

HACKER 2291

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2291-“Well, you’re just having lunch together during work hours, which is normal among colleagues. I don’t have any misunderstandings, but Miss Icyln, have you misunderstood something? Or do you want me to misunderstand something?” Lulu finally retorted as she could not bear Icyln’s antics anymore, essentially giving Icyln a taste of her own medicine.

“No, why would I think that way?” Icyln replied awkwardly, not expecting Lulu to be so straightforward.

“Lulu.” Spencer’s voice sounded concerned as he could tell that Lulu was feeling off.

Lulu raised an eyebrow and suddenly put on a beaming smile. “Since you both seem so eager to join us at the same table, why don’t we just eat together?”

“Waiter, can we have the menu, please?”

After saying that, Lulu called the waiter over, acting as though she was genuinely happy to allow Spencer and Icyln to join them.

Soon, the waiter brought the menu over, and Spencer ended up ordering something for lunch. Left with no other choice, Icyln followed suit.

Once they were seated, the awkward tension between the four of them became palpable.

“Nicole, let’s start eating. We need to rush back to the company for a meeting later.” Lulu blinked at Nicole.

“Okay.” Nicole shrugged and gladly played along, smiling back at Lulu.

Seeing Lulu’s reaction, Nicole thought to herself, ‘Icyln shouldn’t have provoked Lulu. Soon, Icyln will realize how wrong she is for trying to create a rift between them.’

“Here, Spencer, try this. It’s delicious.” Lulu fed Spencer a piece of steak.

Though Spencer was delighted, he was somewhat taken aback and before he knew it, there was a piece of steak in his mouth.

“Tastes good, doesn’t it?” Lulu smiled sweetly at Spencer.

“Not bad,” Spencer praised with a nod.

“This one is delicious too.” Lulu continued to feed Spencer, making them look like a sweet couple who were deeply in love.

Nicole simply sat there, paying nothing but her food any mind, knowing that Lulu was purposely taunting Icyln with such blatant and glaring displays of affection.

At that moment, Icyln was left feeling bitter, regretful, and annoyed. If she had known this would happen, she would have sat with Spencer at a different table. Now, all she could do was witness the lovey-dovey antics between Lulu and Spencer.

When the dishes for Spencer and Icyln arrived, Lulu said, “Come on, dig in.”

“That looks really good. Can I try it?” Lulu asked, acting as if she was interested to give some of the food on Spencer’s plate a try.

“Of course, you can. I’ll give you anything you like,” Spencer said lovingly.

“Feed me!” Lulu said coquettishly.

“Alright, I’ll feed you.”

With eyes narrowed into a smile, Spencer fed Lulu. “Is it good?”

“It’s delicious,” Lulu nodded and pointed to another dish. “I want to try that one too.”

Suddenly, the scene changed, and now, Spencer was the one taking care of Lulu.

At that point, the sweet display between the pair was in full swing, which was too much even for Nicole herself, who thought, ‘I think that’s enough, Lulu...’

Icyln’s face scrunched up, becoming sour and unpleasant. In addition, she had lost her appetite too.

Then, Lulu sneakily glanced over at Icyln, whose grimace became even uglier. She was over the moon as she thought, ‘Serves you right for messing with me!’

By the time she was feeling better, her belly was full as well. So, she looked at Nicole and raised her eyebrows at her.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2292-Recognizing Lulu’s signal, Nicole nodded.

“We’re done eating, but do take your time,” Lulu said as she kissed Spencer on the cheek. “Babe, remember to come to my place after work for a candlelight dinner.”

With that, Lulu stood up and left in big strides.

Nicole suppressed her laughter as she nodded at Spencer and Icyln before sauntering off as well.

Spencer was still staring at Lulu’s figure, lost in thought even after she had disappeared at the door.

“Spencer,” Icyln uttered, on the verge of erupting as she gritted her teeth in anger.

Spencer glanced at Icyln and said, “Eat up. We have a rehearsal in the afternoon.”

He then continued eating, though his mind was inundated with images of Lulu’s every move, every smile, and especially that last kiss.

He suddenly felt that time was passing too slowly and wished that the workday would end already.

Icyln’s face blanched as she furiously skewered the food on her plate with her fork and knife.

She did not understand why Lulu was so hard to deal with. ‘Shouldn’t others feel jealous and break out into a fight in this kind of situation? With Lulu, why is it that their relationship seems to become even stronger?’

She did not get it, but she could not do anything about it either. So, all she could do was repeat to herself that she would never lose to Lulu.

Outside the restaurant, Nicole and Lulu were already in the car.

The lively and confident Lulu had now become sullen, much like a wilted flower.

“Your fighting spirit is gone almost instantly,” Nicole remarked with a wry smile.

“I didn’t want to acknowledge them, but that scheming b*tch had to come and make things difficult for me. How could I let her off easy?”

Now, Lulu did not like to torture herself, but if they were going to mess around with each other, everyone should be involved, with nobody getting away with anything.

“So, what’s going on with you now? You look like a wife who just got cheated on.” Nicole said.

She found Lulu much more exciting moments ago. There was no need for her to suffer at the hands of others, and indeed, if anyone attempted to start a fight with her, she should, without a shadow of a doubt, strike back.

Lulu sighed as her expression stiffened for a moment.

“Are you really angry at Spencer?” Nicole asked candidly.

Lulu lowered her head. “Not exactly angry, because I know he is just fulfilling his promise to his teacher, whom he can’t turn his back on. But still, deep down, I feel really uncomfortable.”

That feeling was not a pleasant one. If she was angry, she could throw a fit, quarrel about it, and feel better afterward. But now, the rational part of her had taken over. She knew how Spencer felt about Icyln, but watching them acting as though they were couples still made her feel uncomfortable and hurt.

“That’s why I’m telling you to get married soon. It’ll naturally get rid of pesky flies like Icyln,” Nicole teased.

Looking at Nicole with a tilted head, Lulu asked, “Did Spencer bribe you into convincing me? Tell me, why have you been urging me to get married recently?”

“I just want you to get it over with once and for all.”

To Nicole, everything would be settled, and all of their issues would be dealt with once they were married.

“I understand where you’re coming from, but I can’t get past this feeling in my heart.”

This was perhaps a result of her insecurities getting in her way. She wanted to work harder, become stronger and more deserving of him.

“Oh, you,” Nicole could not help but roll her eyes at Lulu. “You’re really clever sometimes, but more often than not, you have a tendency of getting yourself stuck in a rut.”

“Really?” Lulu blinked her eyes, wondering if her way of thinking was wrong in the first place.

Hearing that, Nicole earnestly explained, “Think about it. If you give up on Spencer and he ends up with someone like Icyln, do you really think they will be a good match?”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2293-Judging by their appearances, people would think that Icy In and Spencer were a good match. But Nicole and Lulu knew very well that a scheming woman like IcyIn was not, and would never be a good match for Spencer.

Lulu bit her lip and fell silent, lost in her thoughts.

Nicole did not disrupt her train of thought. Earlier today, she thought it was best to respect Lulu's wishes and believed that she would come to terms with it eventually. However, she suddenly felt like it might be a good idea to give them a little push, which would at least catalyze a new, much needed change in their relationship.

The car returned to the headquarters, and they both got off to busy themselves with their own tasks.

Soon after, night fell, and the birds returned to their nests.

The living room of the Riddle residence was lively as everyone was busy chatting away while they waited for their dinner to be ready.

But when Spencer stepped into the entrance, the living room suddenly fell silent, and all eyes were on him.

"What's going on?" Spencer raised his brows in confusion, wondering if something was wrong with him.

"Weren't you supposed to go to Lulu's place?" Nicole became puzzled, wondering why he had come back.

Finally understanding why they were surprised by his return, Spencer explained, "She left me a message saying she had something to do tonight. I went to her apartment, but she wasn't there, and I couldn't reach her on her phone, so I came back."

"Did she tell you what she was going to do?" Nicole frowned. 'Didn't she say that there would be a candlelit dinner?'

Spencer shook his head, "She just told me not to worry and that she had some personal matters to tend to."

Although he did not know what Lulu was up to, he was used to respecting her decisions. Besides, he was not able to reach her, so he could only wait and ask her about it tomorrow.

"It's about time for dinner. Since you're back, let's have dinner together," Gloria said.

"Okay." They all agreed, and the family headed toward the dining room.

After dinner, Spencer and Stanley went upstairs.

But Gloria and Daniel stopped Nicole as they had something to discuss with her. In the meantime, Jared took Nolan and Lana upto their rooms.

"Mom? Dad? What's going on?" Nicole became puzzled as she looked at the solemn looks on her parents' faces.

“We went back to the family manor and your Grandpa said that the Ellison family has gotten themselves involved with our subsidiary company. Is that true?” Daniel said, stern and unsmiling.

For Harvey to cause trouble for Jared and the Riddle family was old news by now. However, he had stopped doing so during the years in which Nicole had gone missing. But now that Nicole had returned, he had apparently resumed with his antics.

Nicole sighed and truthfully told them everything since they were already aware of the issue. “Everett is working together with Harvey to target DillCorp.”

Nicole did not want either Harvey or Everett to take over DillCorp, so she was going to do everything in her power to stop them.

“It sounds like you already knew about it. Why didn’t you tell us?” Daniel said with a hint of distress.

In turn, Nicole smiled and assured, “Dad, there’s nothing to worry about. Sean, Steve, and I are all working together in the company. You should just focus on spending more time with Mom. Do you want me to book a trip for the both of you?”

She did not want her parents to worry about the company anymore as she and her siblings would handle everything.

“It’s fine.” Daniel shook his head, knowing that his daughter had good intentions. “I believe in you all. Okay then, I won’t ask about it anymore and wait for your good news.”

It was impossible for him to enjoy a trip at a time like this, so he figured that he should just sit back and wait, since his daughter had made it clear to him that she did not want him to be worried.

With that, he offered some advice to Nicole, who went on to give him more reassurance. Then, both Daniel and Gloria stopped with their queries.

Nolan and Lana were already asleep by the time Nicole went upstairs, and Jared was already waiting for her in the hallway.

She ambled over toward him, and together, they went back into their room.

“You haven’t taken any action in regard to what’s happening to DillCorp yet. What are you waiting for?” Jared casually asked.

Nicole was a little taken aback by the question. “How did you know that my parents asked me about DillCorp?”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2294-“They went back to the family manor today,” Jared said with a nonchalant expression.

Since Nicole could not make it to the family manor, Daniel and Gloria had gone over there themselves. Thus, it was inevitable for her grandfather to ask them of her whereabouts.

Nicole could not help but shake her head. “I really cant hide anything from you, huh? Well, I don’t want to waste any energy on Snow and Raine anymore, so I’ll just let them duke it out among themselves first.”

After all, neither of them was capable enough to be a threat to her, and because of this, Nicole was not bothered to do anything about them.

"It's true that they're not a threat to you, but you should be careful of the people behind them," Jared said as his gaze darkened.

"I know. I got someone to keep an eye on them." Nicole said, her face mirroring his solemnness.

Jared's gaze softened upon hearing that as he thought to himself, 'This is just the way she is – always so cautious and never allowing room for mistakes.'

It seemed to Jared that as long as her safety was ensured via the security detail he had hired to watch over her, there was nothing else for him to worry about.

"It's getting late. Let's get some rest." Jared lifted Nicole off the floor and made his way toward the bathroom.

"Jared Johnston, put me down." Nicole patted Jared's shoulder with a hint of annoyance.

"We can save time by showering together," Jared said as a mischievous smirk flashed across his face.

Nicole glowered at him. "Are you sure that you just want to save time?"

In spite of her protests, they ended up taking a long, hot shower that ended with Jared carrying her out of the bathroom.

He placed her on the bed, and by then, Nicole was so tired that she rolled over and fell asleep almost instantly, but not before mumbling a few angry words. "Jared, you're moving out tomorrow."

Jared's lips lifted, forming a gentle smile as he gently hugged her and patted her back. "Goodnight."

Nicole, however, did not say anything in response, as she was clearly drained.

The next morning...

Nicole slowly opened her eyes as the chirping of birds reached her ears.

"You're awake."

Hearing Jared's voice, she softly said, "Yeah."

"You can sleep a while longer," Jared gently said.

Nicole rolled her eyes at him in spite. "And you can actually live somewhere else."

Hearing that, Jared tightened his embrace on Nicole. "I need to be wherever my wife is."

"I'm not your wife yet. Don't call me that." Nicole playfully corrected him.

"We're legally married," Jared retorted in righteous fashion.

"The marriage is not complete without a proper ceremony." Nicole lifted her chin proudly as if she had gained the upper hand against Jared.

Jared smiled. "We can have that anytime my wife wants it. I'll call Max to get that done now."

“It’s fine.” Nicole’s lips twitched, regretting what she had just said. ‘Did I just dig a hole for myself?’

The more Nicole thought about it, the more annoyed she got. Then, she threw the blanket aside and stormed into the bathroom.

‘Whatever. I’ll just forget what I said earlier. It’s not the best time to have a wedding ceremony now anyway. After all, there are still a lot of things to take care of. It’s better to wait a little bit longer,’ she concluded.

Jared smiled faintly as he kept his eyes on her figure. Then, he lightly shook his head and chuckled.

‘She’s avoiding it again. I wonder when she’ll stop avoiding it and finally face the reality of all of this.’

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2295-Jared and Nicole, both gave themselves a thorough rinse before heading downstairs.

After having breakfast, everyone left the house respectively to carry on with their routines.

Nicole arrived at the Riddle Corporation, and Lulu immediately approached her with a nosy air about her. “I have updates on DillCorp.”

Hearing that, Nicole lifted her brows. “Tell me about it inside. IV

Then, once they were in the confines of the office, Lulu told Nicole everything.

“Are you saying that Snow secretly signed an agreement with Harvey?” Nicole furrowed her brows.

“Yeah. It’s probably too late now if Snow really wishes to carry her plan out.” Lulu’s expression turned solemn as she softly said. “Is that going to affect us?”

“Not for now,” Nicole replied in a low voice.

She figured that Snow would not give in so easily, at least not for the moment.

Lulu felt slightly relieved upon hearing this. “Then I guess Snow will probably make another move soon.”

She was sure that Snow would not just sit around and wait.

“Let’s just keep waiting,” Nicole coolly remarked, knowing very well that Lulu was right.

“By the way, are you going to the charity banquet tomorrow?” Lulu asked, having suddenly thought about it.

“I guess so. Why are you asking?”

Lulu shrugged her shoulders and reminded, “I just want to inform you that Harvey will most probably be there too.”

Nicole’s eyes narrowed. ‘Is that so?’

‘Well, it’s a highly anticipated event in San Joto, after all. Many business figures and representatives of wealthy families are going to be there.’

Nicole’s expression turned cold as she nonchalantly said, “I can’t let him affect my life.”

Regardless of whether she was the chairman of the Riddle Corporation or the daughter of the Riddle family, her standing in society meant that she had to show up at an event like this. Besides, everyone knew about her relationship with Jared, and there was just no way that she could miss it.

“There’ll be a lot of people there. Will you be able to handle all of them?” Lulu asked in concern.

“Don’t worry. Jared will be there too,” Nicole said, knowing that she would have nothing to worry about as long as Jared was there with her.

Lulu nodded in agreement. “You’re right. I’m sure that Mr. Johnston will protect you.”

Then, Nicole lifted her gaze, looked at Lulu, and said, “You can come with me if you want to.”

“I’ll pass.” Lulu shook her head. ‘Is it appropriate for me to be there? Am I really going there as Nicole’s assistant?’

“It’s not a formal event. You can have a look if you’re interested. Besides, you’ll be attending lots of events like this once you and Spencer tie the knot.” Nicole teased with a faint smile on her face.

Lulu could not help but blush as she looked away.

Then, she bit her lip and said, “Let’s not talk about that now.”

After all, nothing was confirmed between her and Spencer, at least not for now.

“Hehehe.” Nicole chuckled. “You’re not always this shy.”

‘Just like that, she’s getting all shy, huh? What a surprise!’ Nicole thought.

“Well, I’ve changed.” Lulu’s cheeks turned even redder.

Noticing that something was not right, Nicole asked, “Are you hiding something from me?”

“I...” Lulu hesitated for a moment, after which she avoided the question anyway. “Um, I have something else to do. See you later.”

Then, she quickly ran off before Nicole could say anything.

Seeing this, Nicole frowned and thought to herself, ‘It seems like there’s something going on.’

Soon, it was time to head home.

“Nicole, I’m leaving now,” Lulu said to Nicole, and was about to make her way out of the place when Nicole stopped her.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2296-“Hold up.” With a playful look, Nicole asked, “Are you avoiding Spencer?”

‘Just last night Spencer mentioned he was unable to reach Lulu and today he left right after work ended. It’s obvious something happened between the two of them,’ Nicole thought to herself.

“Not really.” Lulu scratched her head in embarrassment.

“Is it a yes or a no?” Nicole countered. She noticed how distressed Spencer was when he was unable to contact Lulu out of the blue, so she wanted to know what happened.

“I’m avoiding him but it’s not because we fought or anything. It’s just that I need some space for myself to think straight,” Lulu said truthfully.

Nicole frowned at Lulu.

“Alright, since you want space, I’ll leave you be.” Then she smiled, respecting her friend’s views.

“Thank you.” Lulu gave a warm smile before waving and leaving the office.

Nicole packed up her things and also left the office shortly after.

When Nicole reached the entrance of the building, she saw Spencer was standing there.

‘I guess I can only tell him the truth.’

Nicole walked up to him. “Lulu already left.”

“Left? Why didn’t I see her?” Spencer’s eyes widened. He completely missed Lulu leaving the office!

Nicole shrugged. ‘Of course he didn’t see her. She was hiding from him.’

“Oh.” Spencer looked helpless and lost.

Nicole watched as Spencer turned around to leave. “Where are you going?” she asked casually.

“I’m going to go to see if she’s at home.”

Nicole looked at Spencer’s vulnerable expression and advised, “I think you should wait this one out.”

Spencer immediately became alert. “Do you know something?”

Nicole shook her head. “I don’t know the details, but she said she wanted time alone to think things through.”

‘Since Lulu wants space, I think it’s best that Spencer knows so he knows where to stop, just until Lulu figures things out. Then they can meet up and talk.’

Spencer frowned slightly, but he nodded. “I see...”

‘If this is what she wants, I’ll give her space. I hope she doesn’t take too long to think...’

“Okay. I’m going to head over to Grandpa’s place. Want to tag along?” Nicole offered.

“Grandpa’s place?” Spencer’s eyes filled with concern.

“It’s nothing.” Nicole brushed him off. She did not want to burden Spencer with the company’s affairs.

“Since it’s nothing, I guess you can go with Jared. I’ll sit this one out.”

Nicole nodded. “I’ll get going now.”

“Bye!”

Spencer watched as Nicole hopped into the car and left. Then he heaved a huge sigh. He climbed into his own car and left as well.

In the car, Nicole looked up at Jared and asked, "Is the Iris issue resolved?"

Nicole knew that the date of Iris' case was inching closer to a close, so she wanted to pry for some answers.

"Yeah, she admitted to everything. The legal procedures will be carried out accordingly."

Jared did not care what the process was. Once the case ended, it would no longer bother them as Iris would be paying the price for what she did.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2297-Nicole nodded her head in agreement. 'Thank goodness the case will finally come to a close.'

Soon, she and Jared arrived at the Riddle family manor.

When the pair entered, Mr. Riddle Sr. was already waiting for them in the living room.

"You're here! Come, sit down." Mr. Riddle Sr. ushered them to sit.

After they sat down, a smile spread across Nicole's face." Grandpa, you look better now!"

"I do feel more alive than before. Thank you for coming back to us. If not, I would've died." Mr. Riddle Sr. sighed.

"No, no. You'll definitely live a long life," Nicole comforted him with a smile.

Mr. Riddle Sr. laughed. "I had dinner prepared, so please stay and eat before you leave."

"Sure."

They both chatted for a while before Mr. Riddle Sr. asked," Regarding the mansion and the villas, have you made any arrangements?"

"Grandpa, don't you worry. Both Sean and I are keeping an eye on that." Nicole was confident that no one would be able to take advantage of it.

"I'm not worried about your capabilities but I'm afraid your uncles will come after you. If they're too ambitious..." Mr. Riddle Sr. was afraid that his sons would do excessive things to have their way.

Nicole understood what her grandpa meant. "Don't worry, Grandpa. I know what to do."

"That's good to hear." Mr. Riddle Sr. was relieved, knowing that Nicole was a thorough person.

"Grandpa, if I ever do come into conflict with them during..." Nicole paused in hesitation.

"Just do as you wish." Mr. Riddle Sr.'s voice was firm and clear. He trusted Nicole completely. She did things with thought and reason.

The corner of Nicole's lips twitched. She was satisfied with how things turned out with her grandpa. Now she was completely driven to finish this once and for all.

“For this manor, I think you ought to leave this for last since Damien comes back often. He doesn’t speak much but he’s always here with me. I feel a bit unsettled when he’s around. ” Mr. Riddle Sr. knew Damien like the back of his hand, and he was not one to show filial piety.

Nicole’s eyes narrowed. ‘Just how often does he come around and what’s he up to?’

Nicole gritted her teeth. “Okay. I’ll inform Sean about this.”

Mr. Riddle Sr. nodded. He looked at the time and noticed it was getting late. He slowly got up and said, “Come, let’s all go and have dinner.”

Nicole accompanied Mr. Riddle Sr. to the dining room, with Jared in tow.

After dinner was over, they were heavily immersed in the conversation of discussing their family’s assets.

Soon after that, they both left the Riddle family mansion. In the car, Jared held Nicole in his arms.

Nicole’s face darkened as she recalled what was discussed about Damien.

“I’ll have Max investigate this matter,” Jared said in a low voice, as if he could read her mind. He turned his head to look at Nicole.

Nicole bit her lip softly, her heart feeling woozy.

With a tender look, Jared caressed her cheek. “You can always tell me anything. Remember that, okay?”

Jared knew that Nicole would not want to rely on anyone, in fear of becoming a burden to them. Still, Jared wanted to try and become someone Nicole could rely on. He would be on her side, no matter what happens.

Nicole hesitated for a while before responding, “Okay.”

Nicole knew that these were things she could easily solve herself. She wanted to take Jared’s offer, but the feeling of being taken care of was all too strange for her. She feared that this feeling of greed would soon consume her if she let it become a habit.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2298-Jared pulled Nicole into his arms, planting a gentle kiss on her temple with utmost care.

Nicole looked up at him and rolled her eyes.

Jared smiled helplessly. ‘She really knows how to press my buttons.’

It was not long until they arrived home.

“Mommy!”

Nolan and Lana came rushing over as they saw their parents arrive home.

Jared swooped Lana off her feet and brought her into a hug.

“I missed you, daddy!” Lana cheered, laughing.

"I missed you too."

Lana hugged her father's neck and smiled. Jared patted Lana's head and walked toward the sofa.

Nicole looked at Nolan and asked, "Why are you guys still awake? Were you guys watching a movie?"

"I wanted to wait for mommy to come home so Grandma watched with us," explained Nolan.

Nicole held Nolan's hand and they walked toward the living room.

"Mom."

"You're back! Is your grandfather doing, ok?"

Nicole nodded. "He's doing fine. We discussed some company matters and came straight back here after dinner."

She left out the details of them talking about her uncles. She did not want her mother to start worrying about nothing.

"It's getting late. Go put the kids in bed."

"Okay." Nicole helped her mother up from the sofa.

"Then I'll head up first." Gloria went upstairs.

Nicole and Jared followed suit, with Nolan and Lana.

"Mommy, is there still no news about the mission you sent?" Nolan asked as he laid down in bed.

"Not yet. This isn't an easy task, so the results might not come in as fast." Nicole patted her son's head lightly as she explained.

Nolan nodded but had a somewhat dissatisfied look. Nicole chuckled as she watched her son being overly worried about a mission she sent out.

"Don't worry about it. I think they'll give us something soon," said Nicole softly.

"I think so too." Nolan nodded his head vigorously, trusting his mother.

Nicole quickly tucked Nolan in. "Good night."

Nolan listened obediently and not long after, he fell asleep.

After the twins were put to bed, Jared and Nicole returned to their room.

"You can go ahead and rest first. I have to go check on the Hunters," said Nicole, taking out her laptop.

"It's okay, I can wait," Jared said gently.

"No, you go ahead. It might take a while."

'If everything goes well, it might take quite some time but if it doesn't, it'll take even longer,' Nicole thought to herself.

Jared shook his head. "It's okay. I'll go through my documents as I wait."

Nicole mentally sighed as she watched Jared get his laptop out.

After logging in to her laptop, Nicole went to check on the progress of the mission she sent out.

'As expected, the other party didn't communicate at all after accepting the mission. I wonder if they took this as a joke,' Nicole thought.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2299-Nicole waited for a while but there was no response, so she decided to check on the other tasks on the taskbar.

Suddenly, an unusual account caught her attention. The Hunters account seemed to be newly created and at a beginner level. However, the techniques used by the user felt strangely familiar to her.

She furrowed her eyebrows and traced the account but failed to find its IP address. Even the method used to hide the IP address seemed somewhat familiar.

After some extensive thinking, she vaguely recalled that this method was quite similar to Lawrence's.

Lawrence was not well-versed in hacking, but he was curious about it, so Nicole had taught him a few things.

However, he later expressed that he had no talent for it and had given up on learning how to hack.

That happened a long time ago, so her memory of the event was not very clear. 'Still, this technique does resemble Lawrence's. But if Lawrence wasn't interested, why would he log in to the Hunters' website?' she wondered.

She started to feel conflicted and uncertain. She could not wrap her head around this matter.

"What are you thinking about?" a chilling and gentle voice sounded in her ear.

Nicole looked up at Jared and bit her lip. But ultimately, she did not voice her doubts. After all, she was not sure of her guess.

"It's nothing." She closed the laptop and put it away. "Let's go to sleep."

Jared also put away his laptop and replied, "Okay."

He had clearly noticed that Nicole did not look too good, but since she did not want to talk about it, he was not going to press her for answers.

After washing up, the two of them lay down to rest.

Holding the blanket, Nicole looked at Jared with a nervous expression, feeling inexplicably conflicted.

Jared smiled wryly as he knew that she was feeling a bit down. 'It's probably because of something she saw on the Hunters,' he thought.

He did not push her. Instead, he gently kissed her forehead and said, "Good night, and sweet dreams."

Nicole bit her lip lightly, feeling a warm sensation in her heart. She knew Jared sensed that she was not feeling her best. She appreciated that he was not pushing for her to share her thoughts.

Turning to the side, she hugged his arm and smiled. "Good night, sweet dreams."

Jared lovingly tapped her forehead and teased, "Hurry up and go to sleep, or I can't guarantee I'll be able to control myself."

"Alright, I'm sleeping now!" Nicole immediately closed her eyes tightly.

Jared smiled and extended his arm to pull Nicole into his embrace, hoping that it could bring her some comfort.

The next day, the grand charity banquet proceeded as scheduled.

As night fell, the venue lit up brilliantly. The scene bustled with activity and the sound of people chatting.

Each time a car arrived, a burst of camera shutters went off, and the flashing lights kept flickering around the new arrivals.

"It's Mr. and Mrs. Johnston!" someone exclaimed.

Sure enough, as the car stopped, Jared and Nicole stepped out.

Jared wore a well-tailored black tuxedo, exuding an air of elegance and dominance. Meanwhile, Nicole donned a floorlength white evening gown, looking graceful and striking. They walked hand in hand, like a beautiful couple straight out of a painting.

Camera shutters clicked and flashlights flashed, making the entrance a lively and happening scene.

As the couple entered the venue, the noisy venue immediately quieted down. Everyone's gaze was fixed on the couple as they walked hand in hand.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2300-At that very moment, the couple's radiance illuminated the entire place, making it even more dazzling.

"Mr. and Mrs. Johnston!"

Some familiar people approached and started chatting with Jared.

Gradually, others also gathered around, surrounding Jared and Nicole in the middle.

After listening to their small talk, which was mostly about business matters, Nicole gestured to Jared and quietly excused herself from the crowd.

She let out a sigh of relief once she stepped out. She looked around the venue. However, she did not see anyone she knew, so she found a quiet spot and sat down.

The charity banquet was attended by celebrities from all walks of life in San Joto. But since it was still early, everyone was mingling freely. Nicole, on the other hand, did not feel like engaging in conversation with anyone and wanted to sit quietly by herself, waiting for Jared to join her later.

Suddenly, a shadow loomed over her. Nicole's eyebrows furrowed as she raised her head to see who it was.

“Leo!” she exclaimed in surprise. “You’re here for the event too?”

“Yes, I received an invitation,” Lawrence replied. He smiled as he sat beside Nicole.

Curious, she asked, “Alone?”

“Ian went to park the car,” Lawrence replied nonchalantly.

For some reason, Nicole felt unsure why, but there seemed to be a bit of tension between them.

She suddenly recalled the account she saw on the Hunters last night. She hesitated and frowned in confusion but decided not to ask about it.

Lawrence began chatting with her, his smile carrying a hint of playfulness. “All alone here, huh? I suppose you don’t enjoy such lively events?”

“Probably because I don’t really know anyone here,” Nicole replied, not thinking too much about it.

She just did not want to talk to anyone since she was not acquainted with them. She did not even want to talk about work matters with those she had business relations with. It was better to sit quietly by herself.

“Same here. Guess I’ll just stick with someone I know.” Lawrence looked like he was going to stay for a while.

Nicole could not help but smile defeatedly. “You don’t have to keep me company. It’s kind of necessary to socialize today.”

She noticed that everyone was trying to get close to the people they wanted something from. Even if they could not discuss business projects today, building relationships now would only make things go smoother in the future.

Lawrence did not seem to care and replied, “It’s alright. Since it’s a charity banquet, there’s no harm in focusing on doing good.”

As they chatted, Lawrence’s gentle demeanor attracted some curious glances from others.

Nicole narrowed her eyes as she sensed their impure gazes. After all, where there were people, there would be gossip.

“It’s about time. Let’s go to our seats.” Nicole figured that it was better to maintain a certain distance from Lawrence at this moment.

As Jared’s wife, it would be strange if she chatted with others and not with Jared.

Seeing Nicole stand up, Lawrence understood her intentions and could only comply with her decision.

As they were about to move toward their seats, Nicole’s eyes widened slightly as they met two people coming their way.

It was Snow. So naturally, the person beside her must be Harvey.

Nicole glanced at Harvey discreetly. He was indeed the wealthy and handsome man who captivated Snow. But unfortunately, his heart was dark, and his good looks were meaningless.