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“Do you remember when Martin was forced to pay the Anderson family a visit abroad?” Mr. Johnston Sr. shifted his gaze to Jared and Nicole.

“The Anderson family? Are you talking about Luke’s family?” Nicole narrowed her brows and asked.

“You’re right. I heard that Luke’s daughter has been linked up with some influential family abroad and they’re coming back for some prayers.

However, I have no idea if that’s true.”

“Prayers?” Nicole asked, shocked as she looked at Mr. Johnston Sr.

“Yeah.”

“Why don’t I know a single thing about it?” Nicole looked at Jared in puzzlement.

his head as he had

people here had forgotten about the

and they’re keeping it on the down low. This is why not many people know

Jared assumed a strange expression as

bother to ask,”

issued a helpless

prayers now, and yet, they came all the way back here. Isn’t it a little...” Nicole looked at Jared before she

could understand what Nicole was trying

She had an inkling

about the Anderson family?’ Nicole looked at Mr. Johnston Sr., trying to get every single piece

some reason. After that, they announced the marriage between the two families, and the

to back her up, or else, she wouldn’t be coming back for the prayers. I’m afraid that Martin hasn’t known about

telling me something of such importance, grandpa.” Nicole looked

There’s no need to be so polite,” Mr.

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“Don’t take it the wrong way. I was just afraid that you have something more important to do. Let’s head out together, then,” Nicole said as she walked outside, after which she went to collect her car in the parking lot.

“Are you going to driving?” Jared asked.

“What else can I do? I can’t be leaving my car here, can I?” Nicole looked at Jared.

“Max, take the car and leave,” he ordered.

Then, Jared approached Nicole’s car and said, “I’ll drive.”

They left the hospital in their Lamborghini and made their way to where Martin was. Then, Nicole took her phone out and dialed Martin’s number.

Martin answered the phone after a few seconds. “Hello, Nicole.”

Nicole asked, requesting for his location

office in my factory.

later. Wait for me in your office.” Nicole said, and

after noticing that

his office in that factory. I have no idea

are still renovating the place. I guess he’s just worried.” Jared

as she looked at

house today, right? How are

you as we spoke, and they said that they haven’t seen you for

I’ve been busy too,” Jared

know.” Nicole said, not blaming

a faint smile before he asked, “Is Norah still

Nicole paused for a second before she answered, “No. I heard that she

Nicole probably didn’t have

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Up above, Martin was sitting on a chair while catching some rest with his eyes closed.

Nicole and Jared walked in and knocked on the table.

“Nicole, Mr. Johnston. You’re here.” Martin opened his eyes to see them standing in front of him.

“You seem very tired. Have you not rested well for the past two days?” Nicole looked at Martin’s bloodshot eyes.

“Everyone’s busy outside. Being the person in charge, how can I catch a break during times like these?” Martin got up and poured each of them a cup of water.

“You don’t have to do that. I came over I have something I need to ask you.” Nicole went to the couch and sat down, looking at Martin with a serious expression.

Martin took a seat as well, and he proceeded to look at both Nicole and Jared with a puzzled expression. “What is it?”

“What do you know about the McCarthy family’s business abroad?” Nicole looked into his eyes and asked.

being uttered. “The McCarthy family? I have not heard a single thing about them ever

“Does Joyce

his memory was refreshed, and he said, “She

family?” Martin stared at Nicole with a look of confusion. He did not understand

solemn tone of voice, he

Martin stared at her for a moment, not understanding what he Nicole

their daughters to a rather eminent family abroad. Things have been going really well for them. There are news about them making their return here to pay their forefathers

for a moment when he heard about the news brought to him by Nicole. The sheer quantity

I did not expect Joyce to

expect them to be

as he had never thought that the McCarthy’s family would

deal. We had settled the beef between US before they left the country. Well, it matters not whether they are here to pay respect to their forefathers, as long as we all mind our own business,” Martin said with a calm look on

don’t bother US, and we don’t bother them, things are

think it is.” Jared looked

in the eye and

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Jared then asked, “Who do you think it is?”

Nicole thought about it for a moment, and gradually, she said, “Joyce McCarthy.”

As soon as the two words exited her mouth, Martin gasped. “Had she made an early return?”

“It’s hard to ascertain...but I do have a feeling that she had something to do with the fire at the factory,” Nicole said, giving them a guess.

“I can’t be...it was her who had set the factory on fire?” Martin frowned in disbelief as he began pondering about it as well.

“There is no certainty as of now. Claus has yet to return with any sort of evidence, and we don’t know for sure if Joyce McCarthy is in this city right now. This is all just our speculation...”

Nicole did not have the slightest clue, and her guess was all too sudden too.

alert. Pay attention to the people and the things happening around you. Do not let your guard down until the truth has been discovered. I’m really worried that you’ll be in danger,” Nicole warned as she looked into

too. She didn’t like you very

still remembered the destructive acts that Joyce would engage in, out

out that she did play a hand in the factory fire, I won’t need her to come to me...” The corners of Nicole’s mouth curved ever so slightly, and as she spoke, her eyes became void of any sort of warmth, making it as though she could

after the rebuilding is done. If that happens, nobody will manage the factory.” Nicole in a bit,”

then, I guess that’s all for now. Let’s go. We’ll contact you if we come across any

Martin, Nicole and Jared left the factory, with Martin waving his hand at

finding out what the progress was, he approached the

cleaned more than half of it. It’ll probably be done by

everyone. Charles, go and buy everyone some food

sir,” Charles

sir,” the rest

hands, after which he walked around

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“Since you’d like to have steak, why don’t you come in and give me a hand.”

Jared’s culinary skills meant that her assistance was not required, but being in the kitchen by himself could prove to be boring, and so, he called her in, hoping she could keep him company while he was at it.

“Jared, since when have you required assistance when you cook?” Nicole took her coat off and strutted off to the kitchen.

Jared looked at her with a smile and did not utter another word. He knew that he had gotten what he wanted when she came over.

“What do I need to do?” Nicole looked at him and asked.

“Wipe my sweat off me,” Jared said with a smile.

Hearing that, Nicole was stunned for a moment, 'Is he out of his mind? He just started and there's no sweat!'

a drop of sweat, what

You're not planning to idle around, are

him

carefully wiped the

he did, he was inches away from sticking his face onto hers, making it possible for him to smell the fragrance

distance alright

on purpose, aren't you?" Nicole gently pushed his face away,

up?" he asked, before

much? You're basically sticking it right into my face," Nicole

smooth and smells

with that look on your face? You don't like it?" Nicole bit her lower lip and stared at

I like it. You're helping me by wiping the

anymore. There's always more no matter how often I wipe it. " Nicole placed the

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"Hurry up and cook the steak. I'm starving." Nicole looked at the steak on the grill and her stomach growled.

"Alright. It'll be ready soon." Jared gave Nicole a doting look, after which he started grilling the steak with utmost seriousness.

Jared brought the steak into the dining room after they were cooked. By then, Nicole was already holding a knife and a fork, ready to taste the steak.

Then, he looked at Nicole, who looked like a toddler waiting to be fed, and smiled, "Are you that hungry? Did you not eat much at the Riddle's?"

"I did. Every dish was tasty, and they were all my favorites too," Nicole replied, salivating when she thought of the lunch she had had at noon.

"Really? I should've gone there with you earlier," Jared joked.

Nicole then proceeded to cut a piece of steak and chew it. It's so tender. Your grilled steak is the best."

have to pay for my delicious

continued to

afraid that I'll name a hefty price?" Jared looked at a steak is, I not accept her money, and so, she was confident asked, the corner of his mouth lifting ever so slightly with steak, whereupon she lifted her head to look at Jared. 'What does he you're talking about?' Nicole asked Jared with probing it. Have your meal first.' Jared comforted her with a smile and proceeded to is really prepared to leave the dining room under Jared's gaze. "I'm done eating. You can flight of stairs, after which she hurried into her room and locked the it was hilarious to see her scurrying away like a frightened bunny and shook his head. Then, he placed his she heard his footfalls outside, and that was when her heart tightened.

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[Mr. Johnston, what have you been busy with? Why didn't you have the time to answer my call?]

As it turned out, it was sent by Fiorella. Jared sighed and thought, "Why is she still pining over me...?"

Jared replied perfunctorily, as it would be rude to just ignore the text.

[There are too many things for me to deal with as of recent. I am busy during the day. I must've missed it.]

[I've heard about the fire at The Beacon factory. Don't get too angry, things will get better with time.]
Fiorella comforted him.

[Are you going to your office tomorrow?]

Jared stared at the message she had sent and ceased all of his responses for a moment. 'What does she mean? She's not going to come to the office to find me, is she?'

[I'm not sure.] Jared replied in ambiguous fashion.

okay. Are you going to the office or Martin's? I know the address to both

already late. I won't bother you anymore. Please get some rest. It must've been very stressful these days. I'll

texted and sent him a

Fiorella's messages in

wrong with Fiorella? Is she really going to come over to find me

busy to keep you company these days, Miss

edited his text and sent

passed and still, a reply was not seen.

chips fall where they might. He

out?" Jared's mouth curled slightly, and

falling asleep on the bed when she suddenly heard someone

on and sat up, staring at the door with her eyes wide open. "It's

seems to have the key,"

a click. It was the sixth key that Jared had tried. If he could not open the door with the keys, he would have tore the door

the bed and did not expect the bedroom light to be on with Nicole sitting on the

you slept?" Jared

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After that, the two of them slept until the sun rose.

Nicole was woken up by the sound of her phone. She fumbled around carelessly and ended up touching Jared. Furrowing her eyebrows, she was instantly awake. Then, she immediately withdrew her hand with her heart pounding.

At this point, Jared was also partially awake. He looked up and found Nicole sitting there in a daze.

'What are you doing?" Jared's voice suddenly sounded, which almost startled Nicole into falling off from the bed.

Seeing this, Jared quickly grabbed her and pulled her into his arms before pinning her onto the bed.

The two looked at each other with Nicole's heart pounding even faster than before. "You...why are you awake?" Nicole murmured as she looked into Jared's eyes.

"Aren't you the one who woke me up?" Jared helped smoothen her messy hair, and as the gentle teasing caused Nicole to bring her hands up to her chest, Jared took this opportunity to plant a light kiss on her face.

He sat up with a smile and looked at her, "Are you going to get up anytime soon?"

then searched around

from Claus, she immediately

the results

"Yes."

hastily hung up, put on a change of clothes,
going?" Jared asked, seeing that she was in a
came out." Nicole said,

"Wait."

"What's up?"

no need to rush. I'll head over with you after we have had our breakfast," Jared said calmly as he put
Jared in surprise.' Isn't his company filled with things waiting
there as I need to see the results too." Jared walked past her and went
made two servings of breakfast and ate before driving them to Martin's
arrived at Martin's office, both Claus and Martin were already there, looking at the test results. Noticing
Johnston, Ms. Riddle, have

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"Is this necessary?" Martin asked, worried about the worker's reactions, and how they would be
affected.

"Yes." Nicole answered him firmly.

"By the way, one question. Have you recruited any new employees as of recent?" Nicole asked, having
suddenly thought about it.

"I did. Last week, the maintenance guy was too busy. They insisted that we get more hands on deck.
They have been working hard, so I agreed to it." Martin looked at Jared and Nicole as he recalled.

"How many people were recruited?"

"There were five."

"Focus on investigating these five people," Jared advised.

"Okay. I'll do so right away," Martin said.

stopped Martin, who was about

whirled around to

an excuse to do so. The last thing you'd want to do is spook them,"

out after they were done

at Claus and said, "You have worked really hard. Go home and get

This is just what I do," Claus said respectfully, and looked at Jared, who nodded before the latter proceeded

"They really

they take orders from everyone, would they still be my men? If you want him to listen to you, I can order him to do so," Jared said as he looked

nothing important here anymore. Go back to

to stay here?" Jared looked at her

I'll go home in a while, or do you want me

thought, 'If she wanted to,

her to the office, but when he suddenly remembered the text message Fiorella had sent him last night, he decided not to, as

a few days since you came home. Your work abroad must still

return to Lanningbourg.

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Heading to the direction of the Sea View Villa, she proceeded to make her way back to visit Mrs. Wallace Sr. before leaving, as the latter would think that Nicole had gone missing if she did not.

As soon as Jared arrived at the office, an assistant walked over to meet him. "Mr. Johnston, the directors are waiting for you in the conference room."

Jared frowned and looked at the assistant, "What are they here for?"

"The reasons they're here seems to be related to the fire at the Beacon factory." The assistant said, having gotten information about the Beacon factory incident.

"Let's go take a look." Jared changed and made his way to the conference room.

Jared pushed the door open and walked in. The conference was silent for a moment. No one dared to speak.

Seeing this, Jared sat at the head of the table, looking at everyone, "What brings everyone here today?"

After a while, an elderly man looked at Jared and asked, "Mr. Johnston, did we invest in Martin's Beacon Company?"

Jared looked at the person who had spoken and

"We all heard about the fire at the Beacon factory, and we happen to be the major shareholders over there, and

you all have the same questions?" Jared asked

Jared continued, "The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The results should be available soon. As for

we still worried that there will be

had indeed caused US to lose a lot in terms of our investments. Now that the cost has not been recovered, all prospects in relation to

with you?" Jared shifted all the

that? Why would I want something disastrous to happen to The Beacon!?

saying this. I've been looking forward to the success of The Beacon before it was too late. What does that have to do with the fire?

he could not afford to have

him coldly and thought, 'He really is a wimp. All I did was scare him a little and he's already petrified. What a

worked, as he wanted the board of directors to

to everyone. Of all the projects we've been involved in, which

that something as trivial as this had occurred, you showed up here with