

HACKER 2761

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2761-Since Harvey had given them the chance to bring him down, they would just seize it. It would be stupid not to.

After careful consideration, Nicole smirked and said, "Well, that works."

"I'll get on it then!" Lulu beamed excitedly, ready to do something big.

And to that, Nicole chuckled and nodded in agreement, "Right. I'll leave it to you."

Since Lulu had taken charge of any dealings with the Ellison Group, Nicole had faith that she would be able to handle it well.

"I'll be on my way, then," Lulu responded, and began humming a cheerful tune as she left.

After giving Lulu's figure a smile, Nicole got busy and flipped through the documents on the desk to peruse them.

About an hour later, she heard a knock on a door.

"Come in," Nicole said without looking up, as she was focused on her work.

It was Patricia, who then opened the door and walked up to Nicole's desk. "Ms.

Riddle? There are updates pertaining to Damien."

Upon hearing that, Nicole immediately looked up. 'Has he finally decided not to lock himself in?' "Our men who have been following him around discovered that he goes out every morning to a cafe for breakfast.

Although nothing seems amiss, his behavior sure is a little strange," Patricia explained.

"Going to the same cafe every day does seem unusual." Nicole squinted. 'He used to avoid going out altogether, and now he's visiting the same location over and over...' "We suspect he's meeting someone, but we've found nothing suspicious, even after we've conducted a thorough investigation of the area." Patricia frowned. "I don't know if the other person he's meeting is particularly secretive, or if he simply hasn't made an appearance yet."

"Don't worry. They won't be hiding forever." Nicole's eyes darkened.

Upon hearing this, Patricia agreed, "Yes, we'll continue to tail and monitor him."

"Okay," Nicole replied and waved, signaling that Patricia could leave now.

And once Patricia was gone, Nicole resumed her work.

Noon arrived before long, and as expected, the door to the office opened.

Then, Lulu poked her head in and reminded, "Nicole, it's lunchtime."

"Oh, okay." Nicole stood up, but just as she did, her phone rang.

Seeing that it was a call from Jared, she answered it. "Hello, what's up?"

"I'm waiting for you downstairs. Let's have lunch together." Jared gently replied.

"You're downstairs?!" Nicole was surprised. Why is he here? Having heard the exchange between the two lovebirds, Lulu chuckled and teased, "Seems like someone important is expecting you. I guess I better not get in his way, then."

Right after she had left Nicole that remark, Lulu closed the door and sauntered off.

Nicole could not help but shake her head in amusement. "I'll be right there with you."

And after hanging up, she made her way to the first floor and got into the car.

"Why are you here?" Nicole asked, her brows raised.

"It's lunchtime, and I thought I should come over to have a meal with you." Jared gently held Nicole's hand. "You may start driving, Max."

"Yes, sir" Max replied, and drove them to the restaurant.

Though lunch hour was already at its peak by the time they arrived, the place they had selected were neither too crowded nor noisy. Still, Nicole and Jared, who valued their privacy, had opted to take a seat at a corner before ordering their meals.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2762-Nicole, expecting some sort of news from him, was surprised when Jared maintained his silence. Did you really just come over to have a meal with me?"

She thought something significant had happened, but upon noticing that he had not said a word along the way, she concluded that she had simply misunderstood.

The smile from Jared proved exactly that. "Just a meal, yeah."

"Oh, I thought something occurred, and you came over to tell me about it."

Nicole took a sip of water.

Teasing her, Jared said, "You seem quite disappointed."

Annoyed, she rolled her eyes and placed her glass down. "Of course I'm not."

As Jared's sudden appearances usually indicated that there was something he needed her to know, it was natural for her to assume that he had brought some kind of word with him. Still, she was happy that he had simply brought her out for a regular meal.

With a gentle smile on his face, he explained, "I just signed a project, and I thought I'd come to see you after I'm done with it."

In addition, it was already lunchtime by the time he had concluded the meeting, so he thought it would be a good idea to take her out for a bite along the way.

"Speaking of projects, I don't know how it's going in BayCorp. There should be news about the bidding soon," Nicole said.

"Probably." Jared agreed, as the bidding should be around the corner soon.

“That kid hasn’t told me anything. I don’t know how he’s doing,” Nicole complained.

Amused, Jared replied, “When you handed it to him, it’s possible that he already knew you wanted him to work on it himself. So, until there’s a result to show for it, he probably won’t trouble you.”

Nicole nodded in agreement. “Makes sense. He has indeed matured.”

“He has admired you since his days in school, and he has always viewed you as a role model. So it’s expected that he’ll do his best.” Jared replied with a look of seriousness etched on his face.

Nicole was exactly that – calm, cool, tenacious, and capable. Because of this, Jared would not need to worry too much about her, but that was until that fateful incident five years ago. He knew there and then that she was not invulnerable.

Even now, he wished he could be there to protect her all the time. However, he knew that she would not want that, so he had to let her do as she pleased. All he could do was assign a security detail to watch over and protect her from a distance.

Nicole nodded in agreement, unaware of what Jared was thinking about.

“Indeed, I can feel it. I believe Ellar will soon be able to handle things on his own entirely.”

This way, BayCorp could operate as a completely independent entity which no longer relied on the headquarters for support.

“Nicole! Jared!” an excited male voice called out.

After looking up, Nicole saw Ellar walking up to them with a grin.

“Ellar? Why are you here?” Nicole’s eyes widened in surprise.

“I’m having lunch with a business partner. I didn’t expect to run into you guys.”

Ellar beamed.

“We were just talking about you. Speaking of which, I was wondering how your previous bid went,” Nicole asked Ellar.

“It went smoothly. The results should be out within three days,” Ellar boasted, having bagged the deal all on his own.

“That’s good.” Nicole smiled, encouraging Ellar.

Ellar then nodded and promised, “Once the results are out, I’ll inform you and treat you to a big meal as a token of appreciation.”

“Okay, I’ll be waiting for it!” Nicole readily agreed.

Looking around, Ellar grinned and asked Nicole somewhat awkwardly, “Nicole, are you two the only ones here?”

Furrowing her eyebrows in confusion, Nicole responded with the question. “Who else do you think should be here?”

After all, why would it be strange for her and Jared to have a meal together?

“Well...Isn’t Patricia supposed to be here too?” he asked, thinking that Patricia had been following Nicole around to protect her.

It was then that a hunch came to Nicole, and she shot him a meaningful glance.

“Why do you care so much about Patricia?”

The last time Patricia got injured, Ellar had gone to visit her, and it was said that he had even taken Patricia back to her apartment personally. Now, To add to that, he was now asking about her as soon as he bumped into Nicole

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2763-“Hehe.” Ellar awkwardly smiled. “She got injured while saving me, so I just wanted to know more about her.”

“Is that all?” Nicole squinted at Ellar, unable to shake the feeling that he was up to something.

There was something obviously unnatural and forced about the expression on his face, and yet he stuck to his guns and insisted, “Yes, that’s all.”

“Oh.” Nicole uttered, trying to stop herself from exposing him.

After shooting him another glance, she said, “Patricia didn’t come.”

“Is she okay?” Ellar asked, seemingly a little disappointed.

“The injury has already healed. You don’t need to worry about it,” Nicole replied with a slight smile as she looked at him.

Ellar looked away in discomfort, and after coming up with an excuse to skedaddle, he said, “I’m running out of time. I’ll go meet my business partner now.”

“Sure, go ahead.” Nicole grinned.

Ellar was beginning to feel a little uneasy. Something told him that Nicole had seen through him, and that was good enough of a reason for him to leave.

Nicole’s smile grew even wider as she watched Ellar scurry away, almost colliding into a waiter on his way out. She figured that he must be feeling called out.

After Ellar had fled, Nicole withdrew her gaze and raised an eyebrow. It seemed to her that Ellar was unusually concerned about Patricia. However, they had barely met, so it begged the question: why was he so concerned about her?

Still, she was aware that nothing would be able to sway two people from getting together if Cupid willed it. Those destined for each other would eventually be together.

By the time the hilarious encounter with Ellar was over, lunch was already served, so Nicole shifted her focus back to the food and proceeded to start her meal with Jared.

Jared gently scooped bits of each dish and served them to Nicole, who happily ate them. In most cases, there was no defying Cupid’s arrow, and the best example was her and Jared.

Then, she looked at Jared and gave him a radiant smile." Thank you, Jared Johnston."

'Thank you for everything in the past. Thank you for knowing me, understanding me, loving me, and protecting me!' Jared returned the smile as he lovingly ran his fingers through Nicole's hair.

"Same here."

He knew what she meant, and he felt the same way too. He was grateful for her, and he was determined to spend the rest of his life with her, peacefully and happily.

After lunch, Jared accompanied Nicole back to Riddle Corporation.

When the car stopped, Nicole bit her lip, gave Jared a quick kiss on the cheek, and got out.

Jared was stunned for a moment.

Then, a smile grew on his face as he watched her disappear into the company building. "Let's go, Max."

"Yes," Max responded and started the car.

"Mr. Johnston, Zane has deployed everyone in his recon and intelligence division to investigate the Eastern Falcon," Max said in a low voice.

And with a tinge of coldness in his voice, Jared responded, "Once there's news, Zane will inform us."

"Oh, and Patricia has also reported that there are now movements on Damien's part. He's probably preparing to meet someone," Max added.

Everything Damien had done smelled fishy, so they were wondering if Everett was involved in this too.

Jared's brow furrowed as he said, "Just get Patricia to keep an eye on him."

He believed that there was no urgency when it came to dealing with Damien for now, as they would definitely get wind of Damien's actions the instant he did something.

"Okay, I understand," Max replied.

It would be a waste of resources to strike with full force unless Everett was involved. And even if Everett had really returned, Nicole and Patricia could handle him themselves, so there was nothing for him to worry about.

As the sun set, those who had already worked their 8 hour shifts began to make their way home.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2764-Nicole and Jared returned home, and Nolan and Lana followed suit soon after.

Due to the fact that it was a busy day today, Samuel, Spencer, Lulu, and June had all shown up as well, bringing the living room to life.

After Tia had dropped Nolan and Lana off, she was about to leave when Lulu stopped her. "Stay and have dinner together. The more the merrier."

"Yeah, please stick around," June echoed.

Tia, who looked a little hesitant, darted her eyes at Nicole. Though she had no issues with anyone present, she really did not want to stay, simply because she did not know how to face Stanley.

Although Cherry had explained everything to her, she was still flustered and confused, for she had not sorted any of her emotions out.

“Why don’t you go and ask Mrs. Wallace Sr. first? It’s up to you to decide whether you want to stay or go home,” Nicole suggested, understanding Tia’s dilemma.

“Okay, I’ll ask her first.” Tia breathed a sigh of relief, bade farewell to everyone, and returned to her house at the back.

Seeing this, Lulu lowered her voice and asked Nicole, “Didn’t you say it was a good idea to have Tia hang out with everyone and not be alone all the time?”

‘Why did Tia leave when everyone is here?’ she asked herself.

“The situation is a little different this time. Let them handle it themselves,” Nicole whispered.

Having picked up on the trail of potential gossip, Lulu pulled Nicole aside and asked, “What’s going on?”

‘Did something I wasn’t aware of happened?’ she wondered.

However, all Nicole gave Lulu was a wry smile. “No. There’s nothing going on.”

Even if there were, it would not be appropriate to discuss it in the present setting. ‘People forget everything when they’re focused on gossiping.’ Lulu chuckled, understanding what was going on, and left it as it was.

“Mommy, I’m going back to my room.” Nolan tugged at Nicole’s sleeve.

“You’re leaving again? Aren’t you going to wait for us?” Nicole frowned, finding it strange.

For the past few days, Nolan had been going straight to his room after school, without even bothering to watch TV.

“Mommy, Nolan is playing a very interesting game.” Lana tilted her head and looked at Nicole as she explained.

“A game?” Nicole frowned.

She did not know Nolan liked playing games. Previously, Nolan would only use the computer to complete tasks assigned to him by The Hunters. He rarely played games, if he even did at all.

“Yes, it’s so much fun.” Lana nodded vigorously, as if afraid that no one would believe her.

Gloria patted Lana on the head. “If you like playing it, go ahead, but remember to time yourselves. Don’t get obsessed, okay.”

“Yeah, we know,” Lana replied.

After giving her grandmother her promise, she pulled Nolan aside and said, “Let’s go, Nolan.”

Nicole shook her head as she watched the two kids hurry up the flight of steps as if they had been deprived of any recreation for a long time.

"I see everyone is here," Mrs. Wallace Sr. said, prompting everyone to shift their gaze to her.

Tia had pushed her in seconds ago. The former, however, was rather tensed up and uncomfortable.

"I was just preparing dinner. Now that Mrs. Wallace Sr. is here, let's go to the dining room." Gloria invited Mrs. Wallace Sr., after which everyone stood up.

The entire family took their seats in the dining room as dinner was served, chatting and laughing among themselves.

Nicole, who was sitting next to Jared, whispered to him, "Do you know what game Nolan is playing?"

"Probably some adventure game," Jared replied.

He had only caught a glimpse of it once, and had not looked into it ever since.

"Oh." Nicole responded. "But why is Nolan suddenly so interested in games like these?"

"Well, it's a game. He's still a child, after all." Jared replied, thinking there was nothing particularly unusual about children playing games like these.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2765-Nicole, however, had an inexplicable feeling of unease in her heart. She could not put a finger on what was wrong, but she just could not shake the feeling of disquiet within her.

"Let's eat first, and then we'll go upstairs to check." Jared comforted her, as he saw that she looked somewhat worried.

He thought there was nothing particularly unusual about Nolan's behavior but considering that she had been taking care of the kid for the past five years, and because she knew the boy better than he did, it would be in their best interest to give it a look later on.

"Okay." Nicole nodded in agreement, still feeling that it was necessary for them to go up later and see what was going on.

"Tia, our company has a minor team-building exercise tomorrow. Would you like to join?" June asked.

"Ah? I-I'd rather not." Tia instinctively refused.

Refusing to give up, June continued to persuade Tia. "Most of them are from the previous group of bridesmaids, whom you've met. There are only a few you've never gotten to know, and those are the dudes." "Wow, can I go then?" Lulu looked at June with anticipation.

After turning to Lulu, June teased, "Are you sure?"

She then gestured at Spencer as she said, 'You've got the guts, don't you?

Aren't you afraid of making Spencer jealous?' Lulu grinned. "I didn't mean that. I just want to help Tia with some advice."

“But it’s just a team-building exercise. Why are you making it sound like some kind of blind date?” Samuel asked.

“It’s not that, but it’s important to be cautious when making friends, you know,”

Lulu said, encouraging Tia, “Go ahead, Tia. It’s always good to make more friends.”

“I...” Tia hesitated for a bit.

She really did not want to go, but she also understood everyone’s good intentions. In addition, it would be too impolite for her to decline them outright.

“I think it’s fine. Since we all know each other, why don’t we go there together as a group?” Spencer said and turned to Samuel, signaling to him that he should agree as well.

“I think it’s good. There will be even more familiar faces.” Lulu nodded, thinking it was a good idea.

Samuel pondered for a moment, after which he said, “Okay.”

Seeing that Samuel and Spencer had agreed to show up, Lulu turned to Nicole and asked, “Nicole, why don’t you come too?”

Nicole looked at Tia, and after giving it some thought, she replied, “Alright.”

It was evident that Tia was reluctant to go, but she did not want to disappoint everyone. With enough pressure, she would likely be on board, and if Nicole tagged along, Tia might even feel more at ease.

“Tia, do you still have any concerns?” Lulu looked at Tia as if waiting for an answer.

“In that case, I guess I’ll just come along.” Tia gave in, and gave Nicole a glance as if to indicate that she was thankful.

She knew that Nicole rarely participated in such activities and had only agreed to join because of her.

After flashing Tia a reassuring smile, Nicole said, “Let’s eat.”

Everyone quickly ate their dinner, filling the room with gales of laughter and merry conversations, before leaving for home.

Watching her children happily making plans for tomorrow before going home, Gloria felt somewhat relieved. “This is what a family should be like.”

And indeed, a family home should always be lively and joyful. A simple look at them and how well they were doing would put a smile on everyone’s faces.

“Yeah, you may stop worrying now.” Daniel smiled at Gloria.

“They are all doing good, and that’s our greatest wish fulfilled,” Gloria said, holding onto Daniel’s arm as they went upstairs.

Concurrently, Jared and Nicole had also gone up to the second floor to check on Nolan and Lana

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2766-The living room was now empty, save for Stanley, who appeared to be somewhat depressed and lonely.

Leaning back against the couch, Stanley sat in silence, as if contemplating something. It was only after fifteen minutes that he stood, as if he had made a decision, and returned to his room.

Meanwhile, Nicole and Jared were watching Nolan, who was playing his game.

Jared was also holding Lana, who was leaning against his shoulder, her eyes heavy with sleep.

“Daddy, I want to go to bed.” Lana rested on Jared’s shoulder with her eyes closed, unable to stay awake anymore.

After shooting Nicole a glance, Jared said, “I’ll take Lana back to sleep.”

“Okay.” Nicole agreed, her attention returning to the computer screen.

Nolan’s gameplay seemed ordinary, much like a typical levelbased game.

However, Nicole could tell that something was off about it.

“Yay!” Nolan cheered loudly, snapping Nicole out of it.

Seeing that Nolan had completed the level, she reminded him, “It’s getting late, and your sister has already gone to sleep. It’s time for you to get ready for bed too.”

“Okay, Mommy.” Nolan obediently shut the computer down, and went off to the bathroom to take a shower.

After Nolan was done washing up, he changed into his pajamas, Nicole, who was sitting on the bedside, then tucked him under the covers.

“Nolan, where did you find this game?” Nicole asked softly.

“It came up to me as a pop-up window while I was surfing the internet one day. I thought it carried no risks, so I downloaded it. I found it to be quite fun.” Nolan answered with his brows raised.

“Mommy, is there something wrong with the game?” he asked. ‘Why is it that Mommy seems really concerned with the game? Mommy rarely cares about these things.’ Not wanting to tell Nolan anything, Nicole simply smiled and said, “It’s nothing.

Go to sleep early.”

“Oh, okay.” Nolan went to sleep, brushing his earlier concerns off as overthinking.

After Nolan had fallen asleep, Nicole got up to leave the room. Just before leaving, her gaze fell on the computer screen again, and she narrowed her eyes.

Back in her own room, Nicole saw that Jared had already returned. She sat down, unable to help but sigh.

“What are you suspecting?” Jared softly asked upon noticing how serious she looked.

Nicole shook her head. “I can’t explain it clearly. I just feel that something is strange.”

Seeing that Nicole was rather confused and stressed out, he began to take her concerns seriously as well. “Tell me specifically. What kind of feeling is it? How strange is it?”

Perhaps Nicole had noticed something that everyone else had not, and sharing it might prove useful; it might provide new insights into the matter.

Nicole pondered for a moment, after which she replied, "It looks like an ordinary game, and I just asked Nolan about it. He said he stumbled upon it on the internet and downloaded it because it seemed risk free."

"None at all?" Jared inquired.

"Nolan said he checked it, and there was malware or viruses attached. He only downloaded it because he thought it was safe to play."

She believed Nolan would not be wrong about such matters. In fact, he was quite capable of steering clear of viruses on his own.

"If there are no risks and it's just an ordinary game, what makes you feel that something is off?" Jared asked Nicole again.

Nicole frowned, and murmured as she contemplated it. "The game seems ordinary, with no special gameplay, but I just feel like there's something..."

After a sudden pause, Nicole looked at Jared and said, "I know now."

And just like that, she had figured out what the reason was. She had thought about it and finally realized that this game, while appearing ordinary and unsuspecting, actually concealed something within.

She remembered that Nolan would use a decryption code whenever he cleared a level. 'How could such a game be ordinary?'

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2767-"What?" Jared squinted when he saw the look of unease on her face.

"This game seems to have been deliberately made for Nolan to discover,"

Nicole realized.

It was not something Nolan accidentally stumbled upon, but rather something that was sent to him, giving him a false sense of coincidence.

"Who is behind this, and why would they do that?" Jared's expression darkened.

Nicole then shared her analysis with Jared, and the more he thought about it, the more furious he became. If her assumptions were correct, it was evident that this game was deliberately designed for a nefarious reason.

"I need you to log into Nolan's computer tomorrow to investigate," Jared ordered.

"Okay," Nicole nodded.

For now, they could only keep their suspicions under wraps, as a discreet investigation would only be possible later on.

Jared then patted her on the shoulder to comfort her. "Don't worry. Everything will be fine."

If there was an ulterior motive on the part of the developers, it would most likely be a long-term plan. After all, clearing through a game was not something the kids would be able to do overnight.

Nicole reached out and wrapped her arms around Jared's waist before she leaned against him, finding solace and regaining strength in his warmth.

Sensing what she was worried about, he embraced her as he gently patted her on the back in an attempt to soothe her.

The sun was bright and warm the very next day. By the time breakfast was over, everyone had already left, leaving nobody but Nicole at home.

After entering Nolan's room, Nicole turned his computer on and carefully examined the game.

Upon closer inspection, she realized that it was exactly what she had expected, so she went online to search for this particular game, just to find that there was nothing remotely similar to it on the web. This proved that the game Nolan had been playing was custom-made for him. In other words, it was unique, and Nolan was the only one who owned it.

To further her investigation, Nicole copied the game, left home, and headed to the Riddle Corporation.

"Why are you coming in late? Is there something wrong?" Lulu asked when she saw Nicole.

"Nothing." Nicole answered without much elaboration.

She did not want to make a big deal out of it to avoid alarming others.

"Oh, we'll have to attend June's team-building event after work today. Let's leave together after work," Lulu suggested. Nicole nodded in agreement. "Okay."

"I'll continue working now." Lulu smiled and waved the stack of files in her hand.

She needed to finish her work quickly today.

"Sure," Nicole answered with a smile.

As Lulu turned around to leave the office, Patricia approached Nicole and whispered, "Ms. Riddle? I'll accompany you tonight."

"Good, Jared doesn't like attending such events anyway. Besides, he's the one picking Nolan and Lana up after work, so he'll feel at ease with you by my side,"

Nicole agreed.

While talking, the two headed toward Nicole's office without noticing Ellar, who had just emerged from the elevator.

"Is there an event tonight?" Ellar murmured.

The instant he saw the secretary, he immediately stopped her and asked, "

Nicole said she's leaving after work just now. What's going on?"

“There’s a team-building event. I heard it from Ms. Barrera just now. It seems to be organized by June’s company,” the secretary replied.

“Oh, I see,” Ellar mumbled as he walked upto Nicole’s office.

He then placed a few knocks on the door and opened it after someone had responded.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2768-“Nicole, I’ve come to deliver good news,” Ellar said with a cheerful smile.

“Wow, that’s quick!” Nicole was surprised.

They had discussed the matter in passing last night, and yet, the results were already in.

“Yes, I got the news, so I came over to tell you right away.” Ellar proudly handed the documents to Nicole. “Please, take a look!”

Nicole rolled her eyes and grabbed the documents.

After flipping through them, she nodded in approval.” Excellent. Keep up the good work. I believe you’ll be able to secure the project.”

“Although we’ve only passed the bidding phase this time, I will work hard for the project,” Ellar said.

He had invested a great deal of effort into this project, so it was natural for him to hope for a positive outcome.

“You know, for something like this, you could have just faxed it to me. Why bother coming over in person?” Nicole asked after placing the documents down.

“Well, it’s quite a big deal for me, so I had to come and inform you in person.

Besides, I’ve already planned to treat everyone to a meal after I won the bidding. I hope you’ll all come,” Ellar said while giving Patricia an involuntary glance.

Though Ellar had come to deliver documents to Nicole, he was actually here to check on Patricia.

Nicole had assured him yesterday that Patricia was fine, but as he had not seen her, he was not too convinced. It was a concern he had very little control over, so when he received the news this morning, he was ecstatic, and took the opportunity to rush over.

Nicole, who knew what he was up to, was amused by Ellar’s actions. His intentions were too obvious.

In addition, Patricia had also noticed what Ellar was up to.

After giving him a resentful glare, she coldly said, “Mr. Riddle? If you’re done reporting, you may go back now. I still have work to do.”

It was her subtle way of saying, ‘You’re disturbing me, so I’ll appreciate it if you’d just leave.’¹ Hearing that, Ellar immediately agreed and turned to Nicole. “Hey, urn, I think I’ll get going now.”

“Okay.” Nicole furrowed her brows. ‘Is he really going to leave just like that?’ Her lips were pursed as she watched him disappear through the door. ‘What is he even doing?’ Meanwhile, Patricia was glad. With Ellar gone, she breathed a sigh of relief and continued to report on the situation regarding Damien.

Nicole also withdrew her gaze, not bothering to ask Patricia about her situation with Ellar, and listened attentively to her findings.

“So, are you saying that Damien is conveying messages to someone?” Nicole frowned, puzzled by Damien’s enigmatic behavior.

“Yes, and it’s confirmed that it’s definitely not Everett. Moreover, Everett is still holed up abroad and hasn’t returned,” Patricia said solemnly.

“Do you think it’s possible that Damien is contacting the Eastern Falcon organization?” Patricia queried.

Considering Damien’s peculiar actions, Nicole noticed that all of his strange habits seemed to have started after their encounter with the Eastern Falcon.

“It’s possible.” Nicole nodded in agreement, after which she pondered for a moment. “But how did he manage to contact these people?”

Although Damien has been managing business in San Joto for many years, earning him connections with the powerful and influential, it still made no sense that he could contact a mercenary organization such as the Eastern Falcon all on his own.

All in all, it seemed they did not understand Damien well enough. The fact that he could secretly contact such an organization was a testament that they had underestimated him.

“Ms. Riddle, how should we proceed?” Patricia asked Nicole softly.

Nicole stopped and pondered for a moment, whereupon she looked at Patricia.

“Have someone follow him and find a way to discover who he’s in contact with.”

They needed direct evidence as all they had to work with were speculations and assumptions.

“Understood,” Patricia responded.

“Okay. You may leave now,” Nicole told Patricia.

Patricia then excused herself, turned around, and walked out of Nicole’s office.

After that, Nicole leaned back against her chair and narrowed her eyes. Then, she uploaded a copy of Nolan’s game on her computer and examined it.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2769-Dusk arrived in the blink of an eye, and just like that, it was time for them to clock out.

With that, Nicole and Lulu left the company together, while Patricia drove them to the location where they had agreed to meet up with the rest.

Upon arrival, Nicole saw Tia waiting at the restaurant’s entrance, waving happily as she spotted them.

“Hi, Nicole,” Tia greeted Nicole with joy.

The feeling of loneliness within her was gone in an instant.

“You’re remarkably punctual,” Lulu teased after they approached Tia.

“I didn’t want everyone to wait for me,” Tia explained softly.

Lulu then glanced at Nicole and said, “Let’s go inside. I think everyone else should be here by now.”

“Sure,” Nicole agreed.

But just as they were about to enter, someone called out to her. “Hey Nicole!

Wait for me!”

Nicole turned around and was surprised to see Ellar rushing over to her, causing a smirk to play on her face.

She suddenly understood why Ellar was not reluctant to leave this morning. He had probably overheard her conversation with Patricia and decided to join the event.

“I made it in time,” Ellar said, and issued a sigh of relief.

After giving him a smile, Nicole said, “Let’s head inside.”

Ellar sheepishly scratched his head when he realized that Nicole had seen through him. Still, he happily followed them into the venue.

“Why are you here?” Lulu asked Ellar with a curious look etched on her face.

“I heard there was an event, so I came to join in the fun,” Ellar casually explained.

Without thinking too much about it, Lulu nodded. “Perfect. Samuel and Spencer will be here too.”

“That’s great,” Ellar said, satisfied and feeling at ease.

He had no idea about the specifics; all he knew was that there was a gathering of sorts. He was also worried that he might be the only male participant around.

Now that he knew that Samuel and Spencer were also here, he felt relieved.

They could already hear some noises inside when they arrived at the doorstep of the reserved private room.

With that, Lulu smiled and said, “They’ve all arrived. Let’s go in.”

After knocking on the door, Lulu opened it and announced, “We’re here!”

“Welcome! Come on in!” one of June’s colleagues greeted them.

June had already informed them about who would be attending their team-building event, mentioning that they were all from the Riddle family. Naturally, they were very welcome.

Once the Riddles were in, June's colleagues caught sight of Ellar, taking them aback for a moment. Then, their gaze shifted toward Stanley.

June had only mentioned that Samuel and Spencer would be there, not Stanley and Ellar. Seeing Stanley there was surprising enough for them, and now, another unexpected guest from the Riddle family, Ellar, had also arrived.

"Wow, am I dreaming?" one of the bridesmaids exclaimed. "I never thought I'd witness the entirety of the male lineup from the Riddle family in my lifetime.

Thank you, June. Oh gosh, it must be a blessing from you!"

"Just joining in on the fun," Ellar explained casually, knowing that his visit was sudden.

"Greetings! Please take a seat!" June greeted, motioning for everyone to take a seat.

She then turned to Tia and said, "Tia, come here. This is Don and Ford, and that is..."

After introducing several men to Tia, June pointed to a few of the men and said, "You know them. You met them at the wedding."

"Hello, everyone," Tia greeted them all before taking a seat next to Nicole.

She had only shown up because she could not refuse their offer; she was not here to make friends. If anything, she hoped it would quickly end so that she could go home.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2770-Lulu smiled when she saw how reserved and introverted Tia was. "Tia, don't isolate yourself. Come play with us." "Why don't we eat first?" Stanley suggested as soon as Lulu had spoken.

Lulu was taken aback as she thought to herself, 'It's already strange enough that Stanley is here today, and now, his behavior is even more unusual.' "Sure, let's have the waiter serve the dishes." Don got up to call the waiter over.

Soon after, everyone got seated and dug into their meal.

The bridesmaids had already met the scions of the Riddle family, so they were not very reserved during the meal. After chatting for a while, the men found common topics they could discuss and became even friendlier with each other.

In contrast, Nicole appeared to be a little detached. There was a faint smile on her face as she watched the group of people chatting and laughing among themselves. Patricia, who was sitting next to Nicole, wanted to just remain quiet as well, but unfortunately, she could not.

Ellar had come all the way just to see her, so he had to seize every opportunity he had to show her how much he liked her.

"Patricia, try this.

"Patricia, would you like some drinks?

"Patricia..."

Patricia began to feel a little dizzy after the flurry of questions from him.

Then, she gritted her teeth and said, "Can you keep quiet for a second?"

"Eat something else if this doesn't suit your taste." Ellar scooped up the food he had just given to Patricia and placed it on his own plate.

Patricia's lips twitched as she warned Ellar, "Stop putting food onto my plate or you'll have to sit somewhere else."

She did not want to treat Ellar too coldly with so many people around to see what was going on, but her patience was running thin.

"Okay." Ellar agreed and sat at the side with a pitiful look.

Having seen that, Patricia gritted her teeth in anger again as she thought to herself, 'What is he trying to do? Did I mistreat him in any way?!' Nicole, on the other hand, was smiling as she found the interaction between them somewhat amusing.

"Nicole, are Nolan and Lana home already?" Tia asked softly.

"Yeah, don't worry. Jared will go pick them up," Nicole replied.

Then, she softly added, "Since you're already here, just relax. Don't put too much pressure on yourself."

"1-1 didn't." Tia looked away.

"Tia? When you're in doubt, just follow your heart," Nicole said to Tia as if she was hinting something to her.

After all, no one could understand her own feelings better than herself. The ultimate decision rested in her hands. All everyone else could do for her was provide suggestions and their own opinions. Nobody would be able to decide anything on her behalf.

However, the fact that Stanley was here today had convinced Nicole that he had already figured out what to do.

She then looked at Tia with a smile and patted the back of her hand.

Tia bit her lip, looking a little lost. She understood full well what Nicole was trying to tell her, but...

"Hey, Tia, do you know that..." June looked at Tia with a faint smile, wanting to introduce Don to her.

It was then that Stanley abruptly cut her off, and pulled Tia out of her seat.

"Please come out for a moment."

"What?" Tia was shocked and before she realized it, Stanley had already brought her out of the room.

"June, is there something going on between the two of your friends over there?"

Don and Ford asked.

June, who was also a little confused, murmured, "I don't know."

