

## Chapter 446 Talk More

“Wow! This building looks like it came out of a Harry Potter movie!”

Toto's incessant chatter pulled Nicole out of her sentimental mood.

Nicole lost the mood to appreciate her familiar surroundings and quickened her footsteps.

‘Ugh! Why did Dad agree to let Toto follow me?!’

Nicole walked to the back of the campus and stopped in front of an exquisite small building.

She turned to the side to look at Toto.

“You and Luca can wait outside. I'll come out after I see my professor.”

Toto scrunched up his features and gritted his teeth.

“But... Ms. Stanton, is your professor a man or a woman? I'll buy a souvenir for you. It's not good to meet someone empty-handed after all. We ought to show our Medianian hospitality, right?”

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Nicole rolled her eyes. "I already brought a perfume. It's in my bag. Give it to me."

Toto thought, 'Perfume? It must be a woman!'

He handed her the bag and said joyfully, "It's such a rare chance to see your professor. Don't worry about us and chat a little longer!"

'Why would I worry about them?' Nicole cast a sidelong glance at Toto. She did not want to lose her temper in such a noble and peaceful place.

Thus, Nicole just reached out to take her bag and went inside.

Toto sighed in relief. He turned around and sent a message to Eric.

"Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Stanton came here to visit her female professor. She only has eyes for you and ignores everyone's good gestures. She sighed seven times along the way. I guess she misses you too much, so you have to get well soon!"

After sending the message, Toto ran over to Luca.

"Luca, do you want some ice cream? My treat!"

treat!

Luca said, "Get lost."

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Inside the library.

At the innermost corner of the library, Nicole saw a skinny man crouching over his laptop, tapping away at the keyboard with a full screen of unintelligible code.

She thought back to her times here. It seemed like her professor had not changed much these few years.

Her heart settled down.

"Leroy?"

The man paused in his movements and turned back. His messy hair was unkempt, and he even had some stubble on his face. When he saw Nicole, his tired eyes lit up.

"Nic?!"

Nicole smiled and went over to hug him.

"I didn't tell you that I'm in France, but I figured that you must be here."

Leroy laughed. His features were delicate, but he was not someone who cared about his appearance and never took care of

but he was not someone who cared about his appearance and never took care of himself, so he looked a bit disheveled.

Upon closer look, his eyes were as bright and sharp as a falcon.

Leroy was a young genius professor at Harvard who came here for research, so he had a part-time position at this university. At a glance, no one would know his identity.

He sat casually in a relaxed posture with his legs crossed and a frivolous smile on his face.

“As I told you before, you’re my last student. I don’t have the energy to train others anymore.”

Nicole took out an exquisite little box from her bag.

“The limited-edition Parfums de Marly. Haven’t you been collecting this series?”

Leroy’s eyes dimmed slightly as he looked at Nicole. The corners of his lips were downturned with grief.

“Nic, thanks for thinking about me, but he passed away three months ago. He won’t be able to see it even if I collect this

...”  
Nicole paused in her movements. Leroy and his boyfriend had gone through so much to be together. Leroy also came to France because of his boyfriend.

Their relationship was over so soon.

Leroy smiled and took the small box. “It’s okay, he’ll be happy when I tell him about it.”

Nicole nodded. “Sorry, I...”

“It’s alright. So, what brought you here?”

“I’m here for fun.”

“Oh? With who? The brave Mr. Ferguson that you’re so fond of?”

“The man I like died,” Nicole said in a light voice. 1

## Chapter 447 Together

Leroy was aware of how obsessed Nicole was with that man in the beginning. He knew of her struggles, pain, deep affection, persistence, and constant efforts just for that man.

He knew that Nicole would succeed in her love because she deserves everyone's attention.

That man died?

"That's a shame..."

Leroy sighed, "The person I like is also dead..."

Nicole lowered her eyes in silence. Eric Ferguson was no longer the man that she was infatuated with back then.

To her, Eric Ferguson was long dead.

After some twists and turns, her state of mind was completely different as she came back to the place where it all started.

In the chateau, the "dead" Eric Ferguson suddenly sneezed. The servants in the chateau were instantly on strict alert.

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Nicole and Leroy looked at each other silently. Suddenly, Leroy's eyes sparkled.

"Oh! Let me introduce you to my first student who's still single!"

Nicole had little expression. "That's not necessary."

"He's here!"

"So soon?"

Speak of the devil!

Leroy waved his hand excitedly in Nicole's direction. Nicole turned around in a complicated mood. When she saw the man, her body stiffened, and her eyes almost popped out of their sockets.

"Mr. Sloan?!"

The person who walked over was none other than the well-dressed Clayton Sloan.

The moment Clayton saw Nicole, he also looked surprised.

However, he quickly regained his composure and calmness. He asked with an expressionless face, "Ms. Stanton, why are you here?"

are you here?

“You know each other?!” Leroy was even more shocked.

Nicole and Clayton nodded in unison.

Leroy could not help but shake his head.

“Then this is really fate! You’re a match made in heaven!”

The two of them froze awkwardly for a moment.

Nicole frowned. “Don’t be ridiculous. We just have some business dealings with each other.”

She was telling the truth.

Leroy nodded in understanding. “Right... I almost forgot that my only two students are both hotshots and regulars on the Forbes list, so of course, you’ll have some sort of connection.”

Clayton chuckled. “Two students? The other one’s Ms. Stanton?”

Nicole was even more amazed. She could barely maintain the calmness on her face.

‘What kind of small world is this?!’

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The genius Professor Leroy always kept his students' identities a secret, so no one could find out any details, including each other's.

Leroy pointed to Nicole. "Yup, that's her."

Clayton's eyes showed great interest.

"Leroy, with your temperament, I didn't think you'd accept another student. It's such a coincidence that it's Ms. Stanton too."

Nicole laughed helplessly. "It is a coincidence!"

Leroy pointed at Clayton and explained with a smile, "He's two years older than me and became my student because he lost to me in an international hacker's league."

He then pointed at Nicole and said, "She's my student because she won me in the European International Tournament."

Clayton's smile deepened. "Ms. Stanton, you have an interest in this too?"

Nicole was a capable businesswoman and the daughter of an affluent family.

Clayton did not expect that Nicole even knew how to code.

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Nicole raised her eyebrows. "It's just something from before."

Clayton did not probe further. Leroy sat there and sized up the two of them. His gaze faintly flickered.

"You guys are really destined to be together. You must take advantage of this opportunity!"

Nicole rolled her eyes. "What a busybody!"

She turned to Clayton and smoothly changed the subject.

"Lil Michael didn't come along?"

Clayton replied, "Well, he's a little scared of seeing teachers lately."

Nicole nodded in understanding.

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Not far outside, Luca stood guard and watched the movement inside. Even though he was professionally trained to have a poker face, he was still a little surprised when he saw Clayton there.

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“Luca, take one! You can have the  
chocolate and I’ll eat the strawberry.”

## Chapter 448 Don't Come In

Luca did not move and stood there like a boulder.

Toto ran in circles around Luca and was insistent.

“Just eat it! Ms. Stanton won't be able to come out for a while. Girls always have a lot to say to each other!”

Luca remained unmoved.

Toto simply ate a large bite in front of Luca in an attempt to stir up his cravings. “Wow! It's delicious...”

Luca coldly swept Toto a glance and continued to stare at that glass panel not far away.

Through that glass panel, he could see the three people sitting there, talking happily and laughing.

Toto swallowed the mouthful of ice cream and subconsciously followed Luca's gaze.

His face changed dramatically.

Toto's hands trembled unconsciously, so much so that the two cups of ice cream he held fell to the ground.

held ten to the ground.

'Men? Why would there be men over there?! Wait... That man sitting next to Nicole is Clayton Sloan?!'

Toto just felt like he was struck by lightning on a clear day. 'No! That can't be real!'

Luca shot Toto a disgusted look for littering on the ground.

Toto took two steps forward senselessly and pointed at the glass with a ghastly pale face.

"How?! When did Mr. Sloan get here? Who's that man next to Ms. Stanton?!"

'Why did two men suddenly appear while I was away! This is bad! Oh no!'

If Eric knew that Toto had been negligent in his duties, Eric would probably kill him.

Toto dared not even think about what Eric's face would look like if he found out. Toto trembled and looked at Luca.

He looked like he was about to cry.

"Tell me..."

Luca cast a disdainful glance at Toto.

"No one has ever gone in. Mr. Sloan was already there before."

'Mr. Sloan's already there before Ms. Stanton?!'

Toto could not help but look up to the sky. The gloomy weather reflected his mood.

When they left the chateau in the morning, Toto did not see Clayton and his son, so he thought that they were still sleeping.

Who knew that Clayton Sloan was already here?!

Toto could not help but feel crestfallen. He began to question his professional ability for the first time.

'No, I must turn this around! If I lose Mr. Ferguson's support, I'll starve to death sooner or later... I must believe in myself and prove my abilities. Besides me, who else can reunite Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Stanton?'

In less than a minute, Toto hyped himself up and recollected his mood.

'I must rise to the occasion and keep Ms. Stanton by Mr. Ferguson's side! I can do it!'

' Toto thought.

Luca expressionlessly watched Toto's neurotic emotional transformation and thought, 'This guy must be mentally unstable!'

He then went to another glass panel to ensure Nicole's safety.

Toto pumped himself up and intended to go into the library. He could not let Nicole stay there a minute longer because it was too risky!

Before he got to the door, he suddenly received a message from the "Beautiful Goddess Ms. Stanton".

[Wait outside, don't come in.]

These words made his mood sink in an instant.

Toto went back aggrievedly and sat on a bench as he looked sadly at Nicole through the glass panel.

'She's so cruel!'

Nicole looked indifferent as she put away her phone. She smiled slightly as she looked at Leroy passionately talking about his latest research. She could vaguely see

his latest research. He could vaguely see the spirited young genius from her studies back then.

After an hour or so, Leroy paused for a while. His mouth felt dry, but Nicole and Clayton, who were opposite him, only nodded expressionlessly from time to time.

‘Hmph! These two unqualified students!’

Leroy tapped his fingers on the table and coughed slightly. “Well, I still have a lot of work to do. Aren’t you guys leaving yet?”

Nicole and Clayton stood up and said in unison, “Goodbye.”

They did not waste time on pleasantries and left.

Leroy grunted. “Don’t come to me next time!”

Nicole laughed and raised her eyebrows vividly and playfully.

“Whatever you say!”



## Chapter 449 You're Ugly

Clayton glanced at Nicole and laughed. "You came up with a hundred ways to piss Leroy off, huh?"

Nicole's eyes curved in pretty arcs as she smiled. "He has a weird temper that needs to be checked at times."

Clayton nodded in agreement.

As soon as they came out, Toto greeted them.

"Ms. Stanton, you're finally out! Mr. Ferguson is worried that you'll be hungry because you haven't had anything to eat this morning. A man like him that's so attentive, kind, and rich is truly a rare species..."

Nicole rolled her eyes and glanced at Toto with a warning gaze.

"He can go extinct then!"

Toto shrunk back and felt like saying something.

He glanced at Clayton, coughed, and walked between them to separate Nicole and Clayton.

and Clayton.

The three of them walking together was a weird sight. The two on the side were tall and slender with outstanding looks, while the one in the middle was a short and fat obstacle.

Toto was not aware that he ruined a beautiful picture.

He was like a groundhog hopping around.

“Mr. Sloan, I didn’t expect you to be here either! Ms. Stanton, weren’t you here to see your professor? What a coincidence, huh? Hahahahahaha...”

Clayton walked forward in silence with no intention of responding to him.

Nicole swore that she would never take Toto out with her next time!

She looked at the scenery on the other side and ignored Toto.

Toto’s confidence was once again shattered.

He suddenly had an idea and turned to look at Luca. He stretched out his chubby arm and beckoned to him.

“Luca, take a picture for us! After all, it’s

“Luca, take a picture for us! After all, it’s rare for Ms. Stanton to come here. We should capture this moment!”

Luca narrowed his eyes and looked at Nicole.

Nicole hesitated for a moment and nodded.

“Sure.”

Luca calmly took out his phone. Clayton did not move away and was pondering whether he should leave when Nicole called out to him.

“Mr. Sloan, wanna join us?”

Clayton lowered his eyes for two seconds and gladly agreed.

He stepped forward and leaned towards Nicole.

Toto’s cheerful face stiffened slightly, but he quickly regained his confidence.

‘Ms. Stanton only invited him because she’s polite... Yes, that must be it!’

Toto happily stretched his hands to the top of his head to create a heart and smiled widely. He was really glad for this

top of his head to create a heart and smiled widely. He was really glad for this moment because it was such a privilege to be in the same frame with "The Beautiful Goddess Ms. Stanton"!

Clayton and Nicole were separated by Toto. Clayton's awe-inspiring regality was undisguised. He stood there expressionless like he was facing the media at a press conference.

Luca held up his phone and hesitated to snap the picture.

Toto's arms trembled as he held it up.

His arms were getting sore from the long wait.

"Luca, what's taking so long?"

Luca silently put down the phone.

"It's ugly."

"What?! Ugly?! How can Ms. Stanton ever be associated with that word?! She's the Beautiful Goddess Nicole!" Toto was offended and lectured Luca.

Luca narrowed his eyes. "You're ugly."

The air instantly froze.

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Toto furiously crossed his arms. "I don't believe it!"

He rushed over to give Luca a piece of his mind.

Before Toto got to Luca, Luca suddenly raised his phone. There was a flash as he snapped the picture to capture that moment.

Luca calmly put down his phone.

"Now, that's a nice picture."

With that, Luca walked past Toto and handed the phone to Nicole. "What do you think, Miss?"

Nicole took it over and smiled when she saw the picture.

## Chapter 450 She Wants to Hit Someone

In the photo, the surroundings were wet because of the drizzle. Clayton and Nicole did not hold an umbrella, so their hair and clothes had fine mists of water. The scenery was a little blurred with a clear focus on the two people.

Once Toto left in a fit of anger, there was a one-person gap between Nicole and Clayton. The two of them looked so regal and reserved as they stood there. Their eyes collided as they looked at each other with a bright smile. The image was extraordinarily harmonious and beautiful.

“Not bad, right?”

Clayton came closer and swept a glance at the phone. “Mm, not bad.”

Since they both looked so good, a casual shot was still a sight to behold.

Nicole sent the photo to her phone. She thought that it had been a while since she last posted something on social media, so she posted this picture with a caption.

[A day to remember!]

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She saw Yvette and Julie's instant likes. Even Keith liked her photo in a few seconds of posting.

Nicole speechlessly put away her phone and handed over Luca's phone with a smile.

Luca took his phone and expressionlessly returned to his original position.

This small episode quickly passed. Toto wanted to wedge himself between those two again, but he was held back by Luca.

"I wanna go over. Don't pull me back!"

Toto squirmed his chubby body and attempted to use his weight to his advantage to break free from Luca's grasp.

However, Luca squeezed Toto's arm with ease, making him unable to move.

"Don't go over there," Luca said coldly and simply.

"Why?"

Toto was confused.

Luca's voice was cold and indifferent. "Because I don't want to see that ugly

image again.”

As a bodyguard who had to walk behind Nicole, Toto barging into his depth of vision was very torturous. ①

Toto rolled his eyes. His chest heaved in anger. “Aren’t we friends?”

Luca looked at him strangely. “Of course not!”

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Nicole and Clayton walked leisurely out of the campus. Many passing students stared at the couple.

Both Clayton and Nicole had outstanding looks and noble temperaments, which were more than enough to attract everyone’s attention.

“Toto is sent by Mr. Ferguson, huh? It seems that Mr. Ferguson really cares for you.”

Clayton’s voice was extremely light without a trace of emotion. It sounded like he was making small talk.

Nicole raised her eyebrows.

“My dad asked him to follow probably

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Clayton chuckled. “Chairman Stanton has good intentions. It’s a pity that this trip arranged by Mr. Ferguson is delayed by the rainy weather.”

“He’s also sick because of the rainy weather. I’m guessing this trip will end early.”

Nicole spoke indifferently.

Clayton raised his eyebrows. “Not necessarily. I see that Mr. Ferguson is clearly trying to create opportunities with you. Do you...”

“It’s pointless. As long as my father appreciates it.”

Nicole’s voice was flat. She could clearly distinguish between love and feeling touched.

At this moment, she only felt touched and guilty towards Eric.

Nicole hoped that she would never uncover those feelings that she kept buried deep in her heart.

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She was not repulsed or disinclined to answer Clayton's sudden question. It was probably because of their chance encounter, recent contact, and connection with Leroy.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to bring this up to upset you." Clayton's voice was faint and gentle like the drizzle.

Nicole smiled. "It's nothing. Even if you don't bring him up, he still exists just the same."

Clayton stared at her side profile for a long time before he spoke again.

"It might be very presumptuous of me, but there's something I'm curious about, but you don't have to answer my question if you're uncomfortable."

Nicole raised her eyebrows. "Go ahead, Mr. Sloan."

She always answered to whatever she pleased anyway.

"Ms. Stanton, do you still like Mr. Ferguson?"

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It was a question that everyone wanted to know the answer to.

Nicole's jaw became slightly tense. She did not say anything, but her eyes darkened slightly.