

HACKER 2691

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2691-“If you’re smart enough, you better scram. Do yourself a favor, and keep your mouth shut next time.”

After Lawrence had spoken, he turned away, not looking at Everett anymore.

Then, he took his phone out.

In response, Everett gulped, gritted his teeth, and skedaddled.

Lawrence snorted after Everett had hightailed it out of his office. If Everett was not useful to him, he would not have kept him around.

Everett returned to his room, and for the next few minutes, he became paranoid.

There, he began to wonder if he had bitten off more than he could chew by associating with the likes of Lawrence, who was far more terrifying than he had imagined.

Everett had been made to look like a complete fool in front of Lawrence. He had thought he had the upper hand, but at the end of the day, he was nothing.

Filled with fear and dismay, Everett gritted his teeth angrily.1 Why can’t I get anything done?’
Meanwhile, Lawrence was in deep thought for a while before he decided to call Ian on the phone.

“Sir.” Ian’s voice blared out from the speaker.

“Book a flight for me. I’m going back to San Joto tomorrow,” he ordered.

It seemed that he needed Nicole to help him with something.

“Understood. I’ll work on it now.” Ian replied.

Then, Lawrence paused for a moment before adding, “Prepare some gifts for Nolan and Lana too.”

“Understood. I’ll take care of it.” Ian replied. “Anything else?”

“That’s all. We’ll talk about the rest when I reach San Joto.” Lawrence hung up.

The Water Crest could not be left hanging anymore. Since no one could breach the system, he had no choice but to seek Nicole’s help. However, Lawrence had to come up with some smoke and mirrors beforehand. It would be best if he could disguise it as something else and hide the truth from Nicole.

Otherwise, Lawrence would lose everything if the Water Crest shared the same recognition system as the Fire Crest.

The next morning, the sun was shining brightly.

After Nicole had woken up, she took a shower and headed downstairs.

The dining hall was filled with merry chatters. As it turned out, Spencer and Samuel had brought their partners home. It had been awhile since the house was this lively, so their presence definitely lifted the mood of everyone who was present, especially their parents.

“You guys should come back more often. You don’t live that far away from us either.” Gloria smiled.

“Alright, we got it.” Samuel and Spencer replied in unison.

Naturally, the house would be much livelier if everyone was present.

“Mom, Dad, we visited Stanley when we came back. Then, we went to meet up with Nicole. It got a little too late after that, so we did not come and visit you.”

June and Lulu hurriedly explained.

Initially, they were supposed to return home first thing yesterday. Although Gloria and Daniel did not blame them, June and Lulu still felt guilty that they did not manage to come over.

“It’s fine. I understand that you guys came back earlier because of Stanley. In fact, you guys had to cut your honeymoon short because of this.” Gloria smiled.

She did not resent them at all for not returning home last night.

June and Lulu both breathed a sigh of relief after hearing that. Although Gloria and Daniel were loving, the ladies still felt that they should not take advantage of their compassionate and understanding nature.

Seeing that June and Lulu were nervous, Daniel reassured them. “You girls don’t have to be so uptight and conventional around us. You are a part of this family as well.”

“Alright, thanks Mom and Dad.” June and Lulu instantly warmed up.

“Come, let’s have our breakfast. You guys had to get straight to work as soon as you returned, so be sure to finish it all.” Gloria welcomed them for breakfast.

After everyone was seated, they began to dig in.

Meanwhile, Nolan and Lana looked at Samuel and Spencer.” Uncle Samuel, Uncle Spencer. Didn’t you say that you’d bring us presents?”

“Oh, I brought them. It’s at the coffee table. I’ll bring them over for you once we’re done eating breakfast.” Samuel grinned as he looked at the little kids.

Presents were a given. Not only that, but everyone would also have their share.

Not one of them would be left out.

“Thank you, uncles and aunts.” Nolan and Lana thanked them all, not forgetting Lulu and June in the process.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2692-“You’re welcome.

The family then broke out laughing, as they could not help but to be amused by the kids’ cuteness.

After breakfast, everyone gathered in the living room. Nolan and Lana, in particular, were overjoyed when they received their gifts.

June and Lulu then joined in and began giving the gifts to everyone there, except for a few of those who were not present.

“Nicole, are you going to the office now?” Lulu asked Nicole.

“Yeah, after I send Nolan and Lana to school, I’ll head over,” Nicole replied.

Lulu nodded. “Alright, I’ll start moving with Spencer now. See you at the office.”

“Sure. See you later!” Nicole said, and watched as the couple exited the house.

Then, she turned to Gloria and Daniel. “Mom, Dad, we’ll be heading out as well.”

“Go ahead.” Gloria and Daniel replied and smiled.

“Bye, Grandma and Grandpa,” Nolan and Lana said, and left with Nicole and Jared.

Gloria and Daniel’s grins became even wider as they observed the antics of their little grandchildren.

“Mom, Dad, we’re leaving too.” Samuel and June followed suit upon noticing everyone else was leaving.

June was carrying a huge bag. It was obviously filled with gifts which she had prepared for her colleagues.

After everyone had left, Gloria sighed. “It’s great to have the kids around again.

The house feels a lot livelier.”

Knowing that Gloria was worried for each of their kids, Daniel said, “Don’t get too worked up. Stanley will be able to return home soon. When that happens, you’ll be able to let go of your worries.”

“I really hope that the kids will always be safe. That is my only wish.” Gloria sighed.

Holding Gloria’s hands, Daniel replied, “They will be safe.”

Meanwhile, at the hospital, Tia and Stanley had just eaten their breakfast.

All of a sudden, they heard a knock, and that was when Tia answered the door.

“Miss Jean. You’re here.”

Seeing that it was Cherry, Tia stepped aside and let her in.

Cherry, however, was unhappy. “I’ve said it many times, and I’ll say it again.

Can’t you just refer to me as Cherry?”

Every time Tia called her Miss Jean, it made them seem distant.

Feeling nervous, Tia replied, “Oh, I’ve forgotten about it. I’ll do so next time.”

“How could you forget about it? You don’t really see me as a friend, do you?”

Cherry stared at Tia. “Call me by my name now. Otherwise, you’ll forget again the next time.”

“Cherry.” Tia said, calling her by her first name.

Cherry became satisfied upon hearing that. After she entered, she went up to Stanley's bedside.

With a glance, she said, "You seem fine now. I guess you'll be discharged soon."

"I'm almost there. Perhaps, I'll be able to get out of here tomorrow or the day after tomorrow." Stanley replied.

As for when he would actually be discharged, it would depend on the results from his upcoming medical examination.

"The reason why you could recover this quickly is all thanks to Tia's exceptional care. When you're discharged, you should thank her properly." Cherry looked at Stanley and said.

Stanley became uncomfortable, so he gritted his teeth and replied, "Yeah."

Not expecting Stanley to agree with Cherry, Tia quickly explained, "It's fine.

You've helped me before this. It's my duty to take care of you now."

"Hey, how could these two things be considered the same? You took care of him exceptionally well." Cherry immediately pulled Tia aside and persuaded her with a wide smile on her face.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2693-Cherry could not allow Tia to pass this opportunity up. After all, it was the perfect chance for them. It was something that must not be allowed to go to waste.

Tia was blushing as she looked down and replied, "D-don't say that. I just did the bare minimum."

Initially, she was just doing what she thought she was supposed to do: taking care of a person who had been hospitalized. However, Cherry's words had made very shy as her cheeks began to flush.

"Oh, sure, sure. It's just the bare minimum." Cherry smiled, while Tia was too embarrassed to look her in the eye.

After watching Cherry's antics for a while longer, Stanley could not help but interrupt her. "Don't you have any work to take care of?"

"Of course I do. What are you talking about? Do I look as though I've got nothing better to do?" Cherry rolled her eyes.

'Is it not obvious enough that I'm trying to be his wingwoman?' she thought.

Stanley understood what Cherry was trying to do, but his relationship with Tia was not as simple as Cherry imagined.

"Erm...you guys can continue chatting. I'll head out for a while," Tia said, wanting to step out because of how embarrassed she felt.

"Alright." Cherry smiled.

After Tia had left, Cherry turned to Stanley at once and said, "So, shall we make a deal?"

Stanley was about to tell Cherry not to tease Tia or pass remarks about their relationship, but Cherry's act of blurting that question out to him caught him off guard right away. "What deal?"

Then, Cherry inched closer to Stanley and said, "You're going to play the part of a fake boyfriend so that we can stop my family from pressuring me into marriage. In return, I'll prove to you that Tia cares about you."

She appeared as if she had just come up with a deal he could not refuse.

Stanley frowned. "Are you sure what you're doing won't cause Tia to give up instead?"

Tia had already stopped herself from dreaming about it. If Stanley were to have a girlfriend for real, she might even choose to ignore him and establish no contact completely.

"Of course not. Sometimes, a little jealousy would help offer clarity to a person's true feelings." Cherry tilted her head a little and looked at Stanley.

"As for me, I'll sacrifice myself and play the role of the evil, abusive girlfriend,"

she continued.

"The evil girlfriend?" Stanley raised his brows in confusion.

"What I mean is that I'll pick on you. That way, Tia will be forced to step in and intervene." Cherry shrugged.

I'm really going to bust my ass for this act.' she thought.

"Why are you helping me?" Stanley was confused.

Although it was a good idea, the entire act would only benefit him. As such, it made no sense as to why Cherry would sign up for something like that.

In turn, Cherry sighed and added, "My family's tendency to pressure me into a relationship is getting out of hand."

After a slight pause, Cherry took a seat beside him and added, "They have made it clear that they'll marry me off against my will if this blind date becomes the latest addition to my laundry list of failures.

"You don't even have a partner, how are you going to get married?" Stanley asked, feeling a little shocked.

"They accused me of being picky and genuinely uninterested in blind dates, so they've decided that they'll pick someone on my behalf if this gig falls apart too."

Cherry replied, her tone tinged with dismay. "I don't understand. Is it because my family can't afford to feed me any longer? Is that why they're in a rush to get me married off?"

Stanley smirked and laughed. He was shocked to find that families with such mentalities still existed, but he was also amused by the reason for Cherry's marriage.

"You can laugh all you want. You don't need to hold yourself back." Cherry glared at Stanley.

"I'm not intentionally laughing at you. I just don't think you eat enough for them to not be able to feed you," Stanley replied.

It was impossible that her family would be in such a rush to marry her off for the reason stated.

Amused by Stanley's remark, Cherry could not help but smirk. "You're really an insensitive dude. How did Tia even fall in love with you?"

And in an instant, Stanley's smile vanished. "So, how do you plan to carry the act out?"

However, there was a question left to be answered. If Stanley managed to get into a romantic relationship with Tia, what would happen to Cherry? How would she explain it to her family?

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2694-"I'm planning to leave the country. I must obviously prepare my family for what's to come. When the time comes for me to leave, they would have no choice but to accept it," she said.

Cherry then raised her brows in smug satisfaction as if to say, 'What do you think? It's a pretty clever trick, huh?' Stanley finally understood that Cherry was trying to buy herself more time. By putting on a show with Stanley, Cherry's family would let down their guard. And when Cherry had made the necessary arrangements, she would leave the country at once. When that happened, her family would be left with no other option but to bite the bullet.

After giving it some thought, Stanley agreed, "Alright, deal."

Stanley had always thought that Tia had feelings for someone else, so he had chosen to stay by her side without saying a word. But at this very instant, he felt that he should give himself a fighting chance and seize the opportunity to be with her. No matter what the result was, he was certain that he would not regret his attempt.

"Okay, it's a deal then." Cherry issued a sigh of relief.

With this out of the way, she could be at ease and handle all the procedures needed for her migration.

Although it was cold and ungrateful of her to flee before informing her family, she was left with no other choice.

Cherry was very much done with being pressured into getting married or being shoved into blind dates at this point.

Cherry believed that her fateful soulmate would appear one day, but she was not convinced that she would find that person by attending countless blind dates. It was not an ideal way to get to know someone in her opinion.

"But you must not overdo it when you bully me." Stanley reminded Cherry.

Upon hearing that, Cherry could not help but laugh. "Don't worry. I'm just putting on a show for Tia. Why would I do that to you for real?"

'Must he take this so seriously? No wonder he's in the field he's in,' she thought.

By the time Tia returned, Cherry had already left.

After glancing around, Tia asked, "Why is she gone already?"

“She had something to do.” Stanley gave Tia an odd look, one which she failed to notice.

“Oh.” Tia poured a glass of water for Stanley. “Have some water.”

“Thank you.”

After Stanley had taken the glass from her, he looked at Tia and asked, “Is the doctor here yet?”

“I’ve enquired moments ago. The doctor is making his rounds. It’ll be our turn soon,” Tia replied.

down and said, “As long as the results of the medical checkup are normal, I can finally leave this place.”

“Be patient. The progress of your recovery is rather quick, so I’m sure you’ll be discharged soon,” Tia comforted Stanley.

“Yeah, and thank you for your hard work over the past few days. Once I’m discharged, you should go back and get some rest too.” Stanley said.

He felt a little sad seeing Tia tending to him and his needs so diligently.

Tia bit her lips lightly. “It’s nothing. After all, you wouldn’t have gotten injured if it wasn’t because of us.”

Although Stanley was saving Nolan and Lana, he had also helped her.

Therefore, Tia was exceedingly grateful for what he had done.

As the doctor entered the room, Stanley and Tia looked away from each other...

Meanwhile, at the Riddle Corporation, Lulu was already waiting for Nicole outside of the office upon her arrival.

“You’re here,” Lulu greeted, seemingly in high spirits.

Upon noticing that Lulu looked much livelier than before, Nicole smiled. “It seems that your honeymoon did you a lot of good.”

“It definitely was a good trip.” Lulu smiled. “Now, it’s your turn to wait for your opportunity to go on a honeymoon.”

To be able to travel and relax without having to worry about anything would be a good life to have, as fleeting as it would be.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2695-“Let’s wait for another opportunity. It’s impossible now since our hands are tied.

I’ll let you go on a vacation some other time,” Nicole said.

There were far too many things around the office that required Nicole’s decision and attention, and among them was the mess that Chloe had left for them to deal with.

Patricia had also been swamped with work. For the past week, she had been dealing with everything at Riddle Corporation on her own. Even with Lulu’s return, there would be very little she could do to lessen the workload.

"I know I may not be of much help to you, but I know a thing or two that may be able to help you in dealing with Harvey," Lulu informed with a serious look on her face.

After all, Lulu had thought of handling all ongoing projects between Riddle Corporation and Ellison Group before. 'Perhaps I'll be able to help her out a little.' "Sounds good. I'll leave Harvey to you, then" Nicole said.

She believed that Lulu would be able to deal with Harvey alone as he was less of a threat and more of a nuisance. Though he was a piece of work, Lulu was more than capable of going toe-to-toe with him.

"Okay, I have already asked Patricia to send all the documents over. I'll have a closer look at the details before anything else. I'll report to you if there's anything that requires your attention," Lulu finished.

With that, Nicole smiled. "Okay."

'Something within Lulu has changed. I'm not sure what it is but I'm liking it,' Nicole thought.

"I'll leave you be for now," Lulu said, and left the office.

There was an air of determination radiating from her presence.

Not long after Lulu had excused herself, a knock on Nicole's office door caught her attention.

"Come in," she said.

After the door had opened, Patricia walked in with a frown. "Mr. Riddle Sr. has stopped all financial support for Chloe's treatment as she isn't going to any of them. Do you think she's given up on getting better?"

"I think it's all an act she has put up for all of us to see." Nicole sneered. "If she had half the mind to call it quits, how did she manage to keep it up for such a long time? She would've given up a long time ago if she wasn't able to persist, so why now?"

Chloe knew that no one would be able to touch her without solid, irrefutable evidence, and ever since Benjamin had decided to punish her, she had been cranking her act up eleven, trying to elicit sympathy from others.

Patricia nodded. "I see. Well, Chloe has been staying at home peacefully.

However, her assistant seems to be working tirelessly. She has been checking up on you every now and then."

"Checking up on me?" Nicole narrowed her eyes as she began wondering what Chloe might be scheming this time.

"Her last attempt to kidnap the twins failed miserably. Do you think that you're her next target?" Patricia asked as her face blanched.

"It's possible that she might." Nicole smirked.

'She is probably getting her assistant to keep me under surveillance. Chances are, she is gathering information on my schedule so that she can pick the right time to strike,' Nicole surmised.

After a second or two, Patricia's eyes widened if she had thought about something. "I will follow you closely every day.

"No, please don't. You don't have to follow me that closely." Nicole laughed.

'If Patricia follows me too closely, I'm afraid that Chloe would not have the balls to make her move on me,' Nicole thought.

Patricia turned her gaze to Nicole's clenched fists and instantly understood what her intentions were. "I see that you're trying to lure her into the lion's den."

"Yes, and one should always remain patient and create opportunities to attack when the enemy least expects it,' Nicole replied. "We need to teach them a lesson and show them who's in charge."

"But what if they manage to hurt you?" Patricia asked.

She was puzzled by what Nicole was up to, and as much as she wanted to catch Chloe red-handed, getting Nicole kidnapped or hurt was definitely not in her agenda.

"If we prevent them from making a move, how are we going to bust them in the act?" Nicole argued as she imagined catching Chloe red-handed and exposing her true nature to everyone present.

'If Chloe fails to turn up, all of my plans would go down the gutter. Capturing her lackeys in the act wouldn't do much either. I need to get her to show up in person,' Nicole inferred.

"It does sound like a good idea, but I think it's far too dangerous for you to work alone on this without any sort of backup," Patricia argued with concern in her voice and anxiety written all over her face.

"Don't worry about me. You can follow me around and ensure my safety before I meet Chloe in person as I unfold her sinister plans to everyone," Nicole replied, her voice tinged with cold fury.

'I wonder why she would do something so embarrassing to herself, knowing it would just come back and bite her in the ass someday,' Nicole wondered. 'She should have just given up. Her greed would not get her anywhere. Still, for as long as I am alive, she won't be getting her way. I won't put myself in harm's way because of her antics either.'

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2696-Patricia immediately understood that what Nicole had said was true. "Alright. I will follow you closely until this is over."

Patricia promised herself that there was no room for any errors when it came to Nicole's safety and protection.

"Okay, you can go now," Nicole said.

"Yes, Ms. Riddle," Patricia replied as she nodded and left the office.

Nicole leaned back against her seat as her gaze darkened. *1 will not let her get away with this so easily.' The afternoon sun shone high and bright, and before long, Nicole and Lulu returned to the office from their lunch break.

"Nicole," a familiar voice sounded from behind.

Nicole halted in her tracks and whirled around to discover that the source of the voice that had called out for her was none other than Lawrence himself.

“When did you return?” Nicole asked with a look of surprise on her face.

“I just landed a while ago and thought of paying you a visit,’ Lawrence replied as he handed two boxes over to Nicole.” Here you go. Some souvenirs for the twins, courtesy of yours truly.”

Nicole reached out and accepted the gifts. “Thank you. That’s very thoughtful of you, Lawrence. Do you want to have a cup of coffee before you go?”

“Sure, why not?” Lawrence replied as he followed Nicole into her office.

“What’s up with the sudden return? Did you manage to sort whatever you were there?” asked Nicole, her tone was polite yet awkward.

“Yeah, it’s to some extent sorted out that’s why I came back, ” replied Lawrence with a calm demeanor.

Lulu suddenly entered the room, holding two cups of coffee in her hands. She shot Nicole a look that asked her if Nicole would need someone to accompany her in the room, “Here is your coffee, please enjoy.”

Nicole shot Lulu a reassuring smile and signaled her not to worry.

Lulu immediately understood and left the office.

Nicole turned to look at Lawrence, “I’m glad you’ve sorted out the things there, I guess you won’t be leaving here for the time being, right?”

The elephant in the room was rather difficult to ignore, as the awkwardness between the both of them was very palpable; both of them were actively trying to keep the conversation alive.

Naturally, Lawrence was able to sense the awkwardness between the two of them. However, he was clear that things between them would never be the same anymore. If anything, their friendship would only continue to experience a downward spiral.

Lawrence gritted his teeth before drawing a deep breath.” To be honest, we don’t have to do this.”

“I think it’s alright,” Nicole said before flashing him a bitter smile.

The strain in their relationship had reached a point where neither of them were able to hold a proper conversation anymore. In fact, it was not easy for the both of them to be sitting in the same room together.

“To be very honest with you, I never should’ve held you back when you wanted to return. Perhaps we would still be on Crescent Island and things would not have been this way now,” Lawrence said, his voice heavy with sorrow and disappointment.

Lawrence was sure that they were fated to meet just so that they could be a part of each other’s lives at one point.

“You should know that it’s not going to make any difference to how things are now,” Nicole pointed out.

'He should know that even if I had stayed in Crescent Island and never returned to the family I have here, I would still not let anything develop between the both of us. Besides, none of my memories would return if I had stayed there,' Nicole thought.

"You must know that I've never really wanted to put you in danger, Nicole,"

Lawrence pleaded.

There were plenty of things that had happened, and yet he had simply chosen to maintain his silence, even with the knowledge that Nicole would come to discover the truth in the end.

"I know you didn't have the intention of putting me in danger. However, there are certain things in this world that you can't and shouldn't keep in the dark. But you did exactly that, and our friendship paid the price," Nicole said as she looked Lawrence dead in the eyes.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2697-It was then that Nicole and Lawrence knew that this might be the last time the two of them could sit together and converse with one another.

Deciding to mention the days when they were on Crescent Island together before returning to San Joto, Lawrence looked up at Nicole and said, "Regarding the Fire Crest, I owe you a sincere apology."

Lawrence had always wondered what would have happened if he had told her the truth of the object he wanted her to acquire. 'Would things have turned out differently than they are now?' Lawrence had deep regrets in his heart, filled with 'what if s' as he knew that the Fire Crest was the chief reason as to why they had fallen out of favor with one another.

"It doesn't matter really. To be fair, I don't think you are in the wrong." Nicole smiled.

Nicole, on the other hand, thought it was normal.

Lawrence's reason for keeping the truth of the Fire Crest from her was not entirely unexpected, given the fact that he knew she was its bearer.

Lawrence then stared at Nicole with a deep sense of longing in his eyes. "It seems that you really have truly recovered all of your memories. You're back to who you were once again."

"Yeah, I'm quite surprised myself too," Nicole replied before giving him a weak smile.

She herself had not foreseen that she would be able to regain her memories after she had restored her status as the rightful owner of the Fire Crest.

On top of that, not many knew that she had lost her memory or the fact that she was actively trying to recover from it.

'Lawrence might've figured out what had happened based on our conversation earlier. He was just trying to test me,' she thought.

"Regardless of how it happened, I must still congratulate you for regaining your memories." Lawrence smiled as if he was genuinely happy for her.

"I'm still the same as I was," she calmly replied.

Nicole was genuinely indifferent to the idea that she had recovered from her memory loss, something which Lawrence knew too.

Lawrence mustered a weak smirk as he attempted to overcome the resentment in his heart. "Have you sorted things out for the twins?"

"Yeah, all sorted," Nicole replied.

She did not have any intention of explaining the details to Lawrence, to which he understood and nodded along.

"That's good to hear." Lawrence nodded.

He sensed that Nicole was trying to draw a clear line between the both of them. Therefore, he did not press on any further, knowing it would get him nowhere.

After a while, Lawrence bid his goodbyes and left, with Lulu entering the office right after he had made his exit.

"Why did he come here? Why's he back? Did things not go well in Crescent Island?" Lulu asked with a look of confusion on her face.

'If things went well back in Crescent Island, he wouldn't have been back here so soon,' Lulu surmised.

Nicole raised an eyebrow as she stared at Lulu before nodding along. "Point taken." Nicole agreed with Lulu. 'It's quite strange now that Lulu has brought it up. If his pursuit of the Water Crest really went well, everyone would've received some kind of news about it. It's impossible that he'd give up so easily unless...he has found another way to crack it?' Nicole lowered her eyes as a flurry of thoughts raced across her mind, and as she stared at her watch, her eyes narrowed. 'He left for the Water Crest, and he probably might've returned because of it. But what exactly is his next move?

What is it that brings him back here?' "Christ! Don't get too worried about it. Since things aren't going his way, him coming back here doesn't mean it will either," Lulu comforted as she eyed the somber look on Nicole's face.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2698-Nicole looked up at Lulu before flashing her a wicked smirk. She did not want Lulu to be concerned about the Water Crest, let alone know that Lawrence was searching for it.

"It's nothing. Don't worry about it. By the way, there is something you should know. The more silent Harvey is, the more things he has up his sleeve. You have to be alert at all times," Nicole reminded.

"Yes! I will keep my eyes glued onto him," Lulu said.

Lulu knew that Nicole had a million other things to deal with and among them, Harvey was nothing but a nuisance. She did not want Nicole to waste her time dealing with him and putting up with his crap.

Nicole smiled as she stood up and walked to her desk, and that was when Lulu knew that it was her cue to leave Nicole's office.

Meanwhile, Lawrence had just gotten into his car after walking out of the headquarters of Riddle Corporation.

“Mr. Royce, how are things with Nicole? Can she be of any help to you?” Ian asked.

Lawrence shook his head. “She won’t be able to help me on this, so I didn’t even manage to bring it up.”

Lawrence knew that even if he were to bring this up to Nicole, she would not be able to help him out.

“What should we do now? If she can’t help us, who will be able to?” Ian asked.

Other than Nicole herself, both Lawrence and Ian could not think of any other individual on this planet who could help them unlock the Water Crest.

“Let’s think of something.” Lawrence sighed.

He had come this far, so he could not give up now, at least not yet.

“There is...,” Ian paused as he looked at Lawrence with anxiety brimming in his eyes.

“Mr. Royce, I must inform you that someone was there to stop me from kidnapping the twins,” Ian stammered.

“What do you mean?” Lawrence asked as his eyes narrowed. ‘Who would dare to get in my way?’ “I couldn’t find any useful information about that person. Every time I tried, I would end up in a dead end. It was as if someone had deliberately altered all the info about him,” Ian explained.

Lawrence immediately had a hunch that it was all Nicole’s doing. “Forget about it. Don’t look further into this anymore.”

Then, it struck him that this was probably why Nicole had drawn the line today when he asked her about the twins. At that moment, everything began to make sense to him.

‘There’s no use trying to look into this anymore. We’re aware that Jared Johnston might be the one behind all of this. It’s all good as long as the twins are safe and sound. Looking too deep into this will not benefit me in any sort of way,’ Lawrence thought.

“Just drive,” Lawrence ordered.

Then, Lawrence sighed as he leaned back against his seat. He looked out the car window, spaced out as he knew that his friendship with Nicole was becoming strained.

‘I have to do something about it...,’ he thought.

Once the sun began setting on the horizon, Nicole got off work and gazed off at the crimson star in the distance with a smile on her face.

Upon noticing that Jared had already arrived, she rushed up to him and brought herself into Jared’s arms.

“Have you waited for a long time?”

“No,” Jared replied as he led Nicole to the car.

“Let’s go home after we have picked the twins up. Mom has informed us that Stanley has been discharged from the hospital, and that everyone’s going to be there,” Nicole said after sitting down.

Nicole could already imagine how lively the house would be with everyone present at home for the family gathering.

Jared nodded and ordered Max to drive. After they had picked the twins up from preschool, the family of four headed to the Riddle residence together.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2699-As soon as they arrived at the Riddle residence, Nicole found that her expectations were met. The house was indeed very lively.

Sally Kane had also shown up with a bloated belly and to Nicole’s surprise, Cherry Jean was also present.

“Everyone’s here now so let’s head over to the dining room. We’ll begin our dinner shortly,” Gloria announced.

Everyone nodded, made a beeline for the dining room, and took their seats next to each other. In no time, the dining room was filled with chatter and laughter again.

Gloria and Daniel sat on the opposite ends of the long dining table across one another while the rest sat facing each other.

As for Lulu, she took a seat next to Nicole and whispered, “What’s up with her voice? Is Stanley really going out with her?”

As obvious as it was to everyone, it was a family dinner. Therefore, it was surprise that Stanley had brought Cherry Jean over for dinner.

‘Is this a way of telling everyone that they’re now official?’ Nicole wondered.

“I’m not so sure about it either.” Nicole frowned. ‘Is it possible that something has developed between the two of them while he was hospitalized? I knew that she went to visit him but I’m not quite sure of the details.’ Everyone around the room exchanged looks with one another, confused.

Meanwhile, Tia was also present at the dinner table. She was silent with her head lowered the entire time. She had a certain look to her face which made it hard for everyone to read her.

“Now, since everyone is back, let’s have a toast to Samuel and Spencer who just came back from their honeymoon, and to Stanley who has just gotten discharged from the hospital. Let’s celebrate this moment together,” Daniel cheered in an attempt to “Stanley being safe and sound is already the best news the family can receive,” Steve added as he picked his wine glass up and raised it.

“Let’s toast to Stanley’s discharge from the hospital!”

Then, everyone picked their glasses up and clinked them.

“Stanley, care to share a word or two?” Samuel suggested, and winked at Stanley before gesturing at Cherry.

Stanley immediately understood what Samuel was trying to do. “Her name is Cherry.”

"I know that her name is Cherry, but is that all?" Samuel teased, trying to pry for more information that would indicate that she was Stanley's new flame.

Stanley darted a glance at Tia, and it was then he noticed that Tia had not looked up at all.

After gritting his teeth for a second, Stanley replied, "She's my girlfriend."

"See, that's more like it," Samuel said with a smile.

Samuel then turned to look at Gloria. "Mom, it seems that your blind dates are working out well."

"I guess so. We shall see if this brother of yours is able to settle down. Only then will I be able to rest easy," Gloria replied as she looked at Tia.

"Tia is next on my list," she added.

As expected, Tia perked up at the mention of her name.

She looked at Gloria with awkwardness written all over her face and shook her head vigorously.

"Ma'am, I'm not in a hurry to get married at all."

"What did you call me?"

"Daniel, Gloria," Tia answered, though she was still uncomfortable calling them by their first names.

"Don't ever say that you're not in a rush. Everyone in this household cares about you and you're the only one left without a partner, so naturally, the spotlight is on you now," Gloria informed before giving her a kind smile.

'If Stanley chooses to be with Cherry, I will have no objections to it. However, I'll have to be more attentive to the minor details in Tia's case,' Gloria thought to herself.

On the other hand, Tia was biting her lip and thinking to herself, 'It feels like...I'm a part of this family...' Tia's heart skipped a beat, as she saw how she was getting special treatment from the Riddle family. However, she was still grappling with feelings of inferiority, seeing how she was not a match for Stanley.

'I guess all I have to do is give him my blessings now that he has someone he genuinely likes,' Tia thought.

For once, she felt that she belonged somewhere, as the Riddle family was treating her like she was one of their own.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2700-"Gloria, there's really no need to," Tia, who was helpless, pleaded.

Everyone in the Riddle family really cared about Tia and was doing this for her sake. On top of that, Tia had been with the family for a really long time and had taken care of Mrs.

Wallace Sr. for nearly a decade now. Something about leaving her to be single for the rest of her life just did not sit well with them.

Stanley narrowed his eyes at Tia as a heart wrenching feeling gripped his heart.

"I know you have feelings toward her," Cherry whispered to Stanley.

Everyone in the room could sense that Stanley had reserved a soft spot for Tia in spite of the fact that he had announced Cherry as his official girlfriend now.

At a loss for words now, Stanley turned to Cherry and frowned.

'Why do I feel like I have done something wrong?' Stanley wondered.

Cherry saw right through him and patted his arm to comfort him. "Hey, hey. Pipe down, would you? You don't want to let all of your previous efforts go to waste now, do you?"

"Mom, I think it's better to wait for a moment before you set Tia up on blind dates. Perhaps you should let nature take its course first." Lulu suggested with a smile on her face, trying to persuade Gloria out of it.

"Well...that's true. It's just that Tia's always at home every day. I guess she can go out and mingle around every now and then to make more friends," Gloria thought out loud.

"This can easily be solved. Since everyone is already familiar with her at the wedding, we can have her attend our company dinners!" June chimed in.

"That sounds like a great idea!" Gloria agreed as she looked at Lulu and June.

"It's great that you girls are in the same generation. You can hang out often together too!"

"Yeah, that way, Tia will have more opportunities to meet more friends," Mrs.

Wallace Sr. agreed, speaking up for the very first time.

Tia was still a young woman, and being confined at home all day was not something anyone her age should be doing. Everyone in the Riddle family agreed that it would be better for Tia to go out more often.

Tia, however, was adamant. She had initially wanted to protest, but it was too late. Everyone in the Riddle family had made up their minds about it and was already enthusiastically discussing a schedule to have Tia go out and socialize.

"Thank you, Lulu and June," Tia said in embarrassment.

Lulu and June giggled and waved it off. "Oh, hush. It's nothing!"

And just before dinner was served, the dining room was nothing short of lively again.

As everyone was eating happily, Sally suddenly announced, "Hey, everyone.

Could you please excuse me? I'm done eating for the day."

Everyone around the room immediately became concerned and began asking questions.

"Are you okay?"

"Is the food not to your liking?"

In response, Sally shook her head. "No, I'm fine. I don't usually eat a lot and I've eaten more than I usually do..."

“Yeah, I can vouch for that. She’s got a small appetite,” Steve explained.

With that, the room immediately was filled with ‘Oh’s’ and sighs of relief.

“I’ll go ahead and accompany the twins,” Sally said as she excused herself and made her way to the living room.

As she entered the living hall, she saw that the twins were completely immersed in the TV show they were watching.

Meanwhile, at the dining room, Gloria went on to shoot Steve a stern look.

“Don’t get too busy with work and please remember to take care of Sally. You hear me?”

“Yeah, I know, Mom. Don’t worry about it. I know what I’m doing. I’m being assigned less work these days. I’ve got to thank Sean and Jane for that. They’re working twice as hard because of that now,” Steve replied.

It was expected, as cutting back on Steve’s workload meant that Sean and Jane would have theirs doubled. They would have to do what he could not.