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"I'm free during any time of the day. Just give me a call before you come over to the headquarters," Sean said, happy that they were coming to do their internship at his company.

"Okay," the duo uttered.

It was then that Gloria marched out of the kitchen, looked at them and said, "Dinner's ready. Come over and eat."

Gloria placed all of Nicole's favorite dishes in front of her, before turning to Jared and saying, "Jared, I don't know what you usually like to eat so I've allowed the cook to make you some special dishes. Come, have a taste of it and see what you like."

"Okay," Jared replied politely.

"Nicole, these dishes are your favorites. I've asked the cook to make them for you. Give them all a try, would you?" she said.

Jared stared at the stacks of food in front of Nicole and thought, 'Isn't this a bit much?

people, who only had a few dishes made for them.

rest of us here. Aren't you playing favorites?" Samuel

that so? Here, come have some of this." Gloria addressed Nicole

a better dish, and seeing this, Gloria quickly placed

share some of her food with him, as

Nicole turned to Sean at once and said, "I know Sean also likes this

smiled and handed

right. I heard Nicole was awarded a restaurant with a Michelin Star. I was thinking

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hand that dish over to

everyone began eating, with Nicole heaving a sigh of relief." Things got awkward real quick. I think it's because mom was

meal, Sean suddenly looked at Nicole and asked, "Nicole, have you

suddenly tightened, I guessed it right. I suppose we

look at Nicole and thought, 'Sean is Nicole's eldest brother and he was totally justified in asking that question. He did have

“Steve, just say what you want to say. Why are you looking at us that way?” Samuel asked with a blank stare on his face.

“What are you getting all riled up about?” Steve asked. “I didn’t say who the slackers are.”

“Yeah right, your eyes have already given it away,” Samuel sarcastically said.

“Wow, you’re a genius, aren’t you? You know how to read my eyes now?” Steve shot back.

“You...”

“Okay, okay, cut it out. Jared is still here. Behave yourselves.” Daniel reminded.

One after another, several heads turned to look at Jared’s general direction, after which they continued to eat quietly without a peep.

Nicole watched from the side as they quarreled over nothing, and with an obvious smile on the corners of her mouth, she thought, ‘It’s fun to have a family like them.’

they’ve always been since they were young,” Daniel looked at like their way of getting along. There is something very pure Jared said.

thought that was how easily a family ought to get this dish. This is what Nicole eats every time she

“Okay,” Jared said.

of their

and Jared left the

car, Nicole looked at Jared and

of

your siblings all get along very well.”

thought, ‘If only the

asked, looking into his eyes. “You’re a part of our family now. You can join us

I’ve missed out on the joy you have, losing those things have allowed me to focus

hope you know that our family really likes you.” Nicole

he

[Remotely. I think it’s better that way.] Zeke replied.

[Okay. I’ll call you in a bit.]

Nicole gained remote access to Zeke's computer after a while and carefully went through Zeke's files, checking for any errors.

It was at this moment that Jared knocked on Nicole's bedroom door. He peered in and saw that she was busy in front of her computer.

"There's still work to be done at this hour?" Jared asked.

"Yeah, there's something that needs to be handled at the moment. What do *you* need?" Nicole looked at Jared and asked.

"It's nothing. I just want to get some sleep," Jared explained.

"I may have to work for a while longer. Why don't you sleep in your room, so I don't end up disturbing you," Nicole suggested.

Jared looked at her and frowned. 'Why is she being so secretive again? Is she afraid that I'll be watching her?'

"Nicole, I've tried this before. You can try other methods." Zeke's voice suddenly sounded from the phone.

I forget to hang up the

as he thought, 'The

then flashed in his

recalled carefully before confirming that it was

is that on the phone?" Jared looked at Nicole

friend of mine. I told you about it not long ago.' Nicole looked

really in a hurry to work

door with a slam and proceeded to lock Jared out of

and took a deep

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with that person.'

browser. Jared was well aware of Nicole being a

Hunters.

and Nicole became busy with their respective affairs in front of

another.

make breakfast for Nicole. His complexion was also better than it was before, as

was up to.

getting ready upstairs.

done dressing up, she made her way downstairs. 'I think I'll just skip breakfast today. After how I had treated him last night, I

a glimpse into the kitchen

Jared noticed a trace of guilt on her face. He looked at her and mentally smirked.

"However, you did notice that I had something that needed to be done. You completely ignored that and made it difficult for me. I think you ought to have some responsibility in this," Nicole said while eyeing him.

Nicole genuinely believed that she could not take all of the blame. 'If he hadn't entered the room to bother me, then the rest wouldn't have happened.'

Initially, Jared wanted to give her a compliment, but after hearing the second part of her sentence, he looked at her and said, "You're putting me blame on me now?"

"No, we both had a role to play in how things turned out last night. We're both responsible to some extent," Nicole feebly muttered, as she did not dare pin the

blame on him.

Jared issued an audible sigh. "I guess I made breakfast for nothing..."

Nicole hurriedly threw her arms out, with her hands hovering inches above her plate. 'No, the breakfast has nothing to do with this. I am very satisfied with all you've done for me this morning. Thank you.'

have a full stomach,"

Jared down.

her out of concern, and did not pursue

As soon as they had cleaned their plates,

today, you...," Jared looked at Nicole

thought, 'What does he mean? Is he still angry about last night? He has never been this sensitive of a person, so why would he make a big fuss

me, I'll head back to my grandma's place tonight," Nicole said

matter now? I have a really busy day ahead.

today I

dismissal without waiting for him

leave." She got into her car, stepped on her accelerator, and drove away, leaving Jared to watch her leave as he swallowed the

this, he had no choice but to get in his car

her rearview mirror and turned a blind eye
to glance at her. Though
two cars then drove off in two separate directions at the intersection, and

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I still have to wait for the Mr. Johnston Sr.'s instructions on this matter. Have him settled in at our hotel and keep him guarded. Remember that no one must find out about him!"

Jared solemnly ordered.

'Yes, sir" Max said. "Do you have any other orders, Mr. Johnston?"

"Has Joyce made any moves recently?" Jared looked at Max and asked.

"No, the McCarthy family will be making their sacrifices to their ancestors tomorrow. They've been quiet for the past few days," Max replied.

"Quiet? Tomorrow we must pay special attention to their movements. Get someone to protect Nicole in secret." Jared looked at Max and ordered.

"Yes, sir," Max said.

what happened to the foreigner that
still investigating them. So far, we've only come to know that they
help but become solemn upon
do you know of

with families of renown across the world in various fields. They're very prestigious, and it's said that their businesses have been handed down for many generations now." Jared explained to Max as he gazed off into the distance

how was the McCarthy family able to leech off of the Heralds? This is way too peculiar!' Jared said, unable to stop thinking about it, and unable to figure any

don't understand,' he thought. 'Regardless of which angle I am viewing this from, how can the McCarthys, who are of no value, be of any use

me if you come across any new developments." Jared

to leave after he was done speaking,

of the Golden Coast building, and

me, are you Miss Riddle?" a masked man

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"My apologies, but if you are not the person in charge here, you don't have the authorization to enter," the staff refused with a coldly.

Hearing this, Nicole had no choice but to give Harvey a call. "Where are you? I need help with something in the building."

"You mean the Golden Coast? Wait for me. I'll be there soon." Harvey hung up and immediately got up from the couch before running to his car and driving off in a hurry.

Soon after, Harvey arrived at the Golden Coast building.

Nicole, who had been waiting on the couch in the hall for ten minutes, then checked the time. "I didn't expect him to be here so quickly."

"Mr. Ellison, why are you here?" The staff greeted Harvey as soon as he had entered the hall.

question and made a beeline for Nicole before asking, "What do you need

knew Harvey. "She didn't say she was acquainted with Mr. Ellison. She called him here

staff could speak up, Nicole opened her mouth and said, "I just wanted to check on the surveillance, but your people wouldn't let me in because

once, and shot the staff an icy

lady said she was that she was attacked and had to look at the surveillance footages. She

cared about her and that he would stand

and collect the rest of the month's salary," Harvey said. "There's no

did was show her a bad attitude, and now I'm

Please, I didn't know that you were acquainted with our boss. Please you must help me out! A great

the face of the staff member as her eyes glinted with indifference. "This man is nothing short of boorish. Even if I had said I knew Harvey, he would just make the situation even harder for me. Calling Harvey over

past him and walked made

of the man, Harvey too walked away, having lost

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At this hour, Harvey usually would not come to work.

However, upon seeing a woman standing behind him, the security guards were stunned, as it was the first time Harvey had brought a woman to the Golden Coast building. "I wonder what her background is."

Nicole ignored their gaze, and addressed Harvey directly. "I was attacked in the parking lot. Get the security to play the surveillance footage."

The security guards immediately adjusted the monitor and gave way to Harvey. Harvey glanced at Nicole, who looked like she was determined to get to the bottom of this. She was sitting with her legs crossed, looking very standoffish.

The security guards were amused by Nicole, whose standing allowed her to be in the good graces of their employer. 'Is this woman...Mr. Ellison's girlfriend?'

The two of them dared not ask, and so, the both of them got up, flashed them nervous smiles, and went to make tea for them.

the footage loaded, showing that someone was already there, and had been camping in wait in the parking lot prior to her arrival. The person was extremely cunning, as they had already planned the assault in such a way that the surveillance cameras were not able to capture anything, barring the moment he had attacked. Though

phone out and took a picture of the man's face. 'For the rest of it, I'll go home and use my tracking software to find

phone away, after which she got up and said to

was anything but. Harvey knew that she was injured in his building, due to which matter with you guys?

were startled by Harvey's sudden

really didn't

guards because of her; she felt that she was making a big fuss, so she spoke up, "Leave it. It's not unusual for them to be unable to see

two security guards looked at Nicole and nodded. The light in their eyes indicated that they understood assured her," Don't worry, I will find out

head and said, "I have a solution. There's no need to alert the police so

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"Thanks," she said, ignoring the look of bafflement on their faces.

Nicole left the control room and returned to the office on the top floor, after which she switched her computer on and began the process of scanning the man's face. Although he was wearing a mask underneath, she possessed a cutting edge software which could restore the outline of the lower half of the perpetrator's face.

Nicole was pensive as she eyed the face that had been digitally constructed. She had never seen this person before, and it was unlikely that she had inadvertently instigated a vendetta.

Nicole logged into The Hunter, after which she posted forth a mission to seek information about this man. She had no time to spare on trivial yet arduous tasks such as these, so she decided to leave it to others.

Unexpectedly, Zeke called her not long after she had posted the assignment on the website. "Nicole, why don't you just call me when you have something that needs taking care of?"

Nicole did not expect that Zeke would even want to take on such a small task, and so, she frowned. "You're a phantom. How can you take on jobs such as these?"

"Yeah, sure, I won't take other people's work, but it is my duty to help you out!" he argued.

Nicole had aided him in a mission of his own before, and thus, it was out of courtesy that he had to return the favor.

eyebrows, 'This guy can complete a mission worth hundreds and thousands of dollars, and to bring

lips into a smile, 'Although this guy likes to screw

her work, and in the blink of an eye, time drifted. Before she knew it, it was already lunch time. She stood up to stretch, and was about to order herself a takeaway when she heard a knock on

hesitantly and

so long ago,' she thought. 'I didn't expect to see him again today. He was one of Preston's

and indifference, opting to address him

in Golden Coast. I was looking for a chance to thank you for the last favor you've done me, but I haven't had the chance to meet

and politely, she said,' Don't

she was

looked tense as the exchange continued. On the other hand, Nicole could

and said, "Was it Harvey who asked

had been exposed. 'Nicole is so clever that she can

was him. He's too embarrassed to ask you to go out

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Harvey glanced at him, before continuing to go through his documents.

Noticing that Harvey was oddly calm, Edward stared at him in bafflement and said, "It surprises me that you're not even showing a tad bit of disappointment."

'This guy had threatened me just earlier, forcing me to do it and now he doesn't even look like he had an ounce of damn to give,' Edward fumed from within.

"I knew she wouldn't say yes," Harvey said. 'Nicole already has someone in her heart, so it would be odd if she agreed. I have nothing to lose if she rejects me.'

Edward could not help but stare in bafflement when he understood what had just happened. "You know why it was going to work out? Then why did you get me to ask her out on your behalf? Are you kidding me?"

Harvey raised his eyes coldly. "So what?"

Edward suddenly lost his cool. He was really aggrieved, but he was unable to let his temper fly just like that.

He gritted his teeth and yelled, "You're shameless!"

uttered those words, he had lost all interests in having lunch with Harvey, and hence,

was lingering in his heart. Though he did

ever develop a closer bond with

she had an appointment, but now, she was truly starving. She wanted to grab

answer the phone, and

"Miss Riddle."

before recognizing it as the voice of Alfred, an

"Alfred? What's the matter?"

Nicole had recognized his voice, and immediately said, 'Yes, it's me... Mr. Riddle Sr. does not seem to be doing well as of

which was

soon as possible." Though it was only lunch break, there was still enough time to fit a roundtrip in.

Nicole then headed to the parking lot and drove to the Riddle

exceptionally quiet today. It seems that grandpa is ill and did not want

seemed

night and has not been feeling well today. He refuses to go to the hospital as he

a sigh. 'Even now, he refuses to accept

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In an instant, Nicole discovered what was going on with Mr. Riddle Sr." Grandpa, you're not young anymore. Catching a cold is nothing minor now. Though you're not sick, you already displaying some symptoms."

Mr. Riddle Sr. was rendered speechless, and so, he sighed. "Fine, I accept that I'm old. I'll just do whatever you ask me to."

Nicole smiled and ordered the butler to bring some medications over.

In response, the butler quickly left to get them the medicines as he thought, 'Only Nicole could convince Mr. Riddle Sr.'

As for Mr. Riddle Sr., he remained seated to have a chat with Nicole in the living room.

He looked at her before saying, "How are things with Jared?"

"What's with the sudden question, grandpa?" Nicole looked at him curiously. 'Why is he talking about me all of a sudden?'

"I'm just worried about you. You've both been engaged for such a long time. Isn't it time for you to consider marriage?" Mr. Riddle Sr. smiled gently.

like mom

get married

"Yeah." Nicole nodded.

that we love you," the old man

I already have a plan. We have too much on our plates these days, so we're planning to prepare for the marriage after we're done with the bulk of our work," Nicole informed him about their plan without to worry then."

worry at all. Just remember

but I probably won't be at your ceremony," he

you not

Nicole pleaded.

go to your wedding,

haven't you? What are you worried about?" Nicole studied his mannerisms. 'He looks strong and healthy!

I haven't gone out for quite some time now, so I'm not used to those sorts of environments anymore,"

You'll feel better once you start taking strolls outside," Nicole

old bag of bones now. Where can I

need?" The butler approached them with a