



Chapter 8

"Darling, when I come home, should I pick you up from the hospital?"

"No need, I'll bring my own car," replied Aurora on the other side.

"Or how about we go for dinner together tonight? It's been a while since we went out for a romantic dinner."

"Sorry, tonight is not possible. There's a patient who just gave birth. The baby is in critical condition and needs monitoring. So, the specialist and I have to be on standby. It seems like I'll be coming home a bit late tonight. Maybe some other time."

"Alright then. Just make sure to come home safely. Let me know when you're done. I'll wait for you at home."

After ending the call with his wife, Alex seemed to take a deep breath repeatedly. A sudden tightness gripped his chest as he faced the cold attitude Aurora displayed.

Since getting caught bringing another woman to their bed, Aurora's behavior had changed drastically. Despite forgiving and giving a second chance, she seemed unwilling to be approached or even touched.

Alex understood; perhaps Aurora was deeply hurt. Or maybe

she was already disgusted with the betrayal he had committed.

Alex had made many efforts to win Aurora's heart again, but it seemed in vain. Aurora kept her distance, and her attitude, if observed closely, became extremely cold. Quite different from before when she was warm and cheerful. Despite a month passing since their marital scandal.

Once again, Alex tried to understand this situation. His mistake had left a deep trauma on Aurora over what he had done.

Thinking back, Alex had no intention of cheating initially. None at all. After all, Aurora was close to perfect. A successful career, a well-established life, beautiful, independent, with good morals, born into a wealthy family. And most importantly, she accepted Alex as he was.

Their marriage was initially harmonious, almost flawless. They were even dubbed by friends, family, and relatives as a perfect couple.

However, everything changed when Alex met Nicole. A few months ago, Aurora brought a beautiful woman named Nicole, introduced her as a cousin's sister, to his office.

As the previous secretary resigned for personal reasons, Nicole replaced and took over the position.

"My name is Amanda Nicole, Sir. You can call me Amanda. But, my nickname is Nicole. Since I'm new, I seek your

guidance."

Truly, in the beginning, during the introduction and the days of playing the roles of boss and subordinate, Alex never felt tempted or had any thoughts of doing anything inappropriate.

Until one moment when Nicole praised Alex's achievements and work for the company. It stroked Alex's ego. As a man, he felt highly valued and appreciated.

Nicole openly showed her interest in Alex. She often acted coquettishly, making Alex feel needed. A stark contrast to Aurora's independent attitude, who seemed capable of solving all problems without asking for Alex's help.

"Among the ten leaders, you're the coolest," praised Nicole. "Imagine, winning such a huge tender so easily. Your competitors are all seniors. I'm really impressed with the achievements you've accomplished."

"Don't exaggerate. I think what I achieved is quite ordinary."

"Who says?" Nicole countered. "Seriously, you're so cool. It's a shame you're already married. Otherwise, from the moment I started working here, I would've made you my partner."

From there, their closeness began. Starting from having lunch together often, attending business meetings as a pair, and then progressing to unexpected things.



Meeting after meeting continued. From initially just having lunch or escorting Nicole home from work, it escalated to their first kiss. From there, Alex thought it wouldn't hurt to have a little fun, as long as Aurora didn't find out.

"Don't worry, my love. Aurora or anyone else will never know about our relationship. Outside, we can both maintain our composure. When we're alone, that's when we can be affectionate."

"But, Nicole. Are you okay being in a relationship with me, knowing that I'm already married?"

"Doesn't matter. It's already too late to not care. Besides, you also care about me, right?"

"Of course. If I didn't care so much, why would I bother having this risky relationship with you?"

"In that case, let's continue this relationship. After all, we both like each other, and it doesn't harm anyone. Moreover, I don't mind having a secret relationship like this. The main thing is, during working hours, you're completely mine."

Alex thought, as long as he fulfilled his duties as a husband and provided Aurora with her rights as a wife, it didn't matter if he cheated. He still provided full financial support, came home from work at reasonable hours, often indulged in affectionate moments with Aurora, and most importantly, continued to show love and attention to her.

Besides, Nicole was exceptionally beautiful. As time went on, Alex even dared to compare Nicole, who was much more seductive than Aurora. Moreover, Alex liked Nicole's submissive attitude.

The climax came during a business trip out of town, where Aurora was unaware that Nicole had also joined. Alex decided to share a hotel room with Nicole, engaging in activities they shouldn't have done. Instead of stopping and regretting his actions, Alex became addicted.

To make matters worse, Nicole reassured Alex that she had no problem being a shadow lover or just a companion capable of satisfying him. From the beginning of their relationship, all she sought was pleasure. Unbeknownst to Alex, he had just signed a letter of destruction for his marriage and his life.

Now? Did he regret what had happened? Of course. Especially considering it wasn't easy to convince and regain Aurora's trust that he had betrayed.

Continuously wrestling with himself, thinking about how to melt and conquer Aurora's frozen heart, Alex's concentration was disrupted. A loud knock on the door immediately interrupted his reverie.

"Yes, Vivi. Come in."

Alex thought it was his new secretary, Vivi, coming in for a meeting. However, when he looked up and threw a glance,

he encountered a different figure.

"Alex, I miss you!"

"Nicole?"

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