

Hacker 1281

## Chapter 1281

“Actually, you could have dropped me a hint. I shouldn’t have taken Kelly off the plane and left you at the airport by yourself.” Harvey said, regretting what he had done at that time.

Kelly was left stunned and frozen upon hearing what they said and looked at them in shock.

“It’s all behind US. Am I not sitting here fine?” Nicole said, forced to assure Harvey that she was fine.

“Mr. Johnston, why did you let that man walk free after Nicole told you that the guy was the one who was stalking her?” Harvey suddenly pointed his finger at Jared, questioning him sternly.

“Harvey, I did what I did. Don’t poke your nose into that which does not concern you and mind your own business,” Jared said with a blank stare.

“Nicole’s business is my business. I was on that flight back with her, so I had the responsibility to deal with any threats to her,” Harvey retorted.

let me take care of this.” Nicole

and could only keep his rage

him back to me. Otherwise, I won’t be done with you.” Nicole turned to look at him, her eyes fierce and

I say to you now?” Jared

this matter that we’re not aware of, and I believe that Mr. Johnston will not let a scum loose by mistake.’ Martin hurriedly

have no business defending him here. This matter doesn’t concern you.” Nicole

no choice but to tell her

did not tell

it,”

that guy back and I will let it slide.” Nicole said, as she did not want

too eager to find out who was trying

it was Mr. Johnston who gave me the information I forwarded you before, and that includes the day when we

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Jared grabbed his glass and struck it against Nicole’s with a clink, after which he looked at her with affectionately. “You are wrong. I just like being your unsung hero.”

One minute, the two of them were arguing, and by the next, they started to act all lovey-dovey. Everyone at the scene was stunned, amazed by a man as smooth as Jared himself.

“Okay, let’s get dinner started. Everyone has been waiting.” Jared signaled to Nicole with his eyes that everyone was watching.

Nicole quickly sat back down and said, “Sorry to keep everyone waiting.”

Harvey snapped out of his daze. “At least you know.”

Nicole shot Harvey a glare. ‘Who said anything to you?’

“Okay, let’s get started.” Martin smiled as he noticed that everyone was at ease, restoring the hospitable atmosphere that was there before.

some.” Harvey said, about

say anything, Jared

Nicole’s plate. “This one is good. It is what you have always wanted

dish specifically

it, everything became Jared’s call. From the venue to every dish on the table,

but most of the dishes were ordered

he meant was self-explanatory, and everyone in the

Martin not said that he had planned the reception, this scenario would not have happened, let alone an opportunity for Jared to show off. Since Jared was the one who ordered all the food, what is the point of serving them to Nicole? It was just an icing on

and refilled Nicole’s glass.

and raised her glass thereafter. “To

To ourselves.”

down as soon as someone knocked on the door of

then that Martin said,

hands, Martin

Chapter 1283

"Remember what I said on the rooftop at the base?" Harvey looked Nicole in the eye, and the two locked eyes, sharing a relieved smile.

Jared was watching them when he suddenly interrupted their fond memories.

"Shouldn't you share such a delicious cake with everyone?"

Having bested Jared by a slight margin, Harvey glanced at him with a smug look on his face. "What is the hurry? We will share the cake right away."

"Nicole, you make the first cut." Harvey handed Nicole a table knife.

"Me?"

"Yeah."

a moment, after which

are celebrating the return of all three of US, it is only right that we cut the cake together.

her and grabbed her

them proceeded to cut the cake together, after which Harvey took the knife from Nicole, took the first slice of cake, and handed

while Jared watched without uttering

Harvey cut the second slice of cake and handed it

"Other than Nicole, you

claimed

that, he cut another slice for

'Thanks Harvey," Martin said.

slice for himself and placed the knife down without giving any for Jared. Nicole looked around and was about

lately, so you guys can go ahead. Then

proceeded to enjoy the

and Harvey's conversation, ready to chime in whenever he had the chance. However, they were talking about everything that had happened abroad, making it difficult for him to interrupt. In fact, Harvey was doing this on purpose. He knew that Jared certainly would not have the opportunity to chime in if he talked about things at the base

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Harvey was waiting for Jared to falter in his attempt to comfort Nicole so that he could swoop in. He thought that Jared would not understand the situation back at

Lanningbourg, and that it would not help no matter how hard Jared tried.

Harvey had even thought of what to say to her should that be the case, but was surprised when Jared successfully comforted Nicole in a single sentence. 'How did he do it in just one sentence? Gosh, I'm still waiting for my opening!"

"Nicole, the plant will be ready to resume production soon. You can come over for a visit whenever you have time." Martin looked at Nicole.

'I'm planning on visiting, even if you don't bother to mention it, but it might take a few days for me to free up. I have a few things I need to take care of first." Nicole explained, looking at Martin.

"It is okay. You can come whenever you wish. Just take care of your side of things first. There is nothing going on at the plant right now. I'm just checking in with you," Martin said with a smile.

"Okay."

"Martin, any progress on the arson case?" Nicole asked as the question suddenly came to mind.

was meeting someone in a small store. We've already placed a few men outside to keep an eye on and ambush him. We're just waiting for the key person to show up

them all of the information he had received, as there were

an eye on that side first. Have you beefed up the security at the plant?" Nicole

I have entrusted the job to

As equipment is arriving these few days, there will be many people coming and going. Be extra careful. I'm worried that the guy might take advantage of the opportunity to sabotage our stuff again," Nicole

also thought about that. This time, however, the equipment is different from the ones we had. It requires the manufacturer's technicians to come over to

Martin said with a look of worry on

pondered. "Can we send our own

is counting on this feature to make money. They are not going to

that would

recruit a few experts in this field." Harvey

experts?" Martin looked at Harvey

"Yes," Harvey said.

around doing nothing. It is impossible for

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'Okay, I will ask Max to take care of it." Jared agreed, knowing that he was the only one who could help Nicole feel better.

Otherwise, she would be left to fend for herself again.

"Mr. Johnston, thank you very much. Here's a toast to you.' Martin looked at Jared and raised his glass. But Jared did not respond to him, as his eyes were on Nicole, who got the hint and raised her glass to Jared. "Thank you. I will drink to you."

After saying that, she tilted the glass and was about to chug it all down when Harvey attempted to stopped her.Nicole..."

However, Jared beat him to the punch and grabbed Nicole's arm before lowering it slowly.

Then, he looked at her with affection in his eyes. "You don't have to. I'm sorry that I didn't explain everything to you. I know it

made you anxious, and it was on me because I didn't think it through properly, so I will down this glass as an apology to you."

Nicole's from her hand

was touched by the sincerity in his eyes and his attitude, and at that very moment,

have never seen Mr. Johnston making amends to anyone before." Martin

glance, his eyes filled with jealousy. Then, he grabbed his glass of wine and

Kelly said, "Harvey, that is not good for

happy." Harvey took another swig after having said what

this. She was now so focused on Jared that she did not even

day. Just as Jared and Nicole walked out, Max approached them and

let me know when you have gotten Jared back

of a sudden, Jared grabbed Nicole by

doing this," Nicole told him, but Jared was so drunk that she could not free herself from his grip no matter what she

Mr. Johnston home instead?"

nod. She figured she would have to find a way to return home after getting Jared back to his

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Max drove Jared and Nicole gradually away from The Herald under the watchful eyes of Harvey. Kelly, and Martin.

Martin then turned to Harvey and Kelly and asked, "Do you want me to drive you home?"

Harvey waved his hand, and Kelly said, "Thank you, Mr. Wyance, but it's okay. I will take Harvey back to his home."

"Well then, be safe. I shall leave now." Martin left in the car that had arrived to pick him up once he had said his goodbyes.

This left Kelly and Harvey, who remained standing at the entrance outside The Herald on their own.

"Harvey, what is your home address?" Kelly asked.

Harvey mumbled a few incoherent words and blacked out. Seeing this, Kelly had no choice but to help Harvey into a cab.

"Make your way to 455 South Avenue," she said.

next morning, Harvey woke up with his throat parched. He opened his groggy

the furnishings in

the pastel-colored decoration telling him that this

open

awake, she

handed him

water,

"It is my home."

at Kelly in surprise as he almost spewed his

with that?" Kelly looked at Harvey

that the entire room was in pink. He did not expect Kelly to be

am I at your house?" Harvey

where you lived, so I brought

looked at

have to tell you about it?" Kelly asked, wishing to explain the entire situation

Chapter 1287

Jared spun around and saw Nicole looking at him. "You are awake? Why didn't you get more sleep?"

'I didn't see you in the bedroom and thought you were not feeling well again.'" Nicole looked at Jared.

Jared looked at Nicole with a frown. "Wait, why would you think I was not feeling well when I'm not in the room?"

Nicole was amused at the thought of Jared not feeling well. Last night, he had wandered around alone looking for the bathroom, and she ended up helping him in.

'What are you laughing at?" Jared asked, perplexed by the mocking look on Nicole's face.

'Nothing, just recalling some of your strange behavior last night.'" Nicole said, and erupted into a gale of laughter again.

Jared could not help but shake his head, and returned to the kitchen to get busy, with Nicole following right behind to see what he was doing.

are you doing?"

cooking your favorite

you." Nicole looked at him

for taking good care of me last  
urged. "The steak will be ready  
around and headed

sets of hearty breakfasts ready. After Nicole was done giving herself a rinse, she came back into the dining room. The two sat across from each other, with Jared handing her the steak which had been sliced. Seeing this, she smiled as she enjoyed his displays of chivalry. Besides, she had not eaten steak that

a try. Haven't you been  
know?" Nicole clapped

He sliced the piece of steak on his plate, took a piece and chewed

happened last night?" Jared asked while staring at

and Harvey were drunk, while

too?" Jared looked

ask Kelly to take

Chapter 1288

"It bores me to stay here on my own. I might as well go to work." Jared pushed the door open and walked out ahead of Nicole.

Nicole shot him a glance and followed suit. Now sitting in his car, Jared looked over at Nicole. "Are you coming back to stay the night?"

"No, I'm not coming back," Nicole said, after which she stepped on her gas pedal and drove away.

Jared then ignited his engine and drove to his office. On the way, he could not get Nicole out of his head and was in no mood to work, so he turned around and drove to the hospital.

Once he had arrived at Maximillian's ward, he pushed the door open and walked over. "Grandpa, why are you out of bed?"

He had not visited his grandfather for just a while and to his surprise, his grandfather had already gotten out of bed.

"Jared, you are here?" Mr. Johnston Sr. was standing by the window, admiring the view outside when he heard Jared's voice and turned around.

get out

said I'm recovering fast, and can get out of bed slowly now." Maximillian looked at Jared with sincerity in his

him. "That's good, but you should also get

know what I'm doing. Anyway, what brings you here  
days since I've last visited you. It just so happens that I'm not as busy today, so  
him down. "Jared, when  
he said those words, the intention of getting out of the hospital was written all over his  
discharged from the hospital soon. I will ask  
have you gotten any information  
would ask Jared  
with some foreign company. Now, we have no way of bringing him back." Jared said, telling Maximillian  
everything he knew, as he knew that he  
defect to foreigners? Find him, and I will break his  
worry about Henry when he was still sick. "I will take  
to handle the issue

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"Grandpa, you can't be doing this anymore. It will affect your recovery, and as a result, you'll have to  
extend your stay here." Jared admonished him with concern.

"I know, but it is just too uncomfortable to be in bed all the time. Besides, I didn't make any rigorous  
movements. I just went to the window to look at the scenery outside."

Maximillian knew he had done something wrong and spoke with a much gentler tone than usual.

"Mr. Chairman, just hang in there for another week, and you should be able to get out of bed after that.  
I won't stop you from doing whatever you want after that," the doctor reassured him.

Maximillian nodded in agreement with the doctor's advice.

"Doctor, how long do you think it will take for my grandfather to be discharged from the hospital given  
his current rate of recovery?" Jared asked.

"With his current rate of recovery, I think it should be about two or three more weeks," the doctor said  
in Maximillian's presence.

the bed, was happy, knowing

just said, didn't you? You can get out of here soon." Jared looked at Maximillian, happy

hear you." Maximillian's face broke into a

his wristwatch after he had spoken to Maximillian for a long time. "Grandpa, get some rest. I

ahead. With so much going on in the office, you won't

goodbye, and left the



at the Sea View Villa, ran  
night? Where  
house," Nicole said as she held Mrs. Wallace Sr.'s  
tell me about it?" her grandmother asked. "I was up all night, unable to  
Nicole said, feeling guilty for making her  
and giving me a hard time last night. Otherwise, I would  
the couch. It was then that Tia came in from the garden, and when she

### **Chapter 1290**

Closing the bedroom door behind her, Nicole plonked herself on her queen size bed, able to finally get some proper sleep.

A few days later, she went to Martin's factory.

"How is the production coming along, Martin?" Nicole asked, looking at Martin in his office.

"It is going well. The production levels are gradually returning to the same as before," Martin replied.

"That's good," Nicole said. "Are there a lot of orders piling up?"

"There are quite a lot of orders coming in, but we're certain that we'll be able to complete them before the delivery dateline," Martin said, confident in his abilities.

'It seems that you've already gotten a handle on it. By the way, what about the technicians that Jared had recruited for you?" Nicole asked, as she thought of Jared.

"Those technicians that Mr. Johnston had recruited were godsend.

we would have to wait for a few more days before we can start with the production." Martin looked at Nicole with gratitude

She knew Jared would always

but the thing is, why haven't we heard anything about them?" Martin looked at Nicole

I'm not sure what they

discovered the identity of the person whom the stalker of yours was working for?" Martin

the name that

expect it to really

that?" Nicole

was that it might be her. However, I had nothing to back it up, so I didn't dare to tell you

just didn't expect that the McCarthy family would have the nerve to return and put a target on

had started it all, Nicole wouldn't let her get individuals in the factory recently?" Nicole suddenly incident, they would not dare make another again." Martin looked at Nicole with only issue is, we still do not know who was behind that arson attack." Martin added, truth will come out eventually," Nicole