

## HACKER 2551

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2551-The teacher sounded a little nervous. "What is it?"

Spencer turned to look at Snow and said in a deep voice, "Make her leave San Joto and never come back."

Nicole had already sent him a message before he came. She told him to answer this way if the teacher asked.

Punishing Snow would not mean much to them, so it was better to make her leave. She would never be able to do any harm again.

Besides, getting Snow to leave San Joto for good was probably the worst punishment to her, without costing them anything.

Snow completely broke down after hearing what Spencer said. She could not help but scream, "No, I don't want to leave! Spencer, please don't do this to me! I want to stay!"

They wanted her to leave San Joto forever and it would mean that she would never see Spencer again.

No, she did not want that. She knew she was wrong, but she did not want to leave. She wanted to be with him.

"Would you prefer prison then?" the teacher said to Snow in a stern tone, his eyes filled with anger and disappointment.

Spencer and the others had already agreed not to pursue the matter any further. He felt that the condition they came up with was way better than Snow going to prison, so he did

not expect Snow's reaction.

"I'd rather go to prison than leave," Snow insisted. After all, she could still get out if she went to jail, but leaving San Joto meant she could never come back.

"Shut up." The teacher was really angry this time. Everyone had already given in and offered her the best way out, yet Snow was still not satisfied and showed no sign of remorse.

"Teacher, I'll never be able to find happiness again in this lifetime if I leave!"

"Nonsense. There's no room for negotiation in this matter," said the teacher. Then, he instructed Snow's assistant, "Watch her. Go back to the apartment, pack her things, and leave Joto immediately."

He was worried that letting Snow stay a moment longer would make Spencer and the others change their mind, so he wanted her to leave as soon as possible.

"Go it," the assistant responded.

The teacher looked at the assistant with a serious expression and warned, "If she doesn't board the plane, then you won't have to work for her anymore."

The assistant was a little startled, and timidly agreed, "I understand." Then, she went over and pulled Snow away."

Ms. Riddle, let's go."

Snow cried out as she was dragged away. "No, I don't want to go! Spencer, you can't do this to me. Teacher..."

The door closed, and Snow's voice grew fainter before disappearing eventually.

Spencer bowed his head a little to his teacher. "Thank you, sir."

"Spencer, I should be the one thanking you." The teacher sounded a little exhausted. "I truly had no idea that after Snow came here, she would..."

He felt like it was his fault for not seeing through Snow's intentions and believing that she was genuinely looking for experience.

"I hope you can comfort her and help her settle down sooner this time when she goes back," Spencer suggested. He understood that the teacher cared for Snow, and that was one of the reasons why he chose to let her off the hook.

The teacher paused momentarily before nodding. "I'll keep an eye on her after going back."

"I'll head back for now then. I'll come visit you again tomorrow." Spencer's facial expression relaxed. It was good that things could be resolved this way. Otherwise, everyone would have been in a difficult position.

"Sure. I'm getting tired too. I could use some rest." The teacher sighed and waved Spencer goodbye, looking a little weary.

Spencer left the hotel and got into his car. Then, he went to Nicole's office in DillCorp.

Seeing him, Nicole raised an eyebrow. She was a little surprised that Spencer arrived so soon. "You were pretty quick with it."

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2552-"The teacher was even quicker. Snow should be on her way to the airport by now." Spencer shrugged. Of course, he came back right after doing what he had to.

"Are you sure?" Lulu exclaimed in surprise. Then, she scrutinized Spencer and furrowed her brows. "It looks like your teacher really likes Snow at a lot."

Otherwise, he would not have been in such a hurry to send her away, fearing that they might change their minds.

Spencer chuckled. "Not exactly. He's probably just worried that if he keeps Snow here, there might be more problems."

They did not understand Snow, but the teacher knew her very well and had probably guessed that she would not give up so easily.

"Why did she agree to leave?" Lulu asked curiously.

"Her assistant was hired by the teacher," Spencer explained.

"I see." Lulu looked like she immediately understood everything. 'No wonder the assistant's willing to keep up with a person like her.'

"We got what we wanted now that Snow has already left. We have nothing to worry about anymore." Nicole lifted her gaze and looked at Spencer and Lulu. "So, why don't you two lovebirds go show off your love somewhere else?"

Nicole even shook her head lightly, as if she could not bear watching them any longer, playfully teasing them.

Lulu's cheeks reddened as she responded, "We're not showing off!"

"In that case, go next door and enjoy yourselves. I won't disturb you," Nicole teased with a smile.

Spencer watched their interaction and smiled. "We'll head out now then."

"Go ahead." Nicole waved her hand.

As Spencer led Lulu to the door, he suddenly stopped and turned to Nicole. "Thank you," he said.

He knew that Nicole had put in a lot of effort to help him and Lulu in this. It was all thanks to her that everything had finally been resolved.

Nicole smiled. "You're my brother, after all."

Spencer was her brother and Lulu was her best friend. There was no way she just would sit back and do nothing to help them.

After Spencer and Lulu left, Nicole smiled and thought to herself, 'No one's going to cause Spencer and Lulu any trouble now that Snow's gone away. They can finally live happily now.'

As soon as Spencer walked Lulu back to her office next door, he hugged Lulu tightly in his arms. He whispered, "I'm sorry. If I had known things would turn out like this, I wouldn't have agreed to take care of her."

Lulu hugged him back and patted his back gently. "It's not your fault."

There was no reason to dwell in the past. What mattered was how they should face and resolve the problems.

Spencer lowered his gaze to meet hers. With eyes filled with deep affection, he said, "No one's going to hurt you now."

Then he kissed her. It was loving and full of devotion...

Spencer and Lulu made a statement of understanding, saying that Snow had been sent away and the sibling duo who had framed Lulu was given a judicial warning. They promised never to engage in unlawful activities for personal gain anymore. They also issued a public apology to Lulu on the internet, and the incident finally came to an end.

Everything seemed to be over, and everyone eagerly waited for the wedding day of the two couples.

When they returned home from work, the house was filled with people.

Nicole and Jared entered with Nolan and Lana, only to find out that Dexter and Emma were there too.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2553-“Uncle Dexter, Aunt Emma,” Nicole greeted. She urged Nolan and Lana to greet them too before sitting down.

Gloria took a glance at Nicole and smiled. “You’re back just in time! Come have a look at these pictures. Let me know if you think there are any suitable for your brother and your cousin Emery.”

“Why don’t you let them choose?” Nicole felt embarrassed. ‘They ought to have some say in the woman they want to marry in the future.’

Gloria and Emma sighed in unison. “If they were willing, we wouldn’t be here today.”

Nicole immediately understood. ‘No wonder I hadn’t been seeing Stanley around. He must’ve been hiding from Mom.’

“What do you think of these ladies?” asked Nicole, referring to the photos of the women.

Gloria and Emma rushed up from their seats with a bunch of photographs in their hands. “We’ve asked their family and did background checks. They all seem to be quite satisfied with Stanley’s financial and job stability too.”

“That’s for Emery,” said Emma, pointing to another pile of photos.

“I didn’t expect that they’d be this popular!” Nicole exclaimed. She was taken aback by the popularity they had, despite their introverted personality.

“Compared to your other brothers, this is considered very little.” Gloria sighed before adding, “But even so, I’m quite satisfied with what we have now. As long as they can love one another, I’ll have no objections.”

“Yes, I feel the same! As long as they have mutual feelings for one another,” Emma echoed. ‘Their future belongs to them. They should do things that make them happy.’

Nicole glanced at the pile of photos and picked out two. “Based on the photos, I think these two would be a good match. You can go ask if they’re interested.”

Emma grinned widely as she stared at the photos Nicole held. “I like her too! I hope Emery would like her.”

‘If Emery likes her, it’d be a mission accomplished for everyone,’ thought Nicole.

“Let Aunt Emma arrange this, whether or not they’re a fit. We’ll find out once they meet.” Nicole smirked.

Emma sighed. “He never listens to me.”

“Why don’t I talk with him? I’ll make him listen,” Dexter said in a firm voice.

“Mom, you don’t have to tell Stanley about this. Let him go straight to the date. Otherwise, he’ll be a no-show like today,” Nicole suggested to Gloria.

Gloria nodded in agreement. “Yeah, I agree.”

“Mommy, why is Uncle Stanley going on a blind date? Why isn’t he dating Aunt Tia?” asked Lana, her head tilted sideways, trying to comprehend the situation.

“Don’t be so nosy. It’s adult stuff,” said Nolan, rolling his eyes.

Lana stuck her tongue out at Nolan. “Yeah right.”

“Of course, I’m right,” Nolan bragged. He knew that Uncle Stanley and Aunt Tia were not a couple yet.

Lana pouted, irritated at her brother.

Everyone around the room was shocked to see the twins bickering.

Then, Gloria smiled and comforted Lana. “You like Aunt Tia, don’t you?”

“I like her, but I think Uncle Stanley likes her more,” Lana said innocently.

Lana was convinced that Stanley had a crush on Tia. However, everyone else seemed to think otherwise.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2554-Nolan did not refute his sister’s statement. Everyone chuckled and brushed off Lana’s words.

“Gloria, is what little Lana saying true?” asked Emma with hopeful eyes. ‘If Stanley had real feelings for someone, it’d be a really good thing.’

Gloria sighed. “I actually can’t tell if he does.”

Gloria had the assumption that her children were still young and naive. She had witnessed Stanley helping out Tia often, but nothing developed further in their relationship.

Furthermore, Stanley had agreed to do blind dates over dinner.

“The blind dates...” Emma hesitated. She did not want to break up the couple.

After pondering for a moment, Gloria spoke up, “Let’s make the arrangements first. If he ever confesses that he has feelings for someone else, then we might’ve been wrong to assume that he and Tia were ever a thing.”

Emma nodded in agreement. “Point taken.”

“I think we’re almost done here. Why don’t you guys stay for dinner?” Daniel offered.

Everyone sat down in the dining room to have dinner. The twins watched TV in the living room as they had already gotten their dinner at kindergarten.

It was not long after that the twins felt bored and made their way to their rooms.

“Nolan, did you find out what happened to Uncle Stanley and Aunt Tia?” Lana asked in confusion.

Nolan shrugged. “You might have to ask them.”

Lana was not satisfied. It felt like her brother was bullying her, not wanting to tell her the truth. She shot back, “Then why did you act like you knew everything earlier?”

Nolan stood there, shocked. "There are many different types of 'like'. I think what Uncle Stanley likes about Tia is not what you think it is."

'But the way Uncle Stanley treats Aunt Tia was quite different from the others. If it's what we think it is, then why isn't Aunt Tia his girlfriend?' Nolan thought to himself. He could not figure out the relationship Stanley and Tia had. Perhaps it was a misunderstanding and maybe they were just great friends.

"Then what can we do?" Lana whined. She sighed and frowned helplessly.

Nolan turned and looked at her. "What's wrong?" Nolan could not comprehend why his sister was frustrated. 'Our Uncle is finding a girlfriend for himself. He isn't in any hurry, so why is she?'

"Nolan, why don't we find a way to help Uncle Stanley and Aunt Tia get together?" suggested Lana, her face immediately lighting up. 'If Uncle Stanley and Aunt Tia aren't

together as boyfriend and girlfriend yet, then Nolan and I can help them! I don't think they're just normal friends!'

"Stop messing around, Lana, or you'll get it from mom later," Nolan warned.

Lana stuck her tongue out. "I won't get in trouble. We're helping out. If Uncle Stanley gets a girlfriend, they should be thanking me."

"But what if you don't succeed?" asked Nolan.

"Come on! How would you know if you don't try? From the looks of it, Grandma wants to give it a try but how will she know that Uncle Stanley will like the girl she picked out, right?" Lana urged.

Nolan pondered for a while before realizing that his sister had made a fair point. "How do you want me to help?"

"We have to create a chance for them, of course!" exclaimed Lana, grinning wide.

"Do you still remember when Aunt Tia used to send us to school? Uncle Stanley would often find ways to come with us..."

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2555-Nolan looked at Lana with a serious expression. "That's not a bad idea! Let's do it. But if you have more ideas in the future, I think you should tell me first and do it yourself."

"I know." Lana smiled. She would always listen to her brother's advice.

Nolan felt more at ease. He did not have to worry about Lana's schemes nor if it would implicate them both.

While the twins were plotting up a storm upstairs, the adults were enjoying their dinner downstairs in the dining room, completely unaware.

Once dinner was over, Dexter and Emma left. Spencer and Samuel also returned to their respective rooms.

Gloria pulled Nicole aside. "Nicole, can you set up the date with the lady? If Stanley doesn't show up, tell me."

Gloria knew Stanley was the one who agreed on the blind date in the first place, but he had ghosted everyone. She was worried about Stanley's attendance at the blind date.

"Sure thing," Nicole agreed with a smile on her face.

"I didn't expect that Stanley would be the one who worried me the most." Gloria chuckled, shaking head.

"Don't worry. Maybe the time hasn't come yet for him to meet his true love," Nicole reassured.

Gloria nodded her head. "Yeah, this time around, I'll find him a girlfriend!"

As the mother and daughter duo talked, they walked upstairs and left Daniel and Jared behind.

"Let's head up too," said Daniel, glancing at Jared.

Jared nodded and they made their way upstairs.

"Daniel, you can head back to rest. I'm going to go and check on the twins," said Jared. He turned around and made his way to the twins' room.

When he entered, the twins were not asleep yet as expected. However, it was unexpected that Lana was not playing her favorite building blocks.

"What are you guys doing?"

"Nothing. Getting ready to go to bed," said Lana as she reached out her arms to Jared. "Daddy, can you tuck me in?" she said in a sweet voice.

"Sure, let's go to bed," said Jared, taking his daughter into his arms.

Jared turned to look at Nolan. "Can you take care of yourself?"

Nolan nodded as he walked into the bathroom, "Okay."

Jared watched as Nolan obediently went. He left Nolan's room and entered Lana's room to coax her to sleep. He returned to Nolan's room and saw that his son was already fast asleep. Jared tucked Nolan in and turned off the lamp

before stepping out.

As Jared entered the hallway, he noticed Nicole walking over.

"Are they asleep?" asked Nicole as she came closer.

"Yeah, they're asleep," said Jared. He caressed Nicole's cheek as they went to their room.

Nicole smirked as she snuggled into Jared's arms. "Do you think Stanley will come home?"

Jared looked down at Nicole. "Did you promise your mother something?"

'If Stanley doesn't come back, there's no way I can help it,' thought Nicole.

"I want my mom to be at ease. If I told her that Stanley would hide from us forever, do you think she'd be able to sleep at night?" Nicole said helplessly.

Jared took Nicole's hand into his. "How do you plan on getting Stanley to the blind date?"

Nicole hesitated. "This... I... Let's talk about this another time."

Nicole had not thought about how to execute her plan ever since the blind date idea had been decided.

'The ladies that mom had set Stanley up with are mostly from influential and distinct families. Once something is set up, there's no backing out. But Tia...'

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2556-Nicole furrowed her eyebrows. 'I thought Stanley had genuine feelings for Tia, but he agreed to go on blind dates. Could it be that we all misunderstood his intentions before?'

Jared caressed Nicole's hair gently. "Don't think too much. He's not a child anymore. He can think for himself."

Nicole nodded, immediately understanding what Jared meant. No matter how much effort anyone put in, the final decision had to be made by Stanley himself.

When Nicole and Jared reached their room, Nicole massaged her shoulders, looking completely haggard.

Jared sat next to her with a concerned expression. "Has work been too hectic for you recently?"

'She looks so burnt out. Could it be the workload that's affecting her?' thought Jared.

"It's okay," said Nicole. She bit her lip hard trying not to show how stressful work was for her.

Jared gave her a massage, trying to help her unwind.

"Come, let's sleep," said Jared with concern in his voice.

Eyes half closed, Nicole agreed. Jared looked over at Nicole and noticed she was already fast asleep. He glanced at her, feeling troubled at how helpless he was in the situation. He tucked the blanket over Nicole.

The next day, the sun was shining, and the Riddle family was already up.

Nicole and Jared were preparing to send the twins off to kindergarten but were unexpectedly warded off. They insisted on having Tia send them instead.

Nicole furrowed her eyebrows, staring at the twins blankly. She noticed the twins were avoiding eye contact with her. Immediately she knew that they were up to no good.

"Okay," Jared agreed. He turned to Albert and asked him to get Tia.

After a while, Tia appeared with a confused expression. "Mr. Johnston, what can I do for you?"

"The twins want you to send them to kindergarten today. What do you say?" asked Jared quietly.

Tia was taken aback. "Me?!"

"Aunt Tia, we like how you always send us and pick us up at kindergarten! Can you send us?" Lana persuaded cutely, taking Tia's hands into hers.

Tia looked at Lana and agreed. "Of course I'm willing to but... If

She paused and looked at Nicole, unsure of why Nicole and Jared would suddenly ask her for a favor.

"If you want to, we'll give you some overtime pay," said Jared.

"No, no, it's okay," Tia refused, shaking her head. She loved the twins. She would not mind this.

"I know you really want to help out and giving you some overtime pay is really no issue. So you have to accept it, no matter what," said Nicole with a smile.

"Come on. Let's go," Lana interrupted as she pulled Tia toward the door.

Tia followed behind the twins. TH talk to Ms. Nicole later,' she thought to herself.

After the twins had left, Nicole turned around and looked at Jared with raised eyebrows. "Are you helping them?"

"Yeah," Jared said coolly. He intertwined their hands together, walking out the front door and into the car.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2557-Jared had also seen right through the twins' intentions, but he also considered Nicole his main priority. The sooner Nicole can get this task out of the way, the easier it would be for Nicole to be at ease.

The car engine revved.

"Have Patricia go over to Riddle Corporation from now on," Jared ordered.

"Yes, sir," replied Max.

Nicole was taken aback. "Why did you arrange someone to help me?"

"Ma'am, she's different from others. Mr. Johnston trusts her very much," Max explained.

"I know. She's just like Janus," Nicole grumbled. The name suddenly burst out from her mouth without thinking. She could not recall how she knew the name.

'I can't recall if I've ever met a person with this name, ever since I have returned,' thought Nicole.

"Ma'am!" Max exclaimed, startling Nicole. 'She remembers Janus! Everyone was saddened by Janus' death, and no one dared mention it ever since. She remembered him without anyone bringing it up. Does that mean... she's regaining her memories?'

Nicole nodded. "I can't recall much but I have some minor improvements." She had regained very vague memories.

However, the name Janus was very clear in her mind.

“Let Patricia follow you. You can leave anything to her. Don’t overexert yourself too much at work,” said Jared.

Nicole raised her eyebrow, looking at Jared and immediately understanding what he meant. ‘So he thinks I must’ve been overworking myself and arranged someone to help me out. He knew that it would be confidential work, so he sent a person he trusts.

Now that I think about it, he’s acting a bit funny. He doesn’t usually meddle with the affairs of others and help the twins get away with their childish plans. I thought it was because of the twins that he did that, but it turns out it was because of me,’

thought Nicole to herself.

Nicole’s heart fluttered from Jared’s subtle actions. She leaned on his shoulder and whispered, “Thank you.”

Jared brought Nicole into a hug, planting a kiss on her forehead. Soon enough, the car came to a halt in front of Riddle Corporation.

Nicole looked into Jared’s eyes before giving him a kiss on the cheek. “I’ll see you later!”

A grin appeared on Jared’s face. He watched as Nicole climbed out of the car. ‘Til fetch you after work.”

“Okay,” Nicole agreed, grinning as she walked into the building.

Jared waited until Nicole safely entered the building before turning around to look at Max. “Let’s go.”

“Yes, Mr. Johnston.” Max revved up the car engine and drove away.

As soon as Nicole walked into her office, her secretary immediately rushed up to her and handed her a pile of documents.

“Ms. Riddle, these are the documents you need for today.”

“Okay, place them on my table,” Nicole ordered.

Her secretary placed the documents down and left her office. Nicole took her documents in her hands. She went through all the proposals, plans, and reports, one after another.

After a while, her eyes began to feel heavy and drowsy.

‘Why am I getting so tired so easily recently?’ Nicole thought to herself.

A knock on the door broke her from her thoughts. She quickly perked up and looked at the door. “Come in.”

A young woman walked in with graceful steps.

“You’re Patricia,” Nicole guessed as she looked at the young woman standing before her.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2558-“Ms. Riddle,” Patricia greeted politely.

“There’s no need for you to be so formal with me. Since you’ll be working with me from now on, it’ll be more casual,” said Nicole. She pointed to the pile of documents on her desk.

“Are these doable for you?” asked Nicole.

Patricia nodded. “Yeah.”

Nicole quickly filtered out the documents and workload for Patricia before handing it over to her. “Great. This is for you.” “Thank you,” Patricia said as she took the documents in her hand and started going through it by Nicole’s desk.

Nicole pointed to the coffee table in her office. “You can go and sit over there to work. I’m glad you’re here. Lulu’s going to be on leave soon for her wedding and honeymoon. I really needed the extra hand.”

‘With Patricia here, my workload will surely be lighter,’ she thought to herself.

“Ms. Riddle, if there’s anything you need me to do, you can leave it to me,” said Patricia.

Nicole chuckled and smiled. “If you keep acting like this, I’ll think you’re a robot. Please loosen up or I’ll have the impression that you’re being compelled to do this.”

“No, I really want to do this well,” Patricia explained, with a trace of nervousness across her face.

Nicole smiled. “Well that’s great. As for the rest, you can slowly take it on, one at a time.”

‘Maybe she’s too nervous being here for the first time. I’m sure that over time, we’ll get to know each other better and she’ll be more comfortable,’ thought Nicole.

The office became quiet once more. With Patricia helping Nicole out, the speed of Nicole’s workload was like never before. The drowsiness Nicole had felt earlier completely disappeared since Patricia came.

Time went by in a blink of an eye, and soon it was already lunch time.

“I don’t feel like going out to eat lunch today. Shall we get food delivered?”

“Okay.”

“It’s just for us two,” Nicole added.

Patricia was stunned for a moment before relaxing her expression. “Yes, Ms. Riddle.”

Patricia ordered their lunch and waited downstairs for the food to arrive. When it did, she brought the food into the office.

“Ms. Riddle, let’s eat.”

“Together,” said Nicole, continuing Patricia’s sentence. She handed a pair of chopsticks to Patricia, motioning for her to sit with her and eat.

“You can shadow me from now on. I trust you and naturally, I’ll rely on you for many things, and I hope that it goes both ways,” said Nicole, her face seriousness.

Nicole knew that Patricia would fulfill her requests, not only because of Jared’s orders but she hoped that Patricia would

trust Nicole. She wanted to gain the trust of Patricia and to wholly accept her.

Patricia cautiously picked up her fork and looked up at Nicole. "Ms. Riddle, don't worry. I understand where you're coming from."

Patricia had no complaints when she had received the order from Jared. Now it felt completely different. She felt that it was no longer just a job, though she had only been here for a few hours.

Patricia could feel that Nicole was genuinely being earnest. She felt like she wasn't here because of Jared's orders, from the way Nicole had treated her.

Nicole had a satisfied expression on her face. In a soft voice, she said, "Come sit down and eat."

"Okay." Patricia sat down and ate alongside Nicole. Her heart was fuzzy with warmth by the actions of Nicole.

It was not long after that the sun started to set. Nicole walked out of the front door of Riddle Corporation and was met with Lawrence.

"Leo, what are you doing here?" asked Nicole, confused.

"I wanted to pick up the twins from kindergarten with you,"

Lawrence said with a smile.

"Oh, they don't need me to pick them up anymore. We've got Tia to pick them up," Nicole said apologetically.

"I didn't expect that you'd be here, so I didn't inform you about it beforehand," added Nicole

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2559-"It's okay." Lawrence did not show any disappointment. He just glanced at Nicole and said, "Since that's the case, how about having dinner together?"

"No need to trouble yourself. Mr. Johnston is on his way to pick up his wife now," Patricia said. She stood by Nicole's side with a cold and indifferent expression.

Lawrence glanced at Patricia with dark eyes. He had a strong feeling that Patricia was not someone to be messed with.

Patricia's presence, next to Nicole, was nonexistent when she remained silent earlier. But it was the complete opposite when she started speaking.

"This is..." Lawrence pretended to be somewhat puzzled.

"My assistant." Nicole kept it vague.

Lawrence's gaze darkened. "Isn't Lulu your assistant?"

"Lulu has been busy lately, and she's going on her honeymoon soon, so I hired a new one," Nicole explained with a smile, coming up with a convincing reason.

Hearing this, Lawrence did not press further and simply smiled. "Well, too bad then."

"Let's do it another time." Nicole was pretty tired too, so she did not want to have lunch with him.

"Sure, I'll see you next time." Lawrence did not persist.

Nicole saw Jared's car driving in, so she said, "I'll be leaving now."

"Bye," Lawrence replied, watching Nicole board the car and leave. Once she was gone, Lawrence's expression turned cold and ruthless.

Lawrence got back into the car, and Ian asked, "Mr.

Lawrence, is everything all right?"

"Find out who the lady next to Nicole is," Lawrence ordered in a cold tone.

"Understood," Ian promptly agreed before asking, "Is there something wrong with her?"

"I'm not sure, but something doesn't seem right," Lawrence replied. Even though Nicole had explained that Patricia was her new assistant, the woman's aura was far from what an ordinary assistant would possess.

"Why would there be such a person around Miss Nicole?" Ian muttered as he found it strange.

Lawrence glanced at Ian and said, "You can investigate the people working under Jared."

"Mr. Lawrence, are you saying that..." Ian did not finish his sentence as he thought to himself, 'Did Jared send her?'

Although Lawrence did not say it, his message was quite clear.

Ian knew that there were not many people who could work around Jared, yet that woman was one of his people. Even though she was working under Nicole, she probably was not capable enough to be around Jared.

"Got it," Ian responded seriously.

If this person had been arranged by Jared to be around Nicole, there was only one possibility—to protect her. But did

Nicole need someone to protect her? Something must have happened, or...

Lawrence's eyes turned dark as he looked out of the car window, deep in thought.

Meanwhile, in Jared's car, Patricia was sitting in the passenger seat. Her voice low as she said, "I've taken care of my identity, so they won't find anything."

"From now on, unless there are special circumstances, just go to and from work normally." Nicole looked at Patricia. Since Patricia was using an ordinary identity, she should not show that she had a special status.

"Okay," Patricia replied respectfully.

After a while, they arrived back at the Riddle residence.

Nicole and Jared entered the house, while Max and Patricia left.

In the living room, Nicole noticed that Nolan and Lana had not returned yet and casually asked, "Are Nolan and Lana not home yet?"

