

No Chance 1171

CHAPTER 1171 CAN I HELP?

But...

Nicole was overthinking. It was impossible.

Thomas shook his head. "I'm sorry. Mr. Wickam can't spare any time today... Why don't you make another appointment with Mr. Wickam?"

Under normal circumstances, Thomas would do such things, but Nicole had a different identity. Moreover, Gareth and Nicole frequently worked together, communicating among themselves. What had happened today was unforeseen.

When Thomas discovered Elisa was coming over, he knew Nicole couldn't meet with Mr. Wickam today.

Nicole was dumbstruck.

The disappointment in her heart grew. She hesitated momentarily before asking in confusion, "Did something important happen? Can I help?"

It was a great question from Nicole.

Firstly, she was an outstanding person. Tabor Group could stir many presences in the country with a single push.

Secondly, she had asked out of concern. She hadn't been curious about classified business information or anything. The two companies had always been working together and had never fought or schemed against each other. They were purely allies, so it wasn't suspicious.

It could entirely conceal her curiosity as a woman.

But...

She was someone who liked Gareth, after all. Everyone knew about it, including Thomas. He scratched the tip of his nose and smiled. "Mr. Wickam can deal with it. You don't have to worry, Ms. Tabor."

In other words, he implied that it had nothing to do with her and that she could leave.

Nicole was feeling slightly restless, but she couldn't say anything. She wasn't angry at Gareth and couldn't lose her temper because she didn't have the right to do so. Furthermore, she had to maintain her public image.

"I see. I'll set another appointment with Mr. Wickam." Nicole knew when to stop.

Thomas immediately nodded gratefully. "I'm very sorry about today, Ms. Tabor. Please forgive Mr. Wickam."

"It's normal. Unexpected situations can happen to anyone. I can just meet Mr. Wickam another day." Nicole seemed very understanding. She paused and smiled at Thomas again. "Since that's the case, I'll be leaving."

"Alright. I'll send you off."

CHAPTER 1172 CALLOUS PEOPLE

Nicole's complexion instantly paled.

So the urgent matter Thomas had mentioned was Elisa's arrival?

Was Elisa's arrival so important?

Was it really as Thomas had indicated? Was it so urgent that nothing else could be done? Was it really so sudden that Gareth was caught off guard? At the end of the day, it was just Elisa's arrival.

I clearly set an appointment with Gareth, but he flaked on me because of Elisa?

Endless disbelief was intertwined within Nicole. She felt this wasn't something Gareth could have done. At the very least, he differentiated between personal and work affairs. He couldn't have done this.

Even if Elisa is really in his heart, he should go on dates with her when he has no work to tend to. He shouldn't be seeing her at such a time!

Is Elisa really that important?!

She couldn't help but take a breath. She could still hear the two girls' voices.

"Oh my god! Really? Perhaps Elisa has some work affairs if she's here to look for Mr. Wickam right now. I don't think the two are going on a date or anything."

"Right now, Mr. Wickam is pursuing Elisa. Don't you see how popular Elisa is with men now? Moreover, she was the one to request a divorce back then. Perhaps... Mr. Wickam wants to get Elisa back."

"Ah... I really envy Elisa. She's outstanding, and many excellent men revolve around her."

"This is only natural, isn't it? When someone is so accomplished, many exceptional people will appear around them. Just like Ms. Tabor from Tabor Group. She has many distinguished people around her."

"But... it seems like Ms. Tabor only likes Mr. Wickam."

"Then... it depends if they're destined for each other. For now, all of Mr. Wickam's efforts are concentrated on Elisa. No one knows what will happen in the future."

The two girls kept chatting while Nicole's expression turned nastier. She almost couldn't control herself.

Many people were on the first floor, and the two girls weren't talking loudly, but Nicole heard everything because she was close.

Other people could only see Nicole's terrible expression but didn't know why.

Some people couldn't help but make guesses.

CHAPTER 1173 COMPLETE VICTORY!

Sympathizing with her and berating her.

There really were insensitive people!

xx: 'Nicole is really dumb. They've been working together for so many years. Can't she tell Gareth has no feelings for her? Otherwise, they would have gotten together long ago.'

xxx: 'Gareth is exceptional, and many people like him. Nicole has interacted with Gareth many times, and it's only natural for her to be attracted to him, right? I pity Nicole. She's liked him for so long but can't have him. Gareth has never looked her way.'

xxx: 'I think so too... I feel quite sorry for Nic. She's clearly outstanding. Why doesn't Gareth even look at her? They're well-matched! Moreover, this is Gareth's second marriage and Nic's first! Can't he be grateful for that? Is Elisa so amazing? Elisa has so many men after her. She's not devoted at all!'

xx: 'Are you kidding? Nicole is the other woman, alright? While he and Elisa were married, she kept interacting with Gareth and never concealed her interest in Gareth. Why is she so shameless? Perhaps she has been a manipulative wench behind the scenes for a long time!'

xx: 'Manipulative wench? What do you mean by that? Don't slander Nic! Nic is so excellent. How can she be a manipulative person?'

xx: 'I made it clear just now. She knew Gareth was married but didn't conceal her liking for him and continued interacting with him often. I strongly suspect she drove a wedge between the couple when she met him! She must have been devious but kept her hands clean!'

xxx: 'Nonsense! Nic is an honest person, alright? Is it wrong to like someone? Gareth is so exceptional. Nic knew he was married, but it didn't stop her from liking him. Under such a circumstance, Nic couldn't

resist and was willing to admit her feelings. This is hard to come by, okay?'

xx: 'Oh my god. Haha... I understand. You actually hate Nicole, don't you? Otherwise, why would you deliberately praise her in a way that harms her? You're hilarious! I admire you!'

Nicole couldn't continue reading tweets. She put her cell phone down in frustration. She had always been calm but couldn't entirely control herself this time.

But after a moment, she contacted her assistant. As soon as her assistant answered, Nicole spoke before her assistant could say anything. "Make the tweets go away immediately!"

CHAPTER 1174 HAVEN'T YOU SEEN TWITTER, BABE?

Gareth suddenly raised his eyes, and his gaze fell on Elisa.

Elisa was abruptly startled by Rachel's words. She paused and said, "What?"

"Haven't you seen Twitter, babe?"

Suspicion flickered across Elisa's gaze, and she had a confused expression.

On the other hand, Gareth's gaze dulled slightly. He evidently knew what was going on. He took out his cell phone, and his well-defined fingers opened Twitter.

Elisa didn't answer Rachel. She opened Twitter as well.

"Has it been removed?" Elisa said subconsciously when she saw nothing.

Rachel was slightly surprised. "Huh? So fast?"

As she was speaking, she also opened Twitter. She refreshed her Twitter timeline and realized that everything was gone.

Rachel couldn't help but say scornfully, "D*mn, that was fast. Everything is gone!"

Elisa's brows furrowed slightly. "What happened?"

"It was about you and Nicole."

After that, Rachel described to Elisa everything that had happened on Twitter, and Elisa's brows furrowed tightly.

She glanced at Gareth and spoke softly to Rachel on the other end.

"I understand. I have something to do now, so let's talk later."

Elisa's voice was soft. Rachel still had other things to say but didn't want to disturb Elisa. She told Elisa to go ahead and ended the call.

"I'm sorry, I didn't know you had an appointment with Nicole."

Gareth's expression was serene. He said indifferently, "It's fine."

Elisa's gaze flickered. Although profit was valuable to Gareth, he had his priorities straight.

But she had said what she needed to, so Elisa continued. "Grandma just got an injection last night. If it's inconvenient for you, I can think of a way. I'll leave now. You can continue discussing work with Nicole."

Elisa had no relationship with Nicole. She could see Nicole's enmity toward her with one glance, and she wasn't interested in getting into any dispute with Nicole.

Gareth saw Elisa stand up, and he wrinkled his brows. "No need. Come with me to Wickam Manor now."

Elisa frowned slightly. "Grandma will only be suspicious if we go now."

CHAPTER 1175 GARETH'S FRUSTRATION

Elisa furrowed her brows. "What are you doing?"

"Come and have some food first."

Elisa was confused while Gareth explained, "It's not a good time to return yet. Let's eat first."

Elisa was hungry because she didn't have lunch, so she accepted Gareth's suggestion.

She did not repel Gareth as much as before anymore. In the past, she avoided him when they divorced because he abhorred her, and she was disappointed in him. Their relationship had been complicated for a long time. But as time passed, Elisa had let it go. She didn't care if Gareth genuinely hated her and wasn't upset despite being ignored by him.

She wasn't disturbed even if Gareth had connections with other women. After all, they had divorced. Gareth was a single man, so he had his freedom. When Elisa discovered Gareth was dating Nicole, it did not stir up any emotions in her.

So, Elisa could get along with Gareth just like other ordinary people because she had put the past behind her. As long as Gareth did not deliberately mess with her or threaten her, she was willing to cooperate.

She did not mind having a meal with Gareth because the original plan was to head to Wickam Manor together at night. So, it was unnecessary to stay apart for half an hour now. It would be a waste of time

if Elisa went home first. She would rather eat with Gareth and follow him to the manor to be time-efficient. She wasn't even worried if someone spotted them hanging out together, making their meetup a trending topic on social media. In fact, Julia might be excited to see such news because she had been hoping for them to make up. It could brighten Julia's mood.

Elisa remained silent throughout the meal and ate comfortably. She did not behave awkwardly due to Gareth's presence. She emanated a pleasant aura with her graceful and natural demeanor.

Gareth was stunned as he had never perceived Elisa in such a way before.

Nonetheless, they had never eaten with just the two of them ever since they were married.

Gareth recalled they had had meals together before they got married and before the misunderstandings occurred. At that time, Elisa was always cheerful and talkative.

CHAPTER 1176 A SENSE OF EXISTENCE

"Grandma is active on social media. Our appearance at such a public place will surely be spotted by others and posted on the Internet. Since we've already gotten off work, why don't we head over now?"

Gareth did not respond but stood up. He had no intention of talking or paying attention to Elisa.

Elisa was not bothered because she was used to Gareth's cold attitude. She never had a sense of existence around Gareth. She was depressed in the past, but now she couldn't care less and was at ease to be ignored by Gareth.

She stood up and walked out of the restaurant with Gareth.

Gareth gave Jeremy a call, who was headed to Wickam Manor too.

After getting into the car, Elisa fastened her seat belt. Gareth didn't say a word throughout the journey.

Elisa was bored, so she took out her phone and scrolled through Twitter.

She couldn't search for any news about Nicole, but the pictures of her and Gareth walking out of Wickam Group were posted on the Internet. There were also pictures of them eating together in the restaurant.

There was a multitude of comments under the post. Some suggested they were a perfect match; some opined they should stay away from each other since they were divorced; some remarked their private affair shouldn't influence the collaboration between their companies.

There were also people who felt sorry for Nicole because Elisa appeared as a love rival.

Elisa smirked as she deemed the comments as jokes. If she took them to heart, she might genuinely think Gareth and her were a perfect match. Or, she would be upset at the nasty comments.

She did not expect her news to often become trending topics ever since the divorce, and she was astonished by the impact. Nevertheless, she didn't deliberately hide the haters' comments because it could cause the situation to spiral. Although hiding the comments could be a quick solution, the netizens who were active on Twitter would notice her action. If she attempted to explain, it would only make matters worse.

Nicole's incident was the best example. Because she deliberately suppressed certain reports, the netizens created various sarcastic memes to criticize her.

Elisa kept away her phone after scrolling through Twitter. It seemed like she had involuntarily made enemies. In the past, Nicole didn't like her but would not mess with her. Moving forward, Elisa was worried that some people with evil intentions would instigate Nicole to come after her.

CHAPTER 1177 A DATE

Startled, Julia gasped in disbelief, "What? My dear boy, what did you just say? Can you repeat it?"

Elisa knew Julia had heard it clearly, but she wanted to confirm it because she found it unbelievable.

Gareth did not answer but went to sit down on the couch.

Julia averted her gaze to Elisa and asked, "What's going on, Elisa? What did that rascal just say? What were you guys doing just now?"

Elisa's eyes flickered as she was at a loss for words. As much as she would like to tell a white lie for Julia's sake, she couldn't bring herself to say it because she repelled the idea of being entangled with Gareth. She did not even want to be involved in a fake relationship with him.

Gareth's eyes turned cold when he perceived Elisa's thought. He was displeased at her repulsion.

Julia was determined to obtain a confirmation. Despite hearing it from Gareth, she did not trust it immediately. She knew Elisa was shy to answer, so she went to sit down beside Gareth and stared fixedly at him. "What did you just say? Did you guys go on a date?"

Gareth turned to her. "Why do you have to ask again since you've heard it clearly?"

"Mind your attitude, you rascal! There's never a day I stop worrying about your matters. I need a firm answer!"

Gareth darted a glance at Elisa, who sat down across from them and remained indifferent. "Yeah, we went on a date." He hummed.

Elisa's eyelashes fluttered. She pressed her lips and remained silent.

In the past, she had yearned for Gareth to tell others they were dating. She would be over the moon even if he had just made an acknowledgment to her.

CHAPTER 1178 THE PRICE OF A DATE

If Gareth weren't her grandson, she would have beaten him up.

Although she had heard Gareth's statement, she was eager for him to repeat it as an affirmation. After all, the couple had gone through a rough patch.

Receiving no response from Gareth, Julia asked, "Also, are you guys keeping anything else from me? But I'm glad enough you guys are dating. Go ahead and do whatever you want!"

Julia looked delighted but didn't stop worrying as something seemed off. She had been pondering upon their matter recently, so she couldn't stop sizing them up.

However, Gareth did not give the answer that Julia was anticipating. He looked at her and continued, "We also came here today for another matter."

Julia frowned. "I don't care about that. I just want to know if you guys went on a date just now."

To Julia, a couple would only go on a date after they had confirmed their status.

Elisa's eyes flickered, but she remained quiet.

Gareth arched his brows and hummed in response. "Mm-hmm."

Julia's eyes lit up. She was overjoyed with Gareth's response because he willingly admitted he and Elisa were dating.

Julia looked at Elisa excitedly. Seeing the latter with her head lowered, she was more certain that Elisa was shy.

That's awesome! They finally got back together!

Words couldn't describe Julia's joy at that moment.

"I'm so glad you guys got back together! So, what's the other matter you mentioned?"

Julia thought Gareth and Elisa were shy to talk about their relationships, so she stopped probing. She was thankful enough to know their current state.

Gareth answered, "Jeremy told me he's coming to give you another injection."

CHAPTER 1179 LET'S DO THIS. I'M READY!

Gareth crossed his legs and uttered indifferently, "It hasn't reached the time I scheduled with the cinema."

Elisa chimed in, "Yeah, we're not in a hurry, Grandma. We can wait until Jeremy comes."

She had given Jeremy the instructions, and Jeremy knew what to do.

As soon as Elisa said that, someone rang the doorbell. "It must be Jeremy," Elisa said.

She turned around to see the butler open the door. Sure enough, it was Jeremy. Holding a medical kit, he walked into the living room with a smile. "Hi, Old Madam Wickam. Good to see you again."

Julia mumbled, "Oh, I wish we don't always have to meet for such occasions."

Jeremy let out a cough. "It's just a coincidence."

Julia shook her head in resignation and swiftly rolled up her sleeve. "Let's do this. I'm ready!"

Jeremy was surprised at Julia's response and gazed at Elisa and Gareth in surprise, wondering what tricks they had used to make Julia this cooperative. In the past, Julia was repulsive toward receiving injections, although she would eventually give in. However, she took the initiative today.

What exactly did Gareth and Elisa do? Little did Jeremy know that the two had the same plan this time.

They used their date as an excuse to coax Julia into receiving the injection. Julia couldn't wait to receive the injection so the couple could quickly go on their date.

She was willing to sacrifice for their sake.

Jeremy smiled. "Since you're ready, let's begin now."

He walked up to Julia and could sense her body tensing up without having to observe closely. He said gently, "Old Madam Wickam, you've received numerous injections over the years. They are not as painful as you think."

Julia heaved a sigh. "I know it's actually not that painful, but I'm afraid whenever I see the needle. It gives me a dizzy spell, and my muscles will tense up. It has been a phobia for all my life. I guess it won't go away."

Jeremy smiled and said nothing. He had finished preparing the dosage and was about to give Julia the injection.

CHAPTER 1180 TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

Julia lifted her head to look at Jeremy, awaiting an answer to prepare herself mentally.

Jeremy was startled. He did not know the answer as he followed Elisa's instructions.

However, he could not reveal it to Julia then, so he said, "It depends on your health condition. If you have sufficient nutrients in the body, there's no need to receive more injections. Otherwise, I can't promise."

Julia sighed in desperation, perceiving Jeremy's meaning. "I guess there are more to come."

Jeremy acquiesced to the remark.

Elisa uttered, "Grandma, take care of yourself and maintain a bright mood. Don't get angry easily. Otherwise, you might need to receive more injections."

"I have to receive injections for getting angry too?" Julia was terrified.

Jeremy understood Elisa's intention, so he nodded in agreement when Julia looked at him.

"Elisa's right. Anger can cause significant harm to one's health. So, it's important to maintain your emotional health too."

Julia was distressed. "I wish to keep a good mood all the time, but sometimes the old man irritates me."

Darren often made Julia's blood boil due to Elisa's matter. At that thought, Julia couldn't help being frustrated again. She inhaled deeply to control her emotions to avoid being given injections again.

Elisa smiled. "Grandpa called me the other day and said he has figured it out."

Julia was surprised. "What? I can't believe he called you."

Elisa nodded with a grin. "Yeah. Grandpa has gotten his head on straight. He disliked me in the past, but now, he understands he shouldn't hold prejudice against me. He even apologized and asked for my forgiveness. Grandma, Grandpa has tried his best."

Julia was filled with disbelief. "Are you bluffing me? How is that possible?"

Julia couldn't believe her ears, but because it was Elisa who said it, she hesitated.

She wouldn't believe it if anyone else told her so, including Gareth.