

## Mistaking the CEO for a Gigolo Chapter 1436

### Chapter 1436 Dressing Up

Nicole figured she should call Evan since he was also in K Nation. She wanted him to keep an eye on Nina so that Nina wouldn't go looking for Chris.

With this in mind, Nicole stood up without hesitation and headed upstairs to call Evan.

"Nicole, what's wrong?"

"Please keep an eye on Nina so that she won't find out about Chris. I'm worried she'll do something silly."

"Don't worry. I'll make sure Nina doesn't leave her grandfather's side. She wouldn't have the time to go out."

"I still feel uneasy about this. Nina has always been a rebel. As for my father, why don't you bring him back to Imperial Garden when it's appropriate? We'll then have the excuse to bring Nina back earlier too."

"Sure. I'll make the necessary arrangements for that to happen."

They made some small talk about things at home, and Evan reminded Nicole to take care of her health before he asked about the kids.

It wasn't until then that Nicole was reminded about Davin bringing Maya on a blind date with Wilbur the next day. After she ended the call, she headed to Maya's bedroom and reminded her to dress up nicely for the occasion. She also reminded Maya to be more polite at the meeting.

Maya frowned. "Mommy, I'm just going to meet the client with Uncle Davin as his assistant. Why should I take this so seriously?"

Client? Are you really that oblivious to not see your uncle Davin's intention?

Nicole cleared her throat. "You're indeed going to the meeting as your uncle Davin's assistant, but they know your father and the fact that you're from Seet Group. Everything you say and do will represent the entire company. That's why you have to be more aware of your actions and demeanor."

Maya sighed. "Mommy, I finally understand how challenging it is to work as someone's assistant."

"I believe you're capable of doing this."

"You're right. I'll do my best to not embarrass Uncle Davin and Seet Group."

Nicole smiled faintly upon hearing that. I hope you'll meet your ideal man tomorrow, and I hope your love life won't be as complicated as Nina's.

The next day, Maya woke up early to dress up. She was applying makeup in front of her vanity desk. If Nina was here with me, she would be in charge of my makeup, and I won't have to spend a whole hour doing it myself.

After that, she changed into her favorite black suit. She looked at her reflection in the mirror and was satisfied with the career-woman look she had that day.

She gave herself a thumbs-up. "Maya, you're the brightest star in the career world. You can do this!"

After she made her way to the living room, Kyle and Juan looked strangely at her.

"Maya, why are you all dressed up?"

"I'm meeting a client with Uncle Davin later for an important project. Do I look like a strong, capable woman like this?"

Juan sized her up. "You look amazing!"

Maya turned around to look at Kyle. "What do you think?"

"You look smart enough to be a top assistant."

Maya was delighted to hear that. She was about to run off to find her mother when she abruptly heard Nicole's voice from behind her.

"Maya, why are you wearing that?"

"Mommy, do I look great in this? Do I look like a strong career woman?"

The outfit is excellent if you're meeting a client, but it's a little too formal for a blind date.

"Maya, let me pick you another outfit instead."

"Mommy, why should I change when I look great in this?"

"Just listen to me and follow me to your bedroom."

Chapter 1437 A Blind Date

Kyle and Juan were confused. They did not understand why Nicole asked Maya to change her clothes out of the blue.

"Perhaps Mommy thinks that she'll look better in other clothes."

"Yeah."

Then, both of them headed to the dining room for breakfast.

Ten minutes later, Nicole came down from upstairs with Maya.

Kyle and Juan could not help but exchange glances upon seeing Maya.

Maya was wearing a sexy red tube-top dress, accentuating her alluring figure. An exquisite necklace with a pendant was hanging around her neck. Moreover, she was also wearing a watch, bracelet, and a pair of earrings. She looked exactly like an educated lady from an upper-class family.

"Mommy, why are you dressing her up like that? That's too elegant for her." Kyle was puzzled.

“Exactly! Maya’s always been loud and carefree. Usually, she only wears her casual outfits. Since when did she have this dress? Don’t tell me that it’s from Nina.” Juan sized Maya up. No matter how he looked at it, he still found her attire strange.

Nicole glanced at both of them. “All the girls dress up like this nowadays. It makes them look classier.”

Maya felt a little uncomfortable too. “Mommy, I’m going to meet a business partner with Uncle Davin. Are you sure my attire is suitable for that?”

“Of course! If you don’t believe me, you can ask your uncle again once he’s here.”

As Nicole finished her sentence, Davin’s voice sounded from the door.

“Maya, I’m here to pick you up! Are you ready?”

Maya turned around. Davin strode to her as he examined her with his eyes full of astonishment. “Wow! Maya, you look as gorgeous as Nina after dressing up. Are you still that chubby girl I used to know? You’re stunning!”

Despite the compliments, Maya did not look excited. “Uncle Davin, do you think this dress is suitable? I wanted to wear my formal outfit. I think that it’ll be more appropriate since we’re going to discuss a business project. It’s a serious occasion, isn’t it?”

“There’s no need for that. This dress is perfect.”

Juan turned to Davin and said, “Uncle Davin, she looks like she’s going on a date. I think she should change into her business attire.”

Davin remained silent. Juan, you’re absolutely right! She’s indeed going on a blind date! But why are you telling the truth in front of Maya? She’ll definitely back out if she knows where we’re going!

As expected, Maya looked down and examined herself. “Uncle Davin, are we really going to meet a business partner?”

“Of course! Why would I follow you if you’re going on a blind date? It’s inappropriate for me to go with you in that case, right?”

“Uncle Davin, you’re a man who enjoys stirring the pot. Will you even consider whether it’s appropriate?” Juan replied casually.

Davin was speechless. Seriously, Juan? Do you really have to ruin our plan?

Seeing that, Nicole immediately urged Juan and Kyle to leave for work.

After they left, Nicole cheered Maya on before sending her and Davin off.

Davin drove as he advised Maya, “Maya, we’re going to discuss a valuable business project. Remember to act gentler after you see him later. If you change your mind in the middle of the discussion, or if you feel that there’s something off with him, you should also reject him politely. Do you understand?”

Maya pondered for a moment before nodding. “Understood, Uncle Davin. We’re representing Seet Group. I’ll try my best to be courteous so that I won’t embarrass Daddy and the company.”

“That’s great.” Davin prayed silently, Even if the blind date isn’t successful, I still hope that things will not get too ugly. The best-case scenario would be Maya and Wilbur liking each other, so they start dating. If things don’t work out, I hope everything will end without Maya being any the wiser. I really hope that she won’t kick up a fuss.

Not long after, Davin stopped his car at the entrance of Neon Hotel, the most luxurious hotel in Y City.

After getting off the car, Maya smoothed out her dress as she looked at Davin anxiously. “Uncle Davin, how do I look? I’ve never worked as an assistant before. I’m feeling a little nervous.”

Chapter 1438 Discussion

“There’s nothing to be nervous about. You look great! Just relax.”

Maya took a deep breath before following Davin into the hotel.

Wilbur was already waiting in the hotel in his custom-made suit. The moment he saw Davin and Maya, he immediately stood up.

The night before, his parents told him that Evan had two daughters. One of them was Nina Seet, an arrogant woman who did whatever she liked. Moreover, she had dated someone else in the past.

The one he was meeting today was Maya Seet. She was pure, innocent, and had never been in a relationship before. That was the reason why his parents asked him to seize the opportunity.

Wilbur fixated his gaze on Maya’s face until she stopped in front of him. He flashed a smile and greeted them, “Mr. Seet, this must be Ms. Maya, right? She’s gorgeous!”

Davin nodded. “Yes, this is Maya Lane, the little princess from Seet Group. She’s also my personal assistant.” He then introduced Wilbur to Maya, “Maya, this is Wilbur Simpson. He’s a rising star in the business field. His capability is well-recognized. You guys should get to know each other more.”

“Hello. I’ve long heard that Ms. Maya is beautiful and kind. It’s my pleasure to meet you today. You’re way more charming in person.”

Maya was baffled as she stared at Wilbur’s outstretched hand. That’s new to me. I never knew that people should butter each other up before discussing a business project.

However, she was aware that she had to mind the reputation of Seet Group, so she reached out her hand to shake Wilbur’s. “Hello. You’re very outstanding too. I hope both of us will have a smooth negotiation later. I’m really looking forward to our cooperation.”

Wilbur was stunned. Negotiation? Cooperation? What does she mean?

His parents thought that their family would benefit from his marriage with Maya. In fact, the Simpson family were more concerned about the business cooperation between the two families. Could it be that Maya and the Seet family have the same thought too?

Davin glanced at Maya. Silly girl! You’re still thinking about the cooperation, huh? Love is the only cooperation that will be happening between Wilbur and you. Unfortunately, I can’t explain anything to you. Otherwise, this blind date is going to end now.

He cleared his throat, trying to change the subject. "All right. We should stop standing here. Let's take a seat."

After they were seated, Davin brought up the topic about the past collaborations between Seet Group and Simpson Group on purpose. Wilbur mentioned that the cooperations with Seet Group were pleasant. He also hoped that they could work together again in the future. Then, Davin talked about the problems they had faced during the business cooperations. Wilbur answered all of his questions patiently.

Maya listened to their conversation from the side. She did not know anything about the business projects between Seet Group and Simpson Group, so she had nothing to say about those. She could only listen to them silently with a faint smile.

Fifteen minutes later, Davin's phone rang. After answering the call, he dismissed himself temporarily so that Maya and Wilbur could have some private time.

Maya had no idea what she should do next. She looked at Wilbur and grinned foolishly. "Uncle Davin will come back after settling his work. You guys can continue the discussion later."

Wilbur frowned. "You're the one who should be involved in our discussion today."

Huh? Although I'm here as an assistant, Uncle David told me that I didn't have to go through the project. He said I didn't need to know anything before coming. Why is Wilbur asking me to join the discussion now? I have no idea what to say!

"B-But I don't know how to discuss that with you. I think you should wait for Uncle Davin," Maya replied sincerely.

Wilbur pondered for a moment. The more he thought about it, the more something did not seem right. He did not reveal anything in front of Maya. Instead, he headed to the washroom and gave Davin a call.

"The truth is, Wilbur, Maya doesn't believe that she'll meet a suitable partner. For some reason, she's reluctant to start a relationship with any man. Since you've already found out the truth now, then I'll be honest with you. She doesn't know that I brought her there for a blind date. You can just try chit-chatting with her. If you think that she's suitable for you, you should make the first move to pursue her. But, if you think she's not the one for you, we can't force things, right?"

Chapter 1439 Pure And Innocent

Hearing that, Wilbur finally came to a realization. No wonder Maya's acting so strange.

"Okay, Mr. Seet. I know what to do now."

"All right. I'll pick her up in half an hour. You guys can have a chat in the meantime."

"Sure!"

After going back to the private room, Wilbur sat down in front of Maya and studied her carefully. She has a fair and exquisite face. Her features are so similar to her mother's.

The more he examined Maya, the more he was mesmerized by her beauty. Unconsciously, a smile appeared on his face.

Perceiving his gaze, Maya instantly put her guard up. Why does he look so lecherous? Could it be that he's a pervert?

At that thought, she immediately straightened her posture. "I wonder when Uncle Davin is coming back. I should give him a call."

"There's no need for that. I contacted him just now, and he said he'll be back in half an hour. Here, try this coconut juice. It's very good and refreshing."

Half an hour? I guess nothing will happen in such a short time, right? After all, Wilbur's working together with Seet Group. He should know how powerful Seet Group is. I guess he won't have the guts to do anything to me.

Maya calmed down after thinking that through. She picked up the glass of coconut juice, sipping from it slowly. Then, she put the glass back onto the table politely. "It's good."

"I heard that the business in your food plaza is flourishing. I'm thinking of visiting it soon. I wonder if I will get a discount?"

Maya sized Wilbur up. He's the scion of the Simpson family. Why should he care about that few hundred bucks? Wait a minute. Is he trying to build a rapport with me?

She shook her head instantly. "No. The discounts in my food plaza are only applicable for beautiful ladies, not for men!"

"Why? Is there any difference between men and women?"

"Of course there is! Although we promote gender equality in the current society, men have more career opportunities than women. According to the statistics, there are more rich men than women. So, I think that women need the benefits, but men do not!"

Her mindset is a little weird, but she's not wrong. Wilbur continued asking, "Then, can your friends get any discounts?"

"Are we friends?" Maya asked innocently.

Wilbur smiled. "Do you want to be friends with me?"

Maya shook her head. "No!"

Wilbur frowned. "Why? Am I not worthy enough to be your friend?"

Maya thought for a second and shook her head. "Because I don't want to be friends with men!"

Wilbur was surprised by her answer. He looked at her curiously and probed further, "What about a boyfriend? Your future boyfriend will also be a man."

"I don't need a boyfriend."

Wilbur immediately recalled what his mother said last night. He finally understood why she would say that Maya was a pure and innocent woman. It seems like it's not that easy to win her heart. However, I do like a challenge.

For example, a few days ago, the board members of Simpson Group said that he would never make Marston Group work with him. However, he refused to give up. After much perseverance and determination, he finally succeeded.

As for women, he had met a few socialites in the past. They had always tried everything they could to win his heart. However, he had never met a woman like Maya. He was more than eager to accept the challenge of becoming her boyfriend.

"Then, what if there's a collaboration between us? Are you okay if your partner is a man?"

Maya mulled it over for a moment. There's a difference between work partners and other personal relationships. I guess that should be fine since we'll only talk about work.

She nodded hesitantly. Suddenly, she lifted her head as if she had recalled something. "I'm just accompanying my uncle here. I don't know much about the projects, so you should discuss with him about that."

"I'm not talking about the projects with Seet Group. I'm talking about a collaboration with your food plaza."

Chapter 1440 Interrogation

Maya frowned. "What kind of collaboration do you want?"

"Where do you purchase the ingredients needed for your food plaza? Simpson Group has hundreds of chain bakeries. We also have our personal source for ingredients. If we can supply you with better quality ingredients, will you consider working together with me?"

That's great. My food plaza needs better ingredients too! After pondering for a moment, Maya nodded.

"Great! We should exchange numbers. Then it'll be easier for us to contact each other."

"Sure!"

While they were exchanging their numbers, Davin knocked on the door and walked into the room. He was surprised to witness that scene. Wilbur is really something! How did he persuade Maya to give him her number? It seems like something's going on between them!

"Uncle Davin, you're back."

"Maya, I've settled everything. Let's go back now."

"Mr. Seet, do you want to have lunch together? My treat," Wilbur invited.

Davin turned to look at Maya. Maya said that she was going to the food plaza, so she asked Davin to go with Wilbur.

What's the point of us having lunch without Maya? After all, I'm not the person Wilbur wants to treat a meal. Davin rejected, "How about next time? I have to send Maya to the food plaza now. I'll talk to you later."

During their way back, Maya asked Davin curiously, "Uncle Davin, wasn't your discussion with Wilbur too simple? Did you guys agree on a project with just a few sentences? It seemed like my presence was unnecessary."

Why would your presence be unnecessary? You were the star! Davin cleared his throat and lied with a solemn expression, "We'll have another discussion after this. Our negotiations did not go well just now because I had to leave partway."

"I see. Uncle Davin, do you know? Wilbur really is a good businessman. After you left, he mentioned that he wanted to collaborate with me and my food plaza. I wonder how's their food quality. Do they monitor their sources strictly?"

Davin glanced at Maya. What a silly girl. Do you think Wilbur is interested in the food plaza? You're the one he's targeting! The business project means nothing to him. He's more interested in the "project" to spend the rest of his life with you! I have to admit, though, Wilbur is quite good at handling the situation. He knows to get close to Maya through business collaboration. That's a great strategy!

"Maya, don't you worry. Simpson Group is a trustworthy and legitimate company. You can go ahead with the collaboration."

Maya nodded. "All right, Uncle Davin."

Davin's lips curled into a smile. Silly girl, I hope you guys can be together soon!

After dropping Maya off at the food plaza, Davin drove back to Imperial Garden. Knowing that Maya had decided to keep in contact with Wilbur, Nicole felt excited and worried at the same time.

"Nicole, everything's going well. It seems like Maya's going to start her first romantic relationship before she even realizes it."

"Maya is an innocent girl. I'm so worried about her..."

"Don't worry, Nicole. I believe that Wilbur will treat Maya well. Either way, I'll get someone to keep an eye on him. Relax, I'll have everything taken care of."

"That's great. Thanks for everything."

"You don't have to thank me. Maya is my niece. I'm just doing what I should." Then, Davin began to ask Nicole about Stephen's condition. He also wondered when Evan would come back.

"My dad's condition isn't that serious now. He just needs more rest. I think Evan will come back within these few days."

"Once he's back, you can ask him about his opinion on Wilbur."

"All right. I will!"

After Davin left, Nicole drove to Bernian Hospital and started her work.



Meanwhile, Nina, who had just arrived in the estate, stood still in the courtyard. She trembled in fear upon hearing Evan's interrogation.

"Where did you go?"

"Daddy, Grandpa said that he was craving peaches, so I went out to get some for him."

"What took you so long? You were out since this morning. Don't we have maids in the estate? Why did you have to get the peaches on your own?"

Chapter 1441 Lie Exposed

Nina looked at Evan. Hesitantly, she claimed with a soft voice, "Daddy, it was Grandpa's idea!"

"Nonsense! Your grandpa doesn't like peaches at all. You were merely making an excuse to head out."

Then Evan took out his phone, played the surveillance footage, and showed it to Nina.

Instantly, her heart dropped. Why is there a surveillance camera in Grandpa's room?

"Take a look! Did I wrong you?"

"Daddy, installing a surveillance camera in Grandpa's bedroom is considered violating his privacy."

"It was to keep an eye on your grandpa's condition and safety. The Musgrave family's future depends on him. In fact, the doctor suggested installing the surveillance camera when he was sick. It wasn't my idea."

Taken aback, Nina froze. She knew nothing about the doctor's advice.

She lowered her eyes to watch the footage, in which every moment was captured clearly, and even the conversation could be heard clearly.

As shown in the footage, the duke was sitting upright on the bed. Nina looked at him, asking, "Grandpa, I have taken care of you for a few days. You've reckoned that I must be bored and so you want me to get some fresh air, right?"

Her grandfather fell silent for a moment. Only then did he beam and nod at her. "If you want to go out, go ahead!"

"However, Daddy won't allow that. Can we tell him that you asked me to go out and take a walk?"

He pondered for a while and nodded.

"If Daddy asks about it, just tell him that you're craving peaches, and I'm heading out to get some for you. What do you think?"

Hearing her proposal, the duke thought that she wanted some peaches. Thus, he nodded and agreed, "Okay."

Elated, Nina jumped up and turned to hop away. After taking two steps, she halted and turned around to look at her grandfather. She then reminded him again, "If Daddy asks why I take so long to buy

peaches, tell him that you want a rare giant peach and you want it fresh. So, it's hard to get it because I need to go around searching for it. Can you remember this, Grandpa?"

Even his eyes were smiling as he nodded tenderly.

Nina, too, returned a smile before leaving the room.

After watching the video clip, Evan locked his gaze on Nina and interrogated, "Did I wrong you?"

Caught red-handed, Nina gripped the hem of her shirt, shaking her head.

"You asked your grandpa to cover for you. So, what did you do outside?"

"I-I went out for a walk to get some fresh air."

"Really? So, you didn't go to K Enterprise to look for Chris, right?" Evan stared attentively at Nina, trying to catch any changes in her expression.

Looking gloomier, Nina shook her head.

"Really?" Evan continued probing with a stern voice.

She raised her head and met Evan's eyes. Again, she shook her head.

In truth, she did not go to Chris but Felicia instead. After having a word with Felicia, she learned that Felicia did not marry Chris. At the moment, she was bewildered.

Even when she queried Felicia, the latter only claimed that she and Chris were not meant for each other and said nothing else.

Hence, Nina was confused. If Chris didn't marry Felicia, who did he marry, then? Is it possible that he's still unmarried because he can't get over me?

Judging from her expression, Evan assumed that she was unaware of Chris' incident. Nonetheless, he knew very well that Nina would investigate the matter thoroughly. Undoubtedly, if he were to leave her alone, she would secretly look into anything related to Chris.

"Nina, we're returning to our country tomorrow. Pack your things."

"Tomorrow? That's earlier than I expected. Still, Grandpa hasn't fully recovered yet."

"Don't worry. He'll be coming with us."

Nina was stunned for a moment before voicing out. "Daddy, I want to stay here for a few more days."

"What for?"

"I-I..."

She paused as she did not dare to tell him the truth because she knew that Evan was adamant to bring her back.

Hence, she resignedly acceded to his plan. "All right, Daddy."

Hearing her reply, Evan felt relieved. If they left K Nation as soon as possible, Nina would not be able to learn anything about Chris, and Evan reckoned that it was the best for Nina.

On the next day, they headed back to their home country on a private plane at noon.

Due to the time difference between K Nation and C Nation, it was only nine in the morning when they arrived at C Nation.

#### Chapter 1442 Realization

Nicole and Juan came personally to fetch Evan and the rest. Upon seeing her father, Nicole could not contain her joy. "Dad, how are you doing?" she asked worriedly.

"No big deal. Evan insisted that I should come here to recuperate."

"Rest assured. Dad, Bernian Hospital has a special zone for recuperation. I can bring you there daily to help you in recovering."

"Sure. I've heard from Evan that your hospital is doing good. Actually, I've been wanting to visit there."

"We should head back home first. Get some rest. We'll only be going to the hospital in the afternoon."

"All right."

After they arrived at Imperial Garden, Nicole arranged a room for her father.

As the two sat down to chat, the elderly man intentionally mentioned Nina and complimented her. He praised Nina for being attentive and caring, for she had taken good care of him.

"You're her grandpa. It's her responsibility to look after you."

"Nicole, is Nina still clueless about what happened to Chris?"

"Yes. She knows nothing about it. You mustn't let the cat out of the bag!" Nicole reminded him solemnly.

Coincidentally, Nina, who was going to knock on the door as she wanted to deliver the medicine to her grandfather, overheard Nicole's words. Her hand froze midair as she was puzzled. What is it that Mommy forbids Grandpa from telling me?

Then she heard the man heave a sigh. "Chris is also a pitiful kid."

Nicole, too, heaved a sigh, then said, "Dad, stop thinking about this. Get some rest first. What do you want to eat? I'll let Maya have the food prepared for you."

Nina frowned while standing on the other side of the door. Did Grandpa just say that Chris is pitiful? Daddy once said to Maya that Chris is a great man.

Thinking of her father's and grandfather's comments on Chris, Nina thought that it was strange.

Logically speaking, Chris, who had cheated on her, should be disdained by her family. They should consider him a disreputable man. Surprisingly, her grandfather pitied Chris, while her father called him a great man.

She realized that they were hiding something from her.

Who did Chris marry if it was not Felicia? I have to look into this matter.

Then she heard Nicole walking toward the door. Hence, she quickly knocked on the door and entered the room with the medicine in her hand.

Later, Nina drove to Seet Group. Right when she set foot in the design department, she saw Stephen staring blankly at her office.

She approached him and asked, "Are you looking for me?"

Stephen was taken aback upon hearing her voice. He looked at her in shock. "You're back."

"Yes. I arrived at the airport one hour ago. Is anything the matter?"

"Um... Nothing. I merely pass by your office."

Nina furrowed her brows. As her office was situated at the far east, no one would pass by her office by chance. Clearly, Stephen was lying.

Seeing her reaction, Stephen kept mum for a while, as he realized that he had told a ridiculous lie. Hence, he cast an awkward smile and said, "I still have some undone work. I'll excuse myself first."

Stephen's face had betrayed his nervousness. Nina's face turned grim as she watched Stephen walk away.

Nina couldn't help but think about this man who had suddenly appeared at the bar and rescued her the other day. After that, he had shown up at her company and presented many designs similar to Chris' style. In fact, his speech and manner were also reminiscent of Chris'. Nina knew that something was off about this man.

Although she investigated his background twice before, Nina still wanted to find out more about him.

Stephen, even if you're not Chris, you must know him. It's weird that the two of you share so many similarities. I have to find out the relationship between you and Chris!

Making up her mind, Nina came up with her first plan, which was to make him drunk. As one would spill the truth in a drunken haze, she could fish for some information from a drunk Stephen if she pressed on patiently.

After work, Nina came up with an excuse, and she wanted to treat those employees from the design department to a meal.

Initially, Stephen intended to refuse the offer. However, after contemplating for a while, he decided to attend.

Chapter 1443 Get Him Drunk

Stephen arrived at Neon Hotel late.

Watching him hurrying over, Nina pursed her lips.

Earlier, she had ordered a bottle of fine wine. She had also asked those colleagues who were close to Stephen to punish the latecomers. She even encouraged them to make the latecomers get drunk.

Stephen's colleagues took the hint as they immediately understood that she was referring to Stephen when she mentioned "latecomers."

"Ms. Nina, rest assured. Stephen dares to come late even when you offer to treat us. We will definitely get him drunk later!"

"That's right. Ms. Nina, we'll make sure he loses consciousness later."

"Are you sure that you can get him drunk? Don't let things turn out the other way!" Nina intentionally teased them.

Her taunt worked as the few patted on their chests and promised, "Ms. Nina. Just wait and see. He's going up against a few of us. If we fail to get him drunk, then we're utterly useless!"

"That's right. Just wait and see. He won't even remember who he is!"

Hence, they waited patiently for their victim to arrive.

Right as Stephen set foot in the room, he apologized for arriving behind time. "Sorry for coming late!"

"Stephen, how dare you arrive late when Ms. Nina offered to treat us? Of course, you should be apologizing. However, action speaks louder than words. You should punish yourself by drinking three glasses of wine first."

The man filled three glasses of wine as he spoke and brought them to Stephen with deference.

Stephen froze upon seeing that act. He had undergone surgery, and the doctor advised him to refrain from drinking. Hence, he wondered if it would damage his health if he downed all of them.

"Drink up if you're sincere in your apology."

"Stephen, we have been waiting for you for a very long time. Why are you reluctant to drink the wine? Don't you feel bad for making us wait?"

"Hurry and drink up."

"That's right. Drink up. If you refuse to do so, that means you're looking down on Ms. Nina and us."

The few pressured him one after another, rendering Stephen speechless. Finally, he reluctantly acceded, as it was the only way to satisfy the crowd.

"Fine. I'll down the drinks!"

He froze for a moment before reaching out to the glasses. Then he downed three glasses of wine. Silently, he prayed in his heart, hoping that his body could endure it.

After he finished the three glasses, his colleagues continued to press on him as they recalled Nina's instructions. Hence, they kept filling up Stephen's glass with wine. Albeit declining their offer over and over again, the colleagues continued asking him to drink.

At that moment, Stephen regretted his decision to attend. If he had known earlier that he would be guzzling tons of wine, he wouldn't have agreed to join the party. However, he only had himself to blame, for he couldn't control his urge to get closer to Nina.

Thinking of Nina, he turned to look at her pleadingly, wanting to ask for her help.

"Ms. Nina, it's your treat today. Maybe you can stop everyone from drinking too much. We can spend some time talking about work instead."

Little did he know that it was Nina's idea to get him drunk. Unsurprisingly, Nina had no intention of helping him.

Nina merely cast a polite smile and brushed off his suggestion. "Indeed, it is my treat. However, I want everyone to relax and play to their hearts' content. It would be inappropriate for me to refrain everyone from drinking, right?" She stood up and added, "I'll head out and see if there's any delicious food. Carry on the party without me." After that, she promptly left the room.

Hearing her response, Stephen frowned as he realized that he could only get out of the situation by himself.

He grabbed another glass of wine and gulped it. After a while, he put on an act and shook his head as if he was drunk.

"Let me tell you. I can hold my liquor. Give me more."

"That's great. Then you should keep drinking. Give me your glass and I'll fill it for you."

Stephen glanced at Ivan and thanked him. After a pause, he asked, "Oh right, Ivan. Didn't you accidentally mix up the blueprints and come up with a flawed product last month? As a result, the company has lost at least..." He halted and pondered for a second. Holding out two fingers, he continued, "At least twenty million."

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Shocked, Ivan replied in fear, "No way. It's true that I mixed up the blueprints. However, we corrected it after that, and you were the one who helped me. Have you forgotten about that? In the end, we didn't cause a twenty million loss."

"Are you sure? My memory after drinking is great. I'll never speak nonsense. I don't think I remember wrongly."

Startled, Ivan stuttered, "Y-You're speaking nonsense now. Y-You're definitely drunk!"

"No, no. I can keep drinking." Then, Stephen turned his head to look at Jordan and said, "I remember you claimed that Kayden had stolen a design from someone. Who was it again? I can't remember well. Let me think about it."

"That's not true. I've never said that. You've definitely remembered wrongly!"

Upon watching Stephen embarrassing his colleagues, the others who had made mistakes and forced him to drink felt a chill down their spine, afraid that he would expose their wrongdoings at the party.

“I think Stephen is drunk now. We shouldn’t let him drink anymore.”

“Right. We can’t let him drink anymore.”

“Come. Have some food. The food here is delicious. Let’s enjoy our meal.”

Instantly, everyone fell into unmitigated silence.

Realizing that everyone had stopped pressuring him to drink, Stephen felt relieved. He reached for his utensils and enjoyed the meal with the rest.

Nina finally returned to the room. Stephen’s colleagues immediately went to her and reported, “Ms. Nina, Stephen is drunk. Actually, we have also drunk a lot too. Why don’t we call it a night now?”

Stephen is drunk?

Nina directed her gaze at Stephen and scrutinized him. Acting drunk, Stephen intentionally massaged his head and mumbled that he could drink more.

Seeing that, Nina believed that he was drunk.

Hence, she said, “I have appointed someone to arrange transport for all of you. Be careful when you’re heading home.”

“Thank you, Ms. Nina.”

“Thank you, Ms. Nina.”

Everyone thanked Nina before leaving.

When Stephen walked past Nina, she stopped him from leaving and said, “Your driver hasn’t arrived yet. Therefore, you should stay and wait here.”

Stephen’s heart dropped when he realized Nina had asked only him to stay back. He supposed that she had something to talk about with him. In the blink of an eye, everyone had left, leaving only the two in the room.

Calmly, Nina filled two glasses of wine. Then she held a glass of wine in her hand and handed another to Stephen.

“Ms. Nina, I really can’t drink anymore!”

“One more. Just one more! I’ll drink it first.” Nina then lifted the wineglass and downed the red wine at one gulp. “There. Now, it’s your turn!”

Looking at the fine wine before him, Stephen realized that he couldn’t refuse the request. Therefore, he took the wineglass from her and downed the wine. Suddenly, his heart clenched, and he felt a bit uncomfortable.

“Ms. Nina, you asked for me to stay. Do you have something to discuss with me?”

Nina observed his appearance. Seeing his flushed face and weary eyes, she reckoned that he was drunk. He might spill the beans now that he is drunk.

“That’s right. To be frank, I have some questions for you. Can you answer my questions honestly?”

Stephen knitted his brows and replied, “Sure.”

“Do you have anything to do with Chris Sanders?”

The mention of Chris took Stephen by surprise. His heart started beating fast. Anything related to Chris should not be revealed to Nina, for it was a promise he made to Chris.

Noticing the perturbation and hesitancy in his eyes, Nina claimed confidently, “You are somehow related to Chris! By looking into your eyes, I can tell that you’re related to him!”

Immediately, Stephen was at a loss, contemplating the best response he could give.

Looking at Nina’s determined look, he knew he wouldn’t be able to brush it off by denying it. In fact, he could tell that Nina had discovered something before she decided to ask him the question.

“It’s okay if you’re not saying anything. I’ll wait until you speak the truth. Even if you’re not telling me the truth tonight, there’s still tomorrow, the day after, and so on. We can keep this going, and I’ll make you speak no matter what it takes.”

Putting on a troubled look, Stephen said, “Ms. Nina, why are you doing all this?”

Chapter 1445 So Near Yet So Far

“I have to know everything about him! Who did he marry if he did not marry Felicia? Did he even marry anyone? He didn’t love Felicia at all, and he only used her to make me give up on him. Am I right?”

“Yes, you’re right! He didn’t marry Felicia. He... He just didn’t want to see you again! That was why he used such a harsh way to break up with you!”

“He didn’t want to see me? Why doesn’t he want to see me?”

Because he’s now in heaven.

Stephen took a deep breath and prevented himself from telling Nina the truth. He knew that the truth would be unbearable for her.

He had no choice but to continue making up stories. “Nina, career always comes first in a man’s heart. He knew that he had to cut ties with you if he wished to inherit K Enterprise because his father wouldn’t have allowed him to marry you!”

K Enterprise? Chris left me for the sake of his career?

Nina began to recall all the memories that happened between them. She believed Chris was not the sort of person Stephen said he was.

After a moment of silence, she raised her head and looked at Stephen. “If what you said is true, prove it to me.”

Stephen was stunned. Prove it? How am I going to do that?



“The first time we met, you rescued me at the bar. That was arranged by Chris, wasn’t it? You call him now. I want you to make him admit that he gave up our relationship for the sake of his career! Call him now!”

“He won’t pick up, and he won’t say it either!”

“Are you afraid of calling? If you dare not call, it means you’re lying!”

Stephen’s heart thumped with fright. What should I say to stop her from asking further?

“Stephen, I beg you to tell me the truth! Is Chris in any trouble? Is he in any danger? Was he forced to abandon me because he wanted to face it alone? Please! Please tell me!”

Nina gazed at Stephen with a pleading look. She knew that if she tried harder, Stephen would cave in. Once that happened, she would finally know the truth.

“He... He...”

Just when Stephen was at a loss for words, the door was pushed open. Bang!

“Stephen, it’s late now. Why are you not home yet?” It was Stephen’s girlfriend, Melanie.

As she walked up to Stephen, she could smell the alcohol on his body. A worried expression crossed her face. “Stephen, have you been drinking? The doctor asked you not to drink alcohol.”

“What’s wrong with him? Why won’t the doctor let him drink?” Nina was surprised.

“He... He just had surgery and can’t drink. Ms. Nina, if there’s any drinking occasion in the future, can you please excuse him?”

“May I know what surgery he had?” Nina asked further.

Melanie was a little hesitant and looked at Stephen. Stephen quickly answered, “Nothing major. It’s getting late now. Since my girlfriend is here, I shall go back with her now.”

As soon as he finished, he dragged Melanie out of the room.

Looking at the two of them leaving, Nina sighed. She had been just one step away from getting the truth from Stephen.

So near and yet so far. I must try harder next time! But since Stephen can’t drink, I must think of another way.

After Stephen and Melanie left the hotel, Stephen began to feel so uncomfortable that he had to slow down. Melanie, who had been ahead of him, looked back and noticed that he was about to fall. She quickly rushed to him to help him.

“Stephen, are you okay? You know you’re not supposed to drink. Why did you still do so? Was it because Nina asked you to? Will you really do anything that she asks you to, even if you have to risk your life?”

“I-I’m okay.”

Melanie looked at his pale face and the sweat dotting his forehead. "Look at you! You're obviously not okay! Let me take you to the hospital now."

Once they arrived at the hospital, the doctor examined him and put him on an IV drip.