

Chapter 25 The Wife Behaves Strangely Around Us

Ms. Emerson turned her head to look at Nicole with a gentle smile. “Keep up the good work, Nicole. Don’t get complacent just because you have scored a full mark this time. The monthly exam is around the corner; it is still crucial to do revision at night.” Yesterday, she thought that Nicole’s grades were mediocre. Nicole was even absent from the self-study class last night. It was only after the test did she find Nicole’s exam results to be anything but mediocre. She was now much more at ease. It shocked Bradley to see how easily Ms. Emerson glossed over Nicole’s absence from the self-study class. Jack was even more dumbfounded, not expecting Nicole to be the only person who got a perfect score. He and Wayne looked at Nicole, sitting in the third row from the last, as if she were some kind of monster. While passing the test papers to Nicole, there was a complicated look in Lulu’s eyes as she noticed that Nicole had corrected the two questions that she had done wrong. Those two questions were tough problems and very challenging.

She had thought about it for a long time, was still confused by them, and gave the wrong answers. Yet Nicole could see through the problems at a glance and come up with smart, concise, and correct answers. She looked at Nicole’s steps toward a solution; her thinking was unique and unconventional yet effective. She admitted she was way behind Nicole. Could it be that this transfer student from the countryside was a real genius? Ms. Emerson also featured Nicole’s problem-solving approach in her lectures. She compared it with the standard textbook answers and praised Nicole’s creative approach. After the class, Lulu came up to Nicole and asked, “Did you come up with the solution to those two problems yourself?” Nicole nodded. Compiling hacking codes was a thousand times more difficult than these test papers. These test papers were completely unnecessary for her.

If it were not for the sake of submitting assignments, she would not even write it, as it would be a waste of time. That was why she just copied and pasted the answers. “Nicole, you are awesome. Do you have time to teach me?” Seeing Lulu look at her with adoration, Nicole could not refuse her. She agreed with a smile. “Sure.” After Lulu left, Nicole felt stares from behind her while she lazily put her things into her bag. However, she paid no heed. Instead, she just packed and left the classroom. It was not until Nicole disappeared from the line of sight that Gary pulled back his gaze thoughtfully. Nicole was standing in front of the Royal Creek Institute campus as the driver called and apologized to her, saying that the traffic was too congested and telling her to wait a little longer. Nicole saw that there was a café in front of the school. Since it was still early and she had nowhere to go, she thought she might as well go in and sit down in the café. Once stepping into the café, she found that the interior decoration was of a Nordic style she liked very much.

The color tone was subtle with a tad of a luxury feel, which showed the café owner had good taste. Nicole walked over to the bar, ordered a glass of iced Americano, and then went to the corner of the café and sat down. It was laid-back and free. Nicole sat in a chair and read the foreign language book. Unfortunately, it did not take long before a few people came in and sat down at an adjacent table. Hearing the familiar voices, Nicole looked up and saw Norah, Snow, and Raine. “Nicole, I didn’t expect to see you here.” Norah saw Nicole and immediately let out a friendly smile. “Do you want to join us?” Nicole was not interested in Norah. Besides, she was disgusted to see Snow and Raine surrounded by those who tried sucking up to them. “It is alright. My driver will be here soon.” If she had nowhere to go, she would have wanted to leave by now. “I will go shopping with my cousins and will be home late.” Norah had a triumphant smile on his face, as if she were showing off that she could mingle with Snow and Raine.

Nicole gave a plastic smile. “Suit yourself.” Her look of giving a d*mn upset Norah. She had invested so much time and effort to cozy up to Snow and Raine. What gave Nicole the right to ignore what her family thought? Biting her lip and seeing that Nicole had bowed her head to read her book, Norah could only turn around and return to her table. Celia Rowe, Norah’s buddy, saw Nicole ignoring Norah and asked in puzzlement, “So arrogant. Who is she?” Celia seldom checked the forum and thus did not know who Nicole was. When asked, Norah immediately lowered her head and pretended to be embarrassed. “My sister is from the countryside. She doesn’t know much about manners. I hope you all don’t mind.” But her words caused the girls to frown. “A country girl is so arrogant?” “Uncivilized.” Celia shot a sideways glance at Nicole and sneered. “I wonder if a hillbilly knows how to appreciate coffee. She should have gone back to the countryside and done farming instead.” Seeing Nicole being ridiculed, Snow and Raine sat by and gloated over it. With so many people sucking up to her, Celia was carried away. She stirred the coffee in her hand and then took a deep breath of the aroma of coffee. “I could tell with just a sip that this coffee was made from the beans grown in Habla. I wonder if a hillbilly knows how to appreciate.”