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Chapter 111 Hide Another Woman

Nicole felt like the rain was falling onto her heart.

Jared held onto the steering wheel tightly, not daring to relax. It was dangerous to drive on a mountain road in this kind of weather, and Nicole's questions were not helping.

"It's... Director Ning, I think it's better if you ask Mr. Gu yourself when you see him later."

Kerr did not tell Nicole where he was going. Jared did not think it was appropriate for him to tell Nicole.

"Is he hiding another woman up in the mountains?"

Nicole was speculating, but at the same time, she could not help feeling sad.

If that was the case, Nicole hurrying there to see Kerr with another woman would be the biggest joke of all. However, she was still extremely worried. All she wanted was to see Kerr safe and sound.

"No, of course not, Director Ning. How can you think of Mr. Gu like that? He's doing everything for you!"

Jared felt compelled to defend Kerr from Nicole's baseless conjectures, but he soon realized that he had just exposed Kerr's secret.

"Doing everything for me? What does that mean? Tell me, Jared Kang!"

Stubbornness and seriousness now took jealousy's place on Nicole's face.

Jared looked at Nicole through the rear-view mirror and sighed. The cat's out of the bag now. He had to tell her the truth.

"Here's the thing. There's an undeveloped area up in the mountains with good environment. Mr. Gu planned to develop the area and give it to you as a gift. He let Mr. Qin supervise the project.

Construction has been tricky because of the site's terrain. There has been an accident. The media rushed there after finding out about the situation. Mr. Qin was afraid that it would affect th

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Obviously, Kim came up here to help Kerr.

"When we got here, we found lightning-struck trees blocking the road. A car couldn't have gone through.

I've already called in a cleanup crew, but they're going to take a while because of the bad weather. I haven't gotten in touch with Mr. Gu, but don't worry, Miss Ning. Mr. Gu had passed this road before the trees fell down. Otherwise, he'd be stuck here."

Kim had sent some of his men to check if there was a car pressed under the fallen trees but found none. It was a relief.

"When will the road be cleaned up?"

Nicole could not stop worrying.

"It's hard to say, but it can't be done in a short time. Besides, it's raining heavily now and the road is hard to travel. I checked the surrounding environment and found tire tracks on the edge of the cliff."

Kim did not withhold information, and it scared Nicole to death.

"Could it be Kerr's car?"

Nicole's heart was now pounding wildly against her chest. Even if she did not know how high the mountain was exactly, she was sure that nothing and no one could survive a fall from one of its cliffs.

Chapter 112 Leave The Car And Walk Over

Kim fell silent. He was not able to confirm if the tire tracks belonged to Kerr's car. He had only hoped that Kerr was all right.

"Jared, how far is the site from here?"

Nicole turned to Jared.

She could not wait any longer. She would not feel relieved until she was sure that Kerr was safe and sound.

"About three kilometers."

Jared had once come to the site with Kerr, so he was a little more familiar with the place.

"I have an idea. Kim, you stay here and clear the road. Have someone check if the fallen vehicle was Kerr's car or not. Jared and I will walk to the construction site."

Nicole was unusually calm as she doled out the tasks.

A car might not be able to pass through the road, but she could. She wanted to make sure Kerr was all right, and there was no stopping her.

"Director Ning, the rain is too heavy. You'll be worn out. Please just stay in the car until the road is cleared. I'll go to the site with Kim's people."

Jared was not about to indulge Nicole. If something happened to her, he could not afford the consequences.

"Mr. Kang, I didn't come here to wait. I should've just stayed at the hospital if that were the case. I know my own health. I'm going."

Nicole tightened her coat, put on her hood, and prepared to get out of the car. Kim stopped her.

"Miss Ning, at least put on this raincoat."

Kim took off his raincoat and handed it to Nicole. It was dripping wet, but it was better than nothing. There were strong winds outside, so it was impossible to hold an umbrella.

"What about you?"

Nicole refused to take Kim's raincoat. She looked at him hesitantly. Kim might work for Kerr, but that did not mean his life mattered less than hers.

Kim was just as important as

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morning at the earliest."

It was impossible to ask people to get it repaired in such a bad weather.

Kerr was annoyed, but there was nothing he could do.

Looking out the window, Kerr spotted several flickering lights in the distance. They were very small and could not be noticed if one did not look carefully.

Kerr stepped out of the car and into the pouring rain.

"Where are you going?"

Kerr ignored Ken's question. Ken had no choice but to follow.

"We're almost at the site, Director Ning. Keep going," Jared encouraged Nicole.

Nicole was beginning to falter on her steps but trying very hard not to show it.

She nodded, bit her lip, and kept going. The wind and rain made it difficult for her to keep her eyes open.

At this moment, Nicole was very grateful for Jared, for without him, she would not have made it this far.

"Nicole?"

Perhaps it was an illusion. Nicole seemed to hear Kerr calling her name, but when she raised her head, it was still dark and she could not see anything.

"Director Ning, I think I heard Mr. Gu."

Jared heard Kerr's voice but could not be sure.

Kerr fumbled in the rain by instinct.

Chapter 113 Who Allowed You To Come Here

Nicole raised her head. The rain still obscured her vision, and she desperately tried to keep her eyes open. She reached out her hand and felt someone in front of her.

Before Nicole could withdraw her hand, somebody had grabbed it. Nicole then found herself in the arms of someone she could barely recognize under the merciless rain.

She then scented the man that now held her tightly. No doubt it was Kerr.

"Director Ning!" Jared called out through the rain.

Feeling Nicole falling forward, Jared couldn't help screaming. When he stepped forward, he found her in Kerr's arms and shut up.

"Who allowed you to come here?"

Kerr hurriedly took off his suit jacket and put it over Nicole's head. Even in the darkness, he could see her bright eyes clearly. He could feel that she was already drenched from the rain.

How could she have possibly gone here in such bad weather?

"I..."

Leaning against Kerr, Nicole struggled to say something but could not. The pouring rain and raging wind made explaining very difficult and uncomfortable.

Nicole's faith on finding Kerr alive and well was what kept her going through this cold, wet hell and back. Now that Kerr was in front of her, her knees buckled with relief.

She desperately grabbed onto Kerr to keep herself from falling.

"It's all right. I got you."

Kerr helped Nicole up. He could see his car's headlights flickering not far away, so he carried her in his arms and walked toward the car.

Ken saw Kerr and Nicole through the rain and hurried back to the car to open the door for them.

"Do you have any dry clothes in here?" Kerr asked Ken.

He threw his jacket aside.

He proceeded to untangle Nicole gently out of her raincoat, feeling Nicole's cold skin against his.

"No, I don't. But there are dry bath towels at the back."

Ken raised the temperature

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"Hush now. Listen to me. You and Jay are my world now. I don't care who Jay's real father is and what happened between you and him. I can't help feeling jealous of course.

I'm jealous because he had you, but at the same time, I'm glad that he lost you. And now I have you. I love you, Nicole, and I'm prepared to love everything about you including your son. I know you worry about him.

Please let me share that burden. Let me be a father to Jay so that he would no longer be a child without a father."

As far as Kerr knew, Nicole had not chosen anyone to spend the rest of her life with because of her son, Jay. He wanted to set her mind at ease and let her know that he would surely love her son too.

"I feel cold..."

Nicole reached out and hugged Kerr tightly, burying her face in his arms. Warm tears flooded her face, drenching Kerr's shirt.

Love was a weakness for Nicole the way it was for Kerr.

Before she met Kerr, she had endured all the hardships alone. She had not cried in a long time, not even when she gave birth to her son.

Not until now that she was locked inside Kerr's loving embrace. She sobbed against Kerr's chest. She wanted to tell him the truth and be the woman by his side.

Chapter 114 A Fever

"Don't be afraid. I'm here."

Nicole shivered helplessly inside Kerr's arms. Kerr held her tightly and leaned his cheek on top of her head.

He reached for a dry towel and started drying her long hair. He then reached for her shirt to unbutton it. Nicole suddenly stirred and stopped him.

"Please don't. There are people outside," Nicole murmured.

She held Kerr's hand, blushing.

It was still windy and raining outside, but the inside of the car was warm and comforting.

She instinctively remembered the crazy night she spent with Kerr in the car the other day. There were some people outside their car now. Nicole was worried they would be seen by the others. She did not want that.

"What do you think I'm doing? I just want to get you off your wet clothes. You just got out of surgery. It may be a little injury, but you should still take care of yourself. If you get sick here, there's nothing I can do."

Kerr looked at Nicole tenderly, but there was a touch of mischief in his eyes.

"Why? What did you think I was going to do?" he whispered in her ear.

Nicole blushed furiously and wished she had just bitten her tongue. She lowered her head and avoided eye contact with Kerr.

"Nothing."

She was not about to fall into Kerr's trap. At least not right now. She would not admit what just went on inside her head.

Nicole sat up and backed away from Kerr, but Kerr would not let her go easily.

Kerr pulled Nicole into his lap and cupped her blushing face.

"I won't let you down if you ask for it."

There was no trace of mischief in Kerr's tone. His warm palm slid from Nicole's cheek to her neck. Kerr slowly leaned in.

rr felt Nicole reaching for him. He knelt in front of her.

"It's okay. I'm here. We're on our way to the hospital."

Kerr spoke calmly. Nicole desperately held onto his hand like a drowning child clutching a lifeline.

When they finally arrived at the hospital, Kerr picked Nicole up and rushed her to the emergency room. Jared went to wake Harley and told him to go to the emergency room.

"This is the second time today that I'm working in the emergency room. I have great comeback timing."

Harley teased Kerr while Nicole was being attended.

Kerr ignored him, his eyes fixed on Nicole. Harley shut his mouth.

"Don't worry. It's just a little fever. She was given an antipyretic shot. The fever should subside soon. She will be fine."

Seeing the look on Kerr's face, Harley could not help shaking his head and walking out of the emergency room.

Kerr stood by Nicole's bedside the entire morning. He had not taken the time to change out of his wet clothes.

He wanted Nicole to see him when she woke up so that she would not be afraid. Only by watching over her would he feel at ease.

Chapter 115 An Eye Opener

At the ward, Jay was watching a video on his laptop screen. With a satisfied smile in his eyes, he typed with his little hands. His fingers were unusually flexible.

Then, Jay went to an entertainment website. He typed on the keyboard, and in just a few minutes, all the content that was about to be released had disappeared.

He sent Kerr an anonymous email, closed his laptop, and put it on the nightstand. He went back to bed and closed his eyes.

"Nicole?"

Early in the morning, Avery Lin gently pushed the door open with a bouquet of flowers in her hand and called out Nicole's name. But she found Jay sleeping alone on the large bed.

She walked quietly toward Jay and tucked him in. Then, she tiptoed out of the room.

"What brings you here so early, Miss Lin?"

If it were not for Kerr's panic over Nicole, Harley would have gotten more than three hours of sleep. Kerr seemed to lose sight of everything when it came to Nicole.

"Good morning, Dr. Su."

Avery turned around and saw the casual look on Harley's face.

"You look tired. Didn't you sleep well?"

"If I tell you that I didn't sleep well because I missed you, Miss Lin, would you believe me?"

Harley stared at Avery with eyes full of tenderness.

"Yes, I would. Why not? If I say no, doesn't it mean that I'm not confident of my charm?" Avery laughed.

She had met a lot of handsome men, and almost all of them were compelled to talk to her sweetly. She was not easily captivated.

But the admiration in Harley's eyes was strong.

"Dr. Su, Mr. Gu wants to see you in the emergency room."

Harrow approached Harley and Avery and relayed Kerr's message. His eyes glimmered with complex emotions when he saw them laughing ha

ident, but it's fine now."

No matter how many setbacks Nicole encountered in the process, as long as the results were good, she was willing to accept them.

"I'm glad to hear that. Now that you have Kerr Gu protecting you, I can sleep well at night. When are you going to tell him about Jay? Will he be so excited that he will marry you soon?"

Avery could only imagine how surprised and thrilled Kerr would be when he found out that he was Jay's biological father.

"I haven't decided yet. I want to take my time."

Nicole was touched when Kerr told her that he would love everything about her including her son. He didn't know the truth, but he still treated Jay as his own son because of her.

She wanted Kerr to love her dearly for all that she was, not just for her son.

"That's a great idea. Also, I came here today for another thing."

Avery turned her head toward the door and then back to Nicole. She lowered her voice.

"I've found some clues about the past, but we still need to confirm them. You better recover fast so that we can follow up on them and get to the truth this time."

Avery just got the news yesterday.

Chapter 116 The Reward For You

"Tell me what you know," Nicole said.

Avery came to the hospital early in the morning to inform Nicole about what she had found out, but she did not expect that she had not yet recovered.

Nicole was excited. Except for Jay's matter, this was her biggest concern.

"The Ning Group had cooperated with the Gu Group before, but rumor has it that the Gu Group withdrew capital at the last signature.

No agreement has been reached, but your father had put a lot of effort on it. With the withdrawal of the Gu Group, all the previous preparations of the Ning Group ended up in vain.

It's just a rumor, which we have no way of confirming. Now that you and Kerr are together, maybe you could ask him. Maybe he knows the whole story."

As soon as her suggestion came out, Avery regretted it. Nicole and Kerr had just fallen in love.

If the Gu Group really bankrupted the Ning Group and Kerr knew about it, Nicole would be caught in a dilemma.

"Nicole... Maybe it's all just a rumor."

Nicole's heart sank. She fell silent for a long time.

"After I leave here, I will check it out myself. Don't tell anyone about this. Thank you, Avery."

Rumors were not enough for Nicole to resent Kerr. Until she found out the truth, she would give him the benefit of the doubt.

She wanted evidence.

"Don't mention it."

Avery smiled at Nicole.

Outside the ward, Ken was talking to Kerr.

"You see, all the reports that the media was going to release were wiped out. Apparently, somebody hacked their website and blocked the for-release content. It happened last night."

Ken handed Kerr his laptop. He still could not get over what just happened.

He had planned to block the stories from being released, but som

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you going to date Miss Avery Lin?"

"Of course not. I have an appointment with my beloved woman today. I have to go now. I'm going to be late."

After checking his watch, Harley turned around and walked out of the hospital.

Looking at Harley's receding figure, Harrow felt slightly relieved. He should have told Harley something, but he did not say it.

Kerr was back at the ward.

"I should go. Kerr is back. Call me if anything happens, will you?"

Avery stood up and bid Nicole goodbye.

She nodded slightly at Kerr on her way out.

"Take good care of her and maybe she'll surprise you with something."

There was a hint of slyness in Avery's eyes.

Kerr simply smiled and nodded. He walked to Nicole and felt her forehead. Her temperature had finally returned to normal.

He sighed with relief and sat beside her.

"Have you resolved the issue at the site?"

Nicole asked Kerr, looking gently into his eyes.

She had not forgotten what Jared said last night. A matter that could attract so much attention from Kerr could not easily be solved.

And it involved her, although not directly, so she had to know more about it.

Chapter 117 To Frankly Face The Heart

"Don't worry about it. Did Jared tell you anything?"

Kerr casually picked up an apple from the nightstand and started peeling it. He did not seem worried at all.

"No. I heard it from someone else. Oh, by the way, Kim told me last night that he found tire tracks on the edge of the cliff. Is that true?"

Nicole frowned slightly. It was a matter of life and death. No matter how powerful the Gu Group was, that kind of thing was still troublesome to deal with.

Kerr cut a small piece of the apple and fed it to Nicole.

"No, it's not. It rained a lot yesterday. What Kim saw was just gravel that slid down the mountain. I already took care of it. You just focus on taking care of yourself now."

He did not want the surprise he had prepared to become a nuisance to Nicole.

Actually, he had blocked the news about that incident last night. A car had indeed fallen off the mountain, and Kerr had compensated the victim's bereaved.

It would only burden Nicole, so Kerr decided to keep her in the dark.

"I'm fine now. What about the bidding? Besides... Hmm..."

Before Nicole could finish talking, Kerr was already kissing her passionately.

Kerr tasted Nicole's sweetness and drank her up like fine wine. She was impossibly beautiful like an entire poppy flower field in full bloom. He was addicted to her and slowly becoming dependent on her.

"If you're in good spirits, I don't mind finishing what we started last night."

With a playful look in his eyes, Kerr lifted his hand and started to unbutton his shirt.

"I'm still so tired. I don't

uth.

"I'm honored, Mr. Gu.

Then you must protect me and Jay. Don't let us down."

Nicole had never believed in fate until she met Kerr. Maybe he was right. She was destined to be with him.

She was destined to meet Kerr, to give birth to Jay, and to let them meet again.

"I will. Give me some time to solve all the problems here, and then we will leave."

Ever since falling for Nicole, all Kerr could think about was leaving with her and Jay. Suddenly, he did not want anything else. All he wanted was Nicole, the lovely woman he was destined to love with all his heart.

"By the way, I just remembered. Tell me, what's going on between you and Sunny?"

Nicole would never forget that intimate photo. She pinched one of Kerr's ears, pretending to be angry with him.

Kerr found it adorable.

He knew that she was jealous. He used to hate explaining to jealous women, but now, he did not mind.

"My Nicole is angry. Let me think, what has happened between me and Sunny... We had been engaged under the elders' arrangement..."

Chapter 118 We Are A Family

Kerr deliberately trailed off to tease Nicole.

"And what? Are you trying to have a wife and a lot of mistresses?"

Nicole tightened her grip on Kerr's ear, threatening him. Her eyes glistened with anger.

She could tell that Sunny loved Kerr, but she did not know that they had already been engaged. She felt cheated, and her resolve began to shake.

"I would've married her if you hadn't shown up. Even if I had, it wouldn't have mattered that much because it would've been a marriage between two businesses and not at all based on love.

It's to forge an alliance between the Gu Group and the He Group. I never agreed to it, and I can't care less about it now. I want my wife to be somebody I love,"

Kerr explained to Nicole firmly.

He wanted to give Nicole a strong sense of security, and he cared about who he married now because of her.

Grandpa Cheng once told him that when he really fell in love with a woman, he would want her to be his own. He would want her to be happy and at peace. Most of all, he would want to marry her for love, not for some business deal.

At that time, Kerr did not understand how Grandpa Cheng felt. Now, he understood why Grandpa Cheng was willing to give up everything just to be with Grandma Cheng.

"Really? Kerr, I can't share you with another woman. That's my condition. I hope you understand."

Nicole was a stubborn woman. Once she made up her mind, nothing could ever change it. What was hers was hers.

"I understand. I meant what I said. I just hope I can win your trust before we leave here."

Kerr had already talked with the Gu family about the dissolution threatening to freeze her.

She looked up at him.

"What? Are you jealous?"

Nicole was genuinely surprised.

She didn't expect the CEO of the Gu Group would get jealous.

"He's up to no good with you."

Kerr was sure about that. He knew what Baron thought of Nicole, and he had disliked him way before he caught feelings for Nicole.

"Haha! You're overthinking again, Kerr. Baron's a good friend. He helped me when I was in Manhattan and when I gave birth to Jay. I owe him."

Nicole was young and ignorant during her time abroad. Baron helped her through the transition, so she was grateful to him.

But Nicole did realize what Baron wanted from her. She knew they couldn't be together when she decided to keep Jay.

"He never would have had a chance with you had I come into the picture earlier."

Kerr sat beside Nicole and put his arm around her. Nicole rested her head on his shoulder.

Even if he had not asked Nicole about it, Kerr knew how difficult it was for her to raise Jay without her family and friends by her side.

"Believe me, Kerr," Nicole said.

Chapter 119 Admit The Failure

Nicole continued, "You see, I'm strong enough to take care of Jay and myself."

Leaning against Kerr, Nicole felt unprecedentedly secure.

Kerr had indeed come into her life earlier than Baron. But she didn't speak out the truth yet. She simply decided to hold off until Kerr proposed.

She would reveal Jay's identity to him as a gift. She believed there would be nothing better than that.

"I trust you. It's him I don't trust," Kerr announced.

Right on cue, there was a knock on the door. Kerr gripped Nicole's hand more tightly.

"Come in."

Nicole tried to break free of Kerr's tight embrace, but the man didn't budge a little as if he were a statue.

The door swung open and revealed a man standing in the doorway. With a bouquet of flowers on hand, Baron walked in. Nicole in Kerr's arms was the first thing he noticed. Nicole seemed fine. She actually looked happy.

He had finally and truly lost Nicole.

"Are you feeling better?"

Baron's face betrayed no emotion. He knew how much Kerr liked Nicole and had found out about Nicole's feelings for Kerr, although he did not want to acknowledge it.

"Better. Are those for me? They're beautiful."

Nicole looked down on the purple flowers in Baron's hand as Baron handed them to her. Her face shone with delight.

It was a bouquet of purple forget-me-not. It seemed that Baron had already understood Nicole's choice.

"Good. From now on, please remember to eat on time. You know your tummy hurts when you forget to eat. But I think you don't have to work too hard anymore."

Baron looked at Kerr who was sitting beside Nicole

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rr could truly make her happy. Nevertheless, Nicole had decided. After all, love was not something that mixed well with reason.

He knew that no matter what he said, it would not change Nicole's mind to his favor.

"You will find happiness, Baron."

She took the key from him.

Right then, Nicole knew that she had gotten Baron's blessing. She believed that she would eventually forget about the key because she was sure that Kerr would not let her down.

At that time, never in Nicole's wildest imagination did she expect that someday in the future, this key would make her give up on Kerr and be haunted by nightmares.

In the adjacent room, Jay sat on his bed.

He kept his eyes fixed on his laptop screen as Kerr's and the nurse's footsteps approached. Soon, Kerr and the nurse were in his room.

"I didn't mean to lie to you, Mr. Gu," the nurse said.

Feeling Kerr's sharp stare, the nurse slowly stepped back and lowered her head, not daring to look at him.

"It wasn't the nurse's fault. I asked her to lie."

Jay raised his head and looked at Kerr.

Chapter 120 Be Responsible For His Deeds

"What's up, Jay?"

Kerr sat next to Jay, but he thought about Nicole. He wondered what she and Baron could possibly be talking about.

Seeing that Kerr's mind was somewhere else, Jay spoke.

"You should give Mommy a little more time to say goodbye to Uncle Fang. Mommy told me that she had a difficult time giving birth to me. Uncle Fang helped her through that dangerous time. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for him.

That's why Mommy owes Uncle Fang a lot, but that's all she feels for him. She doesn't like Uncle Fang the way she likes you."

The truth was that Nicole never really told Jay any of this. He just overheard Nicole and Baron talking one time. Jay simply wanted to assure Kerr and hoped Kerr would cherish his mother.

"Your teacher told me that you're very talented with computers and that you're building a system on your own."

Kerr glanced at Jay's laptop screen. He had heard of the boy's extraordinary technical talent, and looking at his computer now, he saw him in a new light.

He was surprised to hear about the circumstances with which Nicole gave birth to Jay, and with that, Kerr felt even more determined to protect them for the rest of their lives.

He would keep that in mind.

"I knew the teacher would tell on me,"

Jay said and closed his laptop.

His tone was still childish, but he was angry. He had accidentally exposed his skills once and caught his teacher's attention.

But he knew it was inevitable that he would expose himself. After all, the teachers who were capable of working in such a special school must be intelligent too.

"Nicole must not know these things about you. You sent me that encrypted email, and you're the one who messed with the Gu Group's system that one time," Kerr said with confidence.

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years ago.

"Is this woman still in the Gu Group?"

He would not allow Kerr to have his woman in the company, nor would he allow Kerr to concentrate on a woman. Gu leaders, on their way to greatness, could not afford distractions.

"Yes. She's the director of the project department. She's quite excellent. The young master gave the Gu Group bidding project to her, and she did a great job at the bidding yesterday," Kelvin told Jack.

He saw how good Nicole was with the project she was in charge of. She did not seem to be a newbie who just got off school.

"Are you serious? Kerr assigned an important project to that woman? He doesn't even know about her background!"

Jack slammed his hand on the desk, anger and disappointment mingling in his face. He knew that Kerr had a little crush on Nicole, but he did not expect it to be serious.

Nicole was the reason why Kerr suddenly called off his engagement. Jack would never let Kerr make such a big mistake and let him pour his heart and soul into this woman.

Since Kerr was a child, he had been training him to take up his mantle one day as the leader of the Gu family. He was very disappointed with Kerr's current performance.