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"Have you noticed any sort of activity from her as of recently?" Jared asked Max.

"Since her return, she has been on the down-low. Other than the gym, she hasn't been to many other places."

Jared could not believe that she would live such a quiet and normal life. To him, her actions were definitely suspicious.

"Get someone to check out the gym which she frequents," Jared ordered.

"Understood," Max said.

"By the way, I need you to find out if the person who went abroad with Nicole has any sort of connections with Joyce." Jared ordered. "Take note of each and every move made. Should there be any updates, report to me immediately."

"Understood," Max uttered again.

"Oh yeah, have you gotten any updates regarding Henry?" asked Jared.

"No," Max said. "His bodyguards are always with him, so our men can't make a move just yet."

create a window of opportunity to

Jared instructed coldly.

"Understood," said Max.

I think the new facilities are a lot better than the previous ones."

right. All of the facilities were imported by Mr. Johnston. It was a massive step-up as compared to our previous batch," Martin

gotten really

a lot for me." Martin's eyes

heard you repeating this line multiple times already. That's all for today. I'll get going now, she said,

phone suddenly rang. Seeing this, she pressed the

"Hello?"

Harvey's voice sounded

are you calling me?"

now. Shouldn't we continue working on the chip soon?"

if there's nothing else, I'm hanging up. Bye -bye." Nicole immediately hung

at The Herald. Then, she immediately made a turn and

the Johnston Group, Nicole got down and stared at the building. It was a place which gave her mixed feelings, for the

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"You know that's not true. Come over and have a seat." Jared stood up from his desk and gestured her toward the couch.

"Is there anything I can help you with?" Jared asked Nicole.

"May I only come to you if I need help?" Nicole purposely questioned.

Jared studied Nicole from head to toe. 'What's up with her today? Why is she being passive aggressive with her words?'

"You know I don't mean it that way," Jared said, briefly explaining himself.

"Fine, I'm done messing with you. I have something important to discuss with you today." Nicole spared him the banter and began to speak in a more solemn tone.

"What is it?" Jared looked at her.

"Didn't you ask for the proposal when we were at The Herald a few days ago?" She took the proposal out of her bag and handed it to Jared. "I've brought it to you today. You may have a look at it."

from her and flipped through it, "Is this the chip you're

the chip, it's for you as well." Nicole

looked at her in puzzlement. 'What does she mean by

a question, able to tell from the expression on his face

I

sneered, "I guess you've really

confusion.

to Mr. Harmon's invitation? Have you really

upon him. 'So, that was what she

her an awkward smile, he said, "If you had told me

you trying to say that this chip

was designed for you." Nicole gave

Jared felt touched and looked Nicole

you for sacrificing so much for me." Jared's honeyed voice sounded

this proposal is feasible or not." Nicole wriggled out of Jared's arms and

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"It'll be great if it could be done as soon as possible." Nicole looked at Jared and smirked.

'Okay, I'll make the arrangements right away," he replied.

"Thanks in advance," she said.

"You should get back to work. I'll leave you to it then." Nicole said, as she had completed what she had intended to do there, and did not want to stay and bother Jared.

"Why? You're just going to hurry off once you've settled your business here? " Jared asked upon noticing that she was about to leave.

"No, I'm just worried that if I stay here, I'll be bothering you while you work." Nicole looked at him and explained.

"Nonsense. I'll be even more efficient if you stay." Jared looked at her affectionately and smiled

Nicole gave it some thought, 'I don't really have anything to do right now, and since he has already asked, I'll just stay here and accompany him."

it'll bore me to just sit here and do nothing. Do you have

laptop here, you can have it." Jared reached into the desk drawer

he passed

same spot, and sat down. After she had turned it on, her

Nicole from time to time. 'Even

of her being was focused on the screen as she was gleaning for information about Joyce, and after hours of searching, she

did return home earlier. In that case, the person

It was as if Joyce had vanished from the internet altogether. Some of the applications which Joyce would frequent back then had no records

still. 'How am I going to investigate further

he noticed

"What's the matter? Who is

cup of coffee. "That coffee you

chuckled, "Sure,

hand to her and turned around to make himself a new cup. After

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The suburbs?" Nicole frowned and looked at Jared.

"No wonder there are no traces of her activity on the internet. The signal in the suburbs must be pretty poor, right?"

In Nicole's imagination, the suburbs which Joyce was staying at must be a remote and secluded place with no residents. It's not like how you imagine. I think the reason as to why she isn't on the internet is that she doesn't want to give her location away." Jared calmly analyzed.

After Nicole had heard Jared's analysis, she lowered her head and began to think. 'What he said makes sense too. The McCarthy family had publicly announced that they're returning to their hometown. Why would Joyce hide her whereabouts?"

'Jared, there's one thing which I don't understand. The McCarthys have already made the announcement that they're going back to their place of origin. Why would Joyce go into hiding?" Nicole frowned and asked Jared.

"I guess she must be harboring some sort of unspeakable secret," Jared blurted out.

'Yeah, that must be the case." Nicole agreed.

"Jared, what has Joyce been doing recently?" Nicole continued to question Jared.

has been behaving well. Other than going to the gym on a daily basis, she doesn't go anywhere else." Jared told her everything he knew

"Gym..." Nicole murmured.

odd about the

it. If there are any updates, I'll let you know," he

abroad? I'd like to hear them." Jared smiled, easing his way into the topic about everything that had happened

was abroad? I guess the best thing that happened to me on this trip was that I went on a shopping spree,' Nicole recalled, as the

He felt that something must have happened during that

but she

While we were walking, a child suddenly appeared out of nowhere and tackled Harvey to the ground. At that moment, Harvey just couldn't stop

her in confusion. "Is it

at him and nodded. Then, she continued with her fits of laughter on

he wanted to find out if Harvey had done anything that had crossed the line. However, it seemed to him that Harvey had been making a fool out

few minutes, Nicole finally stopped laughing, "You should get back to work. Am I being a distraction

his desk, and continued working until

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"I'm not in a hurry. After all, I've got nothing else to do today. I thought I'd just check out how things are progressing on site," she said.

'If you need a space, I can rent one that will fulfill all your needs. Then, you wouldn't have to go around the bush with Harvey,'" Jared offered, wholeheartedly wishing to prevent

Nicole from meeting Harvey. He did not want his own fiancée to constantly associate herself with a selfish man like Harvey.

'It's fine. There's a free one available, so why would we spend money on rent? Why should I say no to freebies?' Nicole declined, for although she knew that money was not an issue for Jared, she felt that there was no need to waste it on rent.

"Okay then, whatever makes you happy," he said.

Jared had already tried his best to persuade her, and he knew that he could not force her into it.

Then, they continued with their lunch.

After lunch, Nicole bade Jared goodbye and immediately drove to where Harvey was.

Nicole asked as she called Harvey on

why?" Harvey asked

site you mentioned.

took his jacket and rushed out of his place as he was

"Can you send me

to Nicole.

over now, so I think I'll

"Got it," she replied.

of a building at the same time. There, Nicole and Harvey got out of

at the same time.' Harvey looked at

It'll be odd if I arrived late with that." Nicole

get myself one that's faster than yours." Harvey

mine, it's

and said, "I've never thought of buying the same model as yours. But after hearing what you just said, it makes me even more interested in that idea. Who knows, I might just buy the exact same model

turned around and glared at Harvey. 'You! Fine, if you like it that much, I'll

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A thing to note is that the real estate prices in that area were steep.

And yet, Harvey had given her an entire floor to utilize. 'Isn't that too much of a favor?!

"Harvey, I won't be needing that much space!" Nicole explained to Harvey.

"It's fine. You can just leave the corner empty if you don't need it." Harvey answered her in a casual tone of voice.

It had taken him a lot of time and resources to clear the floor for her, and he had done all of that to ensure that Nicole would have enough space to work.

"Leave it empty?" That would be such a waste!" Nicole yelled.

'He really is ignorant about money,' she thought. 'He doesn't have the brains for business at all. But having said that, this is definitely an excellent location for me. When I buy more equipment in the future, I can expand my business right away. It's amazing!'

Nicole felt that there was a possibility for her to occupy all of the space in the future.

Why is this particular floor empty? The fixtures are all in good condition too." Nicole looked at

breath of cold air, 'How should I answer her so that she would buy

Ellison? Are you listening?" Nicole stopped walking and

"I am listening."

can be quite inconvenient for anyone to go up and down. And that is why the companies are not that there are people who do not

is at the highest level of the building and the view there is phenomenal,' she thought. 'These people clearly do

it is quite strange." Harvey played

do you think about this place?"

it's extraordinarily great!" Nicole replied as

In the end, his efforts did not go to

the equipment in?" Nicole

can bring them in

rough tour. Let's talk about the bills." Nicole turned to

If you could utilize it,

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"Now that you mention it, it seems to be a clever idea, after all. Anyway, I would never collect rent from you. If you really feel bad, then just take it and owe me that favor."

Harvey looked at Nicole.

Deep down, he was really satisfied. Indeed, it would be great news for him if Nicole owed him a favor.

Seeing that Harvey was persistent about not collecting rent, Nicole could only give up on that idea.

"Fine then, I'll owe you one, but you are not to make any absurd requests," Nicole told Harvey in a solemn tone of voice.

"But what if I really want it?" Harvey said in an attempt to challenge Nicole. "In that case, you better take the rent." Nicole replied in a serious manner. "Okay, okay, I was just messing with you." Harvey said, switching his tone from one of seriousness to playfulness.

He did not want to offend Nicole. After all, he wanted to utilize that favor for something beneficial.

rolled her, evidently

"Well, that's

soon?" Harvey followed Nicole

already seen everything I wanted to see." Nicole turned to Harvey and

"Okay then," he uttered.

to take care of the equipment and raw materials? Do you need my help?" Harvey

asked Jared to help me take care

just let me know if you need any sort of manpower, I can source them out for you."

already have Kelly and me. I think three or four more people would be enough for the time being. If you have

to me."

around and looked at Harvey. "You don't have to send

the Sea View Villa?" Harvey asked

got into the car and stared at

engine started." "Why? You're following me back?" Nicole asked as she looked

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Nicole kept her eyes on Harvey, who was nothing short of awkward, and thought that it was funny. She had deliberately done that so that Harvey would have no choice but to use up that favor that she owed him. That way, she would not have to feel as if she was beholden to it.

However, Harvey was adamant about not mentioning it. Instead, he stayed in her car and refused to get off.

The both of them sat in the car, refusing to give in for a few minutes. Seeing that Harvey just would not get out of the car, Nicole could only ignite the engine and drive off to the Sea View Villa.

On the way there, Harvey made himself at home in Nicole's car.

Unconsciously, he reached out to switch the music player on, but Nicole immediately reacted by smacking his hand away.

"Weren't you taught to not simply touch other people's belongings?" Nicole shot him a glance.

"I just wanted to play some music, How is this considered as touching other people's belongings?" Harvey ignored her and proceeded to turn the music player, going as far as to connect it to his playlist.

the entire car

antics anymore, she floored

Harvey asked, as he noticed

to herself and ignored him. Instead of listening to him, she drove even faster, and soon after, the Lamborghini pulled up at the

she got down. She immediately opened the car door and strutted

Sr. and Tia were watching television in the living room when they

seat." Mrs. Wallace Sr. noticed invited

how have you been?" Harvey's voice

Sr. looked behind Nicole, and recognized him as Harvey Ellison, the grandson she had taken

have a seat." Mrs. Wallace Sr. extended a warm welcome to Harvey, totally forgetting about Nicole's existence along

half of grandma's love and attention has been robbed

while Harvey sat at the nearest spot to Mrs. Wallace

now," Harvey complimented her

him again, 'What

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"I have not watered them yet. Since you're here today, would you like to give it a try?" Mrs. Wallace Sr. asked.

"Sure. How could I miss out on such an interesting experience?" Harvey took off his coat and rolled up his sleeves as he spoke.

He was ready to do it.

Seeing Harvey's enthusiasm, Mrs. Wallace Sr. was beaming with joy.

"There's a bucket and a ladle here. Fill the bucket with water, and then use the ladle to pour water over each plant," Mrs. Wallace Sr. said, guiding Harvey at the side.

"Got it. Grandma, you can just sit at the side and watch me." Harvey grabbed the bucket and confidently strutted toward the faucet.

After filling it up, he carried the bucket of water to the garden.

Then, he turned around and looked at Mrs. Wallace Sr. "Grandma, can I start from here?"

Be careful, don't slip and fall

some water out of the bucket with the ladle

first plant, and then the second, and

way to the end of a furrow, he turned around proudly and waved to Mrs.

plants carefully. As he was about to complete his round of watering on the second furrow, he lifted his head in the same way and looked

as well, he did a wider and more rigorous wave, and shouted, "Nicole, do you

fun to you." Nicole twitched her lips and

You can just watch me from there. Watch me conquer this vegetable garden." Harvey confidently held the

the three ladies at the

second he turned around, he stepped onto the muddy

taken aback by the sight.

Tia ran up to Harvey

the strength she could muster. The moment Harvey stood up,

with Nicole laughing so hard that she was on the ground,

he could not

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"Harvey, you should just simply wash off the mud on your face and hands. Then, Tia will lead you to the shower so that you can wash up." Mrs. Wallace Sr. told Harvey in a caring manner.

Harvey looked at her and replied, "Alright."

"Oh yeah, let Tia clean your dirty clothes after you've changed," she added.

"Okay." Harvey then went made his way to the bathroom with Tia leading the way.

"Grandma, let's head inside." Nicole helped Mrs. Wallace Sr. up and brought her to the living room.

"Nicole, go and prepare a set of fresh clothes for Harvey." Mrs. Wallace Sr. ordered.

"Grandma, I don't think we have any clothes for men in this house." Nicole looked at Mrs. Wallace Sr. in embarrassment.

"I think those oversized clothes you usually wear will fit him. Why don't you grab one of your shirts for him?" Mrs. Wallace Sr. stared at Nicole with her brows raised.

blush, 'How could I let Harvey wear

of my clothes are worn. It wouldn't be nice for him to wear them, would it?" Nicole explained to Mrs.

Judging by how Harvey behaves around

seemed to be

through her wardrobe. "This is a no. Not this one too. Which

walk out when he suddenly realized that he had no change of

be nice if I walk out in this robe. It's a little impolite for me to ask for someone too. What should

the door. "Harvey, I've left the clothes on the drawer outside. You can grab it just by stretching

Did she go out to buy clothes for me?'

would have to stay in the

it," Harvey quickly replied to

Nicole left

one hand to find that there really were clothes in there. He grabbed it and immediately closed

if it would fit and it seemed a little too small for him. 'It's fine. Nicole doesn't know about my sizing. It's good enough

noticed that both the shirt and pants were quite small. The silver lining was that they were stretchable, and as