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Chapter 1891 Profound Love

Upon hearing that, Maya inquired curiously, "Then, has Mabel been sent to the mental institution? I heard that the patients in there aren't quite right in the head. Will she really become insane when she comes out?"

At her question, Wilbur sighed. "How I wish that she was really sent to the mental institution! Alas, she still has a son. Nicholas couldn't possibly do nothing and allow her to be sent away, so he begged my father on his knees to leave his mother a shred of dignity."

"So, how was she dealt with in the end?" Nicole asked, curious.

"She was sent to the hospital instead of the mental institution to stay with the mentally ill. She'll be allowed home after two months."

"After she did such a thing in public, claiming that she suffered a mental breakdown and sending her to the hospital is the best excuse! Your father isn't wrong to do that either," Nicole commented.

"Yeah, my father prioritized the Simpson family's reputation and interests. It wouldn't look good on the Simpson family if this matter gets blown up."

"You can relax for a bit during these two months she's away, and I don't need to guard against her when I go over to the Simpson residence either!" Maya gushed.

"If only I can figure out a way to ensure that she can never return to the Simpson residence! Then, my family would be more peaceful by half!" Wilbur bemoaned.

"Is there anyone else who has a grudge against you in the family other than her? With her gone, shouldn't it be completely peaceful?" Maya queried.

"There are still others. Janice and Nicholas are the ones you're aware of. There are yet others you have no idea about!"

Maya was instantly at a loss for words even as Janice's countenance materialized in her mind.

Although she has been forced to get engaged with Nicholas, the person she loves is Wilbur. Will she play tricks in order to bag him? As Nicholas' fiancée, who's even carrying his child, she has the right to come and go at the Simpson residence. Hence, she'll have plenty of opportunities if she wants to do something!

Only then did she realize the complexity of the situation in the Simpson family. It was really complicated, unlike the Seet family, which was a harmonious family.

“Maya, I’ll do my best to keep you safe.”

“I believe you. Besides, I’ll also protect myself!”

At that moment, Sheila walked over. “Nicole, Maya, Wilbur, come with me. I’ll bring you all to the audition site.”

“We still need to audition, Aunt Sheila?”

“It’s just a show for formality’s sake. Just consider it as familiarizing yourselves with filming.”

Sheila brought them to the audition site. As the female lead, Maya was the first person to audition.

Despite not having any professional training in acting, she had worked hard to grasp the character’s feelings. For that reason, she immersed herself into the role in no time and put on a convincing act. Sheila and the few other staff members were satisfied.

Wilbur once studied professional acting during university, so he knew how best to carry himself. His performance garnered much praise from a few seasoned directors who came over to join in the fun.

Someone even suggested that he should film two movies at the same time and take on both male leads.

However, Wilbur declined, saying that he wouldn’t act alongside any other woman aside from Maya. If he were to star in a movie, he had an imperative prerequisite—the female lead had to be Maya.

A director lamented that he would miss out on tons of great scripts of value by doing so, but Wilbur merely chuckled and replied, “No matter how great a script is, it’ll never be as important as Maya. She’s the only female lead in my life, and I’ll only act alongside her for the rest of my days!”

When his words rang out, some found it regrettable, while some were moved by his loyalty toward Maya and envied her for having found such a boyfriend.

Sheila eyed them both. “You two are here to put on a public display of affection, huh? Both of you have snatched the limelight today, and it’s just a matter of time before you end up on the trending list!”

“This display of affection is really endearing. Anyway, I’m jealous! Because they’re the male and female leads, I’ve decided to watch this movie!”

“Me, too! It’s not for the sake of the plotline, but to behold the profound love between the male and female leads!”

Similar sentiments sounded one after another, and the scene turned chaotic, with people saying everything under the sun.

A wealth of warmth suffused Maya, and she truly hoped that she could be the female lead of Wilbur’s entire lifetime even as the latter did the same as the only male lead in all her life.

Verily, Nicole was glad on her behalf. Although the Simpson family is complicated, Wilbur’s undivided loyalty and indulgence will undoubtedly bring her happiness!

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Chapter 1892 An Unexpected Incident

“It’s your turn to audition now, Nicole.” Sheila turned to Nicole with a bright smile on her face.

Nicole cast her gaze toward the audition site. Seeing the row of professional actors and actresses at the side, she suddenly felt slightly nervous. After all, it was her first time performing before such a vast audience.

“You’re the best, Mommy! Go for it!” Maya cheered.

Nicole was the daughter of a duke, and she had previously managed Lane Corporation before working at Seet Group as Evan’s assistant for a period. Later still, she founded and managed Bernian Hospital. She even gave birth to five children. Without a doubt, her life experience was rich and varied.

The instant she stood on the stage, one could immediately tell that she was a person with many stories to tell, yet age hadn’t left an indelible mark on her. She exuded a sense of wisdom and open-mindedness that had been honed over the years. Moreover, as the wife of the president of Seet Group, her aura was simply impeccable.

“Wow! I think my mommy is even more photogenic than me!” Maya couldn’t help lauding as she watched Nicole, who had started auditioning.

“Mrs. Seet is indeed beautiful. When she stands there, she makes a stunning sight.” At that, Wilbur turned to her and asserted, “You’re as beautiful as her.”

“I resemble her closely since I’m her daughter, after all. Both Nina and I take after her a lot in looks. However, neither of us inherited her aura.”

While the two of them were whispering, an unexpected incident transpired.

Someone shoved Nicole without warning. Caught off guard, she broke the dazzling crystal chandelier at the side. A loud crash split the air as the crystal chandelier shattered into a thousand pieces. At the same time, she took a nosedive toward the shards of glass.

“Ahh!” someone cried out as the hearts of everyone there leaped into their throats.

“Mommy!”

Maya’s heart lodged in her throat as well. Oh my God, she’ll definitely be injured if she falls onto the shards of glass!

In the nick of time, a pair of massive hands abruptly wrapped around Nicole’s waist and pulled her into a solid embrace. The world spun, and she whirled several times before she was finally steady on her feet.

Her heart hammered wildly like a jackhammer.

Lifting her head, she saw that the person holding her was about the same age as Juan and Kyle. He had exquisite features and was a handsome young man.

She pushed him away and steadied herself. “Thank you!”

“I’m glad you’re fine.”

Sheila was likewise so stricken by the scene earlier that she almost passed out. If anything happened to her, how am I to answer to Evan, who loves her more than life itself?

With lingering fear within her, she looked at the broken shards of the crystal chandelier scattered all over the ground, demanding to know who put it in such a place.

The person in charge of the set frantically rushed over and denied that the item belonged to the production team, so he had no idea who placed it there.

Wilbur’s eyes narrowed a fraction, and he asked Nicole in a whisper, “Mrs. Seet, why did you trip just now when everything was just fine?”

At that question, Nicole’s expression darkened. Earlier, someone had deliberately shoved her. It was very forceful, making it evident that the person was targeting her intentionally.

She swept a gaze over the crowd. Alas, every single person wore an innocent look. Needless to say, if someone did that purposefully, the culprit certainly wouldn't step forward and admit to it.

So, how should I resolve this matter?

"Someone pushed her!" the young man who'd just saved her declared just while she was hesitating and racking her brain for a solution.

"Who? Who pushed my mommy?" Maya clamored, promptly snagging everyone's attention.

Everyone there started whispering among themselves. Sheila hurried over to Nicole and inquired whether she had seen the person who shoved her.

In response, Nicole shook her head lightly. The person had pushed her from behind, so she hadn't seen who it was.

"Did you see who pushed my sister-in-law?" Sheila queried, shifting her gaze to the man who saved Nicole.

The man thought for a while before answering, "It was a woman in an audition outfit. Judging from her appearance, she was here for the audition as well."

"Who? Which woman was it?" Sheila pressed, her gaze fixated on the group of people across from them who were there for the audition.

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Chapter 1893 A Nurse At The Hospital

The man studied the people across from them who were there for the audition. "I don't see her among them, so she has probably left."

"Look for her! Check everyone who came for an audition today. The culprit must be found!"

Sheila then ordered her subordinates to investigate right away. Subsequently, she turned to the man in front of her once more. "Thank you for having saved my sister-in-law. Are you also here for the audition?"

The man nodded with a smile.

"Yes, but I've never learned acting, so I'm not sure whether I can pass the audition."

Sheila looked him up and down. While he isn't as good-looking as Kyle and Juan, he's tall and relatively handsome. He appears modest yet diligent, so he's probably decent enough.

"You've got quite the looks. Are you willing to play a supporting role?"

"Yes! As long as I'm given an opportunity, I'm willing to take on any role!"

"All right, then. Coincidentally, my sister-in-law is playing a doctor, and the character has a son about your age. You're suitable considering your age, so I'll have you act as mother and son with her. Oh yes, what's your name?"

"Yuvan Quinlan," the man replied.

Sheila instantly ordered the staff at the side, "Note down that Yuvan will be playing the doctor's son."

"Understood, Ms. Muir."

When everything had been finalized, the audition resumed.

After the audition ended, Nicole exchanged a few words with Yuvan before she left. As Yuvan stared at her back, a flash of something glinted in his eyes. He then made a call. "I've successfully joined the production team!"

"Good job!"

On the drive home, Maya worriedly looked at Nicole. "That was a close call today, Mommy! Who could be the one who pushed you? And why would she do that?"

"I don't know either, but I'll be careful henceforth."

"Mommy, could it be that she's jealous of you playing the role of the doctor, so she sabotaged you?"

"The doctor is a supporting role with few scenes, so it's probably not that," Wilbur interjected.

"Why, then?" Maya questioned, her gaze pinned on him.

Wilbur mused for a few moments before admitting, "I can't figure it out either. Perhaps it's for a reason unrelated to the filming." After saying that, he lifted his head and glanced at Nicole, asking her whether she had offended anyone recently.

At that, Nicole thought back carefully. "Nope. I've been at the hospital for the past few days. I hadn't any conflict or offended anyone."

As they were racking their brains for an answer, Nicole received a call from Sheila.

“I’ve found the person who shoved you, Nicole. She said that she was a nurse at Bernian Hospital, but she was later dismissed. She harbored a grudge against you, so she wanted to take revenge.”

“A nurse at the hospital?”

Astonishment showed on Nicole’s face. There’s a slew of nurses at the hospital, and the majority who were dismissed were either irresponsible in their work or had an attitude problem toward patients, thus making them unsuited to the profession. However, it’s rather extreme to take revenge on me because of that, no?

“What’s the name of the nurse?” Wilbur, who was at the side, asked vigilantly. He, too, felt that such a reason was too surprising.

“Melissa Sparks.”

After obtaining the name, Wilbur told Nicole to ascertain whether there was such a person.

Nicole phoned the person in charge of the hospital and learned that there was indeed a nurse named Melissa Sparks who was given the sack.

Upon hearing that, Maya angrily tore into the nurse. “I think this Melissa Sparks is just sick in the head! Her attitude at work was problematic, yet she wants to take revenge on Mommy! Mommy doesn’t even know her! What right does she have to do that?”

Wilbur contemplated it, but he found it difficult to comprehend as well. “Perhaps she really is crazy.”

“All right, let’s forget about it. Luckily, it was just a near miss. I’ll be careful in the future,” Nicole promised.

Right that moment, they hadn’t the slightest idea that revenge wasn’t the real reason behind Melissa’s action. Instead, someone had bribed her.

There was only one reason for her doing so—to create an opportunity to help the person who bribed her to join the production team and obtain the chance to get close to Nicole.

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That night, Evan inquired about the audition. Nicole didn't tell him about someone shoving her, merely saying that the audition went smoothly, and she only had to wait for the filming to start officially.

"When the time comes, I'll go and support you."

"What about Bernian Hospital, then? Didn't you say that you'll help me manage the hospital?"

"I'm just going to go occasionally, not stick by your side all the time. I'll choose a time when it isn't busy at the hospital to go over."

"Hmm... All right then." Nicole nodded smilingly.

Subsequently, Evan asked her about Wilbur and Maya's display of affection on the set, which he had seen online. He expressed his satisfaction at Wilbur's proclamation that he would only have a single female lead in his life and would never act alongside any other female celebrities.

"Never had I expected Wilbur to be so loyal to Maya that he would even decline to film with other women. Such devotion is really rare."

"Indeed. Following his declaration, all the women on set envied Maya and even lauded them as a match made in heaven!"

Nicole was beside herself with joy, delighted on behalf of Maya.

No sooner had she said that than the clatter of high heels drifted over from the staircase. Nina hastily walked over to them and inquired about that matter.

"Mommy, did you witness Wilbur and Maya's public display of affection on set with your own eyes?"

Nicole nodded in affirmation. "Yup, I also happened to be there."

"I really didn't expect Wilbur to utter such a remark. I'm even jealous of Maya now. How incredibly lucky that she found a boyfriend who's so loyal and treats her so well on her first try! How envious! Undeniably, Lady Luck is smiling on her!"

"Don't say that. You're lucky as well. Anyway, she makes a good match with Wilbur. He's blessed that he has the good fortune to be with my daughter!" Evan exclaimed.

Pouting, Nina lowered her head and looked at the trending post again. Then, she remarked that it was great publicity for Sheila's movie that the male and female leads loved each other so much that they put on a display of affection on set though filming

hadn't yet started. She reckoned that there would be quite a number of people who would watch the movie because of Wilbur and Maya's profound love.

Nicole nodded once more and added that someone on set vowed to watch the movie just because of that.

"In that case, Uncle Davin and Aunt Sheila should really thank Maya."

"We're a family, so that doesn't matter. Besides, they've been great to all of you throughout the years. Everyone should be happy that they can do her a favor."

"You're really magnanimous, Mommy!"

"Isn't it being formal to be so calculative among family members? They've never been calculative toward us either!"

"That makes sense, so you're right, Mommy! I'm going upstairs to look for Maya and remind her to save these news reports. If Wilbur wants to go back on his word in the future, she can then take them out and confront him!"

After saying that, Nina clattered up the steps on her high heels again.

"What an unrestrained kid!" A smile bloomed on Nicole's face as she watched her daughter hurrying up the stairs.

Janice happened to see the trending news about Wilbur and Maya. Her expression darkened frightfully.

Although she was forced to get engaged with Nicholas, the person she loved was still Wilbur. At the sight of the latter promising Maya his devotion for a lifetime, jealousy and envy deluged her. Hatred toward Maya even bubbled within her.

She tried convincing herself that he didn't give Maya such a promise because he loved her. No, it's just because... because she's Evan Seet's daughter and owns shares in Seet Group. He wants a collaboration with Seet Group, so he needs her to pave the way. Therefore, he's merely utilizing her. He's definitely using her! Yes, that's it! That must be it!

She clenched her hands hard, repeating that to herself time and again so that she would actually believe it.

Then, she dipped her head and glanced down at her slightly bulging belly.

With this child and my engagement with Nicholas, I'll be able to enter the Simpson residence anytime. Thus, there'll definitely be an opportunity in the future to bag him!

Maya, I'll make sure that Wilbur loathes you! He's mine! He belongs to me! Let's just wait and see!

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Chapter 1895 Undecided

At the Simpson residence, Nicholas spaced out as he stared at Wilbur's room.

His mind was filled with the scene when he went to the hospital earlier to visit his mother, Mabel.

His mother was very emotional and told him in no uncertain terms that it must have been Wilbur who spiked her drink and caused her to humiliate herself publicly.

She even urged him repeatedly not to let the man off the hook. Otherwise, the entire Simpson family would be his in the future, and the two of them would no longer have a place there.

"You must believe me, Nic. It was Wilbur. I'm sure it was him! He has changed. He's merely pretending to be good to us. He has truly changed!"

"Mom, hasn't our kindness to him over the years been nothing more than a show as well?"

Hearing that, Mabel froze for a moment, at a loss for words. Her expression darkened. "I-It's very likely that he has learned the truth about the incident back then! If so, he'll never spare me! Therefore, Nic, we've got to strike first to gain the upper hand and acquire the Simpson family's company!"

"Mom, the company is in Dad's hands, and he's the person who will be deciding who becomes his heir. What can we do?"

As Mabel gazed at Nicholas, a flash of malice glinted in her eyes, and she snarled bitterly, "What can we do? We can make it so that your father has no choice but to choose you!"

Nicholas was momentarily startled. "What are you planning to do, Mom?"

Mabel leaned close to him and murmured something or other, teaching him to deal with Wilbur and acquire the company from Rodney.

"It's only when a critical mistake occurs in a project Wilbur is handling will your father be disappointed in him and the board of directors support you. Janice is pregnant with your child, and you must eliminate her when the child is born. Marrying a woman like her will only ruin your future."

Nicholas' expression changed drastically after hearing all that.

"Is this really necessary, Mom? Wilbur and I have never had any direct conflict because of the company. Actually, I'm not interested in managing a company either."

"You can't think that way, Nic. You're not only acquiring the company for profit but to safeguard our lives. If both the Simpson family and the company fall into Wilbur's hands, death is the only thing that awaits us! The time has come that we don't need to put on a show with him anymore. It's time for us to act! Do you understand, Nic? Furthermore, if he truly gets together with Maya, the Seet family will definitely help him. At that time, it'll be too late for us to do anything!"

Nicholas was silent for a long while before he nodded.

However, he was still undecided inwardly. Should I really do as Mom said?

Sighing, he was just about to return to his room when a click sounded, and Wilbur's room door opened from the inside.

When Wilbur walked out and spotted Nicholas standing a stone's throw away, he inquired, "You're not in bed yet?"

"N-No!"

At his hesitant expression, Wilbur asked with a frown, "Is something the matter?"

Nicholas nodded. "Wilbur, you were the one who spiked my mother's fruit wine, weren't you? You should've at least left her some dignity when she's already up in years instead of disgracing her thus."

With his gaze fixated on the man who went straight to the point, Wilbur didn't deny it but let out a soft sigh, replying, "There's a saying that goes like this—you reap what you sow, so persisting in evil brings about self-destruction. Advise her to watch herself in the future." After saying that, he threw Nicholas a warning look before descending the stairs.

A riot of emotions brewed within Nicholas as he stared at the man's back. Should I really do as Mom said? If I do so, peace will be a thing of the past in the Simpson residence henceforth.

For that reason, he had doubts within him and wondered whether the matter could end there.

The following day, Nicole first went to Bernian Hospital with Evan. After handling all the urgent matters, she entrusted the responsibility of managing the hospital to the man and went to the set alone.

Since it was rare that she was so devoted to doing something, Evan, who loved her deeply, naturally supported her by managing the hospital as he would his own company.

It was only that he didn't know acupuncture. Otherwise, he would have personally performed acupuncture on the patients.

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Chapter 1896 Unusual Kindness Belies A Hidden Motive

When Nicole arrived on set, Maya and Wilbur reached right after her. Someone else had also reached long before them—Yuvan, the man who saved Nicole yesterday.

The moment Yuvan spotted them, he greeted them enthusiastically.

“You're really early!” Nicole studied him. He's about the same age as Kyle and Juan and is also similar to them in stature. It's fate that we're playing mother and son in the movie.

“I've only just arrived as well. There are empty seats there, so let's head over!”

“Oh, sure!”

Yuvan led the way in front while the three of them followed behind. They went to the lounge and found a seat, but someone came over and informed them to have their makeup done just when they were about to sit.

Yuvan attentively helped Nicole carry her things, but the latter declined and said she could manage since it was just a makeup bag and wasn't heavy.

Still, he insisted. In fact, he even said that they were going to be mother and son shortly. Thus, it was only natural for him to treat her well and lend her a hand.

It was to the point that even Maya couldn't stand watching it anymore. “Mom, just let him carry it if he wants to do so. Even Juan and Kyle have never been so attentive to you at home. This son on set is really great to you. What a filial son!”

Wilbur likewise scrutinized Yuvan, feeling that he was being overly friendly to Nicole. Unusual kindness often belies a hidden motive. Could it be that he has something to ask of her?

“Do you need some help that you're being so nice to Mrs. Seet? Tell us first, and we'll see whether we can be of help,” he queried without beating around the bush.

A gleam of something glinted in Yuvan's eyes, yet he calmly replied, "Nope. It's just that I've never acted in a movie, so I want to treat her as my mother beforehand to have a feel of things. It'll be easier to get into character later and feel much more natural. You don't mind, do you, Mrs. Seet?"

"Not at all."

Nicole flashed him a smile. She remembered the debt of gratitude she owed him for having helped her the day before, and his action then would only benefit her, so she had no reason not to agree.

"Wow, you're quite assiduous!" Wilbur lauded.

Chuckling, Yuvan humbly admitted, "I have zero experience in acting, so I've got no other recourse but to compensate for it. I can only hope that the director won't be too dissatisfied with my acting later."

"Nah, you can't be too bad when you're working so hard," Maya interjected casually.

As Nicole regarded the young man in front of her, admiration welled within her. She felt his future was promising as long as he was willing to put in the effort and persevere.

"Hang in there! I'm sure you'll have a bright future ahead of you!"

"Thank you, Mrs. Seet. I will."

After their makeup was done, the filming started officially. Both Yuvan and Nicole were exceedingly serious in acting out their parts, but Yuvan's acting was too poor. His handling of many details was unsatisfactory to the director team.

"You're Yuvan, yes? Have you never learned acting before?"

"No." Yuvan looked a tad dejected.

"Well, you were recommended by Ms. Muir, so I should give you a chance, but something was really wrong with your acting just now. Ms. Lane, who's standing across from you, is your mother in the movie. You haven't seen her in a long time, so you should be both surprised and emotional to see her under such special circumstances now. However, there's a misunderstanding between the two of you, and you harbor resentment toward her. You've got to portray all those conflicting emotions. Otherwise, the audience will be confused by your character!"

Rooted to the spot, Yuvan nodded lightly, acknowledging the director's comment.

"Do you understand how to do it now? Let's have another take!"

Then, that scene was refilmed. While it was slightly better than the last take, the director team still felt that his performance wasn't quite up to scratch and told him to practice.

"How about this? We'll shoot the scenes between the male and female leads first while you go and learn from Ms. Lane, Yuvan. Have her guide you and try out the scenes together for better compatibility."

"Okay, got it."

Yuvan hung his head as a sense of defeat swamped him. Nicole encouraged him not to be anxious but to take it easy. She then earnestly discussed with him how he should act.

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Chapter 1897 Without Any Talent Or Experience

When they retook the scene later, Yuvan still couldn't perform to the director team's satisfaction.

The director team then gave some suggestions according to his performance before asserting that they must finish filming that scene tomorrow afternoon no matter what. Due to his poor acting and their fixed schedule, they contemplated having someone else play the role instead.

As soon as Yuvan heard that he might lose that opportunity, panic showed on his face, and he begged the director, "Can you please give me another chance? I promise to painstakingly practice when I go home tonight and try my best not to have any retakes tomorrow."

Since Sheila recommended him, the director team discussed it among themselves before deciding to give him a chance.

Nonetheless, they warned him in advance that he would be asked to leave the production team if he still couldn't pass tomorrow, and they would choose someone more suitable to replace him.

"I'll do my best to practice!"

With anxiousness written all over his face, Yuvan lowered his head and looked at the script solemnly.

Nicole walked over to him and looked at him sincerely. "Do you really want to act in this movie?"

Yuvan nodded. "Yes. Not only is this a rare opportunity for me, but I really like this character."

At the earnest expression on his face, Nicole announced, "I'll help you!"

The second Yuvan heard that remark, hope sparked to life in his eyes, and he gaped at her incredulously. "I'm very dumb, and your time is incredibly precious. Are you really willing to help me?"

"I might have been injured yesterday if it weren't for you. You lent me a hand yesterday, so it's only right that I do the same for you today."

"Thank you! Thank you so much!"

Yuvan grew excited, but Nicole smilingly told him not to worry about it.

Subsequently, she started practicing with him again and again without getting annoyed.

As night fell, the filming for Maya and Wilbur's scenes as the male and female leads ended. They came to seek Nicole out, only to see that she was helping Yuvan out.

Maya watched for a while at the side. Clocking Yuvan's stiff acting, she couldn't help lamenting, "It's a pity that he hasn't any talent for acting. Do you think he can do a good job?"

"He'll probably get better with more practice," Wilbur reckoned.

"The sky has darkened, and it's time to go home. I'll go and ask Mommy when she's planning to leave."

Maya then went over and interrupted them. Nicole, on the other hand, lifted her head and glanced at the pitch-black night. "How about continuing this tomorrow? Think about the few things the director told you earlier. You can give me a call if you don't understand something or put your query to the director."

In response, Yuvan nodded. "Okay. It's late, so hurry up and go home."

Before leaving, Maya suggested that he buy a few books about acting and brush up on his knowledge. After a moment's consideration, Yuvan echoed that and said he would be doing so.

During dinner, Maya coincidentally mentioned that it would be difficult for Nicole to act alongside someone who hadn't the talent or the experience.

That remark of hers piqued Evan's curiosity.

“Without any talent or experience? Why would the production team recruit such a person?”

“Because—”

Before Maya could answer that it was because the person saved her mother, Nicole interjected, “Although he has never studied acting and doesn’t have much talent, he’s very diligent and eager to learn. Besides, his image suits the character, so Sheila gave him an opportunity.”

She didn’t want Evan to know about her near trip after Melissa shoved her. Firstly, the matter had been resolved, and she feared that he might worry. Secondly, she was afraid that he would refuse to let it rest. If he were to pursue it further, Melissa’s parents might be dragged into the mess.

She ordered an investigation into Melissa and discovered that her father was an ordinary employee while her mother was ill and couldn’t work. Their family wasn’t all that well-to-do either, so she wanted to let it go since the matter had passed.

Casting a glance at her, Maya understood that her mother didn’t want her father to know about that matter. As such, she didn’t say anything more.

Evan was silent for some time before he asserted that someone couldn’t be a good actor just because he was assiduous. Instead, it also hinged on whether he was cut out to be one.

Therefore, he inwardly decided to go and have a look when Nicole was filming tomorrow. If that Yuvan guy isn’t cut out to be an actor, I’ll have Sheila change him at once, lest he tires out my wife!

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Chapter 1898 I Want Two Million

The moment Wilbur stepped into the living room upon returning to the Simpson residence, he was greeted by the sight of Rodney smoking in the living room with a dark expression on his face.

“Dad,” he greeted.

Rodney lifted his head and glanced at him. “You just came back?”

“Yeah.”

Rodney cut straight to the chase, announcing, “There’s a huge project at the company that requires you to do the negotiation. Your public display of affection on the filming set

was very effective. Everyone in the business world is now convinced that you'll be Evan's son-in-law soon enough. Hence, the chances of you cinching the project are high."

"What project is it?" Wilbur inquired.

Reaching out, Rodney snagged a stack of documents off the table and handed them to him. "Here, read through them. While you're making the headlines with Maya, we'll seize the opportunity to cinch a few such projects. Then, the company's profits for the second half of the year will be secure. Also, I'd like to remind you not to concentrate all your efforts on filming and neglect the company's matters. You must know how to strike while the iron is hot and take advantage of Seet Group's popularity. When you go over to their house, take a few pictures with Maya and give them to the paparazzi. That will give you a leg up in the business world. Do you understand?"

Wilbur said nothing for a heartbeat, for he had never thought of doing so.

He had never thought of taking advantage of his popularity while dating Maya. In fact, he even felt that it was rather despicable to do such a thing.

However, all that mattered to Rodney was profits. Only when he could generate more profits for the company would his position in this house remain secure.

After all, he wasn't the only son in the household. There was still Nicholas and his stepmother, Mabel, who killed his mother.

If he didn't create enough value for the company and couldn't live up to Rodney's satisfaction, his position in the man's heart, the company, as well as the Simpson family would be in jeopardy.

Thus, he still murmured an agreement despite the aversion within him. "I understand."

"Great! As long as you can manage the company well and bring it to greater heights, my position will be yours in the future. You'll also be the head of the Simpson family!"

"Thank you, Dad."

That conversation happened to have been overheard by Nicholas and Janice, who were making their way downstairs.

Mabel's words popped out in Nicholas' mind, and worry started brewing within him. If the Simpson family is really handed over to Wilbur, will he spare Mom?

Meanwhile, a faint smile manifested on Janice's face without her realizing it. I just knew that Wilbur must be using Maya! When he has gotten his hands on the Simpson family's company, I'll still stand a chance with him!

"I just knew that he'll become the heir of the Simpson family!"

Nicholas heard Janice's muttering, and his brows inexorably knitted together as he glimpsed her utter glee.

"You're carrying my child, yet you're still siding with another man? Do you really love him all that much?"

"I only got pregnant back then because you forced yourself on me. After that, it was also you and your mother's idea for me to frame the pregnancy on Wilbur. If I hadn't trusted the two of you too much and believed that your plan would succeed, I wouldn't have ended up backed into a corner and getting engaged with you!"

"Are you aggrieved that you had to get engaged with me? Conversely, I'm disgusted with you! We'll have nothing to do with each other anymore when you've given birth!"

Janice snapped her head over to Nicholas. "What do you mean by that? You want to kick me away after I've given you a child, huh? In your dreams!"

"Isn't Wilbur the person you love? Don't tell me you still want to cling on to me?"

"No way! But no matter what, you've got to compensate me when I've given you a child, no?"

"Are you saying that you want money?"

"I want two million! That's a drop in the bucket for the Simpson family, isn't it?"

Sneering, Nicholas scoffed, "This is my first time seeing a woman sell her own child like you! What a pitiless excuse of a human being!"

"Do you think I'm so eager to have this child? I'm even worried that Wilbur will never accept me after I give birth!"

"There's no need to worry. Without a shadow of a doubt, he'll never accept you! Even if he were so blind to do so, my parents would never agree, so you can just stop dreaming about it! After giving birth, take the money and scam!"

Having said that, Nicholas resolutely stalked off.

Contrarily, Janice remained frozen to the spot, with her face drained of all color. Previously, she had always felt that she had the opportunity to be with Wilbur since she could come and go from the Simpson residence freely while she was with child.

At that precise moment, however, she felt that her identity would be too awkward if she gave birth to the child for real. Then, she would never have the chance to be with him.

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Therefore... I can't give birth to this child!

As Janice caressed her belly gently, a ruthless idea took shape in her mind. Although it would be risky, she was willing to take the risk to snag Wilbur.

However, that was a sudden idea, so she still had to plan it out meticulously if she wanted to put it into action flawlessly.

"Don't blame me for being callous. You only have yourself to blame for choosing the wrong father..."

The following day, Nicole went with Evan to Bernian Hospital in the morning to work since her scenes with Yuvan were scheduled in the afternoon.

Evan took out the plan he made the previous afternoon regarding the hospital's development in the future and showed it to her.

"What is this?"

"Take a look at it, and you'll know."

Taking it, Nicole looked at it solemnly and carefully. When she reached the second half, a grin stretched her lips from ear to ear.

"You're planning to invest more money to expand the hospital?"

Evan nodded in affirmation. "Yup. I took a look at the inpatient department yesterday and found out that many patients could only linger in the corridor because of the lack of wards. It's inconvenient, so I'm planning to buy the undeveloped area in the east to build more wards."

At that, Nicole chuckled. "Then, have you ever considered that there might still be insufficient wards after the expansion?"

Evan deliberated for a while before nodding. "Considering your medical skills, I believe that there'll only be more patients coming after hearing about you. Hence, the phenomenon of insufficient wards will still exist! While my strength alone is limited, I'll still do whatever I can and want to do. No matter how many patients the new expansion can accommodate, it's my gift to you in support of your career."

Touched, Nicole gazed at him deeply.

“Evan, this isn’t just your support toward my career, but your great love toward the patients. This decision of yours is exceedingly meaningful. I’m really blessed to be your wife!”

“I’m the blessed one to have married such a loving wife. I only decided to do so because I heard that you used the hospital’s profits last month to subsidize the patients who can’t afford treatment. My idea of expanding the inpatient department is all thanks to your influence. You’re doing so much despite being a woman, so I should support you as much as possible when I’m not only a man but your husband to boot.”

Nicole was silent for a moment before murmuring, “I’ve never thought of using the hospital to make money. I think the most crucial thing in life is the number of fruitful and meaningful things one has done in life instead of the wealth one accumulated. Neither have I ever thought of a certain sum I’d have to save up in my lifetime. When we’re old, we can just go to some old city and live in seclusion. It won’t cost much for us to lead a simple and happy life. Besides, we still have five children. They won’t stand idly by as we starve.”

Looking into her eyes that brimmed with longing, Evan asserted, “We’ll have such a life in the future. When we can no longer contribute to society, I’ll take you to live in seclusion. We’ll enjoy the morning sunlight and evening breeze, watch the flowers bloom and wither, and gaze at the stars at night.”

“Really?”

“Yup!”

“In that case, I also want to plant a huge patch of roses in the courtyard!”

“Sure! You can do anything you want!” Evan’s alluring voice carried infinite affection.

As the two of them gazed at each other, Nicole flashed him a sweet smile.

Subsequently, the sound of a flurry of knocks on the door jolted them back to reality. They both corralled their emotions and put away their yearning for that incredible life in the future.

“Come in,” Nicole stated.

Her assistant came in, saying that a patient requiring acupuncture came after hearing about her and insisted that she treat him personally. Without thinking much about it, Nicole got to her feet and headed to the consultation room with Evan.

After the diagnosis, Nicole personally performed the acupuncture. When the half-an-hour session ended, the patient thanked her effusively and even said that he had nothing of value to give her besides some local specialties from his hometown.

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Chapter 1900 Child Stars

The patient was exceedingly enthusiastic toward Nicole. Finding it difficult to refuse his kindness, she accepted his gifts with a smile. Then, she purposely asked someone to buy some supplements for him as a gift in return.

She took the local specialties back to the office with her. Opening it and seeing sweet potatoes, Nicole was delighted. She even told Evan to bring them home, suggesting to have the maids bake them that night before sharing them with the family.

Nodding in acknowledgment, Evan replied, "Okay. Come home earlier tonight, then. If that Yuvan guy needs your help with his lines over and over again, just turn him down. If he has no talent for acting, it's far better to have him face reality earlier and seek out a more suitable job."

"Got it."

Inwardly, Nicole prayed that Yuvan would be able to finish his scene in a single take and not be displaced by the director team.

After lunch, all the crew involved was to gather at the set.

When Nicole arrived at the set, she caught sight of a group of people gathered together a near distance away as though something major had happened. She hurriedly went over to check on the situation, only to see two adorable children in cartoon shirts jumping around. Only when they pulled a face at her did she recognize them as Zayden and Joy.

"Why are you two here?"

"We're here to film!"

"We're here to be child stars!"

Zayden and Joy answered in unison.

Just then, Sheila walked over. She explained that they had been clamoring to come over since it was the weekend, and they didn't have to attend school. And so, she brought them over.

In the blink of an eye, they got the costumes from somewhere or other, and the costumes even turned out to fit them nicely. Hence, she went along with them and allowed them to do as they pleased.

Only then did Nicole understand what exactly had happened.

“Their acting is pretty good, and they’re incredibly adorable. If they have some scenes in the movie, they would definitely shoot to stardom!”

“Hear, hear! There might even be tons of children’s brands asking them to endorse their products. The pay will be enough for them to support themselves!”

Joy and Zayden were instantly hooked upon hearing the remarks of those around them.

After all, it was rare for them to be able to make their own money at such a young age.

Joy felt that she could save up the money and manage her own business like Nina and Maya in the future.

Meanwhile, Zayden felt that he could give the money to his father to invest. At that time, it would make him even more money. At that thought, his eyes shone like dazzling stars.

Consequently, the two children urged Sheila to give them a part in the movie.

“Mommy, when we had the voting session, you promised to give us a role!”

“I stand witness! You indeed said that, Aunt Sheila! Adults can’t lie to children and have to keep their word!”

At their arguments, words eluded Sheila.

She stared at the two smart cookies, scanning through the entire plotline of the movie in her mind. There are no kids in the movie. If I were to add them in, would it affect the direction of the script and the feeling it portrays?

When Zayden saw her brooding, he started tugging on the hem of her dress and playing cute.

“Mommy, you said you’d allow me to play a role! You promised!”

“I want to play a role, too, Aunt Sheila! We don’t need much. We still need to go to school usually and are only free during the weekends. Just a few scenes will do!”

“That’s right, Mommy! Please let us play a role. Pretty please?”

And so, the two children seconded each other.

In the end, Sheila couldn't withstand their adorable whining. She turned to her assistant and told her to ask the director whether it was possible to add some scenes for the two children.

"Mommy, it's not a question of whether it's possible. It's a must!" Zayden emphasized coyly, swaying his petite body.

"Exactly! You're the biggest investor, so you can make the decision, Aunt Sheila!"

Again, they started echoing each other.

Eyeing the two relentless children, Sheila finally caved in. "Okay, okay. I'll go and make the arrangements right away!"