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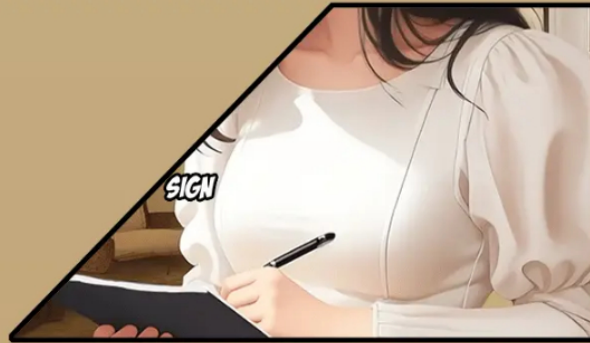


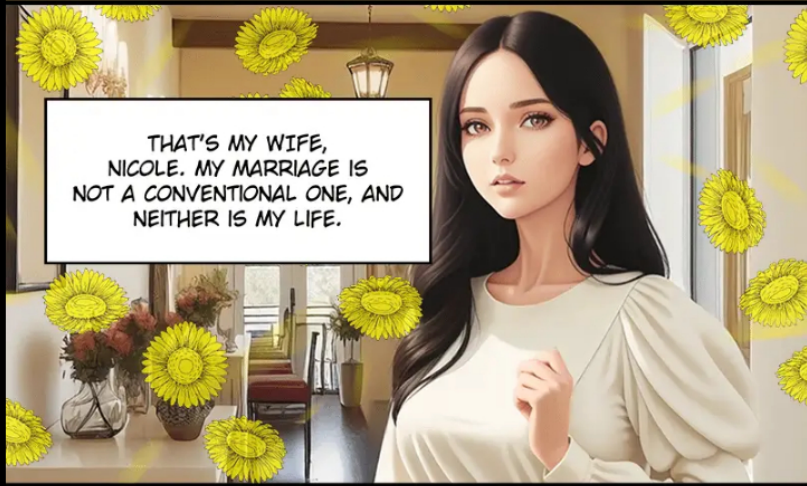
OH,
YOU'RE
HOME.



UM-NICOLE,
CAN YOU LEND ME
ANOTHER TEN THOUSAND?
THE HOSPITAL IS
PRESSING ME
AGAIN.



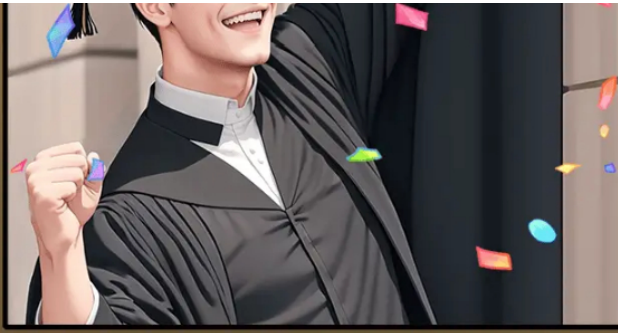




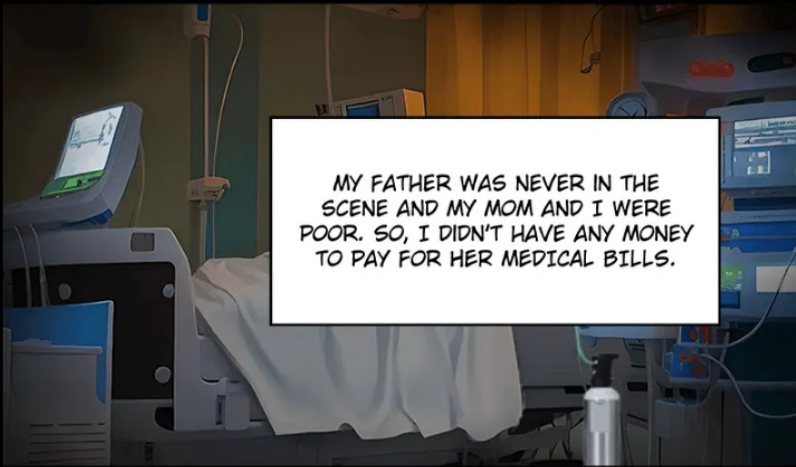
THAT'S MY WIFE,
NICOLE. MY MARRIAGE IS
NOT A CONVENTIONAL ONE, AND
NEITHER IS MY LIFE.



I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE
THREE YEARS AGO. I WAS ABOUT TO
STEP INTO A BRIGHT FUTURE BUT THEN
MY LIFE TOOK A WRONG TURN...




MY MOM HAD KIDNEY FAILURE.



MY FATHER WAS NEVER IN THE SCENE AND MY MOM AND I WERE POOR. SO, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY FOR HER MEDICAL BILLS.



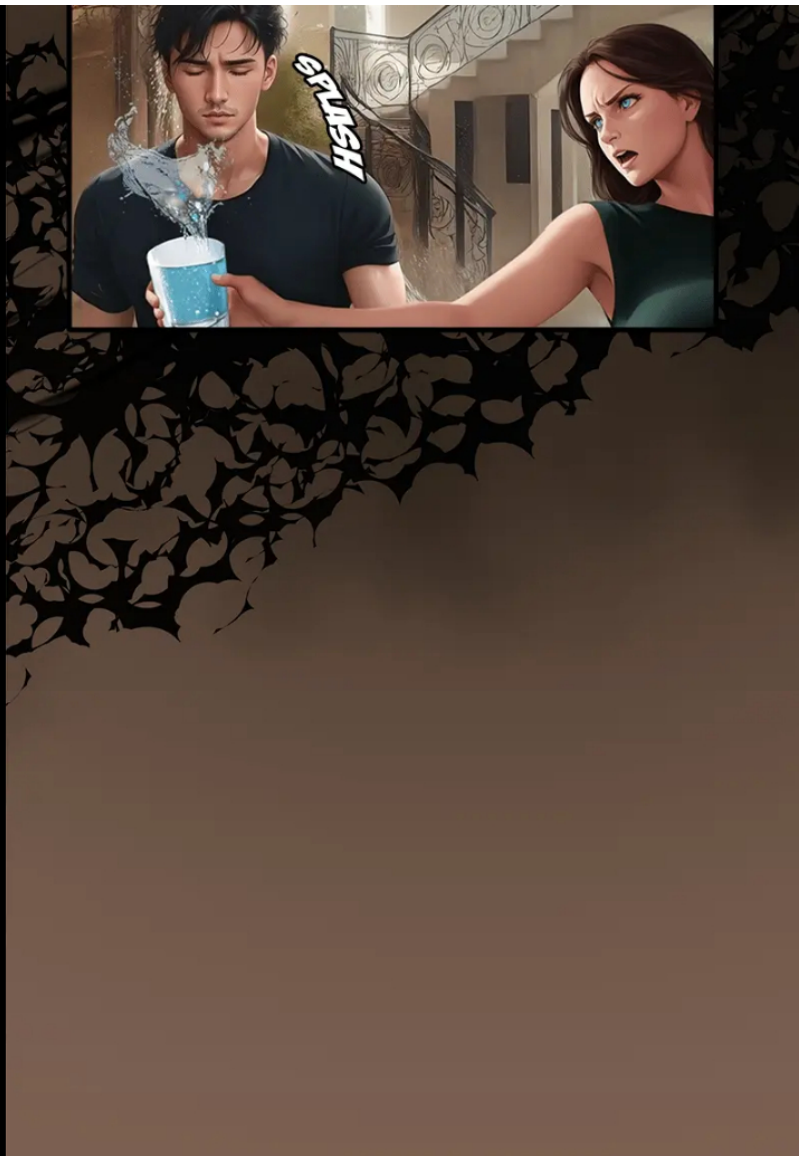


THAT'S WHEN NICOLE, MY
HIGH-SCHOOL CRUSH, FOUND ME.
SHE MADE A PROPOSAL: I HAD TO
MARRY AND STAY WITH HER
FAMILY,

AND IN RETURN, SHE WOULD
HELP ME FINANCIALLY.

SHE DOESN'T LOVE ME; SHE
GAVE THE PROPOSAL TO AVOID
ANOTHER MAN. BUT FOR MY MOM,
I ACCEPTED THE DEAL ANYWAY.

FOR 3 YEARS, I'VE
LIVED LIKE A SERVANT IN THE
PALMER FAMILY, CONSTANTLY
MOCKED BY MY IN-LAWS.





TAP

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NICOLE, YOU'RE GIVING HIM MONEY AGAIN?



JACK, HOW MUCH MONEY
HAVE YOU TAKEN FROM US
OVER THESE YEARS?



HAVE A LITTLE
SHAME! ALL YOU DO
IS LEECH OFF US!



KAREN, I'LL PAY NICOLE
BACK AS SOON AS I CAN. I
HAVE TO CLEAR THE PAYMENT
THIS WEEK, MY MOM'S STILL
WAITING FOR HER KIDNEY
TRANSPLANT.



YOUR MOTHER IS
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY,
NOT OURS!



WE ARE NOT
YOUR BANK, OKAY?
DO YOU KNOW THAT
NICOLE'S BUSINESS IS
STRUGGLING?





NIKI, YOU CAN'T GIVE THIS MONEY TO HIM!

GIVE ME THAT CHECK BACK, YOU RAT!

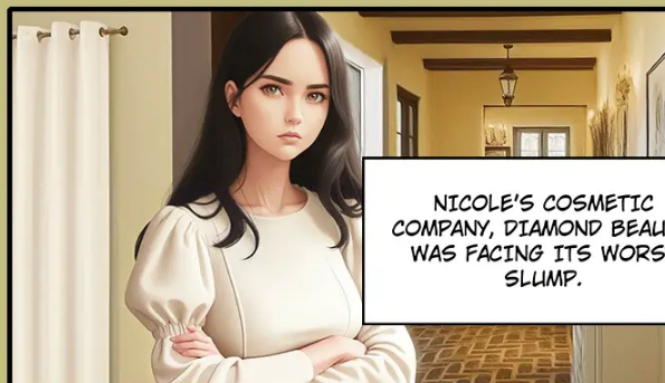


**MOM,
LEAVE IT!**

MY BUSINESS CAN'T
BE FIXED WITH JUST TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS. LET
IT GO.



I WISH I COULD HELP
HER AND BE HER PILLAR
OF SUPPORT.



NICOLE'S COSMETIC
COMPANY, DIAMOND BEAUTY,
WAS FACING ITS WORST
SLUMP.

FUMING

I REALLY DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S THE
POINT OF HAVING
YOU AROUND!

FUMING



LOOK AROUND YOU!
HUSBANDS ARE SUPPOSED TO
TAKE CARE OF THEIR WIVES AND
FAMILIES. BUT YOU ARE
JUST A LEECH!

KNOCK

KNOCK
!!
KNOCK





SPECIAL DELIVERY
FOR MISS PALMER! IT'S
FROM MR. MILLER!
😊

PLEASE SIGN
FOR THEM.



BRAD MILLER!





BRAD MILLER DUMPED NICOLE THREE YEARS AGO WHEN HE WENT TO WORK ABROAD. SHE BEGGED HIM TO STAY, BUT HE REFUSED. TO GET BACK AT HIM, NICOLE APPROACHED ME WITH HER PROPOSITION.




BRAD RETURNED LAST YEAR AND THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS TO START WOING NICOLE RELENTLESSLY.



BRAD WAS NOT ONLY
A FINANCE EXPERT, WITH AN
INTERNATIONAL DEGREE.

HE ALSO CAME FROM THE
RENOWNED MILLER FAMILY.



BRAD HAD BEEN SENDING ROSES
DAILY SINCE NICOLE REJECTED THE
FIRST BOUQUET HE SENT HER A
YEAR AGO.

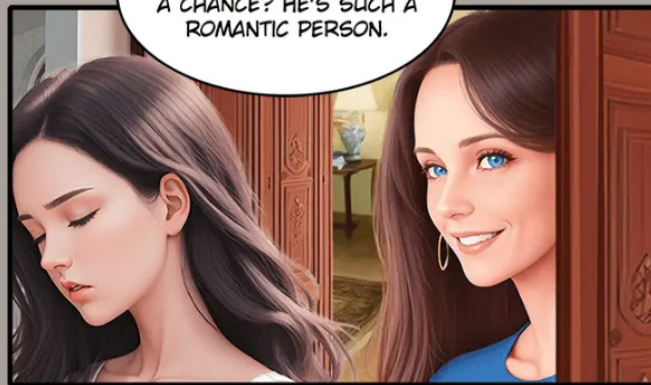


BUT NICOLE REJECTED BRAD'S
ADVANCES, SHE HAD MOVED ON
FROM HIM.

PLEASE TAKE THEM BACK.

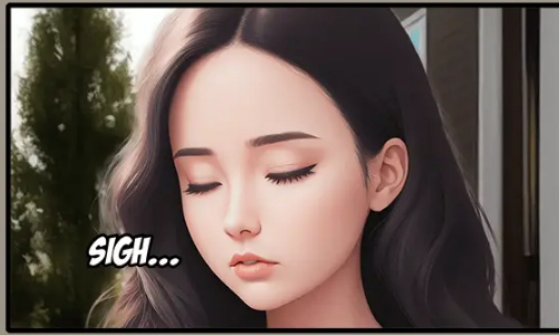


NIKI, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED GIVING BRAD A CHANCE? HE'S SUCH A ROMANTIC PERSON.



HERE, I'LL SIGN FOR THEM!



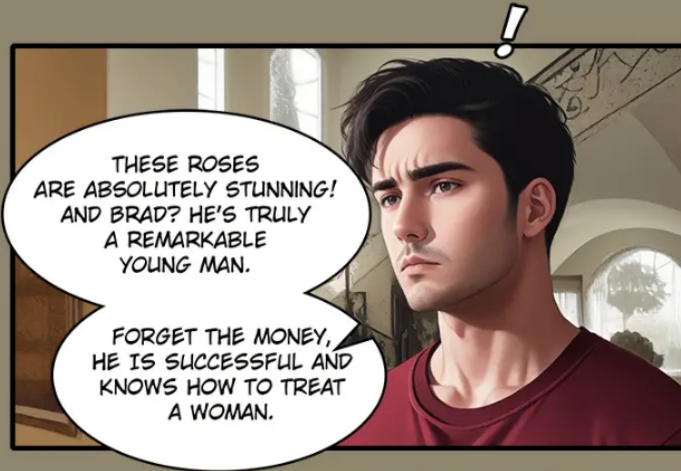
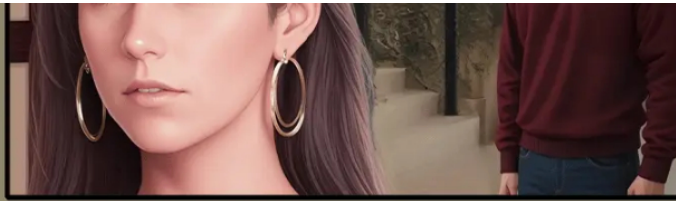


MOM, I'M GOING TO THE BANK TO DISCUSS A LOAN. BYE.



HHH!



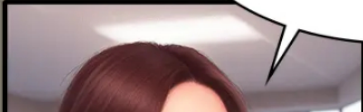


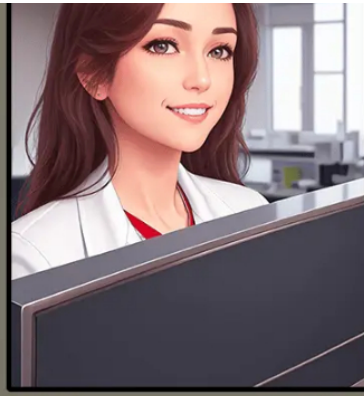


HI, I'M HERE TO COVER THE MEDICAL COSTS FOR MRS. MEREDITH SMITH.



MRS. SMITH'S PAYMENT IS DONE. SOMEONE CREDITED A HUNDRED THOUSAND IN HER HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.





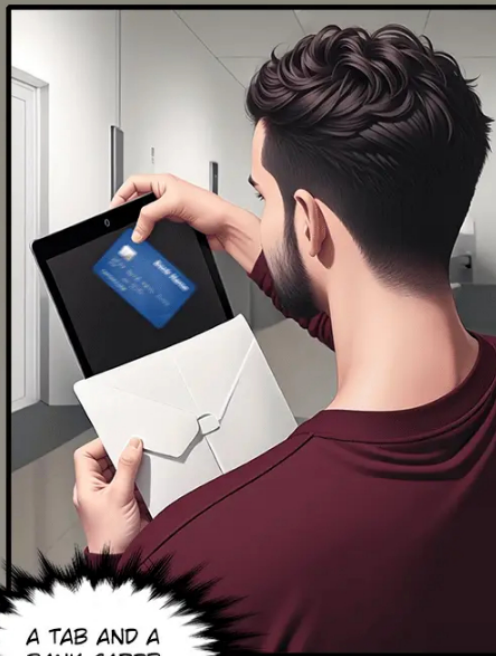
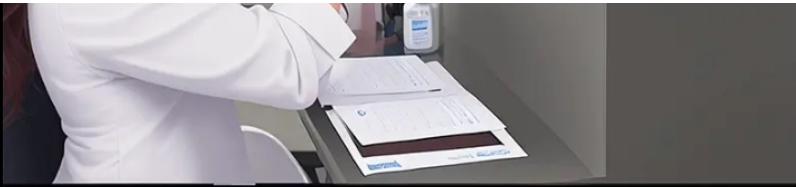
PAID? HM--COULD YOU TELL ME WHO PAID IT?



I DIDN'T CATCH HIS NAME.

OH YEAH, HE ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.



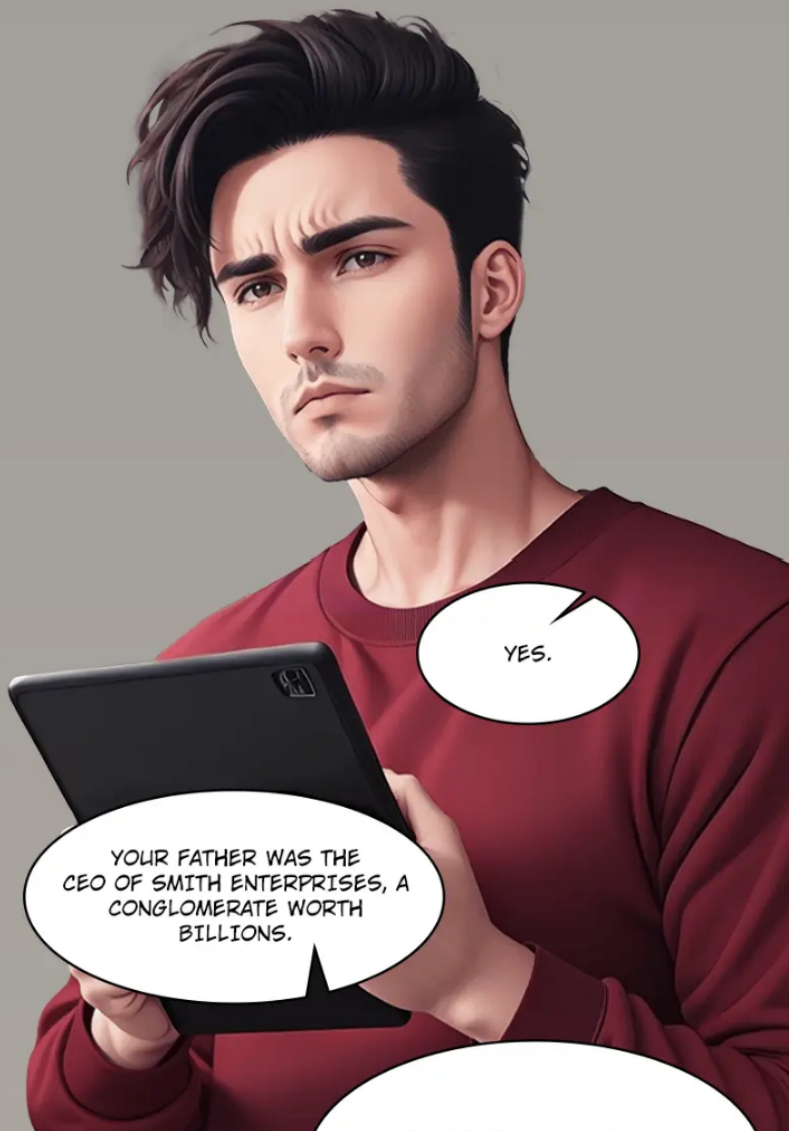


A TAB AND A BANK CARD?

HELLO, JACK!
MY NAME IS JOHN
REEDS. AS PER MR.
SMITH'S WILL, YOU ARE
THE SOLE HEIR TO HIS
CORPORATION.



MR SMITH,
MY DAD?



YES.

YOUR FATHER WAS THE
CEO OF SMITH ENTERPRISES, A
CONGLOMERATE WORTH
BILLIONS.

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HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAGNATES
WORLDWIDE.



I HAVE SENT YOU
AN EMAIL CONTAINING A
560-PAGE ASSET LEDGER
OF MR. SMITH'S LEGACY.
YOU CAN ASSUME THE
POSITION OF CEO
WHENEVER YOU
ARE READY.

NEVER!



MR. SMITH
WHY...?!



I CANNOT FORGIVE HIM. HE WAS THE ONE WHO CHOSE TO LEAVE MY MOTHER AND ME BEHIND.