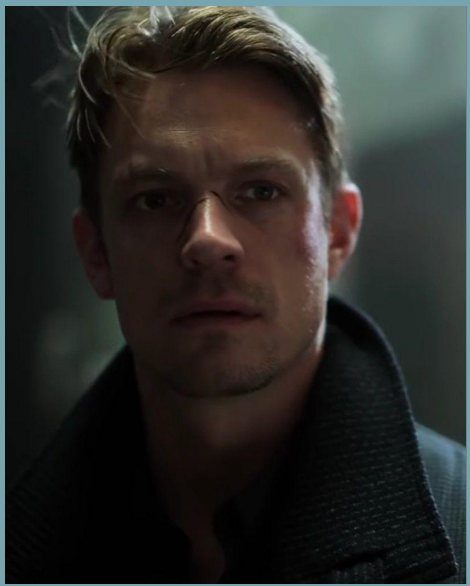


Nicola Harlow



general

name ... nicola kjetil harlow
nickname ... nic, coca cola (kris only)
age ... 31
birthdate ... september 16th
gender ... male
orientation ... bisexual
status ... single
ethnicity ... norwegian
nationality ... norwegian
birthplace ... lillehammer, norway

physical

height ... 6'2
weight ... ~210
body type ... muscular
hair ... dirty blonde
eyes ... blue/grey
piercings ... find out..
tattoos ... none
wardrobe ... business
faceclaim ... joel kinnaman

mental

positive ... intelligent, focused, organized
neutral ... quiet, independent, disciplined
negative ... hot headed, overworked
zodiac ... virgo
ambitions ... be the best medical tech company there is
habits ... smoker
hobbies ... working - working - working
likes ... work - outdoors - coffee
dislikes ... loud crowded spaces - failed projects
fears ... losing her loved ones, being alone

... Nicola is a very reserved and disciplined man whose quiet and focused demeanor can make him feel distant or unapproachable to strangers. He is a natural leader however lacks trust a lot of the time. He would rather do things himself and make sure they are done right then trust someone else to take his directions and execute them perfectly. He exists in his own bubble of sorts, focused on his work and his company, running a tight ship but with no complaints from those who work for him because he's a fair boss. Despite his cold exterior he has a good heart and has a strong sense of responsibility for the people in his life, especially his little sister. He is unwaveringly loyal and protective.

... Nicola is slow to anger but his temper is hot once provoked and being chronically overworked, his patience is often shorter. Despite being a CEO who has a lot of spotlight, he is not a big fan of crowds, public events, any kind of large gathering where he has any bit of attention. His company and work is important to him so through meds and a brown paperbag he shows face every now and then at tradeshowes and showcases. He has turned his company into a way to innovate medical technology and change people's lives. He finds fulfillment in knowing his work is making a difference and solving problems that seemed impossible years before.

miscellaneous

education ... Doctor of Medicine
occupation ... CEO of NIX
vehicle ... BMW M8
residence ... large house
physical ... active
mental ... social anxiety
allergies ... none
theme song ... creep - radiohead
languages ... norwegian - english
religion ... atheist
music taste ... alternative rock



history

... Nicola was born in Lillehammer, Norway and would be the oldest of three kids. He lived a peaceful life with loving parents and two baby siblings to play with and grow with. This peace didn't last long as at the age of ten, tragedy struck. His parents were murdered by a family friend, leaving the three siblings orphaned. Nicola himself was nearly killed in the attack, protecting his little sister from harm. The attack left physical and emotional scars, the loss forcing him to grow up quick. Their grandfather stopped in as a legal guardian for the three siblings. He was a stern yet caring man who ensured his grandchildren, really just Nicola, were disciplined and had structure in their lives.

... Life was never normal despite their grandfather's efforts to make it feel as normal as he could. When Nicola reached fourteen, his grandfather passed away and the whole weight of the household fell squarely on his shoulders. He was only a teenager, trying to focus on getting through secondary school now having to take care of his brother and sister as well. Their grandfather left some money for them but it wasn't much. Nicola focused the money on paying for the house while he picked part time- jobs to cover the cost of food, school and health related items for him and his siblings. He worked anywhere that would hurt him, diners, stores, even at one point a chemical plant, packaging and shipping materials.

... Moving into upper secondary school, he was focused on keeping high grades to secure himself for college and a good future. At the same time his sister had reached a rebellious age and started to run with bad groups of kids. Nicola was helpless, being gone too often to stop her or control who was coming around the house. He tried to get after her about it but he couldn't force her to take any right path. He was only further encouraged to continue his focus in school, building a strong work ethic.

... His sisters friends only caused more trouble in their lives. Their younger brother always looked up to Kerstin because she'd become his go to person while Nicola was gone. He'd followed her out one night without her knowledge and was involved in an accident, leaving Kerstin in immense guilt and causing Nicola to bring the hammer down on her hard. He was frustrated, disappointed and grieving and he refused to let her continue to run her life into the ground so he got hard on her. He pushed her in her studies and made sure she knew what life would be like for her if she didn't get her act together and continue on to university after she made it through secondary school. A scared straight method. He just cared, he didn't want to lose the last family member he had so it was his way of protecting her, tough love sure, but he cared.

... Determined to build himself a better life, Nicola left Lillehammer for Oslo, bringing his sister with him where he would attend the University of Oslo and get his Bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. This is where he officially started his journey into medical technology as he had a professor that worked with him a lot in one of his classes and helped show him the ropes. He was still balancing keeping good grades and working though now his sister was also working so they both were helping pay for the small apartment downtown and all other life goods they needed to. Life was getting a little bit more stable and a little bit more normal.

... After achieving his bachelors, Nicola left for London attending the University College of London where he would study medical technology and neuroscience. It was also where he would meet Kennet, his roommate his first year who would become his closest friend. Kennet was a business major and Nicola a medical student. They both had very different social lives. Kennet was about the only reason Nicola ever took a break from studies as he would drag him out on the weekend to enjoy the city and hit the town. Still, Nicola threw himself into every lab project that he could, often working late into the night on small experiments in the small dorm room that he and Kennet shared. He sketched designs for medical devices and experimental tools, many of which were far too ambitious for one man to even try to create but he still dreamt them up and tried and failed many many times. He worked with many of his professors and all of his sleepless nights were rewarded when his university awarded him a grant to develop one of his early prototypes. He was able to use this prototype as his thesis and earn his doctor of medicine in neuroscience focusing in medical technology. He was on the top of the world, despite living in a tiny flat with no money and no sure answer as to what was going to come next.

... He kept creating, finding sponsors to fund his projects and eventually signed on a few other students who had graduated with him. It was the start of a small tech start up that quickly grew. He was ambitious, many thought he was biting off more than he could chew but he didn't care. Someone had lit a fire under his ass and he was running with it. He rented office space in an old warehouse just outside of London, collected secondhand lab equipment and worked. He collaborated with other companies to help process what he was doing and get products out. Soon the company was too big for him to manage alone. This company was his brain child, his baby, he didn't want it to be messed up because someone couldn't execute what he wanted done. But there was one man he could trust. Kennet Johannessen. He caught Kennet at a rough point in his life, picked him up and brushed him off, bringing him in as his assistant CEO. Kennet was a business major in university; he was also a socialite who had a knack for public speaking. Where Nicola lacked in running a company, Kennet made up for it, and they quickly became a great team. Bringing his old friend on the board marked the start of a new era, one where the company thrived and made a name for itself. Nicola kept the founding mission at the heart of his work, creating innovations that could change the lives of many where previous endeavors had failed.

... If you asked Kennet who the man is now, he would say he's the same guy that ran on coffee and sheer spite in college. Which was part of the problem in running a company. It was too much to handle and he didn't know what he was doing. But with enough trial and error, Nicola has started to get the hang of being a CEO.

connections

father ... christian harlow - deceased

mother ... ana harlow - deceased

brother ... aksel harlow - deceased

sister ... kerstin harlow - 28

best friend ... kennet johannessen - 30