

## Chapter 786 Forced to Accept an Apology

Giant baby?

Floyd was unceremonious, but he was already quite merciful.

If not for Old Master Ferguson's identity, Floyd would have cursed him to his grave.

Old Master Ferguson felt awkward for a few seconds, then politely smiled.

"Ingrid doesn't know how to behave. I'll definitely teach her manners, but there's one thing that I'd like to ask you for a favor, bro."

"I dare not take this favor."

Old Master Ferguson seemed to ignore Floyd's refusal and spoke frankly.

"Get Nicole to clarify online that it's all a misunderstanding. We're friends after all, so Nicole should forgive Ingrid after some explanation. This matter is all because of Clayton Sloan. If it weren't for him, our families wouldn't have been involved. Right now, we should be on the same front and have the same hatred for the enemy..."

the enemy..."

Floyd impatiently interrupted his words.

"Chairman Ferguson, Nicole didn't forgive your granddaughter for doing those unethical things. Nicole will not be forced to accept an apology. If Ingrid was wrongly accused, get her to put out some evidence on the internet. If not... Hiring keyboard warriors to create rumors and defame someone sounds like a jail sentence to me..."

Once Old Master Ferguson heard Floyd's words, his face turned green. Old Master Ferguson still wanted to say something, but Floyd already hung up the phone.

Old Master Ferguson gasped for breath and felt anxious.

"The Stanton family is not letting go of this issue. They're merciful not to have called the police."

Old Master Ferguson had not been reproached and neglected like this before.

Everyone knew that Eric Ferguson called the shots at Ferguson Corporation and that Old Master Ferguson took a back seat, so who would still respect the old man as much as before?

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Thinking of this, Old Master Ferguson's expression became even gloomier.

If this was twenty years ago, would Floyd dare to talk to Old Master Ferguson like this?

Ingrid cried from fear and looked like she had lost her soul. "What should I do? I don't want to get arrested! Our family's reputation will be gone..."

At that moment, the butler knocked on the door and reminded them.

"Young Master Eric is here..."

Ingrid shuddered with fear. "Grandpa..."

The door to the study was suddenly kicked open. Eric walked into the room in a rage. His eyebrows were cold and stern, which gave off an oppressive vibe that was extremely suffocating.

Eric knew that Old Master Ferguson was behind this, so he took away his grandfather's power even if he had to take the blame for being unfilial.

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What Eric did not expect was that Ingrid was also involved in this, and he knew nothing about it.

Eric had someone investigate Dr. Know-It-All and knew who he was hired by.

The Ferguson family did all this with a straight face.

After so many twists and turns, the pent-up anger in Eric's heart turned into a huge wave.

Eric stupidly thought that he could give an explanation to Nicole just by taking away Old Master Ferguson's power.

However, Nicole did not appreciate it and used her own way for revenge.

How revolting were the Fergusons?

Eric's eyes were filled with a harsh chill like a sharp blade. He wanted to teach this brainless Ingrid a lesson.

His tall and slender figure with a ruthless vibe gradually approached. His face was dark and sullen.

Ingrid froze briefly before she felt a huge fear in her heart.

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“Brother, I... I know I was wrong!”

Ingrid thought that with Old Master Ferguson’s involvement, she would not get caught.

Who knew that Dr. Know-It-All that she had bribed had betrayed her!

Damn it!

Ingrid could not stand up anymore because her legs went limp. She fell to the ground at once.

She hurriedly propped herself up and knelt in front of Eric, surrendering and begging for mercy.

“Brother, I just wanted to help you to reconcile with Nicole and didn’t want her to get so close to Clayton Sloan, thinking that Nicole would ignore him if she thought that he dragged her into this mess. That way, you’ll have a chance...”

## Chapter 787 Stop Crying, Idiot

Ingrid was still struggling to clear her name, but Eric did not believe a word of it.

Eric wondered how his sister had grown up to be such a liar.

Old Master Ferguson could not stand it, then spoke with a cold tone.

“What do you want to do? She’s your sister! She had good intentions. The public criticism was an accident. Do you want to drive away everyone from the Ferguson family because of that woman?!”

In an instant, the atmosphere in the study became tense.

Old Master Ferguson snorted coldly. “Why don’t you just change your last name to Stanton and see if they will even look at you after you leave the Ferguson family!”

Now that it had come to this point, Old Master Ferguson was not willing to give his grandson, whom he had single-handedly promoted, any more chances.

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Eric was going to drag Old Master Ferguson down, so why should he still give Eric the chance to do more damage?

Old Master Ferguson had his own plans in his heart.

Since Eric was not willing to listen to him, it was better to change his heir.

Eric's black and heavy eyes turned toward the angry Old Master Ferguson.

His voice was deep and austere. "Grandpa, if you don't mind me changing the Ferguson family's name to Stanton, I won't mind either."

In an instant, Old Master Ferguson's face turned extremely angry.

"You really want to give the entire Ferguson family away?! I was so blind to have chosen you as my heir in the first place!"

Old Master Ferguson stood up with a trembling body, then took the cane next to him and hurled it at Eric.

He was so angry that he wanted to beat up his rebellious grandson, so he did not hold back on his strength.

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Eric was unmoved. His eyes dimmed, and they looked empty.

The cane smashed right onto Eric's forehead before it fell to the ground.

Eric could have dodged it, but he did not.

The blood on his forehead trickled down and it looked gory.

Ingrid took in a breath of cold air. She was so scared that she did not move.

Eric was shrouded in a dense haze. He looked so vicious that no one dared to approach him.

For a period of time, even the sound of breathing was inaudible.

Old Master Ferguson's body stiffened. His cloudy eyes narrowed, and his face tightened unpleasantly.

Eric was out of his control. He also knew how obsessive Eric was about things that he could not get.

Eric did not dodge this probably because he knew that he was wrong.

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The next second, Eric glanced at his grandfather with dark and deep eyes. The corners of his lips curled into a cruel arc.

“Grandpa, do you feel better now that you hit me?”

Old Master Ferguson’s heart sank for a moment. Before he could speak, Eric spoke again.

“If you feel better, it’s best if you can sign the document so as not to delay everyone’s time.”

Once Old Master Ferguson signed the document, he would have no power in his hands, but he would still have money and status.

Old Master Ferguson was still the most respectable person in Ferguson Corporation.

Eric’s words clearly aroused the anger in Old Master Ferguson’s heart.

He just wanted to beat up his unworthy grandson.

“You...”

Eric did not pay attention to Old Master Ferguson.

Ferguson.

The purpose of his visit was Ingrid.

Eric turned to look at Ingrid, who was limp on the ground. His eyes were cold.

“You’re restless as soon as you come back. It seems that a few months can’t make you learn how to be a better person. Having caused such a big trouble, you still have the nerve to defend yourself?”

Ingrid was so frightened that her lips trembled. She cried.

“I really know my mistake! Brother, please forgive me this time. I don’t want to leave the Ferguson family... I can apologize to Nicole, and I won’t ever mess with her again!”

Eric let out a cold laugh. His dark eyes were indifferent.

“Apologize? Do you think it’s just about Nicole? In just half an hour, Ferguson Corporation lost tens of billions in market value. Our stock price is about to hit its lowest point. Do you think that an apology is useful?”

## Chapter 788 Really Ruthless

One sentence from Eric stunned even Old Master Ferguson.

Age had certainly taken its toll on Old Master Ferguson as he had limited hearing and eyesight. He thought that this matter would only affect the Ferguson Corporation's image.

He thought that the worst scenario was that Ingrid would be scolded for a few days and it would be fine after a while.

Unexpectedly, the market value of Ferguson Corporation dropped by tens of billions.

For a moment, Old Master Ferguson wanted to plead Ingrid's case, but he could not bring himself to say it.

When Old Master Ferguson was in control of Ferguson Corporation, the company was still a leader in the industry, but the competition was fierce. Ferguson Corporation's standing was far lesser than it was now under Eric's management.

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Eric was born to be a business wizard. He was influential and consolidated Ferguson Corporation's power, pushing Ferguson Corporation to greater heights. He helped consolidate and solidify Ferguson Corporation's position at the top.

In just a few years, Ferguson Corporation had a legendary status.

This time, the losses were huge. It did not only affect their stocks, but it might even affect the whole company.

Ingrid's face was glum. This was a big problem.

She only returned to the Ferguson family for a short period and was chased out again?

Eric's eyes were stern as he picked up the phone and called for a few bodyguards.

Without the consent of the Fergusons, no one would dare to go up to the second floor.

"Ingrid Ferguson, from now on, you're kicked out of the Ferguson family. You don't have to come back anymore. I'll give you a sum of money to leave

don't have to come back anymore. I'll give you a sum of money to leave Mediania. You're on your own."

Eric's cold eyes glanced at her indifferently before he turned and walked out.

That amount would merely keep her from starving to death for a month after leaving Mediania.

In the beginning, Eric wanted Ingrid to experience what it was like to work from the bottom so that she could grow up to be more capable to handle a bigger job.

As the Young Lady of the Ferguson family, Ingrid was expected to one day be a part of the company's management team.

However, after Ingrid came back home, she learned how to be sneaky. Thus, Eric decided that Ferguson Corporation would not need such a pampered young lady.

No one dared to disobey Eric's command.

A bodyguard came over and carried the crying Ingrid out.

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“Brother, I really know my mistake! Please forgive me this time... I won't dare to do it again! Grandpa...”

Old Master Ferguson would not go against Eric at this time.

In the past few years, Old Master Ferguson had handed over all the power in his hands to Eric, so he was just an empty shell.

He had no power to make Eric let Ingrid go.

Old Master Ferguson thought, ‘Eric thinks he has the final say in kicking out the descendants of the Ferguson family? Am I not the head of the family? What does he take me as?!’

He felt that he could not let Eric stay anymore.

Ingrid's cries were so miserable that even the butler's scalp was tingling when he heard them.

Not long after, Ingrid was stuffed into the car and sent to the airport overnight.

Ingrid knew that she had no more hope, and she knew Eric had given up on her.

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After leaving the Ferguson family, what else could she do?

Ingrid was the infamous high roller and Young Lady of the Ferguson family who squandered on exclusive luxurious goods.

In just one night, she was berated online and even thrown out of her home.

She could no longer get shelter from the Ferguson family in the future, so what was the difference between her and a dog that lost its family?

Eric stood at the entrance of the Ferguson Villa. His whole face was immersed in the shadow, so it was impossible to distinguish his emotions.

The butler stood on the side with trepidation. Eric's methods were well known to be ruthless without any regard for feelings. Everything must be done according to the rules.

"Mr. Ferguson, do we need to inform the rest of the Ferguson family about Ms. Ferguson?"

If the others were informed, there would certainly be objections.

● certainly be objections.

With Old Master Ferguson's coercion, more people would oppose it.

Eric gave the butler a sidelong glance and did not say anything. He just turned around in silence and left.

That one glance made the butler petrified.

The butler was testing the waters, but Eric saw through his thoughts immediately.



### Chapter 789 No Need to Jump off the Building

As soon as Eric left the Ferguson Villa, he went straight to the office.

At the moment, Ferguson Corporation was wrapped up in the scandal, and those netizens' remarks were relentless.

Once again, they dug out all those things that the Fergusons did to Nicole and analyzed them.

The netizens made it sound like what Ingrid did represent the attitude of the entire Ferguson Corporation with regards to interests.

When Eric liked Nicole, he was so humble that people mistakenly thought that he was deeply affectionate.

As a result, Eric only added insult to injury and did not even cherish Nicole.

Ferguson Corporation's stocks fell so much that it was the most turbulent event of the year.

However, everyone saw that Eric's response on this matter was very slow.

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No one knew if it was intentional.

The whole company was in a frenzy.

Only Eric was calm and steady.

Ferguson Corporation's response came only when the stock price was about to fall to the lowest value.

They did not divert the netizens' attention so that the netizens would ignore the scandal. Instead, Ferguson Corporation's public relations department thought of another way.

Ferguson Corporation apologized to Nicole and the public on behalf of Ingrid Ferguson.

Although Ferguson Corporation was unaware of the situation, they could not stay away from this matter because of Ingrid's identity.

The public relations department put together the full story in chronological order without missing any details, then posted it online.

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They readily admitted the Ferguson family's fault for their lax discipline on Ingrid, then promised to compensate for all the losses proposed by Stanton Corporation.

After this news was sent out, it instantly caused a huge reaction.

Generally, when such a high-profile company like Ferguson Corporation made mistakes, they would maintain their corporate image and would firmly deny their fault or ride out the wave and wait for things to gradually cool down.

Ferguson Corporation's frank response left a good impression on everyone. This was how big companies should take responsibility for their actions.

Originally, everyone was criticizing Ferguson Corporation. However, the official social media executive of Ferguson Corporation was a guy who likes to act cute. He usually interacted with netizens in a joking tone.

He even explained the official statement released one sentence at a time, as he was afraid that people would not understand or misinterpret it.

misinterpret it.

It was a sincere apology that made people's hearts go soft.

Ferguson Corporation finally managed to contact the head of the media platform that went "missing", then suppressed the hype and traffic. They pushed the topic of discussion in a more positive direction.

Slowly, everyone's anger gradually subsided.

In the second half of the night, Ferguson Corporation suddenly made a wave of advertising for Stanton Corporation's new products that would soon be launched.

The social media executive's humble gesture of asking for forgiveness was simply spot on.

The competition and respect between companies were reflected through this series of operations.

At the same time, Ferguson Corporation's stock stopped its downward trend and was slowly rising.

Ferguson Corporation's step-by-step

Ferguson Corporation's step-by-step strategy was working well.

By the next day, everyone was shocked to see that Ferguson Corporation occupied the top three positions of the trending topics.

[Ferguson Corporation advertising for Stanton Corporation and humbly begging for forgiveness looks like Eric Ferguson is trying to beg Nicole, right? These two major companies are so cute!]

[It's all that pampered rich b\*tch Ingrid Ferguson's fault! She's so incompetent and jealous that Nicole is doing better than her. This time, she really caused huge trouble for her family!]

[Full marks for the PR effect, but is Mr. Ferguson really that clueless? The love life of affluent families is too complicated ..."]

[Using Ferguson Corporation's official social media accounts to promote Stanton Corporation's new products really shows goodwill. No company will be so generous!]

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## Chapter 790 Who Came up With This Sh\*tty Idea

It was a new day, and Ferguson Corporation's reputation was improving little by little.

Everyone had a good impression of Ferguson Corporation once again. Someone keenly noticed that Eric had liked a "beautiful photo" of himself.

It was just a photo posted by a fan who supported Eric and Nicole being a couple.

The photo was a screenshot of Eric being interviewed in the conference room.

Eric was wearing a smoky gray suit, exuding a cool and detached nobility and sharpness. He sat there with his hands together. On his well-defined left ring finger was a ring – The Single!

In an instant, there was an uproar.

Eric had long worn the ring that Nicole liked that clearly meant to symbolize single nobility, but he wore it on his ring finger like he was married.

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At that time, nothing happened at all. Eric was not pretending.

Eric wanted to let everyone know at every little opportunity how much he cherished and loved Nicole.

Immediately after, everyone watched as Eric used his account to forward the content released by the official account to help promote Stanton Corporation's advertisement.

With Eric personally getting involved, the publicity effect of this ad was extraordinary. The number of clicks in a minute broke the record.

Ferguson Corporation first left a good impression on the public, then increased the web traffic. This wave of public relations tactics could be seen as self-punishment, but it had a win-win effect.

Many of Ferguson Corporation's products were also being listed, but they did not mention a word about their own products.

Ferguson Corporation's image was not



Ferguson Corporation's image was not ruined. Even everyone's curses gradually diminished. Ingrid and Ferguson Corporation were completely separated from each other.

Ferguson Corporation's stocks in the afternoon of the second day resumed their original growth trend and rose together with Stanton Corporation's stocks.

The whole thing was resolved in such a shocking manner. Some PR experts in the industry were also puzzled that Ferguson Corporation could so easily get through this crisis.

It was simply incredible!

Ferguson Corporation.

Eric was immersed in the darkness, so his emotions were obscure.

The other staff had just dispersed, leaving only Mitchell and Toto.

Mitchell said, "President, the public opinion is under control. Right now, everyone is talking about Stanton Corporation's new products and our company's good attitude for taking

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company's good attitude for taking  
responsibility for the situation. There has  
been no response from Stanton  
Corporation so far."

If Stanton Corporation or Nicole could  
come forward to respond, that would be  
the perfect ending.

Eric's tone was clear and cold. "Harming  
others, then apologizing and expecting  
others to forgive and forget is really  
shameless." 1

According to Nicole's temper, she was  
already very merciful not to have slapped  
Eric in the face.

Toto was trembling on the side. "Yes,  
you're right, Mr. Ferguson!"

Toto was going crazy because this sh\*tty  
idea was his idea from the beginning.

He never dreamed that it would cause  
such a huge loss. Tens of billions of  
dollars was something Toto could not  
even afford to repay even if he sold his  
life!

Eric's cold eyes glanced over. His tone  
was indifferent. "Get out..."

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Toto wiped his sweat and immediately nodded.

"Yes, sir! I'll get lost now!"

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Nicole was the victim of the whole thing. She began to give up control of the public opinion when everyone began to spit on Ingrid and Ferguson Corporation that was behind her.

She left it to Ferguson Corporation's public relations team to figure it out.

Nicole knew that Ferguson Corporation would not be defeated so easily. She just wanted them to lose some money so that they could feel a little pain and remember their lesson.

If she wanted to shake Ferguson Corporation's position, this nebulous public opinion was nothing.