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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2131-“Why don’t we let Godpa go?” Nolan said, raising his eyebrows. He really hoped Lawrence would go, since Lawrence had been the one to attend these activities when they were on the island.

“That’s not right. We have Dad.” Lana pouted, firmly rejecting the idea.

“Godpa has been doing it anyways. What does it matter?” Nolan reminded Lana meaningfully.

Lana insisted, “It’s different now that we have our real Dad. Mommy and Daddy should be the ones who join us for parent-child activities.”

Jared patted Lana’s shoulder, saying, “Alright, Mommy and Daddy will both go.”

“Yay, I knew Daddy was the best!” Lana smiled brightly while nodding her head.

“Stupid.” Nolan rolled his eyes at his sister in frustration.

“No, you’re the stupid one. You’re the dumbest!” Lana stuck out her tongue at Nolan.

Nicole looked at the children and smiled wryly. “Alright now. We’ll be attending your parent-child event.”

“Hooray!” Lana cheered with excitement, while her brother bit his lip sadly.

Nolan said, “I’ll inform Godpa and let him come too.”

“He can’t come,” Jared said, frankly.

Unconvinced, Nolan frowned. “He’ll come if I want him to. And you can’t stop him.”

“He’s gone to Mecrounia,” Jared informed. He was not stopping Lawrence from attending. It was simply a fact that Lawrence could not show up.

Nicole's eyes widened in surprise as she looked at Jared.' Mecrounia? But Lawrence clearly said he was going to Crescent Island,' Nicole thought.

Jared exchanged glances with Nicole. Although he did not speak, Nicole could understand his thoughts by reading his eyes. Nicole wondered the reason why Lawrence lied to her.

Nicole did not continue the topic any further in front of the kids.

Dropping his head, Nolan wilted a bit when he heard Lawrence had left. He thought, 'It's such a great opportunity, but Godpa isn't here. So is there any parent-child activity I could join if he's not here? No one wants to accompany me.'

Sensing Nolan's depressed state, Nicole comforted him." Lawrence has his own things to take care of. He has his own life."

They could not rely too much on Lawrence. They could be friends but never a family. Nolan tilted his head at Nicole, hesitated, and bit his lip. Lawrence once told him that it was his dream to be able to accompany them for life.

"Nolan, there are things that you'll only understand once you grow up." Nicole stroked her son's head soothingly. She understood Nolan's dependence on Lawrence, but some things were impossible to change. Even if they had not returned to San Joto and reconciled with Jared, Nicole and Lawrence would have still stayed friends.

"Nolan." Lana gently tugged on her brother's sleeve, her voice gentle. "Nolan, we have Daddy now. We don't need someone else to be our father."

Uneasy, Nolan did not respond to Lana's words. So he turned his head to look out the car window. Lana knew Nolan must be in a bad mood and wanted to lean over to comfort him. Nicole held the girl back and shook her head, signaling Lana to leave Nolan alone.

Nolan was a perceptive child. So, he must have understood what Nicole implied. She figured Nolan only needed some time to reorganize his thoughts.

Nolan nibbled on his lips and obediently settled down. Although the siblings quarreled often, Lana was rather upset when Nolan was upset. She only hoped her brother would get better soon.

After a while, the car drove into the Riddle family residence. The family got out of the car and headed to the living room.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2132-“Grandpa, Grandma!” Nolan and Lana cheered, walking toward the sofa.

Daniel and Gloria could not hide their smiles. “Our darlings came home.”

Nicole came over and when she did not see the others, she asked casually, “Dad, Mom, where are my brothers?”

“Stanley has an academic symposium. Spencer and Samuel said they had something going on and won’t be coming back today,” Gloria replied.

“What are they doing? Are they going on a date?” Lana asked curiously, blinking her big eyes.

Gloria could not help but laugh. “No, sweetheart, it’s work.”

“Oh,” Lana muttered. “I thought they went on a date.”

Lana’s disappointed tone amused everyone, and they burst into laughter. However, Nolan wore a gloomy expression, lowering his head listlessly.

Sensing his grandson’s unusual behavior, Daniel asked softly, “Nolan, what’s wrong?”

“I’m fine, Grandpa.” Nolan shook his head lightly and stood up. “I’ll head back to my room first.”

Nolan finished and went upstairs alone, clearly in a sad mood.

Daniel could not help but worry. “What’s gotten into him?”

“Don’t worry. Just let him rest,” Nicole said evasively, not mentioning Lawrence.

“Grandpa, Grandma, I’ll go upstairs too,” Lana said. She was still worried about her brother, so she followed him upstairs.

“Aren’t you going to have dinner with us?”

“I ate enough in kindergarten,” Lana said and disappeared around the corner of the stairs.

“She ran off so quickly.” Gloria was relieved when she saw Lana was alright.

“Mom, Dad, Let’s eat,” Nicole said. There was no need to wait for the others since they were not returning. So, it was just the four of them.

“Alright, let’s eat. We should check on the kids after we finish dinner,” Gloria suggested. Although the kids were okay, Gloria still felt uneasy, thinking of Nolan with his heavy expression.

“Yeah,” Nicole agreed, and they entered the dining room.

After dinner, everyone went their respective ways. Gloria was the first who went upstairs and entered Nolan’s room.

“Nicole, did the boy encounter something bad in kindergarten?” Daniel asked.

“The kindergarten is having a parent-child day. We promised him we’ll attend it. Don’t worry, Dad,” Nicole reassured her father without telling the whole truth.

Nolan had to figure this out on his own. No one else could help him.

“Oh, it’s best if you could participate. Don’t let the kid feel lonely when others have their parents, but they don’t,” Daniel admonished Nicole, feeling relieved.

“Yup, don’t worry about it,” Nicole gladly agreed. She did have some concerns before, but Jared told her to forget them as he would handle them. So she genuinely believed everything would be fine.

They talked while going upstairs. Knowing Gloria had checked on the kids, Nicole and Jared entered their room.

“How did you know about Lawrence’s situation?” Nicole questioned as soon as they got in their room. She had been curious before but held back the urge to ask since the kids were present.

“He didn’t tell you?” Jared’s eyes flickered with a meaningful glint.

Nicole narrowed her eyebrows and replied, "He did come to my company today, but how did you know?"

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"I happened to pass by when he went in," Jared explained blandly. Even if he did not encounter Lawrence, he could deduce the situation.

Due to the situation of Happiness Trading, Genesis Group had indeed suffered a certain impact. To repair the damage, Lawrence had to personally step into the situation. Why did he not tell Nicole he was leaving San Joto?

"But he told me..." Nicole suddenly stopped talking, her expression conflicted. She thought, 'Lawrence clearly said he was going to Crescent Island, but Jared said he went to Mecrounia. And for some reason, I believe in Jared. Why did Lawrence lie to me? There's nothing wrong with going to Mecrounia. It would be better if Lawrence didn't tell me anything. His lies just make me feel uncomfortable.'

"It doesn't matter. As you said, he has his own life." Seeing Nicole's uneasiness, Jared comforted her while gently stroking her hair. He had no ill intentions by telling her these things. He just felt she should have known. As for what decisions she made, Jared believed she could handle it. This would at least let her know that not everyone is worth trusting.

Nicole bit her lip and nodded faintly. No matter why

Lawrence lied, she knew she had no right to ask about his personal matters. Lawrence might be dealing with things he could not reveal.

After Nicole calmed down, she regained her usual composure and looked at Jared. "Well, don't you know too well about Lawrence's situation?"

Nicole thought, 'Jared knew about Lawrence's situation more than me, his actual friend. Is Jared spying on him?'

Jared's gaze darkened, and said meaningfully, "Know your enemies and yourself."

Nicole raised her eyebrow slightly, thinking, 'Why does he need to make it like a war? Alas, what's there to do about it? If they don't vibe with each other, they can't get along well.'

Helplessly, Nicole shook her head and stopped asking. She shifted the topic, saying, "We should go separately to the parent-child day."

Nicole thought as long as they both appeared at different times, they would not gain too much attention. As for when the parent-child activities start, no one would be able to see them from outside. So, it would not create any problems. Besides, Jared said he would take care of it and make arrangements.

Jared frowned in dissatisfaction. He did not understand why, as the children's parents, they had to split up. Nicole never considered the possibility of Jared's refusal, so she went to the bathroom to take a shower.

Watching as Nicole left, Jared's gaze darkened. As she came out of her shower, Nicole stumbled into Jared's embrace. Subconsciously, she raised her head, and Jared took the opportunity to kiss her.

"Mmm..." Nicole could not react in time, and her brain simply shut down. Overwhelmed by the fragrance of her hair, Jared fell for Nicole even more, and his kiss intensified.

On the other hand, Nicole's sanity completely crumbled. She only snapped back to reality when she felt a trace of coldness on her shoulders. Her bathrobe was starting to slip, and Jared's hands had already slid under the fabric.

"W-Wait a minute." Nicole panicked and hurriedly adjusted her bathrobe, quickly backing away to a safe distance.

Jared's gaze deepened, looking at Nicole's flustered appearance. He could feel his body heating up, so he controlled himself to stop from leaning forward. Otherwise, he might not be able to restrain himself.

Nicole's cheeks were flushing red, and her heart was pounding wildly. She felt the awkwardness and was at a loss.

"I- Y-You should take a shower. I'll sleep first." Nicole wrapped the bathrobe around her body tightly and quickly walked to the bed. After lying down, she pulled over the blankets and covered herself.

Jared was smiling, amused at Nicole's wrapped-up position. Knowing she was nervous, he turned around and went into the bathroom.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2134-Hearing the sound of running water coming from the bathroom, Nicole's thudding heart slowly settled down. The situation almost got out of control, so Nicole's feelings were all over the place. She frequently lost herself in Jared, convinced she had no defenses against his presence.

Although they were legally married, Nicole still had not remembered the memories with Jared. She should be able to treat him sensibly, but she could not. Her thoughts were all tangled up and complicated, so she had a sleepless night.

The next day, the sun shone brightly. Nicole woke up with dark circles under her eyes. She felt helpless when she realized that even makeup could not hide the black circles.

Nicole stepped out of the bathroom with her clothes changed to see Jared prepared.

Seeing Nicole ready, Jared said gently, "Come on, let's head down."

Nicole uncontrollably averted her gaze, unable to meet Jared's eyes. She felt that she would lose her presence of mind otherwise.

A glint of understanding crossed Jared's eyes. Without putting any pressure on Nicole, he held her hand and led her out of the room.

"Daddy, Mommy!" Lana, who just left her room, ran to them joyfully.

Nicole turned to see Lana followed by Nolan, a few steps behind. Looking at Nolan's calm appearance, he seemed fine already. Nicole heaved a silent sigh. She hoped Nolan sorted out his thoughts and accepted what she said.

“Mommy,” Nolan whispered, feeling embarrassed at Nicole’s stare. He was a little emotional yesterday. He understood there were things he could not decide, but he could still make his own choices. Although his mother and Lawrence could not be together, Nicole said that Lawrence was her good friend. That meant that Lawrence would always be their godfather.

Nicole raised an eyebrow. She smiled, seemingly to see through her son’s behavior.

“Daddy, let’s have breakfast.” Lana tugged at Jared’s shirt.

In response, Jared picked Lana up and cuddled her. “Alright, breakfast, it is.”

The four of them went downstairs together and entered the dining room.

“Good morning, everyone,” Nolan and Lana greeted sweetly.

“Morning, dear. Come, sit down here.” Gloria smiled lovingly as she greeted the two cuties.

“Alright.”

The family sat down and started to eat, chatting while they did. Breakfast was soon over, and everyone left separately.

“Nicole, about things over at the branch company...” Daniel hesitated.

As soon as Nicole realized what Daniel was getting at, she set her lips and said, “Sean and I will take care of it. Don’t worry, Dad.”

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2135-“Damien and Dillon aren’t worth your sympathy. Let the kids handle it,” Gloria said to comfort Daniel.

“I get it. I feel it’s too much on the kids. They’re forced to deal with their ill-intentioned uncles,” Daniel said. He was a little chagrined, not understanding why his older brothers acted like this.

“After so many years of enduring, how did it end up like this? ” Gloria responded. They were still oppressed and looked down upon by their



brothers. Now that their children were doing great, they finally gained some dignity.

“I know.” Daniel nodded. He was not sympathetic to Damien and Dillon. He just thought they were family and it would be best if everyone worked together. Unfortunately, not everyone had the same goal in mind.

Jared dropped off Nicole at the entrance the Riddle Corporation building. He watched Nicole go inside before instructing Max, “Drive.”

“Yes, sir.” Max obeyed and started the car. He then reported, “Mr. Johnston, Lawrence disappeared the moment he reached Mecrounia, leaving his assistant Ian to settle things. I’m afraid...”

“Search for his old subordinates,” Jared said with a calm expression.

If Lawrence’s intention to go to Mecrounia was not to

recover the losses, it only would mean he was secretly plotting something. And to complete his plan, he had to find some trusted people to help him.

Max’s expression turned grave. “Mr. Johnston, isn’t he an adverse to you?”

“I’ll have always been a sting in his eyes,” Jared replied.

From the moment Lawrence stepped foot in San Joto, they were destined to be each other’s rivals. Lawrence was not only obsessed with Nicole, but he was also a power-control freak who wanted to take over San Joto.

Determination crossed Max’s eyes. “I’ll arrange for someone to find out his whereabouts.”

“Forget it. Finding out won’t change a thing. Why not take advantage of this chance to prepare another surprise for him?” Jared said, his gaze turning cold. Having an ambition was fine, but Lawrence had to prove that his abilities matched his ambition.

Max was stunned, but he soon understood Jared’s intentions. He asked cautiously, “What do you intend to do, Mr. Johnston?”

Jared’s eyes narrowed, his voice turning icy. “Ask someone to make contact with the landmark project that Genesis Group is negotiating.”

Max instantly understood Jared's point, and his eyes lit up." Yes, sir."

The landmark project was a crucial project for Genesis Group, which had just entered San Joto's industrial market.

Losing this project would be a significant setback for them.

The car drove away, kicking up a cloud of dust.

Upstairs at the Riddle Corporation building, just as Nicole entered her office, Lulu knocked on her door.

"Did you hear the news?" Lulu asked with a mysterious look.

Raising her eyebrow, Nicole asked, "What news?"

Nicole had not had time to pay attention to the news this morning. She wondered what could have happened.

"Geez, how could you not know about something so important?" Lulu smiled. "It's related to you."

"Me?" Nicole was even more confused. "What is it?"

Lulu rolled her eyes helplessly at Nicole before revealing, "It's about Damien and Dillon."

"What about them?" Nicole asked, wondering how her uncles made it to the news.

"It was the case that overturned a few days ago. I'm not sure who leaked the news, but it's unsurpassable now. They're in the eye of the storm," Lulu explained.

The two companies were the subject of public scrutiny and condemnation after the information was made public.

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"That's it?" Nicole replied calmly.

Lulu widened her eyes in disbelief. “Isn’t it enough? It’s not just a fluctuation in their stock prices this time. Their stock prices plummeted. It won’t be long till it hits the limit.”

The losses were not ordinary. This would lose how much money? But the more Lulu thought about it, the more excited she was.

Nicole’s gaze darkened. ‘These alone aren’t enough. Was there something they missed on Dillon’s side? This speed was disappointing. Are they quiet quitting or simply not investigating at all?’

“Nicole?” Lulu softly called out, noticing Nicole’s silence and increasingly gloomy expression.

“It’s nothing. Let’s wait a little longer. There should be updates,” Nicole said. She could only conclude that Dillon was actually incompetent if there was no other news.

Observing Nicole’s composed demeanor, Lulu chuckled and shook her head, admiring her friend’s composure.

“If there’s nothing else, I’ll get back to work.” Lulu calmed down. While she enjoyed watching the show, she knew it was someone else’s business. She should focus her energy on her own work instead.

Watching Lulu turn around and leave, Nicole breathed a sigh of relief. She took a document and started working.

Meanwhile, at the branch company Dillon was in charge of, DillCorp, Dillon had a gloomy face in the president’s office. He gritted his teeth and glared at the results in his hands.

His assistant looked at Dillon nervously, his forehead filled with beads of sweat. “Mr. Dillon, you see...”

**SNAP!**

Dillon angrily slammed the document on the desk with a crisp, snapping sound.

“Damien, what a good show you put on. First, you got me to do your dirty work. Then, you benefit from the tussle.” Dillon gnashed his teeth, his face turning ashen. He never expected it, even after countless investigations.

Nicole was not the one who outsmarted him. The reality was that Damien played him and Nicole. Everett got people to make fabricated evidence to deliberately let him find out. It was to make him believe he could finally keep Nicole from bouncing back.

However, Nicole remained unscathed. Dillon was the one who got into trouble. No matter what happened, Damien would be the last one standing.

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A knock sounded on the door, and Raine pushed the door open. “Dad.”

Casting an annoyed glance at his daughter, Dillon gritted his teeth and ordered, “Come in.”

“Alright,” Raine responded and walked toward the desk.

Dillon signaled his assistant with a glance, saying, “Leave us. If

“Yes, sir.” His assistant complied and left the room.

“Dad, how are things looking? Why do you look so angry?” Raine asked, eyes full of concern.

“Hmph,” Dillon grunted with an angry face. He was practically foaming at the mouth. “Look at what your Uncle Damien did!”

Raine’s eyes widened in surprise. “Uncle Damien?” She thought, “How could it be Uncle Damien? Isn’t Nicole the one behind this?”

“The evidence was fabricated. Everett purposely leaked it to us. And it must have been Damien’s intention,” Dillon said through clenched teeth, a hint of maliciousness flashing in his eyes.

Never expecting Damien and Everett to be the culprits, Raine’s expression turned pale white. Deep down, she had the same hatred toward them. Nicole was already a big nuisance, but Damien had actually turned against them.

“Dad, what should we do about this?” Raine asked in a frustrated tone.

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Dillon glanced at Raine with displeasure and said, "What else is there to do? I'm not going to jail."

"No, I didn't mean that," Raine explained. "I meant that we can't just let Damien take advantage of us."

Since they knew Damien was the one behind this, they could let Damien suffer the consequences.

"There's no evidence," Dillon said in a depressed tone. He found out Everett was the one who did it, but he did not have direct evidence against him. He could not convict Everett of the crime. Worst-case scenario, Everett might even make a false counterchange and claim he was making him false accusations, causing more trouble.

"Are we just going to be forced into silence?" Raine choked with rage, and her teeth clenched in anger.

Dillon narrowed his eyes. How could he lose? Even though he did not have any evidence in this matter, he had no intention of taking the fall for Damien.

"You should leave." Dillon waved his hand, signaling Raine to get out.

Raine furrowed her eyebrows but left after thinking about James' words. At this time, all she needed to do was show her concern to Dillon and let Dillon take care of the matter.

After Raine left, Dillon looked at the materials in his hands, and his eyes darkened.

Raine returned to her own office.

"So, how was it?" James asked anxiously after a long wait.

Raine gritted her teeth in distress and said, "Hmph, we were being played by Damien."

James was too stunned to speak. “Did you just say that this was Damien’s doing?”

“Yup. Dad found out Damien was doing something behind his back and wanted to reap the benefits.” Raine’s expression turned red from anger. She never expected Damien and Everett would do such a thing to them.

James, on the other hand, was more composed and said meaningfully, “Eventually, everyone will become your enemy. n

“You mean to say...” Raine pondered for a moment, understanding James’ meaning. She thought, ‘He’s right. There’s only one heir to the Riddle family business. Before the heir is decided, everyone would have the right to it, but I’ll be the last one.’

Raine’s eyes crossed a touch of determination. She looked at James and said, “Honey, you always have good ideas. My future depends on you.”

If James had not been pointing out and directing Raine, she would still be whining about the situation, and jealous of others. She lived a hopeless life in the past, but now she was full of confidence. Wait till the day when everything belongs to her! Others would naturally bow down and look up to her.

Nicole, you’ll see. One day, I’ll definitely crush you beneath my feet.’

As the sun set, the evening sky turned golden. A new piece of news quickly dominated the headlines of major news outlets. The mastermind behind DillCorp’s crisis has been found and detained by the authorities after false accusations were made against the Riddle Corporation’s headquarters. Since the offender was discovered, Dillon Riddle, the first suspect, was proven innocent.

Lulu’s fury could be heard outside the chairman’s office of Riddle Corporation. “Why, Nicole?! This is just absurd!” Lulu could not believe Dillon got away with everything.

“He put all the charges on his department manager. Even the final piece of evidence was directed to the department manager. So, he was, of course, innocent.” Nicole’s eyes flickered with a touch of coldness. Dillon was indeed a ruthless person, for him to find someone to take the blame for him.

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Lulu complained in defiance, “He should still be sentenced for poor supervision. He’s the president of the company.”

“At most, he’d be fined.” Nicole shrugged. If Dillon was willing to go to jail, he would not have put the charge on someone else.

“Well, we let him off easy this time,” Lulu said depressingly. Though Dillon was obviously at fault, it was upsetting that he was able to avoid punishment.

Nicole remained indifferent. “It’s alright. The show has just begun.”

“What?” Lulu blinked her eyes in bewilderment. The case seemed to be closed, awaiting trial and judgment.

Seeing Lulu’s confusion, Nicole replied cryptically, “We should just sit back and watch the show unfold without getting involved.”

Lulu blinked her eyes and quickly reacted, “Oh, yeah, I almost forgot about this.”

Previously, Damien tried to trick Dillon and them. But since Dillon found out about it, how could he let this matter rest?

“It’s time to clock out. Let’s go.” Nicole got up calmly. “I have other things to do.”

‘Are you really going back to the Riddle family manor?’ Lulu asked instinctively. She knew that Nicole had received a call from the manor. They wanted her to return after work, presumably for reasons related to this matter.

“Of course, I’m going back. They’ve put on such a good show, ” Nicole smirked. Things had come to an end. Mr. Riddle Sr. calling her back probably had something to do with Damien and Dillon’s matter.

Deep down, she knew this was the result she wanted for this situation. Even if Dillon was caught this time, he would not be locked up for long, and there must be a day when he came out. At that time, Dillon would not turn over a

new leaf. Instead, he would turn more aggressive. If so, Nicole might as well save him, to get rid of everything once and for all.

Leaving the office, Nicole saw Sean and Steve downstairs in the lobby.

“Sean, Steve.”

The two looked at Nicole with concern. “Are you sure you don’t want us to follow you?”

“There’s no need for that. The reception tonight is also very important for us. You guys should just go attend it. I’ll head back to the manor on my own.” Nicole smirked as she answered.

“What if they...” Steve frowned. He was worried for Nicole and scared the people there would make things difficult for Nicole.

“This time, they won’t have the energy to deal with me.” Nicole’s gaze carried a hint of disdain. Dillon and Damien

were not long from a quarrel.

Sean compromised. “Okay then. If something comes up, call us.”

“Will do.” Nicole watched Sean and Steve leave before getting into her own car. She informed Jared to pick up the kids as she decided to go back to the Riddle family residence on her own.

Soon, Nicole arrived at the Riddle family manor. Few people came. Only Damien, Dillon, Daniel, and Dexter were present. Seeing that she was the only junior present, Nicole awkwardly touched her nose. ‘Grandpa actually informed me to come back alone. Is this really a good idea?’

Seeing Nicole’s arrival, a smile rose on Mr. Riddle Sr.’s face.” Nicole is back.”

“Grandpa,” Nicole greeted softly as she slowly walked toward the old man.

“Sit down,” Mr. Riddle Sr. gestured for Nicole to sit beside him.

Nicole hesitated but sat down at Mr. Riddle Sr.’s insistence. She was not afraid of them. She just felt she should not be too flashy at the moment.



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“Dad, why did you call us here today? Did something happen?” Dexter asked directly after sensing everyone’s silence.

To be frank, everyone had more or less heard the rumors. But Dexter did not understand why Mr. Riddle Sr. called them back, seemingly wanting to say something after things had already come to an end.

“I have no idea either. Let Dillon speak.” Mr. Riddle Sr.’s expression turned gloomy as he glanced at Dillon.

“Dillon?” Dexter and Daniel turned their gaze to Dillon, realizing he was the one who gathered them here today.

Nicole too realized this fact just now. ‘Seems like Dillon has yet to say anything. He must’ve wanted to directly address Damien in front of everyone. As for me, maybe Grandpa decided to call me back at the last minute, and it had nothing to do with Dillon.’

Dillon did not expect Mr. Riddle Sr. to call Nicole back to the Riddle family manor. But since the story had played out like this, he had no choice but to bite the bullet and talk.

Gritting his teeth, Dillon got hot under his collar as he handed a document to Mr. Riddle Sr. “Actually, I intended to ask Dad and my few brothers to sit in judgment for me,”

“Sit in judgment for you?” Damien raised his eyebrow slightly. He said meaningfully, “Dillon, what do you mean by

this? Are you in trouble?”

Damien already knew Dillon had found someone to take the blame. Therefore, he did not understand what his intentions were by summoning everyone gathered here today.

Dillon’s expression turned even angrier. He glared at Damien with hate. “Damien, stop pretending. Do you still think I’m clueless?”

“What’s this about?” Damien frowned. Deep down, he felt a vague sense of unease. He felt that Dillon was targeting him today.

“Hmph!” Dillon grunted in exasperation. He once again turned his gaze to Mr. Riddle Sr. “Dad. I bought up and reported the headquarters’ manipulation of the branch companies’ stock values, but now I realized I was set up by Damien. Here’s the proof I found. Take a look,”

Dillon slammed the documents on the table while displaying anguish and outrage. “Dad, you have to back me up. He’s my brother, yet he tricked me.”

Nicole’s mouth twitched. She thought, ‘Wow, Dillon is going all out with this act!’

Mr. Riddle Sr. calmly picked up the document and opened it to read the content. He then looked at Damien, saying, “What Dillon is saying is that the evidence he found against Nicole was deliberately revealed to him by Everett. Is that true?”

Looking at Mr. Riddle Sr.’s unruffled demeanor, Damien unconsciously clenched his hand. He tried to suppress his

uneasiness and acted calm. “Dad, I’m afraid there must be a misunderstanding. Everett has no reason to do so.”

“He has no reason, but if you ordered him to, could he refuse it?” Mr. Riddle Sr. commented. What was more, these two were birds of the same feather. No one would believe that Damien did not instruct Everett to do so.

“Damien, Dillon, y-you guys. Is this perhaps a misunderstanding?” Dexter asked in confusion. He was still a little bewildered and could not understand what was happening.

“If there’s a problem, it’s best to investigate it thoroughly,” Daniel voiced out solemnly. He needed to know if Damien actually had done it or not, but it was not because he wanted to widen the gap between Damien and Dillon. If Damien really had done it, he would only be bitterly disappointed in him and feel more heartbroken for Nicole.

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“Dad, why don’t you let Grandpa be the judge of it.” Nicole nodded toward Daniel. She understood Daniel was doing it for her. However, Nicole had long been aware of the situation, so she did not feel aggrieved.

Receiving Nicole’s message, Daniel gritted his teeth and compromised with a sigh. After Nicole finished, the others shifted their attention to Mr. Riddle Sr., waiting for his decision.

“Dillon, what do you want me to do?” Mr. Riddle Sr. had read all the documents. He still looked calm and composed, so no one could tell his true thoughts on this matter.

“Dad, Damien has gone too far. Not only did he want to harm me, but he also even wanted to ruin Nicole. If I hadn’t got the evidence, I would’ve never relayed this matter to the headquarters. In that case, I would’ve not ended up in this situation,” Dillon said with a look of remorse and anger.

Nicole sneered with a hint of mockery. ‘Dillon was quite skilled in shifting the blame to others, attempting to whitewash himself and put all the blame on Damien. Did he really think everyone else was stupid? The question was, if this wasn’t the information he wanted, he would’ve never trusted it so easily. He was played by Everett, but now he’s claiming to be framed by him. It was impressive how he could turn the situation around.’

Shifting her gaze to Mr. Riddle Sr., Nicole’s eyes had a spark

of amusement. ‘It seemed like Grandpa does not fully trust Dillon’s words.’

“Dillon, stop your nonsense. I did not harm anyone. Who knows where all your evidence came from? You accused Nicole before, and now you’re accusing me?” Damien looked righteously angry and aggrieved, not admitting to anything Dillon had said.

“Evidence? No, this is the truth!” Dillon was hitting the ceiling. He did not expect even at this point. Damien could turn the tables and accuse him instead. He felt that Damien was shameless.

Nicole too was impressed by how Damien could carry on saying all these without a change of expression. With her eyebrow raised, Nicole looked at Damien in a different light.’ No wonder he was able to manipulate things in the dark. He must have the confidence to distance himself from it, even when the truth comes out.’

A tinge of darkness flickered in Nicole's eyes as she spoke softly, "Uncle Dillon. Since this is the truth, why did you not report it to the police?"

"These are the skeletons in the closet. I didn't report it for the sake of the Riddle family," Dillon explained. He then looked at Mr. Riddle Sr. expectantly. "Dad, I only wished for you to be fair."

"Hmm," Mr. Riddle Sr. hummed softly, not showing his intent of whether he was going to intervene in this matter or not.

"Dad. The culprit is already locked up in the police station, admitted everything, and said it had nothing to do with others. You can't trust Dillon after just listening to him," Damien said anxiously.

Damien was indeed the person who did it, and his escape route planned ahead. Even if Dillon made a ruckus, he could not do anything to him. The only thing he did not anticipate was Dillon's decision to tattle to Mr. Riddle Sr. instead of exposing him by reporting to the police.

If Mr. Riddle Sr. believed him, it would be a disadvantage for Damien and Everett. One word from Mr. Riddle Sr. would be enough to make them suffer extreme losses in the future. And that was not what Damien wanted to happen.

"I had no choice then. Do you know how much it cost me to let someone go off the hook?"