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“Grandpa met with a car accident.”

” will go with you.”

“Okay.”

Jared drove Nicole’s Lamborghini and sped toward the hospital.

In the emergency room, the doctors were struggling to save Mr. Johnston Sr. Jared and Nicole looked through the glass and saw Mr. Johnston Sr. lying on the bed with his eyes closed.

“How did this happen?” Jared asked the family butler with a sullen look on his face.

“Mr. Johnston Sr. said he was going to go outside for a walk, and I got a call from the hospital not long after he went out, and then...”

The family butler could not figure out why until now.

Just then, a nurse in the operating room ran out.

“Who is the patient’s family?”

“I am. How is my grandpa?” Jared asked.

“The patient is badly injured, and the doctor said the patient needs to undergo surgery. Please sign here.”

The nurse handed a consent form to Jared.

“Who is the chief surgeon?” Jared asked.

“It is Dr. Robertson.”

“Which Dr. Robertson?”

“The best surgeon in the hospital.”

The nurse finished and turned to walk back into the operating room.

Looking at Jared’s anxious demeanor, Nicole reassured him, saying, “Your grandpa will be fine. Let’s wait over there.”

Nicole brought Jared to a chair and sat down.

Just then, someone came up from a distance.

“What happened to Mrs. Johnston Sr.?” Henry asked the family butler.

“He has been in a car accident.”

“A car accident?”

Henry looked at the family butler with a shocked face. He then swept a glance at Jared and Nicole sitting at the side.

“Get me the best doctor in the hospital. I have to save Dad.” Henry talked loudly in the hallway.

“Be quiet!” Jared shouted. He already had enough headaches, and he could not stand Henry’s impudent behavior.

“How do you talk to your uncle like this? Now that your grandpa is in the operating room fighting for his life. How can you still sit here?”

Henry shot back.

Jared looked up at him with a knife-like look in his eyes.

Henry did not dare to look at him but turned to reprimand the family butler.

Half an hour passed, and the surgeon came out of the operating room with a sad look on his face.

Jared went over to him and asked, “How is my grandpa?”

“I’m really sorry I wasn’t able to save the patient. So go in and see him for one last time while he is still breathing.” Dr. Robertson said, glanced at Henry, and left.

Nicole looked at her watch; this surgeon only went in for less than half an hour and then came out to declare the patient dying.

Plus, the way he had looked at Henry, she felt something was wrong.

But there was no time to think, as Mr. Johnston Sr. was still lying on the operating table. So she hurried in.

Jared and Henry saw Mr. Johnston Sr. lying on the operating table and called out a few times without getting an answer from him.

“Jared, we did our best. Let your grandpa go in peace.”

Henry tried to persuade Jared to leave.

“If you have something to do, leave first,” Jared replied coldly.

“You, alas, I will go talk to the hospital about what we should do next,” Henry said and left after giving Mr. Johnston Sr. another look.

Nicole went to Mr. Johnston Sr.’s side and checked his injuries. She found that only one of the injuries was life-threatening but not incurable, as the doctor had claimed.

“Jared, don’t be upset yet. I think your grandpa should be in a coma. You go out and rest for a while, while I will heal your grandpa,” Nicole said with a serious look on her face.

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Jared looked back at Nicole without a hint of surprise.

“You don’t have to comfort me. I just want to stay here with Grandpa for a little while longer.” Nicole took his hand.

“I mean it. Time is running out.”

Seeing Nicole’s serious expression, Jared walked out of the operating room without a word.

“Martin, where are you?” Nicole’s urgent voice came through the phone.

“I’m at the hospital.”

“Great. Come help me in the operating room on the thirteenth floor right away.”

“The operating room? You’re hurt?” Martin asked nervously.

“It is not me. You will know when you come over.”

“Okay, I will be right there.”

Martin left what he was doing and ran to the elevator, and headed to the operating room as fast as he could.

“Mr. Johnston? What are you doing here?”

Martin saw Jared sitting in a chair outside the operating room. Jared looked up at him without saying a word. Martin pushed the door open and walked in.

“Nicole, I saw Mr. Johnston outside. Who is it that needs surgery?”

The next second, he was shocked to see Mr. Johnston Sr. on the operating table.

“How could this happen?”

“Mr. Johnston Sr. had a car accident. I have to operate on him now. Can you be my assistant?”

Nicole believed in no one in the hospital except Martin.

“Yeah. But can you?”

Martin could not believe that Nicole would operate.

“Have you forgotten who changed the data of your experiment last time?”

Martin furrowed his brows as he recalled what had happened back then.

“I will call in some more nurses,” Martin called all the people he was close to.

Soon, several nurses came into the operating room.

“Let’s get started.” Nicole was ready to go.

“Scalpel.”

Outside the operating room, Jared sat in the chair and watched as the nurses went in, and the light of the operating room came on again.

He took a long breath.

A long time passed, and Henry came back again with a group of people. He became suspicious when he saw the light of the operating room had lit up again.

“Jared, what’s going on in there?” Henry asked.

“Nicole is performing the surgery,” Jared said in an icy voice.

“Nicole? What does a little girl like her know about surgery?”

Henry instantly exploded at the sound of that.

The people behind him rushed toward the operating room in a swarm, and before they could reach the door, a loud rebuke rang out.

“No one gets in there.”

Jared swept his eye at those people, and they all froze in place, not daring to take a step forward.

Max walked over and stood at the door of the operating room, looking at everyone with cold eyes as if he would break the leg of anyone taking a step forward.

In the operating room, Nicole heard the noise outside and frowned.

“Do you want me to check it out?” Martin asked.

“No. Continue the surgery.”

Nicole collected her mind, calming herself down, and kept doing what she was doing.

Martin looked at Nicole’s technique and felt that it was familiar as if he had seen it somewhere.

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“Jared, what are you doing?”

Henry looked back at Jared.

“Uncle Henry, you better bring your men and leave before my patience runs out,” Jared said in a morose voice.

Henry could see that Jared meant it, and he did not dare to challenge him. He glanced at the operating room, thinking that a little girl like Nicole would only make things worse and cause Mr. Johnston Sr. to die even faster.

He grunted in anger and then spun around and led his men to leave.

The hallway became quiet again after Henry and his men left, and the light of the operating room was still on.

“Max, how long has Nicole been in there?”

Jared looked at him.

“Miss Riddle has been in there for about an hour.”

Max looked at the time.

Jared took a deep breath, stood up, and started pacing the hallway.

As time passed, beads of sweat popped up on Nicole’s forehead.

A nurse saw that and wiped them off for her.

Again, a long time had passed and Max’s voice rang out.

“Mr. Johnston, the light is out.”

Jared and the family butler immediately came forward, anxious eyes looking inside.

After a while, Nicole and Martin came out.

“How is my grandfather?”

Jared took Nicole’s hand and looked into her eyes, trying to get an answer from inside.

“Your grandpa is fine.” Nicole sighed in relief.

“Really?”

Jared was in disbelief at hearing what Nicole said.

“Really.” Martin reaffirmed what Nicole said. Jared looked at Martin for a moment and then at Nicole with grateful eyes.

“I can’t believe you have saved my grandpa. Thank you.”

“It is what I should do.”

“Nicole, I think I have seen your technique somewhere before.” Martin tried hard to remember.

“You’ve seen it before?”

Nicole glanced at Martin. She had never used this technique anywhere else; this was the first time. So she wondered how Martin had seen it before.

“I remember it now; this surgical technique is a secret creation of the world’s top doctor, James Dade. No one else, except for his student Ghost Hand, knows this technique. Where did you learn it? “

Martin suddenly remembered a foreign case he had read, which briefly described some of Ghost Hand's surgical techniques.

"James Dade? Ghost Hand?" Jared looked at Martin in surprise.

"You have also heard of it?"

Martin looked at Jared.

"Yeah, I heard that James Dade is an internationally recognized top surgeon, and his disciple Ghost Hand is the one who has the highest attainment in medicine after him."

Jared had only heard of their deeds but had not seen the real person.

"I can't believe that you guys also know James Dade and Ghost Hand and even know his techniques."

Nicole did not answer Martin's question directly.

"They are god-like beings, the pinnacle of the medical world. It would be my greatest honor if I could meet either of them."

"Nicole, you still haven't told me where you learned that technique?" Martin had no intention of leaving her alone.

"Well, since you've seen it, I will tell you honestly. I am Ghost Hand," Nicole said calmly as she looked at them.

"You are Ghost Hand?"

The two looked at Nicole in shock and disbelief.

"You don't believe me?"

Nicole could see their disbelief.

"Unbelievable indeed."

Martin looked at Nicole and murmured.

"You don't believe me either?" Nicole asked Jared.

"I believe you, even if no one does."

Jared looked at her affectionately, not expecting that his fiancée was the famous Ghost Hand.

Just then, a nurse pushed Mr. Johnston Sr. out of the operating room. Jared walked over to check on him.

“Your grandpa is still in a coma, but he is out of life-threatening condition. Let’s get him to the ICU.”

Nicole walked over and took Jared’s hand to comfort him. Jared nodded.

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Henry returned to his office with the thinking that Mr. Johnston Sr. could no longer speak for Jared.

“Castor, spread the news about your grandpa’s accident right away. The sooner, the better.”

Henry wanted to teach Jared a lesson for being arrogant all this time. He then called all the directors of the company.

The next day, Jared was on his way to the company when Max sent him the news of Mr. Johnston Sr.’s accident.

[Johnston Group’s chairman died in an accident.] Jared stared at the headline on his phone.

Just then, a call came in, and it was Henry.

“How long before you arrive at the company? The board members have something to discuss with you.”

Henry sounded excited on the phone.

Jared seemed to have guessed what was going on.

“Max, drive faster.”

“Yes, Mr. Johnston.”

Max sped up the car at once and soon arrived and stopped in front of the Johnston Group building.

Jared strode ahead toward the conference room. He came to the front of the conference table and sat down, his eyes scanning everyone at the table, where no one dared to meet his gaze.

Henry saw everyone lowering their heads, and he took the lead by saying, "Jared, all the board members are here today because they are concerned about Mr. Johnston Sr's condition. You were the last to leave yesterday. So why don't you tell everyone?"

Jared swept a glance at Henry, who was speaking, and then looked at everyone else.

"On behalf of the chairman, I would like to thank you for your concern. You should have seen the news today. I assume you are all here today not only because of the news but also because you were compelled to come."

Speaking of this, Jared glanced at Henry.

"The news is not true. The chairman's condition has been effectively controlled, now placed under observation, so you don't need to be overly nervous," Jared said pointedly.

Hearing what Jared said, Henry was instantly wide-eyed.

'That is impossible. I clearly saw Dad was about to breathe his last yesterday. No way he would get well. What happened?' He sat in his chair, thinking, and did not hear Jared talking to him.

"Henry, what are you thinking about?" Jared called his name.

Henry now came back to his senses and smiled awkwardly.

"Nothing. $\mu\sigma\nu\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\nu\sigma\kappa.\phi\sigma\mu$ This is just clickbait to get attention. I will deal with them good and proper."

"Since you have said so, I will leave the matter to you."

Jared took this opportunity to pass on the PR damage control task to Henry.

The chickens had come home to roost for him.

"Jared, we are sorry to hear about the unfortunate incident, and we are relieved to hear that the chairman is fine. But someone must carry out the chairman's duty in his absence. So perhaps we should first appoint an acting chairman to carry out the chairman's duty and ensure the company can run smoothly until the chairman fully recovers and can preside over the board of directors again."

A director, a senior-aged man, proposed.

As soon as he finished speaking, the conference room was abuzz with discussion, and voices of agreement abounded.

Jared looked at the people in the conference room and knew that Henry was determined to win this time.

“What is everyone’s opinion?” Jared asked.

“I agree with Mr.Holden’s suggestion.After all, the board of directors can’t function without someone presiding over it.”

Mr.Pearce looked at Jared and said calmly.

“Yes.I also agree with Mr.Holden.The board can’t function well without someone presiding over it.”

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In Mr.Pearce’s lead, many board members agreed with Mr.Holden’s statement.

“Well, since everyone agrees with Mr.Holden, then let’s raise our hands and vote for an acting chairman.”

Jared was alone and could only preside according to the majority opinion now.

“Max, you will preside over the election of the acting chairman,” Jared said.

“Okay.”

“I will call out the names of the board members in order, and everyone will raise their hands to vote.We will elect the one with the most votes as the acting chairman.” Max announced the voting rules.

“Starting with Jared, all those who vote for Jared as acting chairman raise their hands.Jared has eight votes.”

“All those who vote for Mr.Holden as acting chairman raise their hands.Mr.Holden, four votes.”
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“Raise your hand for Mr.Pearce as acting chairman.Three votes for Mr.Pearce.”

“All those who vote for Henry to serve as acting chairman raise their hands.Henry has twelve votes.”

“All those who voted for Mr.Campbell to serve as acting chairman raise their hands.- Mr.Campbell five votes.”

“Finally, I announce Henry will act as acting chairman of the company in the absence of Mr. Johnston Sr.,” Max announced.

The room erupted in applause as Henry stood up pretentiously to look at those who had elected him.

“I hope that during my time as acting chairman, we can work together to boost our company’s performance before I hand back the helm to Mr. Johnston Sr. Thank you all, especially to Jared, for his support.”

Henry did not forget to take a jab at Jared.

“Then we will all look forward to Henry’s highlight reel.”

Jared deliberately flattered Henry by repeating his promise, meaning to remind everyone to monitor him together, which would make his every move more transparent.

The meeting ended, and Jared left the room first.

Henry and his cohorts were talking loudly and joyfully in the room. He was now the acting chairman.

The entire group had to listen to him, and Jared could no longer flex his muscles in front of him like before.

Back in the office, Max could not help but say, “Mr. Johnston, Henry is clearly trying to take advantage of the opportunity to usurp the position. Why did you let him do what he wanted?”

Max just watched Henry’s smug look in the conference room and felt like punching him in the face. He could not stand that Henry was too eager to usurp the position while his father was ill. He felt Henry was abominable, like those rebellious ministers in ancient times.

“You just saw it; those are his men. That those weasels were sitting there meant they had come prepared. Even if I could stop them today, there is tomorrow and the day after. One day, they are going to make things even worse, and then it will be hard to control.”

Jared was avoiding a head-on collision with Henry now.

During a time when Mr. Johnston Sr. was still in intensive care, angering him would make things worse.

“So, what do we do now? We are only halfway through the cooperation with Martin.”

Max was worried that Henry would cause trouble for Jared.

“We will go ahead with the cooperation with Martin. You tell Claus to speed up the process and come up with a revenue analysis as soon as possible. Even if there are objections, as long as we have the data in hand, those directors are not stupid, and they won’t let a wonderful project go by without seizing it. They won’t sacrifice their wallet to help Henry.”

In Jared’s eyes, those people’s minds were like exhibits in front of him; he knew them too well.

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“Okay, I will contact Claus right away.”

After Henry was elected acting chairman, the first thing he did was to allocate funds to relieve the pressure on the branch, and Henry and Castor eased up.

“Dad, now that you are the chairman, the Johnston Group is finally in our hands, and we are no longer at Jared’s mercy.”

Castor was jumping for joy.

“Yeah, after all these years, I finally made it to the top on my own,” Henry said.

“Congratulations, Dad.”

“Castor, from now on, I will let you run this branch. Make good use of this opportunity, and we, father and son, join forces. When we have finally taken over the Johnston Group, we can do whatever we want.”

Henry was not content with being an acting chairman. He wanted control of the Johnston Group, the real chairman.

“Don’t worry, Dad. I will definitely put the branch in order.”

“Keep an eye on the hospital side at all times. Don’t let your grandfather wake up, do you understand?” Henry reminded him with a serious face.

“Got it. I will send someone to monitor him 24 hours a day and report to you as soon as there is any situation.”

Castor had already sent someone over, and now Mr. Johnston Sr’s ward was completely under his surveillance.

“Good. Remember to destroy any trace of the record of the money we have siphoned out. Make sure no one will find out.”

This was one of Henry’s biggest concerns.

“Got it.”

At the villa, Nicole was checking her computer when she received a call from Harvey.

“Nicole, I heard that something happened to Mr. Johnston Sr. is it true?”

Harvey’s surprised voice was heard over the phone.

“Is that what you are calling about?” Nicole asked him back.

“Err, no. I just wanted to ask if there was any news from Scott.” Harvey had been thinking about the manned flying car project.

“Not yet. How is that project you and Sean are working on?”

“It is going well. Haven’t you been to Sean’s place lately?”

“No, I haven’t been to his place in a long time.”

“Where are you? If you are free, let’s go over to Sean’s place.”

Harvey had not seen her for a long time either and wanted to take this opportunity to see her.

“If you want to go, you go alone. I have a call coming in. Talk later. Bye.”

Nicole hung up, not giving Harvey time to speak.

“She hung up on me again,” Harvey murmured.

“Nicole, where are you? Grandpa’s condition has become unstable. Can you come over?”

It was Jared at the other end of the phone.

“Yeah, I’m coming over.”

Nicole put down her computer and rushed out of the house.

In the hospital, Mr. Johnston Sr's condition was not too optimistic, as his vital signs suddenly weakened. The door of the hospital room was pushed open, and Nicole walked in.

"What is wrong with Grandpa?"

"Quickly take a look."

She quickly walked to the hospital bed. The parameter readings on the instrument were dropping, and Mr. Johnston Sr's life was in danger.

"How could this be?"

Yesterday, after Nicole performed surgery on Mr. Johnston Sr., his vital signs were all stable, and he was supposed to get better today. So she wondered why his condition had deteriorated now.

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Nicole gave Mr. Johnston Sr. a quick check-up and found no problems anywhere, including the instruments.

At last, her eyes landed on the IV.

"Let me see the infusion record for today." Nicole looked at the doctor.

The doctor immediately handed it to her, and she found the problem at first glance.

"How can you give this medication to the patient? His current condition isn't suitable for this medication. Pull out the needle immediately."

"We have given this medication to many patients after surgery, and there have been no adverse reactions." The doctor questioned Nicole's judgment.

"You are right; many hospitals give this medication to post-operative patients, but this patient's case differs from others. If you use this medication, there will be significant side effects."

Nicole pulled the needle when she saw no one dared to do it.

"You can't do that. This will put the patient's life in danger."

The doctor did not believe what Nicole said and tried to stop her.

“Don’t stop her. Just do what she says.” Jared spoke up upon hearing what Nicole said.

Nicole glanced at Jared and then quickly wrote a prescription and handed it to the nurse.

“Follow this prescription and give the patient the medication right away.”

The nurse looked at Jared for a second and then hurried out to dispense the medication.

Mr. Johnston Sr. weakened even quicker after the needle was pulled.

Nicole did not have time to argue with the doctors. She took out the silver needles she carried with her, found a few crucial points, and started to apply needles.

After a few moments, Mr. Johnston Sr.’s vital signs gradually stabilized, not dropping as fast as earlier.

The doctors at the side had surprised looks on their faces, not expecting Nicole to be so skilled in acupuncture and stabilize Mr. Johnston Sr.’s condition with just a few needles.

At this time, the nurse walked in with the prepared medication and administered the IV to Mr. Johnston Sr. Nicole stood by and observed, watching the values on the instruments rise to normal, before pulling out the silver needles.

“First, follow the medication list I just prescribed for a week, after which I will give you a new one.”

Nicole looked at the doctors without reproaching them.

After all, they were trained to do their jobs, and it was understandable that they did not understand what Nicole was doing.

The doctors did not dare to refute her again. Instead, they nodded and looked at her with admiration.

“Thank you, Nicole.” Jared looked at her gratefully. She was the one who had brought his grandfather back from the brink of death again and again.

Nicole looked at him and shook her head.

“Don’t mention it. I will come over to visit once a day, so you don’t have to worry about it.”

The two looked at Mr. Johnston Sr., who was lying in the hospital bed. Grandpa, you must wake up. The board of directors is still waiting for you to preside over it.”

“Mr. Johnston, Henry has arrived at the headquarters,” Max said as he came in.

“Is there something going on in the company?” Nicole saw Max’s grave expression and asked.

“Yeah. I have to go to the office to deal with it.”

“Go ahead. I will stay here.”

Nicole’s words were reassuring to Jared.

“Thank you. I will be back when I’m done.”

Jared looked into Nicole’s eyes and then left with Max.

In the car, Jared asked Max, “Who did Henry come with?”

“Just him.”

“Alone? Do you know why he is here?”

“I think he is here to report to his job. People at the company told me that Henry is choosing his office.”

Even Max was amused to hear about this.

“Looks like it is not the first day he wants to be the chairman.”

Jared looked at the sky with frosty eyes.

When he arrived at the office, Henry had already chosen his own office and was sitting inside, enjoying the joy that belonged to him.

Jared walked right in and looked at the office that had not been cleaned up yet.

“Uncle Henry, are you happy with the office?”

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Henry heard Jared’s voice and turned to him in his swivel chair, looking at him with pride.

“Excellent. The feeling of sitting here is really different. Even the scenery is so breathtaking. Call me Mr. Chairman from now on, Jared. By the way, what are you busy with now?”

“Nothing. I have just recently taken on a new project.”

Jared would not tell him about his investment in Martin’s Beacon.

“Oh, you don’t seem to be doing anything worthwhile. I mean, how come the company is not doing well? But it doesn’t matter. Now that I’ve taken over, there is a very popular project abroad that I think our company should compete for. Of all the people in the company, I think you are the only one who knows the company best. So I will appoint you to represent the company to compete and try to take the project.”

Henry was on his first day as the acting chairman and already started to flex his muscles.

The first person he wanted to fix was Jared, and he was going to use this nice -to-have project as a pretext to send Jared away.

“Okay. Send me the information later, Mr. Chairman. Enjoy the view.”

Jared shot Henry an icy glance and then left.

“The flight is on the day after tomorrow. I have already booked the ticket for you.” Henry said aloud as Jared left.

Back in Jared’s own office, Max asked, “Why did you say yes to him just now when you could have said no?”

“It is his first day as the acting chairman. If I don’t let him get what he wants in the first round, he will surely make more trouble later on. By then, it will be hard to control him.”

Jared knew Henry well, and he would play along as long as things did not affect the company’s interest and his deal with Martin. *ισνελεβσοκ.φσm* The only thing was that he was worried about Mr. Johnston Sr., who had not yet awakened. He sat in his chair and suddenly thought of Nicole.

“Order two meals and go to the hospital afterward.”

“Okay.”

In the hospital, Nicole was guarding Mr. Johnston Sr. by the bedside.

Even when the nurse came in to change the medication, Nicole had to check it before allowing the nurse to do so.

Jared pushed open the door to the ward and saw that Nicole had been sitting at the bedside in the same place when he last saw her.

Jared went over to her and asked, "You have been sitting here all along?"

"Yeah. The nurse came in a few times to change the medication, but your grandpa's condition has been stable."

Nicole looked over at Jared. He stroked Nicole's hair and felt sorry for her.

"Why are you being so nice? I feel bad about it."

Nicole shook her head and asked him with a smile instead, "Did you bring me anything to eat?"

"Yeah." Jared asked Max to put the food on the table.

"Wow, that looks good."

Nicole was starving. She picked up the cutlery and dug in without waiting for Jared.

"So good." Nicole smiled contentedly.

"Take it slowly. These are all yours."

Seeing Nicole so hungry, he could not bring himself to eat.

"What are you waiting for? Let's eat together."

Nicole was puzzled when she saw Jared not eating.

"Okay."

Only did Jared eat.

Other than Mr. Johnston Sr., who was lying on the hospital bed, they were the only persons left in the ward.

"Jared, did something happen in the company? You left in such a hurry earlier."

Nicole looked at Jared.

"Nothing big deal. It was Henry who went to the office."

"Henry? What was he doing at the office?"

Nicole looked at him in puzzlement.

“He is the acting chairman now. So he was reporting to the company today.”

“When did he become the acting chairman? Isn't your grandpa the chairman?”

Nicole looked at Jared with surprise. The baffled look in her eyes was unmistakable.

“The company has a rule that if the chairman can't carry out his duty, the board of directors will elect an acting chairman,” Jared explained to her.

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“So people just chose him? Didn't they see that you were obviously a better choice?”

Nicole could not understand why this happened.

“There is something going on there that you don't understand when you are not in the workplace.”

“From the tone of your voice, it sounds like someone has pulled some gamesmanship.”

Nicole was not in the workplace, but she could guess the tricks people used at the workplace.

“These people will really do whatever it takes to get what they want, even sacrificing the interest of the company. How did such a person become a senior executive in the company?”

Nicole was in disbelief.

Jared laughed and continued eating.

“There is something I need to talk to you about.”

“What is it?”

“Henry asked me to bid on a project abroad, and the flight is the day after tomorrow. I will need you to look after my grandpa on my behalf while I'm away.”

Jared looked at Nicole with pleading eyes.

“Don't worry. I will help you take care of your grandpa. Do whatever you need to do abroad. Grandpa will be in my good hands.”

Nicole looked at him as she finally had a chance to share his burden.

Before this, it was she who always needed his help.

“Okay. I will be back soon. If there are any urgent matters, you can call Claus.”

“Okay. Don’t worry. Everything will be fine.”

That morning, Nicole was sending Jared off at the airport.

“The plane will be leaving soon. Do you want to give me a present?”

Jared looked at Nicole.

“A present? I don’t have one.”

Nicole looked at him awkwardly.

The next second, Jared kissed her on the lips.

“This gift will be enough.”

Nicole blushed instantly and looked around in embarrassment.

“It is so embarrassing with all these people here.”

“I’m leaving.”

Jared walked reluctantly toward the boarding gate, looking back at her every now and then.

Nicole waved to him.

This time, it was Nicole who stood by the window looking at the plane, and Jared tacitly turned on his phone’s flashlight, waving at Nicole from the plane.

After seeing Jared off, Nicole headed straight to the hospital.

Mr. Johnston Sr. was still in a coma, so Nicole consulted the doctor about the changes in Mr. Johnston Sr.’s condition over the past few days and then went to sit with him in the ward for a while before returning to the sea-view villa.

“Nicole, I see you have been running around often lately. What are you busy with?”

Tia was concerned about Nicole and felt that she had been working a bit too hard lately.

“Haven’t you watched the news?”

“The news? You mean the news about Mr.Johnston Sr.having a car accident?”

Tia came to Nicole’s side.

“Yeah.Mr.Johnston Sr.was hospitalized, and I have been spending time at the hospital lately.”

“And how is Mr.Johnston Sr.doing now?” Tia asked with concern.

“His condition is stable.”

“Good to hear.It is more important that he is alright than anything else.”

“Absolutely.Everyone knows the logic, but still why do people still sell their lives for power and money? He should have been enjoying his retirement at his age, but such an accident struck him.Life is unpredictable.” Nicole lamented.

“What is for lunch?” Nicole looked at Tia.

“Whatever you want to eat.I will make it for you.”

Tia looked at Nicole.

“Why are you being so nice? I would like to eat porchetta.”

“Got it.Just give me a moment.”

Tia went into the kitchen as she was going to cook Nicole’s favorite porchetta herself.

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“Is the porchetta ready?”

Nicole could not wait but went into the kitchen as she had smelled it.

“Yes, it is ready.”

Tia served the porchetta in style and brought it to the table.

“It looks very appetizing.”

“Come on, try it.”

Tia looked at Nicole.

Nicole took a bite of the porchetta and flavors exploded in her mouth.

“It is so good!”

“There would be no surprises if I brought it out earlier.”

“I can eat this all day. This porchetta is just too good.”

Nicole munched at it.

After the meal, Nicole and Tia were relaxing on the sofa.

“Tia, why don’t we watch a movie?”

“Yeah, I will find one.”

Just then, Nicole’s phone rang. She picked it up and answered it.

“Hello.”

“It has been a long time, Nicole. My R&D team has been set up. When are you coming over to take a look?”

Scott’s voice came through the phone.

“Scott, I admire the speed of your execution. I can’t believe you have already put together the R&D team so quickly.”

Nicole marveled at Scott’s speed at doing things.

“Since the decision has been made, there is no reason to delay. The sooner this project can go live, the closer we are to our dream. You still haven’t answered me, Nicole. When are you coming over to take a look?”

“Scott, I really want to go over right away, but there are some things I need to do on my end, and I can’t get away for a while.” Nicole explained.

“What could tie you up so much that you can’t get away from? Do you need my help?”

Scott still cared a lot about Nicole, and he was willing to help out with her matters.

“Thanks Scott. I can handle it myself. I will fly over to your side as soon as I’m done here.”

Nicole did not need Scott's help, but she was grateful for his kindness.

"Okay, then you get busy. I will get the R&D people started on my end. Call me when you can come over."

Scott was slightly disappointed that Nicole could not come to the opening ceremony of the R&D team.

"Okay."

Nicole hung up the phone.

"You are so busy, Nicole. I think you need an assistant,"

Tia said with a serious look on her face.

"An assistant? Thanks for reminding me. The director told me yesterday that I had shooting this afternoon. What time is it now?"

Nicole suddenly remembered the shooting.

"Two o'clock."

"Argh, I'm late."

Nicole immediately got up and walked outside.

"Drive slowly, Nicole," Tia called out.

But Nicole did not even hear her. She got into her car and sped to the studio.

"Sorry, I'm late."

Despite who Nicole was, she still politely apologized to the director, who looked at her and smiled awkwardly as if not knowing what to say.

"What is wrong?"

Nicole was confused by his strange expression.

"Where is Kelly?"

Nicole looked around and saw no sign of Kelly.

"She is in the dressing room," the director then said.

