

Chapter 561 I Can Too

Nicole wrinkled her brows and looked at Eric.

Eric walked in front of her with an aggressive coldness.

“You’re going to a hotel?”

His voice was low and husky.

He seemed to be trying desperately to suppress his emotions.

Eric did not want her to see the not-so-good side of himself that was his true self.

However, he could not control it. When he saw that face which looked so much like his approach Nicole, the jealousy in his heart surged and spread uncontrollably. It felt like someone gouged out his heart, making the pain unbearable.

Nicole was surely aware of what that low-grade fake was up to, but she still allowed his existence, and the two of them were even so intimate.

‘She ignored the carefully peeled prawn that I gave her, yet she could accept this little tramp’s offerings?!’ Eric thought.

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He stared at her delicate features and her clear and cold eyes. He found it hard to breathe.

Nicole did not answer his question and smirked. "Didn't you hear everything?"

Since he misunderstood the situation, she would just let him continue to misunderstand her.

Anyway, he had no right to interfere in whatever she does now.

This way, he should be able to back off, right?

His jaw tightened as he moved closer to her. Smelling the light sweet fragrance of her body, he felt even more stimulated.

"Nicole, you'd better stay away from him. Otherwise, I can't guarantee what I'll do." 2

He then caressed her lips without allowing her to refuse.

Eric stared at her with his dark eyes as if there was something dirty on her face.

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Eric's arrogance and craziness, which he had been deliberately hiding for a long time, finally showed.

'He can't pretend anymore?'

However, Nicole did not care about Xander.

"What you want to do is your business. What I do with him is our business."

These words undoubtedly agitated him.

Eric's eyes turned colder. He grabbed her arm and pressed her body against the wooden beam behind her.

He stared at her intently and said in an extremely cold voice, "You and him? Really?! He's just a fake that imitates me in every way. Aren't you just treating him as my substitute?"

Eric felt his heart beating faster.

If she said yes, then it meant that Nicole still liked him.

After all, a substitute could not compare to the real deal.

to the rear gear.
His jaw was taut. He looked nervous.

Nicole said, "How can a gentle, kind, polite, handsome, and bubbly guy be your substitute?"

She faintly raised her eyes to look at him. "Eric Ferguson, can you even serve me as well as he does?"

Eric shook violently.

His pupils shrank, and the bottom of his eyes was red.

He felt like he was going crazy.

'How can I lose to a sissy?!'

"Nicole, don't provoke me."

His deep voice was very restrained.

Nicole laughed lightly and added fuel to the fire. "I'm just being true to myself."

As soon as she said that, Eric suddenly stepped forward and pulled her into his arms.

His thin lips blocked her mouth as he forcefully kissed her.

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He was dying of regret.

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If he could, he wanted to keep being crazy, but a hint of mockery crossed her eyes.

He was stunned and moved his lips away. He scrutinized her.

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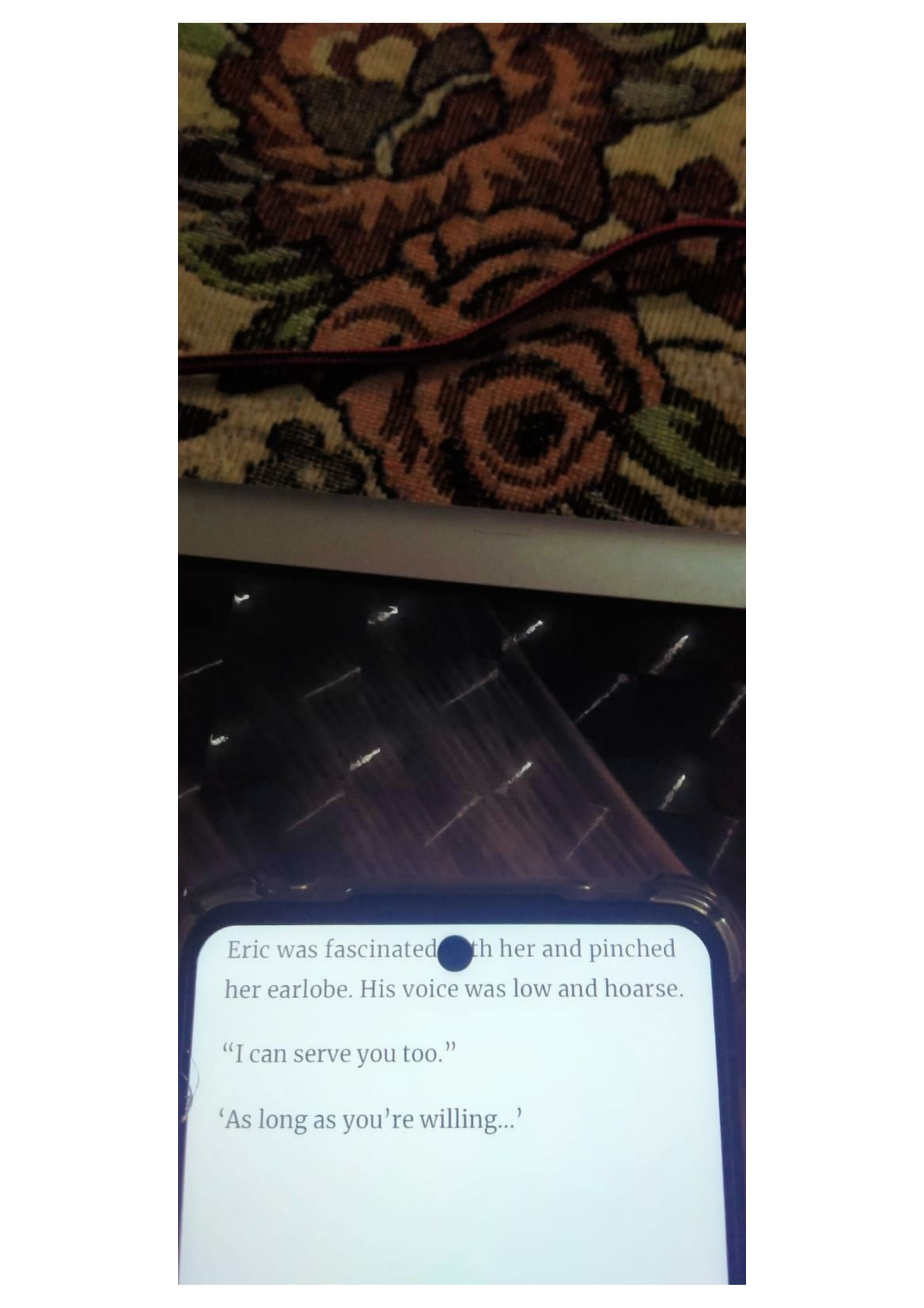
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“I can serve you too.”

‘As long as you’re willing...’

Chapter 562 He Did Not Care About His Image

Eric felt that he could be just like that fake, serving Nicole in a subservient and humble manner as long as she could return to his side.

He did not care about his image.

All he wanted was Nicole.

Nicole's sweet scent surrounded him, but her gaze was cold.

Hearing Eric's words, Nicole calmly reached out to pat Eric's face gently.

Nicole was one deeply fascinated by his rigid, cold, and perfectly sculpted features.

She hooked her lips coldly and arrogantly.

"You can't because you won't be as good as those that I spend money on."

Eric's eyes shook fiercely. He felt enchanted by the way she looked down on him and crushed him, which made him beg for more.

After being stunned for a moment, he laughed and cupped her cheeks. His eyes were red, not knowing whether it was

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"You can pay me. I can learn too."

The tip of his nose rubbed her forehead. There was a slight tremor in his voice as he pleaded.

"I'm cheap, and I'm a quick learner."

He threw away his dignity and allowed Nicole to trample all over him.

Nicole stared at him. Her cold smile slowly faded.

Her heart suddenly throbbed for a moment. She felt like it was clenched tightly, so much so that even breathing hurt.

She has never seen this side of Eric before.

Nicole felt soft-hearted for a split second.

Unfortunately, it was too late.

Between them, there was no future to speak of.

All of her expectations were exhausted before their divorce.

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Nicole looked at Eric and smiled. This silence gradually shattered Eric's daydreams.

He knew that there was no chance.

Eric's hopes crumbled as despair almost engulfed him. He let go of her and hung his arms by his side.

Suddenly, an idea crossed her mind. She reached out and hooked his chin with her slender fingers.

"Fine, but I have to remind you that if I'm not satisfied, you'll have to get out of my sight whenever I say so."

Instead of ignoring him, which apparently made him feel like he had a chance, she would just use this chance to kick him out and make him give up on her.

Although this would hurt, it was the only way to get both their lives back on separate tracks.

Eric was stunned.

Even though her tone was rude and willful, he felt elated. He felt reborn and infused with vigor and vitality.

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There was still a little redness in his eyes that had not yet faded.

‘Hah! I’m really so shameless to be overjoyed with this kind of condition. I’m more excited than having negotiated a large project worth several hundred billion ...’

“Mr. Ferguson, can you come over here for a moment?”

The director in the distance was shouting loudly.

The weird tension between them was instantly broken.

Eric glared at the director with a grim gaze for ruining the mood.

Nicole sneered and reached out to push him away.

“Go away. Don’t bother me.”

Her attitude was cold as she turned and walked towards the small wooden hut that they built at the last minute.

Kai was inside.

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Eric gritted his teeth and helplessly changed his direction.

The director and actors could not see the scene just now because the gazebo's pillar completely blocked everyone's view.

However, someone in the small wooden house next to the gazebo saw the scene clearly.

Kai looked at Nicole's lips and narrowed his eyes.

"Tsk tsk... Why didn't you fight back when Eric Ferguson made a move on you? If you did, I'd be the first to rush to your rescue.

Since Nicole did not retaliate, Kai could not tell what Nicole was thinking, so he could only watch the situation.

However, Eric did not do anything too excessive. Even his emotions had not been very stable. Rather, Nicole had been steadily occupying the upper hand.

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Nicole took a tissue from the side and wiped her lips slowly. She then picked up the unopened mineral water to gargle her mouth.

After that, she finally spoke.

“I’m having a fling with Eric Ferguson.”

Kai was stunned and widened his eyes in amazement.

She continued, “I plan to dump him in a few days.”

Kai was once again shaken. He could not remain calm.

‘What is she trying to do? Treat Eric Ferguson like a plaything? Is Eric someone to be played with?’

“Lil N, I’ll find you a better and younger one. Forget about Eric Ferguson.”

This would be troublesome to solve!

Nicole looked at him. “That won’t affect anything. Only children need to make a choice. Adults can just take everything.”

Chapter 563 His Highlight

Kai choked.

'Right... I guess Dad will probably be so happy if he heard what Nikki said...'

Nicole sat on the side and lowered her head to roll up her sleeves.

Since she could not get rid of Eric and he was not willing to give up, she would just need to be more extreme.

When he gets sick of her, he would stop being so obsessed, right?

Nicole did not want to repeat the same mistake by being with him, so she would put an end to this.

After a few minutes, Kai nudged Nicole's arm.

"Look at them."

Nicole looked up, squinted her eyes, and lowered her head again.

Eric and Xander happened to be standing together just a short distance away.

Next to them were a few staff members, the director, and the assistant director.

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These two people with similar facial features had different temperaments. Xander had a feminine temperament and looked tacky. He was also a little shorter than Eric.

He really could not compare to Eric in terms of aura.

Eric finally got Nicole to compromise and give him a chance, so he did not want to waste another second.

However, the eyesore counterfeit kept appearing in front of Eric recklessly.

Eric just felt extremely disgusted.

He would not let this kind of person stay on the set and wanted to kick him out.

The director kept babbling next to him, but Eric was not in the mood to listen.

The director was helpless because he did not know what he misspoke. The more he spoke, Eric's face became increasingly glum.

However, it was because of this that the director had to explain himself even more, which upset Eric even more.

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The director was puzzled and worried.

Kai laughed and looked down at Nicole. “Eric Ferguson invested in this film. Do you think that he’ll kick Xander out?”

Nicole turned to look at Kai. “How did you get Xander to play the second male lead?”

‘Is there no one else to choose from?’

Kai raised his eyebrows. “The second male lead dies as soon as he appears on the set. He just lives in the memories of other characters and doesn’t need to show his face.”

Nicole finally understood. ‘So that’s what it is.’

She blinked and looked in their direction, then hooked her finger.

“Hey, come here.”

Her voice was so cool and pleasant that it was hard not to attract attention.

Everyone over there froze.

The director and staff members looked around.

Eric and Xander were standing where she

was pointing.

So, who exactly did she want to call?

Eric's jaw tightened and his eyes narrowed slightly.

The man's shirt collar was open, so his Adam's apple was clearly moving.

Xander excitedly put down the script and ran over to the wooden house where Nicole was with light steps.

At this moment, everyone looked at them with inquisitive eyes.

Before Xander got to the cabin, he turned around in disappointment after Nicole said something to him.

Nicole raised her eyes to look at Eric and hooked her fingers without saying a word.

Eric laughed without any dissatisfaction or anger. He strode toward her with a brisk pace and a rare smile on his face.

Everyone was shocked beyond words.

'What's this situation?! Nicole could make Eric Ferguson go to her with a hook of her finger, and he didn't show the slightest bit of temper!'

bit of temper!

They doubted their eyes and thought that they were hallucinating.

The director was shocked to see how Eric's cold and sullen mood suddenly alleviated in a blink of an eye.

Eric felt that this must be the highlight of his life.

It was more exciting than receiving an international award.

He went in and was stunned when Kai was next to Nicole.

The smile on his face subconsciously faded a little, but it was not very effective.

He looked at Kai and nodded in greeting, then raised an eyebrow and looked at Nicole.

"You're looking for me?"

Eric originally wanted to say, "Miss me?"

However, when the words came to his mouth, they suddenly took a turn.

He dared not act too reckless in front of Kai.

Nicole's face was even calmer than



expected.

“You invested in this film?”

“Yes.”

Nicole said, “Xander is playing the second male lead, so don’t interfere.”

Chapter 564 He's Embarrassing

Eric's breathing instantly stalled. The air around him seemed to condense and permeate with a light chill.

His eyes narrowed. "The first request she made was actually for that counterfeit?!"

He licked the corner of his mouth. His narrow eyes carried a hint of gloom.

There was some inexplicable discomfort in his throat.

"What, you can't bear to see him gone?"

Nicole said, "Of course. He's my guy that I stuffed in here."

'How can I let him lose such a good opportunity when I haven't squeezed out Xander's remaining value yet?'

Eric stared intently at Nicole. The pleasure he felt earlier was swept away in an instant, as if a bucket of cold water fell from the sky and solely poured over his head.

He felt cold through the heart.

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However, he could only stand there and glare at her, not daring to ask one more question.

If not, he would just be asking for trouble and making a fool of himself.

Kai coughed and felt that he was quite redundant here.

Eric was clearly not a match for Nicole, so he worried for nothing.

Kai stood up and found an excuse to leave.

The two of them were left in the cabin.

They looked at each other, and no one spoke first.

Nicole looked extraordinarily calm. ‘That’s all he can put up with?’

She was not afraid of Eric’s wrath, nor was she afraid of him leaving in disappointment.

Nicole sat there with a faint smile and exquisite eyebrows. She was unmoved.

Eric conceded defeat. He lowered his eyes and smiled, then looked at her seriously.

“What about me?”

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She promised to give him a chance too.

Nicole laughed. The words she uttered were extremely cold. "You're not my husband, so I don't feel anything for you."

She only agreed for him to be one of her lovers.

"Also, it's best that no one else knows about our relationship." She added with a smile.

"Am I that embarrassing?"

His eyes were red, and his fists were clenched tightly.

Nicole shook her head. "I'm just looking out for the interests of both our companies so that we can reduce unnecessary losses."

What a far-sighted plan!

Other women wanted the whole world to know when they got involved with Eric, but Nicole did not want anyone to know about it.

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Eric's face turned dark.

"Of course, if you don't want to, let's just pretend all this never happened."

He could back out at any time.

Eric gritted his teeth. "I agree."

Did he have a choice?

He could only compromise.

Nicole smiled, stood up, and patted his shoulder, then suddenly came close to his ear and whispered, "You should learn how to serve people well from Xander..."

After that, Nicole strutted away happily in her heels.

'If he's angry, he can just end this!'

Nicole's goal was to make him so exasperated that he would give up on his own accord. 1

She left with Kai.

Eric stood in place. His body stiffened as a storm was brewing in his eyes.

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No one noticed the undercurrents between these two big shots.

The crew was speculating whether their relationship had broken the ice. This was a real shocker.

Toto came to pick up Eric.

When he saw Eric's face, he thought about the gossip he heard from the group of actors and crew. It seemed like there was ambiguous interaction between Eric and Nicole.

'Could it be...?'

Toto coughed. "Mr. Ferguson, I saw Ms. Stanton just now..."

At the mention of her name, Eric's eyelids jumped.

Toto asked, "You didn't fight, did you?"

Eric's gaze was cold as he glared at Toto silently.

'Does he have a death wish? I can grant him his wish...'

Toto immediately changed his tone. "I mean... Don't be impulsive. At critical moments, you must be patient. As long as

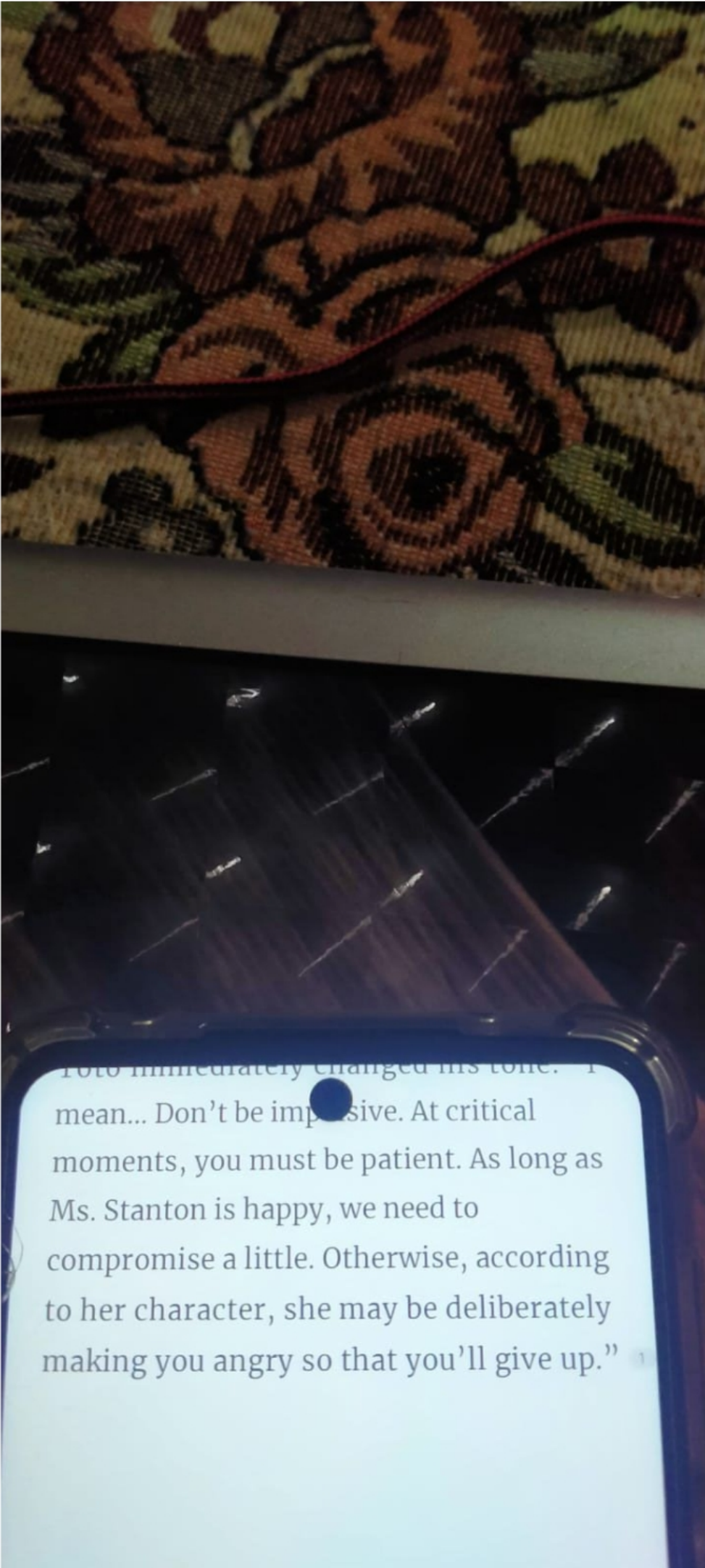


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Chapter 565 Mindful of Her

Eric's eyebrows twitched slightly. His chest felt like it had been struck by something.

He started looking at the situation from another angle. It turned out that there was another possibility.

"You're right."

Eric spoke in a deep voice.

Toto's confidence multiplied because Eric actually agreed with him for once.

Toto said, "So, we must show weakness. You can't refuse no matter how she tries to torture you. Sometimes, abusive love is also a kind of love..."

Eric nodded solemnly. His expression eased a lot.

Toto said, "Once you endure this hardship, she's yours!"

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Nicole and Kai left the set and went straight to Julie's house.

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The nanny saw Nicole and greeted her.

“Is Julie resting?”

“Ms. Nixon is in the study. She doesn't look very happy.”

The nanny was an old-timer, so she could tell Julie's mood with a glance.

Nicole nodded, walked over, and knocked on the door. She did not hear a response, so she opened the door.

The room was dimly lit. Julie was lying on the table with the broken jade pendant in front of her.

It felt like her memory had been taken away from her, and the pain was excruciating.

Her eyes were red, sluggish, and sad.

Nicole walked over to her, not knowing how to comfort her for a while.

She patted Julie's shoulder. Julie moved slightly and hugged her as she sobbed softly.

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f my life. If it's broken, does that mean
she's gone forever?"

Before Nicole could say anything, tears
fell out of her eyes first.

"No, she will always love you."

Julie cried even harder.

She just started elementary school when
her parents died in a car accident. Her
grandmother was the one who took care o
f her, so they were very close.

Her grandmother gave the jade pendant to
Julie before she died. In less than a week,
her condition deteriorated, and she
passed away.

At that time, Julie was on a business trip
abroad and did not rush home in time to
see her grandmother one last time.

This was her ultimate regret.

After a while, Julie gradually regained her
composure.

The nanny knocked on the door. "Ms.
Nixon, I made some chicken soup. Would
you like to have some?"

you like to have some?

Julie nodded, and the nanny retreated.

She went to the bathroom and washed her face. When she came out, there was no trace of the emotional breakdown that she had earlier, except for her slightly red eyes.

Nicole's heart ached for her.

All along, Nicole and Yvette could rely on their families' protection, so they could just do as they pleased.

However, Julie was different. She came this far and struggled to gain such a firm footing in the industry by herself.

Even the nanny was asked to address her as "Ms. Nixon" instead of "Young Lady".

Julie forced a faint smile.

"I don't want to see that actress again. I want to end her career."

Nicole raised her eyebrows and nodded. "Of course, even if you don't say so, Kai and I already planned to do so."

"Kai is willing to give her up?"

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“It’s just a show. Dominic Young wanted the rookie to ride on Kai’s popularity. If this rookie isn’t good enough, they’ll just change to another one.”

Julie opened her mouth and wanted to say something, but she just let out a low chuckle.

“Right... But Kai still needs to agree to it first.”

Nicole wanted to reassure Julie when she suddenly remembered something that was buried in the past.

If she remembered correctly, Julie and Kai were dating for a while when Nicole was in college. At that time, they kept it hidden from everyone.

Nicole only found out about this when Julie announced their breakup.

At that time, Nicole did not feel like they were serious because Kai never mentioned it as if it was just a trivial matter. He even found a new girlfriend soon after.

However, in this situation, Nicole suddenly realized that Julie was very mindful of that second female lead.

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Could it be because of Kai?

The phone rang and Nicole breathed a sigh of relief.

“Jules, Kai is here...”