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'What nonsense is that?!

Nicole turned to Jared with an impassive face. "No such thing. Don't listen to him. Jared slightly raised his eyebrows at her beautiful face. "I'd come even if he hadn't told me that. What brings you here at this hour?"

Still, Jared wanted her to tell him what had happened. Nicole's expression softened gradually, an icy glint fading from her eyes. Apparently, she knew Jared was worried about her.

"Nothing major."

Although that was what Nicole had said, Jared was not as gullible as Claus. He squinted his glacier eyes and exuded a dangerous vibe.

"Let me know, or I'll go meet your brothers at your home and have them ask you instead."

Nicole locked her gaze on his unearthly handsome face. She could not help but chuckle at how he said it because he made it sound like a threat.

'He's acting like a kiddo who wants to complain to my family about this. Do I look like a kid?'

Nicole's eyes got even softer. "Really, there's nothing major. I got annoyed when the classroom was crowded just now, so I dropped by to calm my mind.

"Or I'm not welcomed here?"

Jared's gaze did not move away from Nicole. He could sense that her mood was getting better, so he decided not to get to the bottom of it. His smiling eyes made him come off as appealing.

"Of course not." His eyes remained on her. There was nothing out of ordinary in his voice. "You can call this place your safe harbor."

Nicole understood what he meant, her eyes smiling. "Can I have a cup of coffee at this safe harbor?"

Jared blinked. There was a faint gleam in his eyes. "My pleasure."

Claus did not hear their conversation since he was a distance away. But when he saw Jared walking over to him, he knew his boss was going to make Nicole coffee.

Claus stood beside Jared and whispered to him, "Mr. Johnston, that kid is the youngest son of the Finley family. He obviously has a thing for Miss Riddle. A reckless 19-year-old brat..."

Jared did not stop what he was doing. He paid no heed to what Claus had said further. Instead, he asked Claus indifferently, "How did Nicole treat that kid?"

"Uhm..." Claus rubbed his chin and mentioned a phrase that described Nicole's attitude perfectly, "As cold as ice."

Jared gave Claus a half-smile. That's all that matters.' After he whipped the latte to make it foamy, he brought it to Nicole.

Claus, on the other hand, stood there in a daze for a few seconds before he recovered his senses. He looked at Jared, trying to hint at something. "That kid mentioned something about a diamond!"

The moment Jared turned to look at him, Claus put away his flippant smile and sighed

inwardly.

“Mr. Johnston, did you give Miss Riddle a diamond?” Jared’s face suddenly became clouded, and his eyes darkened. The only diamond he was aware of was the pink diamond he had seen at the Gold Session auction recently.

‘Could it be Harvey bought it for Nicole? That brat still has the balls to make a move on my girl. ‘Interesting. I guess I’ll have a good conversation with him when we meet again.’

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The Rogers residence—

It was a sunny day. Lyana was in her bedroom staring at the messages she had sent to Jared. Apparently, there was no reply. She got up angrily, wanting to scream to vent her frustration. But before she did that, her phone screen suddenly lit up.

Lyana was surprised. She took her phone. But when she read the message, her face gradually turned grave with vague light in her eyes.

She got up and left her room. On her way out, her servant approached her in a servile manner, wanting to say something to her. But Lyana did not spare the servant a glance and left the mansion building.

The Rogers family’s driver waiting on the car porch was surprised to see Lyana. But it did not take him long to recover to his senses and open the car door for her.

Lyana was in a hurry that she did not even bring along the bodyguards who used to follow her everywhere she went. She got in the car and instructed the driver, “Take me to the Riddle residence!”

The driver was surprised again. But he did not dare to go against the young lady’s order, so he immediately started the engine. On their way to the Riddle residence, her face looked as black as thunder.

What did Nicole do to grandpa that he purposely sent someone to invite her over? The Riddles have got to explain to me when I reach there,’ Lyana thought.

The car traveled at high speed and reached the gate of the Riddle residence in no time.

Most of the Riddles were sighted waiting at the gate too. Apparently, they had returned after hearing the news. Dillon was standing beside Damien, looking desperate.

His status in the Riddle family had been seriously diminished. To regain Mr. Riddle Sr.’s favor again, he wanted to do his best to please Lyana Rogers, the young lady of the Rogers family.

The Rogers family’s car stopped at the gate of the Riddle residence. The moment Dillon saw a slender leg swing out, he immediately knew that person was that young lady. He strode to the car and pushed the driver to the side, and even offered Lyana his hand to take.

His servility startled Lyana a bit. However, she did not reject it. She casually placed her hand on his, acting sophisticated.

Dillon was overjoyed. He helped her up and said in a servile tone, “Ms. Rogers, we’ve prepared a feast. Allow me to escort you.”

Lyana was feeling better upon seeing his obsequious attitude.

Damien, on the other hand, adjusted his glasses while looking at Dillon’s action

impassively.' Dillon is not good in everything except for bootlicking. No one can beat him in that aspect!

When he thought of that, he followed Lyana to the house building and said with a gentle voice, "Hi,

Ms. Rogers. I wonder what brings you here."

Lyana's face darkened the moment she was reminded of her purpose. Instead of walking further, she folded her arms and sneered. With an icy voice, she said, "Just look at yourselves. Trying hard to butter me up. Nicole Riddle must have used a similar approach to gain my grandpa's favor! Tell me. What's with that Nicole? What kind of tricks she has used on my grandpa?"

When she said that, even Dexter, who had been following them quietly, was wide-eyed.

'Nicole has ties with Mr. Rogers Sr.?!

'She can't be serious!

Damien did not expect he would step on Lyana's toes with a simple question. However, he was quick-witted. He said with a smile, "Nicole was not brought up in our family, so we don't really know her well. Ms. Rogers, as someone as prestigious as you, no need to bother yourself with her!"

Similarly, Dillon, whom Lyana had mocked just now, gave away his self-respect and chimed in smoothly, "Ms. Rogers, we treat you respectfully because you're the prestigious young lady from the Rogers family. If it was someone from other families, I wouldn't even spare them a glance! A country bumpkin like Nicole is nothing compared to you. She might have piqued Mr. Rogers Sr.'s interest for now, but it won't last long!"

Dillon made it sound as though there was something dirty going on between Nicole and Mr. Rogers Sr.

His words made Lyana's mood much better. Only then did she continue to walk to the house building. Although her voice remained icy cold, her expression was not as stern as before.

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"Call the head of your family over. I want to talk to him about Nicole!"

To Lyana, the Riddle family was nothing compared to her family. Her family could crush them like a bug. She thought so highly about herself that she felt she deserved to be treated with the utmost respect.

The Riddles were startled for a second. They were puzzled about her intention to meet Mr. Riddle Sr. However, Dillon reacted immediately. He gave her a servile smile as he said, "Ms. Rogers, please take a seat. I'll let my father know."

Lyana looked at the chairs and tables before her disdainfully. 'All chairs at my home are made of luxurious wood. These furniture pieces made of low-grade rosewood are just tasteless.

'But since I'm here...' Lyana gave Damien a look. However, he did not show any response. He was not as quick-witted as Dillon when it came to this. Lyana felt unhappy..

"Wipe the chair clean for me!" she said.

Damien lowered his gaze. His eyes glinted under the glasses. But he complied with

Lyana's demand with a smile, accepting the way she treated him – like a servant. Damien took the handkerchief from the servant beside him and gently wiped the chair. There was a mixed feeling in Dexter's eyes at the sight of Lyana's attitude. He knew she was that prestigious young lady from the Rogers family, but her arrogance was a bit too much. The haughty look she gave him and his brothers, as well as their family servants, made him feel uncomfortable. It was as though every single person and thing from the Riddle family was garbage.

Dexter could not bring himself to act like his brothers, who threw away their pride just to please that young lady. He still held onto his dignity. Hence, he did not greet Lyana and stood behind his brothers quietly.

Lyana let out a cold smirk. But before she could speak, the house door was opened. It was Snow and Raine, both in a miserable state. They had lost their usual elegance and poise. One could even see some dust on them.

Damien scowled at them and said coldly, "What happened to you two?"

Lyana already looked down on the Riddle family. Yet, Snow and Raine came back in a miserable state. Damien was deeply frustrated, but he could only vent his emotions at Snow and Raine instead of Lyana.

Snow and Raine were startled by their uncle's sudden burst of rage. Raine pursed her lips with a sad face and said resentfully, "It was all because of Nicole!"

Snow echoed, "Nicole is too despicable!" She was almost certain that Nicole was the one who had stolen her diamond. But never did she expect Nicole to own a purple diamond more than double the size of hers. As she thought of this, she gritted her teeth.

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On top of that, Gary and Harvey's reactions were sharp thorns in Snow and Raine's hearts. They blamed it all on Nicole. Their eyes were filled with deep hatred at the thought of her.

Damien frowned upon hearing them. 'Nicole might have gone too far. But this is something we should settle behind closed doors. Not to mention we have a guest here!'

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When Damien was about to reprimand Raine and Snow, Lyana suddenly changed her haughty and disdainful attitude.

"What did you just say?" Lyana thought, 'These two girls seem to hate Nicole!'

Only then did Snow and Raine take a close look at the beautiful yet arrogant young lady before them. But none of them spoke.

It was a woman's instinctive wariness of another woman.

Lyana rolled her eyes inwardly at the sight of it. She put away her look of despise and gave Snow and Raine a perfunctory smile. "Come, tell me more about it. How did Nicole bully you?"

Snow and Raine were startled. Snow looked at Damien and got the hint to accept the

invitation because Lyana was not someone they could offend. Hence, she walked over to Lyana and badmouthed Nicole

Raine, who was next to Snow, exaggerated some details.

Damien could vaguely hear their conversation. Although he wanted to please Lyana, he was reluctant to let an outsider know about the incidents Snow and Raine had described.

'No matter what Nicole has done, she is still one of the Riddles. When an outsider knows any of these, it'll certainly affect the Riddle family's image, not to mention my name!' At the thought of this, Damien was unhappy.

Lyana, on the other hand, was in deep thought while listening to Snow and Raine's doctored stories.

Suddenly, she thought of something and asked them with a superior tone. "So you were saying Nicole liked to steal other's boyfriends, right?"

Snow and Raine nodded after exchanging their looks, their eyes filled with malice. They blamed Nicole for the treatment they gained from Harvey and Gary.

Lyana looked at the two of them. There was a hint of despise appeared in her eyes.

'Nicole is at most a vixen! She could steal men from you simply because you're incompetent!'

Although Lyana had this thought, the expression on her face remained gentle as she wanted to find out more about Nicole from them.

While they were having a conversation, Dillon went upstairs to get his father. When Mr. Riddle Sr. was told that the young lady of the Rogers family was there, he looked at Daniel next to him and said flatly, "Daniel, help me downstairs."

Daniel said yes. Dillon did not have the chance to bootlick his father. He could only follow and resent them.

He watched Daniel from behind with an urge to crush this brother of his into pieces.

Mr. Riddle Sr. went downstairs and saw Lyana sitting with a half-smile at the place he used to sit.

While his granddaughters, Snow and Raine, were busy telling her something. Damien furrowed his brows while Dexter, who was standing at the corner, was pondering about something with his head low.

Mr. Riddle Sr. felt a little offended without showing it. 'She has overstepped her role as a guest.'

No matter how inferior the status of the Riddle family to the Rogers family, Lyana was just a guest, and she was not an elder. So, Mr. Riddle Sr. found her behavior unacceptable.

Nevertheless, he did not show it on his face. Instead, he greeted Lyana with a gentle smile. Although he had just recovered from a serious illness, his voice was full of energy. "Ms. Rogers, what a great honor to have you here."

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Although Mr. Riddle Sr. was there, Lyana had no intention to give away the seat. She gave him a nod but showed no respect toward him. She stopped Snow and Raine from talking further and said coldly,

"I'm here because I want to know how exactly you handle your grandchild. Nicole Riddle has made my grandfather lose his mind. I didn't expect she would also ruin your family. Is this how the head of a family does their job?"

Ever since Mr. Riddle Sr. went through a life-and-death situation, his mentality had changed a lot. In the face of Lyana's questions, he said indifferently, "I do not know how Ms. Rogers arrived at this conclusion. From what I see, Nicole is just in her rebellious phase. What she did was not something as serious as you think."

Lyana smirked. "I bet she got it from her elders. Is this how the Riddle family does things?"

She got up and slammed the table.

Dillon did not heed Mr. Riddle Sr.'s expression when he saw her angry. He quickly approached her, trying to comfort her...

"Ms. Rogers, don't be angry. Nicole does deserve some lessons for what she did. Perhaps you can wait a little longer. When she returns, I'll send her to your place to apologize to you! There's no need for someone like you to be bothered with that ignorant brat!"

Lyana's mood lightened up a lot after listening to Dillon's words. She let out a snort before looking at Mr. Riddle Sr. She was satisfied with Dillon's solution. Now what matters was how Mr. Riddle Sr. thought about it.

However, Mr. Riddle Sr. did not look at her. He shot Dillon a cold stare.

Daniel heard the way Lyana. Her insinuations were putting Nicole in a tight spot. He frowned at Lyana and said, "Ms. Rogers, is there any misunderstanding between you and Nicole? She's nothing like you've said"

Lyana looked at the man before her with a hint of disdain in her eyes.

"Who are you? How dare you question me! You have the nerve to speak up for Nicole. Are you one of her love interests too?"

Daniel's face darkened the moment he heard her. "For god's sake, I'm Nicole's father! How dare you make such remarks, Is this the manner taught in the Rogers family?"

Mr. Riddle Sr. looked like he was offended as well. 'Never mind her rudeness. But what she said was unacceptable!"

However, Mr. Riddle Sr. did not say a word. He continued watching Lyana indifferently. Lyana could not stand criticism from any bunch of these people. When she heard Daniel's words, she became furious as she sneered.

"How dare you talk to me like that? Do you think I won't tell my grandfather to deal with your family when I get back?"

Dillon's expression changed up when he heard her. He believed that Lyana would do that.

During the last encounter with someone from the Rogers family, he got reprimanded by his father for his remarks. After the incident, he tried to find out more details about the Rogers family. As a result, he was shocked by the findings.

Never did he expect the Rogers family to be a prominent family in San Joto. They were the third most influential family after the Johnstons and the Ellisons,

'Although our family has deep roots, we are nothing compared to the Rogers family. They can crush us anytime!' With this in his mind, Dillon became extremely nervous upon hearing Lyana's words.

"Ms. Rogers, there's no need to make this a conflict between two families just because

of Nicole. We always think that the Rogers family is admirable!”

“I’ll hand Nicole over to you when she returns!

Lyana felt better after she heard Dillon.

“This sounds more pleasing to the ear! Why do they act like somebody when they’re nothing compared to my family?!”

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Daniel looked at Dillon and frowned. “We don’t have to be at their beck and call.”

There was clearly a gap between the Riddle family and the Rogers family. However, in Daniel’s point of view, there was no reason to lose their dignity over some intimidation. Not when the person that was going to be handed over was his daughter.

He wiped the warm smile off his face and looked over to Dillon, who had a cold gaze.

Damien and Dexter remained quiet in the background as they watched everything unfold.

Although both of them wanted to get on the good side of the Rogers family, they never thought of doing it in such an undignified way. Hence, to some extent, they were not yet considered hopeless.

On the other hand, Dillon was not ready to bow down at Daniel’s request. “Don’t you stir up trouble, Daniel. Ms. Rogers has come to find us, and you dare say that Nicole has done nothing wrong? I don’t believe you!”

It was clear that he was defending Lyana.

After saying all that, Dillon turned to look at her in hopes of getting some gratitude and praise. His eyes filled with greed.

Lyana’s impression of him was good. He was well acquainted, and it would not be a big deal to acknowledge him

“Help me take care of Nicole, and I’ll speak kindly of you to my grandfather when I return to my family home.”

Dillon’s eyes lit up as he heard this. He was overjoyed. “Thank you, my lady! Thank you! There was news going around that my lady is a kind-hearted person. I’ve witnessed it today!”

Damien felt uncomfortable after hearing what Lyana had said.

‘If Dillon got a stamp of approval from Mr. Rogers. Sr., his status in the Riddle family would be greatly affected. He’ll even secure a higher place in the whole of San Joto! Isn’t this what I’ve been working so hard for?’

Dexter looked at his brother with a set of complex emotions. ‘How dare he?’

Dillon was grinning ear to ear. He looked at his brothers with a face full of pride while Daniel looked at him in disappointment. “How could you..”

Lyana fixed her gaze toward Mr. Riddle. Sr. and said, “I’ll give you one last chance. Tell me how you’ll hold her accountable.”

During that time, Nicole had already bid farewell to Jared and decided to go to the Riddle family home. The Math Olympiad was that afternoon, so she did not have to go to class. Thus, she chose to visit Mr. Roger Sr. before going to school.

Not long after she walked out of the café, a familiar black streamlined car stopped in front of her. The window rolled down to reveal a handsome face. Jared smiled and said,

“Get in.”

Nicole raised an eyebrow. ‘He didn’t say a word when we said goodbye just now. But now he wants me to get in his car?’ She thought. Though, she did not reject his kind offer. She opened the door on the other side of the car and got in.

Claus focused on driving when Jared said, “Claus told me someone followed you around today. Who was he?”

“He’s my classmate,” Nicole said with nothing to hide.

‘Oh?’ Jared turned to look at her in silence.

“I think he likes you,” Jared playfully said after quite some time. ‘If Claus was right, this kid might be ill-willed,’ he thought.

‘Gary? Liking me?’ Nicole looked at Jared as if she was looking at an idiot. ‘There’s no chance Gary’s attracted to me with how he treats me.’

“That’s impossible.”

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A faint smile appeared on Jared’s face when he saw Nicole’s unwavering attitude. He knew that Nicole would not fall for someone from the Finley family. But the thing he cared about was the diamond. “That classmate of yours mentioned a diamond? What was that about?”

Nicole shot a cold gaze at Claus when she heard this. “What a loyal big mouth. I can’t believe he told Jared everything.’

Besides being dissatisfied with Claus, Nicole did not react to the incident. She was calm and collected while she looked out the car window with one hand on her chin.

Her lips quirked into a half-smile as she glanced at Jared and said, “Zeke gave it to me. Commander Guzman played a part in this too. Why are you asking?”

Jared frowned slightly and thought, ‘So that’s what happened? The Guzmans gave it to her? It wasn’t Harvey?’ This made Jared feel a little better.

Claus was stunned when he heard this. He could not help but peek at Nicole from the rearview mirror. ‘Nicole and Zeke? How could this be?’

‘Wait, Max had told me that Specter’s real name was “Zeke”. So it’s very likely that Nicole is...!

Claus was deep in thought and lost control of the steering wheel. The car swerved, and they almost hit a tree.

Fortunately for them, Claus reacted quickly, and they returned to the road without any harm.

Nicole was expressionless, but Jared flashed a stern look toward him. ‘I need to do something about him. He’s been easily distracted lately

Claus knew he messed up. He stayed quiet for the whole ride. When they arrived, he glanced at Jared as if to confirm something. Jared nodded lazily.

‘No way... Nicole is Lucifer?!’ Claus did not expect it. ‘I thought she was just a skillful college student.’

‘But why did Commander Guzman gift her a diamond?’ He could not figure it out. He looked at

Jared again, but Jared did not give him another look. Instead, he got out of the car and followed Nicole.

Claus was puzzled at this newfound information. 'How does Nicole know Karlo?' The Finley family worked with a lot of people. Thus, Claus and Karlo were familiar with each other. He knew that this old man was upright and took rules and regulations very seriously.

'This man is a difficult person to deal with. How did Nicole conquer his heart?' He thought as he followed them out of the car.

Jared looked at Nicole and gently stroked the hair on the side of her face. 'I'll wait for you here,' he said softly

There was also a hint of softness in Nicole's eyes. She nodded and turned to open the door of the

Riddle family home.

However, when she was about to push the door open, she sensed something and backed up.

The next moment, the door slammed open to reveal Lyana's arrogant face

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Behind Lyana were the sycophantic Dillon and the expressionless Damien Benjamin and Daniel did not see her off.

She was in a rage. Not only did that old man not want to deal with Nicole, but he even kicked me out of his house! And now someone is blocking my path?!

"Hey! Are you bli

Before she finished her words, she saw the person in front of her. Her eyes sparkled with surprise,

There was also a hint of shyness behind her eyes.

"J-Jared? Why are you here?"

'Did he come to see me?

Nicole raised her eyebrows upon this encounter. She glanced at Jared and then at the three brothers behind Lyana. Something was on her mind.

Jared looked at Lyana with indifference. He then sensed a hint of playfulness in Nicole's eyes. His eyes slightly curved upwards as he stretched out his hand to pull Nicole to his side.

"Are you laughing at me?"

Nicole showed no emotions, "No?"

Jared grinned widely at the sight of Nicole not pulling away from him. He was beaming from the inside out. However, he knew that Nicole had matters to attend to. Hence, he decided to let her go.

Before that, he put his lips close to her ear and whispered loud enough for everyone to hear, "Go on. Don't make me wait too long."

Nicole nodded. She ignored the group of people who stared at her with a complicated gaze, including Lyana.

She was there to give Mr. Riddle Sr. his medicine, not to give them a show.

Though, Nicole's dismissiveness toward the matter did not mean Lyana would dismiss

her.

Lyana's heart sank when she saw the two share an intimate moment. She found it hard to breathe. The jealousy she felt prepared her to kill

'I've been in love with Jared for three years. I dropped out of school just to go to Hustuaburg and follow in his footsteps. It doesn't matter how harshly he treats me. He has treated other women the same,' Lyana told herself.

'He just doesn't know how to express himself. He just hasn't known me that well. He just hasn't had the time...'

All the lies she told herself were brought to the light when she saw how he treated Nicole. Her nails dug into her palms as she thought about it.

At first, Lyana only wanted Nicole to stop dreaming so big. She wanted her to know that even if

she got to know her grandfather, she still could not climb to the top. But now? She wants to crush her.

"Stop right there." Lyana's gaze changed. She did not dare look at Jared. Instead, she looked at Nicole, who did not bat her an eye. She felt a rush of blood to the head. She took a few steps forward and rushed to Nicole's side.

"I told you to stop!" she grabbed her wrist and spoke.

Nicole looked back at her with no emotions in her eyes. "Is something wrong?" she asked coldly.

Lyana gritted her teeth and looked at Nicole's delicate features with a hint of jealousy.

"You seduced Jared! How could you be so shameless?!"

Damien and Dexter fixed their gaze upon Jared. They did not dare provoke him. So they bowed their heads in silence.

Jared's face turned cold when he heard those words. He stepped forward and said,

"What did you say?"

Lyana's whole body froze as soon as she heard his voice sound behind her ears.

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"Jared, you and I are a match. We're of the same social ranks. I know you have some good friends outside, but there is no reason to get angry over her."

In Lyana's eyes, Nicole is just Jared's plaything. That is why she dared call her out in front of him.

Nicole found Lyana funny. 'A match? Same social ranks?'

Jared smiled at the sound of that. For a moment, it seemed like thousands of flowers were blooming in front of Lyana's eyes. However, his pupils darkened the next second. His voice was cold and sharp, "Lyana, if you're too comfortable in your position, I don't mind letting you step down and take a rest."

Lyana stared at him as he said that. His words cut through her like a blade. Although his tone was not harsh, she knew that he was serious.

She could not help but shudder at the thought of what the third household of the Rogers family had gone through after offending the Johnston family.

Jared noticed Nicole's eyes upon him. He turned to look at her, and the coldness from his face dissipated. "GO," he said softly. Nicole nodded, turned away, and continued walking into the family home. She was relieved that she did not have to deal with Lyana's nonsense.

Lyana's eyes reddened with anger when she saw how protective Jared was of Nicole. She glared at her back angrily. It was as if she wanted to burn a hole in her back with her glare.

Though, when Jared turned to face her, she slowly lowered her head in fear. His eyes were dull, but there was something unmistakable in his gaze.

"Do some self-reflection when you go home. Don't let me hear those words again."

"Otherwise, you know the consequences."

He walked towards his car after he said that. Claus stood there and looked at Lyana's pale face with a mocking yet pitiful gaze. 'Master Jared is a devil to everyone other than Miss Riddle. How idiotic of Lyana to speak of her like that.'

At the same time, Claus' eyes darkened at the thought of Lyana's words. 'Master Jared couldn't bear hearing someone speak ill of Miss Riddle. But what Lyana had said to him had a clear meaning. Only someone of the same social rank as him can be his wife.'

Claus was reminded that no matter how exceptional Nicole was, her family background would not allow her to be married to Jared.

He sighed as he thought of his master's attitude. 'Life's hard for someone who must worry about everything his master does!'

Lyana stood there embarrassed. It was as if she was naked in front of everyone. She was humiliated by someone she loved in front of people that she treated like ants.

She made a mental note to get back at Nicole for all this. 'That b*tch! First, she stole Jared away. Now, she's instigated him to treat me this way?!'

'It's just a phase. When Jared gets tired of this woman, he'll definitely stay by my side!'

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Lyana felt much better after she thought of that. Dillon saw that she had calmed down. Thus, he cautiously leaned forward and said, "My lady, don't be mad. It's not good for your body. It's all Nicole's fault."

'Did he just mention Nicole?!' Lyana wanted to rip his mouth out. 'No matter how much he tries to flatter me, he is still trash. And he has the cheek to talk to me like this?'

"How dare you say that?" she asked coldly. That angered Dillon. He was shocked at how quickly her mood changed. However, he thought of how she will praise him in front of Mr. Rogers Sr. and hastily said, "Please calm down, Miss Rogers. I'm trying my best to help you. Do you still mean what you said earlier?" Lyana was thoroughly annoyed at him. Her eyes were full of ridicule and disdain.

"You want me to help you? You must first deserve it!" she said.

Following that, she strode out. Her footsteps slowed down as she walked past Jared's car. She glanced at the car with a hint of nostalgia in her eyes and continued her way out.

Jared's words were harsh. She did not dare to make a scene further.

Claus was surprised when he saw Lyana walk away. He was sure that she would have caused some trouble. He stood near the car and watched as her figure vanished. The Riddle family knew Jared, but no one dared approach the black car.

Could it be that he and Nicole are actually getting married? Didn't they say they'll cancel the wedding when Mr. Johnston Sr. gets better? After all, the Johnston family is not what it used to be, and the Riddle family could no longer climb the social rankings. But Daniel and the Johnston family have not mentioned anything about calling off the marriage. "Jared and Nicole are getting closer. Could it be...! Damien and Dillon's expressions changed when they thought about it. 'If Nicole gets in with the Johnston family, there is no chance for us to hold off the fourth household. Not even if Snow and Harvey get together.' They went back into the hall of the Riddle family home in embarrassment. They felt dejected when they saw Nicole delivering water to Mr. Riddle Sr.

There was no need for him to lie in bed all the time anymore since his spirits were up.

The two sisters, Raine and Snow, were not far from Nicole. Their faces filled with glee when they learned that Nicole had offended the great and well-known Lyana.

'Even grandfather can't save her now! She'll be miserable!

Nicole noticed their gaze, but she did not care. She looked at Mr. Riddle Sr. as if nothing had happened. She then turned to look at Daniel standing by his side. His face softened when he met her eyes. "What's the matter, Nicole?"

Since they did not want to talk about it, Nicole did not push for more answers.

The way they did not join the others in seeing Lyana off explained everything.