

Chapter 13 The Wife Behaves Strangely Around Us

Daniel had never seen Dillon graveling at him for all these years, so he pretended to be jovial. “It is okay. We are all family.” But Karen glared at them indignantly. “Since Nicole has entered the high school at Royal Creek Institute, she had better not disgrace the Riddle family with lousy results.” So what if Nicole had entered the Royal Creek Institute? She would still be a disgrace for the Riddle family if she could not show results. Gloria’s expression subtly changed, but she plucked up the courage and said, “We will make sure Nicole delivers. Besides, Mr. Ellison is going to take care of her. Don’t you worry, Karen.” Karen’s expression darkened immediately, as she did not expect that Gloria would dare to shoot back. Seeing the situation, Dillon quickly stepped forward and dragged Karen away, saying, “It is getting late now. Hurry up. We have got to go.”

Daniel and Gloria looked at each other and could not help but feel proud of their daughter. When they were back at home, Daniel praised Nicole, saying, “You really made us proud today.” Daniel had been looked down upon in the family for so many years, and it was the first time he felt so proud. It was extremely satisfying whenever he thought of Karen’s red face. Karen had been bullying Gloria all this while, and this time, it was her turn to get a taste of her own medicine. Norah just went downstairs and sensed something was wrong when she heard this. “Dad, what made you so happy?” They should have come back in frustration when Nicole could not get into the Royal Creek Institute. Why did they praise Nicole instead? Seeing that his father was happy, Sean briefly told Norah what had happened and did not forget to look at Nicole.

“Nicole is the lucky star of our family.” Norah was wide-eyed. “Mr. Ellison invited her.” What was going on here? Why did Mr. Ellison invite Nicole to the school if they had only met once? “We didn’t expect that either, but Mr. Ellison had sent Nicole an invitation by email, asking her to report to the school tomorrow.” At first, Norah wanted to see Nicole get taunted. But Nicole did not suffer any embarrassment. Instead, she had made herself stand out. Norah immediately bit her lower lip and looked at Nicole with indignation. It really surprised her that this hillbilly was so capable. She had really underestimated her. “Congratulations.” Deep down inside, Norah was really upset, but she still pretended to be congratulatory. Nicole ignored her and said politely to her parents, “Dad, Mom, I am tired. I will go upstairs now.” “Go rest up.” Gloria said dotingly.

Nicole bowed her head and left, not noticing that Sean was looking at her with his deep-set eyes. There seemed to be more to this sister of his from the countryside than met the eye, he thought. It was a sunny morning the next day. Nicole got up early to go for a walk. When she returned from martial arts practice, she saw two more people in the living room. The two were dressed differently, but their faces were made from the same mold. “This is our sister?” Seeing Nicole, the teenager in a tracksuit stood up and came up to study Nicole, as if she were some kind of strange creature. Nicole was also studying the teenager, who looked like she was her age, athletic, and sunny. “Nicole, this is Samuel, your fifth elder brother.”

Sean saw that Samuel’s behavior was a little rude and pressed a hand on his shoulder to tell him to behave. “My fifth elder brother?” Nicole looked at the teenager, who had a baby face and looked like an adolescent boy. Yet she had to call him her elder brother. “Your voice sounds so sweet. Let’s say it again.” Samuel was naughty and playful. “Sean, Samuel needs some good spanking. Do it.” At this time, another teenager sitting on the sofa spoke. “Don’t do it, Sean. I didn’t do anything!” Samuel hurriedly begged for forgiveness. Sean patted him on the shoulder. “I have no time for this. I have got to go to work now. You take care of your sister and send her to school. Got it?” “Yes, sir!” Samuel got up and gave Sean a salute. A smile crept to her lips as Nicole found that this fifth elder brother of hers was hilarious.

Nicole recognized the boy who sat on the sofa and looked almost exactly the same as Samuel. “This must be my fourth elder brother, right?” Gloria had told her that her fourth and fifth brothers were twins. Since Samuel was the fifth, this must be the fourth. “Smart.” Her fourth elder brother let out a smile. His name was Spencer, who also had a sunny smile but with an added artistry persona, which was completely different from Samuel. “We both are in twelfth grade at Royal Creek Institute. Dad and Mom said you were unfamiliar with the school and asked us to take you to report to the school.” “Okay, then. I will go upstairs and get changed.” Nicole nodded and went upstairs. “Nicole seems to be unfriendly. Norah is better.”

Samuel scratched the back of his head in embarrassment. Sean glared at him and said, “But Norah is not your biological sister.” He then left. Samuel blinked and looked at Spencer. “Is Sean angry?” “What do you think?” Spencer rolled his eyes at him because Samuel was asking the obvious. When Nicole came downstairs again, breakfast had already begun. Daniel, Gloria, and Norah were also present. “Spencer, Samuel, you two have not been back for many days. I miss you guys so much.” Norah deliberately coddled them in front of Nicole. Samuel could not help but smile. “It is still Norah who has me at heart.” “Ahem!” Spencer saw Nicole coming down and quickly signaled his dumb brother.