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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2931-“Well, it’s not like you’re dead yet,” one of the men shrugged indifferently.

Damien seethed with anger. “Don’t you want to get information from me anymore?”

“Hmph, when our boss arrives, you won’t have a say in what you want to say or not,” the man replied fiercely.

Damien couldn’t help but feel frustrated. At this point, he didn’t have much leverage, so he had to ensure his own interests were secured. Otherwise, if they burned bridges, he’d be the one left in a tough spot.

“Boss!”

As he was contemplating, Damien heard several people calling out, prompting him to look up.

Frowning at the man approaching, Damien asked, “Are you Scorpio?”

“Speak,” Scorpio responded tersely, not saying much else.

Damien knew Scorpio wanted him to divulge information about Water Crest, but he wasn’t foolish enough to reveal anything at this point.

Struggling to stand up, Damien negotiated, “This place isn’t secure. You have to take me to a safe location before I can tell you anything.”

“Actually, death is the safest,” Scorpio remarked calmly, as if what he said wasn’t something cruel.

Damien shivered, but he spoke with clenched teeth, “Since it’s death anyway, why should I tell you?”

As the situation centered around facing death, Damien felt he might as well take the information to his grave. If a good life was out of reach, he wanted no part of it.

Upon hearing Damien’s words, Scorpio displayed a flicker of emotion for the first time and threw an amused look at Damien. He thought, ‘This guy would

rather choose a lose- lose situation. That seems to align with my mindset.’
“Well then, I’ll have you taken out of the city for now,” Scorpio agreed.

Damien was somewhat taken aback. He hadn’t expected Scorpio to agree so easily. Instead, he felt a tinge of unease in his heart, thinking perhaps Scorpio had another plan.

Damien pondered for a moment and made up his mind. He believed that as long as he didn’t speak, they wouldn’t have any leverage over him. After all, this was his only lifeline, so he couldn’t afford to reveal it easily.

‘ Boss, what if he tries something funny?’ one of the men whispered softly.

“He knows the consequences,” Scorpio replied before leaving.

As they exited the building, they noticed something was amiss. Cars suddenly appeared. “Boss, run!” one of the men yelled, realizing danger was imminent.

Scorpio bolted, followed by Damien, who knew that staying meant certain capture.

The remaining men stayed behind to provide cover for their escape but were swiftly overwhelmed and apprehended.

Within moments, Damien was recaptured, but Scorpio had vanished. The men in black, relieved that Scorpio had escaped, were taken to the police station.

Damien, in a separate vehicle, resumed his “journey” to the courthouse.

Max, observing the scene, said to Seth and his group, “Let’s head back.”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2932-After departing from the scene, Seth and his group updated Max about the outcome.

Max then relayed the information to Jared. “Mr. Johnston, everything went as planned. We let Scorpio go,” Max reported over the phone.

Jared, maintaining his usual calm demeanor, hummed in response.

Max continued, “We collaborated with the police to apprehend some of Scorpio’s men. Damien is back in custody and will face trial today.”

Pleased with the outcome, Jared commended, “Good job.”

“It all unfolded just as you predicted,” Max sighed.

From the beginning, Mr. Johnston had anticipated Scorpio’s actions. After strategizing with law enforcement responsible for the case, they set up the trap, and indeed, Scorpio took the bait.

Mr. Johnston, Scorpio might make other moves now,” Max speculated.

Given today’s events, once Scorpio reflected on it, he’d realize he fell into a trap and would not be able to gain any information from Damien. So, he might take matters into his own hands.

Jared narrowed his eyes slightly with a hint of ruthlessness.”

Let’s see what he intends to do.”

“I’ll arrange for surveillance,” Max responded cautiously.

Meanwhile, at Riddle Corporation, Lulu burst into Nicole’s office, excitedly reporting, “Damien’s been taken back to court.”

Nicole arched an eyebrow. “What happened?”

“It seems someone tried to snatch Damien while he was en route, but the authorities were onto their plan beforehand.

They not only apprehended the culprits but also unveiled their hideout...” Lulu briefed Nicole on the situation.

Nicole squinted. ‘Could it be...’ Suddenly, a spark of realization crossed Nicole’s face, a faint smirk forming. She likely understood.

This entire episode was likely orchestrated by Jared through Max. They were already aware of Scorpio’s intentions, so they collaborated with law enforcement to raid Scorpio’s base.

With this failed attempt and the discovery of their hideout, Scorpio must be seething.

“Nicole, do you think there might be any other surprises?” Lulu asked in a hushed tone.

Casting a glance at Lulu, Nicole shook her head, “No, there won’t be.”

Having made thorough arrangements, this matter would undoubtedly be resolved today. Damien had been escorted back for trial, awaiting the judgment of the law.

“Hey, who do you think is behind this? I heard they caught a few henchmen, but their leader got away,” Lulu speculated.

“Scorpio, the remaining Eastern Falcon’s representative here, ” Nicole’s voice carried a hint of coldness.

“You mean the one we purposely let go last time...” Lulu instantly understood.

Nicole nodded, “He’s still useful, so we can’t catch him for now.”

“Oh, so this was deliberate too,” Lulu realized.

Nicole chuckled lightly and shook her head, seeing Lulu finally catching on.

“By the way, how do you know everything so clearly?” Lulu pondered for a moment, looking at Nicole with surprise and suspicion.

They were both in the office and had only learned about Damien’s situation from breaking news. Yet, now it seemed as if Nicole knew everything beforehand.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2933-Lulu, puzzled, ‘Nicole’s been here with me. She did not go out. How did she get the news?’ Nicole, with a slight smirk, replied, “Just a guess.”

“A guess!” Lulu’s voice rose in disbelief. Nicole’s intuition seemed almost magical.

“You mentioned it was part of a police operation, and I immediately guessed it must be Jared’s doing,” Nicole shared honestly.

In reality, it wasn’t hard to guess; Lulu just hadn’t thought it through.

Hearing Nicole’s words, Lulu understood and teased her, “As expected, you and your husband are in sync, guessing what’s happening so quickly.”

Nicole couldn’t help but roll her eyes at Lulu and chided, “Go get busy.”

“Hehe, you’re blushing,” Lulu chuckled. “Alright, I’m off to work. Won’t disturb your sweet moment here.”

Watching Lulu dash off, Nicole shook her head with a mixture of laughter and tears.

She flipped through the files on her desk, quickly immersing herself in work.

After Lulu left, she got serious in a second.

Glancing at her secretary, Lulu instructed, “Keep an eye on the news from the court.”

“Okay,” the secretary responded.

Lulu quickly returned to her office and dove into her work. Waiting for the trial to end, Lulu visited Nicole’s office again. “It’s decided,” Lulu announced as she entered, sounding relieved.

‘This bastard should have been arrested long ago. If he hadn’t been left until now, he wouldn’t have had the chance to harm others.’ “Mhm,” Nicole nodded calmly, unsurprised by the outcome.

“Are you heading back to the old house after work?” Lulu asked in a hushed tone.

After a moment’s hesitation, Nicole replied, “I’ll go back.”

“Then I’ll call June, and we can all go back together,” Lulu suggested.

“Sounds good,” Nicole agreed.

“Okay, I’ll tell her,” said Lulu, and she notified June.

Dinner time at the Riddle family manor.

With everyone present, the mansion didn’t feel as empty.

“We brought you some tea,” Lulu and June said to Benjamin as they entered, placing two elegantly wrapped bags on the coffee table.

Benjamin glanced at the two and said, "It's good you're both back. I don't need anything here." "But this isn't about what you need. It's our way of showing our respect and love for you," Lulu said with a smile.

Benjamin chuckled heartily at her words.

"Wow, Dad, you're really blessed," Karen chimed in, seizing the opportunity to compliment.

"Mhm, yes, blessed indeed," Benjamin agreed, then turned to Nicole and Jared, "Everything sorted out?"

Nicole understood he was asking about the day's events and nodded, "Yes, Grandpa, don't worry."

"That's good to hear," Benjamin responded with a nod.

The court trial itself was a minor issue, but the news of someone trying to abduct Damien was a serious matter. Its resolution brought relief to everyone.

"Benjamin, no one involved can escape," Jared said, his gaze intense and reassuring.

A look of satisfaction flashed in Benjamin's eyes, trusting in Jared and Nicole's ability to handle the situation.

"Dad, everyone's here, and dinner is ready. Shall we eat?" Dillon suggested.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2934-"Alright, let's eat," Benjamin announced, standing up first. Everyone followed suit, heading to the dining room.

Once seated, a joyful dinner unfolded, with the whole family enjoying the meal together.

Amidst the laughter and lively chatter, what should have been a somber moment felt lighter, thanks to everyone's presence. Benjamin's mood was surprisingly upbeat.

After dinner, when the house quieted down, Alfred helped Benjamin upstairs.

"Sir, take it easy," he cautioned.

"It's okay," Benjamin sighed contentedly. "How wonderful it is to see the children all grown up."

"Sir, from now on, just enjoy your time with your family," Alfred said with a smile.

"Yes, I don't need to worry about anything anymore.

Everything has reached its inevitable conclusion," Benjamin reflected.

Meanwhile, on the way home, Jared and Nicole leaned back in their seats, gently holding hands.

"You arranged all of this, didn't you?" Nicole's voice was soft but certain.

"It was just a guess, so I had Max take care of it," Jared replied calmly.

"I knew it," Nicole looked at him reproachfully. "Why didn't you tell me earlier?"

Jared smiled, gently squeezing her hand. "I wasn't completely sure before."

He had suspected Scorpio would have no other choice but to act rashly, so he hadn't informed Nicole to avoid involving her in any unexpected situations.

"So, what's your plan now?" Nicole asked, not really pressing for an answer but curious about his thoughts.

"Scorpio might become desperate, which gives us an opportunity," Jared said, his eyes darkening slightly.

Nicole's eyes narrowed. "You mean, he might go directly to Water Crest?"

"If Damien had information related to Water Crest, Scorpio would assume we could get it too. So, he might take a gamble," Jared analyzed calmly.

Nicole agreed, "He probably wants to strike first."

If Scorpio suspected they could get clues to Water Crest, he wouldn't sit still.

Likely, Scorpio was thinking of reaching out to Lawrence for a collaboration.

Meanwhile, in Lawrence's mansion, a sudden visitor appeared.

Lawrence said flatly, "You've got some nerve showing up here."

"What choice do I have?" Scorpio replied casually, settling himself on the couch as if he were in his own home.

Lawrence glanced at Scorpio and got straight to the point, "What do you want?"

"You already know what's going on," Scorpio said, cutting to the chase. "I couldn't get the information Damien had, so I had to come to you."

"And why would you think I'd help you?" Lawrence raised an eyebrow.

Scorpio smirked, "Because you can't access it, but I can."

"If she can't open it, then no one in this world can," Lawrence said confidently, his eyes fixed on Scorpio. He was certain only Nicole could unlock it, not just anyone.

"She's smart, sure, but how can you be so sure she hasn't figured something out? Maybe she's keeping Water Crest for herself," Scorpio said, clearly annoyed.

Trust in Nicole was one thing, but Scorpio knew Nicole was not easily deceived.

"Everyone wants it, but who has the capability? Even if I gave it to you, it would be just a useless piece of metal," Lawrence stood firm, leaving no room for negotiation.

He had thought through every possible solution, but in the end, the only way was to use Nicole's skills to unlock Water Crest.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2935-Lawrence was convinced that no matter who else he tried to find or what other plans he came up with, things wouldn't work out.

Scorpio's face had turned sour, his words sharpening. "So what you're saying is, you'd rather let that woman have it than us?" he asked, visibly upset.

"Let the best person win. After all, that's the rule with the Five Badges,"

Lawrence shrugged, a nonchalant air about him. 'As long as I have it, I'll do what I want with it.' He knew he needed the Water Crest, and that Nicole was his only chance. 'Who else could pull it off?' Besides, he thought, 'It's safer with me. How could I be at ease if it's in someone else's hands?' "Fine, then guard your Water Crest well," Lawrence said, standing up with a hint of threat in his voice.

Not backing down, Lawrence gave Scorpio a cold, challenging look. "You can try," he said defiantly.

Their meeting ended without agreement. Scorpio glared at Lawrence before storming off.

Watching Scorpio leave, Lawrence's eyes narrowed, his gaze darkening. 'He came to test the waters, but he's clearly desperate. He might make a reckless move.' Suddenly getting up, Lawrence headed upstairs. 'I can't wait any longer for the Water Crest. I need to get it now.' After entering his study and turning on his computer, Lawrence, under a pseudonym, messaged Nolan, urging him to crack the game soon for an early release.

Still concerned, he sent another message to Nolan under his real identity, filled with friendly words but also subtly reminding him that he could help with any issues.

This way, Lawrence could stay updated on the game's progress through Nolan.

The next day dawned bright and sunny.

At breakfast, his family gathered in the dining room.

"Mummy, why did you and Daddy come home so late last night? Is Great Grandpa okay?" Lana asked, looking up with curious eyes.

“Great Grandpa’s fine. We just stayed late chatting with your uncles and aunts,”

Nicole explained.

They had indeed come home late, finding Nolan and Lana already asleep.

“Mummy, I got a message on my computer. They’re rushing me,” Nolan looked toward Nicole.

“When?” Nicole asked, understanding he was talking about the game.

“This morning, but I think it was sent last night. And Godfather messaged me too,” Nolan added hesitantly.

“What did he say?” Nicole’s expression grew serious.

“Just that he’s been busy with work and hasn’t contacted me in a while. He asked about how I’ve been and said I could come to him for help with anything,”

Nolan replied.

Nicole nodded, understanding Lawrence was probing Nolan for information.

She gently tousled Nolan’s hair. “Let’s try tonight,” she said softly.

“Okay,” Nolan agreed.

After breakfast, Tia took Nolan and Lana to school, and Stanley went with them.

Nicole was about to leave when Daniel stopped her. “What were you and Nolan talking about?”

He sensed something serious in their conversation.

“It’s nothing, Dad. Nolan was just playing a beta version of a game, and the developers are waiting for his feedback,” Nicole replied with a smile.

She could tell Daniel was suspicious and tried to hide her emotions, not wanting to worry him.

“Is that all?” Daniel still seemed unconvinced.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2936-“Yeah, he’ll be giving them feedback tonight,” Nicole said with a smile.

Daniel glanced at Nicole, “Good, then let’s wrap it up quickly. r» “Okay, well head out first then,” Nicole replied, standing up to leave with Jared.

Gloria, curious, asked Daniel, “You usually don’t ask so many details about the kids. What’s up today?”

Daniel shook his head, “Nothing much. Just felt like Nicole was a bit off. Maybe I’m overthinking.”

‘It’s just feedback for a game beta test. A simple reply should do. No big deal,’ he thought.

Gloria reassured, “Nicole’s got it under control, especially when it’s about Nolan.

She wouldn’t take it lightly.”

Daniel found Gloria’s words reasonable and didn’t dwell on it any longer.

Nicole and Jared left the house and got into the car.

Leaning back in her seat, Nicole sighed, ‘It all has to come to an end eventually.’ Jared gently squeezed her hand, as if to comfort her.

Nicole looked at Jared, a small smile on her lips, and shook her head to indicate she was fine. Tve come to terms with a lot over time. If this is the inevitable outcome, I have to accept it,’ she thought.

Arriving at Riddle Corporation, Nicole bid Jared farewell and got out of the car.

Jared watched her go, feeling sad for her.

‘Even with all her mental preparation, some things are bound to disappoint her,’ he thought.

Inside the company, Lulu greeted her, “Nicole.”

Nicole looked at Lulu and asked softly, "What's up?"

"There's something in your office," Lulu hinted, nodding toward the door.

Nicole frowned slightly, "What's wrong in there?"

"Ellar's here, and he seems upset," Lulu whispered.

Nicole's eyes flashed. 'Probably because he's got no news of Patricia.' Nodding, Nicole entered her office.

Lulu hesitated for a moment before deciding not to follow.

Ellar had been there since early morning, looking distraught. Nicole knew it was about him and Patricia, but it wasn't her place to get involved.

As soon as Nicole entered, Ellar stood up to greet her," Nicole."

"You're here early. What's up?" Nicole asked him, her look meaningful.

"I came to ask about Patricia," Ellar said directly.

"Patricia?" Nicole was puzzled, "I thought you were done worrying about her?"

'Just the other day he was wishing Patricia and Charlie well. Now he's concerned again,' she thought.

"I..." Ellar hesitated, then said determinedly, "I might not care, but I need to know she's alright."

He'd been out of touch with Patricia recently, couldn't reach her or even know where she was. The more he thought about it, the more worried he became, so he turned to Nicole for help.

"She's fine, you don't need to worry," Nicole replied, choosing her words carefully

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2937-Frowning, Ellar said, "Nicole, I've always listened to you since we were kids. I can tell when something's bothering you."

He had always paid close attention to Nicole, understanding her better than anyone else.

At this point, Nicole simply mentioned that Patricia was fine, which to Ellar signaled that Patricia might actually be in trouble. He guessed that something had happened, which was why Patricia had disappeared without a trace.

Nicole sighed and tried to reassure him, "Patricia's okay. She just doesn't want to be seen right now. I have to respect her choice."

"But how can she be okay?" Ellar wondered aloud, confused. "I heard about the hospital incident. Those people were caught, but Patricia vanished right after!"

He hadn't been able to find Patricia since, so he couldn't believe she was really fine.

Nicole gave him a look, "She really is okay."

Ellar felt a lump in his throat and pleaded, "Please, Nicole, just tell me."

His suspicions grew stronger. 'If everything was fine, why she needs to hide?

Sure, Patricia might have met someone special, but that doesn't mean we can't stay friends. Why is she dodging me completely, not even responding to my messages?' Nicole patted Ellar's shoulder, "Go home. Since you and Patricia aren't connected anymore, those who need to worry about her will."

Ellar stopped in his tracks, a new thought striking him. 'Could it be that it's not Patricia who's avoiding me, but Charlie who's stopping her from getting in touch?' After a moment of silence, Ellar stood up, "I understand. I'll go now."

Nicole watched him leave, his dejected figure making her frown, but she said nothing more.

Just then, her phone rang. She glanced at it and answered, "Martin, you have news? Alright, I'll bring her to see you after work."

After hanging up, Nicole looked at the recently closed office door and sighed silently.

She couldn't tell Ellar about Patricia's situation as she understood Patricia's feelings. The last person Patricia would want to see now was probably Ellar.

Regardless, the current situation was Patricia's choice, and Nicole felt she should respect that. As for Ellar, if Patricia was adamant, then there was nothing to be done.

Thankfully, Martin had some news, which might help Patricia.

Taking a deep breath, Nicole texted Patricia to meet her at Martin's place after work.

As the workday finally ended, Nicole and Lulu left Riddle Corporation together.

The driver brought the car around.

Once in the car, Lulu asked, "Patricia will come, won't she?"

"Yes," Nicole nodded.

"I hope Martin's solution works, and Patricia's face heals soon," Lulu sighed.

When they arrived at Martin's lab, Patricia was already there.

Martin looked at them and said, "Let's sit down and talk."

"Is there a good treatment plan?" Lulu asked eagerly as they sat.

Patricia looked nervous, and Nicole gently patted her hand to comfort her.

Biting her lip slightly, Patricia looked at Nicole and nodded, "No matter the result, I'll cooperate with the treatment."

She was prepared to try, even if the outcome wasn't ideal.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2939-Ellar realized, 'That explains it. Since the hospital incident, she's been out of sight. She's been hiding because of her injury.' Patricia stayed silent, deliberately avoiding Eliar's eyes. Her only wish was to vanish from there.

Lulu, slightly taken aback, questioned, "How did you find us, Ellar? Were you following us?"

It seemed impossible for Ellar to know they were meeting Martin or about Patricia's injury unless he had followed them. Lulu understood how Patricia must be feeling – no matter how bravely she faced her scars, she wouldn't want Ellar to see them.

Ellar, caught off guard, admitted, "I had a feeling you were hiding something from me. I just needed to know what it was."

He had overheard Nicole mentioning a visit to Martin, a renowned medical professor. Desperate and worried, he followed, only to discover Patricia's injury – the kind any girl would struggle to accept.

Nicole, seeing Ellar's distress, didn't reprimand him. "Well, now you know," she said, acknowledging that some secrets were hard to keep.

Patricia had calmed down, her tone firm yet distant as she faced Ellar. "My issues aren't your concern anymore. Please, leave."

Her indifferent tone and the way she distanced herself made it clear there was no longer any connection between them.

Ellar, heartbroken by Patricia's state, bit his lip. Nicole's words echoed in his mind, reminding him to stay calm for Patricia's sake. He couldn't risk causing her more pain.

Trying to contain his emotions, Ellar suggested, "I heard you were going to dinner. I haven't eaten either. Maybe we could go together?"

But he was determined not to leave Patricia alone in her time of need. He'd stand by her, encouraging and supporting her, regardless of the future.

Patricia, however, declined. "You go ahead, Ms. Riddle. I'll pass," she said, her voice strained from the effort to remain composed. She feared she couldn't control her emotions if she joined them for dinner.

Ellar, instinctively reaching out to Patricia, offered a compromise, "Then I'll leave, and you stay."

With that, Ellar left, leaving everyone a bit surprised by his sudden departure.

Nicole noticed a change in Ellar – he seemed to have been mature a lot suddenly. Indeed, giving Patricia space was probably the best way to help her now.

“We should get going,” Nicole said, not holding Ellar back. They still needed to thank Martin and Cindy for their efforts in helping with the situation. The treatment and planning were largely thanks to them, and they would continue to need their support in the future.

Cindy promptly agreed, and the group headed out, deliberately not discussing Ellar’s unexpected appearance.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2938-Patricia thought, Besides, with so many people caring for me and by my side, I won’t feel any regrets.’ After Martin shared his tentative treatment plan, there was a mix of hope and concern in the room. Lulu looked sympathetically at Patricia, who was biting her lip, trying to muster courage. “I’m willing to try,” Patricia said, her voice firm despite her evident apprehension.

Martin, although not entirely confident, was optimistic. “This treatment combines the best ideas Nicole and I could think of. It’s not a guarantee, but it’s the best shot we have,” he explained, handing Patricia a bottle of medicine along with detailed instructions and precautions.

Patricia nodded, taking the medicine and agreeing to return in a week for a follow-up. She thanked Martin, who assured her that both he and Nicole were committed to helping her.

As they wrapped up, Cindy suggested they all have dinner together. Nicole agreed, offering to treat everyone as a thank you for their support. Cindy playfully insisted on paying instead, seeing it as an opportunity to relax after a successful meeting.

As they were about to leave, everyone stopped in their tracks at the sight of Ellar at the door. Lulu, surprised, called out his name.

Ellar, looking visibly distressed, had eyes only for Patricia— or more specifically, her face. His expression was one of heartache, and he seemed weighed down by worry.

Patricia, taken aback by his presence, quickly covered her face with a bandage and hid behind Nicole, her hands trembling. She was overwhelmed, not expecting Ellar to be there, and especially not for him to see her in her current state.

Ellar, desperate for answers, approached Patricia. "What happened to you, Patricia?" he asked, his voice filled with concern.

Patricia, instinctively stepping back, tried to dismiss his worries. But Ellar, persistent, was blocked by Nicole.

"Ellar, give her some time and space," Nicole said gently, sensing the tension and complexity of the situation.

Ellar, realizing his abruptness, apologized and calmed down. He had braced himself for bad news about Patricia, but seeing her like this was still a shock. He wondered how she had been coping and felt a deep sense of concern for her.

Trying to stay composed, he asked, "Is this injury from that hospital incident?"

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2940-After getting into the car, Patricia leaned back in her seat and stared out the window, her expression lonely and lost in thought.

Lulu nudged Nicole and nodded toward Patricia, asking softly, "Is she okay?"

"She'll sort herself out," Nicole replied. Whether something was wrong or not wasn't always obvious, but ultimately, it was up to Patricia to confront it.

As the cars started and headed toward the restaurant, Nicole frowned and glanced in the rearview mirror, noticing Ellar's car following them. 'He's really devoted,' she thought, a bit of resignation in her tone.

At the restaurant, the group entered to have dinner. Ellar, showing some restraint, didn't make an appearance.

Waiting outside the restaurant, Ellar looked in, his heart aching for Patricia.

Although she didn't deliberately hide her injury, the conspicuous bandage on her face drew sympathetic glances from others.

Patricia remained composed, but Ellar could still tell she was deliberately keeping her head down, likely self-conscious about the stares.

'I need to talk to Martin to understand Patricia's condition and the treatment options,' Ellar thought, determined to find out more.

Inside the restaurant, the atmosphere among the diners quickly warmed up.

They deliberately avoided mentioning Ellar and Patricia's injury. Lulu shared some amusing stories, helping shift everyone's focus.

Patricia was touched by their efforts to care for her feelings. Despite her mixed emotions, she knew she had to stay optimistic, surrounded by so many who cared and looked after her.

After dinner, the group left the restaurant and went their separate ways. Nicole noticed Ellar's car didn't follow them anymore; instead, it trailed Martin's car. 'He must be going to ask Martin,' she realized.

When Nicole dropped Patricia off at her apartment, she reminded her, "He knows now. You don't have to block his calls anymore."

Patricia paused, then nodded slightly before heading into the building.

Nicole understood that if Patricia hadn't been blocking Ellar, he wouldn't have lost contact with her and wouldn't have been pushed to inquire about her.

As they drove off, Lulu, perplexed, asked Nicole, "Why can't they be together when they obviously care so much about each other?"

"Patricia has her concerns," Nicole said, feeling a bit sympathetic toward them.

Lulu argued, "Ellar seems decent and clearly loves her deeply. He was worried about her today and didn't react negatively to her injury. Someone less caring would have just walked away."

"Let them work it out themselves," Nicole sighed.

Lulu agreed, acknowledging that it wasn't their place to interfere. Such matters of the heart were for Patricia and Ellar to resolve.

The car slowly left the area, and Patricia returned to her empty apartment, feeling a sense of emptiness. Images of Ellar and his sudden appearance at Martin's lab kept replaying in her mind.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2941-Patricia let out a sigh, her thoughts drifting back to Ellar's intense gaze. It was so powerful that it left her speechless, her mind a blank canvas. Ellar's eyes showed only concern and empathy, no hint of disgust or dislike.

Meanwhile, Nicole had just returned to the Riddle residence after dropping off Lulu. She was greeted in the living room by her daughter Lana, who was watching TV. "Mommy," Lana called out excitedly and ran over to her.

Nicole playfully messed up Lana's hair and asked, "Where's Daddy and Nolan?"

"In their room," answered Lana.

Gloria, sitting nearby, smiled and added softly, "Lana wanted to wait up for you, so we watched some TV together."

Nicole, hugging Lana, suggested, "It's late, sweetie. Time for bed." She then helped Gloria to her feet, who agreed, "Let's go."

Upstairs, Gloria headed to her own room while Nicole carried Lana to Nolan's room. Inside, they found Jared and Nolan deeply focused on the computer. 'Mommy,' Nolan looked up as Nicole walked in. "You're finally back."

Nicole approached Jared and Nolan, patting Nolan's head. "Stuck on a tough problem?"

"It's okay, but we need you now," Nolan implied they were at a standstill without her.

Nicole set Lana down, exchanged a glance with Jared, and took charge. "I've got this."

Jared, picking up Lana, said, "Okay, you guys handle it," and took her to another room.

Back at the computer, Nicole and Nolan got to work. Nicole pulled out a memory card, connected it to the computer, and began embedding a program into the game software.

“All set,” announced Nicole, ready to dive into the game with full focus.

This was more than just a gaming session. It was a strategic move. Nicole knew that once Lawrence got his hands on this program, he would start working on the Water Crest for real.

The program prepared by Preston and the others? It was time to test its effectiveness.

Please let this work,’ Nicole thought, crossing her fingers for success.

Nicole pressed the ‘enter’ key and exhaled in relief. Now it was just a waiting game until the results came in. She could then see if her hunches were right.

Meanwhile, Lawrence, who had been practically glued to his screen, finally got the message. A hint of suspicion flickered in his eyes as he sneakily swapped out the game program, sending a new one. He was convinced he’d covered his tracks perfectly, totally unaware that anyone was onto his little scheme. Little did he know, the moment he got that message, a sneaky little program had already wormed its way into his system.

“Mr. Royce, do you think this’ll do the trick?” Ian asked.

“It better,” Lawrence responded, still banking on Nicole’s smarts.

“Alright, let’s give it a whirl. Unlocking the Water Crest is step one to making your dream come true,” Ian put in.

Honestly, they could’ve nailed this ages ago if Nicole hadn’t gotten her memory back and reclaimed the Fire Crest. If only that hadn’t happened, Lawrence would’ve had both the Fire and Water Crests by now.

“Yep,” Lawrence murmured, giving a quick look at his team of hackers. “It’s all on you guys now.”

After setting them to work, Lawrence leaned back, crossing his legs and chilling out as he waited to see what would happen.

Ian came over, offering a cup of coffee. “Mr. Royce, here’s your coffee

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2942-Lawrence was leisurely sipping his coffee, his attention occasionally drifting back to the computer screen. The room echoed with the rhythmic tapping of keyboards as the hackers intensely focused on their task.

Ian, with a hint of anxiety in his voice, broke the silence. "Mr. Royce, why is this taking so long?" He couldn't help but wonder, 'Is this another dead end? Why does it feel like we're moving at a snail's pace?' "Just hang in there a bit longer," Lawrence replied, a trace of impatience creeping into his tone.

Internally, Lawrence was growing anxious too. 'Why no progress yet? We've got everything we need,' he thought, puzzled.

Suddenly, a hacker let out a confused grunt.

"What's the issue?" Lawrence asked sharply, his gaze sweeping across the room.

One hacker, looking totally bewildered, said, "It's like the program has been hacked, yet it hasn't. I've never seen anything like this."

Ian, perplexed, asked, "What does that even mean? It's either hacked or it's not.

What's with this uncertainty?"

"We did everything by the book, following Mr. Royce's data and pattern. But there's no response, and it's not freezing either. It's just... bizarre," the hacker tried to explain.

"So, no reaction at all?" Ian responded, frustration mounting. "Looks like we've hit a dead end again!"

"If it had failed, it should've frozen, but that hasn't happened," the hackers were equally baffled.

Ian urged them, "Then keep digging. Where did we go wrong? rv The hackers resumed their work, only to report back, disappointed, "Still no luck."

Ian murmured to himself, "What's going wrong here?"

A hacker, shaking his head, said, "In all my years, I've never encountered something like this."

Ian, looking increasingly worried, turned to Lawrence. "Mr. Royce, do you think there's a problem somewhere else?"

Lawrence, understanding Ian's implication about Nolan and Nicole, replied with a shake of his head, "I don't think so." He hadn't noticed anything unusual, and Nolan had already finished the game. If there were any issues, they wouldn't have cleared it.

Ian was visibly troubled as he mused, "But where exactly did it go wrong?"

Considering that Nolan wasn't the issue, the hackers aiding them shouldn't have faced any problems either.

Suddenly, Ian lowered his voice, "Could there be someone else involved...?"

Lawrence had a hunch they might be targeted by an unknown adversary. The name Scorpio flashed in his mind.

But does Scorpio really have that kind of ability? Lawrence silently questioned himself. After a bit of thinking, he dismissed the idea, "It shouldn't be Scorpio."

He knew if Scorpio had the capability, they wouldn't have sought his help with the Water Crest. Scorpio still needed him.

"What's really going on here?" Ian was thoroughly perplexed.

Lawrence, deep in thought and staring at the computer screen, abruptly ordered, "Exit the program, now!"

The hackers, confused but obedient, quickly followed the command.

Ian, in a concerned whisper, asked, "Mr. Royce, what's wrong?" He tried to figure out the problem. 'Which part went wrong?' Lawrence, still focused on the screen, suddenly burst into a bitter laugh, "Hahaha... well played, Nicole!"

He had thought his plan was flawless, but it seemed Nicole had outsmarted him.

Ian was completely clueless, "What does this have to do with Nicole?"

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2943-Ian was deep in thought. 'We used Nicole's trick, but she won't figure that out, will she?' he wondered.

Suddenly, one of the hackers blurted out, "We've been duped. " His fingers flew across the keyboard, searching for clues.

"Duped?" Ian was still piecing things together, his eyes darting to Lawrence's computer screen.

It slowly started to click for him. Although he didn't get all the details, he realized they had fallen into Nicole's trap after connecting Lawrence's mention of Nicole and the hacker's comment.

Ian's heart skipped a beat. 'So, we thought we were using Nolan to outsmart Nicole and unlock the Water Crest, but she was one step ahead the whole time.' Ian's voice came out rough, "Then the Water Crest..."

Is it gone?" he asked out loud.

"Everyone, leave now," Lawrence ordered, his voice icy.

"Yes, sir," the hackers responded, quickly packing their laptops and exiting the room.

Ian lingered, unsure. He knew staying wouldn't help, and he didn't dare face Lawrence yet. He decided to leave and wait for Lawrence to cool off before planning their next step.

Once the room was empty, Lawrence stared at the screen, his eyes cold and intense.

He picked up the phone and called Scorpio. "We've lost the Water Crest," he said calmly, a hint of threat in his voice.

Scorpio paused, then replied with a slight laugh, "Nicole is quite something, isn't she?"

"Shut up," Lawrence snapped, infuriated by Scorpio's taunting tone.

"What do you want, calling me now?" Scorpio asked, sounding annoyed.

Lawrence was silent, a mix of frustration and disbelief swirling within him.

On the other end, Scorpio, sensing the quiet, nudged, "Made up your mind, huh?"

The silence stretched, but it was clear they both knew what was at stake.

“You’re a piece of work,” Scorpio muttered before hanging up.

Lawrence set down the phone slowly, lost in thought. He thought about the five long years of waiting, the careful plans, and the victories that had slipped away time and again. Both the Fire Crest and the Water Crest had somehow ended up back with Nicole.

Meanwhile, Scorpio smirked, “He’s really something. Can’t believe he’s going through with it.”

“Who are you talking about?” Pisces asked, puzzled.

“Just a heartless fool,” Scorpio answered, keeping it vague.

Pisces knew better than to push. “It’s late. Maybe you should rest.”

“I’ve got more to do,” Scorpio replied, reaching for the phone again.

“Alright, I’ll head off then,” Pisces said, getting up to leave.

Once alone, Scorpio made another call. “Change of plans... The Water Crest is with Nicole... Looks like Lawrence might go after her... Got it.” After sharing the info and receiving new orders, he hung up.

“Hmph, time for a comeback,” Scorpio muttered. “Nicole, you’ve been a real pain. Let’s see what’s next.”

At the Riddle house, the children were asleep, and the house was dark except for Nicole’s room. There, Nicole and Jared sat in front of the computer, their expressions a mix of concern and determination

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2944-“Go ahead and open it,” Jared encouraged gently.

Nicole bit her lip slightly. “Maybe you should handle this one.

She already had the Fire Crest, and while another wouldn’t be too much, she somehow felt the Water Crest might be safer with Jared.

Jared looked at her tenderly. “It doesn’t really matter who does it,” he reassured her.

Then, with a click on the 'enter' key and a pat on Nicole's shoulder, he said, "After all, I'm all yours."

"Hey..." Nicole watched him walk away, a mix of humor and slight annoyance in her heart. 'He always leaves just like that,' she mused.

"I'm off to shower," Jared shouted over his shoulder, disappearing into the bathroom.

Nicole let out a small sigh, her face growing serious as she focused on the task in front of her.

By the time Jared was done showering, she had managed to get it done.

"It's open," she informed him as he walked back into the room.

Jared, with a gentle smile, asked softly, "Did you claim it yet?"

"Not yet," Nicole admitted, uncertainty in her voice.

Jared came closer and gently stroked her hair. "Worried it might not choose you?"

"I guess I'll just give it a shot," Nicole replied, her feelings a bit tangled. It wasn't fear, more a mix of emotions.

Having been through this with the Fire Crest, Nicole found the process familiar and was soon successful.

The special watch chimed again.

Everything settled down, and the night grew deep.

Nicole scrolled through the congratulatory messages, her face calm.

"What's wrong?" Jared asked softly, taking her hand.

Nicole shook her head. "Nothing, just some old memories."

Jared, understanding her, said, "You're thinking about what happened when you claimed the Fire Crest."

“Yeah, that was quite the ordeal,” Nicole replied, a small, thoughtful smile on her lips.

“Let’s sleep,” Jared suggested, gently pulling Nicole down beside him. He wrapped his arms around her softly.

Nicole snuggled closer, feeling cozy and quickly drifted off to sleep.

Jared watched her sleeping, his gaze deep and thoughtful. Even though everything seemed calm, he knew it was just the surface. Nicole becoming the master of the Water Crest had already stirred up the influential families. She’d have more support now, but Jared knew those who coveted the Water Crest wouldn’t back down easily.

He softly kissed her forehead, his eyes dark with resolve. TH protect her, no matter what. She won’t be hurt,’ he silently vowed.

The next day was bright and sunny.

After waking up, everyone headed to the dining room for breakfast.

“Sir, your father’s on the phone,” the butler announced.

“So early?” Daniel looked puzzled but answered, “Dad?”

“Nicole is the master of the Water Crest now?” Benjamin’s voice came through, direct and to the point.

Daniel, caught off guard, stammered, “The Water Crest?”

He glanced at Nicole, his mind racing. ‘What’s going on?’

What’s this about another crest?’ He heard the words but couldn’t make sense of them.

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MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2945-Nicole quietly shook her head, impressed by Benjamin’s speed in catching up with the latest news.

‘Til handle this,” she said, getting up to grab the phone. “Yes, Grandpa, it’s really happening.”

Benjamin, obviously taken aback, asked, “How did you pull that off?”

He had been quite surprised when he first heard about it.¹ How on earth did she also get her hands on the Water Crest? ‘ he thought. ‘Was there any buzz about the Water Crest showing up?’ “It was pure luck,” Nicole replied, keeping it vague. Initially, it was all an accident. But now, with it in her grasp, there was no going back.

“You’ve got to be more cautious now,” Benjamin warned.

“I get it, Grandpa,” Nicole assured him, understanding his concern. She was well aware that the Water Crest was a coveted item and now that it was hers, she had to think about the fallout.

After ending the call, Nicole turned to her father, Daniel, who looked bewildered.

“Dad, let’s have our breakfast,” she suggested.

“Okay,” Daniel agreed, still a bit distracted.

Back at the dining table, Nicole found everyone’s eyes on her. “It was a fluke, but it’s sorted now. No need to worry,” she reassured them.

Daniel, still in disbelief, cleared his throat and questioned, “Just like that, it’s settled?”

“Yes, really,” Nicole insisted, nodding earnestly to convince him.

“But Nicole...” Gloria started, before Stanley cut in.

“Mom, Dad, it’s okay. Nicole’s got the Fire Crest. Getting the Water Crest too is no biggie.”

Gloria looked concerned. ‘Getting the Fire Crest was a whole saga. Could this really go off without a hitch?’ Sensing Gloria’s worry, Stanley added, “Don’t stress. Things are different from before.”

After all, owning the Fire Crest had already boosted Nicole’s reputation among position even more.

“Don’t worry, Mom and Dad,” Nicole assured Daniel and Gloria.

Daniel nodded, "Alright, just be careful." Gloria gave Daniel a look, then chose not to ask anything more.

Deep down, they both knew they couldn't be of much help, so it was best to trust Nicole's judgment.

After breakfast, the house buzzed with the morning routine as everyone prepared to head out for the day.

"Time for school, kids," Tia called out. She was ready to take Nolan and Lana to kindergarten.

Nolan and Lana, their backpacks ready, greeted her with beaming smiles. "Hi, Tia!"

Stanley stood up. "I'll walk you out," he offered Tia.

After waving their goodbyes, the kids trotted out the door with Tia and Stanley.

Gloria watched them go, her face beaming with affection. "Have a great day!"

Once everyone was gone, Nicole and Jared also headed out.

Gloria sighed, trying to hide her worry from Nicole.

"What's done is done. Let's not worry too much. We need to trust the kids,"

Daniel tried to comfort her.

Nobody would turn down the chance to have influence over other influential families.

"I get it. But as a mom, I just want my kids to be safe and happy. That's all that really matters," Gloria said, her worries clear in her voice.

Daniel gently patted her hand. "You're right. But as a Riddle, they have to take on their responsibilities."

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2946-The Riddles were far from an average family. Their life was anything but simple, with a family business and the Riddle Corporation to oversee, among countless other responsibilities.

Gloria let out a sigh. "I believe they can handle it."

Despite her confidence in her children, Gloria, like any parent, couldn't help but worry a bit more than necessary.

On their way to the Riddle Corporation, Nicole glanced at Jared. "Do you think your grandpa knows what's going on? Should we go back and tell him?"

Jared shook his head. "No need. Grandpa already called." "Oh." Nicole was taken aback by Maximillian's swift reaction. Jared's face clouded over.

'Grandpa's call wasn't just about the Water Crest. He also reminded me to keep Nicole safe. Now that she's even more in the spotlight, I can't let her be in any danger.' As they reached the Riddle Corporation, Nicole caught sight of Lawrence. Her eyes narrowed slightly. 'He's here.' As she started to get out of the car, she noticed Jared doing the same. She stopped him. "Don't worry, I can handle this."

Jared frowned, clearly not entirely on board with her decision.

"Just trust me, I can deal with this on my own." For Nicole, this was a personal matter with Lawrence, something she needed to sort out herself.

Seeing her resolve, Jared finally gave in. "Alright."

"Thank you," Nicole said, giving him a smile before stepping out of the car.

Jared watched her approach Lawrence, his eyes filled with worry.

"Mr. Johnston, should we wait here?" Max asked, his voice tinged with unease.

"Let's go," Jared said, pulling his gaze away.

He wanted to give Nicole the space she asked for to deal with Lawrence.

He trusted that Lawrence, even if upset, wouldn't dare to harm her openly, at least not today.

Nicole approached Lawrence with a calm smile. "Let's talk upstairs."

"Alright," Lawrence replied, surprisingly calm.

They headed to Nicole's office. Soon, Lulu arrived with two cups of coffee.

Nicole noticed Lulu's worry and reassured her with a gesture.

Lulu shook her head, not wanting to leave, but Nicole gently insisted, "I'll be fine, go ahead with your work."

"Okay." Despite her reluctance, Lulu left, looking back a few times.

Lawrence watched this and commented with a touch of disdain, "She seems really worried about you." Inside, he thought, 'If I really wanted to do anything, what could she do to stop me?' Nicole just glanced at him briefly. "She's just worried."

Then, she got straight to the point. "I know everything."

"From the very start?" Lawrence was caught off guard, then laughed at himself.

"And here I was, thinking I had everything under control."

He realized she knew everything from when Everett was taken. 'No wonder she figured out I was behind the game and its real purpose, and how she turned my plan around, making me lose the Water Crest,' he thought.

"I'm not surprised by these events, but I didn't expect it to be you," Nicole said, her eyes cold as she stared at Lawrence.

What really hurt was realizing his betrayal. Their five-year friendship, where they both claimed to be inseparable, made the betrayal feel even worse.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2947-Lawrence's eyes held a touch of genuine sorrow as he said, "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you, but I had things I needed to do." Nicole's response was steady and calm, "It's okay, that's all behind us now."

Their relationship had changed; it couldn't return to what it used to be.

Shifting the topic, Lawrence asked, "Can I go see Nolan and Lana?" He didn't want to dwell on the past anymore.

He knew what Nicole's words implied – their friendship was over. He might not have another chance to see Nolan and Lana, so he hoped to see them one last time.

Nicole considered this for a moment before answering, "You can see them at their school gate after school. But don't bother them. And remember, this is the last time."

Lawrence felt a wave of sadness, realizing Nicole was setting a final boundary.

After a brief pause, he accepted, "Okay."

Knowing there was nothing more to discuss, Lawrence stood up, "I guess I should get going."

"Alright," Nicole gave a light nod.

As Lawrence neared the door, he stopped and turned back,"

If it's ever possible, would you think about going back to Crescent Island?"

He longed for the carefree days they had there, wishing they could have stayed in those moments forever.

"I don't see that happening again. Maybe that place was never really for me,"

Nicole replied, her gaze meeting Lawrence's.

He had saved her, offering her a haven at Crescent Island, but it was all just a strategy for her Fire Crest. Looking back, it all felt kind of silly.

She had believed they were friends, but he had never truly seen her in that way.

A hint of sadness flashed in Lawrence's eyes. He gave a nod, opened the door, and stepped out.

No sooner had Lawrence left than Lulu rushed in, her face etched with worry.

"Nicole, are you okay?"

"I'm fine," Nicole responded, shaking her head dismissively. He was just testing her, and that was all.

Lulu settled next to Nicole, her curiosity apparent. "What did he say? He didn't look mad, but there was something off about him."

Nicole knew Lawrence was here about the Water Crest. 'Is he blaming Nicole?' Lulu wondered.

"He was just digging up old memories and testing my reaction," Nicole said nonchalantly with a shrug.

"Really? Just that?" Lulu seemed surprised.

"Yeah," Nicole nodded. That's all that was left between her and Lawrence now.

But Lawrence didn't look like he wanted to let go of their friendship. 'Is that why he's here, to see where I stand?' Nicole pondered.

Nicole's eyes narrowed, a hint of suspicion flickering through them. 'Is he up to something new?' Lulu let out a sigh, "This must be hard for you. How did you two even meet?"

Nicole's expression shifted slightly, remembering how Lawrence had once saved her.

"Forget about it. Just be careful around him," Lulu advised, her concern evident.

"Sure." Nicole nodded, thinking to herself, 'He came, he left, and even though he didn't say much, it felt like everything was said...' The sun dipped below the horizon, marking the day's end.

After work, Jared arrived to pick up Nicole.

"Let's get the kids," Nicole suggested as she hopped into the car. "I've already spoken to Tia."

Jared glanced at Nicole, "Is Lawrence going too?"

Catching Jared's knowing look, Nicole confirmed, "I told him he can watch from a distance. He won't bother the kids, and it's just for today.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2948-Jared held Nicole's hand firmly, looking ahead, and instructed, "Drive."

"Right away, Mr. Johnston," Max replied, igniting the engine.

Upon reaching the kindergarten, Nicole greeted Nolan and Lana with a wave as they emerged.

“Mommy!” Nolan and Lana rushed to Nicole, embracing her with joy.

Nicole smiled warmly, caressing their heads. “Time to head home,” she whispered.

As they drove away from the kindergarten, Nicole caught a glimpse of Lawrence in the rearview mirror, her gaze sharpening as their paths diverged.

Meanwhile, Lawrence’s face fell as he watched them leave.

“Mr. Royce, are we going to let them go just like that?” Ian inquired softly.

Lawrence said to Ian, “Drive.”

Their car veered off in another direction. Lawrence, reclining in his seat, looked even more stern.

He made a call to Scorpio.

“It’s time to start the operation,” Lawrence declared, his voice low and firm.

“Pleasure doing business with you,” Scorpio responded, his tone laced with sarcasm.

Lawrence ended the call shortly after.

‘Nicole, don’t blame me for this. You had your chance and you didn’t take it.

Now, I’ll write our ending differently,’ Lawrence mused, resolute in his long-held plans.

Back at the Riddle residence, Nicole, Jared, Nolan, and Lana were greeted by Gloria.

“You’re back! I was wondering if you’d take Nolan and Lana out for some fun,”

Gloria remarked cheerily as they walked in.

“I just had some free time today, so I decided to pick them up,” Nicole said, relaxing on the couch with Nolan and Lana.

Jared came in, nodding at Daniel and Gloria. "Hey, Daniel, Gloria," he said.

He then turned to the kids, "Why don't you guys take your school bags upstairs?"

"Okay," Nolan and Lana said together, scampering upstairs.

Once the kids were gone, Nicole faced Daniel and Gloria. "Mom, Dad, our driver had some family stuff to deal with, so I gave him time off. I've got a new driver lined up for you."

Gloria seemed confused. "Really? The butler didn't say anything."

Nicole gave a small smile. "I sorted it out quickly, so he didn't have a chance to mention it. It's no big deal."

"Alright, understood," Gloria replied.

Nicole's smile grew a bit, feeling somewhat relieved. 'The new driver's actually a bodyguard. Can't be too careful,' she thought.

She couldn't guess what Lawrence would do next, but his unnerving calmness today, almost like a farewell, put her on alert. 'I've got to keep everyone here safe,' Nicole thought to herself.

While they were chatting, the butler entered. "Sir, Ma'am, dinner's ready."

Nicole looked up. "Where's Stanley?"

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2949-Nicole glanced around, missing Stanley's presence. "Isn't Stanley coming back for dinner?" she wondered aloud.

"He's in the backyard and said he won't be joining us," replied the butler.

Realizing Stanley was probably with Tia, Nicole helped Gloria stand up, saying, "Well then, let's eat." Daniel and Jared got up, and they all made their way to the dining room.

With a bit of teasing in her voice, Nicole remarked, "Seems like Stanley and Tia can't get enough of each other, huh?"

Gloria, holding Nicole's hand, smiled warmly. "Yes, it's heartwarming to see them like that."

"They'll be just fine," Nicole agreed with a nod.

Then Gloria, giving Nicole a knowing look, said, "I know you're swamped with work, but don't forget about your own life too."

Nicole blushed a little at the hint. "We know. We're pretty much ready, just waiting for the right moment."

In truth, Nicole and Jared had everything set for their wedding, but the timing wasn't right yet, so they'd put it off.

Gloria advised, "I understand, just handle it in your way." She didn't know all the details of their busy lives but understood they had a lot to juggle. And she knew planning a wedding like Nicole and Jared's, with all its arrangements and guests, wasn't a small feat.

"Let's eat, Mom," Nicole said as they sat down for dinner.

Gloria smiled and agreed, "Okay."

After dinner, everyone headed upstairs.

Nicole and Jared quietly stepped into Nolan's room. Nolan was engrossed in something on his computer. Nicole peeked over and realized he was working hard, so she decided it was best not to interrupt him.

Nicole knew, even though Nolan never mentioned it, he was fully aware of Lawrence's actions. The betrayal by Lawrence, who had always been good to Nolan, must have cut deep. "He's struggling with this change," she thought, knowing it wasn't easy for a kid like him.

Lana, looking up from her book, said with a hint of pride, "Mommy, Nolan's been working really hard for the young hackers' competition. I bet he's going to win!"

Nicole smiled warmly. "We're all rooting for him," she replied.

She looked at Nolan again, her heart swelling with pride. Despite his pain, Nolan was channeling it into something positive.

She understood Nolan was hurting but was using this as motivation. This reassured her somewhat.

When Nicole voiced her belief in him, Nolan turned to her and asked, “Do you really think I can do it, Mommy?”

“Absolutely,” Nicole said, walking over to ruffle his hair affectionately. “You’re young, Nolan. Don’t worry about the heavy stuff. Just focus on what you love.”

Nolan blinked, not fully understanding, but he nodded.” Mommy, I know you and Daddy love me more than anything. It He felt secure under the care of his parents. ‘One day, it’ll be my turn to protect them,’ he thought.

Nicole’s eyes filled with tender love. “We’re here for you, always. If you need anything, just ask.”

Nolan nodded, his attention returning to the computer.

He was disappointed in Lawrence and couldn’t understand why he had been manipulated. But he trusted Nicole’s judgment implicitly. If she said Lawrence was wrong, then he believed her.

Nolan resolved to stand by Nicole, not Lawrence who had broken his trust.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2950-Nolan remembered what Nicole had said: “If Lawrence needs help, he should just ask us.”

He wished Lawrence had asked because he would’ve been glad to help. But Lawrence chose not to, maybe because whatever he was doing wasn’t good for them, and that’s why he didn’t tell them.

Thinking about it made Nolan feel weak. He wished he was stronger so Lawrence wouldn’t have manipulated him.

‘I need to work hard to reach my goal,’ Nolan decided.

Nicole smiled a bit and nodded at Jared.

“Let’s leave him alone,” Jared said quietly.

They agreed to support Nolan, feeling both sad and proud of his determination.

The house was quiet, everyone else was asleep.

Nicole and Jared went back to their room. Nicole rubbed her temples, feeling a headache coming on. Jared then gently started massaging her head.

“You seem tired,” Jared said, worried.

“I’m okay, just had a busy day,” Nicole replied, shaking her head slightly.

After a bit, Nicole patted his hand. “I feel better now.”

Stopping the massage, Jared suggested softly, “If you’re tired, we should rest.”

“Yeah,” Nicole agreed quietly, following Jared to bed.

“Don’t worry too much. I have someone watching Scorpio,” Jared reassured Nicole.

Nicole looked surprised. “You sent someone?”

“It’s Pisces,” Jared revealed.

Nicole was shocked. “How did Pisces contact Scorpio? And why would Scorpio trust him?”

After what had happened, she thought Scorpio wouldn’t trust Pisces anymore.

“Pisces rescued Scorpio after he ran away,” Jared explained.

Also, Pisces hadn’t been deeply involved in Scorpio’s main plans before, so Scorpio probably didn’t suspect him.

And there weren’t many trustworthy people around, Scorpio had no choice but to rely on Pisces.

Nicole nodded, her expression turning serious. “Tell Pisces to be cautious.”

Even though Scorpio trusted him for now, it might only be because he had no other options. Pisces shouldn’t rush things, or he might get caught too soon.

“Sure, Max will take care of it,” Jared said, gently smoothing Nicole’s hair.

“Let’s get some sleep.”

She lay down, gave him a small smile, then nestled into his arms and closed her eyes, feeling content.

Watching her, Jared felt affectionate. He kissed her forehead before drifting off to sleep.

Outside, the night was dark, the moon hiding behind clouds.

In an apartment, one unit still had its lights on.

“Scorpio, here are the people you wanted,” Pisces announced as he walked into the room, followed by a few others.

Scorpio glanced around, looking dissatisfied. “Is this everyone?”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2951-“Considering what you asked for, these are the folks I managed to find. You seemed in a rush. If not, I might’ve found more,” Pisces explained, looking a bit helpless.

“Alright,” Scorpio hesitated, then added, “Leave the room. They’ll stay.”

“Sure thing,” Pisces responded. “If you need anything, just let me know.”

Once Pisces left, Scorpio checked out the people Pisces brought in. “Were all of you previously bodyguards?”

“Yes,” they answered together.

“And before that?” Scorpio inquired.

“Some worked as mercenaries,” came the reply.

Scorpio looked satisfied. Though fewer than he expected, their skills seemed sufficient for the task.

“I’ve got a job for you. Get it done, and this is what you’ll get, ” Scorpio said, nodding toward a briefcase on the coffee table.

“We’re in,” they agreed, then inquired, “What’s the job?”

“I need you to... handle someone for me,” Scorpio replied cryptically.

Silence settled in the room after Scorpio spoke.

“What, you nervous?” Scorpio frowned.

“We’ll take half the payment upfront. Once the job’s done, we’ll collect the rest. If we mess up, we won’t get you involved,” one of them proposed.

Scorpio raised an eyebrow, then after a moment of silence, agreed, “Fine.”

Without further discussion, they took half the money from the briefcase and departed.

Scorpio’s expression darkened slightly, and he let out a disdainful snort.

‘It seems they’re my only choice now that I’ve lost my men and can’t get reinforcements into this country,’ he thought. ‘If only Lawrence would use his secret forces, I wouldn’t be in this fix. Let’s wait and see how they do. If they succeed, money won’t be an issue. But then again, Lawrence is cunning. I should not let my guard down.’

The following morning, the sun rose, casting its bright rays across the sky.

Nicole arrived at the Riddle Corporation at her usual time.

Lulu came over, holding a stack of files. “I was just heading to your office.”

Looking at the stack of files, Nicole sighed, “So many again?”

“Yeah, it’s all because of you. You’re not just the Master of the Fire Crest anymore; now, you’re also the master of the Water Crest. Those big-shot families want to work with us because of you,” Lulu explained, shrugging.

Nicole couldn’t help but give Lulu a look. “Are you being sarcastic?”

“Hehe, no, not at all,” Lulu chuckled and followed Nicole into her office.

Once the files were set down, Lulu turned serious. “But on a serious note, our workload is increasing. Shouldn’t we think about hiring more staff for this department?”

“I’ll consider it,” Nicole responded.

The workload had significantly increased, but she hesitated to bring in new people now. She needed to observe the situation a bit longer.

“You shouldn’t handle everything alone. You can share the load with us,” Steve’s voice echoed as he and Sean entered the office one after the other.

“Hey, guys,” Nicole greeted them with a smile.

Approaching Nicole’s desk, Sean spoke seriously, “I get your concerns. If you’re worried, we can hold off on the hiring plan for now. I’ll send over two people from my department.”

“I’ll do the same. I’ll instruct the secretary department when I get back to my office,” Steve added.

“Thank you, guys. I really appreciate it,” Nicole expressed her gratitude.

Steve shook his head, teasingly scolding, “Cut the formalities. We’re practically family.”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2952-“Lulu, when those helpers arrive, can you please get everything organized?”

Nicole instructed Lulu.

“Sure thing,” Lulu agreed, “I’ll start preparing right away.”

Lulu wanted to get things sorted in advance to avoid any last -minute rush when the others arrived. It would save effort once they showed up.

“Nicole, we understand things have been hectic lately. If you’re feeling overwhelmed, take some time off,” Sean suggested, concern evident in his eyes as he advised Nicole.

Nicole smiled, “I’m good, no need to fret.”

Despite the increased workload, she didn’t feel overwhelmed. Plus, Sean and Steve had their own tasks to manage. Besides, Steve had to look after Sally, so Nicole decided not to take a break.

Frowning slightly, Steve asked, “You beat Lawrence and acquired the Water Crest, but he hasn’t reacted in any way?”

He found it odd for Lawrence to stay silent.

“No matter what his next move is, I’ll handle it,” Nicole’s expression turned serious. She looked at Sean and Steve with a slightly intense gaze. “You guys and your wives need to be careful now.”

The office fell silent for a moment before Steve responded, “Got it.”

“Just stay cautious,” Nicole sighed. She couldn’t shake the feeling that Lawrence might have his sights set on her.

Yet, she couldn’t dismiss the possibility that he might resort to threatening her family if he found himself cornered.

Therefore, she needed to carefully consider all possibilities and take precautions in advance to safeguard her family’s safety.

“We’ll be vigilant,” Sean responded with a serious tone.

They understood Nicole’s concern for their safety and were equally determined not to put her at risk because of them. Nicole felt touched by their consideration.

This was the essence of family love.

After addressing some work issues, Sean and Steve departed.

Nicole reclined in her chair, observing the files on her desk with a narrowed gaze. While she could manage the recent workload, Lawrence’s lack of action

In the afternoon, Nicole and Lulu were deep in work discussions after having lunch.

Suddenly, the phone rang, and Nicole glanced at the screen displaying ‘Tia.’ She felt puzzled. ‘Why is Tia calling me now?’ “Nicole, the kids are missing!” Tia’s voice was full of concern.

Nicole sprang up swiftly. “What’s happened?”

“A while ago, their teacher called, asking if I’d brought the kids home, but I hadn’t. I don’t know what’s going on exactly. What do we do?” Tia was close to tears, feeling really worried.

Nicole was the first person Tia thought to call.

“Got it. I’ll come over immediately,” Nicole assured Tia before ending the call.

As Nicole prepared to leave, Lulu hurried over. “What’s happening?”

Noticing Nicole’s deep concern, Lulu realized this was serious.

“Tia mentioned Nolan and Lana are missing. I’m going to see what’s happening,” Nicole explained while walking, and Lulu walked alongside her.

As they rode the elevator, Lulu’s face lost its color. “How did this happen? Could it be...?”

She halted abruptly, leaving her sentence unfinished, and stole a glance at Nicole. She refrained from voicing or even entertaining the remaining thoughts.

Nicole’s heart tightened. This was her worst fear.

‘Could Lawrence have taken the kids?’ “Let’s find out,” Nicole said, trying to keep herself collected. Even amidst her tangled thoughts, she recognized the significance of maintaining a calm facade.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2953-Soon, they reached the kindergarten.

“Nicole, what should we do?” Tia’s eyes were brimming with tears, her worry evident.

Nicole gritted her teeth and suggested, “Let’s talk to their homeroom teacher now.”

“Okay, let’s figure this out,” Lulu agreed, heading off to find the teacher.

They found the teacher, her face etched with worry.

“What happened?” Lulu asked, puzzled at how the kids could just vanish from the kindergarten.

“They came in disguised as delivery people. When they saw Nolan and Lana, they tried to take them. Some people tried to stop them, and there was a clash.

“They all left the school, and when we returned, the kids were gone. We’ve been looking ever since,” the homeroom teacher explained, her voice laced with panic.

“Could this be a trap?” Lulu wondered aloud to Nicole.

Lulu suspected that the men who intervened were the ones Jared had sent to protect Nolan and Lana. They probably didn’t want to cause a scene at the school, so they handled it quietly.

“Were the kidnappers trying to draw Jared’s men away, then have someone else snatch the kids?” she pondered aloud.

Nicole shook her head, “I doubt it.”

She thought it was unlikely. Some of Jared’s men were still around the school.

They would have noticed any new intruders.

“If not them, then who? A third party?” Lulu’s face grew paler, the thought of another group involved making the situation even more complicated.

Nicole, taking a deep breath, asked the teacher, “Has anything else happened here since then?”

“No, we’ve been searching non-stop since we noticed the kids were missing.”

Unfortunately, there was no sign of them.

The homeroom teacher was already anxious that time. She had hoped the kids, scared, might have called home for someone to pick them up. She had even called Tia, but Tia’s response only increased her worry.

Nicole thought, ‘The school staff have been looking for so long. If they’re not at school or home, where could they be?’ She was puzzled. If the children hadn’t been taken, they wouldn’t leave the school on their own. But their whereabouts remained a mystery.

“Let’s keep searching,” Lulu said, her anxiety clear.

‘TH join in too,’ Tia added.

They were determined to find the children, no matter what. They couldn't let anything happen to them.

While the teacher went to get more staff to continue the search, Nicole stayed put.

Her face grew somber, an air of coldness setting in.

'If their teacher's right, they should still be here in the kindergarten. But where?' Nicole wondered.

As the search began in every room, Nicole's eyes swept over every inch of the kindergarten. Suddenly, she stared intently toward the storage room.

"Has anyone checked there?" Nicole inquired, gesturing toward the storage room.

One of the staff replied, "The door's locked. They couldn't have gotten inside."

"So, no one's actually searched there?" Nicole asked, her brow furrowing.

The staff hesitated, then admitted, "Someone tried, but with the door locked and no response to their calls, no one went back."

The search had been focused on places the children were likely to visit.

starting to seem possible that someone might have taken the Nolan and Lana.

That was why the school had reached out to the guardians, hoping to find the kids quickly.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2954-After hearing the teacher's words, Nicole headed straight toward the storage room.

The door was securely locked, requiring a password to open. It was an electronic lock, not just any ordinary one.

Nicole touched the doorknob, pausing for a moment. She then activated a special feature on her watch. The watch connected via infrared and a virtual keypad appeared.

With a few quick taps, she unlocked the electronic lock, and it clicked open.

The staff who had followed Nicole were shocked to see her open the locked door so easily. They stood there, amazed and confused.

'How did she open a locked door? Could it have been unlocked all along?' they thought.

But Nicole didn't pay attention to their reactions. She entered the storage room and immediately began searching for Nolan and Lana.

She had noticed while unlocking the door that someone else had previously used the same method. In this place, she knew only Nolan could have done that.

"Nolan, Lana?" Nicole called out gently, her eyes scanning the cluttered space.

As she called their names and searched, she hoped to find Nolan and Lana hidden among the various items stored there.

"Mommy?" came a soft, slightly confused voice in response.

Nicole turned and saw two small heads peeking out from beneath a mascot costume.

Lana seemed as if she had just woken up, but Nolan's face relaxed upon seeing Nicole.

Feeling a rush of emotion, Nicole walked over, gently pulled Nolan and Lana out, and hugged them close. "It's okay now, don't be scared," she whispered softly.

"Mommy, I wasn't scared. Nolan was with me," Lana stated, a hint of pride in her voice.

Nicole's eyes filled with relief. She affectionately ruffled Nolan's hair. "Nolan, you were so brave."

"I was brave too," Lana interjected, tilting her head up expectantly.

"Yes, Lana, you were very brave too," Nicole responded, holding both their hands as they exited the storage room.

As they walked, Nicole inquired, "What happened? How did you end up hiding here without anyone finding you?"

Realizing Nicole must have been informed about the incident, Nolan explained, "After we were rescued, we took the chance to hide."

"Nolan said we should stay here and not make a sound unless it was Mommy calling us," Lana added.

Nolan nodded. "We waited a long time, then Lana fell asleep. IV He had remained vigilant, listening for any noise outside until he heard Nicole's voice.

Nicole, now understanding the situation, asked softly, "You must have heard the teachers calling you, right?"

Lana might not have heard while asleep, but Nolan had been awake the whole time.

"Yes," Nolan whispered, "but at that time, I didn't trust anyone."

Hearing this, Nicole bit her lip in silence, gently patting Nolan's shoulder. She understood how terrifying this experience must have been for them, and how impressively calm they had managed to remain.

Taking a deep breath, Nicole reassured them, "It's all right now. Let's go, Mommy will take you home." As they were leaving, Lulu and Tia, having just learned that Nicole had found Nolan and Lana, rushed over. They examined the children, exclaiming with concern, "Are you okay? You scared us to death!"

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2955-"We're okay," Nolan and Lana assured everyone.

The school staff, visibly relieved to see the children unharmed, showed their concern, asking if the kids were injured or frightened.

"The children are fine. They hid and fell asleep, so they didn't hear when they were called," Nicole explained.

"It's good that the kids are found," the staff said together, clearly relieved that the children weren't in danger.

“I’ll take them home now. They will rest for a couple of days before coming back to school,” Nicole decided, intending to give Nolan and Lana some time off.

“Alright,” the homeroom teacher agreed, accompanying Nicole and the children to the kindergarten’s exit.

“Let the kids rest well. We’re sorry this happened. We’ll strengthen our security measures,” the homeroom teacher sincerely apologized to Nicole.

Nicole, feeling a bit responsible herself, replied, “We should be the ones apologizing.”

She knew it wasn’t the kindergarten’s fault and was just thankful that no other children or teachers were troubled.

After getting into the car and driving away, a heavy silence enveloped the vehicle.

“Nicole, what exactly happened?” Tia asked, her eyes filled with concern.

‘Today’s events are truly frightening. What if something had happened to Nolan and Lana?’ Nicole glanced at Nolan and Lana, then deflected the question, “Let’s just get home first.” Realizing it wasn’t appropriate to discuss the incident with Nolan and Lana present, Tia softly agreed, “Okay.”

When they arrived at the Riddle residence, Gloria, surprised to see them home early, asked, “Why are you back so soon?”

“There wasn’t much to do today, so we came back early and picked up Nolan and Lana as well,” Nicole said, making up an excuse.

She didn’t want everyone to worry about what had happened at the kindergarten, so she chose to keep it a secret.

Gloria, looking at Lulu and Tia, was a bit puzzled, “How did you all end up together?”

She understood why Nicole might come back early, and Lulu could be with Nicole. ‘But why is Tia here? Shouldn’t she have been in the backyard?’ “Oh, I went out to buy some things and just happened to meet Nicole at the door,” Tia followed Nicole’s lead, playing along.

“I see,” Gloria nodded, still a bit curious about the unusual gathering.

“Gloria, is Daniel not home?” Lulu casually changed the subject.

“He’s at Benjamin’s house,” Gloria replied. “He’s been visiting his father whenever he has time.”

“I see. He should do so often,” Lulu conversed with Gloria, giving Nicole a knowing look.

Nicole caught Lulu’s glance and led Nolan and Lana upstairs.

After the children had bathed and changed into their pajamas, Nicole tucked them into bed.

“Mommy, I’m fine now. You can take Lana back to her room,” Nolan said, pulling up his little blanket and speaking with a maturity beyond his years.

Nicole gently ruffled his hair. “You both should sleep together tonight. I’ll stay until you’re asleep, then I’ll carry Lana back to her room,” she assured him.

At this moment, she felt uneasy about leaving Nolan alone. Though he appeared alright, the events of the day could still be troubling for a young child.

“Okay,” Nolan agreed, obediently closing his eyes.

“Mommy,” Lana didn’t lie down but instead cuddled into Nicole’s arms.

Nicole held Lana close, gently stroking her hair. “Don’t worry, Mommy’s here with both of you. Go to sleep,” she whispered comfortingly.

Nolan, who hadn’t slept during the usual nap time due to the day’s events, and Lana, though she had slept, were both visibly shaken and exhausted.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2956-At this moment, it seemed right to let Nolan and Lana relax and get a good night’s sleep.

After ensuring they were asleep, Nicole took Lana back to her room and then went downstairs. Lulu and Tia were still engaged in conversation with Gloria.

Seeing Nicole arrive alone, they understood that Nolan and Lana had already retired for the night.

Nicole casually joined the group on the couch, but her mind was elsewhere. She was anticipating news from Jared's bodyguards, who had been protecting Nolan and Lana near the kindergarten and were now pursuing the kidnappers. Nicole was expecting an update on the situation soon.

Her phone rang shortly after. It was Max.

"Make it quick," Nicole answered.

"The operation went smoothly, but the outcome is still uncertain," Max reported concisely.

"Okay," Nicole acknowledged and hung up, pleased that Max was succinct in his communication. His brief update was clear to her but vague enough to not arouse Gloria's concern.

As expected, Gloria, thinking it was work-related, asked Nicole, "Do you need to go out?"

"No, they'll handle it," Nicole replied, dismissing the need for her direct involvement.

"Oh, if you're not going out, you should rest. It's rare for you to be home this early," Gloria suggested kindly.

Suddenly, Lulu, seizing an opportunity, interjected, "Nicole, I just remembered, there's an urgent document you need to deal with. Let's go to the study."

"Sure," Nicole agreed, appreciating Lulu's quick thinking.

The two of them headed upstairs.

Tia initially wanted to follow, but realizing it was work-related and not wanting to raise suspicions, she stayed back. Tia understood that Nicole and Lulu preferred not to discuss the incident in front of Gloria, so she continued the conversation with her to maintain the facade.

Lulu and Nicole arrived at the study.

"How did it go? Any news?" Lulu asked, her voice tinged with concern.

She suspected it might be about the call from Max.

“Yes, they caught someone, but we still don’t know who’s orchestrating this,” Nicole responded.

Max’s call had indicated just that, so they had to wait for more information.

Lulu clenched her teeth, “That’s good to hear. We’ll find out more about the mastermind later.”

They were determined not to let the perpetrator get away with this.

Nicole’s expression darkened slightly. She was concerned that the captured kidnappers might not reveal the truth.

Meanwhile, in Jared’s office, Max was briefing Jared, “The men we’ve apprehended haven’t confessed anything yet. The police are investigating.”

“What about Pisces?” Jared inquired sharply, his gaze intense.

“Scorpio trusts him, but Pisces wasn’t involved, so there’s no direct evidence.

Pisces could identify someone, but that risks blowing his cover,” Max explained.

“This setback won’t deter him,” Jared stated coldly, a hint of resolve in his eyes.

‘Scorpio dares to target Nolan and Lana.

I won’t let him off easily.’ He was convinced that after this failure, Scorpio would attempt again, but next time, he would not let Scorpio escape.

“Mr. Johnston, it’s been quiet on Lawrence’s side. Is he planning to push Scorpio out first?” Max speculated, pondering the dynamic between Lawrence and Scorpio.

Despite their alliance, each had their own agenda, and Max believed they would exploit each other for personal gain.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2957-Jared’s expression turned serious as he considered the intricate relationship between Lawrence and Scorpio. Both were subtly using each other to probe and test, neither wanting to be at a disadvantage.

“He won’t remain silent for long,” Jared commented, a hint of coldness in his voice.

Jared believed that Scorpio, after failing his mission, would inevitably direct his anger toward Lawrence, and Lawrence wouldn’t stay hidden indefinitely.

“Do you think Lawrence will take direct action?” Max inquired, his face slightly pale.

Raising an eyebrow, Jared replied coolly, “From the moment he took Everett away, he had already made his move.”

Max, somewhat taken aback, respectfully responded, “Yes.”

Indeed, Lawrence’s recent actions, especially his decision to help Everett, indicated a significant shift. He was now openly positioning himself against Nicole’s interests.

Jared, with a dismissive gesture, instructed, “Rearrange the security at the kindergarten. Ensure protection both inside and outside.”

“I’ll handle it immediately,” Max said earnestly, committed to safeguarding Nolan and Lana’s safety.

“You may leave now,” Jared commanded, feeling a sense of unease thinking about what Nolan and Lana had endured.

After the conversation, Jared left the office to return home and check on Nolan and Lana.

Meanwhile, as the sun set, Nolan and Lana, having rested throughout the afternoon, were now in a much better mood.

The family gathered in the living room, engaging in lighthearted conversation and laughter as they awaited dinner.

“Dad, how’s Grandpa doing?” Nicole asked Daniel, who had just come back.

“He’s doing well. Dillon and Karen are looking after him,” Daniel replied.

Nicole nodded. “That’s good to hear.”

It was comforting for everyone to know that Benjamin was well taken care of and had company.

“Nolan, Lana, your great-grandpa wants you to visit him when you have the chance,” Daniel said, smiling.

“Just take us with you next time you visit him,” Nolan and Lana eagerly agreed.

Daniel’s laughter grew heartier. “Of course, I’ll do that.”

“The dinner is ready, sir,” the butler announced quietly.

“Alright, let’s have dinner,” Daniel invited everyone.

As the family moved toward the dining room, Stanley joined them. He glanced at Nicole and Jared with inquiring eyes, signaling his awareness of the day’s events.

Nicole, recognizing Stanley’s silent questions, calmly suggested, “Let’s eat,” preferring to avoid any discussion about the kidnapping incident at the dinner table.

Stanley, understanding it wasn’t the appropriate time to delve into details, held back his questions. Although he had heard snippets from Tia, he wasn’t fully informed and felt concerned.

Later, after dinner, Stanley found a moment to quietly ask Nicole about the situation. “Scorpio made a move, but we’re still gathering evidence,” Nicole explained briefly.

“Does this mean Nolan and Lana are in danger?” Stanley asked, his concern evident.

Nicole shook her head, reassuring him, “No, we’ve taken measures to ensure their safety.”

They all understood that even at home, absolute safety couldn’t be guaranteed.

They couldn’t prevent Nolan and Lana from attending kindergarten, but they could do everything in their power to protect them.

“Alright,” Stanley said, his worry still apparent, but trusting in Nicole and Jared’s vigilance and planning.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2958-After a moment of hesitation, Stanley said, “Shouldn’t we tell Mom and Dad? If this keeps up, they’re going to find out eventually.”

“Let’s try to keep it from them as long as we can,” Nicole sighed.

Nicole was determined to control the situation as much as possible, hoping to avoid causing unnecessary alarm to the family.

Stanley glanced at Nicole and whispered, “If there’s anything we need to do, just let us know.”

“Okay,” Nicole replied with a smile, nodding in agreement.

She knew that ‘us’ included not only Stanley and Tia but also other family members. If needed, Daniel, Gloria, Benjamin, and her uncles were all ready to help.

“I’m going to the backyard,” Stanley said, nodding before he turned and left.

“There he goes to see Tia again,” Gloria chuckled, watching Stanley leave.

“They’re not in a hurry to marry, but maybe it’s better if they do it sooner.”

Nicole returned to the couch and smiled, “Maybe they’re enjoying things as they are now.”

“Let them be. Besides, even if they want to get married, they probably won’t be ready until next year,” Daniel reassured Gloria.

“That’s fine. We can’t rush the wedding and mustn’t shortchange Tia,” Gloria mused.

“Let’s go, it’s getting late. Time to rest,” Daniel stood up.

“Yes, it’s been a tiring day. We chatted for a long time with the kids around this afternoon,” Nicole noted.

After her parents went upstairs, Nicole turned to Jared and suggested, “Let’s go up too.”

Taking her hand, Jared replied, "Let's check on Nolan and Lana."

The two kids had run upstairs after dinner, and Jared and Nicole wondered what they were up to.

After heading upstairs, Nicole and Jared went to Nolan's room.

They saw Nolan engrossed in his computer, with Lana watching curiously beside him. Nicole was slightly puzzled.

Upon closer inspection, they realized Nolan was on a mission again, and Lana, unusually curious, was following along.

"Do you understand what you're seeing?" Jared asked Lana, ruffling her hair.

Lana shook her head. "I don't, but Nolan will explain it to me."

Indeed, she didn't understand, but with Nolan explaining, she could grasp some of it.

"Do you want to learn?" Jared probed.

Lana shook her head again. "No, I don't think I have that kind of talent. But I feel it's okay to learn a little, so I watch with Nolan."

Jared picked up Lana and said, "You don't have to force yourself."

If Lana wasn't interested, she didn't need to delve into it. She could always get help when needed, and she might not even need to know about these things in the future.

"But I want to help," Lana said, wrapping her arms around Jared. "If it weren't for Nolan today, we wouldn't have had anywhere to hide, and something bad might have happened."

She felt she was only being protected by Nolan and wished she could help too.

Jared smiled and reassured her, "You already did help."

Lana had managed to stay calm and follow Nolan's lead without panicking or getting scared during the danger. That was already beyond their expectation.

“Really?” Lana asked, looking up in surprise.

She wondered if she had really been helpful without doing much.

“Yes,” Jared assured her, pinching her nose. “Knowing to follow Nolan and staying calm in the face of danger are ways of helping. You and Nolan both did well and were very brave.”

Hearing this, Lana nodded vigorously. “I understand. I’ll be even braver in the future.”

“Good,” Jared said, carrying Lana to play elsewhere.

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2959-Nicole looked at Nolan and said, “You and Lana can rest at home for a couple of days, then go back to school as usual. There won’t be any more trouble.”

Nolan raised his head, frowning. “Or, we don’t take a break. This might make them even angrier, and they would act desperately.”

“What?” Nicole was momentarily taken aback.

“They failed this time, and Lana and I are unharmed. They might be more aggressive next time. We could set a trap to catch them,” Nolan explained.

Nicole rubbed Nolan’s head. “Don’t worry about these things. Your dad and I will handle it.”

Nolan raised an eyebrow slightly. “So, you already have a plan to deal with them?”

“We’re waiting for news,” Nicole replied, not revealing too much but still sharing some information with Nolan.

“Okay,” Nolan nodded, reassured by the plan.

“Alright, don’t stay up too late. You should get some rest,” Nicole said, noticing Nolan had finished one task and was about to start another.

Nolan hesitated before agreeing, “Okay.”

Nicole patted his head. “Go take a shower.”

Watching Nolan head to the bathroom, Jared left the room with Lana, returning to her room.

After the children were asleep, Nicole and Jared went back to their room.

“How is it?” Nicole asked Jared softly.

Jared shook his head. “We got nothing.”

Nicole, surprised, raised her eyebrows. “They refused to give away the name?”

“They only admitted to knowing Nolan and Lana’s identities and wanting to kidnap them for ransom.” Jared’s expression darkened.

He had not expected those kidnappers would go this far to take the blame for Scorpio. He wondered what Scorpio had promised them.

‘Scorpio hasn’t fully trusted Pisces yet, so Pisces couldn’t obtain any specific information before the kidnapping incident occurred.’ Pisces had alerted Jared about Scorpio’s potential moves but couldn’t provide exact details on the plan. Fortunately, Jared had made preparations in advance, averting any serious incidents this time.

Looking at Jared, Nicole’s eyes narrowed slightly. “Something on your mind?”

Jared shook his head. “Not really. I think Scorpio might not completely trust Pisces.”

“You’ve got a point. Even though Pisces is providing shelter for Scorpio, it’s still hard for him to gain Scorpio’s trust.

Scorpio is alone now, and even though he’s teamed up with Lawrence, they both have their own motives,” Nicole replied, her face reflecting her serious tone.

Jared spoke meaningfully, “Or maybe he won’t be alone for long.”

“Hmm?” Nicole raised an eyebrow. “Do you mean to say that Eastern Falcon will send more people over?”

“Clearly,” Jared nodded. “He needs some reliable comrades here.”

Nicole squinted slightly and asked in a serious tone, “Does that mean Pisces might be in danger?”

“Not for now. He still needs Pisces,” Jared reassured her.

“As long as he doesn’t suspect Pisces, then Pisces is safe and can continue his mission,” Nicole said.

“Don’t worry, Zane will make arrangements,” Jared comforted Nicole, gently squeezing her hand. “It’s late, let’s get some rest.”

“Okay,” Nicole agreed, lying down beside Jared, and they both fell asleep.

The next day dawned bright and sunny.

After breakfast, everyone went about their busy schedules.

Nolan and Lana didn’t go to kindergarten, so Daniel and Gloria took them to visit Benjamin.

Jared drove Nicole to Riddle Corporation. On the way, Nicole received a phone call. Her eyes narrowed slightly, “Are you sure?”

“Yes, I’ll be there shortly,” Nicole said before hanging up.

Jared looked at her. “What’s the matter?”

MY WIFE IS A HACKER CHAPTER 2960-“Martin fell ill,” Nicole said after hearing the news. Then she instructed Max, “Take me to Martin’s laboratory.”

“Okay,” Max agreed, steering the car in a different direction.

They soon arrived at the laboratory. As Jared prepared to accompany Nicole out of the car, she stopped him, “You go ahead with your work, I can handle things here.”

Jared frowned, showing reluctance and concern about the current situation.

“Lulu and Patricia will also be coming over,” Nicole reassured Jared.

Hearing this, Jared hesitated briefly before agreeing, "Call me if you need anything."

"Sure, don't worry," Nicole replied with a smile, and then stepped out of the car.

After waving to Jared, Nicole entered the laboratory.

"Arrange for someone to protect her," Jared said, his gaze serious, instructing Max.

"Yes," Max replied and immediately made a call to arrange it.

Given the uncertain situation, ensuring Nicole's safety was indeed paramount.

Jared felt somewhat relieved and leaned back in his seat, "Let's go."

Max started the car and drove to Johnston Group's office.

As Nicole entered the laboratory, Cindy approached her, visibly worried, "You're finally here!"

"What exactly happened?" Nicole asked, frowning.

She was shocked when she received Cindy's call. 'How could Martin suddenly fall ill?' "It's because of Patricia's medicine. It hasn't been effective for the past few days, so he wanted to adjust the formula, but..." Cindy paused, looking at Nicole hesitantly.

Nicole's frown deepened, a sense of foreboding rising in her heart.

"Did he attempt to create a formula with ingredients that are toxicologically incompatible?" Nicole asked, her voice quivering slightly with concern.

Cindy bit her lip, nodding reluctantly. "Yes, he did."

"Even if that's the case, why would he fall ill?" Nicole was puzzled.

The medicine formula with toxicological incompatibility was potentially the fastest acting but also risky. After discussing with Martin, Nicole had decided it would only be used as a last resort.

But Patricia was fine now, which meant he hadn't used it on her yet, even if he considered it. 'But why has he ended up sick?' "He's poisoned," Cindy finally admitted.

"What?!" Nicole was shocked, beginning to piece things together. 'He tested it on himself before using it on Patricia?!' Seeing Nicole's expression, Cindy nodded, confirming her suspicion.

"He really is... reckless. How could he do this?" Nicole was frustrated and quickly headed toward Martin's office.

Entering the office, she saw Martin lying on the couch, his face pale.

"Martin?" Nicole called out, but there was no response.

"He's been unconscious since this morning, so I had no choice but to contact you," Cindy informed her.

Nicole took a deep breath, her expression serious. "Let me take a look."

No wonder Cindy had called asking for help. She really had no other options.

Standing by the couch, Nicole began examining Martin.

"Hey, Nicole," Lulu's voice came in, followed by her and Patricia entering the office, with Ellar trailing behind.