

Hacker 1301

Chapter 1301

As soon as their eyes met, the atmosphere became tense with awkwardness.

"I didn't see anything," Tia said, after which she hurried out.

'Harvey, what the hell are you doing?" Nicole looked at him in disbelief and asked.

"I..." Harvey did not know how to explain himself as he thought, 'I couldn't say that I was busy admiring her clothes, now can I? That would be too vulgar.'

"I'm looking at these clothes and they seem to be a little small," Harvey said as he immediately eased into the subject of clothes.

Nicole looked at the clothes she had picked out for Harvey at once.

She wanted to laugh at and ridicule him, but instead of doing so, she said, "The clothes do look a little bit small, but they suit you."

"You think this suits me?" Harvey eyed Nicole with a skittish expression on his face and asked her to take a closer look.

take a look for yourself. It showcases your figure perfectly, don't you think?" Nicole praised

good. The garments should accentuate your hourglass figure to

tightening and thought, 'He noticed? It's probably nothing,

to look at him,

already next to each other,

met, sparks flew, and the both of

wonderful. My heart is thumping like crazy,

she gasped, and her mind

the first to snap out of

but he did not chase after her at once.

entered the living

Tia noticed that she was acting rather strangely and asked,

to touch her cheek, which felt as though they were

hurried

you want me to

"Okay. I'll go and talk to Mrs. Wallace Sr.," he said, after which he unconsciously glanced up at the flight of stairs.

"Harvey, did you get hurt from the fall earlier?" Mrs. Wallace Sr. asked Harvey when she saw Harvey approaching her.

"No." Harvey flashed her a slight smile.

"I think this dress kind of suits you, it's just that it's a little small. Fret not, there aren't any outsiders here." Mrs. Wallace Sr. looked at him and assured.

Harvey nodded and narrowed his eyes. 'How did Mrs. Wallace Sr. know that the clothes belonged to Nicole?'

He was embarrassed, and thus, he did not dare to ask any more questions.

In the bedroom, Nicole had thrown herself on her bed, burying herself under her quilt. She was still thinking about everything that had happened in the bathroom.

'What is wrong with me?' she thought. 'Why do I keep thinking about the moment our noses met?' made its way into her heart at once. What is

of this would have happened, and I wouldn't have made a fool of myself. Ah! This

back again, her eyes staring straight at the ceiling. All of a sudden,

eyes tightly and

of the blue, she heard

with her eyes

to check on you. Are you okay?" Harvey asked as he

fine. Go and accompany grandma," Nicole urged, not wanting to

Mrs. Wallace Sr. will be worried about you.' Harvey said, refusing to leave,

sighed. 'This

walked up to the door, and

a second, she was about to

you said you're fine. Why don't you come downstairs and have

finished, and was about to close the

are you doing?" Nicole looked

about to explain

Chapter 1303

After a while. Harvey came out of the changing room and walked into the living room, where he looked at Mrs. Wallace Sr. and said, Mrs. Wallace Sr., I suddenly remembered that there's something I need to deal with. I will pay you a visit on another day."

Mrs. Wallace Sr. looked at Harvey and upon noticing that he was behaving in a completely different manner than earlier, she thought, 'He must really have something urgent to deal with.'

"Hurry up. Don't let me keep you around for too long," Mrs. Wallace Sr. said hurriedly.

"Goodbye. Mrs. Wallace Sr." Harvey gave her a slight nod.

After he was done speaking, he turned around and walked out of the Sea View Villa. Harvey sat in his car and gave Nicole's bedroom one last glance before igniting his engine and driving off toward his place of residence.

After driving for a while. Harvey felt that the atmosphere in his car was rather depressing, so he reached out for his phone and played the list of songs that was compiled by Nicole. In an instant. all that had happened earlier came surging back in his mind.

"She gave me her own clothes, but why did she act like she hated me when I went upstairs to look for her? Am I thinking too much? But wait. She was bright red, so she was obviously just shy. wasn't she? Is this just another show of a woman's unpredictable nature?'

this, he firmed his grip on the steering wheel. 'Yeah. It must be, or else she wouldn't have turned bright red and avoided eye contact.' Harvey confirmed his thoughts once more, and that was when his mood suddenly became

door open and walked in. There, he saw Tia watching TV

she turned to look at the door, and

here?" Tia happily stood up

his eyes ranging over the living room, but Nicole was nowhere to be

"Where's Nicole?" he asked.

having a rest upstairs," Tia

wrong with her?" Jared

bit under the weather. I offered to call her a doctor,

Jared narrowed his eyes. "I'm going to go take a

each other briefly, after which he made his way upstairs

her bed when she was suddenly jolted awake by a knock

want to eat dinner," Nicole

knocking on her door did not

Chapter 1304

Jared followed Nicole into her bedroom and sat down on her bed.

He looked into her eyes and asked, "Although your forehead isn't hot, I must ask, why is your face flushed?"

Nicole suddenly felt a pang of guilt and turned away, not daring to make eye contact with Jared, "No. it could be because I just woke up."

"Really?" Jared looked at her with a brow raised when he saw her avoiding eye contact.

Nicole, who was a little flustered, began to ponder, 'Did he find out? Or did Tia tell him something?'

Jared walked over, stood in front of Nicole, and looked at her. "What's with that look?"

'Why do I think she's afraid to look at me?' Jared thought to himself.

"What? I just woke up, my brain isn't functioning properly yet," Nicole explained in a hurry.

"Really? You seem to be acting a little weird to me." Jared furrowed his brows and looked at Nicole.

you're thinking too much." Nicole covered

Nicole quickly

were watching TV downstairs when I

find grandma," Nicole said as she

looked at her bedroom, and as everything seemed normal, he closed the bedroom door and followed

next to Mrs. Wallace Sr., and appeared to be whispering something in her ear. As soon as she saw Jared walking toward them, she quickly sat straight

but he refrained from saying anything. Instead he went up

Sr. with concern and asked, "Mrs.

worry about my health. I have

It's a blessing that your body is still healthy." Jared

he turned his gaze to Tia and asked,

per tradition, Tia would crack a few jokes whenever Jared visited, and so, she looked at Jared with a smile and said, "Jared, it's a coincidence that you're here. Something very interesting thing

she stopped, stifling the urge

me." Jared looked at her, waiting to hear the

was about to tell Jared, but before she could continue to say anything, she saw Nicole starring daggers into her, prompting her to stop and

query Tia after he had captured bits and pieces of

Chapter 1305

Jared looked at Nicole, and with a relaxed tone of voice, he said. "Since you don't plan to eat dinner here. let's head home and not bother Mrs. Wallace Sr."

"Huh?" Nicole retained her senses.

Jared looked at Mrs. Wallace Sr. with a smile and said, "Mrs. Wallace Sr. Nicole doesn't plan to have dinner here so well go head back first."

"Skipping dinner? How can I easily allow this to happen?" Mrs. Wallace Sr. looked at Nicole worriedly.

'Don't worry. I'll make whatever she wants to eat when we reach home later." Jared dispelled Mrs. Wallace Sr.'s worries in a single sentence.

'Alright. Be safe on the way back." Mrs. Wallace Sr. looked at them and urged.

"Okay," he said.

wrist. He helped fasten her seatbelt

Nicole; the both of them sat quietly and looked out of the window. After arriving at the villa, Nicole made a beeline to

the kitchen, and after a while, he walked into the dining room with two dishes in hand. He noticed Nicole

and so, she did not notice anyone

walked over, lifted her quilt, and said, ' Dinner is ready. Let's

here to get me to have a meal without

to in kind before speaking up, "What are you still doing here? The food will get cold, or would you like quickly got out of bed and followed Jared

her and placed it in front of her. However, Nicole did not

her pair of big eyes and pondered, 'There were no questions, no temper tantrums. Dinner was cooked, and the steak

Chapter 1306

Jared remained silent for a long time, making it as if he had been waiting for her to say this.

In response, Nicole murmured to herself, 'This is bad. I'm done. That's it. He has gotten me to bite. The words had been spoken, and now, there's no way to take them back. It's too late to regret it now.'

The corner of Jared's mouth curled up by a slight bit, whereupon he looked at Nicole and said, "Tell me. What is the matter of interest that Tia was trying to tell me?"

Nicole looked at him and took a deep breath. "So, this is the situation. I went to find Harvey after meeting up with you today. So, after we were done viewing the venue, I was getting ready to head back

to the Sea View Villa when he came stubbornly got into my car. He said he wanted to follow me to pay my grandma a visit.'

I had no choice but to take him along. Later on, he said he wanted to see the vegetable farm for himself," Nicole continued as she replayed the scene in which Harvey was making a fool of himself in the field.

Unconsciously, the corners of her mouth curled up into a smile, which Jared noticed, before she burst out laughing.

He did not know the reason as to why she was laughing, and this, he asked, "What are you laughing at?"

she heard Jared's voice. "Don't rush

midst of it, but he was watering the vegetables. He was doing pretty, until he turned around. He must've stepped on some mud, and it was then that he slipped and fell face first onto the ground. He looked like a clay figurine, which got

another fresh gale

"Was this what Tia

That's what happened today. Don't you think it's funny?" Nicole

what had happened. I did not expect something so ridiculous that it got them all

Hurry up and finish your meal. It'll turn cold if you don't." Jared looked at Nicole

picking up her utensils before proceeding to eat what was left

secretly relieved that she had narrowly escaped a

had eaten their dinner, they went

looked at Nicole and asked, "How was

has freed up the entire floor of an office building to make space for me. It was

How could he have such a space vacated?" Jared looked at Nicole

keep it as a secret from him, but as she did not want tensions to simmer again, she told him the truth.

"It's not unoccupied. I mentioned this to him before about asking

Chapter 1307

"By the way, when will the equipment and materials arrive?" Nicole looked at Jared and asked.

"When will you be needing it?" he replied. "I'll send them to you whenever you need it."

A smile appeared on the corner of Nicole's mouth, "Wow, that's really nice of you. Can I have it the day after? I must plan the office arrangement tomorrow."

"Okay. Do you need me to send someone over to help you with the planning?" Jared looked at Nicole and asked with concern.

'There's no need for that," she said. "I can do it myself."

'By yourself?" he asked. "But it's such a huge venue. How can you do it alone?'

'Don't you worry about it. I'll send some men over tomorrow, and then, you can tell them what you've got in mind," Jared said bluntly, rendering Nicole unable to refuse his offer.

Johnston Sr.'s recovery?" Nicole asked, suddenly remembering that Mr. Johnston Sr. was still in the hospital, and that she was in such a hurry

has been sneaking out of bed behind the doctor's back as of recent. I caught him once when I paid him

Mr. Johnston Sr. would be acting like a kid at his age. He hasn't completed his recovery and he's already out of bed... The doctors must be having a hard time." Nicole said, knowing how

really flabbergasted and there was nothing they

should be discharged in about two to three weeks

the day he gets discharged," Nicole

in for a hug and said, "Thank

again? There's no need for US to be so courteous to each other." Nicole said, thinking

back, we haven't had time for each other. Don't you miss me?" Jared asked Nicole with a glint of

Nicole looked at

him?' she thought. 'I should come up

recent," she muttered. "Perhaps I have really been ignoring your feelings,

said, "It's getting late. I'll head upstairs to get some sleep

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Jared had taken a few steps before he noticed that Nicole's footfalls were not trailing behind him.

Then, he turned around to see that Nicole was standing on the flight of steps in a daze. "What are you thinking about?"

"It's nothing. I suddenly remembered that there's something I need to take care of."

As soon as she was done speaking, she hurried back down before he could even utter a word. Jared had wanted to tell her that she could use the study room, but she was long gone by then.

"Coward," he sneered.

Nicole plonked herself atop the couch with her heart pounding in her chest. She was afraid that Jared would come back around, and so, she whirled around to check if he was.

The instant she saw that he was nowhere near her, she issued a sigh of relief.

'If I had not taken the initiative to escape earlier, he would have stopped me. The problem now is that there is no computer in the living room and mine is all the way up in my bedroom. What should I do so that Jared wouldn't suspect anything?'

else the excuse I've given him would not add

pass, before she took her phone out and watched videos. She suddenly thought of Zeke, and that was when she searched for his

in ages. Are you busy?" Nicole

working on lately. It's something major," Zeke said in a hushed

What are you working on?

the dark web and I discovered a special mission to complete. All I need

Nicole asked, as she had

Zeke asked. 'That's something

What's the use of the badge anyway? There's no actual use for it now, is there?" Nicole said

and the underground scene. However, there are very few people who do own the badge. It is rumored that only five

happy that the joy of actually having the badge would pale in

much power..." Nicole muttered, her emotions

that the mission is

a week now, but I still haven't made any progress," Zeke replied, and as he spoke, the tone of his voice betrayed how listless his look would be if he was

Chapter 1309

'Yeah, is there a problem?' Nicole replied defiantly.

"No, I was just asking," Jared replied as he strutted off to the dining hall instead of making his way toward her.

'Just asking? Why do I feel like you're not simply just asking? You're clearly monitoring me," Nicole sneered.

Soon after, Zeke gave her a video call, which she answered. "Is it done?"

"Yeah." Zeke's voice echoed from the speakers.

At the same time, Jared was walking past with a glass of water, and when he heard Nicole talking to a man whom he was unfamiliar with, he approached her.

Noticing that Jared was coming over, she quickly placed her phone down and looked at him. "Is there something you need?"

'Who are you talking to?' Jared asked in a tone that hinted at his suspicion. mine," she explained as she looked to a friend whom he did not know of, or else she would have mentioned the person by Can I talk to my friend in peace without reporting every single I heard a man's voice," Jared said, studying her a dude. Don't take it the wrong way. He's a friend explained herself so that he who have known each other for many years?" Jared asked, becoming more intrigued now. 'She has a male of thought at "Nicole?" ease the awkwardness. Instead, she was waiting for Zeke to is calling for you."

him," Nicole replied, not wanting to talk to don't think there's anything wrong with Nicole having unusual behavior is suspicious, however. Could there be

Chapter 1310

'Didn't you have something you said you need to deal with? Are you not going to do it anymore?' Jared asked.

"I am doing it, but the computer is upstairs." Nicole made her way upstairs after she had uttered the last word.

In response, Jared frowned at Nicole and thought, 'I am sure she is avoiding me on purpose!

When Nicole arrived at the bedroom door, she whirled around to ensure that Jared was not following her. After she was sure that he had not followed her, she went in and locked the door.

Relieved, she thought, 'Even if he comes knocking on the door, I can just lie down on the bed and pretend as if I am sleeping.

As there was no threat from Jared, she would not be needing Zeke as an escape plan. Nicole pulled her covers up and wrapped herself in them before falling asleep peacefully.

Meanwhile, Jared was sitting in the living room, watching TV in a daze, 'What kind of man could make Nicole avoid me? I can't let this matter slide. I have to get to the bottom of this.' Jared whipped his phone out and tapped on Max's contact icon

But it was then that he hesitated for a moment and turned his phone off.

not be publicized. Its better I find out on my
noticing that it was already past 9 o'clock, he turned the television off and
to Nicole's room and stretched his hand out to push the door
to himself and decided on that before making a beeline for another room, where
scene in the living room

Nicole was still refusing to explain herself, in spite of the multiple glances from Jared. She had noticed
none of

you off,"

raised her head to look at him and declined. "There's no need for that. You're busy with your work. You
can get someone to send me there.

they drive me there. That way, it'll be more convenient," Nicole gently

the road." Jared gave

beginning of her

"Okay."

and will ever encounter, don't carry the burden by yourself. This is something that we share in common.
You can lean

and nodded.

first." Nicole left the dining room after finishing