

When She Stops Playing Nice

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Ella put a smile on. "First, thanks for helping us out with Phillip's medicine fees. However, James had a car accident and wants to receive better treatment at Prover Hospital. As you know, it's tough to get admission there, so I'd like to ask for your help.

Abbie and Clinton exchanged a look.

"What fees?" Abbie looked puzzled. They didn't care about Phillip and weren't concerned.

Ella was also confused. "Didn't you find out Phillip was also hospitalized and helped pay the bills?"

That's impossible. We are wealthy but not crazy Abbie recovered from her shock and clarified, "We can't help. Neil was admitted through the usual process."

Ella was shocked. If it wasn't them, who was it?

Abbie's meaning was clear. They wouldn't help.

Ella could only change the topic. When they spoke about the engagement party, Ella asked, "The party is coming up. Should we send out the invitations?"

Without Clinton and Abbie's consent, they couldn't send them out.

Abbie frowned. "What's the rush?"

Seeing this. Ella said. "Mrs. Jackson, Olivia recently won first in the national college jewelry design competition."

"First? The results haven't been announced yet, right?" Abbie asked.

"The news has spread. It'll be announced the day after tomorrow, Ella added. She wanted Abbie and Clinton to know Olivia was outstanding. If Ethan were engaged to Gina, they'd probably cancel the engagement,

On account of the present, Abbie spoke politely, "First prize. That's good. Any career plans, Olivia?"

Noah answered, "She'll join Miller Jewels as the design director after graduation. The Wish collection she designed before sold like hotcakes. She's talented." Noah once more shamelessly credited Olivia again.

Abbie's expression softened. She had heard about that. "Is that what you think, Olivia?"

Olivia nodded. "I'll work with Noah to make Miller Jewels bigger and better."

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Abbie asked, "Don't you think you should get some experience elsewhere first? If you get comfy just because you've done something in your family's company, isn't it arrogant?"

Olivia was awkward. Was Abbie messing with her?

Though annoyed, Ella still smiled. "Any advice for Olivia, Mrs. Jackson?"

"If you can enter Quaria and make a name for yourself, that's be something. Abbie said.

Olivia resisted the urge to roll her eyes. Working for her family was comfortable. Was Abbie trying to make things difficult for her? Olivia smiled. "Thanks, Abbie. I'll remember it."

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"Enough talk. Let's eat," Clinton invited.

The Miller family felt quite aggrieved during the meal, but fortunately, Clinton and Abbie agreed to send out the engagement invitations.

After finishing the meal, Olivia went to the restroom. When she came out, she heard a familiar voice. "Yes. Hurry up. Take it out of the safe and bring it here,"

Olivia followed the sound and saw Neil. Neil was here but didn't drop by. Olivia felt upset.

Neil turned and saw Olivia. His expression didn't change.

Olivia greeted, "Mr. Jackson."

Neil acknowledged indifferently.

Olivia tried to strike up a conversation. She noticed the pearl ring on Neil's finger and remarked, "Mr. Jackson, your ring is beautiful. Is it from Quaria's collector's series?"

Neil didn't know jewelry. Hearing that, he knew Gina had spent a lot on it. Gina was so thoughtful. She probably spent the entire 14 million dollars he paid her on it. But Gina was a student. She didn't need to buy something so expensive.

"I think it's good too." Neil agreed.

"Did you buy it yourself, Mr. Jackson? What a good eye." Olivia praised, desperately trying to leave a good impression on

him.

"Gina bought it for me as a birthday gift, Neil told her.

Olivia's heart skipped a beat. "My sister, Gina?"

Neil nodded. "Yes"

Olivia stiffened. Why was Neil so fond of Gina? While she was still enduring Abbie and Clinton's sarcastic remarks, Gina had already won over Neil. Olivia was furious.

Olivia awkwardly said, "I thought the medicine last time was her birthday present to you...Gina didn't study medicine. She's from the countryside and might know some old-school remedies. If you're not feeling well, it's better to consult a real doctor, Mr. Jackson. My sister means well, but your health comes first. Who knows what's in that medicine? It could do more harm than good..." She let her voice trail off meaningfully.

Olivia had no clue why Gina would turn into Neil's honored guest.

Neil frowned. He knew what Olivia was implying. He asked coldly, "Do you know medicine?"

Olivia was stunned. "I-I don't."

Neil barked, "If you don't, don't speak nonsense. Gina had saved Neil so Neil wouldn't question Gina's skills.

With that, Neil left.

Olivia realized her mistake. She wanted to salvage the situation. Clenching her hands, Olivia hurriedly caught up to him. "Mr. Jackson..."

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"Miss, you can't go in. You can't approach this room without a reservation, the security guard said.

Olivia tried to see who Neil was dining with but couldn't see anything. Olivia glared at the security guard and left.

Neil took his seat. "Gina. I'd like to discuss something"

Gina put down her utensils and listened.

Neil cleared his throat. "Gina, what do you think of Gabriel?"

Gina didn't understand. She replied. "He's quite good."

Neil's eyes lit up. "Good. Do you want to try dating him?"

Gabriel was surprised. He knew his father wanted to play the matchmaker, but didn't expect him to be so direct. However, it suited him fine.

Gina was dumbfounded. "What?"

Gabriel seized the opportunity. "Will you let me court you?" He looked sincere.

"Gina, although Gabriel isn't young anymore, he's never been in a relationship. I've never seen him so serious about someone. So... can you give him a chance?" Neil seemed on the verge of tears.

Gina was still in shock and at a loss. She didn't feel anything for Gabriel.

Neil felt disappointed. It seemed Gina didn't fancy Gabriel. Gabriel wasn't impressive enough.

Suddenly, Gabriel lowered his gaze. "Did you decide not to be responsible for me?"

Gina's cars burned. Why did Gabriel bring this up? Neil was still there. "Can you..." She didn't finish her sentence.

Gabriel repeated, "Will you let me pursue you?"

"Yes," Gina agreed exasperatedly, as long as Gabriel didn't bring that up.

She looked awkwardly at Neil. Neil was pretending he hadn't heard.

Gabriel smiled.

Just then, Isaac brought something over.

Neil took a red velvet box from Isaac and opened it to reveal a diamond bracelet.

When Gabriel saw it, he understood Neil considered Gina his future daughter-in-law.

The bracelet was passed down from Gabriel's mother to her daughter-in-law.

"Come, Gina. This is for you. Take it." Neil gave the box to Gabriel, signaling him to help Gina wear it. It was time for Gabriel to make a move.

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Gabriel held Gina's wrist. "Let me put it on for you."

Everything happened so quickly. Gina looked at the diamond bracelet on her wrist.

Removing it now would seem disrespectful. She said, "Thanks, Grandpa Neil."

"No need for niceties, Gina." Neil chuckled.

When Olivia returned to the private room. Clinton and A b b i e had already left with Ethan.

Ella looked unpleasant. She muttered irritably, "How arrogant. Our family will eventually prosper too."

Ella noticed Olivia didn't look good. She consoled, "Honey, don't take his mother's words to heart. You're the best!"

Olivia shook her head, pretending to be good. "Mom, I didn't. It's just... I ran into Mr. Neil."

Ella and Noah were surprised.

Noah asked, "Mr. Neil is here?"

Olivia told them. "He's in the first Phoenix room with his guest. But most importantly, Gina seems close to Mr. Neil."

Ella couldn't believe it. "That's impossible."

Olivia added, "Gina bought an pearl ring from Quaria's collector's series for him as a birthday present."

Ella was stunned. "Where did she get the money?"

Noah reminded, "Mom, did you forget? She forced us to sign the severance agreement and took 600 million dollars." He gritted his teeth.

Ella remembered. So Gina spent the money to please Neil? Did Gina want to retaliate against their family after that: their bad luck to have a daughter like her. Ella's chest hurt from fury.

Olivia quickly comforted Ella. "Mom, relax. Maybe Gina can't give up on Ethan. But I love Ethan..."

"She's not worthy," Ella spat out fiercely. "Darling, don't worry. The engagement will proceed no matter what. I'll tell Mr. Neil that you bought the fake because Gina lied. He'll see her true colors." Ella was no longer concerned with keeping family matters private.

Olivia was startled. She might have overplayed her act. If Neil investigated, wouldn't he discover that she had lied?

Olivia hurriedly stopped Ella. "Mom, let bygones be bygones. Besides, Mr. Neil is in the first Phoenix room. No one without a reservation can even get close... Furthermore, Gina won't admit to it. If this matter escalates, I'm afraid Ethan's parents won't be happy..."

Olivia had a point. Gina had never admitted to her mistakes. If they dragged it out, it might upset Ethan's parents, especially with the wedding date approaching.

Ella sighed. She rubbed Olivia's head. "Sorry, honey."

"Mom, I'm fine." Olivia pretended to be docile and understanding.

Noah's phone rang. It was a call from Elsen. Surprised, Noah quickly answered, "Mr. Frost."

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Elsen didn't expect the Miller family to be so shameless. He couldn't even remember how many phone numbers he had blocked.

Noah was brazen. "Look, Mr. Frost, we have cooperated for so long. Ending it would affect us significantly. What can we do to change your mind, Mr. Frost?"

Elsen couldn't tolerate them but knew Noah wouldn't give up. He stated an impossible condition. "If you can design another hit piece like the Wish collection, I'll rescind the termination."

Noah agreed eagerly, "Sure, Mr. Frost. We will show you that we still can... Before he finished, Elsen hung up. Noah tried calling back but found himself blocked again. "Bastard. You'll regret this next time," Noah cursed.

Noah had put the speakerphone on so Ella could hear. Gina had designed the Wish collection. However, they had already fallen out with her.

Clearing her throat, Ella placed her hopes on Olivia. "I believe you can design something better After all,

than that d you won first in the competition. Miller Jewels is depending on you.""

Olivia's smile didn't reach her eyes. Just because the Wish collection sold well didn't mean Gina's design was good. Gina was a computer science major and knew nothing about design. Olivia was confident she could create something that surpassed

Gina's

After the meal, Neil left first so they could be alone.

Gabriel suggested, "Gina, let me drive you back."

"Why are you calling me in that tone?" Gina found it intimate and was uncomfortable. She had crumbled under pressure just now but Gabriel was pushing it.

"What tone?" Gabriel lowered his

gaze.

Gabriel seemed sad again. Was his emotions so easily discernable? Gina wasn't good at handling such situations. She spoke, "Forget it. Do whatever you want."

After getting in the car, Gina had Gabriel take her back to the same bus stop. When they reached, Gabriel asked, "Can you tell me your address?"

"No," Gina replied.

Gabriel was somewhat hurt. But it didn't matter. He was too anxious. Being too hasty might backfire. "Alright." Gabriel asked, "When will we meet again?"

"That depends," Gina answered.

"I'll miss you." Gabriel looked unwilling to part from her.

David sighed silently. Who would have known Gabriel would be so clingy?

Gina's face heated. Gabriel's affectionate look jolted her too.

After parting ways, Gabriel sat in the car and watched Gina disappear. He opened his phone and looked at the photos of

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Gina he had secretly taken just now. She looked cute, like a bunny.

Gabriel didn't look up as he instructed David, "Drive."

The next day, Gina went to Trowell University. The school had arranged a new dormitory for them. However, Gina no longer needed it. She had only stayed there because of her family.

Gina had returned to withdraw from the dormitory. Despite the crowd, Gina sensed someone was following her. She walked around a corner and, when the footsteps approached, stepped out.

Mason almost bumped into Gina. He jumped and fell.

Mason still had bruises last time. Was he begging for another beating?

Gina looked at Mason and warned, 'Don't follow me.'

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Mason swallowed in fear. "Gina, I'm not, I... I have something to tell you."

"Talk." Gina ordered.

Mason took out an invitation with trembling hands. "Miss Olivia told me to give it to you."

Gina glanced at it. It was the invitation to the engagement party. She raised an eyebrow and smiled, recalling the taunting message Olivia sent her that day, urging her to attend. 'Isn't Mason Ethan's lackey? Why is he listening to Olivia? But Mason's name sounds familiar, she thought.

Eventually, realization dawned on Gina. She took the invitation. "Get lost."

"Yes, madam!" Mason got up and fled.

Gina pocketed the invitation and headed toward the office building.

Someone called out to her. "Gina!"

Gina turned to see the smiling Aria. Aria spoke, "I haven't seen you for days." Aria knew Gina was a computer science major and had tried to find Gina several times, but did not see Gina around. 'Perhaps she has something else on, Aria thought. "Are you going to class?"

"No. I'm checking out of the dormitory, Gina replied.

"Are you planning to rent a place outside? Have you found one? Do you need help?" Aria offered warmly.

"No need. I've already found one," Gina told her.

“Oh... Aria pursed her lips. “How about I accompany you to check out?” She already considered Gina as a friend.

“Sure. Although Gina was used to being alone and appeared unsociable, it was because those who came close to her usually had hidden agendas.

But Aria was different. Gina could sense Aria sincerely wanted to be her friend.

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Aria chatted happily with Gina, hoping to become closer friends. “Gina, are you participating in next year's national computer science competition?”

“No,” Gina replied. Gina was the judge. It would be unfair.

However, Gina remembered the third place in the jewelry design competition was named Aria Torres. “Did you participate in this year's jewelry design competition?”

“Yeah, I did.” Aria nodded, smiling shyly. “But my family checked. I only got third place. I still have to work harder.” Aria looked disappointed.

“Is it not up to your expectations?” Gina asked.

Aria shook her head. “I'm happy with it. I hope to join Quaria after graduation. But even first-place winners in the design competition could be rejected. I'm only third, so I have even less hope.”

“Don't be discouraged. Give it a try, Gina consoled. She had seen Aria's work and felt Aria had talent.

Aria bit her lip. She felt more confident now. “I'll definitely try.”

Suddenly, a pen was thrown toward Gina. Gina dodged it and looked at the short-haired girl who threw it. A curly-haired girl was standing beside her.

The curly-haired girl was frightened, tugging on the other's arm. "Let's go."

The short-haired girl flung her aside. "I'm not scared of her,"

Gina's gaze went cold. She walked to them. "Explain."

Aria was furious. "Why did you throw the pen?"

The short-haired girl was indignant. "Why?"

Is that wrong!

She bullied her roommate, causing her to be expelled. I'm teaching her a lesson.

"What nonsense is that?" Aria didn't believe it.

"It's not. You got Lily expelled. You hooked up with the higher-ups in school and abused your power. Shameless bitch," the short-haired girl accused.

Gina remembered Jack gave Lily probation, not expulsion. "She was expelled?" Gina was puzzled.

The short-haired girl thought Gina was feigning innocence. "Stop pretending. Didn't you get your sugar daddy to do it?"

Gina's face turned to ice. "If you don't shut up, I'll rip out your tongue."

Startled, the short-haired girl fell silent momentarily.

The curly-haired girl's phone rang. She answered, "What?" She hung up quickly and grabbed the short-haired girl's hand. "Lily wants to commit suicide."

The short-haired girl was stunned. "Where's she?"

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The curly haired girl replied, "At the school library."

Before leaving, the short-haired girl glared at Gina. "If something happens to Lily, I won't let you off."

Gina told Aria. "I'm going to check it out."

Aria responded, "I'll go with you."

The library was located at the center of the campus. When Lily appeared on the edge of the roof, a crowd gathered.

Dear God. Don't do anything foolish, someone shouted.

"I heard she was bullied by her roommate and expelled. She was also from a small town. She's desperate now," another explained.

Who is her roommate? Who's so malicious?" somebody asked.

"Gina Miller," another voice said.

Didn't she try to steal her sister's fiancé?" someone questioned.

Somebody confirmed, "That's her

Another chimed in, "Didn't someone post how promiscuous she is on the campus network? It got deleted within a day, with

apology. No wonder. She had the school leaders on her side.

A voice suggested, "It's disgusting. Let's complain to the Department of Education. It's a disgrace to have such corrupted student and leaders.

Gina and Aria were greeted with a buzz of criticism.

Aria was furious. These aren't true. You can't spread rumors."

Everyone looked at Aria and recognized Gina beside her. The crowd turned turbulent.

Someone shouted, "Gina's here."

Another added, "Apologize to Lily. She's going to jump."

Gina looked at the neatly laid-out life-saving cushion and noted that the library only had six floors. The highest laboratory building on campus had fifteen floors. Lily chose the shortest one. This was staged. Gina said expressionlessly, "She should apologize to me."

Cina had discovered Lily had contacted Mason, instructing him to post false information online. She had only dealt with Mason and was going to deal with Lily.

Gina hadn't considered Mason's connection to Olivia. She also didn't expect Lily to stage such a scene.

Gina's words caused the crowd to erupt into fury.

Listen to her. How cold-blooded, someone criticized.

Another shouted, "Who does she think she is?"

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A third chimed in, "After all, she has a balding fat school leader to back her up."

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Aria couldn't bear the insults. She looked at Gina concernedly, noticing that she was calm and unaffected. How strong Gina was. Aria felt sorry for Gina. Gina had to have been through much to have developed such resilience.

While the crowd continued to berate Gina, Lily jumped from the top of the building.

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in screams.

Gina calmly watched as Lily landed safely on the life-saving cushion.

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Lily was quickly lifted into the ambulance. Many bystanders recorded videos and took photos, uploading them to the

internet.

Within the hour, the incident skyrocketed to the top of the trending searches. A blurry side profile picture of Gina was posted, and netizens began vandalizing it. They insulted and cursed her.

At the Jackson Group, someone whispered, "I just went into Mr. Jackson's office to deliver some documents. Guess what I

Another asked, "What?"

The speaker said, "Mr. Jackson used a woman's picture as his phone wallpaper. I can't believe it."

Someone questioned, "Who was it?"

The speaker went on, "No idea. I don't dare to stare. But she looks gorgeous."

David listened and understood they were referring to Gina. Gabriel must truly have loved her.

David entered Gabriel's office and found him still engrossed in his phone. Was Gabriel abandoning his work for his love? However, David noticed Gabriel didn't look good.

"Check the trending searches, Gabriel ordered coldly.

"Sure." David took a look. His face turned grim.

"Get on it now. Remove the search, Gabriel commanded.

"Yes, sir." David began the process.

Worried, Gabriel called Gina. "Where are you now?"

Gina looked at the hospital entrance. "Hospital."

"Are you injured?" Gabriel became anxious. Had they moved from bullying her online to harming her in person?

"No. I came to settle stuff," Gina replied calmly. The incident had blown up online and people were outraged. They wanted the Department of Education to know so she couldn't be protected. They wanted her to be arrested.

Gabriel said, "I saw it too. Gina, if you need help, call. Though he gave her his business card, Gina didn't contact him. He felt disappointed. He wanted Gina to rely on him, but she didn't need him.

"No need. It's no biggie. I can handle it myself. Don't worry." Gina had seen the trending search disappear and guessed Gabriel was responsible. She owed him another favor. "Was it you who had Mr. Baker expel Lily?" Gina asked.

Yes. She wasn't remorseful and continued insulting you." Gabriel's face darkened and his gaze turned ominous,

It was as expected. Gina felt that giving Lily probation was too lenient.

Do you blame me for interfering?" Gabriel noticed Gina seemed not to like him getting involved.

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David was dumbfounded. Gabriel was so cautious about Gina. It was so different from his usual ways.

"No. Thanks, Gina decided she had to repay Gabriel's favors.

"No need." Gabriel willingly did everything for Gina.

"But you're now a balding and fat school director in their eyes. The thought made Gina laugh.

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Gabriel grinned too. Since Gina was still in the mood to joke with him, it seemed she wasn't affected by the insults online. That was good. "Shall I clear my name?" Gabriel teased.

"Don't." Gina knew Gabriel could shut everyone up with his influence. But wouldn't that confirm the rumors were true? Gina would reveal the truth herself.

Another call came in. It was Jack. Gina told Gabriel, "I gotta go. Goodbye."

"Bye. After hanging up, Gabriel returned to his frosty demeanor. He ordered, "Dig out all the accounts spreading rumors, insults, and images online. Don't leave any out."

At the same time, Gina answered Jack's call. "Yes?"

“Miss Miller, where are you?” Jack asked.

“At the hospital entrance, Gina replied.

Jack told her, “You’ve seen the trending searches, right? This has a significant impact on the university’s reputation. Miss Allen is still agitated. She might attempt suicide again. Can you apologize to Lily to pacify her?”

Because Gabriel liked Gina, Jack had to be polite to her. Otherwise, he would have yelled at her to get her ass there.

Gina responded coldly. “Suicide? She waited until the life-saving cushion was in place before jumping. It’s safe.”

Jack was speechless. He added awkwardly, “But her right leg is broken.”

“She deserves it,” Gina said indifferently.

Jack had a severe headache. Lily was a lunatic and Gina was a tough nut to crack. If this matter wasn’t handled well, he might

have to step down as the dean.

Gina understood what Jack was worried about. “Don’t worry. I won’t let the university’s reputation be damaged.”

Jack wasn’t convinced. So what if Gabriel protected Gina? If Lily had died, wouldn’t Gabriel be protecting a “murderer”? Besides, Jack thought Gabriel’s affection was a passing fling. Gina might be pretty but her background wasn’t prominent. With his status, Gabriel would surely marry a daughter from an affluent family.

It was common for men like Gabriel to have a few women on the side. Still, Jack was displeased. Gina had significantly increased his workload. Furthermore, how long could Gina remain by Gabriel’s side? Jack didn’t think Gina’s smugness would last long.

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