

Chapter 199 Everything I Have

If Ferguson Corporation and Snyder Corporation were working together, the chances of them winning this bid were even bigger.

Nicole maintained a decent smile, but she was a little worried in her heart.

Perhaps, this trip was going to be a fruitless one.

Even so, Nicole refused to let go so easily.

She gestured for Logan to continue.

“\$45 billion.”

The venue was silent.

The real bidding had just begun.

The bidding war between those who had true power officially started.

Chloe Snyder glanced in Nicole’s direction with a burning gaze.

There was no hesitation.

“\$48 billion.”

If they went any further, that would be close to Nicole’s base price.

t, there was not much benefit in buying this piece of land that would only bring them so much profit within a few decades.

After some thought, Nicole looked at Logan and nodded.

"\$49 billion."

This was their final price.

Chloe also began to waver.

Nicole then knew that their limit must have been just around this figure.

She glanced to the side.

Chloe and Mitchell lowered their heads and spoke a few words. Mitchell then took out his phone to send a message.

Without thinking, Nicole knew that it must be Eric Ferguson.

"\$49 billion going twice!"

Chloe raised her bidding paddle again.

Her face was rather gloomy.

"\$49.3 billion!"

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Nicole lowered her € and had no intention to continue competing.

She would not get a project that would end up losing money.

“\$49.3 billion going twice!”

Nicole did not bid again.

Chloe’s face obviously relaxed.

Just when the host was about to finalize the bidding price, Ian Carter, who was sitting next to Nicole, suddenly spoke.

“\$50 billion!”

The crowd was in an uproar.

Nicole stared at him in amazement. “Are you crazy?!”

Ian hooked his lips and did not make a sound.

When Chloe heard Ian’s bid, she was stunned.

\$50 billion was way above what Chloe and Eric had agreed on.

“\$50 billion going once! \$50 billion going twice! \$50 billion sold! Congratulations to Mr. Carter from Carter Corporation.”

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The venue resounded with loud applause.

This prime land now belonged to the Carter family!

Ian stood up in a fluid motion and waved to everyone, then walked up to the stage.

Nicole and Logan looked at each other.

The result of this bidding session was beyond everyone’s expectations.

The always low-profile and peaceable Carter family suddenly placed a \$50 billion bid to get this piece of land?

When did they become so interested in that land?

Everyone congratulated Ian and left one after another. Chloe and Mitchell lagged behind.

Nicole was not interested in staying, so she took her purse and left.

Before she took two steps out, Nicole was pulled back by someone. “Why are you leaving so soon?”

Ian’s devilish smile was so charming. His eyes glimmered like the stars.

Nicole froze for a moment but quickly regained composure. "What? Are you waiting for me to congratulate you?"

'\$50 billion?! Did Ian not do any budget assessment before this?' Nicole thought.

Ian laughed. "That's not necessary, just congratulate yourself."

Nicole was puzzled.

Ian leaned in closer to her.

"Didn't you want this piece of land? I'll sell it to you for \$49 billion."

Nicole's body stiffened for a moment.

Mitchell and Chloe, who were right behind them, heard this and looked shocked.

Chloe's face was pale and stoic.

She could not resist going forward, then questioned Ian. "Second Young Master Carter, what do you mean by this? You didn't plan to develop this yourself?"

Ian glanced sideways and flashed a frivolous smile.

He said nonchalantly, "I'm not interested."

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He said nonchalantly, "I'm not interested. I was just planning to give it to my little goddess."

Ian's smile was extremely dotting as he winked at Nicole.

Chloe shook fiercely. "You... How can you do this?! You're just taking the company's money as child's play?"

Her tone was insulting.

Ian frowned slightly with displeasure.

His smile faded as he cast a sidelong glance at Chloe.

His voice was cold as he said, "It's my family's money. I don't need strangers to tell me what to do."

After he said that, Ian saw Nicole's shocked expression and smiled at her with tenderness and affection. "In fact, I can just give it to you for free, but I think that you'll feel overwhelmed, so why don't you just marry me? Everything I have is yours."

Ian furrowed his eyebrows with a cold look on his face.

He ignored Chloe's outburst and only looked at Nicole with a smile.

Ian said, "As long as she's happy, everything is worth it."

'Even if I have to give up everything for her, I'll gladly do so.'

His words made Chloe's expression change dramatically.

Ian's attitude and words had invariably hurt her.

This tough female president inexplicably became red-eyed.

In the next second, Chloe left the scene without another word.

Ian Carter was really head over heels in love with Nicole!

Nicole frowned, "Ian, you're too reckless!"

Ian laughed, "I just don't want what you like to fall into the hands of others."

'Especially Eric Ferguson...'

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Nicole sighed helplessly and looked at Logan.

"Get the finance department to transfer \$49 billion to Carter Corporation."

"Yes, ma'am."

Nicole looked up at Ian. "I'll transfer you the remaining one billion privately."

'He's not Kai, so I have no reason to just use his one billion for nothing...' Nicole thought.

Ian was dissatisfied with this arrangement.

"Nikki... I don't want it..."

"If you don't want it, then this land is gonna come crashing down on your shoulders. Let's just see how Grandpa Carter's gonna skin you alive, shall we?"

Nicole turned around and left, ignoring Ian.

Ian shuddered at that thought. A trace of hesitation flashed in his eyes.

He quickly chased after Nicole. "But I did all this for you..."

Chapter 200 You Won't Steal From Me, Right?

Ian thought, 'It's just a piece of land anyway. Consider it a pre-wedding gift.'

Nicole did not expect Ian to throw money at her.

Suddenly, there was a complicated mix of emotions in her heart.

It was not that Nicole could not afford the extra one billion.

It was just that she could not just move around the company's funds so carelessly.

Ian's move really pressured Nicole.

During Nicole's hesitation, Chloe Snyder sneered.

"I didn't expect this city's business scene to be so chaotic without any distinction between personal and work affairs. Second Young Master Carter, are you trying to risk your entire family fortune just to please a woman?"

Chloe had clearly overstepped her bounds with her words.

Ian furrowed his eyebrows with a cold

all this for you...

Nicole said, "Get lost!"

Ferguson Corporation.

Eric's face was sullen as he listened to Mitchell's report.

He would not even be angry if Nicole won the bid because it was rightful, proper competition.

Eric also intended to give up the land or compromise for a three-way cooperation.

What made him so furious was that Ian Carter won this bid.

Moreover, Ian just gave it to Nicole like it was all a joke!

'Then what am I?! Is Ian Carter trying to make me look despicable and stingy?!'
Eric thought.

Mitchell stood on the side and dared not utter a single word.

The air pressure was frighteningly low.

Ferguson Corporation had certainly lost bids before, but Eric was never this angry.

'Second Young Master Carter can really get on the President's nerves...' Mitchell

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"President..." Mitchell spoke apprehensively. "Since this is already done..."

Eric coldly interrupted him. "Contact Chairman Carter and tell him that I'll buy that land for \$50 billion. Ask if he's willing to sell?"

Although it was a question, Eric's voice was firm and decisive.

He wanted to bypass Ian Carter and go directly to Old Master Carter.

'How much does he hate Ian Carter?' Mitchell thought as he immediately did as he was told without a moment's delay.

This would be a private transaction that exceeded their base price.

'What for?' Mitchell vaguely thought of an answer,

Mitchell contacted Chairman Carter and explained everything that happened today, as well as Eric Ferguson's offer.

Old Master Carter only hesitated for a few seconds before he agreed.

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"My grandson is a reckless kid. Don't mind him. I'll get my staff to hand over that land to Ferguson Corporation at once."

"Thank you, Old Master Carter. I'll send some representatives to assist with the handover. Mr. Ferguson sends you his regards."

Mitchell hung up the phone and let out a sigh of relief.

Within a few minutes, Nicole received a call from Old Master Carter.

She was slightly surprised.

In just a few words, Nicole understood what Old Master Carter meant.

'Great! I don't want this burden on me... Just take it! Also, why is Eric Ferguson so bold? I didn't expect this of him.' Nicole thought.

She immediately agreed to Old Master Carter's arrangements and did not care about her personal friendship with Ian.

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buying this piece of land for \$50 billion
was indeed unprofitable.**

**This whole situation was settled without a
fuss.**

**However, Ian Carter became the last one to
know about this arrangement.**

Chapter 201 Nicole's a Snob

After settling this matter, Nicole was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Yvette invited Nicole to go shopping, so Nicole happily agreed to it.

Inside the mall.

The two ladies walked around and somehow walked to a car showroom.

An extremely bright and eye-catching Aston Martin was parked in the center.

Even Nicole could not help but stop to admire its beauty.

The design was sleek and beautiful.

This was the first of this model released in Mediania.

Nicole was fascinated by it and muttered, "Such a beautiful car should be put in my garage..."

The corners of Yvette's lips twitched. 'Look at this snob!'

At this moment, the salesperson came by and saw two ladies dressed in expensive clothes. Moreover, since Nicole was a

clothes. Moreover, since Nicole was a frequent visitor in the trending topics recently, he recognized Nicole at a glance.

After all, Nicole throwing \$800 million and \$2 billion at things left a deep impression in everyone's hearts.

The salesperson thought, 'If I can get her to buy this car, I may not even have to work for the rest of the year!'

His eyes lit up and became very attentive. "Ms. Stanton, what can I do for you?"

Nicole could not resist going up and touching the front hood of the Aston Martin.

When she was just about to speak, she heard a somewhat familiar female voice from behind.

"How much is this car? I want it."

This voice successfully caught Nicole's attention.

As soon as Nicole turned around, she saw Chloe Snyder and Ingrid Ferguson.

Standing beside Chloe, Ingrid's temperament was so lacking that there was no comparison to speak of.

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At this time, Ingrid looked at Nicole with a provoking and smug gaze that was undisguised.

Ingrid did not dare to offend Nicole, but Chloe certainly could. ●

Nicole was not surprised to see these two people together.

After all, Chloe was working with Ferguson Corporation, so naturally, she would know Ingrid Ferguson.

However, Nicole did not expect that Chloe would get along so well with this insufferable Ingrid. ●

What a miracle!

“Oh, it’s you, Ms. Stanton. I was wondering who it was...”

Chloe looked at Nicole with a polite and detached smile.

The atmosphere was not tense, but it was not relaxed either.

“Ms. Snyder, do you like this car?” Nicole asked her.

Nicole did not hear that Chloe had an

affinity for cars.

Chloe hooked her lips. Her gaze flickered slightly. "Yes, I wanted to buy it as soon as I saw it, but I didn't expect Ms. Stanton would beat me to it..." ●

Ingrid could not resist interrupting. "Nicole hasn't paid yet, right? That means everyone still has a chance. There's no such thing as first come first serve."

After being crushed by Nicole so many times, Ingrid did want to give up this opportunity to get back at Nicole.

It was an awesome feeling to see Nicole defeated!

Chloe's gaze fell on the salesperson on the side.

The salesperson quickly answered.

"Right... Ms. Stanton hasn't paid..."

"Why does it feel off?" Nicole faintly lowered her eyes.

She could clearly feel Chloe's hostility, but Nicole could not recall having offended Chloe.

Chloe smiled and looked at Nicole. "Ms. Stanton, you won't snatch it from me,

right?"

She made Nicole speechless with one sentence.

There was no blatant provocation.

Both women were evenly matched, so this car was a free-for-all.

Even Yvette realized that something was odd.

Yvette looked at Nicole with concern.

If Nicole wanted this car, it would certainly be hers, but...

Nicole raised an eyebrow and compromised. "Of course not. Ms. Snyder, since you took a fancy to it, be my guest..."

Chloe was slightly stunned as she did not expect Nicole to let go so easily.

The salesperson came forward. "Miss, this car is priced at \$60 million..."

Chloe did not hesitate to take out her black card.

She said without an expression on her face, "Swipe it--"

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Ingrid could not help but clap her hands in excitement. "Chloe, you're da boss! You don't even need to think twice. This car matches you so well!"

Chloe smiled quietly.

Nicole and Yvette glanced at each other, then looked at Chloe.

"Ms. Snyder, we're gonna continue shopping, so we'll get going first."

Chloe's gaze flickered slightly. "We can shop together." ●

'Hmm?' Nicole and Yvette were both surprised. 'Why should we shop together? Are we that close to her?'

Chapter 202 This Mall Is Mine

Since Chloe Snyder asked to join them, it would be rude to refuse.

Nicole curled up the corners of her lips into a perfunctory smile. "Sure, it'll be an honor."

'She's clearly targeting me, right? Why?'

Nicole thought about it all day but could not figure it out.

When they arrived at a luxury brand store, the sales staff immediately recognized Nicole because she had an exclusive global membership and was their most important customer.

The manager hurriedly greeted her. "Ms. Stanton, how may I help you today? We have two new arrival bags. They're both limited editions with only three produced globally. Would you like to take a look?"

Without waiting for Nicole's response, a staff member already brought it out.

It was indeed beautiful!

"Wrap it up for me," Chloe said without hesitation.

Everyone instantly froze and looked at Nicole.

Nicole's eyes flickered, and her smile deepened. "Didn't you hear Ms. Snyder?"

Everyone immediately acted on orders and wrapped up the bag for Chloe.

As if that was not enough, Chloe bought a dozen more bags that the store manager introduced to Nicole.

Nicole did not fight with Chloe and let her get the items.

They shopped at several other luxury brand stores, where Chloe bought everything introduced to Nicole.

Yvette gently pulled Nicole's arm and said, "This Chloe is more energetic than me when it comes to shopping, huh?"

Nicole smiled meaningfully.

When they were almost done shopping, Nicole's feet were sore.

She sat in the outdoor cafe upstairs, sipping on a cup of coffee.

The rich aroma of the coffee instantly

relaxed her.

Chloe finished paying for her items and came over with Ingrid. She also ordered a cup of coffee for herself.

Nicole smiled at her, looking relaxed and comfortable. "Ms. Snyder, did you have a good time shopping?"

Chloe froze for a moment. "It's alright..."

She seemed to be pondering her words.

"Ms. Stanton, you seem to like the things I bought too. Don't you feel mad that I got them first?"

Almost everything that the stores recommended to Nicole was bought by Chloe.

Nicole did not even ask for a thing.

It was strange.

She did not look mad either.

Nicole chuckled with curved eyes.

She casually flipped her long, wavy hair to the back and smiled brightly. "Ms. Snyder, I guess you didn't know that this mall is owned by me. Since you're so kind to patronize my business, why would I be

man is owned by me. Since you're so kind to patronize my bus. ...ss, why would I be mad? I'm more than glad that you're willing to spend money here."

The more things that Chloe bought; the happier Nicole was.

In an instant, their expressions changed dramatically, especially Ingrid Ferguson.

Ingrid's expression was quite amusing to look at.

This mall was the most popular spot for high-society ladies. The cheapest carpet here was at least six figures.

Ingrid was unaware that this mall belonged to Nicole.

What shocking news!

Chloe's body stiffened for a moment. Her eyes exuded a chill.

"You played me?" She questioned nonchalantly.

Nicole looked at her frankly. "Ms. Snyder, you're the one who wanted to mess with me. I didn't force you to buy anything..."

The corners of her lips hooked up into a cold smile.

cold smile.

'Who does she think she's messing with? So what if she's been the president of her company for a long time? When she's still in college, I've already started my career in Europe!' Nicole thought.

The surrounding atmosphere was silent for a moment with a harsh chill.

Chloe had been in the industry for a long time and could kill those high-society ladies with one look.

However, Chloe could not see through Nicole.

Chloe's aura and actions also had no effect on Nicole.

Nicole was simply impervious and unfazed.

The air was stagnant for a while.

Chloe let out a cold laugh.

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However, Nicole finally understood something.

'Don't tell me that Chloe's enmity is because of Ian?'

It suddenly dawned on Nicole.

"Ms. Snyder, are you targeting me because of Ian Carter?"