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Karen was shocked. "How is that possible? That silly woman has just been back for a few days? She did not even receive this many gifts when she got engaged to Jared. Why are so many people sending stuff over to her when it's just a dinner organized by the family?" "Who am I supposed to ask these questions to!?" Dillon fumed, annoyed by Karen's endless barrage of queries.

"Who to ask? Ask Damien about it! I'm sure he knows more about it than us!" Karen urged.

Hearing this, Dillon had no choice but to look for Damien and ask him about it.

Unfortunately, Damien was only tasked to welcome the guests at the entrance. He knew nothing about the situation either. Initially, he was happy to see all of those lavish gifts, but upon finding out who the receiver was, he became frightened.

Usually, whenever there were guests at their house, most of the gifts would be addressed to Mr. Riddle Sr. whereas the rest would be his. During this particular night, however, things were particularly strange.

Most of the gifts were for Nicole while the rest were for Mr. Riddle Sr., with no mentions of his name at all.

Furthermore, there were quite a number of powerful families from the other cities present as well. Dillon did not know them personally, but they were so well-known that Dillon could not summon the guts to approach them. All of the gifts they had presented consisted of precious and rare items. The prices were also astronomical.

"What is going on, honey?" Miley asked, her fading smile growing stiffer by the second.

Miley was brimming with jealousy as soon as she saw the exuberant gifts addressed to Nicole. 'Are these people stupid? They came all the way here to deliver gifts to Nicole? How is she deserving of all these, unless she has been riding on Jared's coattail to make herself known to the people in his circle? Or did something eventful happen to the Johnston family, and because of that, it gave us so much attention?' "I'm not sure either, but I'm guessing it has something to do with what dad had said to Nicole," 'Dad was whispering to Nicole the other day. Everyone's standing in the family might shift soon!'

Miley noticed that Dillon's expression was getting darker.

At that moment, Dillon came over and asked, "What about dad? He had not explained anything to us, and yet he expects us to entertain the guests. A lot of people are asking me about Nicole, and I don't know what to say!"

Deep down, he had nothing but disdain for Nicole, but whenever someone would ask him about her, he would heap praises upon her name as though his lips were coated with honey.

“I’m not sure. Dad just asked us to wait for more guests to arrive. The dinner will begin in an hour,” Miley said.

With that said, if they wanted the truth, they would have to wait until then.

It seemed that most of the Riddles, along with Dexter’s family were remarkably busy. The young and old were so busy entertaining the guests that they had no time to look for Mr. Riddle Sr.

It was then that Stanley, Steve, and Sean alongside Spencer and Samuel arrived.

They had obeyed Daniel and Gloria’s instructions and returned early, but in the garden, they only found Damien, Dexter and Dillon’s family getting busy. The boys felt a little uncomfortable at that sight.

“Where is mum, dad and Nicole?” Steve asked.

“I don’t know.” Samuel shrugged.

While the five of them were scratching their heads, they saw Daniel and Gloria walking out.

Then, someone from the crowd said, “I think they are Nicole’s parents.”

But that simple comment made the whole crowd silent at an instant. All eyes were on Daniel and Gloria.

Sensing that things would soon take a strange turn, the five brothers hurried up to their parents’ side.

“Mum, dad, why are there so many people at our house?”

Sean glanced at the crowd and asked in a soft voice.

“Yeah, where’s Nicole?” The garden was filled with people, but Nicole was nowhere to be seen.

Unfortunately, Daniel and Gloria did not have an answer to their question either.

It was then that the crowd waiting outside realized what was going on. A blonde-haired couple then approached them slowly.

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“Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle,” the man said to Daniel and Gloria politely.

At that moment, someone in the crowd recognized the married couple. “Aren’t they... from the royal family of Yamenia?!” “Seriously?! They’ve been around for over a thousand years! I can’t believe they came to the banquet too!” another in the crowd commented.

“Tell me about it...” the third said.

In a strange turn of events, even the royal family from Yamenia was there, and they were greeting Daniel and Gloria too. Naturally, with them in sight, no one bothered about Damien and his wife anymore.

For a second there, Daniel and Gloria were stumped. “Hello there, you are...”

Sean was well-travelled, so he was very familiar with Yamenia. “Dad, this is the future king of Yamenia, Prince Andrew, and his wife, the princess.” “Prince?” “The princess?” Spencer and Samuel exclaimed in shock.

Sean glared at them, shutting them up at once.

However, he was secretly in awe as well. ‘Wow, what kind of fortune are we blessed with? How did we get the prince and princess of Yamenia to visit us?! This has got to be the most glorious day for the family in centuries!’

Meanwhile, both Damien and Dillion were too in shock to utter a word. ‘So, that was why this couple have been acting smug and keeping to themselves for the entire time. They were royals!’

When they entered, they did not even bat an eye at Damien. Such was why they could not fathom why the royals would be so polite to Daniel and Gloria.

Dillion’s eyes were already burning with jealousy when he figured that the presents were for Nicole, but with the most recent development in play, he was livid.

‘What’s going on? Why is that stupid kid Nicole so valued by them? Even her parents get to be respected too!’ he fumed.

“What? Why didn’t the prince and princess talk to you? Why are they associating themselves with Daniel and Gloria?” Miley asked, upset and resentful as she felt that their status in the family was diminishing in importance with each passing day.

“Shut up! We’ll see how this goes!” Damien said, finding the situation incredibly grim for himself and proceeded to hold his tongue.

It was at that moment that Daniel reached out, wanting to shake the prince’s hand.

This stunned the prince for a moment.

Sean was shocked as well. ‘That’s the prince of Yamenia!

Not everyone gets to shake his hand!’

But the prince only paused for a second before extending his hand to shake Daniel’s in a gesture of reciprocation.

Seeing this, everyone’s eyes widened in shock.

‘Gosh, what an honor! Daniel is actually shaking hands with the prince of Yamenia! Doesn’t this mean that the Riddle family is going to have more power?!’

Daniel did not find anything unusual and responded with a gentle smile instead. “Thanks for traveling so far to come here. Since you’ve been outside for so long, why don’t we head inside? I’ll introduce you to my father.”

In response, the prince and princess of Yamenia exchanged looks before saying, “But we’d like to meet Miss Nicole first.”

When the crowd heard Nicole’s name, everyone gasped.

Everyone present was there to meet Nicole in person.

Unfortunately, many of them did not know her on a personal level. Only those who had attended the Riddle family’s banquet and the Johnston’s engagement banquet actually knew her.

Now, the individuals of great prestige and influence had shown up for Nicole, rather than Mr. Riddle Sr.

Snow and Raine’s eyes were burning with jealousy. They did not wish to talk to Chloe, who had made herself present at the banquet despite having been kicked out of the house. However, seeing what was unfolding before them, they had no choice but to ask her, “What’s going on? They’re royals, so why are they here to see Nicole?”

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Chloe rolled her eyes at them. "How would I know?"

She did not know much about Nicole. All she ever cared about was making her leave Jared, but now that she thought about it, she realized that Nicole was not to be underestimated.

After all, Lloyd had called her Soy at his family's banquet last time. Chloe had done some research and discovered that Soy was the code name of one of the most important figures in Interpol.

To Chloe, however, Nicole was just a high school student. Even if she had joined Interpol, hit the jackpot, and gotten herself the code name, Soy, Chloe had still refused to believe that Nicole was of any good. Still, the scene today had left her stunned.

In a twist, Mr. Riddle Sr. had organized a banquet at the very last minute for Nicole, and yet many people had showed up. In addition, her mother had informed her that a great number of the presents were for Nicole, and that Chloe herself could only look at them. Hence, that had made her livid.

On the other hand, Daniel and Gloria were shocked. Though they felt that Nicole's identity had changed, they did not expect that a prince would pay her a personal visit.

They looked at each other before responding, "My daughter is upstairs. She'll be coming down when the banquet starts, Your Highness."

They could not wait to bring Nicole down to meet a figure of such status. However, Mr. Riddle Sr. had explicitly ordered that Nicole could not make her way downstairs before the time came. Therefore, the couple could just offer that as a reply.

The crowd thought that the prince was going to be furious upon hearing Daniel and Gloria's reply.

Instead, the prince gave them a humble smile in response." Sure. In that case, let's head inside and wait for her."

The princess nodded. "Yes, prince."

Seeing this, Daniel and Gloria were both shocked and relieved to see the prince being so calm.

Then, they quickly said, "I'll lead you in, Your Highness."

"Thanks," the prince uttered, being really polite to Daniel as well.

After having witnessed this scene, nobody in the crowd would dare to look upon Daniel with disdain anymore. According to the rumors, Daniel was the ineptest son among his

brothers. His five sons were decent, but they had been living under the shadows of their three uncles nonetheless. Now, the public was starting to realize that they were all geniuses. Now, Nicole had single-handedly gotten everyone to take Daniel and Gloria seriously.

Meanwhile, Stanley watched as his parents invited the royals in.

He could not help but pull Steve aside. "What's going on, Steve?"

Steve looked at Sean and said, "You should ask Sean instead..."

No one had expected this to happen. They could not wrap their head around the fact that Gloria and Sean had become so honored, that even the royal family went up to them to greet them in person.

And once the prince and princess had left, the crowd shifted their gaze to the five brothers.

Some of them anchored themselves back to reality and asked, "Are you all Nicole's brothers?"

Steve looked at Sean and smiled. "That's right. I'm Steve, Nicole's eldest brother."

"I'm her second brother, Sean," Sean said.

Steve and Sean introduced themselves and glanced at each other for a while.

Both of them were aware now, that on that day, their parents were not the only ones whose status had become known; the brothers had also become relevant in the eyes of the most influential members of society...and that they owed all of this to Nicole.

"Huh? Even we are getting the attention now?" Samuel, who was still in shock, asked Spencer.

In response, Spencer replied, "I have no idea, but who cares? It's good that mom and dad are getting valued, is it not? Let's just keep the guests entertained for now."

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"Spencer is right." Stanley nodded. "Come on, let's go. There are still guests at the entrance."

He then brought two of his brothers to the entrance.

Damien stood before them. He was ushering the guests in initially, but it was then that the people who had seen everything that happened earlier went on to greet the brothers, completely ignoring him. None of them cared that Damien was the eldest son of the Riddle family.

It was bad enough that Daniel had dwarfed them in status and prestige, but now that Daniel's sons were more considered more significant than him, the crushing embarrassment began to gnaw at Damien and his wife from the inside out.

Dillion and his wife were even more ashamed. The people who were talking to them had all gone off to talk to Sean and Steve instead, leaving them with nobody around them. This only served to leave Dillion feeling even more humiliated!

"I'm going to look for dad! I need to know what's going on!" Dillion fumed, certain that Mr. Riddle Sr. had provided Daniel something of great benefit.

But it was then that a commotion was heard at the door.

"Mr. Johnston Sr. is here!"

Even if Dillion had wanted to leave, he could not do so upon hearing that Mr. Johnston Sr. was present. As such, he could only stifle his anger and walk up to him with Damien at his side.

"You're here, Mr. Johnston Sr.," Damien said, trying to greet Mr. Johnston Sr.

Dillion followed suit. "This way please, Mr. Johnston Sr."

After looking at them, Mr. Johnston Sr. glanced over at Stanley.

Seeing this, Stanley quickly walked up to him and said, "Good day, Mr. Johnston Sr. My grandpa is at the living room.

Let me help you in."

"Sure." Mr. Johnston Sr. smiled and extended his arm, allowing Stanley to help him in.

Damien and Dillion were embarrassed to the bone. They exchanged looks as they felt extremely annoyed.

Meanwhile, Stanley proceeded to walk Mr. Johnston Sr. into the house.

Sean and Samuel's jaws were almost floored by the scene before them. Previously, Damien and Dillion would always prance around with an air of superiority and smugness around them. But as the saying goes, "what goes around comes around," and that was what they were experiencing at this very moment!

'This feels awesome!' Sean thought.

"Hmph!" Damien grunted, unable to tolerate this any longer, and turned back before heading into the house.

Damien was utterly humiliated, so he could only return to the house with his wife.

They did not wish to embarrass themselves there any further, so they had decided to hide themselves somewhere. 'We'll figure something out after we find out what's going on!'

Chloe was upset when she saw her parents leaving in embarrassment, so she proceeded to approach them, wanting to argue with them.

However, Everett stopped her with a grab to the hand. "Don't go, Chloe."

Chloe flung Everett's hand aside. "Piss off! You useless wretch. You're afraid to defend mom and dad, but I'm not!"

Everett's eyes became as cold as ice. "Go on. I guarantee dad and mom will only be subjected to more embarrassment if you cause a scene."

As it was the first time that Chloe had seen such an expression from Everett, she asked, "What do you mean?"

Everett looked at her with a stern look on his face and said, "You'll know when the banquet starts. I hope you don't embarrass our parents any further. Otherwise, grandpa will do something even worse than kicking you out of the house..."

Chloe was shocked to see Everett threatening her, "Are you threatening me?"

Everett did not bother to look at her. Though her parents viewed Chloe as their perfect princess, Chloe was nothing but an idiot to Everett.

"Whatever." Everett said, not wanting to waste any more time on Chloe.

As expected, no one really paid attention to her, while Everett continued to help in ushering the guests in with a perfect smile.

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Though Chloe was upset, she figured that there was truth in what Everett had said, and so, she just rolled with the punches.

As time passed, most of the families had already arrived, with the banquet being about to start when the Holder family suddenly arrived. Nachele, who had turned up with the movie star, Lloyd, began to garner quite a lot of attention.

“Oh my God, Lloyd is here!”

“It’s the A-lister, Lloyd Holder!”

Chloe immediately looked over when she heard the commotion.

She was nothing but a lackey in the entertainment industry because of what Nachele and Lloyd had done. When Mr. Riddle Sr. kicked her out years ago, the Riddle family had no time to take care of her, so she could only live her sad life abroad.

She was gritting her teeth as soon as she remembered how they had stood against her.

Still, her parents had tried their best to hash a plan that would allow her comeback. She knew that there were many rich people around today, and as her grandfather was too busy to deal with her, she wanted to go around and build connections on her own. Hence, she was shocked that she would meet the Holder family today. Though she was upset, she could only hide behind other people.

The Holder family had also been around for a long time, but they had been keeping a low profile of their lives. No one knew what the family was doing, but everyone from the family lived lavishly. When Lloyd became a celebrity, their family established a media company just to manage him, and that was when the public became even more aware of the Holder family.

But some of them guessed that the Holder family was a family filled with complexities. Otherwise, they would not be San Joto’s top ten families, even at a time when they were living humbly. It was just that no one knew what business the Holder family was running in order to keep them going.

As for Lloyd, he had been looking for someone ever since he arrived, but to no avail.

Ever since he found out that Nicole was the girl for him, he had been looking for a chance to meet her, but as usual, she was always with Jared. He had invited her out privately too, but her brothers would always be in the way. He felt that most of his messages would be stopped before they could even reach her.

Upon seeing that Lloyd was crestfallen, she arranged for him to act in a movie abroad, as he could not find a female lead whom he was happy with. However, the moment Lloyd had returned, Nicole got engaged to Jared. As such, the Holder family had decided to keep the news from Lloyd, ever since, for they were worried that he might get hurt.

Still, he could not find Nicole no matter what he did after his return. Therefore, the instant he heard that Nicole was back, he planned to pay her a visit. However, his grandfather had gotten him to join the Riddle family's banquet before he could even ask. He did not know what was happening, but he agreed to it anyway, as he just wanted to meet Nicole.

Though he could not find her, he was in luck, for it was then that he saw Samuel and Spencer.

"Hello, where's...Nicole?" he asked.

The people in the crowd who were not aware were confused when they heard that Lloyd was there to see Nicole. But the ones who knew did not find it surprising. After all, 80% – 90% of the people there had actually come to see Nicole.

When Samuel and Spencer saw him, their expression turned cold. 'Why is it that this guy has a knack for pestering Nicole whenever he sees her? He even tried multiple ways to meet her, even after Sean and Steve stopped him and said that Nicole didn't want to be in contact with him.'

For this reason, Samuel and Spencer wanted to avoid him as well. But as they had to welcome all of the guests that day, it was impossible for them to kick him out.

Spencer said flatly, "Take a seat there. Nicole will come out when the banquet starts."

If this had happened in the past, Nachele would never allow Spencer and Samuel to talk to her son like that, but with Nicole's new identity in place, the Riddle family had become a powerful family.

Therefore, she could only tolerate the scorn and pat Lloyd in the shoulder. "Let's head inside."

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Lloyd nodded as he did not find anything odd. "Sure."

He then hurried into the Riddle family's mansion.

Samuel could not help but look at Spencer. "Is it okay to let him in?"

He shrugged. "What can I do? This is a banquet, so I can't kick him out now, can I?"

Besides, their grandfather would never allow them to do such a thing.

But he won't annoy Nicole, right?" Samuel asked.

When Nicole got engaged, the Holder family had only sent a younger member of the family as their representative to the party. None of them came, as though they were afraid that it would hurt Lloyd. However, the truth would soon be revealed, as Lloyd had showed up today.

"Don't worry, I believe Nicole will know what to do." Spencer replied, confident in Nicole.

"You're right." Samuel nodded and continued ushering the guests in.

At that moment, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher arrived at the scene. Initially, they had planned to visit in a discreet manner, but they had received an invitation to attend the banquet before they could do so, thus rendering them unable to do so. Mr. Fisher was his company's CEO, so he had to be there.

Besides, Mr. Riddle Sr. had personally invited the three of them here.

Fiorella had no other choice but to tag along. She was teasing her grandfather for making a mountain out of a molehill, but the moment she arrived at the banquet, she was left completely baffled.

"What's up with the Riddle family?" she asked.

There were so many guests, and many of them were people whom she could not invite no matter how hard she tried. There were local and international socialites, and they had all sent the head of the family and the heirs to attend this ad-hoc banquet.

'Only a few hours had passed since the Riddle family had sent out the invitation, so most of them must have boarded a private plane to make their way here!' she thought. 'What is going on with the Riddle family? Did they really have a stroke of luck? Why would this many individuals of great significance attend their banquet? These people would not care about the millions of dollars of bonuses, so what made the Riddle family so important to the extent that these people would come all the way to pay them a visit?'

Mrs. Fisher was shocked as well. "Dear, what happened...?"

It was the first time Mr. Fisher had seen something like that, so he became nervous and got tongue-tied for a second there.

"Let's just talk inside."

Mrs. Fisher then dragged the stupefied Fiorella into the living room of the Riddle family manor.

The yard was crowded with guests and there were several elderly members of the centennial families gathered in the living room. On top of that, Fiorella even spotted the royal family of Yamenia, who were sitting on the couch, having a polite conversation with Mr. Riddle Sr.

There were many people from abroad with a translator earpiece in their ears, so there would not be problems pertaining to communication.

‘The Riddle family must’ve spent a fortune on this banquet,’ she thought.

When Stanley saw the Fishers, he immediately invited them over to take a seat.

The Fishers were more powerful than the Riddles. After all, they were among the top five families in San Joto, and as such, they must get a seat.

However, with the sheer number of significant figures around, the Fishers seemed to be mediocre at best. They could not even sit next to Mr. Riddle Sr. and could only look at him from afar.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 1527—At the corner of the banquet was an orchestral band that was performing a symphony. The entire place was as extravagant as it could be, so much so that even the Fisher family would not have money to spend like this. Indeed, the Riddle family had really spent a fortune on this.

Mr. Fisher, who had become slightly nervous, immediately got himself a glass of wine when a server passed by.

Mrs. Fisher could not help but ask, “This banquet is a little too loud. Did the Riddles hit the jackpot? Why are so many socialites in his house all of a sudden?”

It was then that Mr. Fisher finally said, “Not only did they get crazy rich, but they will also have control over the entire field of business...”

Both Fiorella and Mrs. Fisher were left with their jaws hanging.

“What do you mean?” Fiorella asked. ‘Is he joking? We’re over even constitutional monarchies in this day and age, so what family would hold such power?’

Mr. Fisher did not know how to explain to the young Fiorella.

And just when he was about to explain it to her in a low voice, Mr. Riddle Sr. suddenly stood up and exclaimed to the crowd, “Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming all the way here to attend my banquet. It’s an honor to see all of you while I’m still alive, and I have no one else to thank,

but my granddaughter Nicole.”

Fiorella nearly jumped out of her skin when she heard Mr. Riddle Sr.

‘Is this for real?’ she wondered. ‘Is everyone here just to see Nicole? Hell, is Mr. Riddle Sr. experiencing all of this grandeur solely because of Nicole? No... It can’t be.’

Nicole was a mere student, and the spotlight was only shone on her because she was dating Jared. What power did she even possess to get those magnates to place her on a pedestal?

While she was still in shock, Mr. Riddle Sr. continued, “It’s about time now, and I know everyone is here to see my granddaughter in person. As such, I won’t waste your time anymore. I hereby announce that the banquet of the Holy Union begins!”

Music began to play immediately after Mr. Riddle Sr. had spoken.

At that moment, Nicole appeared at the top of the stairs of the second floor as she descended the flight slowly. Her skin was plump, and her face as graceful as that of a swan. As soon as she had made an appearance, everyone’s eyes were on her.

They were all in awe of her beauty and her stunning figure, as Nicole was breathtaking to behold. She was even so much prettier than Fiorella herself, and the worse thing for the latter was that she was holding Jared’s arm. Indeed, the only person whom Fiorella thought was deserving of her was holding Nicole in the arm.

Seeing this, Fiorella became very livid and upset.

She was also mad at the person who said that he was going to deal with Nicole on that day. ‘What’s the deal with all of this?! Why didn’t he destroy her innocence and teach her a lesson?! Hell, why is Nicole still getting all the spotlight with the crowd being in awe of her now?! I’m so pissed!’

Nicole took her time to descend the flight of stairs as Jared supported her like a gentleman. He was worried that she might fall.

Meanwhile, Nicole was feeling truly uncomfortable. She was not a princess, and she was not an A-list celebrity either. There, she wondered if they really had to do this.

Her appearance had also made the guests who were outside rush in.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 1528—Harvey and Martin were so surprised that they were rendered speechless after seeing how gorgeous Nicole looked. In addition, Gary was stunned too.

Even though the five brothers of the Riddle family had seen how beautiful Nicole could look during the engagement party many moons ago, they were still in amazement because the dress she was wearing looked a lot more elegant as compared to the last one she had worn.

'Our sister looked out of this world! they thought.

Lloyd was staggered by her beauty too. He could not help but take two steps forward when Nicole came down. He would already be in Nicole's face by now if Nachele had not stopped him.

Nachele only did that because he knew that Nicole was not someone that they could mess with.

As all of this went on, Nicole and Jared were already standing in front of the crowd at this time.

The prince of Yamenia looked at Nicole before shifting his gaze to Jared, whom he had met before.

Then, with a smile on his face, he said to Jared, "Hello, Mr. Johnston, we meet again."

Jared offered a faint smile in response. He would send some coffee beans to Prince Andrew every year, and therefore, he was rather familiar with the prince himself, even though they had only met a couple of times.

"Prince Andrew, I didn't expect that you'd travel so far to attend my fiancée's party. I'm sorry for not welcoming you properly."

Prince Andrew could not help but look at the princess after knowing that Nicole was actually Jared's fiancée.

Then, with a smile, he said, "Mr. Johnston, you're a lucky man. I didn't know that your fiancée is the latest possessor of the Fire Crest. I would've done everything I could to attend your engagement party if I knew about this earlier."

Jared had sent them an invitation to his engagement party without expecting them to show up because they were not that close anyway. It was already very kind of Prince Andrew to send him gifts and congratulate him online.

However, Jared also knew that Prince Andrew regretted very much for not attending the engagement party. Had the prince attended the party, he would have known Nicole earlier.

"It's fine. I'm already very glad that you can be here today." Jared smiled and responded courteously.

Nicole was relieved after seeing how Jared handled Prince Andrew as she was never the best at socializing.

“You’re right. It’s my honor to be here.” Prince Andrew smiled before turning to the princess.

The princess immediately got his message and opened a present. “The king had requested us to give you something before we came, Miss Riddle. You’ve got to accept it.”

The crowd could not help but look at the box to find out what it was after they had heard what she had said.

That box slowly rose, and a sparkling gem appeared, glinting under the light around them.

Everybody could tell that the gem was among the best in the world after they had beheld its color. Indeed, a gem like this would only appear on the crown of the king of Yamenia.

Nicole did not expect that the king of Yamenia would gift her something like this. It was very clear what the king was trying to do, and his actions appeared to be even a little crude.

Mr. Riddle Sr.’s legs became weak after he had seen the gem, and he would have fallen off had Daniel not held him up in time.

Mr. Riddle Sr. looked at Daniel, who then proceeded to wipe his sweat off.

Meanwhile, Daniel was still in utter shock, even though his father was able to maintain his balance. He had never seen anything like this in his life.

‘What did my daughter do that even the royal family of Yamenia is so respectful to her?’ he thought.

Everybody else there was taken aback by everything that had happened too. Some of the families that attended the party did not seem to take their ancestors very seriously, but after seeing what the royal family of Yamenia did, they could not help but be respectful too.

The Holders, in particular, had come over to observe the reactions of the other families, but they were not expecting to see this happen at all.

It seemed that, even though they did not wish to do the same, they were not powerful enough to resist the might of so many historical families.

Therefore, they stepped forward, and through gritted teeth, they said, "We prepared a gift for you too, Miss Riddle. Please have a look."

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 1529—Jared was surprised to see the Holders coming forward, but he did not show his displeasure openly.

The item that Nachele had gifted them was actually a classical painting that bore a history of more than a thousand years. As expected, it was a priceless work of art.

Lloyd was appalled by the gesture. 'What's wrong with mom? Why would she give Nicole such an expensive gift?'

Furthermore, if he remembered correctly, that particular painting was his grandfather's favorite.

It was only then that Lloyd realized that something was not right. 'So many members from the Riddle family are here today, and all of them are dressed in the most decadent garments. What's going on?'

Nicole looked at Nachele, and was about to decline the gift when he took the painting with a smile, as he knew what Nachele was thinking. "I'll accept this gift on behalf of Nicole. Young people like her don't know how to appreciate works of art like this."

Nicole knew that her grandfather did not wish to offend anybody who was present today. She also understood that the Riddle family would be very powerful if all of them could be on their side in the future.

Thus, she did not stop Mr. Riddle Sr. from doing what he did. Regardless of what would happen after the crest had been decrypted and severed from her name, there was little point in making any enemies. For that reason alone, she allowed Mr. Riddle Sr. to take that painting. Besides, Mr. Riddle Sr. also looked as though he loved that painting very much.

"Thank you, Mrs. Holder and Mr. Lloyd." Nicole said, giving the mother and son duo a slight nod to express her gratitude.

Nachele's mood immediately improved. 'Even though Nicole is still so young, she's a very polite and courteous lady. She did not allow the power that comes from being the possessor of the Fire Crest to get to her head.'

'Unfortunately, my son is not lucky enough to be with her. If Lloyd had married her, my family would be the one standing here proudly with the Riddles, not the Johnstons!' she thought.

As the night went on, more and more people began to surround them, each bearing gifts which they would then present to Nicole.

Meanwhile, Harvey felt very uncomfortable after seeing how popular Nicole was. 'Why do I feel that Nicole has become so out of reach after just one night?'

Mr. Ellison Sr. then came over to him. "Why are you still standing here? Everyone is giving them gifts now. Where's the gift I've told you to bring?"

Soon after, Harvey came around and hurried off to give Nicole the gift with his grandfather beside him.

Martin filled his name in the gift list before coming inside because he wanted to keep a low profile for his family while everybody else were gushing in, wishing to hand their gifts to Nicole in person,

Concurrently, Edwin turned to Preston, who was standing beside him, and said, "Tsk, ts. You have such a powerful relative. You've got to be so proud right now."

Preston looked very confused.

Indeed, he had come to the banquet with his parents without knowing what was happening. "What do you mean?"

"Tsk, ts. Stop pretending like you don't know," Edwin said, thinking that Preston was just acting. "Nicole is the new owner of the fire crest!"

Preston became even more puzzled upon hearing what Edwin had said. "Fire crest? Like in a video game? I have no idea what you're talking about."

Edwin's eyes widened as soon as he realized that Preston was really oblivious to what was happening. "Are you serious? Do you really not know anything about the Reby Family Crest?! Every family that has been around for more than a thousand years would record the lore of the Reby Family Crest and store it in their family archives!"

Preston was taken aback after Edwin had mentioned the Reby Family Crest. He had taken glimpses of his family's genealogy when he was eight, but he did not remember what was written in there at all!

"I can't recall..." Preston said with his brows furrowed.

Suddenly, Ellar appeared out of nowhere, and asked, "Reby Family Crest? What's that?"

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 1530—Emery shook her head as soon as she saw her brother and Preston's look of doubt.

"I mean, you're a nerd, so you won't know anything anyway," Ellar said in a scathing remark of his introverted brother.

Hearing this, Emery quickly pinched his ear.

At that moment, a voice was heard behind them. "You're all from the Riddle family, and yet none of you cared to learn about the origins of our genealogy?"

All of them turned around to see Everett walking towards them with a glass of wine in his hand.

Everett had always been around to help Damien. Though he did not hold a high position in the company as of yet, he was still rather familiar with the family's business.

"Everett? You know about it?" Ellar asked without hesitation, as he was still pretty young.

Preston and Everett shared a neutral relationship, so he just shot Everett a glance while Emery continued sipping on her drink, as she did not seem to be interested in this subject at all.

Everett looked at Ellar and flashed him a polite smile before saying, "I can remember it vaguely, but I've always considered it to be a myth. So, a thousand years ago, the denizens of Hustuaburg banded together to form a Holy

Union to combat the deadly manslayer tribe. The Reby family was the leader of the Holy Union, and 5 of their sons were sacrificed in the war against the deadly tribe. After the crusade, the people wanted to thank the Reby family for their contributions, so they crafted 5 elemental badges: Earth, Air, Water, Fire, and Metal, to honor the generations of the 5 heroes. Whenever they find themselves in need, everyone in the Holy Union is obligated to help them out."

The group were left in a daze after having heard such a fantasy-like story.

Preston looked at Edwin with his eyebrows raised. "Did you just imply... that Nicole is the successor of the fire crest?"

"Yeah! I heard that those crests were once stolen by a bunch of scums so that they could use them to order the members of the union around a few centuries ago. After they had wreaked enough havoc, the Reby family probably retrieved and destroyed them. After that, they weren't seen anymore... Now, one of them has reappeared and found itself an owner"

“And that’s Nicole?” Ellar asked, finally having understood everything.

Edwin nodded strongly. “Dang, you just knew?”

‘What? Why is the Riddle family hiding things from their own people?’

Just when he was about to say something, a sharp, feminine voice blared out behind them. “What fire crest? It’s nothing but a myth! No one believes in that crap!”

Raine had just walked in with Gary when she heard Edwin spouting what she considered to be hogwash. The moment she saw Gary staring at Nicole, she became livid. She would never believe in a lore that contrived.

“Only an idiot would doubt it! Why are there so many people here in your house today? They’re obviously here to pay the successor of the fire crest a visit!” Edwin glared at Raine, as he had always found her to be an imbecile!

Gary’s look of admiration grew even more intense when he stared at Nicole. He finally understood why his family had brought him here to attend the banquet.

In a short span of time, Nicole had become a figure in command of all the historical families. She was just like an overlord in one of those fantasy novels. Previously, Gary had truly underestimated Nicole, and as a result, waves of regret began to fill his heart as he downed another glass of wine.

Raine became even more jealous of Nicole as she quickly grabbed Gary by the arm. “Gary, let’s head over there, shall we?”

“Piss off!” Gary yelled, having completely lost his patience.

Without extending her any courtesy, he flung her hand away.

Raine was left feeling completely awkward. At this juncture, she could not bear to see anyone any longer, and so, she buried her face in her hands and ran off.