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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2641-It was common knowledge that the collaboration was definitely going to happen,

but it left her questioning if there really was a need for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“Should we attend?” Patricia hesitantly asked.

It was evident that Nicole disliked attending such events, but since Harvey had already spread the news and invited a multitude of business magnates from all over San Joto, they had no choice but to go.

“Let’s go,” Nicole’s gaze darkened slightly.

At this point, they had little choice but to show up.

“Then I’ll get ready,” Patricia replied.

Nicole nodded in agreement, and then, Patricia strode out of the office.

Leaning back against his chair, Nicole looked at the documents Harvey had sent her as she became lost in thought.

Soon after, night fell, and the city lights began to glow.

As usual, everyone in the Riddle residence gathered together for dinner at the dining hall.

Everyone had already heard about Chloe’s situation, but they were neither worried nor curious about the entire situation, seeing that Nicole was indifferent to it all.

“Samuel and Spencer have been gone for half a month, right? The house feels a little empty without them,” Gloria lamented as she saw that only a few of her kids were left.

“Mom, they won’t stay here even after they’ve come back,” Stanley said, reminding Gloria that they had to get used to it.

“But still, it would be nice for them to come back and liven things up from time to time.” Gloria replied, knowing full well what was going to happen.

Besides, she was not expecting the house to be lively every day; she was just

hoping that they would visit occasionally.

“That’s coming soon. They’ll be back in half a month,” Stanley said.

“Oh, right, aren’t you two preparing for the wedding? How is it going?” Gloria turned her gaze to Nicole and Jared.

When Stanley heard that, his lips twitched. “Mom, do you want them to go on their honeymoon too? The house will be even emptier.”

‘Why is she whining about having an empty house whilst urging Nicole to get married at the same time?’ he wondered.

Gloria gave Stanley a displeased look. “I was just asking.”

She would be thrilled if Nicole and Jared had truly decided to get married as she had been waiting for this moment for a long time.

“We’re making preparations,” Nicole replied, looking at

Gloria. “Mom, you don’t need to worry about us now. You should instead focus on Sally.”

“Yeah, Sally needs plenty of care right now,” Stanley echoed, eager to support Nicole.

“I just went to see her today, and she’s doing well,” Gloria said, grinning ear to ear as she mentioned Sally’s pregnancy.

The family then went on to chat, eat, and enjoy a rare moment of tranquility and joy. After dinner, they all gathered in the living room, munching on fruits and desserts.

“Grandma, tomorrow is a free day. Is Uncle Stanley going on a date?” Lana asked, tilting her head.

“Yes, how did you know, Lana?” Gloria asked, smiling.

“I heard it from you,” Lana said proudly. “My memory is the best!”

Gloria lovingly patted Lana’s head. “Aw, my Lana is the smartest.”

“Can we go with Uncle Stanley?” Lana snuggled into Gloria’s arms adorably.

Gloria, however, was rather hesitant on letting them in on it. “That’ll be pretty inconvenient. Uncle Stanley has things to do. It

'How could he focus on the date if he has to look after Lana and Nolan?' she thought.

Stanley, however, was quite excited. "Why, of course, Lana. Come along. It's not inconvenient for me at all."

He did not want to go in the first place; he was simply forced to do so. It would be great if Nolan and Lana could follow him around. He would just show his face, then use Nolan and Lana as an excuse to hightail it out of there.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2642-Besides, taking Nolan and Lana out to play was better than going on a blind

date, at least to him.

Gloria hesitated for a moment before reluctantly agreeing, "Fine, Ms. Jean loves children too. Taking Nolan and Lana with you might offer you some common topics."

Stanley's smile immediately froze, as he began feeling that something was off.

"Then it's settled. Take us with you tomorrow, Uncle Stanley!" Lana instantly grinned in satisfaction.

Her task was done, and all they had to do was to watch things unfold tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Nicole chuckled as she watched her kids exchanging smiles. She could tell that Nolan and Lana were planning to disrupt Stanley's blind dates.

"Mommy, I'm tired. Let's go upstairs and get some sleep." Lana tugged on Nicole's shirt.

She intended to sleep now so they could wake up early the next day.

"Okay." Nicole stroked Lana's hair and went upstairs with both Nolan and Lana in tow.

Stanley had a complicated frown on his face. All of a sudden, he began to wonder if it was even a good idea to bring Nolan and Lana along with him.

"You should rest too. You need to look your best tomorrow," Gloria reminded Stanley.

"Got it," Stanley grumbled and went upstairs.

Gloria looked at Stanley, feeling helpless. "I don't know if things will go smoothly tomorrow."

'Whether it goes smoothly or not will depend entirely on Stanley,' Daniel said meaningfully.

"What do you mean?" Gloria asked, puzzled.

Nolan and Lana." Daniel patted Gloria's hand. "Think about it. Why are Nolan and Lana so enthusiastic about joining in on Stanley's blind dates?"

It was clear that something was going on in the heads of the little ones. They must have been up to something.

"Ah..." Gloria rolled her eyes. "Well, why didn't you tell me earlier?"

She had already agreed to let the children tag along, but now, she could not help but wonder if it would disrupt Stanley's date.

'Even if I had reminded you, would you be able to say 'no' to Nolan and Lana?'

Daniel shrugged.

Indeed, there was nothing they could do, other than say "yes IV

Gloria sighed after thinking about it. "That's true."

Even if she knew that the kids had their own ideas, she probably would not be able to refuse them outright.

"Alright, you've done everything you needed to. Let them decide how it pans out," Daniel comforted Gloria, and led her back to the room.

The next day, early in the morning, Nolan and Lana had already woken up as they were way too excited to stay asleep. They got up, and the others gradually followed suit as well. Then, everyone washed up and made their way downstairs.

"Nolan, Lana, it's not time for the blind date yet." Gloria smiled indulgently.

"Time is passing way too slowly!" Lana said anxiously as she glanced at the time.

Gloria smiled as she comforted Lana, "It's not that time is passing slowly, it's that you're too impatient. Why don't we have breakfast and play in the yard? It'll

be about time after you're done."

"Okay," she agreed, unable to do anything else for now.

After breakfast, everyone gathered in the yard, and Nolan and Lana played around while everyone watched.

Nicole, aren't you going to go with them?" Gloria asked Nicole.

"I'm not going," Nicole stated with a smile indicative of helplessness. "Let Stanley take them. They've already asked me to stay away and won't let me come along."

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2643- "But, will Stanley be okay by himself?" Gloria frowned, thinking that Nicole

would follow them around to keep the kids under control at least.

"He should be fine," Nicole reassured Gloria. "Nolan and Lana are quite well-behaved."

Gloria acknowledged this, but she was still worried that things would go south if Nolan and Lana did not like the girl they were meeting for the blind date.

"It's okay. If it doesn't work out, it's probably just not meant to be," Daniel comforted Gloria, understanding her concerns.

Gloria sighed and nodded her head, realizing that all she could do was respect their wishes for the time being.

Meanwhile, Stanley had arrived at the designated cafe with Nolan and Lana.

However, he was stunned for a moment when he saw Tia looking around at the cafe entrance.

'Why is she here?' he wondered.

Tia's face lit up with joy when she finally saw Nolan and Lana. However, her smile instantly froze when she saw Stanley.

'Mr. Riddle?' She stood, petrified.

"Tia!" Lana hurried over happily and pulled her over, saying, "You came."

"Lana, what's going on? Didn't you say..." Tia asked Lana in confusion.

Nolan had informed her that they were going out to play and that neither Jared

not Nicole had the time to accompany them. Due to this, they had asked her to take care of them.

‘But why is Mr. Riddle here too?’ she wondered.

“Tia, Uncle Stanley has a date. We just followed him on the way.” Nolan raised his head as he explained to Tia.

When Tia heard that, her expression froze for a moment, and only after recomposing herself, she forced a smile and said, “Then let’s not disturb your Uncle Stanley, okay? I’ll take you to play.”

“Tia, why don’t we go in and take a look too?” Lana tugged at Tia’s arm, feeling reluctant to leave.

“Isn’t that inappropriate?” Tia asked, a little hesitant as she figured that they would just be interrupting the date.

“Uncle Stanley, what do you say?” Lana asked Stanley.

This left Stanley in an awkward position. He genuinely did not know what to say, and whether he should say yes or no to them.

“You’re Mr. Riddle, right?”

Suddenly, a hesitant female voice was heard, and a charming woman in an elegant long dress walked over.

“Who are you?” Stanley furrowed his brows, as he did not seem to know who this woman was.

With that, the woman smiled and introduced herself at once, “Hello, I’m Cherry Jean.”

Stanley took a good look at her and that was when he realized that she was indeed Ms. Jean, his blind date for the day.

“Hello, I’m Stanley Riddle.” He nodded politely.

“Mr. Riddle, why don’t you go in?” Cherry gestured towards the cafe.

“I was just about to.” Stanley stepped aside. “After you, Ms. Jean.”

“Thank you.” Cherry thanked him before turning to look at Tia, Nolan, and Lana.

“And they are?”

Lana looked up at Cherry and smiled. "Hello, Ms. Jean.

Uncle Stanley is my uncle."

"So you must be Nolan and Lana Johnston. Aw, you are as cute as the rumors say," Cherry exclaimed happily.

"Thank you, ma'am." Lana replied.

"Mr. Riddle, why don't we let them join us too?" Cherry suggested.

Stanley naturally agreed and replied, "Sure, as long as you don't mind."

Soon, the group entered the cafe together.

After they had found their seats, Cherry and Stanley ordered coffee for themselves, as well as three glasses of fruit juice

for Tia, Nolan, and Lana.

"Hehe, this is the first blind date I've been on with so many people," Cherry giggled as she looked at the crowded table.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2644-"Stanley raised his brow a little upon hearing that. "Do you go on blind dates a

lot?"

"Yeah, I have no choice. My family just gets anxious. It's like, if I don't get married now, I'll never get married," Cherry said in defeat.

"Don't you object to any of it?" Stanley asked, surprised. "So she just allows her family to arrange dates for her?"

Cherry looked at Stanley for a while and smiled. "Well, what would come out of it? I'll just end up like you, Mr. Riddle."

They were obligated to come even if they did not want to.

Stanley was taken aback for a moment, but in a moment considered rare for a situation like this, he smiled. "Touche."

That was what came of their resistance.

"Mr. Riddle, you haven't been on many blind dates, have you?" Cherry looked at Stanley, her eyes brimming with curiosity.

"Four times. Is that a lot or a little?" Stanley admitted.

“Not bad. That’s still fewer than me, at least.” Cherry laughed.

It was rare that the two of them got along well, so they chatted a little more. In fact, Stanley had spoken more than he had ever said on any of his other blind dates.

It was then that Lana looked anxiously at Nolan as if to convey, ‘Nolan, it seems that Uncle Stanley likes Ms. Jean.

What should we do?’

After all, they had been present for all four blind dates, and according to their observation, time was quite different from before.

Nolan furrowed his brows as well, for everything going on before them was indeed rather unexpected. They thought it would pan out the same way as before, culminating in both parties not being able to form any sort of meaningful connection with one another, whereupon they could take the opportunity to skedaddle with Stanley and go out with Tia to strengthen their bond.

“I think I’ll take Nolan and Lana to play now and take them home later,” Tia whispered to Stanley.

After all, Stanley was on a blind date, and it would be weird for the three of them to stay. ‘We’re getting in their way, aren’t we?’

Tia, shouldn’t we wait a while longer?” Lana protested, not wanting to leave yet.

Something was definitely fishy with the situation they were in. If they left now, no one would know what the consequences would be.

“Lana, your Uncle Stanley has his own things to do. Why don’t I take you out to play?” Tia continued, still wanting to persuade Lana to leave, as she felt that it would be awkward for them to linger there.

“Where do you want to go?” Cherry suddenly asked when she heard that they were leaving.

“Well...” Tia stammered.

In fact, she did not know where to go. She did not have a plan as Nolan and Lana were the ones who had spontaneously called her over, after all.

“Ms. Jean, do you want to come?” Nolan looked at Cherry and asked.

He felt that Cherry seemed more interested in where they were going.

“Yes, but I need to know where you’re going first.”

If it was a place for very young children, she would definitely pass.

“The amusement park,” Lana said after thinking about it for a moment.

“Mr. Riddle, are you taking them to the amusement park?” Cherry turned to ask Stanley.

Stanley nodded. “They’re the ones who are playing, so of course, it’s their choice.”

In fact, he had no idea where the two rascals wanted to go.

“Can I join you, Mr. Riddle? I haven’t been to an amusement park in ages,” Cherry asked, her eyes brimming with eagerness.

Stanley hesitated slightly. Cherry’s suggestion had made him uncomfortable.

“Can I?” Cherry repeated with disappointment written all over her face when Stanley remained silent.

“Well, we are going there anyway. If you want to go, just come along with us, but I have one request.” Stanley gave in.

“What request?” Cherry’s eyes lit up, her hope rekindled.

“Just call me Stanley. Don’t call me Mr. Riddle,” Stanley said.

If anything, he felt awkward being addressed as “Mr. Riddle”.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2645- “Well then, just call me Cherry too,” Cherry happily agreed.

Soon, the group left the cafe and headed to the amusement park.

In the car, Tia was sandwiched between Nolan and Lana at the back, while Cherry took the passenger seat.

Nolan and Lana both exchanged glances, feeling increasingly anxious as they were sensing that this person was about to become their third uncle’s wife.

Although they did not dislike Cherry, they still preferred Tia over her.

“Nolan, what should we do?” Lana asked Nolan softly.

“Go with the flow,” Nolan whispered to Lana.

Curious, Tia looked at the muttering kids. "What are you talking about?"

"It's nothing." Nolan and Lana smiled.

This was something they could certainly not tell Tia.

Meanwhile, Cherry chattered all the way to the park from the front seat. "I haven't been in one of these places for so long. It was fine when I was abroad, but after I came back, my family was strict with me. They wanted a refined lady. You know, someone who is elegant and intellectual. Man, it's giving me a headache."

She finally had the chance to be herself today, and she was determined to have a good time.

Hearing that, Stanley shot Cherry a glance and chuckled as he shook his head.

Tia, who had happened to see Stanley smile, unconsciously bit her lip and looked out the car window.

Night fell, and the bright lights flickered.

In no time, Stanley and Tia finally returned home with Nolan and Lana.

"Where did you go? Why did you play for so long? Didn't the amusement park close hours ago?" Gloria anxiously asked as she saw them return.

"We went out to have dinner after the amusement park. Ms. Jean said she had a great time today, and she could finally visit the amusement park because of us. That's why she treated us to dinner as a way of saying thank you," Lana said, looking pleased.

Gloria's eyes began to sparkle.

'Turns out the blind date today was a success. Stanley was probably satisfied, and even Nolan and Lana liked Ms. Jean, huh? This must be it.'

"Yes, we had a great time at the amusement park today, and we had a scrumptious dinner," Lana said as she walked up to Gloria. "Grandma, let me tell you, we played the..."

Lana chatted on and on about the amusement park, and Gloria only responded with a question, asking, "So, Ms. Jean was with you all day?"

“Yeah,” Lana nodded. They had been playing together all day, and she did not even expect Cherry to love the amusement park more than they did.

“Great, that’s great.” Gloria nodded in satisfaction, finally seeing a sliver of hope for Stanley.

‘It seemed that Ms. Jean had gained Stanley’s approval.

Otherwise, he would not have spent the whole day playing with them. And judging from the look on Nolan and Lana’s faces, they seemed to like Ms. Jean as well,’ Gloria surmised.

“What about Tia?” Nicole calmly asked Nolan and Lana.

Perhaps Gloria did not know, but she did. Tia was not at home today, so the two rascals must have brought her out for the entire day.

“Oh, Tia has gone home. She said she wanted to check if Great-grandma Wallace had gone to sleep,” Nolan replied.

“Tia joined you too?” Gloria asked in surprise, as she was unaware of this.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2646-To that, Nolan replied, “Yes, we originally wanted Tia to take us there, but then

Ms. Jean said she wanted to go too, so she came along with us.”

Gloria quickly imagined how Cherry had doted on Nolan and Lana, leading them to become even more fond of her.

‘It seems that Cherry really likes children, so Nolan and Lana might just have one more person to love them, which is great,’ she thought.

“Stanley, come here and tell me, how was it today?” Gloria asked, almost starting to see Cherry as her future daughter- in-law and was eager to hear Stanley’s opinion.

Stanley, feeling a headache, ran fingers through his hair and said, “Mom, I’m tired. I’m going to get some sleep.”

And after he had spoken, Stanley hurried up to his room

“Look at him, acting all shy.” Gloria became even more elated, feeling that this issue was basically settled.

Stanley, however, just could not be bothered to explain anything to Gloria.

Although Cherry had spent the entire day with them, he did not feel much for her. He also felt that Cherry did not seem to harbor any romantic feelings for him. The setting and the circumstances surrounding the both of them were the only factors that had enabled them to relax around one another, so he considered them friends, at most.

Clearly, his family did not see it that way. He also felt that since they had misunderstood everything that had transpired today, he would just let things be. Maybe they won't urge me to go on blind dates anymore. That way, I don't have to deal with all that incessant nagging, ' he thought.

"Mom, let Stanley decide for himself," Nicole said meaningfully, looking at the general direction where Stanley had disappeared.

"If he could settle down earlier, I'd be able to be at ease at long last," Gloria said.

At least he did not disappoint her this time. 'There is progress between the two, isn't there? Well, that's good enough for me.'

Nicole shot a glance at Gloria and decided not to voice her thoughts. She would wait for Stanley to explain it himself.

Everyone soon went upstairs, with Nicole taking Nolan and Lana back to their room.

"Mommy, do you know that Ms. Jean is even more of a child than we are?" Lana beamed, having seen how Cherry had enjoyed playing more than she and her brother did.

"Tell Mommy what Ms. Jean is like and what happened today," Nicole asked Nolan and Lana.

But when Nicole was done listening to her kids, she issued a sigh of defeat. 'No wonder Stanley didn't want to tell Mom. It was... not a date at all. It was more like Stanley and Tia taking three children out to play.'

Nicole then decided that the entire situation was hopeless after she had

understood what it was about. She would just wait for Stanley to explain things to them himself.

However, she felt that Stanley would most likely not say a word. After all, he would simply enjoy the peace from the illusion created, since Gloria would not push him into more blind dates anymore.

After reading a storybook to Nolan and Lana for a while, Nicole proceeded to ask her children to go to bed.

By the time she returned to her own room, she noticed that Jared was still busy with something in front of his computer.

Seeing this, she raised her eyebrows in concern and asked, "Aren't you done yet?"

"I'm almost done." Jared shot a glance at Nicole and flashed her a faint smile.

"Okay, carry on then," Nicole said, grabbing her pajamas and entering the bathroom.

Jared's eyes darkened the instant he heard the sound of the water splashing and running in the bathroom. He turned his gaze back to the computer screen and made haste, typing away furiously.

Soon after, Nicole came out of the bathroom and dried her hair with a towel.

Suddenly her vision darkened as she bumped into a brick wall of a chest.

"Ugh." She knew it was Jared even without looking.

Nicole rubbed her nose and asked, "Jared, why are you standing here?"

Before she could even complain, Jared snatched the towel from her hand and draped it back over her head.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2647-Jared gently helped Nicole dry her hair and spoke softly, "I was waiting for you."

This amused Nicole. "So that's why you were standing at the door."

'You made me bump into you as soon as I came out, and now my nose feels sore too,' she thought.

"Well, keep that in mind then," Jared said meaningfully.

“Keep what?” Nicole was puzzled. ‘Did I say something just now?’

“That I shouldn’t be standing at the door, and that I should...” Jared deliberately paused before continuing, “I should just go in.”

Just as Nicole was about to react to what Jared had said, his last remark took her aback.

“No... Ahem.” After a bout of coughing, Nicole blushed and refused. “No, it’s fine.”

It was better for Jared to stand at the door. If he went in...

Nicole’s cheeks burned bright red as she thought of the image of them taking a shower together.

“Really? I think it’s quite nice, or do you have something that you’re not happy with?” Jared continued to tease Nicole while feigning a pitiful look.

Nicole choked. ‘This dude is clearly doing it on purpose.

How am I supposed to respond to that?’

“How about I help you remember what you’re not satisfied with? You can tell me, and I’ll change things up,” Jared said as he lifted Nicole up in his arms.

“Hey!” Nicole instinctively circled her arms around Jared’s neck and said, “No, I’m not dissatisfied.”

“So you’re satisfied.” Jared’s eyes flashed with mischief.

Nicole glared at him when she finally realized that she had taken Jared’s bait. “I didn’t say anything. Put me down.”

“In that case, you’re still not satisfied. Seems like I’ll have to try harder,” Jared said, already carrying Nicole toward the bed.

“Jared Johnston!” she yelled in defeat, knowing that none of what she said was the right answer. ‘This dude is definitely doing it on purpose.’

When they reached the bed, Jared set Nicole down and pinned her down before making out with her...

The next morning, the bright sunlight streamed into the room. Nicole opened her eyes and saw herself clinging to Jared like an octopus, causing her cheeks to

flush.

Just as she was about to get up, Jared grabbed her, and at the very next second, she found him pinning her down once again.

After giving her a lingering good morning kiss, Jared finally released Nicole. Nicole's cheeks were scarlet red as she pushed Jared's chest away. "Get up quickly!"

However, Jared startled her again, lifting her up and carrying her off to the bathroom.

After the couple had taken a shower and changed into fresh clothes, they prepared to leave the room. However, as soon as they were about to stroll out, Jared stole a kiss from Nicole again, and her cheeks reddened once more.

After giving Jared an annoyed look, Nicole left the room first.

"Daddy, Mommy!"

Just as she came out, Nolan and Lana teetered out of their rooms and made a beeline for the two of them.

Nicole looked at them lovingly and said, "Hey, you're both up.

Mommy, why is your face so red? Are you hot?" Lana asked, looking puzzled.

Hearing that question, Nicole could not help but feel embarrassed.

She did not know how to respond to Lana, so she could only answer, "Yeah, it's a little hot."

"You're so stupid." Nolan rolled his eyes at Lana. "Let's go downstairs for breakfast."

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2648-Nolan's remark left Lana feeling even more puzzled. "How am I stupid?"

"Next time, don't ask questions that you shouldn't ask." Nolan, looking like a little adult, reprimanded Lana. "Come on."

After that, Nolan pulled Lana along and walked off.

However, Lana was still grumbling, "What did I say wrong?"

Nicole pursed her lips as she watched her kids, and she then proceeded to warn

Jared through gritted teeth, "You're not allowed to kiss me out of the blue anymore, especially when Nolan and Lana might see us."

After a moment of thought, Jared said, "As a matter of fact, I actually think it's because we are not intimate enough.

That's why you're always so shy. So, from now on, I'll kiss you once every day, and you'll gradually stop blushing."

"Why, you..." Nicole glared at Jared. 'So it's my fault now?'

Gnashing her teeth, Nicole sighed. "You wish."

After saying that, Nicole left Jared to stand there on his own and went downstairs for breakfast.

Jared chuckled softly, after which he gave her a loving look and followed her from behind.

After breakfast, everyone went their separate ways and got busy.

Nicole was scheduled to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the joint electronic component factory with Harvey today. So, she had deliberately dressed herself in a business suit, which made her look mature and professional.

When she arrived at the venue with Patricia, they noticed that a swarm of journalists had already arrived.

"Ms. Riddle, this is quite a scene," Patricia said sarcastically.

It seemed to her that Harvey had invited quite the crowd, probably wanting to make the entirety of San Joto aware of the ribbon-cutting event.

"Well, he did put in a lot of effort, so it's only necessary to show everyone,"

Nicole said nonchalantly, glancing off at Harvey who was greeting guests.

Ms. Riddle." Harvey left the crowd and approached Nicole the moment he saw her.

"Mr. Ellison." Nicole nodded politely, displaying a friendly, cooperative attitude.

Harvey's eyebrows twitched imperceptibly. He was actually surprised that Nicole had shown up, and above that, he was surprised by how friendly she appeared

to be.

“Mr. Ellison, is everything ready?” Nicole casually looked around and asked.

“Everything’s ready. We’re just waiting for you to come on stage and give a speech, then the ribbon-cutting session will begin. I’ve invited many friends from the political and business circles of San Joto to assist us with the ceremony. I hope we can have a pleasant cooperation and make some progress together,” Harvey said earnestly.

This collaboration seemed to mean a lot to him.

“Congratulations, Mr. Ellison and Ms. Riddle. This is truly a remarkable collaboration between the two of you,” someone said.

“Yes, we believe that your cooperation will surely be mutually beneficial,” another chimed in.

Everyone gathered around to congratulate the two, some even testing the waters to see if they could participate in the collaboration.

Nicole looked at these people indifferently, merely nodding politely whilst not giving them a direct response.

She was well aware that the people Harvey had invited were folks who had a history of working with the Ellison family. Those attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony today were all there at Harvey’s behest. As such, there was little reason as to why they could genuinely desire to collaborate with her.

However, it was also an opportunity that she could seize and exploit. Otherwise, it would be a waste of Harvey’s goodwill.

With that in mind, Nicole held off on giving them any direct answers. She merely showed them a hint of interest, but not too much to lead them into believing she wanted anything to do with them right off the bat. She even went as far as to let them in on her thoughts.

“Ms. Riddle? Please, the stage is yours.” Harvey stepped in when he saw that everyone had started to shower Nicole with compliments.

“Okay.” Nicole smiled faintly and followed Harvey onto the stage.

“Ladies and gentlemen, today is the day when the joint venture electronic components factory of the Riddle Corporation and Ellison Group, the Ellison-Riddle Electronics Factory, is officially established. With that said, our CEO, Mr.

Ellison, and Ms. Riddle cordially invite all of you to witness this auspicious occasion,” the host announced passionately, prompting a gale of applause, cheers, and camera flashes.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2649-Nicole immediately furrowed her brows. ‘Ellison-and-Riddle? What kind of stupid name is that?’

“Ms. Riddle, this... sounds terrible,” Patricia whispered to Nicole.

No matter how they thought about it, they did not anticipate that Harvey would have such a twisted sense of humor.1 Why did he name it like that? Does he have a screw loose? Is he off his rocker?’

“Hello, everyone, I am Nicole Riddle,” Nicole interrupted, not wanting to hear what was coming next.

The scene instantly fell silent, and Nicole’s gaze swept over the faces of the crowd, her eyes frosty and piercing.

Then, she loudly announced, “Mr. Ellison probably made a mistake. Although this factory is a joint venture, its name will not be changed.”

She did not have the energy to think and come up with a name for the time being, so she decided that it would be better for her to keep the original one.

“The name’s not changing?”

“But that’s not what Mr. Ellison said.”

The crowd broke out in discussion, but Nicole ignored them and continued,

“After all, this factory has been operating for some time now, and all the contracts are signed under the original name of the factory in question, so it’ll be better for us to retain the name as is.”

Though she did not make her denotations glaringly clear to the audience, those

who understood her knew that changing the name abruptly would cause a myriad of legal disputes with the contracts, bringing them much unnecessary issues in the future.

Soon, the murmurs from the crowd died down, especially from those who had signed contracts of their own with factories. At that point, they fell silent, and even went as far as to secretly agree with Nicole's statement. They knew it would make more sense to avoid running into unnecessary problems anyway. Meanwhile, Harvey shot a glance at Nicole and gave her a subtle smirk. He knew that Nicole would resist the name change, but little did he anticipate that she would resolve it so easily. After all, he had been prepared to give Nicole a hard time.

And without giving anyone the chance to continue with their pondering, Nicole began her speech.

"I am honored to invest in Ellison Group's electronic component factory. In the future, Mr. Ellison and I will be working together to expedite the progress of the factory, allowing it to experience rapid growth."

After spouting a bunch of grandiloquent platitudes, Nicole turned to Harvey and said, "And so, I'll pass the mic to Mr. Ellison, who'll now fill us in with his vision for the future."

Harvey's smirk froze for a moment as he had not prepared a speech at all.

Nicole immediately understood how he was feeling when she saw the look on his face. She smiled as she knew that Harvey had not prepared a speech, as he must have been devoting all of his thoughts to stirring up crap for her to deal with.

"Mr. Ellison, please." Nicole raised her eyebrows smugly.

Harvey could only come forward and look at the people below, before saying, "Well, the speech I've prepared is in essence the same as Ms. Riddle's. I suppose this is a meeting of minds, so I won't bore you with reiterations of the same points. Let's cut the ribbon now."

Hearing that, Nicole snuck Harvey a glance. 'A meeting of minds, my foot. Do you even believe that yourself?'

However, she did not plan to continue making things difficult for Harvey. She just hoped to end this staged farce as soon as possible.

"In that case, let's not take up everyone's time. Let's cut the ribbon, shall we?"

Nicole declared, wanting to end the event as soon as possible and leave.

"Great, next up is our ribbon-cutting ceremony. Shall I invite Mr. Ellison, Ms.

Riddle, and our guests..." the host immediately began the next procedure.

As Nicole and Harvey were already on the stage, the others followed suit upon hearing the announcement.

The ushers lined up in front of them holding a large tray with a pair of scissors tied to a red ribbon around it.

Concurrently, the ribbon with a large flower was also unfurled.

After exchanging glances with each other, everyone picked the scissors up and cut the ribbons, causing the flower to fall onto the tray. Applause and cheers erupted, and the flashes of cameras went off once again.

When the entire ordeal was finally over, Nicole started sauntering off, preparing to leave.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2650-"It's almost noon. Let's have lunch together before you go," Harvey stopped

Nicole as she was about to leave.

Indifferent to his advances, Nicole shot Harvey a glance and said, "I'm good.

Please help yourself."

"You need to eat too," Harvey said, not disappointed by the rejection as he continued to persuade Nicole.

However, Nicole remained unmoved. She did not want to eat with him, fearing that the very sight of his face might cause her to experience indigestion.

"I have already made an appointment with your grandfather.

If you're interested, you can join us," Nicole said before brushing past Harvey

and hurrying off.

Harvey grimaced as Nicole disappeared from sight. Only Nicole would come up with such an excuse to avoid having lunch with him. It seemed that she had made her mind up on giving him a glaring “no.”

Still, Nicole had made her way to Thomas Ellison’s place after leaving.

“Are you here to show off to me?” Thomas looked at Nicole, amused.

“Just here for a meal with you.” Nicole shrugged innocently.

In response, Thomas shot Nicole a skeptical look. “Do you believe that yourself?”

“Of course,” Nicole retorted.

“Let’s be honest. You’re using me as an excuse to get rid of Harvey, aren’t you?”

Thomas replied, having known Nicole very well.

Nicole smiled. “Sorry, but it’s much more convenient that way. I know there are many other ways to get rid of him.”

Although Thomas was right, this was definitely not the only solution.

“Hahaha, okay. At least I’m still useful now, and that makes me happy,” Thomas laughed.

‘These two truly are bitter enemies. I once hoped that the two of them could be together, but now it seems that it’s almost impossible,’ he thought.

“You don’t have to do this. You don’t owe Harvey anything.” Nicole furrowed her eyebrows.

It was evident that Thomas was still somewhat cautious about anything related to Harvey. Perhaps he felt that he was indebted to Harvey because of the past, but Nicole was in no place to comment on their family matters. Still, it was Thomas who had raised Harvey and gave him everything he could after the latter’s parents were killed in the car crash.

“I’m fine,” Thomas smiled.

At this point, it was all water under the bridge, and he did not want to dwell on it.

He felt that it would not be too much of an inconvenience for him to live the rest

of his life out this way.

Nicole furrowed her brows a little and looked at Thomas. Ultimately, she chose to remain silent.

If that was how Thomas truly felt, there would be no point in trying to dissuade him any further. However, she could not help but feel sorry for Thomas.

Not wanting to discuss these unpleasant matters, Nicole changed the subject and chatted with Thomas about other things, and just like that, the atmosphere became much more light-hearted.

After having lunch with Thomas, Nicole said her goodbyes and left the school.

Watching as Nicole's figure receded from view, Thomas let out a sigh, his gaze darkened.

He understood Nicole's good intentions, but he also knew that there were certain things that were best left undisturbed. He now felt that things were okay as they were. If he were to step into the equation and tip the scales, he did not know what the outcome would be.

'Oh well, this is it for me. But I also have no intention of getting involved in Nicole and Harvey's issues. I'll just let the two of them handle them on their own,' he concluded.

After all, it was Harvey who had started the fight with Nicole first. Besides, there would be no stopping him once he had made his mind up on something. It was better for him to learn his lesson from Nicole. Perhaps then, there would still be hope for him to change his ways.

After Nicole had gotten into the car, Patricia placed her phone away and calmly said, "Ms. Riddle, as expected, the internet is abuzz with news about the ribbon-cutting ceremony."