

Chapter 616 Taking Advantage of Someone in Peril

After Nicole left Eric's room, she did not forget about work and went downstairs to find Dominic Young.

This matter was kept confidential. Aside from Dominic's various speculations, others did not know what had happened exactly.

Sadie and Charlotte's agency officially submitted a withdrawal statement that was probably arranged by Eric.

They were discussing who to hire to save the show and reduce losses.

They filmed all day yesterday and had already replaced two people. Fortunately, it was only one day, so they could still hire new people to make up for the shoot in time.

However, Nicole did not want to participate in the make-up shoot. Playing the same games again deliberately would feel too fake.

It might also backfire with Nicole's acting skills because she was not as professional

as the actors.

Dominic contacted a divorced actress, Zahra, who was a bigwig in the entertainment industry that could not be hired for regular variety shows.

Somehow, Dominic managed to persuade Zahra to come, and she even agreed to try it out for two days.

The other actress was a 25-year-old actress called Ivanka, who Kai contacted for Nicole. Ivanka had been together with her husband for 7 years, and they were the typical model couple in showbiz.

A few days ago, Ivanka's husband cheated on her. Ivanka chose to bear with it and even announced that she believed in her husband. This move was strongly scorned by netizens at the time.

It was just self-deception.

Currently, Ivanka still did not expose her divorce.

Thus, her participation in this variety show was a way to announce her divorce positively. That would be a better use of the hype than letting the paparazzi or others expose it.

It was a win-win situation for both parties.

Everyone was relieved when the two replacements were arranged and promised to come on set in a few days.

Dominic intended to shoot the other parts first to facilitate post-production editing.

Nicole returned to her room and simply washed up.

She took out her phone and saw the several missed calls from Yvette.

Nicole frowned and thought, 'When did I mute my phone?'

She immediately dialed back, and her call was picked up in less than two rings.

"You finally picked up! I was so worried..."

Yvette said with urgency, "Are you alright? Is that bottle of wine spiked? Did Eric Ferguson do anything to you?"

Nicole paused in her footsteps. When she heard about the wine, some images suddenly flashed in her mind.

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Soon after, Nicole frowned in bewilderment.

"How did Eric Ferguson get to my room?"

Yvette felt a little guilty and choked on her words.

She stammered, "Uh... I-I was afraid that something would happen to you. I was too worried, so I asked him to check on you... I was afraid that the woman spiked the wine ..."

Nicole was shocked for a moment. "So, Eric was the one who took care of me last night and quietly left?"

If not for Yvette, Nicole would not have known about it.

Eric did not even mention it.

A strange feeling crossed her heart like she was tickled by a feather.

Yvette saw that Nicole was silent and guessed that her suspicion was right.

"It's really spiked?!"

Yvette looked up at the clear blue sky and

Yvette looked up at the clear blue sky and the white clouds as she pinched her brows. "I'm such a psychic! Nicole was really drugged!"

She instantly regretted not rushing over to save Nicole. She should not have given Eric Ferguson a chance.

"OMG... Did that son of a b*tch Eric Ferguson defile you?!"

Once those words came out, both ends of the phone were silent for a while.

Nicole slowly exhaled. Her tone was as calm and steady as possible. "Don't worry, there was only a trace of hallucinogens in the wine. I'm fine. He didn't do anything..."

Someone like Eric would not take advantage of someone in peril.

Yvette breathed a sigh of relief. "That's good... If he dares to do anything, I'll chop him up to pieces!"

Nicole laughed and joked, "Just spare his worthless life."

Chapter 617 Energetic and Enthusiastic Man

Although Eric Ferguson saved Nicole, he still did not change his annoying habit.

'Huh, booking out the city's LED screen to thank him? He just wants everyone to know that our relationship is not ordinary, right?' Nicole secretly rolled her eyes.

Yvette said, "But that woman is really ballsy to give you a spiked drink! Do you need my help to teach her a lesson?"

Nicole smiled faintly, "Thanks, but it's already resolved."

The punishment was also worse than just kicking the woman out of the entertainment industry.

Yvette said, "Good job!"

After hanging up, Nicole felt a little hungry, but Dominic messaged everyone to gather at the venue immediately.

Nicole rolled her eyes. 'Ugh! Dominic really knows how to exploit people!'

She slowly walked to the hotel entrance. Everyone had already left in their cars.

Dominic had the good sense to wait for Nicole at the door.

Nicole gave him a blank stare and got into the car.

Dominic handed her a nicely packaged sandwich and milk. Nicole's face eased as she took a bite.

"Don't you have to wait in line to buy this sandwich?"

Dominic replied, "Mhmm Mr. Ferguson asked me to give it to you."

Nicole was stunned. "How did he know that I liked the sandwiches from this store?"

She felt a little touched, but when she thought about the close to eight-figure sum that she spent to book the city-wide LED screen, she suddenly felt that the sandwich in her hand was not as tasty.

'This must just be a coincidence...'

Dominic could not help but sigh with envy.

"Mr. Ferguson has such a good temper. He personally brought you breakfast, and I heard that he even went to buy it in person!"

Nicole coldly cast a sidelong glance at him. Dominic collected himself for a moment and admitted his mistake with guilt.

"Actually, Sadie and Charlotte came to me last night. I was the one who told them that Eric Ferguson was staying in the presidential suite on the top floor..."

Nicole was stunned. Her eyes were slightly cold. 'So that's what happened...'

She slowly chewed her sandwich and let out a cold laugh.

"You're quite energetic and enthusiastic, huh?"

After all that, the shit-stirrer happened to be Dominic?

'If I'd known, I wouldn't have stayed in that presidential suite. This was worse than a nightmare!'

Fortunately, it was only a hallucinogen. If it was some other drug, the consequences

It was some other day, the consequences would be unimaginable.

At once, Nicole's sympathy for Charlotte being exiled to a remote place in Africa disappeared without a trace.

Charlotte deserved it!

Dominic touched his nose apprehensively. "I just wanted to see Eric's reaction. Were those two women driven away because of this?"

Eric's decision did not need Dominic's consent, so Dominic was only informed of the outcome and he did not know anything about what went on.

"How would I know? You should ask him yourself..."

Nicole hooked her lips and sneered. If not for the imminent shooting at the moment, Nicole wanted to throw Dominic in the middle of the Pacific Ocean to experience life.

Dominic thought to himself, 'If I dare to ask him, would I even need to ask her?'

On the way to the venue, Dominic carefully served the princess as he was

carefully served the princess as he was afraid that no one would speak for him when Eric wanted to settle accounts with him later.

Dominic was terrified for himself.

They finally arrived at the shooting site.

Dominic spent a hefty sum to rent out the entire floor of an office building. Soon, the equipment and cameras were set up.

Livia, Yuliana, and Xander arrived early.

To match the environment, Livia purposely wore a formal business suit.

As usual, Yuliana went the sexy route and wore a tight body-hugging dress that outlined her exquisite curves.

When Nicole went inside, she felt a little warm and subconsciously took off her jacket, handing it to Xander, who was standing on the side trying to look like a gentleman.

Xander quickly reached out to take Nicole's jacket, but a pair of slender hands cut him off in the next second.

Chapter 618 She Really Wanted It

Yuliana took Nicole's jacket from the side and sighed. "This Italian brand is a custom order, right? You can't find another identical piece in this world!"

Nicole was a little surprised that Yuliana did not rush to knock on Eric's room door, but she also felt that Yuliana was not as frivolous, debauched, and shallow to chase fame and fortune as she appeared to be.

At once, Nicole's good impression of Yuliana multiplied.

Nicole smiled politely. "Yes, if you like it, I can recommend the designer to you."

That designer was a famous craftsman in Italy. In the fashion circle, he only made clothes for 50 people a year. His style and thought process were simply excellent. Each piece of clothing was unique globally.

It was not at all comparable to any big brand.

Yuliana's eyes lit up but instantly dimmed down.

"Nevermind. My clothes are all sponsored, so what I wear is up to others."

Nicole smiled and did not insist.

Yuliana casually handed Nicole's jacket to Eric, who appeared behind her. "Thanks, Mr. Ferguson."

Eric glanced at Nicole. In less than three seconds, he reached out and took it, then expressionlessly hung it on the hanger at the side.

It seemed like a passing chore.

Xander, who was waiting on the side, looked at the scene in shock. He did not even get to touch Nicole's jacket.

Nicole did not care about this little episode and walked to the other side to take a seat with a clear and cold temperament.

Livia Lehman was next to Nicole, looking at the program. She looked at Nicole and nodded with a smile.

Nicole was just about to speak when a tall figure sat down next to her.

"There are so many seats around, but Eric

"There are so many seats around, but Eric must sit next to me? Damn it!"

His cold fragrance carried an aggressiveness that was just like him.

If it were anyone else, they would have felt very pressured.

However, Nicole was silent and did not say anything.

Eric leaned into Nicole gently. His Adam's apple moved as he said in a low voice, "Did you eat the breakfast I prepared for you?"

Nicole was stunned and tilted her head slightly, maintaining her cold and aloof demeanor.

She did not want to have any intimate actions with him in front of others.

Nicole pretended to be surprised and lowered her voice.

"Oh, you prepared it? No wonder it tastes so bad..."

Eric suddenly laughed. The gloom in his eyes dispersed a little, which was replaced with an imperceptible tenderness.

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"Is that so? Then it's a waste for me to wait in the long line for twenty minutes."

His tone was tinged with a faint disappointment.

Nicole was slightly stunned. 'He really went to queue for it by himself? How unimaginable! How did Eric Ferguson actually get in line behind so many people to buy a sandwich?'

She looked down at her phone to hide her shock and spoke with a light smile.

"Mr. Ferguson, do you even need to wait in line? I thought that with your usual style, you'll just buy the store with a snap of a finger!"

Eric froze, then laughed.

"If you want to eat it every day, I won't mind buying it. It won't lose much money anyway."

Nicole could not hold back and cursed. "Who even wants that!"

On the side, Yuliana had a speechless and sour expression. "I really want it!"

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Xander saw that he could not intervene and quickly took some hot water over to the table. "I'll make tea for you. Ms. Stanton, I heard that you like to drink white tea..."

Nicole raised her eyes, smiled gently, and nodded. 'Not bad... Setting aside all prejudices, he's a very resourceful guy...'

Xander purposely went to the opposite side of Nicole, put the tea on the table, and rolled up his sleeves, ready to show his tea-making skills.

He was forced to learn a lot of useless crafts for the sake of filming, now it finally came in handy!

Chapter 619 Public Show of Affection

Nicole put away her phone, wanting to enjoy Xander's tea-making process. She also instructed the cameraman on the side to film this.

After all, Xander was the money tree that she wanted to make famous!

In the next second, Yuliana twisted her voluptuous body toward Xander and casually put one hand on Xander's shoulder as she looked at him with amazement.

"Xander, you can also make tea? You're amazing... I wanna learn too. Will you teach me? But I'm so slow..."

The room was silent for a moment.

Yuliana and Xander were in extreme proximity. Half of Yuliana's body was leaning on Xander.

Xander's face was red. He lowered his head with a rare trace of shyness on his handsome face.

"Sure... Sure..."

Xander quickly agreed, but he tried to

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Xander quickly agreed but he tried to maintain his decency and reserve. He then lowered his head in panic.

Nicole narrowed her eyes and was shocked for a moment. "What's going on with them?"

Even Livia, who was reading the script, was so startled that her hands shook slightly. She looked up at the pair with a strange look.

Subsequently, Xander began to pour the hot water while explaining, "The water temperature should be at 80 degrees Celsius..."

"Let me help you..."

Yuliana reached out to grab the kettle. Xander hurriedly held her soft and delicate hands as he was afraid that she would be scalded by the hot water. "Careful..."

Time seemed to be frozen at that moment.

The scene stalled.

For a while, neither of them let go of each other's hands.

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Nicole's eyebrows were knitted together. She looked at the hands that were clasped tightly together without flinching.

A room full of people was watching the pair.

They seemed to move in slow motion.

Soon after, Dominic came in and coughed heavily. The two people let go of each other quickly.

Their faces were red from embarrassment because they were immersed in their own act.

The crowd was speechless.

Everyone was still a little shocked by what just happened and did not return to their senses.

Only Eric raised his eyebrows slightly. He was in a rather good mood when he saw this scene.

Out of the corner of her eye, Yuliana saw Eric nodding at her with great satisfaction. Yuliana then knew that she used the right method.

In order to create opportunities for Eric and Nicole, Yuliana could only

and Nicole, Yuliana could only temporarily sacrifice herself to distract Xander.

Dominic stiffened for a moment and laughed to break the awkwardness.

"Yes, we're all one big family and should help each other... You guys carry on..."

Everyone looked at each other, then began to do their own thing as if no one was around.

Yuliana would look at Xander from time to time, secretly sending suggestive signals.

Xander would also look up at her from time to time. Those facial features that were so similar to Eric Ferguson's were twisted in a childish and joyful restraint, which looked out of place.

The two of them, a mature and sexy actress and a naive and handsome male star, just looked awkward standing together.

From time to time, Nicole looked at Xander, then at Eric.

Nicole suddenly found that the two men did not resemble each other. Even their

did not resemble the other. Even their facial features were nothing alike.

Especially when Xander openly accepted Yuliana's advances and looked like they were flirting in front of everyone, Xander looked so mushy, frivolous, and a little slutty.

Just comparing their temperaments, Xander lost to Eric completely.

Nicole felt very regretful. 'Sigh... It looked like Xander's popularity by imitating Eric won't work... I must find another way!'

Eric quietly sat on the side and looked a little gloomy when he heard Nicole's soft sigh. 'Is she so sad to see Xander with other women? Haha! But I'm happy!'

He swept a glance at that counterfeit Xander with a trace of ruthlessness. 'Looks like I can't let him stay...'

Chapter 620 Jobbery

After a busy morning, everyone was immune to Yuliana and Xander's public display of affection.

It was just that Nicole did not expect Xander and Yuliana to see eye to eye.

How could two people who were clearly completely unsuitable for each other in terms of spouse selection conditions be paired together to create hype?

However, this would not create a bad impact. Otherwise, Dominic would not be so keen to create opportunities for the couple.

Nicole thought, 'Looks like I'll have to discuss with Dominic about the timing to expose this romance to create a huge hype online. I need to earn back the money I spent to book out the entire city's LED screens for Eric from my money tree, Xander!'

Her eyes bounced between the couple as she started to cook up a lot of plans.

Aside from Nicole, everyone could feel the cold aura that surrounded the man beside

cold aura that surrounded the man beside Nicole. He had a sullen and glum face that seemed to say, "Don't mess with me!"

"Wifey, where are you...?"

Noises were coming from outside.

"You can't go in there!" Someone stopped the man.

"Get lost!"

Keith Ludwig barged in, looking like he was in a hurry. When he saw the woman inside, he suddenly sighed with relief and walked over with a smile.

"Wifey, why are you doing this? Do you want to change your career to be an actor?"

Dominic recognized Keith and waved his hand, signaling the people who were chasing after him to retreat and suspend filming.

When Livia saw Keith, she was first shocked for a moment, then she coldly lowered her head.

"Please get out."

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Keith's face stiffened, but he still forced a smile. "You must be so tired from filming. Let's go home. I'll give you whatever you want! From now on, I'll let you call the shots at home. Will that work?"

He did not care about the wandering eyes of the people around him, nor his own image.

Young Master Ludwig getting dumped at his wedding reception was widely spread, and everyone was shocked to find that he still did not give up.

Livia Lehman was not at all touched. Instead, she felt like laughing. "Mr. Ludwig, we no longer have any relationship with each other. That's your home, not mine."

The temperature in the room plummeted.

Keith was silent for a few seconds. He then said in a pleading tone. "Can we talk privately? Just for one minute."

Livia did not want to give Keith this opportunity, but Eric, who had been silent, suddenly stood up and spoke.

"Everyone, let's take a break. It's too tiring to continue the shoot, so we'll

trying to continue the mot, so we'll resume in the afternoon."

Everyone had the good sense to stop their work at hand.

Dominic was speechless as he thought, "So, am I invisible here?"

Keith cast a grateful glance at Eric. "My good brother! He's really my best friend for life!"

Nicole swept a glance at Eric and knew that he was just trying to give Keith and Livia some space. This was a jobber!

However, Nicole turned to the side and asked politely, "Ms. Lehman, do you need my help?"

Keith's face stiffened.

Livia was silent for three seconds before she smiled faintly. "No need. I'll go back to the hotel later after handling this."

She wanted to make things clear with Keith because she did not want him to keep pestering her.

Nicole nodded, then took her things and left.

In the car, Nicole instructed Logan to charter the entire city's LED screens to display her words of gratitude.

Logan was silent for a few seconds.

"Ms. Stanton, must we write that?"

Even Logan could not stand it.

Nicole said, "He requested for it himself, so just do as he says."

She also felt very uncomfortable seeing his and her name in the same sentence.

It made sense if it was Eric's request, unless Nicole was somehow on drugs when she came up with that wording.

Logan replied, "Understood."