

Hacker 1221

Chapter 1221

The instant the wedding was mentioned, Nicole became weak in the knees. She had not given it much thought just.

In fact, she had simply acted on the spur of the moment when she promised Mrs. Wallace Sr., as she saw how excited Mrs. Wallace Sr. was about their marriage.

I only did that to make her feel at ease.

If you have any opinions about the wedding, you can always talk to me about it."

Nicole suddenly shot

him a solemn look, thinking that Jared was unhappy because she had not discussed it with him and had promised Mrs. Wallace Sr. on her own.

'I have my own opinions."

Jared's magnetic voice sounded out to her ear.

'Tell me, what are they? If you don't agree to it, it's not too late for you to back out and find someone better for you."

Nicole looked at him calmly.

"You're thinking about these things? Did anything happen abroad? Anything that I wasn't aware of after I came back here?"

Jared's gaze became even more piercing.

most concerned about were Harvey and Ike. $\mu\sigma\nu\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\nu\sigma\kappa.\zeta\sigma\mu$ If they were the actual reason behind the thoughts that

must really think it through. If you

wall and stared him in

today to prove that I'm not here as a guest,

Nicole gulped.

something unpredictable, but in the end, it was just a request to

a bore. I thought you really had something

huh. Were you expecting me to give you a

said that? Those were your words." Nicole said, wishing to wriggle her way out of his trap, but

you want me to get my

do I want

Nicole up as he said that and walked upto
and cool the very
her face.It was so soft and smooth to the touch that Jared could not stop
woken up by Jared's touch.She opened her eyes
are you doing? You're disrupting
is satisfying
stared at her with
you touched any
grabbed the chance to question
"I have"
immediately admitted to

Chapter 1222

"Nicole, look at me."

Jared cupped her cheek.

"What will change if I look at you?"

Nicole stared at Jared, her eyes cold.

"I've never touched anyone other than you. You are the only one in my life."

Jared looked at Nicole, his eyes filled with affection and sincerity.

Nicole was stunned upon registering the look in his eyes and how earnest he was.

Initially, she just wanted to find out which woman had skin that was coarser than her.She had not anticipated such moving words from him.

"Jared, I see that you have a way with words and you're getting better at it now.At this rate, you are almost on par with Harvey," Nicole teased, refusing to cave in to his sweet talk.

Deciding not to pursue it anymore, as she had weaseled away from Jared, she sat up and went to the bathroom to give herself a rinse.

Just as she reached the bathroom, Jared passed her a toothbrush with toothpaste readily squeezed onto it.

"Here you go."

"Thanks."

began brushing while looking at the

started brushing with her, the both of them looked at each other's
that moment that Jared
this
moment so that life would always be this
both of them
time and said, "Are you heading back to the office soon? I'm planning to visit the factory today and see if
so slightly and sized
it's better for you to just chill
soon as he had said that, Mrs.Wallace Sr.returned
saw that the couple had made their own simple breakfast, she
Why are the two of you up so early? I just went to the market with Tia and was hoping to make
something nice for
Mrs.Wallace Sr.She stood up
we had an early breakfast. That way,
the last word was uttered, Nicole
and as he was almost done with breakfast, he stood up and told Mrs.Wallace Sr., "Indeed, I'm in a rush
to return to the
then.
looked at

Chapter 1223

Nicole thought it would be a ruin with nobody around. However, as soon as she got out of the car, she
saw Claus.

Claus immediately chuckled when he saw Nicole as he walked toward her. "Why are you here, Miss
Riddle?"

Jared had given him an arduous task early in the morning itself, making him think that he was going to
be utterly bored for the entire day, which was why he did not expect Nicole to come over.

"Did Jared send you here?" Nicole guessed.

Claus laughed. "M-hm. You're right, Mr. Johnston sent US here to claim everything that can be salvaged
before clearing the area for reconstruction.

I've got to give him credit where credit is due. Jared really is efficient,' Nicole thought.

"HI go and

ruins, what's there to see?! It's not
head. "It's fine.

where the fire had started, after which she went to the area where the generator was
she could not find

asked curiously, "Miss Riddle, is there a problem

me some tools. I want to crank it

someone to bring

front of the charred generator and pried the shell open. As expected, the wires were already in a mess,
that Nicole would never do something if she did not have a good reason to, so he just waited for her at
the

time spent inspecting the device, Nicole finally spotted an area that had melted in a manner different
from the

up and examined it, so, in his

Chapter 1224

"Yeah, are you having an off day today?" Nicole walked over and greeted Sean and Steve happily as well.

"Yeah, we came back to see mom and dad."

"Aren't you supposed to be in Lanningbourg? Why did you come back?" Sean asked Nicole, confused.

"I hate to be that guy, but I think we should stop chatting here at the entrance. Let's get in. Mom and
Dad would be ecstatic to see Nicole."

Steve smiled at them as he pushed them into the house.

"Okay, we can walk in on our own accord." Sean shook his head in defeat.

Daniel and Gloria were watching the news on the couch while Spencer and

screen really isn't good for your eyes." Gloria reprimanded,

fine. We just started," Samuel

sure?" Sean

they responded without even looking up. "Bro, it's not

your eldest brother, kid? Look who's back!" Sean yelled,

suddenly popped out from behind Sean,

once and threw their phones away

tell US? We could've picked you

say that I've planned for it, and that's why you were playing? You looked pretty engrossed when you were at it." Nicole looked at here, we'll show you." Samuel and

Chapter 1225

"We've been keeping well. Was it tough working abroad? You don't look so good."

Gloria was really observant, as she noticed that Nicole did not look like she had been sleeping well.

"Haven't you been sleeping well?" Daniel heard Gloria and had also noticed that Nicole did not look like she was in good shape.

"Ah... I do get enough sleep over there, but I came back in a rush yesterday. I'm probably just experiencing jet lag, so I'm fine." Nicole explained while feeling guilty.

'It's all Jared's fault,' she thought. 'I won't be this tired if it wasn't because of him.'

"Did you rush back here because Martin's factory had caught fire?" Daniel guessed.

Judging by how hasty her return was, Daniel figured that it had something to do with Martin.

"Yeah, I was informed that his factory was on fire, so I took the earliest flight home." Nicole said without anything.

to hide anything from them as they were different from Mrs. Wallace

Martin suffered quite the loss, didn't he?" Daniel looked at

along with the equipment

sad. "Nicole doesn't come home very often,

has been some time since we've seen him." Gloria smiled at

grandfather is still in the hospital, he usually works until it gets very late," Nicole replied with a

I didn't expect that his family

how's Jared's grandfather?" Daniel

a steady recovery, and I do plan to visit him in the afternoon." Nicole looked at

He's really old, so he has to be extra careful now. He should

"Yeah."

Sean asked. "Can

had been holding it in for a very long time. He wanted to

he saw her, but he did not get to do so after Steve had interrupted him.

Harmon had gathered a team of researchers and we've already started the project. It's doing okay. We're currently researching the chip, and that's where I have some issues." Nicole told them some trivia to

Chapter 1226

"All you do is play video games. Nicole has been talking to US since she got back. You should learn a thing or two from her and engage in more productive activities. Look at her. She's already living independently abroad, and yet, here you are, still playing video games at home," Gloria lectured them, and would have forgotten about them if they had not interrupted Nicole and Sean.

"Mom, you said it yourself. Nicole doesn't come back very often, so you should stop nagging US. We're adults now, and we have our pride, okay?" Samuel stared at Gloria as he expressed his thoughts.

"You're always looking for excuses..."

"Don't lecture them anymore, mom. Just let them chill for a day. You can continue the nagging when I'm not around tomorrow." Nicole aided

Samuel by persuading to let them off the hook.

"Since Nicole is here, I'm just going to leave it," Gloria said.

"How long will you be staying, Nicole?" Gloria hoped that Nicole could stay for a few days, so that their entire family would be together for longer.

"I must return to Lanningbourg as soon as I'm done with Martin's factory." Nicole replied.

a few more days. Unfortunately, she had to help her team abroad, and there was nothing that she could do to change that

putting more effort into your work." Daniel said otherwise, even though he wanted

Jared must take care of yourselves," Daniel said with

to be seen, even after she had spent much time chatting

parents?" Nicole suddenly

you ask?"

been sitting here for quite some time, but I haven't

I am here, so it's

so Norah went home to take

Nicole thought, 'No wonder I didn't see her. Seems like she's

been visiting you?" Nicole asked

few times, but she hasn't been visiting recently, has she?" Gloria looked at Daniel and

Daniel replied, though he did

Nicole uttered

Chapter 1227

"You must've visited Mrs. Wallace Sr., right?"

"Yeah, I came over from her place," Nicole said.

"Nicole, you've been engaged to Jared for some time now. What's the plan?" Daniel studied Nicole with his eyes.

Sean and Steve chortled as they immediately knew what Daniel was trying to say.

Nicole was watching Samuel playing his game when she heard Daniel's question, and so, she lifted her head and asked, "Huh? What plan?"

Daniel saw that Nicole did not understand him, so he pushed it aside. "Nothing. Go ahead and play your games. I'll see if there's any good food in the kitchen."

Sean came to sit next to Nicole after Daniel had left. "Nicole, did you not understand dad or are you just pretending that you didn't?"

her with a frown. "What

when he saw that Nicole really did not understand what their father had meant, but they did not burst her

acting so strangely?" Nicole looked at them

them. Let's just play," Samuel interrupted,

some time, Gloria's voice echoed from the

Sean walked up to the dining hall with

who had turned their games

table was filled with dishes, Nicole was shocked. "Mom, isn't this

so of course, we must have a

have improved or not."

took a bite of her favorite

still amazing. Mom, I think you've actually

was over the moon when she heard Nicole's compliment, and the smile on

continued to get Nicole to give her

Chapter 1228

"Hmm, it's pretty good." Gloria said after taking a bite, and when she looked at everyone at the table, all of them burst out laughing at once.

"Nicole, how long have you been engaged?" Gloria asked.

"A few months, I believe?" Nicole answered as she ate.

"Oh, doesn't Jared have a plan?" Gloria continued ask her.

"Plan? What do you mean?" Nicole stopped eating and looked at Gloria.

Gloria rolled her eyes at Nicole. "You silly girl, why are you so dense when it comes to matters like these? What I'm trying to ask is, when are you planning to get married?"

table fell silent when Gloria shot her that question, and they

Why are they

me this all of a sudden?" Nicole felt embarrassed and stopped eating. How could

and that's why I asked you if you've got any plans to get married. If you do, your dad and I will see if there's anything we

doing this for US, but we have our own things to deal with. We'll talk about marriage once we're done with our work. Don't

had just told them the truth of what she thought. They might even get married right after they were done with their busy lives, and as such,

you. Your dad and I just want you to be happy. ' Gloria

"I know."

up, the food's getting cold," Daniel reminded

Nicole smiled at him.

meal, they went to hang out on the couch again, and that was when Nicole looked at Samuel

so nosy!" Samuel rolled his eyes at her as he did not want to talk about it,

Chapter 1229

"What are you laughing at?" Gloria and Daniel looked at Nicole, shocked.

'Nothing, I'm laughing at them playing their games," Nicole casually said.

'Mom and Dad, I've stayed for some time already, so I'll be leaving now. If it gets any later than this, I'm worried that I'd just be bothering Jared's grandpa when I visit," Nicole explained as she looked at her parents.

"Sure, hurry up, then. Are you coming back to stay for the night?" Daniel looked at Nicole in anticipation.

"No, I'll have to meet Jared at night, so it's going to be very late if I do come back here. I'll just be disrupting your sleep," Nicole explained.

"Yeah, going back and forth can be really tiring. Please remember to take care of yourself when you're abroad and get the rest you need,"

Daniel reminded her as he was worried.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine. If you miss me, just drop me a video call," she said.

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matters that required her attention, so

we miss

you?" Nicole asked, relating it to what

went. Just go away already." Samuel urged Nicole to leave with

you even mad?" Gloria asked, not

as she looked

me to the door." Nicole waved them goodbye and walked

around, she saw that her family was still walking her to the door anyway, and this left a faint smile on

her car and drove away

could still see them watching her as she left, and this made her tear up,

her. Her eyes widened at once, but before she knew it, the car was gone already. She just could

light lit up and Nicole continued her journey

driving, she pulled up at the car park and got down before

Chapter 1230

"Am I that petty of a person to you? Why would I be angry with you?" Mr. Johnston Sr. smiled at Nicole, and was seemingly more energetic after seeing her.

"He won't be angry with you, but he'd just ask me 'where is Nicole' whenever he sees that I'm visiting him alone. He just misses you," Jared voiced Mr. Johnston Sr.'s thoughts out.

"Why are you even saying that?" Mr. Johnston Sr. looked at Jared, embarrassed.

"Yeah, grandpa is the most generous man alive." Nicole smiled at Mr. Johnston Sr. Mr. Johnston Sr. was amused by Nicole's remark.

"Nicole, after you came, I realized that grandpa's mood got a lot better than before. He even looks much more energetic now," Jared said, amazed.

"Is that so? I didn't know I had the power to lift people's spirits up." Nicole teased, making fun of herself to make Mr. Johnston Sr. laugh.

"How do you feel now? What did the doctor say?" Nicole returned to the main point of discussion and asked in the most caring way possible.

he can perform some basic activities now, but he's still unable to

or so before he can get off the bed and try moving
she did not expect Mr. Johnston Sr. to recover so
can tell that he's been in a good mood and has
feel energized

back all of a sudden?" Mr. Johnston Sr. looked at Nicole

of them did not tell Mr. Johnston Sr. anything about Martin's factory's fire. In fact, they

I'm back here to take care of some stuff. Besides, it's been some time since

looked at Mr. Johnston Sr.'s current state and decided that it would not be wise to bring anything
negative up and ruin his mood. As such, she shared a collective thought with Jared, in that she would
not make any

he did not expect her to share such a strong,

and I suppose that Jared has been harping about this for a few times now, but you have to take care of
yourself." Mr.

of the fire that had started in Martin's factory, Nicole?"