicole clenched her fist as she knew Colton would come. So, all she needed to do was to stall for time.

Her bright eyes looked up and landed on the few men. Then, she shut her eyes and told them in a hoarse voice, "I can give you guys 5 million. Right now. But you can't touch me!"

Even if she died, she wanted to die with honor, without anyone soiling her.

"Sure. Give us the money now and I'll give you an easy death." The lead man laughed.

Nicole gestured for them to untie her. The men looked at her petite body and deemed that she wasn't a threat. So, they let their guard down and untied her.

After she was untied, she started to massage her hands as she glanced at the men while searching for her phone.

As expected, her phone was taken away earlier.

Nicole turned to look at the lead man and said softly, "Please return my phone to me. Then, I can transfer the money to you."

The man looked at her with skepticism. "Are you really going to transfer 5 million to us?"

She nodded and said with a smile, "What do you have to lose? I can't do anything else now that I have you guys watching my every move. Hand my phone to me. I'll make the transfer right away."

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The men started to hesitate at the thought of the 5 million. After some thought, they figured that Nicole couldn't play any tricks under their watch. So, they agreed.

One of them went to take her phone and threw it to her. Then, she started to click on her phone with the men staring at her for fear that she might do something else.

Nicole obediently opened the banking app and looked up at them before saying seriously, "You need to give me your bank details for me to do the transfer."

They shot her dubious looks as this felt too good to be true. But they soon whipped out their phones to look for the necessary information since they had nothing to lose even if Nicole didn't have the money.

A quarter of an hour had passed after they all found their banking details.

Nicole wanted to transfer 5 million at once, but a notification popped up and said that she could only transfer 100 thousand per transaction.

She looked up at them with innocent eyes and said, "The banking app only allows me to transfer 100 thousand at one time. I'll need to transfer you 50 times."

The leader of the pack couldn't help but find the entire thing tedious, so he frowned and questioned hotly, "Are you trying to play games with us?"

Nicole answered straightforwardly, "I can cancel the transaction if you don't believe me."

Then, she went to put her phone down.

The other men got anxious and pipped in as they couldn't let the money fly away when it was right within their reach. "Do it. Do the transaction. I want to see how much you can transfer out."

Nicole had already known that they were a pack of greedy wolves. Now, she could at least stall for at least 10 more minutes and hoped that Colton and his men could arrive in time.

So, she started to do the transfer. When the transaction went through, the men jumped happily when they saw the notification appearing on their phones.

"Boss, we really got the money."

The men gathered around and jumped with joy when they realized Nicole had really transferred them the money. Then, they continued to threaten her to transfer more money.

Alas, a car screeching to a stop rang from behind them.

It caught their attention, and they turned around to see a luxurious sports car had stopped before them with a few vans trailing behind it. They could see tire marks on the ground due to the sudden break from the sports car.

Nicole watched as the car door opened and saw that it was none other than Colton.

Before the men could react, she immediately rose to her feet and backed away from the ensuing fight.

She had been saving her energy for this moment. When the bunch of burly men's attention was taken by the sports car, she ran as fast as possible.

Just as the men were about to go after her, Colton's tall figure blocked their path.

As Nicole was drugged, she started to see stars after a few minutes and stumbled forward. Luckily, Colton caught her in time before she fell to the ground.

Her face was terrifyingly pale, but she suppressed her nausea and told Colton, "Colton, I think I've been drugged."

Colton's gaze landed on the ripped shirt on Nicole as his eyes turned bloodshot. He took off his jacket and covered Nicole with it.

A hint of fury could be heard in his icy voice, "Did they do anything to you?"

Nicole shook her head. "No."

Then, the anger in his eyes dissipated a little as his hands cupped her cheeks and he urged gently, "Okay. Go wait for me in the car. I'll be done with them soon."

Yet, Nicole merely stared at him with concerned eyes. She knew he was a good fighter, but his body wasn't as powerful as before after he was infected with the voodoo bug.

Chapter 1153 Tear This Place Down

Colton's thin lips curled up into a smile at Nicole's concerned gaze. He softened his voice, "Don't worry. I still have what it takes to protect my woman."

The burly men finally couldn't take it as they watched how Colton and Nicole were being sweet to each other. One of them threatened sternly, "Stop with the act. Give her to us and we'll let you go unharmed."

Colton's eyes darkened immediately like the gloomy night sky.

Nicole noticed that he was furious, so she didn't want to say anything else and walked to the car with his jacket on her shoulders.

His unique smell surrounded her and calmed her pounding heart. The jacket felt like a safety cocoon and she didn't have to fear for her life now that Colton was here.

Nicole opened the car door and got in. She was seeing stars after the run as the drug had spread through her body. So, she leaned against the seat and

soon fell into a deep slumber the moment her mind registered that she was now safe from harm.

Outside the car, Colton coldly regarded the few men standing before him emotionlessly.

The lead man wasn't afraid since Colton was alone. So, he straightened his back and threatened, "Do you know who is after that woman, you punk? Hand her over. Otherwise, I'll cut you up too!"

The instant his words fell, a group of men came down from the vans parked behind Colton's sports car.

They were all tall and muscular. It was apparent that they were well-trained.

The leader saw that the tides had turned and immediately froze on the spot. He gulped nervously and stopped hurling insults at Colton.

"Boss, what should we do with them?" A man stepped forward respectfully and inquired.

The hostility that emitted from these men made the hearts of the burly men shudder.

Colton turned around and glanced at the laboratory not far away before a bloodthirsty smile crept up his face. He pointed at it and ordered, "Tear that laboratory down."

His men acknowledged his order and nodded. "Yes, Boss."

Then, they dashed toward the laboratory.

On the other hand, Colton raised his hands to undo the top two buttons on his shirt as he stared coldly at the people before him. He questioned coldly, "Did you guys tear Nicole's shirt?"

The lead man regained his confidence when Colton's men ran toward the laboratory. He wasn't dumb. He knew if he didn't run now, he wouldn't stand a chance when they returned.

Just as he shot his friends a look, Colton had already knocked him down.

Before they could process when Colton had closed in on them, they were already knocked onto the ground.

Two of them were quick to react and were about to fight back, but Colton swung them a kick to the head, and they fell to the ground with a wail.

As they sensed the hostility exuding from Colton, they knew that they had hit a brick wall this time.

They immediately begged for mercy. "Please. Please. We're sorry. We were in the wrong, but this isn't on us. It's the Yaels. The Yaels made us do it. Y-You don't want to cross the Yaels, right?"

They tried to use the Yael Family to pressure Colton, but it was just wishful thinking. Colton wasn't afraid of the Yaels at all.

He coldly regarded them and questioned once more, "Who tore her shirt?"

Two of the men looked at someone in between them. Colton immediately caught on and strode toward that person. He loomed over that man and probed, "Did you have malicious thoughts about my woman?"

His icy tone was enough to make that man break into a cold sweat. That man curled his hands into fists and babbled, "I... Argh!"

Alas, a hair-raising scream escaped his mouth before he could explain himself.

Chapter 1154 Rescued

Colton mercilessly stomped on that man's lower body with his leather shoes. Since the tip of the shoe was quite sharp, it did a lot of damage to the man. There was a high chance that his future endeavors would be looking rather bleak.

It was so painful that the man couldn't even speak as he squirmed on the floor from the pain.

Unfortunately, Colton's fury was far from sated as he stepped on the despicable man once more.

Now, that man was totally done for. His eyes rolled over, and he passed out from the excruciating agony.

Colton swept his gaze to the other men that were cowering with his voice laced with venom, "You should know what to expect when you dare touch my woman."

The three men had already come to the conclusion that they had truly hit a brick wall this time as they begged, "Please. We were in the wrong. But it was the science academy that made us do this. We were just doing our jobs!"

The only thing the kidnappers could do now was remove themselves from the equation. If they didn't, they would not be able to take Colton's wrath if he placed the blame on them.

Alas, Colton wasn't a fool as he coldly glanced at them without an ounce of pity.

Suddenly, a man walked out from inside and reported to Colton respectfully, "Boss, we're done. What else should we do?"

Colton glanced at them and pointed at the few men before him. "Finish them and get people to tear this whole place down."

Then, Colton strode away. The science academy was deeply rooted in Durobrivae. So, it wasn't easy to eliminate them. Colton's action this time was merely a warning.

After Colton's subordinate received the order, that man ordered the rest to take the kidnappers away.

The leader of the kidnappers finally realized he had crossed someone he shouldn't have and begged loudly, "I'm sorry. I know I'm in the wrong. Please let me go!"

But his pleadings didn't earn Colton's pity as he watched them being carried away with indifferent eyes. After they were done, Colton walked to the car.

Nicole, who was inside, was fast asleep with his jacket wrapped around her. Her head was tilted as she lay on the seat with a few tears wetting her eyelashes that made her look pitiful.

Colton's heart ached as he gazed at her current state. Then, his finger touched her eyelashes hoping to wipe away her tears.

Nicole felt something in her slumber and her eyes twitched, but she fell asleep again because she was utterly exhausted.

Then, Colton shut the car door and returned to the driver's seat before he drove off.

When they returned to the medical base, Nicole was still asleep.

So, Colton opened the car door to carry her out. However, a person suddenly jumped out from the corner. It was Evelyn, who had been waiting at the entrance for Colton for a long time.

She wrapped her arms around Colton's waist and muttered, "Colton, I missed you so much."

His body froze when he felt someone behind him. He quickly flung off her hands roughly and Evelyn fell back in a heap from the force.

Still, it seemed like she guessed this would happen as she wasn't upset at all and quickly got back on her feet to approach Colton again.

"Collie, I've been waiting for you here for so long. Please look at me," she pleaded, but her gaze landed on Nicole who was sleeping in the car.

Hatred flashed in her eyes. She noticed that Colton was suppressing the voodoo bug in his body and took the knife out resolutely.

Colton saw the knife and his gaze turned serious. He changed his stance and was about to attack when Evelyn cut open her palm.

Chapter 1155 Divorce Nicole

The air was saturated with the strong odor of blood. Colton struggled to suppress the voodoo bugs in his body, but they started growing restless the moment they sensed the scent.

Despite his attempts to suppress it through sheer willpower, the pervasive smell of blood overwhelmed him. Then, a metallic tang invaded his mouth, followed by his eyes slowly turning red.

Evelyn observed Colton's condition and couldn't help but feel a pang of heartache. She pleaded, "Collie, please stop resisting. Be with me, and you won't suffer like this."

Alas, he lowered his head as he gasped slightly and retorted through clenched teeth, "In your dreams!"

Evelyn's heart sank when she realized that even in such agony, Colton refused to be with her.

As she got closer, the rusty smell of blood intensified, leading Colton to be on the verge of succumbing to the voodoo bug; veins began to bulge in his forehead, and his face gradually turned crimson. Though his rationality insisted that he could withstand it, the influence of the voodoo bug compelled him to involuntarily draw closer to Evelyn.

Evelyn made a decisive move the minute she sensed Colton's reluctance by raising her blood-stained hand and approaching his face. He tried to evade her when she pressed the blood against his lips. Alas, his body seemed immobilized like it was held by an unseen force. A wave of the blood's aroma flowed into his mouth, instantly relaxing his previously tense state. The determination in his eyes faded, leaving him in a dazed state.

She suppressed her excitement as she gazed at Colton with anticipation and softly inquired, "Collie, can you hear me?"

"I can," Colton replied slowly.

Evelyn's excitement peaked as she gently reached out to touch Colton's face, who offered no resistance and simply allowed her to do as she wished. When she witnessed Colton's newfound obedience, she could no longer contain her excitement. So, she anxiously questioned, "Collie, do you like me?"

"I do." Colton nodded with a vacant expression, resembling a marionette controlled by strings.

Her excitement surged even higher. She had never envisioned a day when Colton would confess his affection for her. She was so overwhelmed with emotion that her hands trembled while she pleaded, "Collie, divorce Nicole and be with me, alright?"

"Alright." Colton nodded again.

Just as Evelyn was swept away by her delight, Nicole regained consciousness inside the car. When she overheard Evelyn's words while still in the vehicle,

she forced herself to remain conscious and rose to her feet. Then, she immediately hurried to Colton when she saw the scene unfolding before her.

However, at that moment, Colton's gaze proved that he had already completely lost his awareness, causing Nicole to panic. She gently tapped his face, pleading, "Colton, wake up. Wake up."

Colton remained completely unresponsive.

Evelyn couldn't help but burst into laughter upon witnessing Nicole's distress. She chuckled softly, wearing a mocking expression as she looked at Nicole. "Nicole, Collie belongs to me now. If you have

any sense, you'd better not show up before him ever again."

Nicole retrieved a silver needle, intending to help Colton suppress the voodoo. Yet, just when she was about to administer it, Colton seized her hand.

Colton's deep, dark eyes no longer held any glimmer of light. He stared at her with a cold, blank gaze, sending a shiver down Nicole's spine.

She tried to speak, but all that came out was a choked sob; she couldn't say anything at all.

Colton released her hand and slowly rose to his feet.

Evelyn approached him, leaning against him while asking tenderly, "Collie, can you divorce Nicole? Marry me after you divorce her."

"Okay," Colton responded, permitting Evelyn to be in such close proximity to him.

Chapter 1156 What Are You Talking About

Evelyn's was filled with unbridled joy, and her manic eyes turned slightly bloodshot at her excitement.

Never before had Colton been this close to her. Previously, she lamented the slow progress. Though she had the ability to influence Colton's thoughts when in close proximity, Nicole's prevention left her helpless. If she had followed Ryan's method to the letter in the month she had gotten the bug, it was likely that the voodoo in Colton's body would have been eliminated long ago.

However, she had no other options. That was why she hurried back to inquire Ryan if there were alternative approaches, which was to directly feed Colton with her own blood. When she considered that those voodoo bugs were sustained by her blood, their agitation upon catching its scent was unsurprising. Yet, this method posed a great risk. If the afflicted person's health faltered or their consciousness weakened, they could become mentally impaired. Nonetheless, Evelyn no longer cared about such perils. Her sole desire was to possess Colton, regardless of how mentally impaired he might be. She desired him, and that was all that mattered.

True to form, Colton immediately became extremely submissive once he ingested her blood.

Nicole observed the intimacy between the two before her. Although she understood that Colton's current condition was a result of the voodoo, her heart still throbbed with anguish, akin to being pricked by a needle. She gazed at Colton as her lips bore the crimson trace of her own biting. "Colton, come here."

Colton stood motionless; his gaze vacant as if he hadn't heard a single word.

A relieved Evelyn let out a breath. It appeared that everything Ryan said was indeed true as consuming blood would make a person affected by the voodoo bug extremely compliant to their owner's wishes.

"Collie, can you divorce Nicole? Right now, please?" Evelyn grew bolder in front of Nicole.

Colton nodded in agreement.

Nicole watched Colton's current state, and the tears that welled up in her eyes immediately streamed down. Her voice choked as she bit her lip and inquired, "Collie, have you truly forgotten our love?"

Unfortunately, the present Colton seemed devoid of consciousness, as if he could only hear Evelyn's voice.

Evelyn was ecstatic. She could hardly believe that Colton was now completely submissive to her commands. So, she shot Nicole a triumphant look and smiled triumphantly. "Nicole, since Collie only listens to me now, you should give up."

Colton stood silently on the side, not uttering a single word.

Nicole took in a deep breath, fixing her gaze upon Colton. When she took note of the vacant expression on Colton's face, she understood that he had lost all connection to the outside world besides Evelyn and she could no longer restrain him regardless of the methods she employed prior to this.

"Collie, call the Gould Family immediately and inform them that you want to divorce Nicole." Evelyn pressed her luck.

Colton hesitated for a moment, seemingly regaining a moment of clarity, but soon, the voodoo bugs within him overwhelmed his rationality. He extended his hand to retrieve his phone and dialed the

number directly, who seemed to be Siobhan.

Evelyn leaned closer and activated the speakerphone. Siobhan's voice sounded bewildered, "Colton, what's wrong? Weren't you on vacation with Nicole?"

"Madam Gould, I wish to divorce Nicole," Colton said in an icy voice that was devoid of any emotion.

Siobhan was caught off guard, likely finding it too abrupt. She furrowed her brow and inquired, "Colton, did something happen between you and Nicole?"

Colton pursed his lips, remaining silent, so Evelyn slightly poked him and discreetly whispered in his ear, "Collie, you love me."

Then, Colton promptly spoke into the phone as if obeying a command, "Because I've fallen in love with Evelyn."

Siobhan grew frustrated and somewhat disbelieving. She yelled through the phone, "Colton Gardner! What are you doing? You and Nicole just got married not long ago, and now you're saying such ridiculous things."

Nicole's eyes welled up with more tears when she heard Siobhan defending her. She knew that the current Colton was under control, but his words genuinely wounded her.

Chapter 1157 Colton Left

Colton hung up the call without saying anything else.

Evelyn grabbed his arm and smirked at Nicole provocatively. "Nicole, Colton has already forgotten about you, so stop pestering him and pick a time to get the divorce over and done with."

Nicole tightened her palms that were hanging at her sides, telling herself to remain clear-headed. Then, she gazed at Colton with a hurt look in her eyes, only to see his dark, empty eyes. She knew that Colton was already completely under control and kept chanting at herself to remain calm.

"Evelyn, do you know that you'll leave him with a sequela by doing this?" she hissed through gritted teeth.

However, Evelyn could no longer listen to any other advice, and all she could think about was making Colton hers. "Collie, let's go. Let's leave this place and stay with me," she said, looking into his eyes.

Colton nodded. Now, Evelyn's words were the only instructions he would listen to, and as for Nicole, she didn't go after him because she was aware that Colton was possessed by the voodoo bug. If she went after him, it would lead to the bugs in his body clashing against his mind and he would be the one suffering.

Nicole stood rooted on the spot as she watched on helplessly while Evelyn climbed into the car with him intimately. After the car drove away, her knees buckled, and she collapsed to the ground. Her head hung low as her lips curled into a self-deprecating smirk. Never did it occur to her that she and Colton would be in such a situation.

Suddenly, she felt sick in her stomach and started retching uncontrollably, propping one hand on the

ground to support herself. Nothing came out of her mouth, not even bile. So, she reckoned it was because she hadn't eaten anything today. She didn't know how long this went on before she finally came to a stop, but it didn't bother her. Instead, she assumed she only had such a violent reaction because she couldn't accept the situation that came so unexpectedly.

Shortly after, she scrambled to her feet. Right now, she had to get her hands on the voodoo bug and research a way to nullify the poison. Otherwise, Colton would be forced to live the rest of his life in a lie.

Even White had very little contact with something like the voodoo bug when he was alive. Besides this issue came so suddenly that she was unprepared to counter its effects. Thus, the only way now was to get into the science academy where she would have more resources to research ways to eliminate it once and for all.

When she recalled what Natasha had done, a vicious light flashed in her eyes. She was no pushover. Instead, she would give an eye for an eye and wouldn't take this lying down. I'm out of time. I have to take care of this quickly, or else, Colton will be in increasing danger as the day passes, she thought, taking out her phone and calling a number. After she finished with the call, she got back on her feet again.

There was no time to rest. She had to return to the science academy as soon as possible and get a sample of the voodoo bug to research the way to nullify it. She wiped the tears off her face and her eyes gleamed with determination. Then, she swiftly hopped into the car, recollected herself, and stepped on the gas pedal.

When she arrived at the academy, the conference happened to be going on. "Did you guys forget something?" As she stepped in, her voice was loud and clear, and everyone simultaneously turned their heads to the source.

Natasha instantly turned pale and tightened her fists the instant she caught sight of Nicole. Why is she back? How is she back?! I thought that it would be a one-way trip for her!

Nicole had found Natasha amongst the crowd as well, and her eyes were cold and indifferent. Natasha hastily looked away the moment their eyes met as she was filled with nervousness and worry that Nicole would get back at her.

On the stage, Logan's eyes fell on Nicole. Then, he frowned as he said sternly, "I don't think I've left out anything."

Nicole smirked as she said in her crisp voice, "As the participant with the highest score in the written exam, shouldn't I be accepted into the academy?"

Chapter 1158 Recommendation Letter

Logan eyed Nicole up and down, a little surprised to see her standing in front of him, unscathed.

She actually managed to escape. Still, he wasn't all that worried that she'd stir up any trouble for him. That was because even if she were to expose those affairs, not many people would believe her.

Logan pretended to speak seriously, "Nicole Anderson, right? Your written test scores are definitely good. However, the science academy has a rule that if you don't present yourself for the interview, all your scores, no matter how outstanding they are, will be null and void. Do you have any objections?"

Nicole looked up at Logan, amused. "Don't you know the reason why I can't come for the interview?" She asked, eyes full of mockery.

The man wasn't intimidated at all and sneered right back. "How would I know? Since you weren't present for the interview, it means that you've already decided not to attend the science academy."

Nicole's lips curled into a smile, and she said softly, "I'm afraid I'm going to have to disappoint you again, but I will be joining the science academy."

Nicole whisked out an envelope from her pocket as her eyes gleamed with triumph.

Logan looked at the envelope in her hand, and the sullen expression on his face grew gloomier. Nicole, however, approached him calmly, placing the envelope in front of him with a smile. Then, she said, "This is my letter of recommendation."

Logan cut the letter open with a letter knife and realized that it was from Nathan Zeller. Nathan was in charge of the research department of the science academy. He had the final call on student enrollment,

so there was no way for him to refuse her entry.

Logan's face somehow became even more upset as he thought about that. His hands tightened on the letter, causing it to crinkle in his grasp as he glared sharply at Nicole.

Before he could say a word, his phone rang. He pulled it out to look at the caller ID and realized it was from the test lab.

Nicole was actually sent there earlier. Now that he had received a phone call from them, it was a no-brainer to assume that something terrible had befallen the base.

Logan answered the call and held it close to his ear. An anxious voice came from the other end of the line, "Mr. Yael, bad news. The lab was destroyed!"

Logan almost exploded in anger. Nonetheless, he knew that he was currently in public and couldn't lose his temper as he replied calmly, "What did you say?" His hand gripped his phone tightly.

"A group of people destroyed the lab, and someone flattened it over with an excavator. The whole place is completely leveled," the man on the other line muttered, grief thick in his voice.

Logan's eyes darkened, and he almost fainted right then and there. Fortunately, he managed to support himself on the podium. His eyes landed on Nicole, and he shot a ferocious glare straight at her. Nicole! This had Nicole written all over!

Nicole seemed to know what the call was for and tauntingly quirked an eyebrow at him. To make matters worse, the bland smile she had never left her lips.

He inhaled deeply, trying with all his might to contain his fury. Then, he eyed her speculatively while inquiring, "Do you know who was behind this?"

The man on the other end replied anxiously, "They said they were from an organization, but we couldn't pinpoint which one they're from."

Logan continued to press for answers, "The things there..."

Even though the lab was mainly used for illegal activities, many precious things were still inside. Most of his life possessions were there.

"It's gone. It's all gone. They burnt them to ashes."

Logan instantly felt a rush of blood going to his head, and this time, he could see black spots dancing in his vision.

He held his breath and looked at the rest of the group in the room. He was still in the enrollment ceremony, so he couldn't risk losing his composure right

now. Logan nodded with a forced smile on his face. "I see. Then we'll talk later. I have to go."

After he muttered a goodbye, he instantly hung up the call. When Nicole saw Logan had ended the call, she looked up with a sweet smile and said softly, "Mr. Yael, please announce the result of my evaluation now."

Logan lowered his head, glancing at the recommendation letter. It was definitely written by Nathan Zeller. He narrowed his eyes at the familiar handwriting. Frankly, he didn't expect Nicole to have such influence to get someone as prestigious as Nathan to write a recommendation letter for her!

Chapter 1159 Don't Be Ignorant

However, since Nathan had personally written the recommendation letter, he could only swallow his anger and announce that Nicole was now successfully a part of the science academy. Besides, the academy was his territory. Therefore, he could easily crush her like a gnat if he so wished.

Nicole stood next to Natasha as she absentmindedly listened to the speech on stage.

Natasha was weak in the knees. She had used any means necessary to get into the science academy. Besides, she only framed Nicole with the thought that Logan would take care of her, permanently.

But she had never expected that Nicole would escape and return to the science academy so boldly.

Natasha tried to inch away discreetly, wanting to hide away from Nicole. Alas, just as she made a move, Nicole instantly grabbed her. Nicole still had a smile on her face, but her eyes were anything but happy as she drawled, "What's wrong? You treated me so well just a few days ago, claiming that we were like best friends. Now, after a few hours, you're ignoring me?" Nicole's voice was light and friendly, like the calm before the storm.

Natasha looked at her, feeling her knees turning into the same consistency as jelly. Regardless, she forced herself to stay calm as she tried to straighten her spine. But the fearful twitch of her lips and clenched fists betrayed her guilty conscience as she stuttered, "N-Nicole, I-I..."

Unfortunately for Natasha, Nicole was fresh out of sympathy after the kidnapping incident earlier. "Oh, don't you worry, dear. I'm listening."

There was panic in Natasha's eyes. Judging from how Nicole could still get into the academy despite her lack of attendance during the interview stage, Natasha knew that she couldn't afford to offend the

woman. And if she did, she wouldn't have a good time even if she did enroll in the science academy.

She quickly admitted her wrongdoings and pleaded, "Nicole, I'm sorry. I-I was wrong, I shouldn't have framed you. I-I let my emotions get the best of me, and I acted rashly."

When Natasha noticed Nicole's calm face, she felt even more anxious. "It's all my fault. You can hit me, beat me, I won't even fight back."

Nicole looked at her with a derisive smile playing on her lips and replied calmly, "Since you know what you did was wrong, why did you do it? We're all adults here. You should be aware of the simple logic that there will always be consequences for our actions."

Natasha felt her nails bite into her palms as she gazed at Nicole pitifully. She inquired tentatively, "Nicole, are you unwilling to forgive me?"

Nicole pursed her lips but said nothing. After her narrow escape earlier, she didn't intend to waste her time on the likes of Natasha. But at the same time, she couldn't find it in herself to forgive the woman so easily.

When Nicole didn't reply, Natasha felt even more nervous. She reached out to grab Nicole's arm and begged anxiously, "Nicole! I've already apologized to you. What else do you want?!"

Nicole looked at Natasha's distraught face and found this entire farce ridiculous. Nicole continued to look at Natasha indifferently; her eyes had no trace of any emotions at all. Then, she snapped, "Is this how you act when you apologize?"

Natasha tightened her grip on Nicole's arm in the face of Nicole's nonchalant demeanor. At this point,

Nicole completely lost any interest in discussing this manner, especially when Natasha felt no remorse over her actions. So, she placed her hand on Natasha's wrist and pressed down hard. Natasha could only feel an unbearable pain on her wrist, and she couldn't help but shriek, immediately releasing Nicole's arm.

The initially quiet environment, with only the person on stage speaking, was instantly interrupted by Natasha's screams of pain. She looked around at the crowd, her face full of anguish. Alas, as no one had noticed their little spat, she could only bite her lip awkwardly and swallow her grievances.

Just as Nicole was about to leave after the speech, Natasha blocked her path again.

"Nicole, what exactly do you want from me?!" she demanded angrily.

Nicole simply found the whole situation amusing as her lips twisted into a mirthless smile. So, she decided to humor Natasha. "Well, what do you think I'm doing?"

Nevertheless, Natasha couldn't help but shudder when she couldn't read anything from Nicole's placid face. For some reason, she couldn't help but feel as though Nicole exuded a sense of hostility that made people tremble after her ordeal. Although she wasn't aware of the details behind Nicole's change in attitude, she swallowed her saliva nervously but still tried to threaten Nicole, hissing, "Nicole, I'm warning you, I have the entire science academy as my backer! So, don't you think for a second that I'm some nobody that you could bully."

Chapter 1160 It Was a Misunderstanding

Nicole merely looked at Natasha with mirth dancing in her eyes and chuckled softly.

The science academy? She wasn't the least bit afraid even if Logan had decided to personally deal with her. So, it was nothing but short of foolish of Natasha to even threaten her.

Regardless, Nicole didn't see a need in informing Natasha about that little tidbit. Instead, she shook Natasha's hand off her person and left without another word. The other woman glared at Nicole resentfully and clenched her fists tightly. Still, she knew that she wouldn't leave with her tail tucked behind

her legs now that she had finally gotten into the science academy. She couldn't just leave because of Nicole.

But Nicole was an anomaly that she couldn't control, and she had no intentions of allowing Nicole to remain in the science academy as long as she was around. She needed to get rid of such an unpredictable element so that Nicole wouldn't be an obstacle to her road to success!

As she thought of this, her face darkened. She had to come up with a good plan and drive Nicole out of the science academy once and for all!

When Nicole left, she walked without looking back. Suddenly, Logan called out to her, "Nicole, stop right there." Logan leaned on his cane while Ryan followed behind him.

Nicole stopped in her tracks. When she looked toward the source of the voice, there wasn't a hint of emotion in her tranquil eyes. It was as calm as a pool of stagnant water. "Yes?" she asked coldly.

Logan narrowed his eyes at her, sizing her up and down. Then, he demanded, "Did you destroy the test lab?" Nicole pursed her lips and then said with a bland smile, "That place was practically a black

market. I would hazard a guess that the executives there were lining their pockets doing all sorts of shady businesses and be right about it. Plus, aren't they selling organs? They've done so many other vicious and shameful things, like say, human experimentation. Are you saying that there's a purpose for allowing such an existence to continue?"

Nicole moved closer to the men as she spoke. Then, she whispered, "The science academy is nothing but a pretty coat that you hide under. And as for the true you underneath all that bells and whistles... Well, I'd say that it's nothing short of repulsive."

Logan was infuriated by Nicole's words. So, he clenched his fists as he bellowed, "How dare you?! Who are you to question me?!"

Nicole shrugged her shoulders indifferently. "Then, I'd suggest leaving me alone since you're not interested in my opinions."

After she said her piece, she had no intention of lingering. Alas, she had just taken a few steps, when she was manhandled by Logan. His voice was filled

with malevolence as he snarled, "Nicole, I've put half my life into that test lab. How dare you?!"

Nicole simply smiled at Logan as she drawled, "Then, you should guard the other half of your life, or I'll destroy it too."

She left her words hanging heavily in the air and turned to leave.

Logan glared at Nicole's retreating figure and tightened his hand around his cane. Nicole!

"Grandpa," Ryan called out to Logan. When he caught sight of Logan's gloomy expression, he inquired

tentatively, "How do you plan to deal with this?"

Logan inhaled deeply and sighed. He had already harbored a grudge against Nicole because of White prior to the destruction of his lab, but now that she had done such a thing, it was now personal. His eyes were calculative as he gritted his teeth and growled, "Since I can't deal with her publicly, then I'll do it secretly. I want Nicole's reputation to be utterly ruined and expelled from the science academy."

Ryan replied with a hum and lowered his eyes.

After Nicole left, she went straight to the lab. When she arrived, she not only asked Nathan for a recommendation letter but also for the right to enter the lab whenever she wished.

She was running out of time. She was worried that Colton would try something when he and Evelyn were alone together.

Although she knew that it was all because of Evelyn's machinations, she still couldn't accept that Colton would have any physical contact with other women. If something had truly happened between Colton and Evelyn, Nicole was certain that she would go crazy. Although they had endured several ups and downs as a couple, she wasn't sure that she could get over something like this.

As soon as she entered the laboratory, she received a call from Siobhan. Nicole could already guess what Siobhan would say as she answered the call.

"Nicole, did something happen between you and Colton?" Siobhan asked cautiously.

Siobhan was in utter shock when she received the call. Yet, when she finally came to, Colton wouldn't answer her calls.

She was a little worried, so she could only call Nicole for updates.

Nicole didn't know how to explain the entire thing, so she was silent for a while before replying, "It was a misunderstanding. Don't worry. I'll tell you everything when Colton and I return from our trip."

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Nicole didn't breathe a word about this situation to anyone. She was faced with a lot of trouble after Colton was completely under Evelyn's control via the voodoo bug. Right now, all she could do was quickly figure out the source of the poison and cure him.

Meanwhile, Logan requested Natasha's presence in his office in the science academy.

She looked nervously at Logan and inquired sharply, "Mr. Yael, didn't you say that Nicole would definitely not be able to return? How is she still here?!"

Logan frowned at her tone, clutching his cane tightly in displeasure. Then, he replied solemnly, "Nicole came back on her own accord."

Natasha was full of panic and anxiety. Not only did Nicole make it back, but she returned to the science academy in public. As she had a hand in Nicole's disappearance, she was certain that Nicole would never let her off the hook!

Natasha looked at Logan and said slowly, "Logan, Nicole has ulterior motives in returning to the science academy. I drugged her; she's probably scheming revenge against me!"

Logan finally deigned to look at Natasha's panicked face, and a disgusted look flashed through his eyes. Frankly, if he hadn't thought it beneath him, he would have rolled his eyes at her short-sightedness. Regardless, there was

still a use for this woman, so he restrained his temper and said gravely, "I know, but I have my plans to counter her schemes. Besides, I still need you to cooperate with me." He deliberately made it so that it seemed as though she was more than just a pawn in his chessboard.

Natasha's heart skipped a beat as she looked up at him in confusion.

Then, she heard the old man say, "There's an event at the science academy the day after tomorrow. There'll be a lot of media reporters in attendance. If you take this medicine, it'll give an illusion of miscarriage, and we can frame Nicole for it. I'll cooperate with you when the time is right. That way, we can get her expelled from the academy." Logan tilted his head and silently implied for Ryan to hand over the medicine to Natasha.

Natasha stared at the medicine in her hand; her eyes were full of worry. Her fingers curled around the cool glass bottle as she raised her head to look at Logan and inquired hesitantly, "Mr. Yael, is this medicine..."

He knew immediately what she wanted to ask. He instantly waved his hands and said, "It's nothing serious. It's just an illusion. I'll send someone to fabricate the pregnancy for you in the hospital. You just have to wait for the day after tomorrow's celebration and insist that Nicole did it."

There was reluctance on Natasha's face.

Logan chuckled and continued, "Natasha, do you think you have a choice in this matter? If you don't want to frame Nicole, you might as well wait for the Sword of Damocles to fall upon your neck."

Natasha stiffened upon hearing her words. She had gone above and beyond just to enroll in the science academy. She could not afford to allow Nicole to ruin her path to success.

Her grip on the bottle turned firm as the reluctance on her face was replaced by a sullen determination that she would do anything in her power to see Nicole removed from her life. After a while, she slowly let out a breath and said resolutely, "I... understand. The day after tomorrow... I'll definitely drive her

out of the science academy."

Logan nodded in satisfaction. Then, he waved her away in dismissal and said, "Then, I suppose that you have some work to do."

Natasha didn't say anything else as she turned on her heel and left.

Nicole was searching through the laboratory to no avail as she couldn't find just where the voodoo bug was created. To make matters worse, she was running out of time. She had to research the bug quickly before she could think about creating a cure.

In the end, she had no choice but to call Nathan for more information.

"I don't really have any useful information about this, but I do know about the academy's involvement in culturing the love bug. Unfortunately, I am also unaware where this particular activity has taken place." Nathan pondered. After a moment, he added, "Not to worry, my wife seems to be more knowledgeable about this than I am. How about this, Nicole? Come to my house tonight, and we'll have dinner together."

Nathan was the director of the Durobrivae Town Central Hospital, and his wife was also in charge of the science academy.

Nicole thought over his offer for a moment and finally agreed. She was truly desperate to know more about this. "Okay, I'll come over tonight. I'm so sorry for the inconvenience, Mr. Zeller," Nicole said with lowered eyes.

Nathan laughed and waved her off. "It's nothing. If it weren't for you and White, our family would've been gone a long time ago. I could never repay your kindness in this lifetime."

Chapter 1162 Got In His Car

Nicole came out of the science academy around the afternoon, and when she was about to drive to Nathan's house, she saw an old man in black and brown standing by the door. It was none other than Nathan. When he saw her leaving the building, he immediately stepped forward with a smile and called out to her, "I was passing by, and saw that it was almost time. I figured that I might as well pick you up."

She smiled and nodded, "I see. Thank you, Mr. Zeller."

Nathan asked curiously as they walked, "Miss Nicole, I'm curious. Why are you interested in love bugs?"

Nicole pursed her lips, and a gloomy look flashed in her eyes. She pondered for a while before saying, "My husband has been poisoned by those bugs. I suspect that someone from the academy is the mastermind behind this. That's why I want to investigate this matter personally."

When Nathan heard that, he stopped in his tracks. A look of worry flashed through his eyes as he looked up at her and said, "I'm sure that you're more than aware of the fraught relationship the Yael Family's academy had with White. Your actions of enrolling into the science academy are akin to a sheep entering a tiger's den."

Of course, Nicole knew the risks, but she had no choice but to risk everything. She had no idea what she would do if she couldn't find a cure for the love bug. So, she nodded. "I know, but there's nothing else I could do. I can't back down now even if I know that the science academy does not have my best interests at heart."

When Nathan heard this, he sighed and comforted her, "Don't worry, my wife and I still have some connections with some staff in the science academy. We'll try our best to shield you."

After that, the two got into a car. Alas, what they didn't know was a gloomy face was looming behind them as they got in the car.

It was Natasha!

No wonder!

No wonder Nicole could enter the science academy without the interview. It turned out that Nathan was her backer all along!

As Nathan was the dean of the Durobrivae Town Central Hospital, he naturally held a lot of power and influence. When she thought about the relationship between the two, it seemed like there was something fishy going on.

Natasha's eyes lit up as she instantly thought of something.

Could it be that Nicole was having an affair with Nathan?!

The thought excited Natasha. She realized that if it was true, they didn't even have to wait until the event was over to get Nicole expelled from the science academy. So, she quickly hailed a cab, pointing at the car that Nicole and Nathan were in, and said urgently, "Mister, please follow them."

Natasha followed the car all the way to the house and she caught them entering Nathan's house unchaperoned!

She hastily whisked out her phone and took photos of them getting into the house together. Then, she looked at the photos on her phone and felt a surge of excitement. She never expected Nicole to be involved in something so scandalous! Now, if Natasha were to upload those photos on the web, it would definitely attract a lot of attention. She didn't even have to lift a finger as the rumors alone would cause irreparable damage to Nicole's reputation.

Nathan's wife was also a prominent figure in the medical field. They also had a son and a daughter together. Their family was one that was admired and praised throughout the medical community. And if Nicole were ousted as a third party in a supposedly happy marriage, her reputation would be utterly ruined!

On top of that, Nathan was old. He was old enough to be Nicole's father, yet he was shamelessly pursuing her!

"Hehe," Natasha chuckled with malicious glee. She had never expected Nicole to resort to using her body for personal gain.

She swiped through the photos on her phone, full of satisfaction. Then, she told the cab driver, "Mister, bring me to a nearby news company." These pictures had to be released as soon as possible. That way there would be enough time for her to insinuate that Nicole was a shameless harlot. Then, Nicole would be forced to leave the science academy way before the celebration as her reputation would be in tatters.

Natasha heaved a sigh of relief at that thought as a twisted smirk appeared on her face. Nicole! You're done this time!

Meanwhile, Nicole entered the house with a smile and Jennifer immediately greeted her happily. "I

heard from Nathan that you'll be coming over. I've even made some of these dishes myself. I hope that they'll be to your liking. Come and join us for dinner, Nicole."

Chapter 1163 In The Basement

Years ago, the Zeller Family went on a trip, but no one knew where they went. When they returned, they were mysteriously poisoned, and even Nathan couldn't find a cure.

Just as they thought that their lives were forfeit, White and Nicole showed up like avenging angels. Nicole was young at the time, in her early teens, but her medical skills were already exceptional. Although she looked as though she was merely White's apprentice, it was clear that she seemed to know almost everything.

After a week of diagnosis and treatment, the Zeller Family was finally cured.

Ever since then, the Zeller Family had been extremely grateful to Nicole and White.

"Hello, Mrs. Zeller," Nicole greeted politely.

Jennifer pulled her to a seat and smiled warmly. "Well, I initially wanted both of the children to join us, but they're busy abroad so they couldn't make it. I apologize in their stead."

Nicole waved her off and said, "Mrs. Zeller, please don't worry about it. Besides, I have to thank Mr. Zeller for his help with entering the academy."

Both Nathan and Jennifer were medical professionals, and their children were naturally influenced by their outstanding parents ever since they were young. As a result, both were pursuing their careers in the same field abroad.

When she mentioned the academy, the smile on Jennifer's face faded somewhat. She furrowed her brows, sighing. "The people there are bad people, Nicole. Why do you insist on endangering yourself

by going to such a place?"

The entire medical community knew of the conflict between the Yael Family from the science academy and White. Although Nicole's identity was still a

secret to the public, the Yael Family was well aware of her connection with the now-deceased White. So, Jennifer was rightly confused about why Nicole wanted to enter the academy.

When Nathan heard his wife's bringing up this particular topic, he reached out and whispered an explanation in her ear. The moment she understood the situation, a displeased frown immediately appeared on her face. She struggled to hold back her anger and eventually gave into her emotions as she slammed the table, grumbling, "Those people from Yael are doing shady things again! I knew it! I'm certain those love bugs are still somewhere in the academy. They're definitely still doing this in secret!"

Nicole perked up upon hearing Jennifer's mention of love bugs and she immediately pressed for answers, asking, "Mrs. Zeller, you know about them?"

Jennifer breathed in several times, trying to calm her temper before nodding slowly and began explaining, "I've been working at the academy for a while, so I have some inkling about them. The love bugs were frankly terrible and should never see the light of day. So, when I discovered them, I had the Yael Family take care of it. I haven't seen them in years. I always assumed they destroyed it at my behest, but it seems that I have underestimated their shamelessness. I never thought that they would go behind my back and keep cultivating such repulsive creatures in secret!"

Nicole pursed her lips as she looked at Jennifer, who was brimming with righteous fury, and asked, "Mrs. Zeller, do you know where the Yael Family cultivates the love bugs?"

Jennifer swiftly composed herself and furrowed her brows. She pondered over the question for a while

before saying gently, "Nicole, these love bugs are dangerous. Whether it's their cultivation or research, there are a lot of risks pertaining to this particular bug."

Nicole shook her head and said firmly, "I'm not afraid of danger. I will save Colton by any means necessary."

Jennifer no longer tried to persuade her from changing her course upon seeing her determined she was to go down this path. So, she nodded and said candidly, "They were studying the bugs in the labs before I caught them

red-handed and demanded that they stop their research immediately. I doubt that they continued their research in the labs after I kicked up such a huge fuss over it. It wouldn't look great for them if I caught them a second time, you know?"

Suddenly, she tilted her head to the side as she considered the building's layout. Then, she looked at Nicole and suggested, "I do have an idea where those bugs might be stored at the moment. The academy has a basement that isn't open to the public. It's very likely the love bugs are hidden there. I know for a fact that those things thrive in damp and cold environments. That place fits the criteria."

Nicole nodded and said gratefully, "Thank you, Mrs. Zeller. Do you know how to get in?"

Since the Yael Family might be conducting their research in the basement, Nicole was certain that getting access to the area wouldn't be easy. Jennifer wasn't the least bit surprised to hear Nicole asking about that as she swiftly rose to her feet and puttered about the room.

After a short while, she returned with a key in hand. Then, she placed it on the table and slid it over as

she explained, "This is the key to the basement. The academy has a large basement full of medicinal supplies, so each official has a key."

Chapter 1164 Rumors

Nicole lowered her head and stared at the key in her hand as she thought, It looks like I will have to return to the science academy again tonight and sneak into the basement to check if there are any voodoo bugs conveniently available over there.

Meanwhile, Nathan seemed to have noticed Nicole's slightly absent-minded state throughout the meal. Therefore, he didn't ask Nicole to stick around any longer than she had to. As a result, Nicole left as soon as dinner was over.

Nicole returned to the science academy after she left Nathan's house. Since it was already rather late, there were very few people milling about in the science academy. Fortunately for her, it was precisely because of this factor that she managed to sneak into the building and arrive at the basement door successfully without being thwarted once.

The situation in the basement was even more desolate than the lobby which was only to be expected after she learned about its existence. So, Nicole didn't waste her time as she poked through the keyhole with the key and discovered that it was a perfect match. Then, she opened the door and walked in as silently as she could. It was relatively dark as it was, after all, a basement, but as she was unfamiliar with her surroundings, she wasn't sure if the basement was unoccupied despite its dim interior. Thus, she dared not risk switching on the light. As a result, she had no choice but to brave the unknown as darkness crowded her steps.

Nicole walked further into the basement cautiously with light steps. Even though there were plenty of rooms in the science academy's basement, all the rooms were clearly labeled. Hence, she could roughly guess the function of each room based on the labels. Since the doors of these rooms weren't closed, she could enter each area effortlessly with a slight push. However, as she continued to walk further into the basement, she found that the innermost rooms were locked.

Nicole pushed the door hard a few times but soon realized that she couldn't open it when the door didn't budge under her fingers. At that point, she had a hunch that the thing she was looking for was right in this room. So, Nicole quickly unlocked her phone, tapped on the flashlight function, and began to study the lock. After a few minutes, she discovered that this room was heavily looked upon closer inspection, for not only was its door made of iron, but it was also secured with a combination lock and a key. Judging by the double protection for this very door, she was now completely certain that inside this room was where those dastardly voodoo bugs were cultivated.

Although she had successfully located the places she was searching high and low for, her progress was forced to a halt due to the heavy security. Therefore, she had no choice but to turn back as she couldn't find a way to open the door on short notice.

I probably have to obtain the password for the combination lock and the key if I want to get into the room and find the voodoo bugs, Nicole thought as she stared at the iron door. After a while, she turned around and left.

The next day, the news of Nicole being a sugar baby swiftly became a trending headline. Intimate photos between Nicole and Nathan were everywhere on the trending search. Not only were they spotted leaving the science academy together, but they were also seen returning to Nathan's home together.

The entire medical community was shocked as soon as this news came out. After all, Nathan and his wife had supported each other for years and were known to be a great example of a perfect marriage couple amongst the doctors in the medical community. Hence, the whole community was in disbelief that Nathan would cheat on his wife, let alone have an affair with a woman about the same age as his

daughter.

However, coupled with Nicole's sudden entry to the science academy the day before, everyone couldn't help but start making speculations.

'No way! A May-December relationship!? How can he make advances to such a young woman?'

'Didn't Nicole get dismissed by the science academy the day before yesterday? Yet, she still managed to get in. Who else has such great authority in the science academy other than Nathan? Tsk, tsk, tsk... To think that Nathan would lose all sense of propriety for the sake of his mistress...'

'Oh, that's right! Yesterday, I heard someone say that Nicole managed to get into the science academy with the help of a letter of recommendation. It looks like there certainly is something fishy going on.'

'Well, the two were spotted entering a room together, weren't they? No one will believe a word you said if you tell them nothing suspicious is going on between these two.'

'How disgusting! What is Nicole thinking?! Why does she think it's actually okay to be someone else's mistress at such a young age?!'

Everyone made harsh remarks toward Nicole after the news broke out.

As for Nicole, she only learned about this news through Nathan's phone call.

"Nicole, have you seen the news on the Internet?" Nathan asked, sounding panicked.

"News? What news?" Nicole returned the question with one of her own, looking puzzled.

Nathan stretched out his hand and pinched his nose upon hearing her bewilderment. Then, he elaborated in a low voice, "You will know what news I'm talking about by searching the Internet. Currently, there are rumors saying that I-I..." Nathan couldn't bring himself to finish his sentence at all as he felt ashamed of the words he was about to say.

Nicole immediately whisked out her phone, searched the Internet, and only then did she see the scandalous rumors about her relationship with Nathan. As she skimmed through netizens' comments on the Internet, she finally understood why Nathan's voice sounded a little gloomy just now. So, this is why!

"Don't get upset, Mr. Zeller, I will clarify this matter as soon as possible," Nicole comforted him.

Chapter 1165 Why I Turned Into a Mistress?

Nathan's face flushed with anger whenever his mind strayed to those... those ridiculous posts. He fell silent for some time on the other end of the phone and then replied in a hoarse voice, "I have never encountered such an absurd rumor in my years of becoming a doctor. It's simply outrageous! I can't believe they would cook up such..." As Nathan was, frankly, getting on in years, he was pretty traditional. So, a scandal such as this in his time was akin to a death sentence. Thus, he naturally found it challenging to discuss such matters with Nicole and could only gnash his teeth furiously.

Nicole was well aware that Nathan was fuming mad, so she hurriedly comforted, "Mr. Zeller, please don't take this rumor to heart. I will take good care of this matter and solve it by today."

Nathan eventually sighed and calmed down. After a long silence, he said softly, "Nicole, I shall leave this matter to your capable hands, then. I'm sorry for troubling you."

"No problem. After all, this is what I should do in the first place," Nicole said softly.

After she hung up the phone, she promptly began her investigation. Just as she had expected, Natasha was the mastermind behind all the made-up rumors on the Internet. Well, Natasha's motive is simple. She is trying to force me to leave the science academy. Nicole sneered scornfully. To be frank, I didn't expect Natasha would put her brain to good use this time and actually

plotted to crush me using public opinion, though. But unfortunately for her, I am going to let her know how wrong she was for wishfully thinking that she could scheme against me and win.

Since Nicole was all about efficiency and didn't care for unnecessary trouble, she immediately called several of Durobrivae's media reporters without delay, informing them that she would hold a press conference in the afternoon.

As soon as this news broke out, it garnered ridicule from netizens.

'How hilarious! Nicole is rather quick in response. A press conference, huh? Well, isn't she hasty in clearing up her name?'

'Yeah! With such tangible proof, is she planning on holding this press conference just to add more hard evidence to the affair herself?'

'Now, now. Remember, Nicole is in a relationship with Nathan. With Nathan as her backer, she may be able to clear up her name through this press conference.'

Everyone viewed the news of Nicole holding a press conference in the afternoon with nothing but skepticism.

Nicole arrived at the press conference venue early in the afternoon. Natasha was also around, mainly because she badly wanted to see Nicole make a fool out of herself.

Nicole didn't see the need to avoid Natasha, whom she viewed as nothing but a small fry. Instead, she approached Natasha with a smile on her face after she caught sight of her. On the contrary, Natasha was slightly guilt-ridden and didn't dare to look straight into Nicole's eyes. She could only step back a little and couldn't even bring herself to initiate a conversation.

When Nicole saw Natasha's reaction, she smiled. Then, she slowly parted her lips and said, "I have to say, you did a good job this time. Congratulations on successfully drawing all the public opinion to me."

Natasha's gaze was flickering upon hearing such words coming from Nicole. Still, she was smart

enough to avoid implicating herself. So, she played dumb and said, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

When Nicole saw that Natasha wasn't about to admit to her wrongdoings, she didn't say anything else. She merely walked up to Natasha, reached out, patted her on the shoulder, smiled, and said, "The press conference is about to start. You'd better stick around and watch it with your own two eyes."

Natasha couldn't help feeling flustered as she looked at Nicole's calm and collected demeanor. Even so, she pursed her lips, reached out to shove Nicole's hand away, and hissed through her teeth, "I think you should mind your own business instead of worrying about me. Besides, I don't need you meddling in my affairs!"

Regardless, Nicole didn't continue their conversation as she turned around and left.

Several people were attending Nicole's press conference. After all, Nathan's reputation in the entire medical community had always been remarkable. Now that he was suddenly exposed for having a mistress, everyone couldn't suppress their curiosity and wanted to personally be there for the 'hot goss' as it were.

The moment it was time for the press conference, Nicole strode onto the stage with a confident gait. The reason she acted so decisive in this matter was that she was well aware that all her focus was on Colton. She couldn't even be bothered to clarify this matter if it didn't involve Nathan. As a result, she was only dressed in black, loose-fitting casual wear instead of dressing up to the nines as most people usually would. Then, she cut straight to the chase as soon as she came on stage, announcing, "Mr. Zeller and I have no romantic connections. I will be investigating this matter in order to get to the

bottom of those rumors. For those who have been cooking up these rumors and refuse to stop spreading them despite my repeated warnings, I shall be seeing you in court."

Everyone present was instantly in an uproar the moment Nicole made her statement. Nonetheless, Nicole was also aware that these words alone wouldn't be enough, so she pursed her lips and continued, "Mr. Zeller and my master are close friends. I did visit Mr. Zeller's house last night, but Mrs. Zeller was also present. She even served me dinner. Therefore, can you enlighten me as to how I turned into a mistress?"

Chapter 1166 Clarify

Nicole's decisive announcement and unassailable aura slightly intimidated many reporters present. Nevertheless, there were still a few courageous ones who raised doubts, exclaiming, "Miss Anderson, why would Doctor Zeller recommend you to the science academy when the two of you aren't connected?"

"That's right. There's no need for Doctor Zeller to do so if it's purely because of his good relationship with your master. After all, according to hearsay, he is a business-like and extremely virtuous man."

With that, Nicole silently shifted her gaze to the reporter who asked that question. The corner of her mouth into a sneer as she responded flatly, "Are you implying that Mr. Zeller should check in with you every time he makes a new friend? Is that it?"

Her question reduced the reporter to silence.

Soon, another reporter inquired, "Miss Anderson, may I ask who your master is then?" If truth be told, almost everyone present was curious about the identity of Nicole's master. Either way, considering he could befriend someone of Nathan's status, they speculated her master was someone from a prestigious background as well.

"White Nicholson," Nicole announced without the slightest hesitation.

Instantly, everyone in the press conference became quiet. It was so quiet that everyone could even hear the sound of a needle falling to the ground. An awkward atmosphere permeated the audience and lasted for a long while until someone spoke with a tone tinged with admiration, "White Nicholson!? The Great Doctor, White Nicholson?! Now it makes sense why Mr. Zeller would recommend you to the science academy."

"Doctor White and his apprentice, the medically gifted young lady, were the ones who suppressed the epidemic spread in Durobrivae back then!"

"Yeah, that's right! I've heard before that Doctor White and his apprentice once saved Mr. Zeller and his family!"

"Doctor White seems to have only accepted one apprentice, which was the medically gifted young lady who shocked the entire medical community years ago!"

Everyone immediately looked at Nicole in unison with their eyes full of shock. If Nicole is indeed White Nicholson's apprentice, then she is the medically gifted young lady who saved Durobrivae years ago! And if it turns out to be true... Then, how dare we spread rumors about her! As soon as this thought crossed the reporters' minds, they wanted to give themselves a hard slap in the face for offending someone like her.

Someone among them was the first to regain their senses. They quickly stepped forward and started pressing for answers, "You said your master is White Nicholson. So, are you that medically gifted young lady all those years ago?"

"You are too kind, but Master White and I were indeed the ones who developed the vaccine for the epidemic in Durobrivae years ago." Nicole pursed her lips and said coldly.

Everyone present instantly was in an uproar. Back then, all the credits for the vaccine development went to White. As for the medically gifted young lady, she was extremely low profile. In fact, she didn't even leave her name. The only thing that Durobrivae's citizens knew was that she was White's apprentice. Now that they found out Nicole got into the science academy upon Nathan's

recommendation, they were certain that Nicole couldn't possibly be lying about her identity as White's apprentice.

In the meantime, Natasha, who was in the audience, instantly had a ghastly expression as she listened to Nicole introducing herself as White's apprentice. She began to clench her fists that were hanging by her side. Never have I ever thought that Nicole would be White Nicholson's apprentice. Now that she has revealed her identity to the public, everything I have done before seems like a joke.

Then, Natasha looked up at the stage and happened to make eye contact with Nicole, who was on stage. Nicole's gaze was nothing short of glacial as she boldly met Natasha's gaze. This caused Natasha to feel slightly guilty and she hastily looked away. Then, she gulped, feeling panicked, for never once did it cross her mind that the person she offended was White's apprentice, the

medically gifted young lady who was famous in Druvale back then. It seems that my life in the science academy will be full of trouble and misfortune in the future. When Natasha thought of this, she felt as though she could already envision her bleak and dark future. She slowly tightened her fists, and the pain suddenly made her remember the words Logan spoke to her. There is still hope for me! I have Old Mr. Yael as my backer, so I can't give up now. As she thought of this, the tense line of her shoulder eased and she tried to get her breathing back to normal, forcing herself to stay cool-headed. After that, she turned around and walked out of the venue.

Nicole stared at Natasha's back silhouette and watched as she left. Then, she retracted her gaze. Although I know Natasha is behind everything, I am in no mood to seek vengeance with someone like her right now. There are bigger fish to fry and she's a plankton at most. Moreover, I need to return to the science academy basement, find a way to enter those blasted doors, and find the voodoo bug!

Chapter 1167 Love Bug

As night fell, Nicole stole away into the science academy yet again. The key to unlocking the secret room should be somewhere in Old Mr. Yael's office. So, Nicole seized the chance when the night guard was sleepy and slinked to that b*stard's office with that thought in mind. She climbed into Logan's office through the window. Since it was pitch black inside, she used her phone as a flashlight and lit up her path, allowing her to see better. Then, she began to search for the key. She fumbled around the entire office and found a stack of documents in the small drawer on the right.

Initially, Nicole didn't care about these documents. Yet, she froze when she caught sight of the name 'Gina Feuer' written on one of them. Gina Feuer? I did learn from Natasha that Gina has connections with the science academy. Although I didn't find anything too suspicious while I was investigating her, I had an inkling she had tried something. Still, I didn't expect to find Gina's letter in Old Mr. Yael's office this time.

Nicole took the letter, carefully opened it, and read it. She swiftly browsed through the content and discovered that they were all transactions involving Gina and the science academy. When Nicole arrived at the end of the letter, she couldn't help but feel amused. Hah, the nerve of this greedy woman. This rat dares to view the medical base as her personal property! She even proposed to register the medical base under the science academy's name. Nicole couldn't restrain from laughing out loud as she read the letter. Gina

certainly did a splendid job. As Master White's student, Gina naturally knows well that Master White and Old Mr. Yael are sworn enemies. Yet, not only does she not keep a distance from Old Mr. Yael to avoid arousing suspicion, but she also had the gall to offer the medical base as an exchange.

Nicole's blood pressure continued to rise as she read the letter. After that, she closed her eyes, calmed herself down, and quickly stuffed the letter back into its envelope. I came here tonight to find the key to that secret room in the basement, not for this letter. Thus, Nicole swiftly restored the envelope to its original state before she continued fumbling around for the key.

After quite a while, she finally found a key under a drawer. Judging by how this key is firmly attached underneath the drawer, this all the more indicates it definitely holds great importance. She stared at the key, the key that held all her hopes, wondering if this was the key to the securely locked room in the basement. Nevertheless, she didn't exactly find multitudes of keys in this stupid office. So, she could only try her best to quell her expectations as she pocketed the key and went out through the same window she climbed in. After she made her way to the basement and opened the entrance, she immediately arrived at the securely locked door. Then, it was with bated breath that she inserted the key, which she found in Logan's office, into the keyhole. The instant she heard the sound of a click, she was thrilled. Oh my God! It's unlocked! So, this really is the key to this door!

Nicole cautiously opened the door and poked her head inside, observing the situation. Unfortunately, she couldn't see anything as it was pitch black inside and she had no night vision goggles. Moreover, she could feel that the temperature of this room was chilly as soon as she stepped in. She instinctively stroked her arms in order to warm herself and continued her journey into the unknown. There were lights, which gave off a dark green glow, in the room. As the lights weren't particularly bright, her range of vision was rather limited. Still, it was enough that she could still take in the view of the whole room.

After that, Nicole mustered her courage and ventured further into the dimly lit room. The further she walked in, the more she felt overwhelmed by the coldness and dampness in the air. Since she was only wearing a thin shirt, she could feel a gush of chill as soon as she entered. It didn't matter that it was long-sleeved as it could barely stave off the cold away from her person. However, she came here with a mission, so she tried her best to ignore her body's protests and carefully scanned the room. Sure enough, she saw that

the entire room was full of numerous bugs being cultivated in glass jars. Some bugs were even directly soaked in liquid, creating a scene that was straight out of a horror sci-fi movie. There were labels clearly stating the origins and uses of various voodoo bugs on all the glass jars.

Nicole could barely believe her eyes, for never once did it cross her mind that voodoo bugs could reproduce through such methods. She forced herself to toss the shock to the back of her mind as she suddenly recalled something. It's no wonder Ryan was described as a once-in-a-century genius. I have to admit that he is indeed a genius in cultivating voodoo bugs. And as far as I know, these voodoo bugs were only recorded in ancient books. Yet, Ryan could cultivate them and ensure their survival through those ancient texts. This alone is enough to prove his ability in this particular field, no matter how horrifying his skills are.

She shook her head of those thoughts as she began taking a look at each of the glass jars, wanting to find out the voodoo that likely infected Colton. Unfortunately, she still couldn't find a match even after looking around. Just when frustration was about to rear its ugly head, she suddenly spotted a small glass jar in a corner with a label written 'Love Bug' on it.

Chapter 1168 A Marionette

Nicole could roughly confirm this was the voodoo bug that had infected Colton when she remembered the symptoms that she observed when treating Colton previously. Hence, she picked up the jar and studied the voodoo bug inside. The black voodoo bug in the jar was tiny. The size of its whole body was only a quarter of the size of a human eyeball.

The voodoo bug flew around wildly in the jar the minute she held it in her hand, as though it sensed something was wrong.

However, she ignored it and placed the jar in her hand. Although she still wasn't sure if this was the voodoo bug that infected Colton, she figured it was better to take it back and study it. Therefore, she grabbed some tools and stuffed the voodoo bug into a small apparatus. Now that she found out there was something dubious between Gina and the science academy, Nicole naturally couldn't take the voodoo bug back to the medical base for research for the time being. Therefore, she would have to find a safe place to conduct her research alone.

Later, Nicole returned to Logan's office with the voodoo bug. She placed the key back in its original spot. Now as long as the Yaels don't go to the basement, they probably won't realize this voodoo bug is missing.

After she successfully obtained the voodoo bug, she quickly thought of the best place to study it— Nathan's laboratory. I can no longer trust the medical base to be safe for now, so I can only seek help from Mr. Zeller, Nicole thought while tightening her grip on the jar. Thus, she dialed Nathan's number without further ado, "Mr. Zeller, are you available now?" Nicole asked with a slightly anxious tone.

Nathan furrowed his brows, seemingly sensing that something had happened through her anxious tone, and inquired with concern, "What's the matter? Did something happen?"

Nicole gulped as she bit the bullet by explaining, "Well, I found the voodoo bug in the science academy's basement. And since I can't exactly bring it to the medical base either... I'm wondering if I can borrow your laboratory. Is... that okay with you?"

"Of course, Nicole. Just come over," Nathan instantly agreed to her request.

It was as Nicole expected. Nathan would never reject her, regardless of what her request was. Of course, she didn't doubt that he would say no if she planned to do anything harmful to society. After she gave Nathan her response, she drove to his laboratory without delay.

As Durobrivae Town Central Hospital's hospital director, Nathan was a man of high authority. Therefore, he undoubtedly had a personal laboratory for his own projects. And even though the laboratory personnel were all his apprentices and students, Nathan still emptied the whole lab for Nicole's sake. As a result, Nicole was greeted with an empty laboratory when she arrived. "Thank you, Mr. Zeller," Nicole said, expressing her gratitude sincerely. As she didn't want to delay even a moment right now, she promptly entered the laboratory with the voodoo bug.

Although Nathan had never seen a voodoo bug before, he did hear multiple horrific tales about it. So, he couldn't help but worry as he asked, "Nicole, it's hard to control a voodoo bug. Do you need my help?"

Nicole put on a faint smile and shook her head upon hearing his suggestion. I am already very grateful that Mr. Zeller has given me leave to use his

laboratory temporarily until I clean house at my end. He absolutely doesn't need to stay here and risk his life in order to study the voodoo bug with me. Besides, as he said, the voodoo bug is an unstable creature. I don't know what will happen during my research. I don't know whether this will backfire in my face. What if the voodoo bug suddenly escapes and flies

around before I could catch it in time? Someone may get harmed by it when that happens and there will be irreparable consequences then.

As for him, he didn't insist on forcing his aid after receiving her answer. Instead, he remained silent and said nothing more on the matter.

Meanwhile, on Colton's side, he came to a hotel after being brought over by Evelyn. What Evelyn wanted to do right now was ensure that Colton would be hers permanently. She couldn't contain her excitement as she stared at Colton's handsome face up close.

Evelyn tried her best to suppress her expression. Yet, her eyes remained filled with fanatical obsession as she said, "Collie."

Unfortunately, there wasn't an ounce of emotion on Colton's face. As of this moment, he was sitting still on the bed like a marionette. Regardless, Evelyn wasn't worried in the slightest. She leaned over to Colton and moved her lips closer to his person.

Just as Evelyn's lips were about to touch his, he abruptly looked away and dodged her kiss. As a result, she gritted her teeth in anger when she saw that Colton still found her touch repugnant. I can't believe Colton still subconsciously dislikes me even after I have controlled him with a voodoo bug!

Evelyn was a little furious when she was faced with such a discovery. So, she reached out to caress Colton's face as she demanded, "Why are you avoiding me, Collie? Have I not treated you well?"

He simply sat still on the bed instead of answering her. Even though she was the cause of his puppet-like behavior, she couldn't help feeling upset and dissatisfied. Hence, she ordered angrily through her

teeth, "Colton, now that you are obligated to obey everything I say, I am ordering you to have sex with me!"

Chapter 1169 Almost Strangled to Death

Finally, there was a spark in Colton's soulless eyes, and he turned to Evelyn, pressing his lips together.

Evelyn reached out and wanted to touch him, but he shoved her hand aside when she came close.

As she wasn't expecting Colton would turn her away so roughly, she was utterly caught off guard and fell on her bum. She yelped in response while a look of disbelief appeared on her face as she hissed in resentment, "Collie, why are you still turning me away? Is it because of Nicole?"

He rose to his feet as the veins on his forehead popped. He appeared as though he was trying hard to control himself, and his eyes were spitting fire when he glared at Evelyn, snarling, "Get lost!" His hoarse voice was so fierce that it sent a shiver down her spine.

She jumped in fright as she scurried to her feet. Just when she was about to approach him yet again, his tall and big frame moved towards her, and she saw his bloodshot eyes. Then, he grabbed her by the throat and slowly tightened his grip mercilessly, as if he was going to squeeze the life out of her.

It never occurred to Evelyn that things would turn out this way, and she parted her lips to call out his name, but no voice escaped her throat because he was strangling her. Tears were forced out from the corners of her eyes, and she clawed at his hands, trying to yank them off. Unfortunately, it was as though Colton was immune to any pain as he continued exerting more force.

Slowly but surely, she felt her limbs turn heavy and she could barely shove him away. Her fair face flushed crimson due to lack of oxygen and her eyes shimmered with tears. Then, she choked out with great difficulty, "C-Collie, let me go. Y-You can't live... if I die..."

Alas, her words fell on deaf ears, and Colton continued choking her, his eyes cold and murderous.

She could feel the energy being sapped out of her body as the seconds ticked by and he showed no signs of stopping, she genuinely thought she was about to die in his hands. Just when she had lost all hope and given up struggling, Colton's huge frame suddenly shook. As her mind felt muddled due to suffocation, she couldn't even react when he suddenly crumpled to the floor in

a fetal position. She could only watch dazedly as he cradled his head with a pained look on his face as he let out a monstrous growl from the depths of his throat.

The moment he released his grip on her nape, she felt alive again. She slumped on the floor as she gasped greedily through her lips as she wanted nothing more for oxygen to return to her lungs right that instant, thinking fearfully, Earlier... Just a little more and I would have... Collie almost strangled me to death.

Although the man was clearly suffering unimaginable pain at the moment, she didn't dare to try her luck and approach him. Instead, she retreated several steps. Meanwhile, Colton curled into a ball in agony and soon, the light in his eyes went out and he passed out completely.

Evelyn sat on the floor for a long while before slowly regaining her senses. She slowly curled her fingers around her throat in disbelief and took a glance at Colton, who was unconscious on the floor. He was murderous and violent mere minutes ago, just like a devil that had crawled straight out of hell.

She had to admit that she was terrified. Although she liked him, she did not like him to the extent that she was ready to sacrifice her life on the line for the man. After he fainted, she didn't dare to test her fortunes. Instead, she scrambled out of the room like a bat out of hell while she gave Ryan a call.

As she was strangled, she sounded croaky when she spoke. Her brows knitted tightly together when

she heard her voice. Still, she forced herself to forge out, growling, "Didn't you say that Colton will listen to everything I say after he drank my blood? Why did he almost kill me earlier?"

Ryan naturally sensed the blame in her voice. Nonetheless, he didn't take it to heart as he chuckled and teased, "Miss Wrenn, everything has to be done progressively. Even though the voodoo bug can help you control someone, there will be resistance if you immediately ask him to do something against his wishes and his rationale will return momentarily when that happens."

She couldn't help but shudder in fear when her mind replayed how Colton went berserk earlier. However, she breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing Ryan's reassurances and nodded. "I understand."

Chapter 1170 One Night of Research

Evelyn hung up and returned to the room, where Colton was still unconscious. Perhaps he was exhausted from his outburst earlier as his face looked rather weary. Although she wanted to make him hers, she didn't want him to die just like that. It looks like I can only do this the long way, just as Ryan told me to. Then, she picked him up from the ground, dragging his deadweight body toward the bed and placing him on the bed with great effort. I can't be impatient now. I've already waited so many years, anyway. What difference does a few days make?

As she stared at the gorgeous face on the bed, her face softened, and her heart fluttered. She reached out and wanted to feel his face but retracted right after she touched him. If he loses his mind as he did earlier, I may actually die this time, she thought and kept her hands to herself. Well, if that's the case now, I'll wait a little longer and spend some time alone with him first to get close to him before we move on to the next step.

On the other side, Natasha became frantic when she found out that Nicole was White's apprentice. Not even in her wildest dreams did she imagine that Nicole was connected to Nathan because she was that genius girl from years ago. So, she returned to the science academy in a daze before she was abruptly stopped by Ryan.

"Natasha." Ryan's voice was clear but flat, and she couldn't help but tremble in response.

She turned her head to him and happened to meet his bewitching face. Regrettably, she was well aware that underneath that enthralling exterior was a monstrous man with a heart as black as coal. So, she pursed her lips and took a step back in fear, but a thought popped into her mind, and she greeted him timidly, "H-Hi, Mr. Yael."

Ryan merely narrowed his eerie bloodshot eyes at her while he sized her up and questioned with a

slight smile on his face, "Are you the one behind the scandal today?"

Natasha bit her lip and nodded. "Yes."

A low chuckle escaped his lips and he spun around, saying dispassionately, "Nicole is White's student and a talent that's hard to come by. I suppose I don't have to tell you about the feud between my family and White, do I?"

"I know about it," she answered simply, staring at the floor.

"You were sent to set Nicole up because there's a grudge between her and the Yaels. The celebration is tomorrow, so don't do anything dumb and just complete the task I gave you," Ryan intoned coldly.

His icy tone coupled with his creepy face made her heart tremble with terror, and she hurriedly answered, "I-I got it."

Then, he shot her a glance and added, "Since you're already involved in setting Nicole up earlier, she won't let you off even if you don't help me out."

Natasha clenched her fists and nodded. "I know. Don't worry, Mr. Yael. I won't fail you."

He didn't say anything else as he sauntered off, ending the conversation right there and then. As she watched his silhouette walking further and further away, her strung-up emotions finally relaxed. She had never thought that she would be dragged into this mess, but she had no room for retreat now. Tomorrow, she could definitely take Nicole down with the Yaels' support!

At the same time, Nicole preoccupied herself with research regarding the voodoo bug and burned the

midnight oil studying the specimen. When Nathan checked in on her, she was groggy and weak. Exhaustion was written all over her pretty face and the dark circles beneath her eyes were so obvious that they resembled the markings of a panda.

Nathan was utterly shocked to find her looking like this and he hastily questioned, "Nicole, you didn't sleep a wink through the night, did you?"

She closed her eyes wearily and rubbed them before chuckling weakly. "Yeah, I've spent my time studying this creature and I've finally made some headway."

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Nathan sighed as he noticed the state Nicole was in. He reached out to pat her shoulder and said, "I know you're anxious for results, but you can't do this to your body. If you keep this up, you'll fall sick before you save him."

Nicole shut her sore eyes as she hadn't slept well last night. She nodded and said with a feeble smile, "I know. Don't worry, Nathan."

Right after she finished talking, she felt her stomach turn. Her hand went to her mouth trying to squash the urge to vomit down, but she couldn't hold it back and retched beside the trash can. She hadn't eaten all day and all she could throw up was bile.

Nathan couldn't bear to see how terribly she was pushing herself. So, he supported her frail body before warning sternly, "Jennifer made food for you. You're going to eat them and get some rest. If you don't do those things, you can forget about using this lab for your research."

Even though Nathan sounded harsh, she knew he meant well. So, despite her worries about Colton, she also knew that her health would only deteriorate if she pushed her body too hard.

She massaged her temple as she wondered what happened to her stamina. Recently, she felt that her energy levels had dropped drastically as if she could faint any second.

"Alright. I'll take a break. Thank you for your concern, Mr. Zeller." She released a sigh before dragging her fatigued body to the Zeller Residence with Nathan accompanying her along the way.

Nicole was about to go home after she had a simple meal. But Nathan noticed her utterly knackered state and forced her to rest at his home.

Nicole didn't have the energy to decline and went into the guest room. She immediately fell into a deep slumber as soon as her head hit the pillow as she was bone tired.

She slept until 1.00PM and woke up in a daze. Her eyes were half open as she remained on the bed for a while as her mind slowly rebooted itself to life.

She muttered something under her breath before slowly sitting up. To make matters worse, her head felt heavy after her nap. Then, she reached for her phone to find that it was already past 1.00PM.

Last night in the laboratory, she made considerable progress regarding her research about this particular voodoo bug and recalled that the library in the medical base had some books on them.

Alas, as she remembered the letter she saw in Logan's study, she knew she had to make a trip to the science academy.

When Gina was at the medical base, she would always exchange things in the base for money from the science academy. So, Nicole was certain that the precious books were long gone.

Nicole endured the headache and got up to pour herself a glass of water before finally feeling better.

Even though she had a nap, her temple was still throbbing. Regardless, she was a woman on a mission. So, she forced herself to calm down before getting ready to leave.

When she went downstairs, Nathan wasn't around and only Jennifer was there. Jennifer immediately caught sight of her and gestured for her to sit down.

"Have some soup. You've totally messed up your circadian rhythm. You know that's not good for your body," Jennifer told her gently.

Nicole didn't refuse her kindness and picked up the spoon to eat.

The corn soup was a little sweet and suited her taste buds. Soon, she finished the whole bowl and rubbed her eyes before turning around to look at Jennifer, "Mrs. Zeller, I want to go to the science academy."

Jennifer furrowed her brows at her statement and commented after some thought, "There's a celebration at the academy today. It'll be crowded. You're not in the best of health..."

Nicole noticed Jennifer's hesitation and knew that the older woman was genuinely worried about her. So, she uttered in a low voice, "I want to look for something there. It'll be easier to do it with the crowd."

Chapter 1172 Before the Celebration

Jennifer couldn't say anything else at Nicole's resolute stance and nodded in resignation. "You don't look too hot right now. I can't let you go alone. So, I'll accompany you since it's my day off anyway."

Nicole wanted to reject her offer but heard Jennifer say before she could even voice her thoughts, "Nicole, the Zeller Family owes you a great debt. I'll be sad if you say no."

So, Nicole could only swallow the words that were about to escape her lips. "Then, thank you, Mrs. Zeller."

It didn't sit well with Jennifer to let Nicole go to the science academy in her frail state. So, she drove Nicole there herself.

There was a celebration today, and several reporters were in attendance. So, there was a crowd long before they even entered the establishment.

After Jennifer parked the car, she walked in with Nicole beside her. Since many people were visiting the place due to the celebration, the guards didn't stop them. Anyone could enter if they wished. So, the usually silent place was bustling with people.

Jennifer worked in the science academy, so someone called out to her as soon as they passed through the gates.

She didn't want to answer, but she hadn't even managed to nod politely before the people surrounded her and started to chatter, "It's been some time since you visited us, Mrs. Jennifer. What brings you here today?"

"It's probably because of the celebration. That's what brought Mrs. Jennifer here."

Jennifer was rendered speechless at the incessant nattering. Just as she was about to say something, she realized that Nicole had slipped away.

She was worried about Nicole's health and didn't want to stay there any longer. So, she said, "I'm sorry, I've got some business to attend to. If you have questions, you may ask the other teachers for help."

Then, she walked away in hurried steps.

At that moment, Nicole was rushing toward the science academy's library. After a night's research, she knew that she needed golden needles to force the voodoo bug out of the body.

Nonetheless, the exact method to do that was all recorded in the medical books that were supposed to be in the medical base. Yet, those books were all sold off to the science academy by Gina due to her greed.

Suddenly, a person blocked Nicole's path toward the library.

It was none other than Natasha.

Nicole narrowed her eyes at the unwelcome presence and coldly questioned, "How may I help you?"

Natasha looked at Nicole as hatred flashed in her eyes. However, she recalled Logan's orders and forced herself to remain calm as she clenched her fist before saying, "I have something to tell you, Nicole. Follow me."

Nicole raised a brow and smiled. "Just say whatever it is you want to say right here. I'm listening."

However, Natasha retorted stiffly, "No. This isn't a good place. You have to follow me."

Nicole sneered with disdain, "And I should follow you because you tell me to? Just say what you want here, Natasha."

Natasha shook her head and swept her gaze around the area. This pathway was the entrance to the library, but no one was nearby due to the ongoing celebration.

So, she gradually relaxed her stiffened shoulders and relented, "Fine. This place works too."

She stared at Nicole and continued, "I was in the wrong, Nicole. I shouldn't have helped the Yaels to harm you. I have come to realize my mistake. Can you forgive me?"

Nicole listened to her insincere words and chuckled lightly. Then, the smile playing on her lips turned into a frown of disgust as she questioned lazily, "Is that so? Help the Yaels? What about the thing with the post? Did the Yaels order you to do that as well?"

Natasha was at a loss for words. If she said yes, what would happen if Nicole asked the Yaels about it?

The disdain on Nicole's face deepened at Natasha's silence as she raised her voice, "Oh, Natasha. One shouldn't be so greedy in life. You can't be a bad person for a second and a nice person the next in order to get all the benefits."

Chapter 1173 Setting up the Trap

Natasha blanched, her hand slowly clenching into a fist by her side as her expression twisted furiously. She raised her gaze to look at Nicole, biting her lips until they turned white. If Nicole decided to be so cruel, she couldn't blame her for what she was about to do!

At that thought, she took a pill from her pocket and immediately swallowed it. Then, she stared at Nicole and said through gritted teeth, "Nicole, everything that is about to happen today is what you deserve."

After hearing that, Nicole furrowed her brows and looked at her dubiously. What exactly is this woman planning?

Just as Nicole was surrounded in doubt, Natasha's ghastly pale face turned sickly, and she covered her mouth as she roared in a hoarse voice, "Nicole, you're too cruel! How could you try to harm my child?"

With those words, her legs gave out, and she collapsed to the ground in a frail heap.

Nicole looked at her strangely. She lowered her head to look at the person writhing in pain on the floor and couldn't help but laugh. "Natasha, I really am impressed. I can't believe you'd drug yourself in order to frame me."

Clutching her stomach, Natasha inhaled sharply in distress. Ryan hadn't informed her that the medicine would have such a strong effect, and although barely any time had passed since she took the pill, her stomach ached painfully as if someone were digging a knife through her intestines.

Just as Natasha had lost the ability to speak from the agony she was in, a person appeared next to her. She couldn't help but be taken aback by the scene before her, but she quickly returned to her senses

and bent down to ask, "W-What's wrong with you?"

Natasha's pain was not an act, and her entire face had turned distorted. From a glance, anyone would assume that she had been severely hurt.

She gaped before pointing at Nicole. "It's her... She's the one who drugged me."

As soon as she finished speaking, Natasha felt a warm current in her lower body. When she looked down, she noticed that she had begun bleeding.

The woman was clearly shocked by the blood as well, and she hurriedly said, "I'll inform Doctor Yael immediately."

Meanwhile, Nicole frowned at the bright red blood that was gushing out of Natasha and knelt down to take her pulse. However, her relaxed expression turned heavy as soon as she checked her heartbeat.

Looking at the woman who was heaving in pain, Nicole asked, "What did you take?"

However, Natasha was determined to drag Nicole down with her and growled through gritted teeth, "That's what I should be asking you! Nicole, what exactly did you feed me?"

Seeing that Natasha still remembered to accuse her even in her current condition, Nicole felt like she was about to burst into laughter from anger. She looked at her solemnly and said, "Natasha, I don't know where you got this medicine from, but it's a labor-inducing agent. You're bleeding because you took this pill."

Natasha's expression darkened at her words, but she continued to pin the blame on Nicole. "It's you, Nicole! You're the one who wanted to harm my child!"

Upon seeing how stubborn she was, Nicole let out a small laugh and said languidly, "Natasha, did you know that you will be infertile for the rest of your life due to this medicine?"

The impact of her words finally triggered a change in Natasha's expression. Her lips trembled slightly, but she still gritted her teeth and forced herself to hold on.

"Nicole, all of this is your fault!"

Nicole's sympathy dissipated at the sight of Natasha's determination to frame her, and she stared at her coldly from above, falling silent.

Initially, the intense agony was already too much for Natasha to handle, but she hadn't expected the subsequent waves of pain that followed and nearly lost consciousness. Her stomach felt as if it had been ripped open with a knife, and even breathing became strenuous.

However, she couldn't afford to worry about anything else now. She had already taken the pill, so she must take Nicole down with her!

Cold sweat seeped from her forehead as her vision flashed in and out of darkness, and just as Natasha was about to lose the battle with her consciousness, she heard the sound of footsteps.

Chapter 1174 The Baby Is Gone

Logan arrived with Ryan's help, accompanied by the person who had reported the incident to him. Clearly, this group of people had prepared for this occasion from the way they swarmed forward and even had a few reporters in tow.

It seemed that this accusation was not a simple one and involved the Yael Family's power. The pill was most likely provided by them as well, and it explained why Natasha's symptoms heavily resembled a miscarriage when Nicole took her pulse earlier.

As soon as Logan came forward, his face sank as he asked, "What's going on here?"

Natasha had barely any strength left in her body, but she pointed a trembling hand at Nicole and gritted out, "M-Mr. Yael... You have to help me. S-She forcefully made me take a pill and killed the baby in my stomach."

At her words, Logan's sharp and dark eyes flickered toward Nicole immediately as he said in a grave voice, "Nicole, I know that Natasha offended you, but how could you do such a thing?"

Even when confronted by Logan, Nicole only chuckled and asked languidly, "Oh? What did I do?"

Upon seeing that Nicole was still in denial, Logan declared firmly, "Drugging her, of course! Nicole, it wasn't Natasha's fault that you couldn't enter the science academy at first, but because you didn't show up for the interview in time. Although Natasha took your place, you can't do something this cruel to her either!"

Nicole couldn't help but let out a small laugh. Her eyes were icy as she stared at Logan, asking in an amused voice, "Mr. Yael, you haven't even asked me anything yet, but you've already made a decision

just like that. Don't you think you're being too hasty?"

Keeping her eyes fixed on Logan, she continued with a smile, "Or perhaps you've already planned this matter with Natasha, and that's why you're immediately accusing me without question right after you arrived?"

Logan's face flushed crimson with fury at Nicole's articulate response. He had never expected her to be so eloquent.

"Nicole, what exactly are you trying to say?"

"I just want to say that when something like this happens, the first thing you should do is look for evidence to determine the truth instead of accusing me right away. With the way you're acting, I'm starting to suspect that this only happened because you're trying to frame me."

In an instant, Logan's face darkened. He slammed his cane on the ground viciously and roared, "Nicole, take a close look at Natasha. How can she be trying to frame you when she's in this state?"

Natasha's ears had begun to ring from the pain, but she mustered her remaining strength and stuttered, "It's her, it's Nicole. She... hates me for taking her place, s-so she did this to me. M-Mr. Yael, you have to help me. My... My stomach really hurts."

Logan lowered his head to look at Natasha and said with a frown, "Hurry up and call an ambulance to take her to the hospital."

At the sound of his voice, Natasha struggled to lift herself off the ground and pleaded, "Mr. Yael, you have to help me. I've lost my baby."

Logan nodded and waved a hand to call his men over. "Those over there, come over and check if she's in any danger before the ambulance arrives."

Upon receiving his instructions, a few people kneeled over Natasha. As they were all from the science academy, they were naturally trained in medicine. Once they had taken her pulse, their expressions turned grave.

After taking turns to take a look at Natasha, each of them had come to the same conclusion. "Doctor Yael, her miscarriage is a result of taking an abortion pill."

Logan nodded and lifted his gaze toward Nicole, demanding, "Nicole, what else do you have to say about this?"

Nicole let out a small laugh, and there was not a single trace of panic to be found on her face. "This isn't a miscarriage. It's just a labor-inducing agent. How can you call yourself doctors if you can't even differentiate between the two?"

Her words immediately brought forward a wave of dissent.

"You clearly drugged her to get rid of the baby. Nicole, even if you're Doctor White's apprentice, you can't just make baseless claims like that."

"Exactly. If you insist, we can wait for the examination results after the ambulance arrives. It's definitely a miscarriage!"

Chapter 1175 You're So Ruthless

As Nicole listened to them, she couldn't help but scoff coldly. "As expected of a bunch of quacks."

The doctors immediately turned red at her words and glared at her viciously.

It would be clear whether it was a miscarriage once she was taken to the hospital, but since Logan had the nerve to send Natasha to the hospital, it only meant that he had already bribed the doctors there.

Nicole's eyes darkened as soon as she came to the realization that Logan was determined to frame her. If Natasha was taken to the hospital, she would not be able to clear her name once the examination reports came out, no matter how much she tried.

Before she could speak, the reporters were unable to hold themselves back and surged forward. "Miss Nicole, why would you harm this lady and even give her such a strong medicine?"

"That's right, Miss Nicole. As Doctor White's protege, you saved many people by creating the vaccine back then, so it proves that you're a kind person. However, why have you become so aggressive today?"

"Did you feed her the medicine while knowing that she's pregnant? Don't you feel guilty for killing an innocent being like this?"

Nicole only felt her head ache at the barrage of questions. She had spent the entire night sleepless and only had a small nap in the morning, and her temples now throbbed incessantly at the number of people surrounding her.

Hiding her emotions from her face, she swept her gaze across the crowd and said in a hoarse voice, "I

already said that I didn't do it. How am I supposed to admit to something I didn't do?"

However, all of her explanations seemed feeble. Logan held a strong presence in the business industry, and with him taking Natasha's side, the reporters were bound to follow as well.

Nicole narrowed her eyes and said coldly, "Since all of you are dead set that I'm the culprit, please show me the evidence. A drug always has its source, so tell me what kind of drug it is, where it came from, if there were anyone who witnessed me in the act or if it was captured by any cameras, as well as whether you're actually pregnant or not."

Nicole's determined speech caused Logan, who had the upper hand, to frown. He expected her to lose her composure now that things had come to this, but he never thought that she would be able to keep her cool so well. Thus, he couldn't help but see her in a different light.

In the midst of the heated argument, Nathan's wife, Jennifer Lock, rushed over and shoved her way through the crowd. After sweeping a glance at the scene, she lowered her voice and asked, "What's going on? What happened?"

At the sight of Jennifer's arrival, Nicole pointed toward Natasha and said, "Mrs. Zeller, this woman says that I fed her a pill that caused her to have a miscarriage. Please take a look if she's actually pregnant."

Meanwhile, Natasha's face turned deathly pale when she saw Jennifer. She even attempted to back away despite the pain in her stomach. Jennifer was the most well-known gynecologist in Durobrivae for many years, and she was well-versed in this field of work.

Hearing that, Jennifer immediately kneeled down and began her examination.

After taking Natasha's pulse, she said with a frown, "She isn't pregnant at all. The reason why she's showing symptoms of a miscarriage is that she took a labor-inducing agent, so it looks like she had a miscarriage."

At Jennifer's declaration, the crowd frowned. They had just sworn confidently that Natasha had definitely had a miscarriage, and now those words had returned to bite them in the back.

Meanwhile, Logan didn't expect the sudden turn of events. As Jennifer had a number of outstanding achievements in the field of gynecology, her words practically held no doubt to them.

Seeing that the truth was about to be exposed, Logan pondered for a moment before saying, "It isn't easy to determine a case like this. We should still wait for the ambulance to arrive and make a decision after she receives a proper examination at the hospital."

However, Jennifer refused to spare his dignity and said coldly, "This condition isn't hard to diagnose at all. Anyone who knows what it is will be able to tell immediately."

As soon as Jennifer finished speaking, the ambulance arrived.

Chapter 1176 I Thought You Were Planning to Frame Me

A few people rushed out of the ambulance and dashed over.

Natasha was soon lifted onto a stretcher, but just as they were about to leave, Jennifer spoke up. "I'll come along."

As soon as her words fell, even the paramedics who had arrived in the ambulance were stunned. Jennifer had spent years practicing medicine, and although she had now retired from the frontlines to play a supportive role due to old age, there was no room for doubt when it came to her medical expertise.

In the past, many sought after her and even spent a fortune to see her, but all of them failed. Hence, it was surprising that she was now willing to intervene for an insignificant person in the science academy.

Seeing that Jennifer was about to tag along, Natasha instantly blanched. She cleared her throat and stammered, "I don't think I should bother you with this matter..."

Before she could finish, she saw Jennifer gazing at her meaningfully with a smirk. "I don't think anyone would question my knowledge of gynecology. With your current condition, there is a huge possibility that you will be unable to get pregnant for the rest of your life, and you'll face a larger risk without my help."

Natasha immediately clammed her mouth shut and turned to Logan pleadingly. However, he was not in a position to help her with all the eyes on him, so he could only turn around silently. None of them had expected Jennifer's arrival, and if they proceeded to the hospital like this, the truth would definitely be revealed in no time.

Logan glanced at Natasha deeply before saying in a grave voice, "Natasha, you said that Nicole drugged you and caused you to have a miscarriage. If what you said is true, Mrs. Jennifer will definitely do you justice. However, if

you were intending to frame Nicole, the science academy will not tolerate you."

Natasha froze on the stretcher, and a flash of astonishment darted past her eyes. When she turned to look at Logan, her gaze was filled with disbelief. She had never expected him to say those words to her—it was clear that he was cutting all of their ties, and she had no choice but to face the repercussions.

Although Logan's words seemed like he was being fair, it was clear that he was warning her that she would have to bear the consequences on her own if the truth was revealed.

Natasha had lost all of her strength from the pain, but tears streamed down the corner of her eyes, and she had no idea if it was due to the agony or the heartache. At the thought of what she might have to face next, she felt goosebumps rising on her skin.

Pursing her lips, she could only insist in a hoarse voice, "Nicole did this to me..."

Her words trailed off feebly as she felt the taut nerves in her brain loosen, and she flopped down on the stretcher weakly.

Seeing her obedient submission, Logan no longer had any worries. He turned toward Jennifer and said politely, "In that case, I'll leave her in your hands, Mrs. Jennifer. Please inform me as soon as possible regardless of the outcome."

"I will." After uttering these words coldly, Jennifer left with the ambulance.

At first, the reporters were planning to get a scoop out of the incident, but Jennifer's earlier words had mostly cleared Nicole's name. Besides, Nicole had just held a press conference yesterday to clarify the incident with Nathan, and everyone who had spread rumors would be facing lawsuits and severe financial losses.

This incident served as a warning to everyone else, and it caused the reporters to behave much more obediently. If they provoked Nicole by writing anything that deviated from the truth, they might be forced to compensate as well, so they were naturally afraid to do so.

Without Natasha around, the room immediately turned silent. Nicole tilted her head to look at Logan, a faint smile lifting the corner of her lips as she said quietly, "Mr. Yael, thank you for speaking up for me and coming all the way here. It must've been troublesome."

"Not at all. This involves the science academy, so it's only natural that I have to get to the bottom of things," Logan replied, forced to feign graciousness in front of the crowd.

Hearing that, Nicole scoffed. She lifted her clear gaze and stared at him intently as she continued, "For a second there, I thought you were sending them to frame me because I'm Doctor White's apprentice!"

Chapter 1177 Personal Grudge

As soon as Nicole's words fell, the crowd fell silent. Everyone was well aware of the grudge between Logan and White, even if nobody mentioned it out loud. Now that Nicole had touched on this issue, their eyes immediately swept toward Logan.

Meanwhile, Logan's face flushed red. His plan was originally to completely trample over Nicole's reputation, but he hadn't expected Jennifer to show up all of a sudden. With her following Natasha to the hospital, she would definitely be able to tell that Natasha was not pregnant at all and only showed those symptoms by taking medicine. Although Natasha would bear the consequences alone, it would not stop rumors from spreading.

The corner of Logan's lips twitched as he replied mildly, "Of course not."

A trace of a smile emerged in Nicole's eyes as she stared at him and nodded, saying slowly, "Well, that makes sense. As the person in charge of the science academy, surely you won't do something so shameful, Mr. Yael."

Upon saying that, Nicole lowered her head in thought. Then, as if recalling something all of a sudden, she changed the topic and said with a smile, "However, with the way you straight up accused me without doing any sort of investigation earlier, I nearly thought that you had planned everything and were just waiting for me to fall into your trap."

Logan's hand slowly clenched into a fist by his side. Nicole had a sharp tongue and had a way with her words—although she claimed to believe him on the surface, her words clearly pointed out his wrongdoings.

He breathed in deeply and forcefully mustered a lopsided smile on his lips. It was a long time before he

replied hoarsely, "When I saw the state Natasha was in, I didn't think that she would give up her body just to frame someone. If you misunderstood, I can apologize to you."

Nicole rolled her eyes and swept a glance at the reporters behind her before she smiled at him courteously. "No, not at all. I wouldn't dare to misunderstand. You're an influential figure, Mr. Yael, and I believe that something like this would never happen in the science academy. This incident only happened due to Natasha's personal grudges."

Nicole slowly moved her gaze back to Logan and continued, "However, since you had a grudge against my master in the past, Mr. Yael, as Doctor White's protege, I'm afraid that people would misunderstand if something happens to me in the science academy. They might think that you won't let me in because of your personal grudges, don't you think?"

As there were a large number of people present, her words had practically told everyone that if something happened to her in the science academy, it would surely be the Yael Family's doing without any doubt.

Naturally, Logan understood what she was implying. His hands turned white as he clenched his walking cane and his face twisted with anger, but he was unable to refute her claims, and that in itself was practically torture.

However, he could not afford to lose his temper and shoot himself in the foot with so many reporters at the scene. Hence, he could only force a smile on his face and grit out, "I'm a little tired. The ceremony is about to begin, so I'll take my leave for now."

At that, he left with Ryan's help.

As Nicole watched their retreating backs, her expression still remained taut. Although Ryan had remained silent throughout the entire incident, he never took his eyes off her, and his eerie red eyes gleamed with an uncanny light as if he were contemplating something. While she could still handle Logan, Ryan was a wild card.

If it was purely about the field of medicine, she had to hand it to him. Although his age was not far from hers, he managed to discover a way to raise voodoo

bugs and even sustained many of his own. Hence, it was an undeniable fact that he was extremely skilled in this area.

After staring at them for a moment, she turned around and headed to the library. If it hadn't been for Natasha's interference, she would've entered the library much earlier. Fortunately, nothing bad came out of the incident.

Chapter 1178 Found a Solution

After entering the library, Nicole began to search for books related to voodoo bugs, and it was not long before she found a book that was written by White many years ago which should've been stored in the medical base, but it had been sent to the science academy for Gina's personal gain.

When she opened the book and saw White's name written on the first page, Nicole couldn't help but feel overwhelmed with emotions. She decided that she would head back to the medical base once everything was over and set things in order.

Without dwelling on this matter any further, Nicole began to bury her nose in the book and immersed herself in research. White had written this many years ago, and because she only had some basic knowledge when it came to voodoo bugs, she began to pore over the book.

White had conducted intensive research on voodoo bugs back in the day, and he had recorded the way to break free from their effects in the book—by inserting golden needles into the body to lure the voodoo bugs out with blood, exchanging one life for another.

At this, Nicole's hands began to tremble uncontrollably. Exchanging one life for another...

She tightened her grip around the book, wondering what would happen to Hayden if she died. Thinking that, she lowered her eyes, which were filled with despair.

As she continued to read, she suddenly recalled that White had mentioned a long time ago if she was able to lure the voodoo bugs to herself, she could seal her acupuncture points with needles and undergo surgery to remove them before they entered her body.

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Thinking that, Nicole was finally able to let out a breath of relief. It seemed that she had to make her move now and find where Colton was so that she could bring him back immediately.

Although she still had her qualms about Julian, she decided to give him a call after a moment of thought. If she called Roger instead, it would attract too much attention, but she could make use of Julian's influence.

Julian was a little taken aback by Nicole's sudden call as well. He knew that Nicole heavily disliked him because of the issue between him and Dream, so he didn't expect her to call him just like that.

However, as Nicole was Colton's wife, he replied politely, "Is there anything you need, Nicole?"

"I want you to find where Colton is right now," she replied sternly, unable to let go of her grudges.

No matter what, she would never forgive him for driving Dream insane.

A dubious look flashed past Julian's eyes, but he quickly agreed without asking any questions, "Okay, I understand. I'll probably be able to locate him in half an hour."

"Right. Give me a call when you do," Nicole said with a pursed lip. Now, all she wanted was to hurry

back to Colton's side as soon as possible.

Nicole hung up as soon as she finished speaking, but the moment she placed her phone down, it began to ring again with a call from Siobhan.

She felt her heart skip a beat, unable to shake off the feeling that something was about to happen.

As soon as she picked up, she heard Siobhan asking her urgently, "Nicole, did you know that Colton is asking for a divorce?"

Nicole froze for a moment. Although she knew that it wasn't Colton's actual intent, her heart still ached with pain. She pursed her lips before asking hoarsely, "Who brought it up?"

"Colton did. Nicole, you were just out on a trip not long ago. What exactly happened? Why is he asking for a divorce all of a sudden?" Siobhan asked in a perplexed tone.

A bitter smile emerged on the corner of Nicole's lips. It was a long and complicated story, and she wasn't sure if she was willing to take the risk and tell Siobhan the truth.

After thinking for a moment, she decided not to tell her. Instead, she asked, "Is there anything else besides the divorce?"

A flash of worry emerged in Siobhan's eyes at the feigned composure in Nicole's voice, but she eventually told her after a moment of thought. "He wants to marry Evelyn."

Chapter 1179 Divorce

Nicole smiled bitterly. As she expected, this was something that Evelyn would do.

She nodded and said, "All right, I understand. Tell Evelyn and Colton to return to the Gould Residence. I'm on my way."

Siobhan was unable to wrap her head around Nicole's calm tone. The two of them had been glued to the hip in the past, so how did things end up like this all of a sudden? Not only did Colton wish to get a divorce from Nicole, but he was even planning to marry Evelyn.

Although Evelyn was not Siobhan's biological daughter, she had raised her since she was a child, and thus she still held affection for her. However, Evelyn's behavior that constantly stepped out of line disappointed her.

"Nicole, tell me the truth. What exactly happened between you and Colton?" she asked somberly.

However, Nicole wasn't quite sure how she was supposed to explain things. After giving it a moment of thought, she only replied, "It's nothing, we just had a small fight. It'll be fine after we talk things out face- to-face."

Seeing that Nicole refused to answer, Siobhan let out a sigh, deciding not to press her any further.

"All right. In that case, you can come back here, and I'll tell Evelyn to bring Colton over so that the two of you can clear the air in person."

Nicole murmured in assent before hanging up the call.

What a good time for them to show up. Now I can just go back without having to look for them.

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As the Gould Family dabbled in transportation, it made things much easier for Nicole. Siobhan had prepared a plane for her, so all she needed to do was make her way to the airport and board the plane.

On the other hand, Evelyn headed back to Gould Residence with Colton. Her face was piled with a large smile, and upon seeing Siobhan, she called out to her sweetly, "Mom."

As Siobhan looked at the two in front of her, a trace of doubt flashed past her eyes. Colton was holding onto Evelyn's hand, and the two were huddled

together affectionately. When she heard that Colton was asking for a divorce with Nicole so he could marry Evelyn instead, she had assumed that it was only a joke, but from the looks of things now, it seemed that they were telling the truth.

Siobhan's eyes darkened and burned with anger as she looked at Colton, asking in a severe tone, "Colton, are you aware of what you're doing right now?"

However, Colton was completely incapable of responding. His gaze was vacant as he looked at Siobhan, completely devoid of light.

Sensing that something was amiss, Siobhan furrowed her brow. Just as she was about to step forward to have a closer look, she was stopped by Evelyn.

Evelyn stepped in front of Siobhan and said with a smile, "Mom, everyone is free to date whomever they want now. Colton only realized that he doesn't like Nicole after marrying her. You can't just force him, right?"

Siobhan flushed red with fury at Evelyn's words. Clenching her hands into fists, she said biting, "Evelyn, do you know what you're saying?"

Evelyn nodded and replied, "I know. Mom, I'm your daughter too. Weren't you overjoyed when Nicole and Colton got married? Why are you so against it now that Colton is getting together with me? Is it because I'm not your biological daughter?"

Siobhan trembled with anger in the face of Evelyn's interrogation, and she gritted out furiously, "Evelyn! Don't you know how I feel about you? If you hadn't done something so outrageous, do you think I'd say these things to you?"

However, Evelyn only took Siobhan's words as an excuse. Losing all sense and reason, she reached out and clung onto Colton, saying, "Mom, Colton wants to be with me now. If you're really doing this for my own good, you should just acknowledge it. When Nicole comes over, tell her to get that divorce and allow Colton and me to get married!"

Chapter 1180 Remarriage

As she listened to Evelyn's nonsensical words, Siobhan could not hold herself back anymore. She lifted her hand and sent a slap across her face.

Taken aback by the sudden slap, Evelyn lifted her head to look at Siobhan with glassy eyes, but those teardrops refused to fall. However, she had already made up her mind. Even if no one were on her side, she would still marry Colton!

"Mom... No, I should call you Madam Gould instead. After all, I'm not your biological daughter, so you're always caring for someone else instead! You've never paid attention to my feelings at all, and Nicole is the only one in your heart now. You only think of Nicole as your daughter!" Evelyn roared hoarsely, her eyes brimming with tears and her voice choking with emotion.

Siobhan felt an ache in her temples as she looked at the woman before her. She had always treated Evelyn like a princess throughout the years, and yet it was as if Evelyn had wrapped a blindfold around her eyes.

Siobhan composed herself and steadied her voice as best as she could, persuading her in a calm tone, "Evelyn, I'm not against you being with someone else. However, Colton and Nicole had just held their wedding. If he gets a divorce and marries you now, people will definitely speak lowly of you."

However, Evelyn was like a stubborn mule, and she said forcefully, "I don't care! I want to be with Colton!"

At these words, a flash of red painted her eyes as she gritted out, "I don't care if you agree to it or not! I'm going to be with him! When Nicole comes back, make them get a divorce!"

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Staring at him, she asked, "Colton, do you really want to get a divorce from Nicole and marry Evelyn?"

Although Colton heard her question, he remained motionless.

Evelyn reached out and yanked him closer, clinging onto him with her petite figure as she whispered something in his ear. A moment later, Colton slowly opened his lips and said, "Yes."

Siobhan observed the scene before her and couldn't shake off the feeling that something was amiss. Right now, Colton seemed just like... a puppet. Yes, a puppet that only listened to Evelyn's every word and didn't possess any emotions of his own. Although she had not spent much time with him, they had met each other enough for her to know that this was completely out of character for Colton.

Feeling dubious, Siobhan was just about to approach him to carefully inspect him, but her path was blocked by Evelyn before she could get any closer.

She stood between Siobhan and Colton, raising her voice as she said, "Mom, if you still think of me as your daughter, tell Nicole to get a divorce with Colton, and hold our wedding afterward."

Frustration began to build within Siobhan at Evelyn's persistence, and she furrowed her brow while

saying in a grave tone, "It hasn't been long since Colton and Nicole's marriage. Even if they go through with the divorce, aren't you afraid of being a laughingstock by rushing to marry him so soon?"

Evelyn immediately replied, "No, I'm not!"

She was not afraid of anything as long as she had Colton. After all, if she genuinely cared about how other people thought of her, she wouldn't have gone through all this effort to get her hands on him.

Evelyn paused in her tracks for a moment before she stared at Siobhan and said, "Mom, Colton was the one who brought this up. He might just think that Nicole isn't a good match for him. You have to respect his wishes."

Siobhan's eyes filled with distress. She just couldn't understand why Colton would change his mind out of nowhere, and things seemed more perplexing the more she thought about it.

When she merely pursed her lips and said nothing, Evelyn, not wanting to waste any more time here, continued, "You just want to see Nicole happy, but what about me? Don't you want to see me being happy? Nicole is your

daughter, but you've raised me for so many years. Is that still nothing in the face of your fickle blood ties?"

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Siobhan felt her head ache as she listened to Evelyn's nonsensical and unreasonable words. She realized that this girl she single-handedly raised was no longer the daughter she used to know, as if she had turned strange.

Seeing that Siobhan turned silent, Evelyn continued, "I don't care if you agree to it or not. I'm definitely going to marry Colton."

All of a sudden, Siobhan realized that she had failed to raise Evelyn correctly. She couldn't believe that Evelyn would turn out to be like this after years of education. Although there was no concrete proof, she knew that Evelyn was certainly the mastermind of the previous incident, but she was just unwilling to pierce through the thin veil hiding the truth and chose not to confront her.

A pregnant silence followed Evelyn's resolute declaration, with neither of them opening their mouths to speak. Just then, a hoarse yet commanding voice sounded from behind.

"What are you doing, Evelyn?"

Evelyn turned around just to see Rita heading downstairs with the help of her walking cane, her brow furrowed and her eyes glinting sharply.

For some inexplicable reason, Evelyn felt a wave of guilt at the sight of Rita.

However, she stood firm and replied, "Old Mrs. Gould, Colton is planning to get a divorce with Nicole and marry me."

"Nonsense!" Rita slammed her walking cane on the ground viciously and narrowed her eyes, sending a

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And yet, there came no reply from Colton. Now, he only responded to Evelyn's voice, and he would not reply to anyone else.

Evelyn reached out and held onto him, raising her head toward him as she asked, "Colton, you want to get a divorce with Nicole and be with me, don't you?"

At the sound of Evelyn's voice, Colton slowly replied, "Yes."

Upon hearing his reply, Rita stumbled backward and nearly collapsed to the ground. Fortunately, Siobhan reached out in time to support her.

Taking a few breaths to calm herself, she pointed at Colton with a trembling hand and growled in a voice filled with fury, "You... You... What exactly are you trying to do? I-Is marriage just a game to you?"

However, as Colton continued to ignore her, Rita's anger continued to grow.

Behind her, Siobhan tried to soothe her. "Mom, don't be angry."

Rita barked furiously, "Don't be angry? How can I not be angry? It hasn't been long since Colton and Nicole got married, and he's getting up to this nonsense now? He's practically toying with the Gould Family and Nicole!"

As Siobhan looked at Rita's enraged expression, she was naturally just as irked, but there was nothing she could do about it. However, from the way Colton was behaving, there was definitely a hidden factor to the situation that she wasn't aware of.

After pondering for a moment, she assured her, "It's all right, Mom, you don't have to be angry. Nicole is coming back soon, so we can talk things through once she's back."

Rita closed her eyes and eventually decided not to dwell on the topic. With a wave of her hand, she said solemnly, "In that case, let's wait for Nicole's return."

Even when faced with the knowledge that Nicole was about to return, Evelyn was not frantic at all. In fact, she couldn't wait for Nicole to come back and witness her intimate and affectionate behavior with Colton.

At that thought, Evelyn felt refreshed. She couldn't see eye-to-eye with Nicole at all, and she only wanted to see her in pain.

Evelyn nodded and declared, "Good idea. Once Nicole comes back, Colton can get a divorce with her."

Hearing that, Rita couldn't help but furrow her brow, and it took her a lot of effort to hold herself back from throwing another fit.

Chapter 1182 Back to Gould Residence

Nicole headed straight to Gould Residence after getting off the plane. When she returned, a still silence was hovering over the living room. Several people sat together, but none of them spoke.

Nicole ran inside as soon as she got out of the car. When she arrived, her breathing wasn't steady. She panted heavily, her eyes reddening the instant she saw the man she yearned for day and night.

Seeing how hurt she looked, Rita stepped forward in an attempt to comfort her, asking, "Nicole, are you alright?"

Nicole shook her head and sniffled. In a voice choked with emotion, she replied, "I'm okay, Grandma. Don't worry about me."

Rita took her hand and asked under her breath, "Nicole, what exactly is going on between Colton and Evelyn?"

"Grandma, this is a long story, but it's not what Colton intended. I'll take care of this," replied Nicole in a low, soothing voice.

Hearing her say that, Rita was a little relieved. She nodded without asking any further questions. "Okay, this is your business, so I won't poke my nose into it. That being said, if you have any trouble and need my help, just tell me."

Nicole was moved to see that Rita was determined to side with her. She nodded without saying another word; then, composing her features, she

regained her usual composure. Her bright, clear eyes staring at Colton, she slowly called out, "Colton."

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Seeing the man react to her voice, Nicole got somewhat emotional. In a quavering voice, she continued, "Colton, look at me."

Seeing Nicole like this, Evelyn immediately stood up and stepped between the pair. She looked up at the woman with a frown, saying in a stern voice, "Nicole, now that Colton doesn't love you anymore, what's the use of calling out to him? Just hurry up and divorce him if you know what's good for you!"

Nicole's eyes grew frosty the instant she listened to Evelyn's words. This woman infected Colton with a voodoo bug and even fed him blood in order to control him. Luckily, Colton is in good health, or he might end up being tormented to death right away by the symptoms. That's how selfish Evelyn is; when she loves someone, she holds them against their will whether they love her or not. "Evelyn Wrenn, how could you infect Colton with a voodoo bug? Did it ever cross your mind how much harm this would do to him?!" she questioned coldly in a voice as icy as a freezing ice-cold pool in the dead of winter. "You keep saying that you love Colton, but your love is really cheap! All you know is to deprive others of their rights and control them. How despicable!"

Evelyn nearly changed color at Nicole's criticism, and her hands gradually clenched into fists by her sides. Letting out a sneer, she retorted, "Fine, your love isn't cheap, and you're generous. In that case, just divorce Colton!"

Nicole shot a frosty look at her without saying another word. Then, she brushed past her, coming

straight to Colton's side.

At the sight of this, Evelyn tried to step forward to stop Nicole. However, no sooner had she gotten close than she heard the latter say, "Stay away from me if you want to stay alive." Her chilly voice was so piercing, it was scary just

to listen to it. It was as though Nicole would really kill her should she take one more step closer.

But how could Evelyn give up this immediate opportunity? Feigning composure, she replied, "Nicole, what exactly do you want? Surely you know Colton will go insane if you force him to stay by your side at this time."

Nicole's eyes darkened at Evelyn's words. However, what Evelyn said was right. Someone infected with a voodoo bug couldn't be away for too long from the person who infected them with it. This was the disgusting thing about voodoo bugs. These bugs had been studied in the early years, but the study was scrapped afterward because it was too much against people's will.

Chapter 1183 How Dare You

Ignoring Evelyn, she took out a silver needle and jabbed it into Colton's neck right away. Soon after that, Colton passed out.

Evelyn's face fell when she saw what Nicole was doing. Just when she wanted to step forward and say something, she saw Nicole turn toward Rita and say, "Grandma, can I ask a favor of you? Please help keep an eye on Evelyn and don't let her leave the Gould Residence."

In an instant, Evelyn's face darkened. Glaring fixedly at Nicole, she swore through clenched teeth, "How dare you, Nicole!"

Before her voice could fade, Rita called a pair of big, burly men over. Pointing at Evelyn, she ordered, "Take her back to her room and keep watch on her. Also, get a maid to stay close to her and take care of her around the clock."

Evelyn's expression froze instantly. Not expecting that Rita would really hold her captive, she glared resentfully at Nicole and growled, "Nicole, what are you doing?! I'm the one Colton loves now, and he can't be parted from me anymore. You'll only harm him by doing this!"

All her rants were to no avail, though. Before she could say another word, she was dragged away by the burly men.

Rita knew that Nicole had studied under White and was thus highly skilled in medicine. After darting a glance at the unconscious Colton with a frown, she turned to look at Nicole, asking, "What are you going to do?"

Nicole pursed her lips for a moment. She replied flatly, "I'll operate on him myself."

Having listened to most of Nicole's conversation with Evelyn just now, Rita knew Colton had only ended up like this because of the voodoo bug. Having lived for a long time, she was rich in experience and had more or less heard of almost everything, so it went without saying that she knew about the dangers of these bugs. "I've heard of this voodoo bug before, and they say it's very harmful to the human body. Nicole, you..." she said, hesitating to finish her sentence.

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A faint smile appeared on Nicole's face. She replied with studied casualness, "Don't worry, Grandma. I've studied under Master White, so I know how to take care of this, of course. It's child's play for me."

Rita couldn't help feeling that there was more to it than it seemed. If this bug can really be dealt with easily, then why must she come all the way back to Gould Residence? However, seeing how determined Nicole looked, she didn't say another word, knowing that her advice wouldn't have much of an effect on her. "Okay. I know a few doctors who have studied this, so I'll phone them to come over. Don't say no to this." After all, she was worried about Nicole and felt uncomfortable leaving her alone.

Noticing Rita's concern for her, Nicole didn't reject her good intentions, so she nodded and agreed.

Rita then had Colton carried away. Naturally, as a family that was rich and powerful for generations, the Goulds had their own medical base. It wasn't large, but it had everything that was needed, which was enough for Nicole.

Rita contacted several doctors who specialized in this area and had them come over, but it would take a few hours for them to arrive.

A pained look flickered across Nicole's eyes as she watched Colton lie unconscious in bed. The man looked much paler than when they last met just a few days ago; his eyes were sunken, and there were dark circles under them. It was obvious that he hadn't groomed himself over the last few days. His chin was covered in stubble, making him look much more dispirited than usual. She recalled how he had looked like during their previous meeting, and it made her heart ache to see how he now looked like an empty shell without a soul.

Heaving a soft sigh, she pulled out the silver needle in his neck. She had to lure the voodoo bug out of Colton's body as soon as possible. Otherwise, the bug would get into his heart over time, upon which he might be beyond cure. Letting out a faint breath, she looked at the man whose eyes were closed. Her hand reached closer and closer until it touched his face. After caressing it tenderly for a moment, she finally pulled herself together. She couldn't wait anymore; she had no choice but to act quickly.

Chapter 1184 Luring Out the Voodoo Bug

After getting all the things she needed, Nicole put on protective clothing and started to operate on him. She knew Rita was concerned about her and wanted to have other doctors assist her, but voodoo bugs were bizarre creatures. Even if other doctors were present, they probably wouldn't be of much help either.

She tied Colton's hands and feet for fear of him struggling. After getting everything started, she began to perform acupuncture on him according to her memory. To insert the golden needle into his acupoint, she had to first use silver needles to seal his circulatory system so that the voodoo bug could be forced out as soon as she inserted the golden needle.

In his early years, White had started out as an alternative medicine practitioner, so Nicole was most proficient in acupuncture skills during her apprenticeship with him. Therefore, she already knew the positions of all the acupoints on the human body by heart.

It took her about half an hour to seal all the acupoints on Colton's body. As she looked at the still- unconscious man, a hint of yearning flickered across her eyes. It was recorded in medical books that if the voodoo bug were to be transferred to a different host, the new host might die instantly as a result. She had already come up with a way of dealing with this, but she dared not be 100 percent sure that she would be alright. And besides, Colton had been infected

with the bug for such a long time; no one knew what would happen to him after the bug left his body.

Due to Evelyn's selfish act of feeding Colton blood to lure the voodoo bug, the bug had grown faster than normal in his body, causing him to enter into such a state earlier than he was supposed to. The medical books didn't contain any detailed records of such a case, nor did they mention if he would be left with any complications after regaining consciousness.

Nicole was somewhat afraid to think about it, but her hands moved with great dexterity. Taking out a scalpel, she made a small cut on Colton's wrist before proceeding to make a cut on her hand. Her eyes darkened for a moment as she watched the man lie in bed. Then, she pressed the emergency button beside his bed. Once she pressed this, someone would enter in ten minutes. Whatever the outcome will be, somebody's going to clean this up. I don't want to die. I want to be with Colton and Hayden.

She slowly let out a breath and took a 12-inch long golden needle out of her purse. Then, focusing her eyes on the acupoint, she thrust the needle into it with all her might. This, coupled with the fragrance of the heated herbs in the air around them, soon caused the voodoo bug in Colton's arm to start squirming. It was forced out of his system, but since there was no blood to lure it out, it merely squirmed around, unwilling to leave its host.

Nicole wasted no time either. Taking a needle, she sealed all her acupoints before moving her wound closer to Colton's.

Just as she expected, the voodoo bug instantly came alive at the scent of blood. Moving at great speed, it quickly emerged from under Colton's skin. Then, before she knew it, the bug entered her body.

Nicole only felt a prick in her wound, right after which she saw a small lump moving up her arm. She knitted her brows. Luckily, she had sealed the acupoints on her arm with the silver needle. The voodoo bug was blocked as soon as it tried to rush into her system, so it had no choice but to get stuck midway. It wanted to turn back, only to find there was no way for it to return.

Just when Nicole was about to heave a sigh of relief, she suddenly felt a wave of nausea in her stomach. She staggered for a moment and nearly fell; luckily, she swiftly clung to the edge of the bed for support. This voodoo bug is already giving me such symptoms by just entering my body. If it really

gets into my insides, I'm sure I'll die on the spot. Looking down at the still-unconscious Colton, she could no longer fend off the darkness enveloping her. Her legs gave out, and she collapsed onto the floor.

Not long after that, a sudden flurry of movement could be heard outside the room. Soon, the door was opened, and Rita was helped in by Siobhan. As soon as they came in, they saw Nicole lying unconscious on the floor.

Letting out a gasp nervously, Rita immediately said to those around her, "G-Go check on her, you guys! See what's going on with Nicole!"

Chapter 1185 Pregnant

The nurses and doctors hurriedly went over and together helped Nicole up from the floor.

Just then, an elderly doctor came over. At the sight of needles in Nicole's arm, he immediately reprimanded them, "Don't move her around! Get her onto the couch now."

Hearing his instructions, the nurses immediately carried Nicole to the couch.

The elderly doctor first took a look at Colton. After taking his pulse for a while, he found that the man was fine. Only then did he heave a sigh of relief and instructed, "You guys treat his wound first. Also, the needles on him can be removed already."

Colton was no longer in a serious condition after having the voodoo bug lured out of his body, but it remained to be seen how he would react after regaining consciousness.

The elderly doctor was well-respected due to his rich medical experience. Even so, a hint of surprise flickered across his eyes when he saw the needles on Colton. He never expected to see such a sophisticated and precise acupuncture technique displayed by a young lady in her 20s. Normally, to reach such a stage, one had to have practiced medicine for at least a dozen years or longer. She's simply genius! Suppressing his surprise, he turned back to Nicole's side.

Right now, Nicole was in a terrible condition. The acupoints on her arm were all sealed, and the resulting lack of blood flow caused her entire arm to turn

purple at this very moment. Furthermore, the voodoo bug was still in her arm. The small lump was very conspicuous.

An extremely worried Rita hurriedly asked, "Doctor, how's my granddaughter doing?"

The elderly doctor stepped forward and took Nicole's pulse, upon which his brow furrowed deeper and deeper. After pursing his lips, he turned toward Rita and explained, "Old Mrs. Gould, your granddaughter is not only infected with a voodoo bug. She's also pregnant, which is why she's so weak at the moment."

"What?!" Rita was astounded. Had she known that Nicole was pregnant, she wouldn't have let her act so recklessly!

The elderly doctor continued, "Luckily, Miss Anderson has sealed her acupoints with a silver needle to keep the voodoo bug from entering her system. I need to operate on her now to remove the bug, or she may lose the use of this arm if this goes on."

At hearing this, Rita let out a breath of relief. Since she was old, she felt somewhat overwhelmed by this. That being said, she had been through many ups and downs in life, so she soon regained her composure. "Alright then, I'll leave it to you. If you need anything, just send someone to tell me, and I'll get it ready for you guys," she replied in a grave voice. Then, she left right away without saying another word.

The doctor and others wheeled Nicole into the operating room. Now that she had sealed her acupoints with a needle, they had to remove the voodoo bug as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, at Gould Residence, Evelyn boiled with rage while looking at the maid in her room. Lifting the table lamp from her desk, she hurled it at the maid with all her might. "Get out! Get out of here!" she yelled in a hoarse voice with bloodshot eyes, looking as if she were going to devour the maid.

She had thought that her scheme was flawless, but she never thought Nicole would dare to snatch Colton from her at once. Being White's true apprentice, that woman might actually cure Colton of the

bug. This is my last chance; I mustn't let Nicole spoil it! she thought. But now, not only was someone standing guard at her door, but she was also being watched inside her room. There was no way she could leave the room at all.

The table lamp shattered to pieces at the maid's feet. Frightened, the maid looked at Evelyn timidly. Mustering her courage, she said, "M-Miss Wrenn, I'm here to look after you on Old Mrs. Gould's orders."

Evelyn's face twisted into a sneer. She raised her voice, looking extremely domineering as she yelled, "Look after, my foot! It's clear that you're watching me! I'm warning you, get out of here now! Otherwise, don't blame me if you end up dying here!"

Chapter 1186 Making a Scene

Evelyn wanted to drive the maid away, but the maid followed only Rita's orders. Even though she was afraid, she nonetheless stayed.

Seeing her like this, Evelyn got even more furious. She picked up everything within her reach and threw all of them at the maid.

The poor girl managed to dodge several times. However, there was one piece of ornament that she failed to dodge in time, and it hit her hard on the forehead. This ornament was made of iron, and as a result, her forehead started bleeding as soon as it got hit.

The girl crouched down in pain while clapping her hand over her forehead. With teary eyes, she looked as though she had suffered a great injustice. Indeed, she had suffered an injustice. The ornament was extremely solid, and it made her forehead bleed; it went without saying that it hurt. Despite working as a maid for a rich family, she hadn't been mistreated by the Goulds, who had always been amiable. This time, though, she did look aggrieved at being mistreated by the spoiled and unreasonable Evelyn.

Hearing the loud smash inside, Mrs. Collins pushed the door open and came in with a frown. As soon as she came in and saw the mess, she knitted her brows and asked in displeasure in a grim voice, "What are you doing?" Although she was a servant, she had a high standing in the Gould Family. This was because she had grown up with Rita and singlehandedly brought up several of the Gould Family's children. For this reason, everyone in the Gould Family addressed her with respect by calling her Mrs. Collins.

The haughty look on Evelyn's face disappeared the instant she saw Mrs. Collins come in. After clenching her teeth, she instead accused the girl, pointing at her and saying, "She's the one who messed with me in the first place!"

Feeling particularly wronged, the girl bit her lip, but she made no retort.

Being a member of the Gould Family, Mrs. Collins understood at a glance what was happening. She went up and checked on the girl's injury before instructing in a soft voice, "Go get it treated at the hospital. I'll get your expenses paid."

Stunned, the girl looked up with eyes full of gratitude. She quickly nodded and replied, "Okay. Thank you so much, Mrs. Collins." After that, she hurriedly fled the scene.

Seeing the mess all over the place, Mrs. Collins called somebody to clean it up. After it was done, she sat in the chair and said slowly, "Miss Wrenn, since you think that girl was bad at looking after you, I'll do it instead. Just tell me if you're dissatisfied with anything."

Evelyn looked at her with an ugly expression. Had it been any other servant, it wouldn't be a big deal for her to abuse them as she pleased. However, Mrs. Collins was different. Even though she was a servant of the Gould Family, she had raised Siobhan. If she threw tantrums in front of her, she probably wouldn't be able to get much out of it. She raised her eyes and glanced at Mrs. Collins. After pondering for a moment, she gave in, saying, "Mrs. Collins, I want to go out. I'm bored to death staying in here all the time."

Mrs. Collins didn't even bat an eye. She calmly replied, "Miss Wrenn, this is a time of emergency, so please understand."

Evelyn stood up and yelled in a hoarse voice, "What time of emergency is this? It's just that I want to be with Colton! Old Mrs. Gould is just being unfair. She's been siding with Nicole and making things difficult for me at every turn just because Nicole is her own granddaughter!"

In an instant, Mrs. Collins' eyes darkened. She reprimanded in a stern voice, "Were it not for Old Mrs. Gould, you would've been in jail by now!" Rita's bark had always been worse than her bite. It would take only a bit of investigation to find out what Evelyn had done, but she bailed Evelyn out nonetheless; after all, Evelyn was a granddaughter of the Gould Family. She didn't tell anyone

other than Mrs. Collins about this, but Evelyn was simply heartless and ungrateful and totally oblivious to how much Rita cared about her.

"Ha!" Evelyn's lips curled into a sneer; just as expected, she didn't believe it at all. "How ridiculous! She'd side with me? That's impossible!"

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Not bothering to explain any further, Mrs. Collins sat in the chair without saying a word, leaving Evelyn with no choice but to worry helplessly at the moment.

Evelyn was at the end of her rope. There was no way she could run away under Mrs. Collins' very nose. She was really afraid that Nicole would cure Colton. Should that come to pass, everything she had previously done would be in vain.

Meanwhile, in the operating room...

Luckily, Nicole had sealed all her acupoints with a silver needle beforehand to prevent the voodoo bug from entering her circulatory system. Otherwise, no one would've been able to save her.

The elderly doctor sealed the voodoo bug's location with a silver needle before operating on it to take out the bug. The bug was tiny; after living in the human body for such a long time, it only managed to grow to the size of about one-third of a fingernail. Therefore, it could be removed directly without having to make a big incision. After taking out the bug, he finally pulled out the silver needle on Nicole.

When the elderly doctor came out, Rita asked him nervously, "Doctor, h-how is my granddaughter doing now?"

The elderly doctor replied in a grave voice, "Miss Anderson is fine already, but she didn't pass out because of the voodoo bug alone. In part, it was also because she was exhausted from her pregnancy, so she needs a good rest."

Hearing that she was fine, Rita finally heaved a sigh of relief. She nodded and thanked in a grave voice, "Thank you so much, doctor."

The Goulds were never short of money, and Nicole's surgery was merely a minimally invasive one, so she didn't suffer from a major wound. After the

surgery, she was immediately escorted back to Gould Residence, though she was now pregnant and had to be well taken care of.

Rita also brought Colton back to Gould Residence. Knowing that the man had only become like this because he had been infected with the voodoo bug by Evelyn, Rita softened her attitude toward him.

Colton came around sooner than Nicole did. He woke up with a severe headache; his head hurt so much as though it were splitting. He couldn't help but let out a moan of pain while burying his head in his hands with a deep frown.

Seeing him regain consciousness, the doctor looking after him immediately asked, "Mr. Gardner, is something ailing you?"

Colton kept holding his head. He replied in a husky voice, "My head hurts. It hurts a lot, like there's something inside."

The doctor hurriedly examined him, but he didn't find any symptoms.

On the other hand, Colton's head stopped hurting after a while, and his frown cleared slightly. He looked around curiously, asking, "Where am I?"

"This is the Gould Residence," replied the doctor. Seeing that the man was no longer in pain, he pressed the bell to call Siobhan over.

Siobhan looked at the man on his sickbed. He looked rather gaunt, wearing a white hospital gown that

the maids had dressed him in. His good-looking face looked haggard and as white as a sheet. At a glance, he simply looked more than ten years older.

Hearing the sound she made, Colton turned his head slightly toward it, and his gaze happened to fall on her. Raising an eyebrow, he called out softly, "Madam Gould, w-why am I here?" He couldn't remember anything about how he had come to Gould Residence. He was missing a key piece of memory, as though his head had been plugged up with something.

Seeing the confusion written all over his face, Siobhan explained, "You got infected with a voodoo bug, but Nicole has helped you get rid of it now. You're still rather weak, so you should take a good rest. I've informed the Gardners,

so they'll probably be here by tonight." After all, this was about Colton, so it was better to let the Gardners know about this.

Colton could understand every word Siobhan said, but the name she mentioned made him frown. A hint of puzzlement flickered across his eyes. He turned to look at her, asking, "Madam Gould, who is... Nicole?"

Siobhan froze at his question. A hint of astonishment flashed across her eyes. Looking at the man, she moved her lips for a moment to suppress her shock. "Don't you know Nicole?"

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Colton could tell from the look on Siobhan's face that this Nicole lady was probably very important to him, but he had no memory of her whatsoever. Shaking his head confusedly, he replied, "I... I don't know."

Siobhan knitted her brows and immediately called for the doctor. "Doctor, please check out what's going on here. Why would he forget about Nicole alone?!" How could he forget all about the more than two years he's spent with Nicole overnight? And besides, he called out my name just now, which means he didn't forget everything.

The doctor did a quick checkup on Colton, but he still didn't find anything abnormal. He had very poor knowledge of voodoo bugs and didn't understand the man's condition at all. Thus, he had no choice but to brace himself and explain, "Mr. Gardner got infected with a voodoo bug that made him do whatever he was told. Maybe someone ordered him to forget about Miss Anderson, so he ended up like this after coming around."

Siobhan's eyes flickered for a moment. Evelyn made Colton forget about Nicole? Yeah, if it were Evelyn, she would indeed do that. I know that because I've brought her up myself. After pondering for a moment, she replied, "Okay, I got it. Is there any way to get his memory back, then?"

The doctor shook his head. Had the man been amnesiac for other reasons, there would be some therapies to help him with it. However, this was his first time coming across a case of voodoo-induced amnesia, so he was also at a loss for how to deal with this. After racking his brains for a while, he suggested, "But you may put him in touch with the person he forgot about as much as he can. Perhaps he will remember her."

Siobhan felt somewhat helpless, but there was no other way at the moment either. She had no choice

but to reply with a nod, "Okay, I got it. Thank you so much, doctor."

Listening to their conversation, Colton had a vague guess of what had happened. Looking up at Siobhan, he asked with a frown, "Madam Gould, is Nicole very important to me? Do I need to remember her?" He found Nicole's name inexplicably familiar, but he couldn't recall anything about her in his mind.

Seeing him like this, Siobhan replied truthfully, "Yeah, she's very important to you. She's your wife, and she's still unconscious right now in order to save you."

Colton frowned. Wife? This word seemed strangely alien to him; he couldn't remember at all when he got married.

Seeing the man like this, Siobhan didn't press him either. She said with a wave of her hand, "Well, you rest up until you get better before you go to see her. It's okay as long as you're alright. You'll slowly get your memory back."

Perhaps because he had just regained consciousness, Colton was rather frail at this moment, and he felt distinctly unwell, too. His head was heavy, and he sank into a state of lethargy, which made him feel extremely uncomfortable. Without giving it much thought, he lay in bed and closed his eyes.

Siobhan, on the other hand, looked at him with mixed feelings. Nicole is now pregnant and has nearly lost the use of her arm in order to save him, yet he's forgotten about her despite the price she paid. Well, whatever happens next, it's better to let them settle it between themselves. Nicole has studied under Doctor White and is very skilled in medicine. Perhaps she can help him recover his memory, so I don't have to worry about them.

At night, Anna brought Hayden over with Benjamin by her side. Holding Hayden in her arms, she and Benjamin entered Colton's room and were startled to see their son lying in bed looking pale. Hurriedly, she stepped forward and began eyeing him up and down. Then, seeing that he wasn't wounded, she finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Colton wasn't in a deep sleep, so he slowly woke up at hearing the door being opened. Squinting his narrow eyes, he rested his gaze on Anna and slowly asked, "Mom, why are you here?"

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Anna's eyes moistened the instant she saw the way Colton looked; even her nose twinged. She sniffled and replied with a sob in her voice, "I'm here to see you, of course. I can't believe I had no idea that something so serious happened to you! Look at you, Colton, you've lost so much weight." Having a gentle nature, she couldn't help but tear up at seeing him like this. In just a moment, her eyes reddened with tears.

Seeing the way she looked, Colton couldn't help but let out a sigh. He raised his voice, saying, "Don't worry, Mom. I'm okay."

Anna slightly composed herself, while Hayden came over and called out in a soft voice, "Daddy..."

Hearing the boy's tender voice, Colton instinctively lowered his eyes to him. The little face before him looked very much like himself, but he couldn't seem to remember this boy. He tried to search in his memory, but his head immediately hurt as if it were going to split. Suppressing it with a frown, he asked with a hint of puzzlement in a deep voice, "Is this my son?"

Anna's pupils dilated at once. Listening to his puzzled voice, she asked in a trembling voice, "Y-You don't remember Hayden anymore?"

Colton nodded.

A hurt look instantly flashed across Hayden's eyes when he saw the distant look on Colton's face. Looking anxious, he gingerly asked, "Daddy, did you forget about me?"

Anna's heart ached when she saw how pitiful her grandson looked. She said, "No, Hayden, Daddy's just joking with you. Now go to Mommy first."

Hayden was no fool, though. He knew Anna was saying that to comfort him, but he didn't expose it. Instead, he nodded and turned around to go to Nicole.

After he had left, Anna asked, "What in the world happened? How did you forget about Hayden?"

Colton clapped his hand over his head and replied in a husky voice, "I'm not particularly sure either, but from what I heard, I seem to be suffering from amnesia after being infected with a voodoo bug."

"So, now you..." Anna hesitated to finish her question.

Colton simply admitted it. He confessed with a nod, "Yeah, I forgot about Nicole and that boy. These memories are very alien to me, and I can't recall any of them."

A look of worry flickered across Anna's eyes. She opened her mouth, not knowing what to say.

Seeing how worried she looked, Colton knew what she was thinking. Summoning up a smile, he slowly replied, "Don't worry, Mom. I'll get better as soon as I can."

Anna looked at the man. This son of hers had never made her worry; whatever happened, he had always taken it upon himself. However, this also caused him to have an aloof personality, and there was nothing she could do about it. She slowly let out a breath and patted him on the shoulder, saying, "It's okay, just take your time. You'll eventually remember them one day."

Meanwhile, Nicole was still lying unconscious in her room. She had overtaxed herself to lure out the voodoo bug for Colton, and this, coupled with her pregnancy and the sudden impact brought on by the bug, caused her to remain unconscious until now.

Siobhan was also present when Hayden arrived. At seeing the boy, she picked him up and said with a smile, "So you're here, Hayden."

Hayden nodded with a flicker of worry in his ink-black pupils. Then, his gaze fell immediately on Nicole, who was lying in bed. "How's Mommy doing?"

"She's fine. She'll be okay with some rest," replied Siobhan in a gentle voice.

Hayden was still worried, though. His face screwed up, and his ink-black eyes blinked. He asked, "How did Mommy get like this?"

Chapter 1190 Nicole Wakes Up

He had been depressed since hearing this news at Gardner Residence. There's no way Mommy would get poisoned with her superb medical skills.

Siobhan also had no idea where to start explaining this. All she knew was that Evelyn had infected Colton with a voodoo bug, and Nicole had slipped unconscious in order to save him.

Seeing that she didn't reply, Hayden more or less figured out what had happened. Looking up with a grim expression, he asked menacingly, "Was Evelyn the culprit?"

Siobhan looked at the boy's expression. Despite his tender age, he now had an extraordinary air about him that was kind of unnerving, which was expected of the son of Nicole and Colton. "Why don't you ask your mommy about this after she wakes up?"

Hayden's little face was sullen. He looked somewhat gloomy, but in the end, he didn't say another word. Instead, he hung his head and began to sulk.

After lying unconscious for hours, Nicole finally opened her eyes. At this moment, she felt extremely lethargic, as though she were being pinned under a weight of several tons.

Seeing her wake up, Siobhan hurriedly helped her up and asked with concern, "Nicole, are you feeling okay?"

Seeing the concern written all over Siobhan's face, Nicole shook her head. At this very moment, however, she looked rather weak and didn't say anything else. She merely replied, "I'm fine, but my throat feels dry—"

Before Siobhan could fetch it, Hayden came over with a glass of water in hand.

Seeing the small hand holding a glass of water, Nicole raised her eyes to see her son. A smile spread across her face. Taking the glass from him, she took a drink from it before reaching out to stroke the boy. "Hayden, why are you here?"

Hayden seemed quite depressed, but he nonetheless managed a strained smile in front of Nicole. "I came with Grandma. We heard from Grandma

Siobhan that both you and Daddy got hurt, so we came over," he explained in a muffled voice while pulling a long face. After looking up at Nicole, he continued, "Mommy, how did you end up like this?"

Nicole didn't know how to explain it to her son either. So, she patted him on the head and replied calmly, "I'm okay. I was just exhausted, but I'm perfectly fine now."

Listening to her reply, Hayden screwed up his face slightly, but he didn't question her any further.

A troubled look flitted across Siobhan's face as she looked at the smile on Nicole's face. Right now, she didn't even know how to tell her daughter about what had happened to Colton.

After she finished speaking to Hayden, Nicole finally turned to look at Siobhan, asking, "How is Colton doing now?"

Siobhan clenched her fists and was suddenly at a loss for words. After a while, she slowly began, "Colton woke up earlier than you did, and he's almost fully recovered. That being said..."

Seeing her hesitation, Nicole knitted her brows for a moment. With bright, clear eyes staring fixedly at Siobhan, she replied in a steady voice, "Just tell me. I can take it."

Siobhan knew that Nicole would have to know this sooner or later. She said, "Nicole, Colton has amnesia after coming around."

"Amnesia, you say?" Nicole's voice raised several pitches in surprise, and a hint of puzzlement flickered across her eyes. Now that the voodoo bug has been removed successfully, why would Colton be suffering from amnesia? Looking at Siobhan, she asked in a quavering voice, "H-How did this happen?"

Siobhan let out a soft sigh. "Nicole, I already had a doctor check on Colton, but things don't look very good for him. The doctor said that someone ordered him to forget about you while he was under the voodoo bug's influence, so he got like this after waking up," she explained.

Nicole let out a wry laugh while clapping her hand over her head. Seems like I've got no choice but to take one step at a time.

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Nicole nodded. "I know. I'll help with his recovery." Her stomach started churning. She tried to hold it in, but the urge welled up so suddenly, she couldn't stop it. She lay on the bed and started to retch. There was nothing but bile since she hadn't eaten before she fainted.

Nicole wondered why she had gotten so weak over the last few days. She'd black out and throw up at odd times. A moment later, she got her answer.

Siobhan said, "You're pregnant, Nicole."

Nicole froze, disbelief flitting in her eyes. Her lips trembled, and she touched her belly. Her last miscarriage significantly damaged her body, the doctor said it was almost impossible for her to get pregnant again, yet now she actually got knocked up. She wondered if this was a blessing or a curse.

Then, she checked her pulse and heaved a sigh of relief. The child's fine. She turned to Hayden, a worried look filling her eyes. "Hayden, I—"

The ever-understanding child answered, "I like having a sibling, Mommy. Just give birth to it."

The child's empathy made her tear up, and she nodded. "Okay."

At the same time, Evelyn was released after a great deal of pestering and haranguing. The moment she did, she hurried over to where Colton was. The bodyguards might have been ordered to stop Evelyn, but they couldn't really go too hard on her. Now that they knew she was the young miss of this family, they went easy on her, and she managed to break free after that.

Evelyn looked at Colton. He was pale and wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, his hair sticking to his

head. He was staring outside, probably deep in his thoughts. No longer was the look in his eyes vacant. Instead, there was light within them, and his lips were pursed.

Evelyn's heart sank. She couldn't believe Nicole managed to heal Colton. She clenched her fists, nails digging into her flesh, a hint of pain searing up her arm.

Colton naturally noticed the almost searing gaze from the doorway as he turned around and looked at Evelyn.

Just when Evelyn thought he would chastise her, he asked with confusion, "Evelyn?"

He doesn't seem angry at me, and there's no hint of his usual anger. Evelyn blinked curiously, and she gave Colton a weird look. Then, she went ahead and called out softly, "Colton..."

Colton nodded. His room was brightly lit by the sun, the golden rays shone upon him, lighting up his hard, icy face. "What brings you here?" Colton asked calmly.

He doesn't seem to be angry at me. Evelyn thought it was odd, but she couldn't stop herself from getting closer to him. "This is my home. Of course, I'm here. Are you unwell, Colton?" she asked carefully. For some reason, Colton was acting weird.

Colton nodded and held his forehead. A while later, he said slowly, "Yeah. They say I lost a part of my memories."

He wasn't even hiding anything. He had lost a big chunk of his memories, forgetting everything about Nicole, so he had also forgotten what Evelyn had done.

Chapter 1192 Forgotten

He only retained the memories up until the part where Evelyn saved him, so he felt no hatred toward her.

The fact that Colton lost his memory delighted Evelyn. She trembled in excitement and went ahead. So, she held Colton's hand with a shaky hand. "Colton."

Colton looked at his hand. A frown furrowed his brows, but he didn't snatch his hand away. Evelyn was like a sister to him, after all, so he wasn't averse to her touch. "I'm fine. Don't worry about me," said Colton huskily.

Evelyn sniffled; her eyes tearful. She blinked and said through sobs, "I was worried sick. I thought you'd die." Since he'd forgotten everything, might as well keep it a secret for now. Reminded of something, Evelyn looked at him and carefully asked, "Do you still remember Nicole, Colton?"

Confusion welled in Colton's eyes, and he shook his head. Pain flared, and he held his head. For some reason, his head would hurt like hell whenever that name was mentioned, even when he didn't even remember her. "I don't, but everyone tells me she's incredibly important to me," answered Colton in a raspy voice.

Evelyn's heart sank, and she quickly said, "If you can't remember her, then you don't have to. She's probably someone unimportant, or you wouldn't have forgotten about her."

Colton frowned, but he said nothing.

A slender silhouette stood at the doorway. The scene of Evelyn and Colton huddled together stung. She couldn't believe Evelyn would be with Colton.

Colton turned around and saw Nicole the instant he realized someone was outside the room. Their eyes met, and both froze.

He stared at Nicole. He had never seen this woman before, but the moment their eyes met, a familiar feeling welled in his heart, and that sensation washed over his mind.

Nicole calmed down and slowly entered the room. She stood before the bed and slowly said, "They told me you lost your memory."

Judging from this woman's behavior, Colton knew that this was the same person everyone had been talking about: Nicole. "You're Nicole?" Colton inquired, curious.

One look at his bemused expression and Nicole knew he had forgotten about her. She held back her sadness and looked at him, a little upset, but she still replied, "Yes."

A frown furrowed Colton's brow. He answered, "I'm sorry. They say you're very important to me, but I can't remember a thing about you."

A bitter smile twisted Nicole's lips, and she nodded. "It's alright. You'll regain your memories eventually."

She looked at Evelyn's hands. She would never accept Colton being with anyone else, so she went ahead and tugged their hands away. For some reason, he didn't even feel mad when she did that. Instead, he thought that was normal.

Evelyn, however, did not share the same sentiment. She glared at Nicole and viciously hissed, "What

are you doing, Nicole?"

Nicole stood in front of Colton and looked at Evelyn coolly. "He just got out of the woods. If you really want him to get back on his feet as soon as possible, you'll leave right now."

Chapter 1193 Feel for Her

Evelyn pulled her hand back, but she stood her ground, refusing to leave. Now that Colton had forgotten about her crimes and his past with Nicole, it was the perfect chance for her to exploit this opening. She didn't want to give up just like that. Evelyn turned her gaze to Colton and deliberately pulled the puppy eyes look. "I want to stay here with you, Colton."

The look did not elicit an ounce of sympathy from Colton, but she did save him once, so he relented a little. "I'm almost healed now. I don't need you taking care of me, but you can stay if you want."

The announcement made Nicole tense. Confusion flashed in her eyes, and she turned around, giving Colton a hurt look.

Siobhan entered just then. When she saw Evelyn in the room, it made her frown, and she went over to grab Evelyn by the wrist. "Get back, Evelyn."

Evelyn would not give her chance up that easily, not when she went through hell just to get it, and she shook her head. "No, I want to take care of him. And he said I could stay."

Siobhan knew Colton had lost his memory, but she was surprised he was being so lenient with Evelyn. She looked at Nicole and realized she looked

stiff. Siobhan took on a stern countenance and tersely said, "I need to talk to you. Come with me."

The fact that Siobhan took Nicole's side angered Evelyn, and she choked, her eyes glistening with tears. "He's forgotten about her, so why are you taking her side?"

Gods, how stubborn can this girl be? Siobhan felt a headache coming on.

Colton wondered why they were fighting, but he defended Evelyn, "Madam Gould, she can stay if she wants to."

Siobhan's frown deepened right there and then.

Nicole stepped in when she saw that things were getting even more awkward. "Let her stay, Madam Gould."

Nicole's intervention made Siobhan stop. She had a conflicted look in her eyes, but eventually, she said nothing.

Once she was gone, Nicole approached Colton and stared at him. Colton raised his head to meet her eyes as well. They were as clear as a lake, her soul laid bare to see. Just a look into her eyes filled him with affection.

"I am Nicole Anderson, a doctor. I'll check on you now. Tell me if you feel unwell," said Nicole.

Her voice was crisp and clear. When she spoke, it was like a warm breeze brushing against his face. It felt nice. "Sure." Colton nodded.

Nicole dismissed Evelyn and quickly checked on Colton. He had a sturdy constitution. Thanks to that, he healed fast right after the bug was extracted. Aside from his amnesia, there was nothing else wrong with him. Still, she had no idea why he lost his memories. She chalked it up to the brainwashing Evelyn did when he was under the spell.

After a round of check-ups, Nicole pulled her hand back and stood up, but everything around her turned black, and her stomach churned. She clasped a hand over her mouth as she almost puked.

Colton hastily held her and asked, "What's wrong?" Nicole was but a stranger to him, and yet seeing her looking so pale made his heart hurt. It seemed that some part of him was worried for her.

Chapter 1194 Out

Evelyn became angered by the sight as she stepped ahead and looked at Colton. "This woman's a witch, Colton. You should stay away from her."

Her slander warranted nothing but a frown from Colton. Anna then came in, and when she saw Evelyn, her face fell. "Why are you here?"

Anna's presence forced Evelyn to calm down a little. She hung her head low and whispered, "Colton just woke up, so I came to see him."

Anna sneered. Then, she acted unlike her usual, gentle self as she snapped, "Out. You're not welcome here."

Evelyn teared up and sniffled.

That would not work for Anna. She had been managing the family for years, and she'd seen her fair share of snakes. Evelyn's victim act earned nothing but scorn from her, and she waved her away. "Don't even try to pull any tricks with me. I know exactly what kind of woman you are."

Evelyn wouldn't argue with Anna, given that she was Colton's mother. She gazed at Colton for a moment and left as she was told.

Only after Evelyn was gone did Anna ease up a little, then she looked at her bemused son. Then, she said sternly, "Stay away from that woman. Nicole's your wife, not her."

Colton had just woken up, and he lost two years' worth of memories, forgetting both Nicole and Hayden. He remembered that Evelyn had saved his life, and he'd treated her like his sister, so he was

nice to her. Our families are friends too, so why's Mom so harsh to her? He frowned, confusion flashing in his eyes.

There's no way he can remember anything now. Nicole turned to Anna. So, Nicole gently said, "Mrs. Gardner, he's lost his memories. We can't force him to regain his memories, or it might cause a lapse in memory."

Anna gave her son a weird look, but in the end, she said nothing. Thus, she composed and looked at Nicole. "You two talk things out. I'll leave." Then, she left without another word.

Only Nicole and Colton were left. Nicole stood before the bed, staring at him, unsure of what to say.

In the end, Colton spoke first, "They say you're my wife, so that child is my son, isn't he?"

Nicole smiled bitterly, and she nodded. "Yes."

Colton frowned again, musing over something. A long while later, he slowly raised his head. Hoarsely, he said, "Sorry, but I don't remember anything about you or the child." He couldn't remember a thing about Nicole or Hayden.

Nicole slowly balled her fists, but she forced a smile on her face. "It's alright. Someday you'll regain your memories."

Colton stared down, still immersed in his thoughts. A long while later, he said, "Did something happen between me and Evelyn?" Judging from his mother's reaction, Evelyn had definitely done something reprehensible enough to warrant that attitude.

"Yes, she did something bad, but that's not important for now. Get some rest. I'll help you regain your memories once you're all healed up," Nicole said nothing more. Colton had just woken up, and his memories were still a mess. She worried that forcing a total recall might be bad for him.

Chapter 1195 Hayden's Warning

Colton looked at Nicole. She was in a white dress, looking clean and innocent. It stirred some affection within him. Despite how unfamiliar Nicole was, he liked the feeling she gave off. He then kept quiet and leaned back on the bed, closing his eyes.

A moment later, Nicole asked, "I'm going to Durobrivae. You coming?"

Colton slowly opened his eyes before asking curiously, "Why are you going to Durobrivae? Do you have something to do there?"

Nicole pursed her lips. "Yeah. They have better equipment there, and I want to help you regain your memories."

Colton thought it over and nodded. "Okay, I'm going." He might've lost his memories, but he didn't want to live without gaining them back. It would be great if he could get back his memories.

Nicole nodded. "Good. We'll set off in three days to Durobrivae's medical base. I'll make sure you gain your memories back."

Nicole was going to leave, but right after she stepped out of the room, Colton asked, "Can you tell the child to come in?"

Nicole froze and turned around.

Colton smiled. "I might have forgotten about the child, but as his father, I have the duty of caring for him."

Nicole smiled. Even though Colton had lost his memory, he still was a good father. She nodded. "Of course. I'll tell him."

"Thank you." Colton fell silent after that. Once Nicole was gone, he lay on his bed, wondering how he turned out this way. He looked at himself and noticed a scar on his wrist. The wound had closed up, but the redness gleaming through his skin still looked a little eerie.

His mother told him that the scar was the remnant of the poison within him. Nicole extracted the poison from him, but he was left with this scar. He closed his eyes and tried to search through his memories, but all he came up with was... Nothing. He remembered nothing.

Nicole told Hayden to get into the room. The boy came to the bed, looking tense. He looked at Colton, but he said nothing.

One look at the boy and Colton knew Hayden had to be his son. They looked too alike. Still, he could see that Hayden wasn't very fond of him. So, he smiled. "You don't like me, do you?"

Hayden stared him down. Then, he said with a terse voice, "You broke Mommy's heart. You're not a good man or a good husband."

Precocious, isn't he? Mirth filled Colton's eyes, and he pointed at his head. Then, he replied with a tone filled with resignation, "I'd love to regain my memories, but they were lost the moment I woke up. You and Nicole do not exist in my life so far."

Hayden tensed up even further, staring into Colton's eyes. Finally, he said stiffly, "If you betray her, I won't forgive you."

He's so cute. Amused by the child's warning, Colton wanted to laugh, but he held it back and patted Hayden's head. He did his best to swallow his laughter before saying calmly, "Don't worry. I might've lost my memories, but Nicole and I are still a couple, so I will never cheat on her."

Hayden felt as though a great weight had been lifted off his shoulders after hearing Colton's promise. So, he climbed up to the bed and dangled his legs over the edge.

Colton could see that Nicole was a lot more important than he was to the boy. A moment later, he asked, "You don't like me, do you?"

Chapter 1196 Starting Again

Hayden looked at Colton with flickering eyes. "That's not it." He liked Colton, of course. This man was his father, but should he and Nicole become enemies, he would choose his mother without hesitation. Nicole raised him and survived their hardest days. He would never abandon her.

Colton looked at the resolute boy and chuckled, then he patted Hayden's face. He said hoarsely, "Don't worry. I'll try to regain my memories ASAP."

Hayden eased up a little after hearing his father's words. He looked up and nodded. "Do it ASAP. Mommy's pregnant now, so don't make her mad."

Pregnant? A hint of surprise flared in Colton's eyes. She didn't tell me she's pregnant. It was a weird feeling knowing he would be a father again soon, but he didn't say anything else. He nodded and grunted.

They rested up at the Gould Residence. Aside from Colton losing two years of memories, everything else went on normally. Benjamin came to see him for a bit, but they only spoke a little behind closed doors.

Once he was done talking to Colton, Benjamin came to see Nicole. Benjamin was already in his fifties, and yet he didn't even have that many wrinkles. He was in a black suit, the air around him solemn and reserved. He looked just like his son but with a more experienced look in his eyes. He had an air of calmness around him.

He looked at Nicole and asked, "Have you come up with a plan?"

Nicole hadn't really talked with Benjamin. Even after her marriage with Colton, she'd only seen

Benjamin a few times. She remembered him as a man of few words, yet even in his silence, she could feel the regality flowing from him. It was like he was born with it. Like he was born to be a ruler. "Yeah. I'm taking him to Durobrivae. Their equipment is better suited for his recovery," said Nicole softly.

Benjamin leaned on the wall, tapping his finger on it. He mused for a moment and said, "What if he can never remember you?"

Nicole froze for a moment, sorrow quickly flashing in her eyes, but she perked herself up later, smiling. "If he can't remember me, we can always start our relationship over."

Benjamin gave the brave Nicole a look of approval. She was no weakling. Every time she ran into a problem, she would tackle it head-on instead of just moping around. He liked this part of her.

He'd looked into Colton's case. If it weren't for Nicole pulling the bug out, he'd be nothing but a living corpse for the rest of his life. He couldn't attack Evelyn just yet, given that she was a part of the Wrenns, but that didn't mean he couldn't do something to trip her up. "Tell me if you need anything. We'll give you our full support."

Nicole was touched. Benjamin didn't say anything else after that, but their family's support was the best thing she could ask for. Nicole and Colton stayed in the Gould Residence for the next few days.

Rita came to see Colton. The moment she found out he was an amnesiac, she quickly sought Siobhan out. "Siobhan, I need you to send Evelyn away. Back to the Wrenn Residence or anywhere, I don't care. Do not let her hang around Colton and Nicole," she said solemnly.

Siobhan knew what she was worried about. The instant Evelyn learned Colton had lost his memories, she'd been showing up around him more frequently, trying to worm her way into his side.

Chapter 1197 Useless

A moment of musing later, Siobhan nodded. "I understand."

Rita looked at her and sighed. "You've been so busy, you neglected Evelyn. She's raised under the care of the Wrenns, and yet she turned out to be... You know part of it is your responsibility, don't you?" Rita reproached.

Siobhan hung her head low, not arguing. Rita was right. She had placed a great deal of focus on her career and neglected her child. Evelyn had unbridled freedom, and because of that, she turned out to be a reckless woman who did everything without thinking about the consequences. She only did what she felt like, and now she was nothing but a willful and overgrown child.

Rita looked at her silent daughter, and she sighed. She couldn't go down on her too hard. "Nicole and Colton's going to Durobrivae in a few days. You should take Evelyn back to the Wrenn Residence. You and not anyone else. No one can keep an eye on her." She has to stay away from them, or the couple will never know peace.

Worried about Rita, Siobhan asked, "What about you—"

Rita raised her hand. "I know, and so what? You are not God. You cannot heal me."

Siobhan had mixed feelings about that, but she agreed to the arrangement.

Noon came. It was a sunny day, the afternoon sunshine shining warmly upon the land. Nicole and Colton were basking under the sun. Thanks to the rest, they were getting better. Still, Colton's memories didn't show any sign of returning.

Just when they were in the middle of the chat, Evelyn came up to them, huffing and puffing, and she waved at Colton. "Oh, you're here too, Colton. It's a nice day today, so why don't we walk together?" Evelyn broke out into a sweet smile, speaking softly. And she huddled closer to Colton.

Colton looked at her, but he didn't refuse her. "I'm almost fully recovered. It's time to leave."

The fact that he was leaving made Evelyn's face fall, and she pouted at him. "Where are you going? Take me with you? It's not like I have anything to do at home. It's boring."

"I can't," Colton refused. He was going with Nicole to regain his memories. Not to mention his mother and Madam Gould told her to stay away from Evelyn. He couldn't remember what Evelyn did, but if everyone was telling him to stay away, she had to have done something pretty big. He was only polite to her because she saved his life. Or according to what remained of his memories, she saved his life.

Evelyn thought he would say yes, so the refusal made her frown a little, and she puckered her lips. "Colton—"

Before she could finish, Colton frowned. "Enough. I am not taking you along."

Shocked by the solemnity, she looked up in fear. Did he remember everything? The thought alone almost made her jump. She scrutinized Colton carefully with pursed lips. She wanted to ask him something, but she held her tongue.

The moment he realized that he might've sounded too harsh, he softened his tone and calmly said, "I'm going for treatment. It's not like you can help even if you were to come."

Chapter 1198 Cannot Betray Her

Treatment? But his only condition now is his amnesia. Panic swelled within Evelyn's heart. If he remembers everything, he's going to push me away again. So, she hastily stepped ahead and tried to hold Colton's arm, but he dodged away from her.

She stared at him, wide-eyed and sullen. "Do you hate me that much, Colton?" she said through sobs.

For some reason, Colton didn't even feel worried seeing her pout. Instead, he felt a hint of annoyance flaring within him.

Siobhan came. When she noticed the tension in the air, she pulled Evelyn over. "You guys can go if you need to. She's returning to the Wrenn Residence with me."

Evelyn's brows furrowed when she heard that, and she quickly refused, "I'm not going back!"

That gained her an icy look from Siobhan. She hissed, "If you're not coming back with me, I shall disown you. The public will find out about that, and you will no longer be a part of the Wrenn Family. You'd best think things through."

She's warning me? Evelyn gritted her teeth, tears glistening in her eyes. She couldn't believe Siobhan would go this far. So, she hissed through clenched teeth, "I. Am. Not. Going. Back."

How stubborn can she be? Siobhan's frown deepened. She knew Evelyn was obstinate, but she couldn't believe Evelyn would give up her spot in the Wrenn Family just to leave with Colton. She's beyond the point of no return.

Unfortunately, this was no negotiation. Even if Evelyn refused to go, Siobhan would take her away by

force. "Pack your things. I'm picking you up later," said Siobhan stiffly. If she let Evelyn do whatever she wanted, God knew what she would do. She was doing this for Nicole's and Evelyn's good.

Evelyn had tears in her eyes, and she stared at Siobhan in disbelief. She couldn't believe Siobhan would use force, and she broke down. So, she shouted, "You can't do this!"

"I'm doing this for your own good. You staying with Colton will bring him no good," said Siobhan coldly, then she left with a huff.

With that, Evelyn knew that Siobhan had decided she would take her back to the Wrenn Residence regardless of her protests. She clenched her fists, nails digging into her palm, she was on the verge of tears, yet she couldn't say a word.

Night came. Despite Evelyn's reluctance, she failed to escape Siobhan's grasp. Siobhan forcefully took her away, and Evelyn struggled, roaring, "No! I don't want this! I'm not even your daughter, Siobhan! You can't do this to me!" Evelyn cursed and spat the foulest insults she could hurl at Siobhan.

Siobhan felt her blood grow cold. She couldn't believe the girl she raised would talk to her that way.

Once Evelyn was taken away, silence fell upon the household. Nicole and Colton were getting ready for their trip to Durobrivae. Since they were going for serious business, Hayden did not tag along, and Anna took him away.

Anna looked at Nicole and Colton, then she held her son's hand. She said coolly, "Never betray Nicole, get it?" He's lost his memories and doesn't remember her. Anna was worried he might hurt her with his ignorance.

Colton looked at his worried mother, then he nodded, chuckling. "I know. I'm still her husband, so I won't do anything stupid."

That promise was reassuring, and Anna felt better.

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The couple came to Durobrivae in the afternoon. The whole reason Nicole took Colton here was because of their facilities. Maybe they could help him regain his memories.

She took him to the medical base. Gina was surprised to see Nicole return. She left in a hurry last time and seemed to disappear. Gina thought something bad happened. Through the science academy, she soon discovered that Nicole's husband was infected by a bug, so she couldn't leave him.

Yet, here she was along with her husband. Colton stood around, his attire casual. Even so, he looked regal. A moment of shock later, Gina put on a fake smile, looking at Nicole. "What brings you here, Nicole?"

Nicole chuckled and looked at Gina. Nonetheless, she cut to the chase with an equally plastic smile, "Why can't I be here?"

She had returned this time to confront Gina, no longer willing to play the long game. In just a few years, the medical base had become a cesspool all thanks to this woman's leadership. This base was White's life's work, and she would not allow Gina to ruin it. She came back to Durobrivae for two reasons: one, to treat Colton, and two, to take back the base.

"Oh, I'm not saying you can't. It's just that you left in a hurry last time, and I thought something

happened to you. I'm happy to see you still in one piece," said Gina slowly, her fake smile still painted across her lips.

Chapter 1199 Enough

Nicole didn't have the patience to mess around. So, she said with a tinge of impatience, "I came back this time to take over this base. By tomorrow, I want you to hand over all the files and documents in this place."

The proclamation came as a shock. Gina clenched her fists, her eyes going wide with disbelief. A long while later, she finally realized Nicole wasn't kidding. Her eyes darted around, and she stammered, "T- That's a bit sudden, don't you think? This base isn't as simple as it looks. I can't gather up all the files by tomorrow."

Nicole didn't look at her. She simply smiled and said, "It's alright. I have the highest clearance around anyway. I can check the files with or without your help." Nicole went inside.

A panicked Gina quickly caught up to Nicole. "You seem to distrust me a lot. I've been toiling away for the base all these years, and you seem to be accusing me of doing something bad," said Gina, her face red with indignation. She was attempting to make herself out to be the victim here.

Nicole stopped and whirled; her eyes filled with nothing but cool darkness. Cool, inky darkness. She looked almost disquietingly reserved. "Whether it's an accusation or truth, we'll know once I search the files." Nicole smiled mirthlessly, the look in her eyes stone cold. "You have nothing to fear if you haven't done anything wrong," she continued.

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Nicole didn't have the patience to mess around. So, she said with a tinge of impatience, "I come back this time to take over this base. By tomorrow, I want you to hand over all the files and documents in this place."

The proclamation came as a shock. Gino clenched her fists, her eyes going wide with disbelief. A long while later, she finally realized Nicole wasn't kidding. Her eyes darted around, and she stammered, "T- That's a bit sudden, don't you think? This base isn't as simple as it looks. I can't gather up all the files by tomorrow."

Nicole didn't look at her. She simply smiled and said, "It's alright. I have the highest clearance around anyway. I can check the files with or without your help." Nicole went inside.

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Colton followed Nicole all the way, watching her deal with Gina, and he had a look of approval in her eyes. She's swift, efficient, and doesn't drag things out. He knew all that just from the conversation alone.

Colton then looked at Nicole, who was working away on the computer, and he smiled.

Nicole was scanning through the data. As expected, the medical base's ledgers were alright. Nothing incriminating.

The instant Gina noticed Nicole's failure of finding any evidence, she stepped forward threateningly. "There's nothing wrong with the base's accounts. If you're still worried, I can leave."

Nicole gave her a glance and smiled, but she said nothing. She kept typing away at the keyboard, and then she pulled up yet another transaction history.

The appearance of this record shocked Gina, and she turned black as thunder. That's my private account. How'd she find it?

She tried to stop Nicole from going any further, but someone got in her way before she could do anything. Colton demanded loudly, "She's investigating. I thought you said you did nothing wrong, so why are you panicking?"

Colton loomed over Gina like a mountain, the air around him filled with danger. Gina's eyes turned bloodshot. Finally, she hissed through gritted teeth, "What do you want, Nicole?"

Nicole didn't bother looking at her. She clicked away on the mouse and printed the data, then she grinned at Gina, her pearly whites in display. "This should be enough evidence to keep you behind bars."

Chapter 1200 That's Slander

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Gina looked a lot more relieved, and she turned to Nicole. She said hoarsely, "I know you think I betrayed the base, Miss Anderson, but it's been a hard time for us. The base would've closed down if not for what I did."

My gods, she thinks that justification is valid. Nicole laughed. How brazen. They can just come up with any excuse they want. She chuckled. "Then, tell me what you did with the money. Any records? Witnesses? Evidence?"

Gina had no idea how to answer the barrage of questions.

Roxanna stood in front of her, arguing, "Miss Anderson, if you don't trust Ms. Feuer, then you shouldn't be asking her any questions at all. We've witnessed the work she put in. If you want to take over the base, just say it. You don't have to accuse Ms. Feuer of something she didn't do just for that."

How laughable. Nicole almost burst out laughing. The evidence is clear. Gina sold the base's items to line her pockets, but now they're accusing me of slander because I want to take back the base?