Chapter 271 Now This Is What I've Actually Done

When everyone was still confused by her actions, Kate returned with a bucket of water in her hands.

When she walked to them, she had already raised her bucket.

Olivia was the first to see that, and she smiled. Sure enough. I knew that Katie is not someone who can be easily bullied.

She nudged George and North quietly. Then, the three of them took a few steps back quietly.

Just after they had stabilized themselves, they heard a splash of water. The bucket of water in Kate's hands were splashed on both Melanie and Nathan.

"Ahhh... Nate!" Melanie quickly hid herself in Nathan's arms.

Meanwhile, he yelled loudly, "What the f\*ck are you doing, Kate?"

However, Kate remained silent with a stony expression on her face as she threw the empty bucket away. The red bucket fell to the ground with a loud thud and rolled away on the smooth tiles.

Everyone stood rooted to the ground when they saw this. They had expected for her to take something out—perhaps some evidence to prove herself. But they had never thought that she would bring out a bucket of water and pour it at Melanie.

Is she initiating a fight, or is she objecting to them?

Just when everyone was confused, Kate had already reached Melanie and pulled her by the collar. After that, she slapped her cheeks twice quickly and fiercely.

Both of them had not returned to their senses after being splashed by her, yet Kate had already hit Melanie. On top of that, she even spoke before Nathan flared up.

Looking at him, she announced in an arrogant and defiant tone as she pointed at Melanie, "Now this is what I've actually done!"

Nathan quickly hugged Melanie, who looked aggrieved, into his arms. Then, he pointed at Kate angrily. "Are you crazy, Kate?"

When Kate looked at him, her eyes were so cold that it was as if she was looking at a corpse.

"Nathan! From today onward, there's nothing between us. We'll go our separate paths starting from this moment!"

With that, she walked back to the parlor.

"Where are you going? Come back here and apologize! Have you gone nuts?" With that, Nathan tried to chase after her.

However, Melanie pulled him back thoughtfully. "Forget it! Nate, you guys are close friends!"

Even though she asked him to let this pass, she still wiped the water from Nathan's face, looking pitiful. "Are you alright?"

Furious, Nathan shook the water on his body angrily. Then, he told Olivia, "You saw that, right? She has gone mad! What the hell is she thinking?"

Olivia looked at him and replied in a calm voice that didn't reveal any emotions, "What the hell are you thinking?"

Nathan frowned. "What's wrong with me?"

Olivia looked at him sharply. "You've known Katie for seven years. Don't you know her character? Do you really think that she would do this behind your back? To your girlfriend, no less?"

Nathan felt guilty. "If it wasn't her, could Mel have done this to herself?"

"That's not impossible, is it, Miss Hopper?" Olivia looked at her with a cold smile on her face.

Melanie's heart sank, but she quickly adjusted her attitude and showed a sad expression. "Olivia, I didn't do that! Why would I hit myself for nothing? This is outrageous! I know that you are good friends with Katie, but you can't accuse me like this!"

Nathan was brainwashed by Melanie again. "Olivia, I know that you are close with Katie, but you have to be reasonable. You saw her attitude at the dinner table yourself. What was that? She said that she was nauseated by us, and she deliberately distanced herself from us. When she was ordering the dishes, she didn't even ask us. She is obviously boycotting us. Even though I might have hurt her with my words before, she should just deal with me if she's unhappy with anything. Why did she take it out on Mel instead?"

Chapter 272 Everything Was Recorded

Infuriated by Nathan, Olivia took a deep breath. Nathan deserves to be taught a lesson. Otherwise, it'll be an insult to his genius brain.

Crossing her arms in front of her chest, she looked at him playfully. "Right. Why did she attack Melanie alone, but not anyone else?"

Nathan replied, "That's because she wants to take revenge on me!"

Olivia was annoyed again. After looking at Nathan for a while, she finally spoke, "Nathan, I'm just letting you know in advance today—if you are suffering in the future, remember that you deserved it!"

Before Nathan could understand what Olivia actually meant, Kate had already walked out of the parlor holding her bag.

After she walked out, she told George apologetically, "I'm sorry, George. I've embarrassed myself in front of you. I—"

Before she could finish her sentence, a lump formed in her throat immediately. She lowered her head to stop herself from crying, and then she smiled.

"It's because of my disastrous personal life that this gathering has been ruined. I'll rearrange this another time. I have to leave now. I'm not feeling well."

Before George could say anything, Nathan, however, grabbed her arms relentlessly.

"You're leaving? You're leaving just like that after you hit Mel?"

Kate shoved his strong hands off. "Don't touch me! You disgust me!"

She glared at him with hatred in her eyes, not unlike looking at her arch enemy.

At that instant, Nathan suddenly felt that she looked like a stranger to him. A surge of fear rose within him unknowingly, as if he was about to lose something.

After exchanging glances with Olivia, George said, "You don't have to leave in a hurry. It's still early, and everything is not settled here!"

Kate looked furious. "I don't want to settle it anymore. Let's just leave it like this!"

From now onward, we will go our separate ways. I don't have anything to do with him anymore!

However, Olivia pulled her back. "Since when have you become so kind? You don't have to go soft on the people who don't deserve your kindness!"

Kate didn't want to talk about it anymore. She merely wanted to find a place to cry out loud.

"I know, but I'm leaving now."

Olivia uttered again, "You can go ahead and leave. But give me my phone back first!"

Kate was confused upon hearing that. What phone?

Before she could react, Olivia had already fished out her phone from Kate's bag.

Shocked, Kate asked, "Why was your phone in my bag?"

While unlocking, Olivia replied, "I left it there when you went to the washroom just now."

Kate was still surprised to hear that. Why did she put her phone in my bag?

Nevertheless, they knew the reason in no time as Olivia played something on her phone.

Initially, the sounds weren't very clear—it merely consisted of footsteps, tap water, and sounds of doors opening and closing.

Then, the conversation between Kate and Melanie was played.

Melanie asked, "Why are you avoiding me?"

Kate replied, "Because you disgust me."

Melanie laughed gently. "I knew you were referring to me, yet Nathan thought you were insulting him. Hahaha... Doesn't it hurt, seeing how sweet Nathan and I are? It's such a pity you can't see us in bed. Nathan's is the most sexy at that time. Maybe I'll record a video and send it to you some time."

With that, everyone was shocked.

"Did you hear that? This woman is such a b\*tch!"

"A shameless b\*tch! How disgusting!"

"I think the injury on her face probably wasn't inflicted by the other woman!"

Melanie immediately panicked and ran to Olivia. "You guys actually recorded everything?"

Olivia held Melanie's wrists after she rushed here and smiled sarcastically.

"What's wrong? You have the guts to do it, but you don't have the guts to admit it?"

Melanie was flailing around in Olivia's hands. "You guys are breaking the law!"

Chapter 273 A Perfect Match

Olivia nodded. "What a pleasant surprise that you know the law. Do you know that slandering others is also against the law?

Nathan was stunned upon hearing that. What's going on?

Melanie actually started this first?

Kate heaved a long sigh. Sure enough, Olivia has predicted everything.

Without the recording, she couldn't clear her name. The most she could do was to escape from here as soon as possible with grievances.

Right now, everything's... perfect.

In the past, she was always afraid of hurting Nathan. Olivia might actually be right—we can't grow without hurt!

Different thoughts passed through each of their minds while the recording continued to play.

Kate said, "You are so f\*cking disgusting when you cry. Do you dare to talk like this in front of Nathan?"

Melanie laughed. "Why wouldn't I dare? I'm flattering him now! Actually, before meeting Eugene and George, I thought that Nathan was pretty decent. However, after spending more time with him, I realized that he is too stingy. If he were a little more generous, I would've felt content. After all, he treats me really well, and he's very obedient. However, after meeting George today, I realized that God is really unfair. Why are there so many eligible men around Olivia, treating her so well? Why is it so difficult for me to even have a decent man?"

Kate retorted angrily, "How dare you compare yourself to Olivia! You can't even match a strand of her hair!"

Melanie smiled. "You are really close with her. But can it be compared to your feelings for Nathan? Unrequited love is the worst feeling, isn't it? Why don't both of us work together? If you help me in dating George, I can give Nathan to you. Don't you want to show George around? If you bring me along and I successfully make him fall for me, I will leave Nathan immediately. Otherwise, you'll never stand a chance with him!"

Then, Kate replied fiercely, "You are so shameless! You'd better stop your plans right now. If you hurt Nathan, I won't let you go!"

Melanie's maniacal laughter rang from the phone to the entire hall. "Hahahah! You are such a hopeless romantic! But your feelings for him are useless, because the person he loves is me!"

With that, there was no anger on Nathan's face due to Melanie's betrayal. Instead, he looked at Kate blankly.

She loves me?

How is that possible?

D-Didn't she already have a few boyfriends?

A few days ago, she even asked me to stay away from her so that I wouldn't disrupt her in looking for a boyfriend.

How is it possible that she loves me?

On the other hand, Kate was so embarrassed that she wanted to hide in a hole. She had never imagined that her feelings would be exposed in such a manner.

She had even forgotten about this conversation when she was thinking about exposing Melanie's little drama.

However, at this moment, it was impossible to stop.

When Olivia heard Melanie say that she had had her eyes on Eugene and George, she flared up and pushed Melanie to Nathan.

"I don't blame Katie for saying that you guys are disgusting. Both of you are the perfect match for each other indeed!"

Nathan felt embarrassed after being insulted, but he instinctively pushed Melanie away and looked at her in disgust.

"You've really opened my eyes, indeed. You are actually looking for a few other backups while dating me. On top of that, you even have your eyes on the people around me! How impressive! Do you even have a bottom line?"

After being shoved by him, Melanie fell to the ground and looked at him resentfully.

"Nate, that's not how I actually think! Because she loves you, I deliberately said that to just infuriate her!"

However, Olivia ordered coldly, "Shut up and listen!"

Hence, the recording continued.

Kate said, "Since he loves you, you'd better stay with him loyally so that his efforts won't be in vain."

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Melanie laughed out loud once again. "Hahaha! You don't have to worry about that! It doesn't matter whether or not I treat him well. As long as he thinks that I've been treating him well, that's enough. Even though you have done a lot for him foolishly, he still thinks that I'm better than you."

With that, she pointed at a red bucket that was half-filled with water.

"Even if I claim that this bucket were blue, Nathan would also agree with me that it is indeed blue. Katie, oh Katie, you are not my match completely." Her tone was arrogant and vindictive. "If you don't believe me, let's try this..."

Everyone in the public exchanged embarrassed looks as they heard two slaps clearly, followed by the sound of water pouring down.

"If I say that you did this to me, who do you think Nathan will believe?"

With that, everyone heard the sound of the door opening.

At this moment, Olivia hit the pause button and looked at Nathan coldly. He was already frozen to the ground. "Do you have anything to add on?"

"I-I..."

Nathan looked at Kate blankly. "I didn't know that she is like this."

Kate replied impassively, "It's fine. It's not too late to know her now. Luckily, we have this recording. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to explain everything. Now that everything is as clear as day, I guess I don't have to apologize anymore, right?"

Nathan felt a surge of fear as he looked at her, his heart palpitating wildly. As he walked over to her, he said, "Katie, I'm sorry. The one who should apologize is me. I must have been blind to have fallen for this woman."

However, Kate took a step back instinctively. "It's alright, as long as you like her." With that, she looked at Olivia. "Olivia, George, thanks for helping me out today. Are you guys done with dinner? Shall we continue this elsewhere?"

Olivia replied, "It's fine. We are already full. If you want to leave, just go. Since you have drank some wine, it's better to hail a cab."

Kate agreed. "Alright, then. If you would like to visit anywhere, George, just give me a call!"

George replied, "Sure. Be careful on your way home."

With that, Kate nodded and left.

Looking at her leaving figure, Nathan did not retract his gaze for a long time.

On the other hand, when Olivia looked at him, there was no sympathy at all. Instead, her gaze was full of indifference.

"This is not the first time Melanie has picked on Katie. During the launching of my business, she also spoke to Katie, warning her to stay away from you. Her words were even more disgusting than what she said today. We kept telling ourselves that even though she doesn't like us, it's fine as long as she treats you well. However, it's unfortunate that she is not a decent person. Think about what you have done to Katie, and what you have said to her during this period. You pushed her away yourself!"

With that, she left the restaurant.

Finally, Nathan looked at Melanie with a pair of red eyes. At this moment, he was not sure if he was more furious or more embarrassed. After throwing a card at the

counter to foot the bill, he pulled Melanie, who was on the floor, out of the restaurant.

She struggled against him. "Nate, I was wrong. I just spoke without thinking. I didn't want to seduce anyone."

However, Nathan merely ignored her and dragged her all the way before he threw her in the car. Then, he found a bundle of tape to tie her hands together.

After sitting at the driver's seat, the car dashed straight ahead as he slammed his foot on the accelerator.

It was at this moment that Melanie felt genuine fear. Having dated Nathan for so long, she had never seen him lose his temper. His looks today were quite terrifying.

"Nate, s-s-slow down! I'm afraid!"

Her meek character was quite useful to persuade him in the past. But today, Nathan seemed determined to ignore her, no matter what she said.

She glanced at the dashboard furtively. He's already going 100 km/h! Even though it's evening, there are quite many cars around. On top of that, we are still in the city. He's planning to die with me!

Chapter 275 It Was All an Illusion

"N-Nate, where are you bringing me?" Nathan remained quiet with a furious expression.

Even though the car had reached the outskirts, he had no intentions of stopping. Suddenly, he slammed on the brake, causing Melanie to swing forward uncontrollably before her head crashed into the windscreen in front.

"Aaaahh!" she yelled loudly due to the pain.

Nathan did not fasten the seatbelt for her, and her hands were tied up. This emergency brake had knocked her against the glass, hurting her head.

Nathan did not even look at her. Instead, he merely stared straight ahead.

After Melanie finally struggled to get up, the car started moving once more. Just when she had gotten used to the speed, the car suddenly stopped again.

There weren't many cars at the outskirts of the city, so he could drive quickly and brake immediately.

After a dozen rounds of similar treatment, Melanie's head was already bleeding. She felt that her body had bruises all over as she felt pain in her entire body, as if she had been run over by a car.

Finally, Nathan stopped the car and took out a pack of cigarettes from the glove compartment. Then, he took one out and lit it up.

The smoke choked Melanie until she couldn't stop coughing.

Before this, Nathan would stop smoking immediately and ask whether she was okay.

In fact, he was quite a heavy smoker. When he burned the midnight oil in front of the computer, he often smoked to stay awake. He tried to cut the habit off since Melanie didn't like it.

However, at this moment, he felt that he was an idiot. I was a complete fool. Why couldn't I tell her motives?

"You got closer to me on purpose, didn't you?" he asked.

Melanie remained silent.

"Tell me!"

His roar had shocked Melanie, who instinctively replied, "Yes!"

Nathan took another puff of the cigarette before pinching her chin. "Tell me honestly. Otherwise, I'll kill you!"

He looked quite savage at this moment, as though he really wanted to kill her.

Melanie's heart thumped fearfully. Indeed, he had treated her so well until she had forgotten that he was considered a part of the Nolan Family, and that Eugene was his uncle. She had forgotten that he could torture her anytime until she wished she were dead.

I was too careless! I can't believe that Kate recorded that!

No!

It's Olivia who framed me!

However, at this moment, everything was too late. After looking at Nathan's face furtively, she spoke carefully, "That day, I fell to the ground deliberately. Your car didn't knock into me, and I deliberately fell to the ground to cause the injury on my knee to get your sympathy. I didn't allow you to send me to the hospital because I didn't want you to think of me as a materialistic person. On top of that, you would owe me a favor. I even got your Whatsapp number because of that."

Nathan laughed out of intense fury. How smart! In order to get closer to me, she didn't mind hurting herself.

"So you also planned the second meeting?"

Melanie nodded. "The few men at the restaurant that day were hired by me to deliberately hurt me so that your protective instincts would kick in. Naturally, that became the second time we met. I bought you dinner to let you know that I'm someone who knows how to pay back a favor."

Nathan smiled. Sure enough. That time, I thought of her as someone who had her own principles even though she was quite soft-spoken. I thought she was much better than the girls who had many demands right at the beginning.

In order to repay her meal, he treated her to a more scrumptious one.

After a few more interactions, they slowly developed feelings for each other.

He was flattered by her so much until he lost himself. He even thought that he was the sexiest and the most handsome man around.

It was only at this moment that he realized it was all an illusion.