

Chapter 241 Triple-Killed

The moment Chloe Snyder raised her hand, the two burly men behind Nicole stepped forward.

There was a very tacit understanding in their action.

Just as they were about to touch Nicole, they suddenly felt a cold chill passing in front of them.

Before they could react, Nicole disappeared before their eyes in a flash!

The darkness created good conditions for Nicole.

Nicole nimbly dodged to the side and pressed her body low.

In an instant, she shifted behind them.

Before the two men could realize what was going on, she lifted her right foot and took off one of her stilettos.

She pinched the tip of the stiletto, so the heel was facing outward. With a swift and powerful momentum, her actions were so fast that she seemed to blur.

Just when she was about to hit the man nearest to her, the man suddenly felt a cold breeze behind him.

He instinctively ducked forward, intending to dodge the attack.

However, the next second, Nicole suddenly twisted her wrist and rushed in Chloe's direction in full force, swift and fierce!

The heel of the stiletto was very thin, so the attack would only be effective if she hit a vital point.

By the time Chloe reacted, it was already too late.

Chloe did not have any self-defense skills. Even if she was a legendary figure in the business world, she was incapable

when it came to fighting and martial arts.

The hard heel of the stiletto smashed on Chloe's head.

She cried out in shock and sucked in a cold breath, covering her head in a death grip.

Then, as if she was afraid of attracting attention or afraid of Nicole's mockery, Chloe refused to make a sound again even as bursts of pain assaulted her.

Her head buzzed as a warm liquid flowed down.

The air was silent and solemnly cold.

As the two burly men froze in shock, Nicole smashed her shoe on one of their heads without hesitation.

She would not give them the opportunity to react.

When it came to beating people up, one had to be fast, accurate, and ruthless!

The man closest to her struggled to break free, and with one stride, he reached in front of Chloe.

He was secretly shocked.

How could a seemingly fragile, kind, and dainty young lady strike so quickly and viciously?

Her moves seemed savage and tricky, but in fact, they were extremely disciplined!

If they were not professional bodyguards, they would not have realized how great Nicole's skills were.

They had underestimated the opponent!

The two men no longer dared to look down on Nicole. One of the men quickly stepped forward, grabbed Nicole's arm with one hand, and twisted it behind her back after clasping her shoulder.

However, Nicole suddenly took a step back and stepped on the man's foot

viciously with her other stiletto heel and jabbed her elbow at his gut. When he stumbled back, Nicole took advantage of the situation to kick his body.

A moment later, screams cut through the dark and dreary path.

In just a few minutes, the advantage of the 3-vs-1 fight was completely reversed.

Chloe was the one at a disadvantage.

Nicole thought to herself, 'One more... This one might be a little more difficult.'

Chloe's voice was extremely cold in the dark. There was no warmth at all. "You useless sh*ts! Hurry up and knock her out! We need to get outta here now!"

Nicole's skills were beyond Chloe's expectations.

Chloe was furious. 'How dare Nicole hit me?!'

The air pressure around her dropped

continuously.

Chloe's initial thoughts of going easy on Nicole were fiercely thrown out the window.

Her urge for revenge only grew stronger.

Nicole chuckled at the words.

She glanced at the exit in front of her. If she ran out as fast as she could, there was a chance for her to escape...

Suddenly, the road brightened up as glowing yellow lights spilled on the ground, tearing apart the darkness in front of her.

Now that the dark and dreary path was illuminated, they could see their surroundings clearly.

The two burly men who had guilty consciences immediately became flustered.

Chloe only frowned as a trace of surprise

flashed in her eyes.

The blood from her forehead dripped down her face, making her look miserable.

The next moment, three unexpected people appeared on the road.

“Mr. Ferguson?” Chloe was shocked, but she very quickly regained her calm. “When you kicked me out of that project, you promised that you wouldn’t get involved in my matters with Nicole. Are you going back on your word?”

Eric’s eyes narrowed and turned cold when he saw this scene.

He stood under the light. His tall, well-built figure exuded an oppressive aura.

His thin lips moved as he spoke in an icy voice. “You’ve gone too far, Chloe Snyder.”

Keith Ludwig and Mitchell saw this scene with complicated and shocked eyes.

Nicole stood there looking cold and alert. Her hair was slightly disheveled, and there was no warmth around her, but she still looked so noble and bright.

Even though she was only wearing one stiletto on her left foot, she still looked awe-inspiring and indifferent.

She tiptoed on her lustrous right foot to keep her body balanced and stable.

The stiletto in her hand was still dripping with blood.

It was clear that the blood was not Nicole's.

The two burly men stood by the side, one of them leaning against the wall in pain.

The other was preparing to attack.

The corners of Keith's mouth twitched as he could not help but say, "Ms. Snyder, did Nicole just... Triple-kill you?"

Chapter 242 Show's Over

Chloe's face instantly turned ugly as the flames of anger in her eyes burned wildly.

She was still the President of Snyder Corporation, an unparalleled figure in Cali.

How would she tolerate being belittled multiple times?

Chloe Snyder glared at the burly man next to her. "What are you still standing there for? Get her!"

The man received the order and took a step towards Nicole with a stern and cold look. He planned to knock her out so that she would be unable to retaliate when they took her away, which would save them a lot of trouble.

The stalemate of this tense situation was about to break at any moment.

Nicole glanced over with cold and aloof eyes.

She secretly tightened her grip on the stiletto in her hand...

The chill in the air spread.

A burst of cold wind appeared behind Nicole. The man's left hand reached out to clasp her shoulder, preventing her from making any moves.

Keith and Mitchell were shocked and were just about to call out to her.

However, before anyone could notice, Eric suddenly appeared in front of them and landed a fierce kick on the man's stomach.

The man felt his soul almost leaving his body from the force of the kick. He felt as if his heart, liver, spleen, lungs, and kidneys were all shattered...

The man collapsed to the ground as if he

was dead. His breathing was shallow and weak. He was unable to move.

Chloe's body stiffened imperceptibly.

Her people had lost utterly!

She suppressed the monstrous rage in her heart and gritted her teeth while glaring at Eric.

“Mr. Ferguson, are you trying to be a hero and save the damsel in distress?”

Eric's eyes had a seeping chill. It was a kind of repressed anger that contained the intent to kill.

Keith knew very well that Eric had not gotten his hands dirty for many years. Even the devil would be afraid of the look in his eyes at this moment!

“Chloe Snyder, do you really think that highly of yourself? It seems like you no longer care about your useless company anymore.” Eric's voice was cool and seemed to be drenched in ice.

When he saw Nicole standing barefoot on the ground as well as these three people who had malicious intentions, a trace of panic, nervousness, and fear flashed through his heart...

However, more than that, he felt uncontrollable rage.

Eric had experienced absolute darkness, but Nicole was clean and untouched. He would not allow anyone to bully her.

He dared not imagine what would happen if Nicole had lost this fight...

His bloodshot eyes glared at Chloe silently.

Whether they cooperated or not was subject to his whims.

There was no loss or compensation to speak of.

What right did Chloe Snyder have to negotiate with him?

He had conducted fair business in the market for too long and forgotten how he came out of the darkness step by step...

The current situation instantly triggered the darkness that he kept hidden deep in his bones.

Chloe's expression stiffened fiercely as she instantly held back her intention to negotiate with him.

The legends of Eric Ferguson in the business world never stopped.

She thought that she was his equal, but it was her misconception.

No matter how powerful Snyder Corporation was in Cali, it was just an ant compared to Ferguson Corporation.

She glanced at Nicole in anger as a wicked smile surfaced on her lips.

Her voice was cold and mean.

“Ms. Stanton, you're really lucky. Even

after your divorce, Mr. Ferguson is still so protective of you. It seems that you really know your way with men, but... You won't be so lucky next time..."

Nicole lowered her gaze and hid the sneer in her eyes. At that moment, Nicole was completely triggered. 'She still thinks that there will be a next time? She's too naive!'

She stood there and did not spare Eric a glance from the beginning.

Nicole was completely indifferent to his help.

When she heard Chloe's words, she could not help but look up and glanced coldly at everyone present.

Finally, Nicole's icy gaze landed on Eric.

"Tonight's show was surprisingly exciting, but..."

Nicole paused as a tinge of nonchalance emerged in her airy voice.

Chapter 12 Show

“Show’s over...”

Chapter 243 She Hit You?

The surrounding atmosphere was instantly frozen. The cold was bone-chilling, and it was so quiet that no one dared to breathe loudly.

Eric's cold eyes turned to Nicole with a hint of surprise.

Nicole met his gaze carelessly.

When their gaze collided, he saw a deep distrust in her eyes.

His heartbeat faltered as if he had been stabbed.

“You think that I instructed Chloe Snyder to do this?”

Eric narrowed his eyes sharply.

Nicole did not make a sound and simply gave him a cold smile.

Her silence said everything.

To the side, Keith could not help but shiver as bursts of chilling air surrounded him. 'What's going on?'

"Why else would you be standing here right now?"

After Nicole spoke, the air seemed to grow even colder.

Keith hurriedly went up to explain. "You've misunderstood us. This has nothing to do with Eric! When we were leaving, Eric wanted to look for you because he had something to say. We couldn't find you anywhere, then the doorman told us that you came this way, so we hurried over..."

He gave Mitchell a look, and Mitchell immediately nodded. "Yes, Ms. Stanton. That's what happened."

Nicole lowered her eyes slightly as if she was thinking about the credibility of their words.

Keith quickly added, "You both used to be

married, so no matter what, there's still lingering feelings. How would Eric bear to hurt you? When he heard the noise here, he was afraid that you'd be in danger and rushed here to save you without hesitation. How could you doubt that he was plotting something against you?"

Keith did not notice that his tone carried a hint of resentment and complaint.

He felt frustrated for Eric!

'Lingering feelings?' Nicole looked at Eric meaningfully.

They did not have a real marriage, so naturally, there were no lingering feelings to speak of.

Nicole sneered softly.

"In that case, I'll have to thank you, huh?"

She had almost finished cleaning up these guys, so what did he come here for?

Did they think that she would believe them because of Keith's words?

Did they take her for a fool? (1)

In the beginning, if it were not for Nicole's interference, how would Eric be willing to share such a large slice of pie with Chloe Snyder?

They said they had nothing to do with Chloe?

Only an idiot would believe them!

Eric's expression darkened at a speed visible to the naked eye.

Keith did not know what he said wrong. He explained the situation very clearly, so why did the aura of these two people not ease up at all?

To the side, Chloe watched the show with interest and said mockingly, "Looks like it was all Mr. Ferguson's unrequited love. Ms. Stanton surely doesn't lack attentive

men around her..."

Nicole's sharp eyes pierced Chloe like a knife. "Chloe Snyder, don't just stand there and watch the show. You should think about yourself first..."

After she said that, Mitchell suddenly let out a cry of surprise.

"President, someone's coming... It's Grant Stanton and... Second Young Master Carter!"

Chloe's expression instantly turned nasty at the mention of Ian's name.

She glared viciously at Nicole. "When did you call them here?"

Chloe had watched each and every one of Nicole's movements.

Nicole never had a chance to take out her phone.

Nicole raised her eyebrows and waved the stiletto in front of her.

Then, she lifted her leg and slid the stiletto back on her foot in a fluid motion.

Nicole raised her chin haughtily. “Do you know how expensive these heels are? It doesn’t matter if an eight-million-dollar shoe goes missing. What’s important is how it went missing...”

The alarm on Nicole’s heel was directly connected to the monitoring system in the Stanton Mansion.

How would the Young Lady of the Stanton family go out without any preparations?

Chloe Snyder was too naive!

Grant quickly arrived with his bodyguards. His aura was chilly.

When Ian Carter saw this scene, his eyes turned bloodshot as he glared furiously at Chloe Snyder.

With a cold and suppressed voice, Ian asked Nicole, “She hit you?”

Chapter 244 Unlucky

Chloe Snyder shivered all over when she heard Ian's words.

The usually egotistical, romantic, and gentle Second Young Master Carter now looked like he wanted to skin her alive.

At that moment, the many years of perseverance and adoration Chloe had for him seemed to be reduced to dust.

There was a trace of pain in her expression.

However, no one cared about her.

Nicole saw through Chloe's thoughts and gave her a sidelong glance.

She snorted lightly and answered Ian, "She doesn't have that capability."

Ian and Grant both sighed in relief at her words.

Grant looked at Eric with a complicated gaze.

If Nicole was not in danger, she would not have triggered the alarm.

Were those two burly men hired by Eric Ferguson or Chloe Snyder?

“What is Mr. Ferguson doing here?”

Eric looked at Nicole expressionlessly and did not respond. His face was incredibly grim.

Keith quickly stepped forward and explained the situation again.

Mitchell echoed by his side.

Grant looked away. It was unlikely that a man like Eric Ferguson would make a move against Nicole.

In that case, it must be Chloe Snyder.

Grant paused for a moment and looked at his sister.

“Lil N, what do you plan to do?”

Nicole raised her brows.

“Of course, we’ll finish what Chloe Snyder wanted... It’s just a few photos. Ms. Snyder, if you’ll just cooperate, you’ll suffer less!”

Chloe immediately raised her head and widened her eyes in horror. ‘Nicole actually dares to do this to me in front of Ian? I’m a legendary figure in Cali and a business elite! How dare Nicole insult me like this?!’

“Don’t you dare, Nicole Stanton!”

“Why wouldn’t I dare?” Nicole spoke casually.

“The Snyder family won’t let you get away with it, and the entire business scene in Cali will be your enemy!”

Nicole smiled coldly. Before she could speak, Grant could not help but chuckle.

“You’ve hit a new low by using the Snyder family to scare my sister! It’s about time to change the market leader in Cali...”

Chloe immediately understood what Grant meant.

She turned pale in an instant.

Chloe had worked painstakingly for a decade in order to gain a firm foothold in Cali, but Grant could destroy her years of efforts at his whim.

Ian Carter also grew slightly impatient. “Let’s get down to business first. Just do as Nicole says. Right now, it’s more important to take a few photos.”

It was as if Chloe Snyder’s shame was not worth mentioning in his eyes.

“I don’t want to blind my eyes, so I’ll take my leave now...” Nicole murmured with a light snort and strutted away in her heels. Her back was upright and valiant.

Everything else could be left to Grant and his men. There was no need for her to worry.

Ian naturally followed after Nicole.

Chloe's face was pale and ugly. Her eyes were listless.

She lost completely.

Chloe looked up resentfully. Her voice was hurt and hoarse as she shouted at that figure, "Ian Carter, who do you think I'm doing all this for? It's all for you! I've liked you for ten years! How can you not even look at me? That b*tch Nicole only thinks of you as her backup. Do you think she'll ever like you? She doesn't love anyone but herself! She's only been toying with your feelings. How can she be with you?"

She no longer cared about anything because her world was about to collapse.

Chloe screamed out the secret she had

kept hidden for ten years without caring about the strange looks others gave her.

She was a legendary figure in the business world who never yielded, but she had always been lowly and never got what she wanted when it came to relationships.

Chloe looked at Ian's back with eyes full of anticipation.

She hoped that after listening to her words, Ian would turn back and look at her.

He would take her away from this prison.

However, the silence in the air was oppressive.

There was a pause of a few seconds.

Ian stiffly turned around and looked at her with eyes of undisguised disgust.

"I'm so bloody unlucky to be liked by you."

Chapter 245 Accused of Plagiarism

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am last night popped up on the screen. [Chloe Snyder has been dealt with. You can sleep with ease.”

They resolved it so quickly?

Grant had always been protective of her, so she guessed that his way of resolving this would not be courteous.

However, Nicole had wondered for a moment about what role Eric played in this incident.

He had looked at her last night with such complex emotions brewing at the bottom of his deep and dark eyes.

Nicole did not have the time or energy to care about the look in his eyes, neither did she care about what he was thinking.

After all, Eric showing up then did not matter to her at all.

She got away fine anyway.

Nicole went into her large dressing room

and picked out a seasonal limited-edition casual dress from a high-end brand among the dazzling lineup.

Just as she was about to leave, her phone rang. It was Yvette.

She smiled. “Ms. Quimbey, you’re more punctual than my alarm clock when you call me in the morning...”

Yvette muttered unhappily, “Why didn’t you tell me that such a big incident happened last night?”

‘She already found out about it?’ Nicole thought.

She sounded relaxed. “Well, you know now, don’t you?”

“If I hadn’t heard gossip through the grapevine that Chloe Snyder was caught for causing trouble for you, shamelessly confessing her feelings for Ian Carter despite that, and even offended Eric and Grant, I wouldn’t have believed that it

happened! Where did Chloe Snyder get her guts? She actually dared to provoke someone way more powerful than her. I heard that the two bodyguards that were with her were two-time national MMA champions. Although you're trained, I don't think you would've been able to win against them. Are you alright?"

Yvette knew Nicole well. Compared to professional martial artists, Nicole could only overpower regular people.

She was still slightly inferior compared to national MMA champions.

Nicole paused slightly at Yvette's chatter. 'National MMA champions?'

If she struck one of the men by luck in the dark, that meant she might have been unable to win against the second man!

Her hands clenched. In other words, she was saved by Eric's arrival?

Nicole gnashed her teeth and only spoke

after a long time. "I'm fine. Fortunately... They arrived in time."

"That's good. I heard that Chloe was sent back to Cali overnight. She cried until no one could recognize her. Grant also put the word out that anyone who dares to cooperate with Snyder Corporation will be considered working against Stanton Corporation. I think her career has really come to an end..."

Nicole listened calmly. Her expression did not change in the slightest.

Grant's decision was not a surprise. After all, she would have done the same if she handled it herself.

They chatted while Nicole was in the car. In the blink of an eye, Nicole arrived at the office.

Nicole ended the conversation, ignored Yvette's still gossipy mood, and hung up the phone directly.

She wore her brand-new limited-edition Jimmy Choo heels and walked into the lobby with a kind of lofty and stunningly elegant aura. (1)

The receptionist greeted her sweetly, and Nicole gave her a gentle and kind wave.

Logan put the meeting agenda in front of her. "President, the meeting starts in ten minutes, but..."

Nicole looked up at him. "What's wrong?"

"President Gerard Lichman from J&L Corporation has been waiting outside for a long time."

Nicole frowned slightly. "Postpone the meeting and invite Mr. Lichman in."

"Understood."

Gerard's expression was a little gloomy, and his eyes under the cold-rimmed glasses flickered vaguely with somberness and displeasure.

The artificial intelligence project was going very well, and there should not be any mistakes.

Nicole did not know what else could make Gerard look so sullen.

As soon as Logan closed the door, Gerard sat in front of her. “President Nicole, our AI chip design has been plagiarized!”

His thin lips quietly spat out the results of the investigation before Nicole could react.

“The person who plagiarized our chip is someone under Stanton Corporation.”

Chapter 246 Tell Your Old Lover to Come Forward

Nicole did not speak.

She simply looked up at Gerard Lichman.

He did not seem to be joking.

The air was silent for a moment, and Nicole's mood sank.

The biggest breakthrough of the AI chip was that it had the ability to detect potential or obvious illnesses in the human body.

This was great progress they had announced to the whole world.

In order not to cause any unnecessary trouble to Maverick, they attributed the design to the joint experimental research lab of the Stanton Corporation, J&L Corporation, and Ferguson Corporation.

If Stanton Corporation highlighted their

exclusive rights to the chip, it would make people think that the three-way cooperation was falling apart, and it would cause their stock prices to plummet. That would only lead to unnecessary trouble.

There was nothing to gain but harm.

They had high hopes for this project.

It would be a shame if the project was aborted because of such trivialities before it came to fruition.

Nicole calmed down. "Do you know which company it is?"

There were too many enterprises under Stanton Corporation, so it was impossible for Nicole to know everything that was going on.

If Gerard found out so quickly, he must already know the answer.

He took out a note from his pocket, held it out with two fingers, and placed it on her

table, motioning for her to open it. “Eric found out that it was Noah Stanton in Jericho City.”

Nicole frowned. “Alright.”

‘That homewrecker must be causing trouble again. How annoying!’ Nicole thought.

“By the way, the best method of breaking a rumor is by using facts. If you really have no choice, you can ask your old lover to come forward...”

“What?” Nicole looked up in confusion.

She was dumbfounded. ‘When did I get an old lover?’

“The Great God! Sunner! If he steps in, everything will be solved!”

After all, no one would believe that the genius Sunner would plagiarize.

Nicole rolled her eyes speechlessly.

She called Logan in to see the guest out.

When Gerard Lichman left Stanton Corporation, he took out his phone and made a call.

“I’ve already informed Nicole, but Eric, this is official business. Isn’t it a good opportunity for you to come here and tell her personally?”

Over the phone, Eric was in no hurry to answer.

The sound of a lighter came from the phone intermittently.

After a few seconds, Eric finally spoke. “She hates me and won’t want to see me.”

His voice was cold and despondent.

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As soon as Gerard left, Nicole had someone investigate the movement of Stanton Corporation’s branch in Jericho City.

Sure enough.

Before the afternoon, there were already all sorts of voices on the internet.

Stanton Corporation in Jericho City announced their latest experimental progress using the company's name, saying that an AI doctor was about to be launched. It caused a heated discussion.

[Wasn't it a three-way cooperation? Why is Stanton Corporation launching it first?]

[Businesses are profit-driven after all. Partnerships in the business world are really volatile!]

[They're releasing it so soon. Can the quality be guaranteed?]

[Did Nicole Stanton go crazy about money?]

No one knew the real situation and thought that the Stanton Corporation branch in Jericho City was still following Nicole's orders, so Nicole naturally became the one who was held

accountable for everything.

In just a short time, Stanton Corporation's stock price was affected and started a faint downward trend.

Fortunately, J&L and Ferguson Corporation did not try taking advantage of the situation. They all waited for Stanton Corporation to handle the issue.

Nicole said nothing and had someone prepare the car. She would go to Jericho City personally to deal with it.

Grant intended to let her handle it and took the backseat. He was the one who worked with J&L Corporation to investigate the source of leaks.

For the next two to three hours, Nicole paid attention to the online trend in the car.

Everyone had mixed opinions.

Nicole knew that this was not a good thing for Stanton Corporation. After all,

they were losing credibility to the world.

“We’re here, President Nicole...”

Logan got out of the car and opened the door for her.

Nicole stepped out and strode into the company in her high heels.

“Who are you? How can you just walk in ...”

The receptionist was dozing off and looked up in dissatisfaction when she heard movement.

She looked at Nicole and froze instantly, then stood up straight.

“P-President Nicole?”

Chapter 247 Earn Money Together

Around five people followed behind Nicole, each in a suit and tie. Their temperaments were imposing, cold, and oppressive.

Logan pressed the elevator button for Nicole, who did not bat an eye.

The receptionist hurriedly informed General Manager Lydia's secretary upstairs.

The secretary was also Lydia's cousin, June Smith, who thought that she was all that after getting a backer.

When June heard that Nicole was coming, she snorted in disdain and continued to paint her nails.

“She couldn't wait to come and get a piece of the pie after hearing that we were going to make money? Dream on...”

Those words just so happened to be heard by Nicole.

The bodyguard behind Nicole opened the door for her. When June saw Nicole, she continued to sit without batting an eye.

Her tone was rude as she said, “Ms. Stanton, our General Manager is away. You can come again next time...”

Standing by the side, Logan’s face turned green.

No employees dared to talk to Nicole like that.

Nicole did not even look at her and directly instructed Logan. “Call a meeting with senior management in five minutes. Fire anyone that’s late.”

Logan answered respectfully, “Understood.”

June’s lips twitched fiercely as she looked at Nicole in disbelief. ‘No one in the

company dares to ignore me like this!’

“Ms. Stanton, are you deaf? Our General Manager is away! Who are you going to meet with...”

Nicole simply walked into the conference room.

She turned around slightly and cast a sidelong glance at June.

“General Manager? You mean Lydia Smith?”

“Of course. She’s my cousin. This isn’t your company or territory, so you have no say in what we do here...”

Logan started to sympathize with this unlucky woman.

June was extremely cocky. Every word she said sounded like she was trying to pick a fight with Nicole. According to Logan’s years of experience, June would not end up well...

Nicole's eyes were icy.

Her lips curled up indifferently, and her voice had no trace of warmth.

“Stanton Corporation belongs to the Stantons. A Smith certainly has no power here. From this moment on, you can all pack your stuff and get out!”

Lydia and her mother were rather forgetful to repeatedly challenge Nicole.

Did they think that Nicole was an easy target?

Did they think it was easy to take the Stantons' money?

June's face instantly stiffened. She stared at Nicole with a dark expression.

“W-Who do you think you are...”

Logan stepped forward to stop her nonsense. “She's the President of Stanton Corporation. What are you still standing there for? Tell Lydia Smith to

get here immediately!”

When Nicole entered the conference room, she added a remark in addition to Logan’s words.

“Call my uncle, Noah Stanton, as well.”

That useless uncle of hers could not even take care of this meager company and just had to cause trouble for her.

If Floyd had not given Noah this company to manage back then, he would still be laboring away.

Over the years, they had filled countless deficits for the company in Jericho City.

Since they did not appreciate it, then it was better to take back these favors...

Five minutes later.

Nicole looked at the people scattered around the seats in the conference room and had a vague idea in her heart.

These people were the ones Floyd sent

from headquarters to keep an eye on the situation here.

Logan distributed the documents in his hands to them.

Nicole did not beat around the bush.

“I believe that everyone must already know about the news this morning.

Stanton Corporation and J&L Corporation cooperated on the AI project, so why did this company develop an identical product and release it in the market first?”

Everyone was silent for a few seconds. The bald man sitting at the front frowned.

“We didn’t know about this at all. Jade Smith always guards against us like we’re thieves, and Noah Stanton doesn’t bother much with the company affairs...”

Before he could finish, the door to the conference room was pushed open.

“Nicole, you didn’t tell us in advance that

you're coming, and you didn't wait for us to start the meeting..."

Jade and Lydia came in tandem.

Taking the lead, Jade wore a luxurious and elegant brand-name coat and was dressed in the style of a parvenu from head to toe.

Maybe it was because this was her territory, so Jade did not feel the restraint and caution she had when she was in the Stanton Mansion.

She no longer had the panic from before.

It seemed like Noah Stanton actually forgave her for supporting another man.

Nicole was perplexed by this.

Chapter 248 Did No One Teach You?

Nicole sat in the main seat at the head of the table looking at the documents in front of her without raising her head.

Her fair and slender fingers inched a page, her expression indifferent and contemptuous.

“You’re just in time. Tell me, how did you plagiarize that AI family doctor?”

Jade stiffened slightly, but Lydia reacted quickly and explained, “Plagiarize? Our company spent a lot of money to ask experts from the research institute to study this. At present, we’ve accepted reservations from more than a dozen companies, and our sales have reached more than a billion dollars. Nicole, we can’t miss such a good opportunity to make money...”

Nicole snorted.

If they signed the pre-sale agreement in advance, the compensation would be more than thrice the amount.

Did they think that Nicole would not dare to stop them?

“I can’t believe that you dare to earn dirty money like this. Have you gone mad from poverty?”

The surroundings seemed to fall silent in an instant.

Everyone’s gazes gathered on these three people.

Jade and Lydia were the ones in charge here. No one dared to provoke them, and no one could afford to provoke them.

However, someone suddenly came up and slapped this mother-daughter pair figuratively.

The satisfaction in everyone’s hearts was simply indescribable!

“Nicole, don’t be in a hurry to scold us. Your Uncle Noah personally signed this. Although we’re not part of the Stanton family, your uncle is...”

Jade snorted coldly. She was well prepared.

A smug light of triumph flashed in her eyes.

Nicole gave her a sidelong glance and smiled. “I’ve already called the police regarding this matter. Everyone who’s involved in this, from the top of the chain of command to the bottom, will be investigated...”

Nicole had already discussed it with Floyd before coming.

The company in Jericho City was a mess.

It had to be reorganized.

Upon hearing Nicole’s words, Jade froze in place and looked at her incredulously.

Lydia also clenched her fingers in shock.

They thought that Nicole would not dare to do anything to them if they pulled Noah Stanton in.

At that moment, a flurry of heavy footsteps came from outside the door.

“What are you doing, Nicole? Don’t you care about me, your uncle?!” Noah’s voice was livid.

Presumably, Jade’s people had embellished Nicole’s purpose in coming here.

Jade ran over and grabbed his arm as if she saw her savior. “Noah! You’re finally here... It’s fine if your niece doesn’t respect me, but she even dared to report you to the police!”

Noah glared at her in anger. “Nicole, what are you doing here? You have no power here!”

Nicole's eyes were clear as she raised her head and said in a calm voice, "The Jericho City Branch is suspected of plagiarizing the research of the cooperation between Stanton Corporation and J&L Corporation. I have already involved the police regarding this matter."

Noah's face flushed red with anger.

"You called the police? This is a family matter. Why did you call the police? What evidence do you have to prove that this is plagiarism? There are so many precedents of unclear patent ownerships in the industry. Even if you file a lawsuit, it'll remain unsettled due to a lack of conclusive evidence! Do you have to make such a big fuss?"

Lydia echoed Noah's words in indignation. "That's right, Nicole. This is a Stanton Corporation branch and is making money for the Stantons. Why do we have to fight against each other?"

When you have a good deal, you should also think to share with us..."

Nicole sneered and glanced coldly at them.

"You're not worthy of sharing anything with me."

These words successfully angered Noah. "Insolence! Who do you think you're talking to?"

"Uncle Noah, you forgave this mother and daughter for keeping a man behind your back so quickly? Looks like you're used to being cuckolded..."

"Bam—"

Noah slammed his fist on the table in front of her with a face flushed red with anger.

The atmosphere suddenly became eerily quiet.

Nicole's words were so shocking that no

one was able to react for a while.

She sat there calmly, watching as Jade and Lydia's faces gradually turned pale.

Nicole sneered in her heart. 'They're the ones who dared to go against me...'

Jade was the first to react. She did not bother to hide the ferocity in her expression.

She spewed insults without hesitation.

"Nicole Stanton, you're deliberately trying to sow dissension. How dare you talk to Noah like this? Did no one teach you manners because your mother died early?"

Chapter 249 She Has No Integrity

Noah Stanton could not stop the words that came out of Jade's mouth in time.

The temperature in the air instantly dropped to a freezing point.

A chill permeated every inch of the air.

Everyone knew that Nicole's mother had passed away many years ago. It was a tragic topic that the Stantons could not bear to mention.

If Floyd Stanton heard such words, he might even get someone to kill Jade immediately, much less Nicole!

Where did Jade get the guts to bring up Nicole's late mother in front of her and even scold her at the same time?

Jade saw Nicole's suddenly grim expression and realized that she had misspoken.

She subconsciously turned to Noah. The angry expression he had earlier instantly disappeared.

Just when everyone thought that the tense atmosphere would never end.

Nicole's cold eyes were affixed to Jade for a long time.

Her gaze was deep and dangerous.

She curled up her lips indifferently and spoke in a cold voice.

“Jade Smith, I've been too soft on you, haven't I?”

From the moment Jade spoke, Nicole did not intend to let her off easily.

Jade froze and was just about to explode when Noah grabbed her arm. “Shut up! You don't have the right to speak up here.”

Noah's attitude confused Jade.

“Noah, I’m only doing this for you...”

Noah gnashed his teeth and continued frowning with displeasure in his eyes.

“Nicole, she didn’t mean what she said, so don’t take it to heart. However, business is business, so why shouldn’t we go ahead with a project that will make money for the company? Besides, we invited professional research teams to develop the product. We even hired famous specialists, both local and abroad. Even if someone comes to investigate, we have nothing to fear!”

Nicole laughed coldly and said in a mocking voice, “This project has been in development for at least several decades and is a unique breakthrough for the world. What expert did you hire?”

A specialist?

Even if all the experts and specialists from all over the world came together,

they would not be able to compare to
Maverick Stanton!

How shameless could they be?

Did they want to ruin this project and the
reputation of Stanton Corporation?

Never!

“It’s Professor Meyer, a famous physicist
in the country. He’s an expert in the field
who has published articles in foreign
publications. Who would dare to say that
we’re plagiarizing?” Lydia said smugly.

Professor Meyer was a big name as an
expert in physics, not that Nicole would
know who he was anyway.

Noah stepped forward and softened his
tone, intending to give Nicole a way out.

“Nicole, your father and I are brothers.
Would I do anything to harm the
company?”

Nicole lifted her eyes that were calm

without ripples.

“Uncle Noah, the people my brother sent to audit the accounts won’t fail. It was too easy to find sloppy accounts here. I already discussed this with my dad before coming. This company in Jericho City will undergo restructuring following its bankruptcy. All the internal staff will be reevaluated and transferred accordingly. Jade and her daughter, as well as all their distant relatives, can get lost. As for the issue of compensation for the contract, you’ll serve as the legal person of the newly established company if you decide to take responsibility for it. If you’re not willing to, then you’ll just have to retire ...”

Nicole was not discussing the matter. She was announcing the final decision.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when they heard this. It was as if they saw the light at the end of the tunnel!

Jade and Lydia’s expressions stiffened

and became nasty.

Their years of painstaking effort were destroyed just like that?

Noah glared at Nicole. He turned livid.

His frown that had just relaxed furrowed deeper. 'This damned girl is really determined to go against me!'

"You..."

Noah did not believe that his brother would do this to him. He immediately took out his phone and tried to call Floyd.

However, his calls went unanswered.

Noah became angry and anxious.

Nicole smiled and said, "My dad took a private jet to Philmont for a vacation first thing in the morning. Right now, I'm in charge of Stanton Corporation."

There was no need to fight it anymore!

The Stantons had already shown their

great benevolence.

Nicole slowly stood up. Her gaze harshly swept over the crowd and paused on Jade and Lydia.

Her eyes locked onto Lydia's face.

“Your mother isn't dead, but it's a pity that she couldn't teach you manners because she has no integrity.”

Chapter 250 Who's Copying Who?

Nicole had never been a generous person.

She could pretend as if nothing happened after being scolded, biding her time.

Nicole silently recorded the account in a small notebook.

She would retaliate sooner or later.

Ignoring Jade and Lydia's insults behind her back, Nicole held her head high and strutted away in her heels.

She felt sick just staying under the same roof as them!

The bodyguard behind her was quick to open the door for her.

Every movement of hers was inherently superior and noble, making people think that she was born to rule from above and look down on everyone.

Back at Stanton Corporation.

The people she sent had already started the process of taking over Jericho City's branch.

Thus, Nicole could stop worrying and ignore the online public opinion.

Soon, everyone would know the truth.

However, Noah Stanton unexpectedly did not give up and uploaded a video in the name of the company the next day.

Professor Meyer stood in front of the camera, righteously reprimanding the criminals who stole his scientific research achievements.

He used words layered with insinuations that pointed at J&L Corporation's project.

In an instant, the wave of discussion surged to the forefront again.

Who exactly plagiarized from who? The opinions of the netizens were all over the

place!

[Professor Meyer is a well-known expert in the country and has many patents for research. How could he be lying?]

[Did J&L Corporation use their capital to buy someone else's technology?

Professor Meyer is an old expert who has been innocent his entire life...]

[Professor Meyer is honest and upright. He doesn't look like a liar at all. I think that a certain someone should just admit it already. Who was the one who plagiarized from the other?]

[I used to be Professor Meyer's student. This Professor is a wolf in sheep's clothing and specializes in taking students' patents for himself! He's not a good person at all...]

[All of Professor Meyer's research achievements abroad were stolen from his students' patents...]

Some different opinions drowned in the large discussion.

Nicole watched with a calm face as the topic became hotter and hotter.

To the side, Logan spoke up carefully. “President Nicole, should we contact the media platform to keep the heat down?”

Nicole took a deep breath and told herself not to get angry.

She forcefully calmed her voice.

A cold light flashed in her eyes.

“No need. It’s better to add fuel to the fire and burn them all down!”

“Understood.”

Needless to say, Logan instantly understood Nicole’s meaning.

The press conference was simple but solemn.

It was indeed unexpected that Nicole

would dare to hold a press conference and face the numerous thorny and sharp questions at this critical moment.

Eric Ferguson and Gerard Lichman also received invitations to this press conference.

It did not matter whether they attended or not.

However, they still showed up.

They went straight to the issue.

However, the main character was Nicole. Eric and Gerard simply acted as her foil and were just minor players.

Despite that, their presence beside her showed how much they valued and trusted this cooperation.

The two men were quite good-looking.

Gerard was elegant and gentle, with a light and trustworthy air about him.

Eric was distinguished and noble with

extraordinary wealth. Even if he simply sat there without speaking, his aura was already convincing.

Nicole did not keep a low profile and wore a limited-edition haute couture outfit, making her look very attractive. No matter where she went, she was always the focus of attention.

Every single shot was perfect!

If she went to the entertainment industry, she could sit firmly at the top of the hierarchy just with how beautiful her face was.

The reporters praised her beauty and temperament and almost forgot what they came here for.

They got down to business.

The atmosphere also grew tense.

“President Nicole, what do you think of this plagiarism case?”

Nicole did not try to hide.

“The management staff in Stanton Corporation’s Jericho City Branch made a mistake and plagiarized the results of our three-party cooperation.”

One sentence stirred up a thousand waves!

“Wasn’t it directed by Stanton Corporation?” The reporter asked.

Nicole smiled and explained, “Stanton Corporation has many subsidiaries that are operated by their own independent legal persons. After internal verification, we have confirmed that the company under Stanton Corporation in Jericho City has indeed competed by unfair means. We have already made a police report regarding this matter. At the same time, Stanton Corporation has decided to liquidate all operations in Jericho City. We will then proceed with reorganization following the bankruptcy. Stanton

Corporation will not allow such a subsidiary to exist. We are willing to accept any guidance from authorities.”

Nicole’s voice was not cold or harsh, but very gentle and extremely powerful.

Her words rang loud and clear!

This might be the first time the reporters encountered a company that was brave enough to admit its mistakes and preserve its credibility even at the cost of huge losses.

The simulcast video was uploaded to the internet and almost instantly bombarded with comments.

[A company like that deserves to earn big money...]

[President Nicole, please marry me...]

[We’ve reached the pinnacle of attractive faces in the business world with those two men and that woman appearing in the same frame...]