

## Chapter 26 The Wife Behaves Strangely Around Us

Snow was cooperative. “Indeed, I can also tell that this should be Hablese coffee beans and was probably produced last year. That’s why it is so fragrant and has a very strong coffee aroma.” Raine quickly nodded. “The roasting of this coffee bean goes through ten complex processes.” Everyone listened to them and nodded their heads in praise of their erudition. Seeing that they had gotten all the attention they wanted, Snow and Raine played humble, pretending that they were not seeking compliments, yet the smile on their faces had never stopped. Norah felt triumphant, too, after Nicole was ridiculed. Just as they were at it, sudden laughter came. Snow and Raine turned around abruptly, not realizing that Nicole was leaning back in her chair and looking at them with unbridled sarcasm. Raine was the first to lose her cool. “What are you laughing at?” “I laugh at you all, smart aleck.” Nicole did not want to intervene at first, but these people had jabbed at her. She was not going to take the insult lying down.

“Smart aleck? How dare you call us that, hillbilly?” Raine was pissed, as no one at school dared to talk to them like this. She thought Nicole was too arrogant. Norah remained silent, eager to see how the twins were going to fix Nicole. But Nicole just swirled her coffee cup and took a sip gracefully. “This isn’t a Hablese coffee bean at all, but a new variety cultivated by a certain private estate in Floeze. It is a specialty, which is basically not sold to the public.” “Stop pretending already. We can even tell the roasting process.” Celia was diffident after hearing what Nicole had said. Nicole looked at the time and walked over to their table. She pressed her hands on the table and continued with a faint smile. “What roasting process are you talking about?” Nicole looked at them with disdain and scorn in her eyes, her powerful persona irrefutable. “This coffee bean is roasted using the internationally famous Floeze Roast extremely deep roasting method so that the roasted coffee beans have a strong aroma and smooth taste but are not sour. It brews a unique café au lait.

I don’t know if you have heard of the principle that less is more. Often, the simpler the roasting method, the better the coffee, and coffee beans that have gone through over a dozen processes are probably just a pile of charcoal.” “Charcoal?” Everyone was stunned. Looking at the three girls who spoke just now, they thought about it carefully. It seemed that what Nicole had said made sense. The colors on Snow and Raine’s faces changed. They knew nothing about coffee, and what they said just now was mere hearsay. Raine felt humiliated, but she was not going to admit it. “Stop lying. This is clearly Hablese coffee. Don’t be a smart alec.” “Yeah. When you say it is Floezen coffee beans, is it Floezen? I might as well say it is Esperian!” Celia came to her senses. Just then, Norah got up, pretending to worry about Nicole. “Stop talking if you know nothing, Nicole. They often drink coffee.” Norah was convinced that Nicole was lying. Those who knew nothing would think that what Norah said was more believable. After all, how many times did a country girl drink coffee?

Right then, a magnetic voice came. “Miss Riddle is spot on. My coffee beans are indeed from Floezen Manor, and the roasting method used is indeed deep roasting. I really did not expect that Miss Riddle was so knowledgeable.” The voice was elegant and sonorous, so everyone could not help but look at the person. It was a man looking dignified in a silver-gray suit. He came up to Nicole. “What a coincidence, Miss Riddle.” Nicole raised an eyebrow, not expecting to see Jared here. “What are you doing here?” Seeing that Nicole was so curious, Max quickly stepped forward. “I guess you haven’t known—this new café belongs to Mr. Johnston.” “This is his café?” While Nicole furrowed her brows, those people sitting behind her were stunned. Even Snow and Raine froze to see such a charming guy. Snow knew this name well.

“Jared? Aren’t you the junior owner of Johnston Group?” She had heard about it lately that Mr. Johnston Sr.’s grandson had returned from studying abroad. Could it be him? “I can’t believe it! He is Nicole’s fiancé.” Raine’s eyes were full of envy. She had spent much time and effort courting Gary, but a hillbilly like Nicole could easily have such an outstanding fiancé. The jealousy in Norah’s eyes almost overflowed when Norah heard the word ‘fiancé.’ These envied eyes should have been on her. “Nicole, you should quickly introduce him to us.” Snow looked eagerly at Jared. Nicole glanced at her and could not believe that Snow had changed her attitude so quickly. Snow had just given her the cold shoulder a while ago and now pretended to be close to her and wanted her to introduce Jared to her. “Didn’t you just know his identity?” Why bother her with such an introduction?