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Everyone was instantly quiet upon hearing Shannon's words. They subconsciously look at Alice.

After a long while, everyone started discussing in hushed tones.

"Mrs. Lynch and Luna never had a good relationship..."

"But Mrs. Lynch won't do such a thing that would ruin the Group's reputation, right?"

"Who knows? Perhaps Mrs. Lynch knows that Mr. Lynch spoils her, he might not mind..."

The discussions went on.

As the person in question, Alice was surprisingly calm.

She calmly swept a glance at Shannon. Her eyes were filled with surprise. "Are you sure that computer fifty

-two was the one that I used?"

Shannon furrowed her brows and nodded.

"I'm sure. I was the one who arranged that computer for you back then."

Alice furrowed her brows. "Are you sure? How could it be..."

Alice looked at Shannon confusedly, then she looked at Joshua. Her reactions turned from surprised to stunned, then into a rage. "There must be a mistake! How could it possibly be sent from my computer?"

Then, she anxiously walked over to Joshua and grabbed his arm. "Joshua, there must be some misunderstanding..."

Joshua furrowed his brows. He swept a cold glance at everybody there. "I also believe that Alice would not do such a thing."

Courtney, by the side, also immediately nodded. " Someone must be trying to frame Mrs. Lynch. How despicable ! Not only did they record the meeting, they even used her computer to upload it! They are trying to ruin our company's reputation and also drive a wedge between the president and his wife! "

Then, she raised her head and looked at Joshua. "President Lynch, this person is too horrible. We have to find out this person and see who is the one behind it all! Since the video was uploaded yesterday, let us see who was the one who used Mrs. Lynch's computer then! "

"I agree! "

Before Joshua could say anything, Alice, who was holding onto his arms, nodded fervently. "I also agree with this! We need to find out who it was and the person instructing them! "

The meeting room was once again in silence. Luna sat on the chair, she secretly clutched the documents in front of her.

Courtney and Alice had been getting closer to each other recently. Looking at them chiming in after each other, they were clearly up to something no good.

At that thought, she turned her head. She initially wanted to look at Joshua, but she suddenly realized that Arianna next to her was looking miserably pale.

Luna furrowed her brows and said softly, "Are you feeling unwell?"

Arianna jumped at Luna's voice. She directly tumbled the teacup over.

Clank!

The ceramic teacup shattered into pieces on the ground.

Tea water and tea leaves splashed all over the floor. Arianna frantically bent down and wanted to pick the teacup up.

Luna stopped her in time. "Let me do it."

Luna got up, picked up the broom by the entrance, and swept the shattered teacup and tea leaves to the side.

When she went to throw them into the trash, Arianna followed behind her. When they were in a place where there was no one else, Luna whispered in a voice only she and Arianna could hear. "What on earth is going on?"

Arianna's face lost all of its colors.

She bit her lips. Her voice was extremely soft. "Yesterday afternoon... Mrs. Lynch told me that her computer had some problems. She could not send an email out, she got me to help her take a look. I went to take a look at her computer. I realized that it was not too much of a problem, so Mrs. Lynch got me to help her send the email. Then, she said that there were still some programs running on the computer, she wanted me to help watch out for her. Then, she left... "

Arianna's eyes were reddened. She said in a low voice, "Director Luna, what should I do?"

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Luna felt like she saw black.

Sure enough.

Alice and Courtney joining forces meant that they were up to no good.

As for the recording, she never expected that Alice would have blamed it on her after all.

After all, she was waiting to see Joseph at the police station the entire afternoon the day before.

She never expected that Alice would target Arianna.

Arianna was the assistant that Nigel found for her on the internet due to her busy schedule previously.

Nigel said that Arianna was intelligent. He screened through all of the candidates thoroughly before selecting her.

Luna trusted her son the most, so she directly hired Arianna. Therefore, Arianna's hiring skipped through the vetting from Human Resources.

Everyone in the Lynch Group knew that Arianna was on Luna's side.

However, at that moment...

Alice put the blame for the uploading of the video on Arianna. She even said to find out who was the main person behind it.

"Am I going to get fired?" Arianna looked at Luna with teary eyes. Her eyes were extremely reddened. "

No, getting fired is just a small matter..." "Am I going to prison?"

Luna sighed. The more Arianna cried the messier her thoughts were.

At that moment, Lucas came back with the surveillance footage from the surveillance room. Seeing the both of them by the entrance of the conference room, he could not help but call after them, "Are you both not going to come in? I brought the footage over. Once we see, we will immediately know who is the one that uploaded the video! "

Upon hearing that, Arianna's face was paler.

Luna sighed. She grabbed hold of Arianna's wrist and followed Lucas into the conference room.

One could not avoid troubles. Avoiding would not solve them.

"What took you so long?" Seeing Luna pulling Arianna back, Alice, who was sitting next to the main seat, smiled mockingly. "And here I thought that the both of you are not coming back! "

Then, Alice changed into a more comfortable position. "Director Luna was not here the entire afternoon yesterday. Why do I see a little bit of fear in your eyes?" Courtney, by the side, immediately fanned the flames. "Could it be that Director Luna was the one that arranged someone to upload the video?

Impossible. That meant that she was framing herself for plagiarism? Or perhaps..."

Courtney rolled her eyes. "Perhaps Director Luna knew that Mo Sam would publish an apology letter today, so she deliberately used Mrs. Lynch's computer to frame her for uploading the video so that she could drive a wedge in between Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Lynch?"

Seeing how Courtney's words were getting more and more out of line, Shannon furrowed her brows. In the end, she could not take it anymore. "Stop talking! We'll find out immediately who did it by looking at the footage ! I t wouldn't hurt to talk less!"

Joshua, in the main seat, looked at Luna calmly. Then, he swept Lucas a glance. "Play the video."

Lucas nodded and projected the surveillance footage of the office from the afternoon the day before on the huge screen.

At around three in the afternoon, the person that uploaded the video was...

Sitting in front of Alice's computer was not Alice , but Luna's assistant, Arianna.

Alice smugly exchanged glances with Courtney.

Courtney immediately raised her voice. "It's Arianna? How could it be? Arianna was handpicked by Director Luna, skipping through the Human Resources department. Without Director Luna's orders, how could Arianna do such a thing?" "Luna." Alice smiled calmly and interrupted Courtney with a sickly sweet voice, "Can you give everyone an explanation? Why was the person that uploaded the video of the meeting that misled everyone online, thinking you were the one that plagiarized other people's work, your personal assistant?"

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The conference room was instantly in silence.

Everyone looked at Luna closely. They seemed to want to read her thoughts from her face.

"Luna."

Sitting on the main seat, Joshua swept her a glance indifferently. His gaze was cold. "What is going on?"

When he picked her up from the police station the day before and when she saw the video on the internet, her expressions did not look like she was faking it.

However, at that moment, the person that uploaded the video was Luna's closest assistant.

Either she was extremely scheming and great in acting even duping him, or her assistant has been bribed by someone.

Joshua turned over and looked at the little girl next to Luna. Her face has lost all of its colors. She was sweating profusely and trembling violently.

If it were not for her hands gripping the sides of the tables tightly, he believed that she would have fallen to the ground already. Joshua furrowed his brows.

How could this assistant of Luna, who was direct and wore her heart on her sleeves, be bribed by someone else to betray Luna?

Thus, Joshua turned to look at Luna once again.

Luna welcomed Joshua's gaze. Their eyes met.

Luna had clenched her fists tightly by her sides. She took a deep breath and enunciated every word with difficulty. "I don't know anything about this.

Arianna also did not upload any video."

Then, Luna turned her head. "Arianna, tell them what you told me outside just now! "

Arianna paused for a while before saying in a trembling voice, "I - It's... Mrs. Lynch. She said that she could not send her email out yesterday, that is why I went to help her..."

Upon her words, Alice, in the distance, raised her eyebrows. Her voice was filled with detest. "What nonsense are you talking about? Since the company's internet has no issues, why would I not be able to send the email?"

Arianna glared at Alice with rage and teary eyes. "It was you! I'm just a lowly assistant, without your permission, how would I dare to touch your computer! You clearly told me that you could not send an email, so you got me to help you! "

Alice smiled. She gently leaned into Joshua's arms. Her eyes were filled with condescension and mockery. "What a cheap shot. Even if I can't send an email out, I would either find the IT department

or get someone to fix it. Why would I find you? You're just Luna's assistant."

Seeing her arrogant attitude, Arianna was in utter despair.

She cried hysterically, "I didn't do it! I'm on Director Luna's side. I have always respected her. Why would I take such a misleading video to accuse her of plagiarism? Mrs. Lynch, stop trying to frame me! "

"Arianna. " Luna furrowed her brows. She grabbed her hand and shook her head at her. "Calm down. "

Then, She raised her eyes and looked at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, we will find a way to investigate whether Arianna did it or not."

"Luna is right." Upon Luna's words, Alice could not help but laugh. She gracefully smiled. "Arianna is just a pawn being used by someone else. The person behind instructing her is the main culprit."

"Yes! "

Courtney immediately chimed in, "Arianna is young and innocent. She would easily be manipulated into doing something silly. What we truly have to do is to find out who was the one manipulating her! This person is horrible! They deliberately got Arianna to use Mrs. Lynch's computer to send the video out, trying to frame Mrs. Lynch for leaking confidential information! "

Upon Courtney's words, the other people in the conference room started discussing among themselves in hushed tones.

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Arianna was only close to Luna in the office.

That way, it was implied who the main person behind it was.

Luna smiled.

Although no one officially pointed out that it was her, their words implied it.

Therefore, she would rather immediately stand up and face it.

Thus, Luna took a deep breath and strode toward Joshua. "Since everyone thinks that I was the one who got Arianna to do it, fine."

Then, Luna turned to look at Shannon. "Go get the computer number fifty-two, the one Mrs. Lynch was using, over."

Shannon paused a little before pulling another male colleague along and went out.

Alice smiled gently and looked at Luna. "Ms. Luna, what are you..."

"Mrs. Lynch, I'm sure you don't know this." Luna smiled. "Mr. Lynch, next to you, is actually a brilliant hacker. I'm thinking that if Arianna was the one who uploaded the video, she must have logged into her social media account on your computer, if not, she could not even upload the video.

"Also, even if you get someone to write a program that automatically uploads the video beforehand, even if you're not in front of the computer, you could still post the video. However, everything leaves a trail. Even if you completely delete the program, a skillful hacker would still be able to find traces of it in your computer."

Upon her words, Alice's face started to turn pale.

Courtney's expressions by the side were quite ugly too.

After a short while, Shannon and the male colleague brought computer number 52 over.

Luna laughed a little and looked at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, be my guest."

Joshua remained seated in his seat, not moving an inch. He looked at Luna with his deep gaze. "How did you know about my hacking skills?"

Luna paused for a while. She subconsciously looked at Lucas, who was behind Joshua.

Lucas immediately shook his head at her, signaling her to not tell Joshua about their conversation.

Luna understood immediately. She chuckled gently and looked at Joshua. "Don't you? Then, perhaps I have overestimated you, Mr. Lynch. Perhaps it wasn't you that was equally good as my hacker friend."

Joshua looked at her with his deep eyes.

Then, Luna yawned. She turned to look at Shannon. " Contact the IT department, get a better programmer. It would work too."

Shannon hesitated for a while before immediately getting up and went to look for Luna.

Just when she was by the entrance, Joshua, who had remained on the main seat all this while, chuckled in a deep voice, "This thing ends here." He swept Arianna a glance. "As for you recording the video and uploading it using someone else's computer and framing them. I'll dock a three- months bonus as a punishment, seeing how this is your first time and how you are still young."

Then, he rubbed the middle of his brows. "I'm tired. As for this matter, no one is allowed to bring this matter up anymore."

Arianna shuddered a little. She turned to look at Luna in a daze.

Luna narrowed her eyes.

His attitude was obvious. He already knew that Alice could do all these. The only reason he said that he did not know how to hack was to protect Alice.

He immediately convicted Arianna of crime, yet punished her with such a light punishment. It was also to protect Alice!

Alice thought of all ways to go up against her. Just because Alice did not succeed, this matter should be brushed off just like that?

At that thought, Luna took a deep breath. She said seriously, "Mr. Lynch, Arianna already said that she did not take the video. She also did not frame anyone. As the president of the Lynch Group. You should be just and fair. You cannot blindly punish your staff just to protect others."

Then, she immediately took off her employee tag and slammed it on the conference table.

"If Mr. Lynch insists on not getting to the bottom of this and punishing my assistant for framing others, there is no point for me to continue staying here. I quit."

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Joshua furrowed his brows.

He lifted his head and looked at Luna coldly. "What do you mean?"

"Am I not clear enough?" Luna sneered, "I only want justice."

Joshua sneered, "Luna, I thought you knew what it meant to not overdo it."

"Not overdoing it?" Luna laughed out loud. She raised her eyes and looked at Joshua.

"Mr. Lynch, can you explain to me why I should not overdo it? Someone recorded our meeting and posted it online, accusing me of plagiarizing. When it almost cost me my career, did you get her to stop overdoing it?

"When Mrs. Lynch got my most trusted assistant to use her computer, creating evidence accusing me of putting up an act all by myself, did you stop her from overdoing it?

"Why do I have to know when to stop? Why when someone harms me, I don't even have the right to find out who was the one who did it?"

Then, Luna took a breath. "If you are such a biased person who only protects the people closest to you, why can't I choose to quit and leave Lynch Group?"

The entire conference room was in pin-drop silence upon her words.

Actually, from Joshua refusing to check Alice's computer, to him frantically convicting Arianna of crime, to him punishing her lightly, everyone has already guessed it. Alice was Joshua's wife. Even if she did something that she should not do, Joshua had to protect her. No one could do anything about it.

Luna, on the other hand, refused to buy it.

The staff in the conference room looked at each other. Everyone was anticipating what was happening next and wanted to discuss it with each other, but they were afraid to make a single sound.

Alice sat there, her face miserably pale.

Previously, when she was in Sea City, she had Dennis Walter help her, so she was cleanly cleared of all responsibility when she went up against Luna.

However, this time...

She miscalculated. She never would have thought that Luna would take it so seriously and that she would even think of using a hacker to check her computer records.

Alice subconsciously looked at Joshua.

Joshua closed his eyes rather helplessly. He leaned back in his seat and sighed heavily.

In the end, he opened his eyes. "Lucas, turn on Alice's computer."

Lucas was slightly stunned. "Sir, you..." Joshua nodded. "I can check the records."

Alice's face has lost all of its colors. Courtney, who had been joining forces with Alice all this while, slowly cowered in fear, trying to minimize her presence. Under Luna's cold gaze, Joshua placed his long fingers on the keyboard.

Lines of black and white codes kept flashing across the huge screen in the conference room.

In the end, Alice's computer records the day before have been recorded.

"The accounts that had logged into this computer were commonly used accounts. There were no new accounts."

According to the data shown from the computer, Lucas took a deep breath and read the results out loud.

"According to the frequency of use of these accounts, it is indeed Mrs. Lynch's account. The time when the video was uploaded yesterday, the account that logged into the video website belongs to... Mrs. Lynch."

The entire conference room was in an uproar upon his words.

What Lucas said directly confirmed that the video that was uploaded the day before was done by Alice.

Alice's expressions were extremely ugly. Her face was paler than the color of the wall behind her.

Lucas continued, "A program to automatically upload the video was also installed in Mrs. Lynch's computer. The time of usage was... yesterday afternoon. After being used once, the program self- destructed."

Upon Lucas' words, Joshua tiredly pushed the keyboard away. "Alice, apologize."

What Luna said was right.

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Luna was the victim. She had the right to pursue this matter.

Alice bit her lips tightly. She turned to look at Joshua. "Joshua..."

Joshua did not even bother to look at her. "Just apologize. You crossed a line this time."

Alice gritted hard. Although she was unwilling to do it, she still got up.

Alice walked over to Luna and bowed at her. She said grudgingly, "Luna, I'm sorry. I should not have uploaded the video online and instigated this incident. I should not have deliberately framed Arianna for it too..."

Seeing Alice in front of her, the woman who had the exact same face that she used to have, Luna gritted her teeth.

Slap!

A crisp sound rang through the entire conference room.

Alice's face turned to the side due to the slap. Her face was burning with pain.

She turned her head back in disbelief and stared at Luna in shock. "How dare you slap me?"

"This slap is on behalf of your father, Joseph Gibson."

Luna took a deep breath. Her voice was filled with an irrepressible rage. "He is just a normal old man. Without your instructions,

would he be interested in jewelry design? Would he sneak into my office to take photos? If Mo did not send out a statement today, do you know that he will go to prison? I'm hitting you for being a terrible daughter! "

Alice gritted her teeth hard. She truly wanted to tear Luna's face off!

Joseph Gibson, her father?

Who the hell was he? If not for the husband and wife duo to still have some value that Alice could take advantage of, she would not have cared for them at all!

At that moment, Luna dared to slap her because of them!

Alice bit her lips hard. She suppressed the raging resentment in her heart.

She knew that she could not confront Luna face -to- face at that moment. Joshua and her other colleagues were all there. She could not express any signs of seething hatred she had toward Luna.

She took a deep breath and clutched her burning cheek.

"You were right to slap me. I would slap myself too. Why can't I control my brainless father? I knew that they were brainless. Why did I still get them to send me food to the office?"

Then, she narrowed her eyes and looked at Luna.

"Ms. Luna, don't worry. From today onward, I won't let them send food to me in the office anymore. I will

send them back to Sea City. Let them spend the rest of their lives there!  $\hfill \$ 

Luna furrowed her brows. She could hear the threats in Alice's words. She raised her head and looked at Alice one more time.

Actually, all this while, she felt that Alice should be the sister that was swapped by Joseph.

It was only...

"That's enough." Joshua closed his eyes exhaustedly, sitting on the main seat.

"Alice has apologized. You have also slapped her in return already."

Then, he picked up Luna's employee tag and threw it back to Luna. "Don't you dare say such things as resigning in the future."

Luna picked up her employee tag.

"There is something else Mrs. Lynch has not apologized for yet."

Luna smiled.

"How would Mrs. Lynch dare to upload a video of the design department's internal meeting? Everything we said in the meeting is confidential. Mrs. Lynch is your wife, how dare she record the video?"

Alice sneered, "Luna, don't think that just because I made a mistake, you can blame everything on me. I really did not take the video."

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"If it was not you, who else?"

Luna did not want to listen to Alice find any more excuses.

She harrumphed coldly, "If it was not you, did the video appear out of thin air?"

Alice slightly squinted her eyes. She turned her head and swept a glance at Courtney, who had curled up into a ball, not daring to let out a single breath.

When their gaze met, Alice smiled meaningfully at her.

The next second, Alice pointed her long finger at Courtney. "She was the one that gave me the video."

"I did not! " Upon Alice's words, Courtney, who had been curling up into a ball immediately jumped up in anger. "I didn't do it! It was not me! I did not take the video, I..."

Joshua lightly furrowed his brows. He turned to look at Luna. "Do you still remember the seating in the meeting yesterday?"

Luna nodded. She might not be good at other things, but her memory was exceptional. She could still remember things clearly from six years ago.

Let alone the meeting was only just a day before.

Joshua, sitting in the main seat, nodded. "Where did Alice sit yesterday? Where did Courtney sit?"

Luna pointed them out. Upon her words, there were cold sweats on Courtney's forehead.

At that moment, she finally understood why Alice, who usually sat next to her, would choose to sit opposite of her at the meeting the day before.

The explanation Alice gave the day before was to avoid complications. She was afraid that Luna would notice that the two of them were scheming together.

However, at that moment, when Joshua got Luna to point out where they sat, she finally came to a realization.

Alice has never truly treated her as a friend!

Alice chose to sit separately from her, not because she was afraid of sitting together, but she would not be able to explain the angle of the video!

"Lucas."

Joshua swept a glance at Courtney's miserably pale face. "Go get someone to sit in the seats that Luna pointed out just now. Take a video."

Lucas understood what Joshua meant. He took his phone out and called Zach and Yuri.

Zach and Yuri were sitting on each side where Alice and Courtney sat the day before. According to Lucas's instructions, they took a video in Luna's direction.

Only the video from Zach's angle was exactly the same as the video uploaded the day before.

Zach was sitting where Courtney was sitting the day before.

The truth has been uncovered.

Alice pursed her lips. She lifted her head and looked at Joshua aggrievedly. "Joshua, I'm not lying, right? I did not take the video. I would not do something that would harm the company. It was all Courtney. She was the one that gave me the video and asked me to upload it onto the internet.

"She said that Luna has offended her before, it just so happens that I have a thing against Luna also. I hope to use this incident to let Luna be accused of plagiarizing, so she won't be so arrogant in the future."

Joshua squinted his eyes. He looked at her teary face. "So you listened to her?"

Alice shook her head furiously. "I did not, but..." Alice sniffled, "Courtney was the one that sent me the email. The program was in the email. She said that it was a program to help me download movies. I don't know anything, so I installed it. When I got Arianna to sit in front of my computer, that was Courtney's idea too. She said to take advantage of the fact that Luna was not in the office and bully her assistant. I thought that bullying an assistant was nothing much, so..."

Then, she looked at Arianna apologetically. "So sorry. I only wanted to bully you by getting you to look at my computer. I never would have thought that..."

Alice cleared herself completely of any responsibility.

The only thing she did wrong was listen to Courtney and bullied Arianna.

"You're lying!"

At that moment, Courtney finally understood that being a socalled friend of Alice was just another person that she could take advantage of! It was Alice who urged her to take the video. It was also Alice who found a friend of hers who knew coding to create a program that automatically uploads the video.

At that moment, Alice has blamed it all on her, taking none of the responsibility! At that thought, Courtney was furious. "Alice! Think of your guilty conscience! You were the one that..." Alice squinted her eyes. She walked over to Courtney.

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Slap!

Alice slapped with all her might, causing Courtney to directly slump on the table.

When she fell onto the table, she knocked over the teacups on the conference table.

Clank!

Tea splashed everywhere and onto Courtney's pants. She looked extremely wretched.

Alice glared at her. Her eyes were filled with resentment and hatred. "You are not worthy of asking me whether I have a conscience or not! All this while, I have treated you as my friend, yet you kept doing harmful things to the Lynch Group!

"I have already taken on the blame for hurting Arianna and uploading the video, yet you still want me to take on the blame for taking the video? Do you have a conscience or not?"

Courtney clenched her fists tightly upon Alice's words. She bit her lips, raised her head, and looked at Joshua.

"Mr. Lynch, no! This is not how it is! Granny Lynch got me this job! I will never do anything that hurts the Lynch Group!"

Joshua smiled. "So what's with the video?"

Courtney gritted her teeth. "I was the one who took the video, but it was Alice who got me to take it!"

"Just because you said it, does that mean I truly did it?" Alice said overbearingly, "You have no proof!

Courtney, show us proof! " Courtney was stunned.

Proof. She had no proof.

All this time, Alice took the initiative to become friends with her. Courtney thought that with the help of her good friend, Alice, she could climb up the social ladder into the upper class.

Although there was no hope in marrying Joshua anymore, the Lynch family was a powerful family. As a good friend of Granny Lynch, marrying into another wealthy family was not bad either.

That was why she treated Alice as her last resort, so she would not try to get evidence for every matter.

"You can't prove it, can't you?" Alice sneered. She took a recording device out of her pocket.

"You don't have any proof, but I do." Then, Alice pressed the play button.

Courtney's voice rang through the entire quiet conference room from the recording device.

"Alice, this video can take Luna down! Upload it to the internet quickly! "

"It won't be too good to upload it now, right? Let's forget about it."

"How could we forget about it? This is a good opportunity to take Luna down! I'm happy just thinking about how Luna can't be a jewelry designer

anymore in the future because of plagiarism! See how arrogant she could be! "

When the recording finished playing back, Courtney's legs had turned into jelly and she had slumped onto the ground.

She did indeed say that the day before. When she was talking to Alice the day before, she was still confused as to why Alice was being so timid.

She never would have thought that Alice had already planned a way out for herself.

Looking at Courtney, Luna closed her eyes rather helplessly. Others might not understand Courtney, but she understood her.

How could Courtney trick Alice? Courtney was just someone who naively fantasized about being Joshua's wife after being his secretary. How could she fool Alice?

If Courtney was really the one who tricked Alice, she should be the one taking the recording out and not Alice.

However, even if Luna knew that Courtney was just a scapegoat, she had no other evidence to prove that Alice was the one who was skilled in scheming.

"Shannon, Shannon!" When Courtney had nothing else she could do, she climbed down from the table. She frantically crawled to Shannon and tugged on the sleeve of her pants.

"Help me say something! I'm not this type of person! "

Shannon furrowed her brows, although she was unwilling, Courtney was still her junior after all.

She lifted her head and looked at Luna. "Director Luna, a-are you willing to be more lenient toward her?"

Upon Courtney's words, Alice smiled. "Ms. Luna would never let her go. Didn't everyone forget how Ms. Luna threatened with her resignation just now? She must get the main culprit punished."

Then, Alice swept Luna a glance. "Ms. Luna, am I right?"

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Luna clenched both her fists tightly by her sides.

Alice was deliberately trying to provoke. She knew that Luna knew that Courtney was just a scapegoat. That was why she could so brazenly provoke.

After being silent for a long time, Luna raised her head. She smiled at Joshua. "I'll let Mr. Lynch handle this."

Then, she swept a glance at Courtney, who was slumped on the ground.

"One has to pay the price for their own foolishness. Whether it was the past or now, you and I don't have much of an acquaintance. I don't need to show you mercy. You are to blame for your own actions." Luna picked up her employee tag and looked at Joshua, who had no emotions on his face. "Since Mr. Lynch has helped me investigate this, I won't resign. I will keep my promise and see this project to the end."

Then, she was about to leave.

"Joshua." Just when Luna's hand was on the door handle, she heard Alice say gently, "The workplace is too sinister. I don't want to work anymore. Let me go home, please? I want to take good care of Neil and Nellie..."

Luna's hand which was grabbing the doorknob trembled a little.

She knew that Alice did that on purpose. Neil and Nellie were her soft spot.

Luna took a deep breath. In the end, she still opened the door and left the conference room.

Joshua's low voice rang out from behind her. Luna did not hear clearly what he said to Alice.

Her mind was buzzing.

On the surface, it seemed like she had won the fight with Alice. In actual fact, not only did Alice not receive any punishment, but she even arrogantly used Neil and Nellie to threaten her.

Coming out from Lynch Group, Luna directly hailed a taxi and went straight to the hospital.

Natasha has been in the hospital for almost two days, Luna still has not visited her yet.

Although her mother has done so many terrible things and even loathed her at that moment, she was still the one that gave her life after all. She was her mother that brought her up for twenty years.

Luna bought some fruits by the entrance of the hospital. She carried the fruits into the lobby of the hospital and immediately noticed Anne standing by the counter.

"Can you help me check which room is Ms. Natasha in? She was the one that passed out and got hospitalized yesterday. I 'm her daughter's friend. I'm here to visit her! "

The nurse looked at her confusedly. "Why does her daughter not come herself? She has been in the hospital for almost a day and a half already. She kept hoping her daughter would come to see her, but she

has not appeared since, yet her friend came instead?" Anne laughed, "She's too busy."

Nurse grumbled a little more before telling Anne the room number.

"Thank you! " Once she got the room number, Anne smiled and turned around. She wanted to head to the elevator when she immediately noticed Luna by the entrance.

Anne ran over in surprise. "Why did you come?"

Luna looked at the exact same fruit basket Anna had.

"You..."

"I thought you were too busy, so I came over on your behalf."

She said while walking to the elevator with Luna. "I never thought that your mother has been hospitalized for almost two days, Alice has never visited her once."

Then, she sighed, "Do you really think that Alice is your younger sister? If she is truly your biological younger sister, she's quite heartless, right?"

Luna closed her eyes. "I 'm not sure about it now."

Previously, she felt that Alice looked almost exactly like her back then. If it was not human-engineered, genetics from the same set of parents would only be the possibility.

However, at that moment...

She truly did not want to admit that Alice was her younger sister.

Anna sighed. She caught up with Luna about the incident that morning when the elevator reached Natasha's floor.

They located Natasha's room according to the room number the nurse gave her.

Unfortunately, Natasha was taking a nap.

Seeing that someone was visiting Natasha, the nurse smiled, accepted the fruit baskets, and closed the door. The nurse said to Anne and Luna in a suppressed tone.

"She is fine. Don't worry."

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"She didn't sleep well last night. After seeing the news this morning, she felt much better. She's catching up on sleep now."

Luna glanced a look at Natasha through the crack of the door.

Natasha had a head of white hair. She was sleeping peacefully.

Luna sighed. She gave the nurse some money as a token of appreciation before leaving the hospital with Anne.

However, Luna did not expect that once she exited the elevator with Anne, they bumped into Alice, who was coming to visit Natasha.

The three of them bumped into each other at the entrance. The moment Anne saw Alice, she could not help but clench her fists.

Luna stopped her in time. "Natasha is asleep." She lowered her head to look at the time and furrowed her brows.

"Care to join me for a cup of coffee?"

Alice squinted her eyes and sneered, "Aren't you afraid that I might poison you?"

"As long as you're not afraid I might do it first." Alice sneered, "Let's go then."

Then, Alice went first and exited the hospital.

Behind her, Anne frowned hard and said in a suppressed tone, "Why do you want to get coffee with her? How could you still drink after looking at that face?"

"Why can't I?" Luna chuckled, "Don't forget, I have used that face for twenty over years too."

Anne paused for a while before pursing her lips. She said nothing.

Soon, the three of them were at the corner of a cafe. The server brought them their coffee.

Alice accepted her cup of coffee and stirred it gently with a spoon. "Ms. Luna, why are you buying me coffee? Are you trying to share your feelings of failure in going up against me, or are you trying to express your dissatisfaction with me?"

Luna squinted her eyes. "As expected, you were the one that tricked Courtney."

"Who asked her to be so stupid, " Alice said nonchalantly, "she became friends with me only so that she could climb the social ladder, wanting to get into the upper class of Banyan City. She befriended me with a purpose. If I don't do the same, isn't it unfair?"

Then, Alice picked the cup of coffee and took a sip. "Why? You slapped me in the office saying that it was on behalf of Joseph and Natasha, now are you trying to seek justice for Courtney?"

Looking at her arrogant expression, Luna calmly smiled. "I've said it, Courtney deserved the consequences of her actions."

Luna smiled. "Likewise, Joseph and Natasha deserved it too." She raised her eyebrows. "Do you really think that slap in the office was because of Joseph and Natasha?"

Alice's face suddenly turned pale. "So what was it because of?"

Luna gracefully took a sip of coffee. "It's only because I wanted to slap you."

Alice's eyes widened. "You! "

"What? You could slap me without any rhyme or reason when I was in Sea City. I could slap you openly on behalf of your parents this time, why should I not take the chance?"

Alice gritted her teeth. Slam!

She violently slammed the cup of coffee on the table. "Luna, don't get too cocky! "

"It's you who are being too much of a bully, Mrs. Lynch. If it were not for Mo Sam's sudden statement, you would be the cocky one now."

Luna crossed her arms around her chest.

"Of course, I've invited you for coffee not only to mock you, Mrs. Lynch." Luna took a deep breath and looked at Alice. "I 'm not sure if you know that Aura is not my biological younger sister. I still have a biological younger sister somewhere out there."

Alice raised her eyebrows. "So?"

Luna smiled. "You look exactly like me back then."

After being silent for a while, Alice sneered, "Luna, don't tell me you're suspecting that I'm your biological sister? How funny. You just slapped me and mocked me. Now, you're trying to reconcile with me? If I was your biological younger sister, would you be lovey-dovey with me, and let me have your husband and children?"

Luna snickered, "You're overthinking this. All animals have respect for their parents." Luna looked at Alice, her gaze suddenly turned cold. " I'm asking you these only to make sure whether you are just malicious or you're not even an animal." Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 511

Bang!

Alice angrily slammed the table. She pointed at Luna's nose. "Don't think that you've won just because I couldn't do anything to you this time! Don't you forget that I am still Joshua's wife! "

Luna leaned back with her arms crossed around her chest. "Mrs. Lynch, you won't be able to achieve big things with such an attitude. All I did was just say a few harsh words. It's nothing compared to you trying to ruin my career. I have not even paid you back what you did to me, yet you are already this agitated?"

Alice glared at her angrily. She was so furious she was trembling.

In the end, Alice harrumphed coldly, "Thank goodness I'm not your younger sister, I would be disgusted to have the same blood running in my veins! "

Luna smiled. "Likewise."

Alice gritted her teeth hard. She wanted to say something when someone recognized her from far away.

"That hysterical woman is... Mrs. Lynch, right?"

"It looks like it. She is Joshua Lynch's wife. Her photo has always been posted to use as a search notice."

"How could she be so angry? She has no grace at all There was a lot of chatter in the cafe. Alice's expressions instantly turned ugly.

In the end, she glared at Luna fiercely, then left in a disgraceful manner.

Seeing her leaving, Luna slightly squinted her eyes.

"Pfft!" Looking at Alice's back, Anne could not help but laugh out loud. "The glamorous Mrs. Lynch left with her tail between her legs. Here I thought how great she was."

Luna picked up the cup of coffee and took a sip. "

How is it?"

"She is right. She is most likely not your sister."

Anne took a deep breath and turned serious. "From my many years of cosmetic surgery experience, her face should be human engineered."

Luna furrowed her brows. "Are you sure?"

She has always wanted to know whether Alice was her biological sister or if someone else had surgery to look like her.

It was just nice that Anne was with her that day, that was why she took the initiative to ask Alice out for coffee.

"I'm quite sure of it."

Anne nodded. "Previously, I have only seen her from afar. I have never had the chance to observe her so closely before. Thanks to you, I can study the legendary Mrs. Lynch closely. Her face has definitely been through cosmetic surgery and it is a huge area."

Then, Anne put the cup down and took out pen and paper from her bag. She started drawing for Luna.

"She should be from a wealthy family. Her surgery was done perfectly, a non-professional would not be able to notice it," Anne said while drawing on the paper.

After a long while, Anne passed the completed drawing to Luna. "These are the places I could observe where she had gone under the knife. Just from what I saw, there were more than ten places. There should be many more places which she has done that I did not notice on her face."

In the end, Anne concluded, "Basically, these surgeries could completely change a person's face into another person. According to the way that she has recovered, I think that she has at least started the surgery four or five years ago."

Anne shuddered a little. "This woman tried to become you ever since five to six years ago. How terrifying."

Luna held onto the paper that Anne passed her tightly. Although she has long thought of this possibility, it was still shocking to hear it coming from Anne.

Alice already had the idea to impersonate her to be Joshua's woman ever since five to six years ago.

It was also no wonder that once she entered the Lynch family, she was rather caught off guard at the existence of Nellie and Neil.

After all, four to five years ago, everyone knew that Luna Gibson had died, yet few knew that she was pregnant.

"Luna."

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Seeing her staring at that piece of paper in a daze, Anne pursed her lips. "You had an accident six years ago, right? This woman must have started planning her cosmetic surgery not long after you had the accident.

" . All this just to be with a man. She completely forgo her own identity and changed into another person. This kind of obsession is also quite scary."

Then, Anne looked at Luna. "When you were with Joshua, was there ever such a paranoid woman?"

Luna paused for a while. A name flashed across her mind.

Hailey Walter.

Back then, when Luna just got married to Joshua, Hailey had sworn never to marry her entire life.

After their marriage, Hailey has even tried to get her killed.

On top of that, when they were in Sea City most recently...

The dead Hailey Walter was most likely an impostor...

At that thought, Luna immediately took her phone out. She flipped through her phone for a very long time before finding the photo that Anne sent her previously.

It was Hailey Walter who secretly came to Banyan City to undergo cosmetic surgery three years ago.

"Have a look at this." Luna placed the photo in front of Anne. "Could this woman, three years ago, turn into Alice three years later?" "It's very likely! " Anne slapped her thighs. "No wonder I felt that Hailey in this photo looks so familiar! "

Luna exhaled.

If Alice was Hailey Walter, everything could be explained, why would Hailey Walter obey Alice so much in Sea City, why Old Mr. Walter and the entire Walter family would target her, and why once Alice returned to Banyan City, she would manically go up against her, even wanting to send Joseph to prison.

Perhaps, she was angry because Dennis Walter went to prison, that was why she wanted Joseph to go to prison too.

At that thought, Luna raised her eyes and looked at Anne. "Could you be sure of this?"

Anne furrowed her brows. "No. Although it is completely possible that the person in the photo could become Alice now, there are many overlapping places with the places that went through surgery.

However, just basing it on a photo and my observations, I can only speculate, I cannot be extremely sure of it."

Then, she returned the photo to Luna. "If Alice is truly Hailey Walter, then you really have to be careful."

Luna closed her eyes and nodded.

Luna and Anne spent the entire afternoon in the cafe, analyzing the similarities between Alice and Hailey.

The more they analyzed, the more panicked Luna became.

Previously, she had always thought that she had a conflict with Alice to the point where it was irreconcilable.

As long as she got pregnant with Joshua's child, she could secretly take the child and run away.

No matter what happened to Joshua and Alice in the end has nothing to do with her.

However, if Alice turned out to be Hailey Walter...

Alice might take out all the anger of the fall of the Walter family on her and her children.

Luna did not mind if it was her alone, but what about Neil and Nellie? No matter how smart they were, they were only two sixyear-old children. Moreover, Alice was their mother on the surface.

If Alice stopped working in Lynch Group, how was Luna going to protect them?

Just when Luna's thoughts were in a mess, Joshua called her.

"Previously, I had an agreement with Alice. Since you recently had things happen to you, I let Neil and Nellie stay with you for a few days. Now that the things have been resolved, tonight is their last night. Tomorrow onward, the children will return to Blue Bay Villa."

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Luna gasped.

She gripped her phone. "I thought we said that they have a few more days with me?"

Joshua, on the other end of the line, was silent for a while. "My father said that he missed the children."

Luna's hand that was holding onto the phone shuddered a little.

When they were in Sea City, for a long time, Neil and Nellie had been staying in her apartment at Swan Lake Residences.

Adrian, their grandfather, has never even visited Neil and Nellie once for the entire week.

At that moment, Neil and Nellie were only there for a day, yet Adrian had started missing them?

Joshua might believe this reason, but Luna did not buy it.

The scene where Alice left angrily inexplicably appeared on her mind once more.

Luna closed her eyes.

She was afraid that it was not Adrian that missed the children, but it was Alice that wanted to seek revenge on her using the kids.

Luna blamed herself. She should have restrained herself a moment ago. However, at the thought of all the things Alice had done...

Luna had been constantly holding back, yet Alice kept pushing her luck. She almost ruined Luna's career and Joseph's life altogether.

After hanging up the call, Luna leaned back on the chair rather helplessly. She let out a long sigh.

"What happened? " Seeing how dejected she looked, Anne asked with furrowed brows.

Luna sighed and told Anne what Joshua said to her.

"Bloody hell! " Anne immediately slammed the table. "Alice is sure quick on her feet to seek revenge! This only happened and she is already causing you trouble! "

Luna shrugged. "It's one thing causing me trouble..." It was Neil and Nellie. They were her soft spot.

At that moment, they could only be controlled by Alice and Joshua as they pleased.

That night, Luna made a huge feast for her two children.

"Remember, once you return to Blue Bay Villa tomorrow, get Joshua to make you a special bracelet so that he can track the both of you at any moment."

Neil was eating when he pursed his lips. "That means we can't secretly come to look for you anymore."

Nellie also sighed, "Yes, Mommy. I don't want Daddy to know what we are doing at every moment! "

Luna scooped some food for her children while sighing, "This is only for your own good. Alice's

plan did not work this time, she would surely find another way to take her anger out on."

At that moment, other than getting Joshua to track them, she had no other ideas on ways to protect them. If she went overboard, Joshua might start to suspect their relationship.

If she were too slack on this, Alice might take advantage of it.

Only if there was some way so that Neil and Nellie could leave Blue Bay Villa, that would be great.

"I have a solution."

After dinner, when Luna was doing dishes, the necklace on her neck was secretly switched on. Nigel's childish, yet serious tone came from the necklace. "Mommy, I've said it previously that I will help you."

Then, Nigel took a deep breath and said in an extremely calm voice. He announced a piece of good news that made Luna leap with joy.

"There's a summer camp in Europa for talented children all around the world. They recruit children who are talented in all areas. I previously applied for Nellie on her behalf. Her application has been reviewed and approved. Nellie can go for the training. At the same time, she can bring someone to accompany her."

Luna was stunned for a while, then she almost jumped up in excitement. "Are you saying that Neil and Nellie can go to the summer camp together?"

"Yes."

Compared to Luna's excitement , Nigel's voice was much calmer. "Every parent would not be able to resist enrolling their children in summer camp." Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 514

"Whether it be Alice or Adrian, they have no reason to stop Nellie and Neil from receiving such

exceptional training and education."

Luna bit her lips. She took her phone and looked through the summer camp details.

It was indeed an official summer camp. The training that they would receive is specific too.

Luna was so excited tears almost fell.

Neil and Nellie would always be threatened by Alice due to their identities. This has always been on her mind.

At that moment, if Joshua were to agree to let the kids go to summer camp, Alice has nothing else to threaten her with!

At that thought, Luna bit her lips. "Nigel, thank you."

"Mommy," Nigel sighed and said, "I am your son. Neil and Nellie are my younger siblings. Whether I a m coming from the perspective of a son or a brother, I would hope that you would be able to worry less and they would be slightly safer."

Luna took a deep breath. She wanted to say something, but could not find her words.

Sometimes, Nigel was so mature and understanding it was heartbreaking.

Still, God was extremely unfair. The most understanding child has to suffer the most difficult hardships.

"Nigel."

Luna tightly clutched the necklace. "I will cure your sickness."

Nigel, on the other end of the line, was silent for a very long time before he chuckled, "Mommy, I believe in you."

Luna and Nigel chatted for a little while longer before hanging up the call reluctantly.

Returning to the bedroom, Luna seriously explained Nigel's plan to the two of them.

"Thank goodness for Nigel's plan."

Neil stretched lazily. "I wonder whether the summer camp has pretty little girls."

Nellie pouted in dissatisfaction and rolled her eyes at him. Then, she reached out and hugged Luna's arm. "Mommy, I can go, but I will miss you."

Luna felt slightly touched.

She raised her hand and pinched Nellie's little nose. " My little blankie, I '11 promise you that once I finish doing everything here, I will get all of you back to me immediately, alright?"

Nellie was silent for a while before seriously nodding. In the end, she went in closer to Luna and pecked her gently on the cheek. "Mommy, no matter what, you have to remember that I love you!"

Neil tried to rub away the goosebumps on his shoulders. "Me too."

Luna smiled and hugged the two of them in her arms.

Not long after, the sound of two even breathing reached her ears.

Luna looked at the moonlight outside the window. She sighed a little.

According to Nigel's arrangement, Nellie and Neil would leave for the summer camp in two days.

She had to persuade Joshua in two days' time. She hoped that everything would go smoothly.

The next morning, Luna just woke up and was about to make breakfast for Neil and Nellie when there were knocks coming from her door.

She opened the door and saw Joshua by the entrance, with breakfast.

He looked at Luna in an apron. "Can I come in?" Luna paused for a while. She moved aside so Joshua could enter.

"Mr. Lynch, you didn't have to come so early."

Luna gracefully took off the apron and sat down on the sofa opposite of Joshua.

"They are not awake yet." "I know." Joshua looked at her calmly. He smiled. "I came here looking for you."

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Luna was a little surprised.

"You came here looking for me?"

"Yes."

Joshua lifted his hands and opened the bag of food. He passed Luna one set of breakfast.

"I want to apologize to you." Luna was stunned.

Joshua Lynch was apologizing to her? "About yesterday's incident."

Joshua's gaze darkened. "There might be a problem in how I handled it yesterday, but Alice is still my wife, after all. I don't want to embarrass her too much."

Luna's hand that was opening the set of breakfast paused a little.

She retracted her hands, lifted her head, and looked at Joshua's cold, handsome face.

"You're apologizing on this matter?" Joshua nodded.

Luna smiled and laughed mockingly. "Didn't we already clear this matter up? Everything was Courtney's plan. Mrs. Lynch was just someone who was tricked by Courtney."

Then, she raised her eyes and looked at Joshua sarcastically. "Since if it was all Courtney's fault, why did you need to apologize to me then, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua chuckled bitterly, "As expected, you still care about this."

He exhaled and lifted his head up. He looked at Luna seriously. "I know what type of person Courtney is."

Joshua got up, stood rather tiredly in front of the french window, and looked at the greenery down below.

"Alice is a smart person, she knows how to cover her tracks well. However, it is also hard for me to accept her excuses. I talked to her last night. She admitted that she was jealous of your talent and the relationship you had with your children."

Looking at Joshua's back. Luna smiled. "So, Alice admitted it herself that she was jealous of me and that she was the one that did those things, yet you still choose to protect her, right, Mr. Lynch?"

Luna bit her lips. She could not help but ask. "Joshua, do you just like Alice that much?"

Joshua paused for a while.

After a long moment, Joshua turned around and looked at Luna closely. "You have never gotten married. You might not understand this. Other than feelings, there are also responsibilities in a marriage."

He still remembered clearly everything Luna Gibson suffered for him back then.

At that moment, even if she has changed, should he just give up and abandon her just because she made a mistake?

He should not.

Thus, he hoped that with his help and effort, Alice could turn back into the original Luna Gibson.

"Alice is still good-natured. She is only... being blinded by jealousy now."

Luna could not help but laugh. When she was with Joshua back then, this man has never once shown her any feelings, nor has he been so tolerant with her.

If she has made just a tiny mistake, he would sternly reprimand her and demand that she does not repeat the mistake ever again.

However, at that moment, Alice has been going up against and harming others constantly, yet he brought up responsibility in a marriage.

How dare he, a man who killed his wife for another woman six years ago, dare to talk about responsibility to her?

"I know you must be unhappy with the way I handled things," Joshua turned around and said, "But I will try to minimize your contact with each other. Alice will not work in the design department anymore. I will transfer her to a much easier

position. That way, you don't have to worry that she might have a conflict with Neil and Nellie if she's not working. She won't be able to disturb you working too.

"Lastly, " Joshua looked at Luna closely and said, "I can promise to fulfil one condition for you as compensation. Just mention it, as long as I can do it, I will."

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Luna slightly squinted her eyes. "I do really have something."

Luna went to the study and took her laptop. She opened the summer camp information that Nigel sent to her.

"I hope Nellie and Nigel have a better education."

Joshua furrowed his brows. He quickly scanned through the information on the summer camp.

"No." Joshua opened his mouth and said determinedly, "Neil and Nellie just returned to me and Alice for only a month. Now you want me to send them to such a far place. The summer camp is for six months. I don't agree with it."

Luna closed her laptop. She lifted her head and looked at Joshua mockingly. "Mr. Lynch, you truly do not keep your promises. You were just talking to me about responsibilities just now. However, after saying that, you're still not planning to bear your own responsibilities, isn't it?"

Joshua's gaze instantly darkened.

He looked at Luna closely. "I said I agree to a condition, but that does not mean you can interfere in my family matters."

"But, Mr. Lynch, you just said that I could suggest anything, as long as you could do it."

"Sending your children to summer camp is not a very hard thing to do for you, right?" Joshua squinted his eyes, saying nothing.

Luna shrugged. She changed into a more comfortable position. Then, she gracefully produced a recording device from her pocket.

Under Joshua's dangerous gaze, she pressed the play button.

Joshua's low and husky voice rang out in the quiet living room.

"I can promise to fulfil one condition for you as compensation. Just mention it, as long as I can do it." Joshua's face instantly turned blue.

Luna chuckled and replayed the recording once again. She played it once more and replayed it again.

When Joshua heard it for the fifth time, he finally clenched his fists.

"I have to ask Nellie and Neil's opinion."

Upon his words, the bedroom door was immediately opened.

The two of them walked out holding hands. "We agree to it!"

Nellie ran toward Joshua. She reached out her tiny hands and tugged on Joshua's sleeves. "Daddy, I want to learn more and widen my perspective.

Perhaps after coming out from summer camp, I'll be much better than now! "

Neil crossed his arms. He sat on the sofa like a little adult. "Perhaps after attending the summer camp, I'll discover my talent too and become a little genius."

Joshua rubbed the middle of his brows helplessly. He knew it.

When Luna told him about the summer camp, she must have discussed this with them already.

The only reason he said that he wanted to ask their opinion was that he already noticed two pairs of huge, black eyes, looking out from the crack of the door.

Joshua hugged Nellie in her arms with familiarity. " Don't you want to be closer to Daddy?"

Nellie smiled and kissed Joshua on the face. "We're close enough! We don't need to be any closer! "

Joshua raised his hands and pinched her little nose. " How about you and Mommy?"

Nellie frowned a little.

She knew that Joshua was referring to Alice, but she pretended not to understand him. She pointed at Luna. "Of course, I'm close to Mommy too!"

Joshua, who was hugging her, gently chuckled, "I'm talking about your biological Mommy."

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Nellie secretly rolled her eyes.

Biological Mommy. Her biological Mommy was Luna!

"Of course, Nellie and her biological Mommy are close to each other too! "

Before Nellie could say anything, Neil, by the side, gently chuckled, "Nothing is more important than blood-related relationships."

Then, Neil lifted his head and looked at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, you said that Ms. Alice loves us a lot. I'm sure that she would agree for us to attend the summer camp, right? After all, every parent wishes for their children to be successful in life. When Nellie and I are successful, Ms. Alice won't have to be jealous of Luna Mommy anymore."

Neil's words were flawless and invincible.

Joshua slightly squinted his eyes and turned to look a t Neil. Neil was still smiling. He was so adorable it was irresistible.

Joshua helplessly chuckled. Fine.

Although he hoped Neil and Nellie would be able to spend more time with the family, Alice's current state was indeed quite unsuitable.

It would be good for everyone to calm down a little. The family of four finished their breakfast,

engrossed in their own thoughts.

After the meal, Joshua had to coax Nellie and Neil to get in the car to return to Blue Bay Villa.

Seeing the kids in the car getting further and further away, Luna's smile finally vanished.

She turned around and swept Joshua a glance. "I hope you keep your promise, Mr. Lynch. Let Nellie and Neil go to summer camp."

Then, she walked over to the main road.

Joshua grabbed her arm. "Where are you going?"

Luna furrowed her brows. She did not even bother turning her head around. "To the office."

Joshua's voice was calm. "Get in the car."

Luna coldly shrugged his hands off. "I'll feel more comfortable taking a taxi."

Then, Luna strode over to the main road and hailed a taxi.

It was until Luna got in the taxi and vanished within his sight, then Joshua furrowed his brow and got in the car.

"Sir." Sitting in the driver's seat, Lucas sighed heavily, "Say, why is Luna doing this to herself? There was once when she was just casually chatting with me. She said that Young Master Neil and Ms.

Nellie have always been with her since birth. If she really were to send them so far away, she should be suffering much more compared to you and Mrs. Lynch, right?"

Joshua harrumphed coldly. He said nothing.

Who was it to blame? If it were not for Luna being paranoid, suspecting that Alice, their biological mother, was threatening the lives of the children, she would not have suggested an idea that nobody could accept.

Lucas sighed, "To be fair, Ms. Luna has been working hard for the company all this while. She

could only reunite with Young Master Neil and Ms. Nellie because of the plagiarism incident. She has only been with them for two days, yet now she wants to send them away. I wonder what she is thinking..."

Joshua closed his eyes.

Lucas' words made sense. As an employee, Luna was indeed extremely exceptional. He even promised her that if she did a good job, he would let her take a day off to take Neil and Nellie out to play.

At that moment, it looked like...

Suddenly, Joshua opened his eyes. "Our company's amusement park, are they opening tomorrow?"

Lucas was stunned for a while. He immediately took his phone out to check.

"Yes, sir."

"Delay the opening by one day and book the entire amusement park. I want to use it tomorrow." He was a man of his word.

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Coming out from the elevator, Luna only entered the main entrance of the design department when she was stopped by someone.

It was no one else but Joseph Gibson, who was just released from the police station the night before.

Luna has only not seen him for a day, but he seemed to look much more haggard than when Luna visited him that day.

"Ms. Luna, I have something to tell you."

Luna furrowed her brows. She walked around him and entered. "I have nothing to say to you."

Joseph immediately took huge steps and tried to stop her again. He said with a voice so soft that only the both of them could hear, "Lulu. Dad wants to talk to you."

When Joseph muttered the word 'Lulu', Luna suddenly stopped in her tracks.

That was how Joseph and Natasha used to call her when she was young. She has not heard that nickname in a very long time.

Luna's breathing stopped. Her blood froze.

She lifted her head, forcefully suppressed the shock and confusion in her heart, and glared at Joseph coldly. "Mr. Gibson, what are you talking about?"

A day ago, when she met Joseph at the police station, he looked like he wanted to murder her for good.

Why was there a 180-degree change the next day?

Not only did he call her the nickname that only a few knew, he even called himself her dad?

What on earth was he trying to do?

"Lulu." Joseph furrowed his brows. He said in a suppressed tone, "Why are you still calling me Mr. Gibson, I'm your dad! I know everything."

Then, he continued and could not help but laugh. "Lulu, you should have told me earlier. I have long recognized you. Why did we have to make things between us father and daughter so ugly? I booked a table at the cafe downstairs. Should we go there and have a chat?"

Luna furrowed her brows. Her voice was ice cold. "Mr. Gibson, have you gone nuts after being in prison for a few days?"

Although she was not clear what Joseph was trying to do, Luna understood Joseph and Natasha.

They could never hide secrets. If they knew of her true identity, the consequences would be unimaginably terrible.

Moreover...

Even if Joseph truly knew her identity, how did he find out?

First, Joseph never had the ability to find out what even Joshua could not find out.

Also, Alice would never tell them the truth. If Alice were to tell them the truth, that meant that she was handing over her only leverage to Joseph.

All this while, Alice had only been taking advantage of the Gibson couple. She would not do such a silly thing.

Thus, Luna has reason to believe that Joseph was just deliberately trying to trick her, or, purely trying to disgust her.

Seeing how Luna was not listening to him, Joseph could only sneer and go in closer.

"Lulu, since you're not willing to reconcile with Dad, why don't I go get Mr. Lynch to help persuade you? "

Upon hearing how Joseph wanted to look for Joshua, Luna instantly furrowed her brows hard. She had a wary face. "What are you trying to do?"

Although she believed that Joseph would not know anything, Joshua was a paranoid man.

She has previously spent so much effort to get Joshua to give up suspecting her identity.

If Joseph truly looked for Joshua, even if it was just mentioned in passing by, according to Joshua's character, he would see to the bottom of it.

Also, Luna's relationship with Joseph...

All it needed was a DNA report to explain it clearly.

Even if Joseph was just fooling her, she would not dare to let him say such things in front of Joshua.

Seeing how she was afraid, Joseph smiled. He was about to say something when Joshua's aloof voice came from behind both of them.

"My dear father-in -law, you said that you want me to persuade Luna?"

Joshua's gaze seemed to be able to read through one's mind.

"What do you need me to persuade her about?"

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Luna and Joseph shuddered at the same time upon Joshua's words.

Luna felt her entire body stiffened. She turned around with difficulty.

Joshua's tall figure was gracefully leaning by the door. He looked at her and Joseph behind her rather teasingly.

"It's just nice that I have the time right now. What do you want me to persuade Luna about?"

Joseph's face instantly turned pale.

He looked at Joshua stiffly. Then, he chuckled, "Of course, I was just... I wanted Mr. Lynch to talk to your staff. Tell her not to wreck other people's families."

Joshua elegantly entered. He directly pulled a chair and had a seat.

"Do you want to explain to me then, my dear father-in-law, how did Luna wreck other people's families?"

Joseph's expressions turned even uglier.

Then, Joshua waved his hands to the people behind him.

Zach and Yuri each brought two men in. Seeing the men being tied up, Joseph subconsciously took a step back. His expressions were extremely ugly.

Joshua leaned back on the chair. He crossed his legs gracefully. "Security told me that they saw a few

suspicious people. When we looked at the surveillance footage, we found out that you were the one who brought these men over, my dear father-in- law."

Joshua placed his hand on the office desk and gently tapped the desk with his long fingers. "These few men could still take a woman down, but they were no match for the Lynch Group security."

Upon Joshua's words, Joseph's expressions kept fluctuating. He blushed, then turned pale, then turned dark.

Luna was stunned for a while before realizing what was happening.

She lifted her eyes and looked at Joseph in disbelief. " You planned for some men downstairs to ambush me?"

Since his plans were exposed, Joseph decided to go all out. He coldly glared at Luna. "Did you really think I was coming here to reconcile with you? Alice was right. You dream of even being a Gibson! Your name is even similar to Alice's before she changed her name! "

The more he talked, the more it sounded like mockery when he said, "When I said I was your father, you even stopped for a while. Did you feel that you got lucky and you could finally be part of the family and stand next to my daughter openly?

"Let me tell you, Luna, it is impossible! Not in this life!"

Then, Joseph sighed regretfully, "What a pity. It would have been a success today..."

Luna clenched her fists tightly by her side. She looked at the seemingly psychotic man in front of her.

He was her father. Two days ago when he was held up at the police station, he even pretended to be a pitiful old man, asking her to let him go.

At that moment, once he was out, he changed completely.

He came over and called her by her nickname, calling her his daughter. All this was just to humiliate her!

Luna closed her eyes. If it were not for Joshua, she would really be threatened by him to go downstairs and have a so-called coffee with him.

Once she followed him downstairs, she would be ambushed and beaten up by the men that Joseph brought over.

This was her father, the same man that she had been trying to find excuses for all this while!

After a while, she raised her head and looked at Joseph with hatred in her eyes. "Joseph Gibson. If I knew you were like this, I never would have pleaded on your behalf. I never should have let you off the hook. You should have just stayed in prison and repent! "

Joseph laughed at her words, "You, pleading on my behalf? Letting me off the hook? Why do I need you? The only reason I was released was because of my son-in -law. He went to look for Mo Sam personally and convinced him to take the blame! "

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Then, Joseph harrumphed coldly and looked at Luna, his eyes filled with condescension. "Luna, who the hell do you think you are? You are only someone who dreams of being my daughter and a husband- stealing b\*tc..."

"Joseph Gibson! " Luna gritted her teeth. She clenched her fists so tightly they made cracking sounds. "Do you think that just because the plagiarism incident is over, you'd be safe? There is no such thing."

Luna lifted her head. Her gaze was cold, without any ounce of emotions. "Don't you forget, I still know a secret of yours."

Joseph furrowed his brows and looked at her. He sneered, "What else could you do to me?"

"Mr. Gibson, I don't think you know me well enough." Luna chuckled. She pulled a chair by the side and took a seat.

Luna crossed her legs gracefully. Her voice was gentle. "My greatest strength is not in jewelry design, but a good memory. I still remember many things from the past.

"For example, twenty years ago, there was an orphanage at the eastern part of Sea City."

Joseph laughed, "What does an orphanage twenty years ago have to do with me..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Joseph's eyes widened suddenly.

20 years ago, the orphanage in the eastern part of the city!

That was the place where he swapped his true biological daughter he had with Natasha with Aura!

Joshua lifted his head and looked at Luna. He was in shock. "How did you..."

How did she know?

The orphanage has long been demolished! How did Luna manage to find out?

"Not only do I know about that. I still remember that the last name of the head of the orphanage was called Chapman."

Joseph subconsciously took a step back.

Previously when he was in the police station, in order to get Luna to forgive him and let him go, he told her about the incident where he swapped his child for another child back then.

In a mere two days, she actually managed to locate where the orphanage was and the head of the orphanage!

How powerful was Luna?

Joseph's forehead had a layer of cold sweat.

If Luna already knew so much, it would be sooner or later that she would find evidence of how he swapped children back then!

The child that he swapped his daughter with was a powerful foreign family.

If they were to pursue this matter...

Not only would he lose his precious daughter, Aura, but he would also have to go to prison!

This consequence was much worse than him leaking the Lynch Group's confidential information!

At that thought, Joseph squinted his eyes. "Luna, you're being too much."

Luna laughed out loud.

"Mr. Gibson, am I the one that's being too much? I have already chosen not to pursue the plagiarism incident. I chose to let it pass. However, Mr. Gibson, why did you come to look for me today?" Luna raised her hand and pointed at the men that were being tied up by Zach and Yuri.

"If I were to follow you downstairs, am I going to get beaten up and hospitalized? So am I the one being too much?"

Luna angrily glared at Joseph. Her voice broke due to her agitation. "Your family has been constantly trying to trick me and humiliate me! I have already chosen to let this incident go, seeing how you and Natasha are old and also because of your daughter, yet you still want to come at me!

"Since you won't repent, you even brought men to beat me up, there is no need for me to show you any mercy." Then, Luna immediately turned to look at Zach. "Make a police report and arrest them! "

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"Yes, Ms. Luna."

Upon Luna's words, Zach immediately took his phone out. "Hello, I would like to make a police report..."

Joseph was standing near Luna. His face turned pale, then it darkened, then it blushed.

In the end, he clenched his fist tightly. "So what if I brought men to beat you up? You made my daughter so sad. I'm her father, should I not do something? Furthermore, I was only planning to beat you up, I didn't succeed! Even if you report me to the police, I'm not afraid! "

Luna sneered. She raised her eyes and looked at Joseph. "How do you know that I 'm only making a police report because you wanted to beat me up?"

The alarm in Joseph's mind instantly blared upon Luna's words.

He remembered about the orphanage incident Luna mentioned a moment ago.

Joseph glared at Luna.

Was she going to expose the things he did zo years ago?

If this matter were to be investigated, his life would be finished!

Joseph glared at Luna fiercely. Rage has overwhelmed all of his thoughts. He turned around

and immediately noticed the cutting knife on the office desk behind him.

Evil thoughts rose in Joseph's mind. The instant where no one noticed yet, Joseph immediately picked up the cutting knife and stabbed in Luna's direction violently!

If Luna wanted him to suffer, he would make her suffer too!

"Be careful! "

Joshua was the first to notice Joseph's actions, but he was too late.

He could only rush forward and kick Joseph.

Joseph fumbled due to the kick. The knife that was initially aiming for Luna's neck missed too. It directly stabbed into Luna's right shoulder instead.

The knife was extremely sharp. Joseph also used all of his might. The knife brutally stabbed into Luna's right shoulder. Intense and piercing pain spread throughout Luna's body. Blood from her shoulder splashed onto Joshua's and Joseph's faces.

"Ms. Luna! " Yuri immediately rushed forward and pinned Joseph to the ground.

Even though Yuri pinned Joseph to the ground with his knee on Joseph's back, Joseph was still in a fit of rage. He glared at Luna fiercely.

"Consider yourself lucky! You won't get so lucky next time! If you want to expose our family's secret, I won't be afraid to die together with you! If I die, you go down with me too! " Joseph's voice was hoarse and filled with rage.

Luna's face was miserable pale. Her entire body started trembling.

She wanted to say something, but could not even mutter a single syllable out.

Shock, pain, disappointment, and despair.

Luna would never have expected that just because she only casually threatened Joseph with a word or two, that gentle middle-aged man all this while would be so agitated to try to kill her!

He was her father. The person that gave her life. He brought her up for zo years.

She never would have thought that her honest father would secretly swap another child for his.

She also never would have thought that her father would choose to murder and that the person he wanted to murder was... her.

"Ah!"

Suddenly, a woman's yell in shock rang out.

Luna lifted her head. The second before her sight became blurry, she saw Shannon, who just arrived at work. Shannon was so shocked at the sight of blood that she retreated backward.

Luna furrowed her brows and wanted to say something, but she saw black and passed out.

The second before she completely passed out, she saw Joshua hugging her into his arms.

When Luna woke up once more, it was already noon.

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Anne was sitting next to her by the bed, gently wiping off the bloodstains on her body.

Seeing Luna waking up, Anne furrowed her brows. " Don't move around."

Luna obediently lied on the bed and looked at her. "Is my arm ruined?"

Anne rolled her eyes at her. "If your arm was ruined, I would not be sitting here so peacefully."

Luna sighed and said in a calm voice, "That's good."

"What good! " Anne rolled her eyes at Luna. "Joseph Gibson is too vicious! If his stab did not go sideways, it would have completely punctured your shoulder! Thank goodness your bones are not injured. If not, you truly won't be able to design any more in the future."

Luna chuckled gently, "I never knew that he was so vicious."

"You have to stop showing them mercy." Anne sighed, "Due to the relationship you have with them in the past, even if they treat you badly, you won't even pursue it. But, look what happens. No matter how forgiving you are, they still want to hurt you. They are a bunch of ingratitude and unappreciative people."

Luna nodded. "I'll remember this."

From then onward, she could completely wipe away any reminiscence she had for the Gibsons.

Anne sighed once more. She wanted to say something, but seeing how haggard Luna looked, she could not bear to nag at her anymore.

The two of them were quiet for a while before the door of the patient ward was knocked on.

It was people from the police station.

"Ms. Luna, please cooperate with us for a statement."

Luna nodded. She forced herself up and leaned back by the head of the bed. "Go ahead."

The police officer sat down next to the bed. After a series of questions, the police looked at Luna. "

According to another important witness at the scene, Mr. Joshua Lynch, he said that Joseph

Gibson's knife was initially heading for your neck. Is that true?"

Perhaps Luna did not expect that Joshua would so mercilessly explain Joseph's actions to the police clearly, Luna was stunned for a while before nodding furiously.

"Yes."

"Meaning, Joseph Gibson was aiming for your crucial body parts, only he was stopped by Mr. Lynch. Is that true?"

Luna did not hesitate. She nodded fervently once more. "Yes."

"Joseph Gibson was attempting to murder."

The police officer nodded. He got to further understand the situation more in detail before leaving.

Anne was so shocked she could not find her words. "I was not there. Here I thought that Joseph was

only planning to hurt your shoulders to stop you from designing..."

Luna chuckled bitterly, "No. He ... wanted my life."

Anne was emotional for a little while longer before she remembered that Luna should be hungry. She went downstairs to buy some food for Luna.

Luna was lying on the bed, looking at the ceiling in a daze.

"Tsk, tsk. Ms. Luna, how amazing of you."

Suddenly, a woman's mocking voice rang through.

Luna furrowed her brows. She did not need to see to know that Alice had come.

Alice still looked at the ceiling calmly. "What brings you here, Mrs. Lynch?"

"Of course, it is you, Ms. Luna."

Alice gracefully sat on the chair by the bed.

"What did you tell me in the cafe yesterday? Let me think. You said that all animals have respect for their parents. If one does not respect their parents, they are worse than animals, right?"

Alice lowered her head and said with mockery, "Now that you have arrested your own father for attempted murder and send him to prison, are you worse than an animal too, Ms. Luna?"

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Luna laid on the bed. She calmly swept Alice a glance. "So, you're just here to mock me, Mrs. Lynch?"

Then, Luna laughed gently. She turned to look at Alice, who had the exact same face she had previously. "I thought that you would be sad, Mrs. Lynch. After all."

Luna narrowed her eyes. She looked at the changes in Alice's expressions closely. "After all, from today onward, both your fathers, the real and the fake one, are in prison."

Alice suddenly raised her brows. Her eyes were filled with disbelief. "What are you talking about?! "

Seeing her reaction, Luna could not help but sneer. "As expected, I was right. Ms. Hailey."

Anne was only so to 60 percent sure that Alice was Hailey, according to her judgment the day before.

However, the changes of expression on Alice's face when she heard Luna mentioned her real and fake father, helped Luna basically confirm that Alice Gibson is Hailey Walter.

Alice's face had a moment of shock. However, she soon recovered.

Alice calmly raised her brows at Luna. "I don't know what you are talking about? What Ms. Hailey?"

"Ms. Hailey Walter." Luna smiled and looked at her. " If you still have to pretend in front of me, isn't that too exhausting?"

Then, Luna sized Alice up, looking at the exact same face she had in the past. "It must have been really hard for you. Six years. You have put in a lot of work."

Alice fiercely squinted her eyes.

After a while, Alice calmly changed the topic. "Did you know that Natasha is also in this hospital?"

"So? Are you trying to get Natasha to stab me too, Ms. Hailey? That would be good too. Let them repent for their mistakes in prison. How could they be worthy of the great Ms. Hailey calling them her parents?"

Alice narrowed her eyes fiercely.

After a while, she directly reached out and grabbed Luna by the collar. She said in a suppressed tone, " Luna, stop calling me Ms. Hailey! If my identity is exposed in front of Joshua, you won't be able to keep yours too! "

"Is that so?"

Because her right shoulder was injured, when Alice tugged on her collar, Alice could not struggle nor move. She could only go along with it.

Luna raised her eyebrows and looked at Alice. "Will Ms. Hailey tell Joshua my true identity? If Joshua knew who I was, tell me which would most likely happen, u s falling in love and seeing you in humiliation, or Joshua still liking you more?"

Alice's pretty face was completely distorted due to rage.

She glared at Luna fiercely. In the end, she let go of Luna.

"Of course, I won't tell Joshua your true identity. Even if he knows that I am Hailey Walter, I still won't tell him. Don't you worry. If there is an Alice Gibson in this world, there would be another one too. Since you have given up the identity as Luna Gibson, you deserved to see Joshua fall in love with other women! "

Then, Alice gritted her teeth and angrily left.

Luna smiled while lying on the bed. "Mrs. Lynch, safe journey. I won't see you off!"

What replied to her was the slamming of the door.

Looking at the ceiling, Luna chuckled. Alice said that since she has given up the identity of Luna Gibson, she deserved it to see Joshua fall in love with other women.

Was Alice still thinking that she was the Luna Gibson from six years ago that naively likes Joshua?

Luna, at that moment...

Other than getting pregnant with Joshua's child to cure Nigel's sickness, she thought of nothing else.

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In the afternoon, Neil and Nellie came to visit Luna. Other than comforting her and being heartbroken for her, they brought her another piece of good news.

Joshua agreed to let her take the two of them to the amusement park that has not yet opened to have a day of fun.

"Mommy, can you still come with us to the amusement park with your shoulder like that?" Nellie looked at Luna's bandaged shoulder worriedly and asked.

"It's fine. It's nothing much." Luna raised her left hand and ruffled Nellie's hair. "I just have to not simply move my right shoulder. I can still go on the carousel with you and watch you and Neil play other games."

Nellie sighed, "Grandpa is a terrible person! "

Neil pursed his lips. "Please call him Mr. Gibson. He is not worthy of becoming our grandfather! "

Nellie paused for a while before nodding furiously. " Neil is right! "

Luna, lying on the bed, looked at the two of them. She could not help but shake her head and laughed, "Let's not talk about the unhappy matters. Since we have the time, why don't we plan a good route for tomorrow's outing?" Upon thinking about doing fun things, the two kids immediately got excited.

Neil laid by the edge of the bed while Nellie sat on the chair. They started discussing the schedule of the outing the next day.

Looking at how happy the both of them were, Luna was also washed over by their happiness.

She spent the entire afternoon happily joking around with Neil and Nellie.

After dinner, Joshua came to pick Nellie and Neil back at Blue Bay Villa.

After getting Lucas to take them away, Joshua elegantly sat by the side of the bed.

He looked at Luna's right shoulder with his deep gaze. "Does it still hurt?"

Luna shook her head. "The pain is long gone."

Then, she took a deep breath, raised her eyes, and looked at Joshua. "Thank you."

If Joshua did not arrive in time that morning, she would have been beaten up badly by Joseph's men already.

If it were not for Joshua kicking Joseph when Joseph was about to kill her, her life would have been hanging by the thread at that moment.

Also, how could she forget...

The second before she passed out, she truly felt Joshua hugging her in his arms and rushing out of the office.

Joshua smiled. "If you really want to thank me, work hard. This project needs you."

Luna pointed at her injured right shoulder. "Are you sure you want to rely on a designer who has an injured shoulder?"

Joshua furrowed his brows and swept a glance at her shoulders. He said seriously, "The project could be pushed back for you."

Luna paused a little.

Large —scale projects like those had their schedules set very much earlier before. A few hours of delay would incur huge losses, let alone a few days.

Perhaps Joshua saw her confusion. He smiled calmly. "One of you is much better than me hiring five to six designers. You have helped me create huge value. It is only normal that we wait for you, as we should."

Joshua's voice was way too gentle. His gaze was extremely sincere.

Luna could not help but blush.

The atmosphere in the room was silent yet a little flirtatious.

Luna lowered her head. She did not want to let Joshua see her blushing face. "Mr. Lynch, don't worry, I will work hard."

At that moment, Joshua's phone rang.

It came from Blue Bay Villa. He furrowed his brows and picked it up.

"Sir! "

On the other end of the line, the butler sounded extremely anxious. "Mrs. Lynch... she... tried to take her life at home! "

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Alice tried to take her life?

Joshua immediately bounced up from the chair.  $`` \mbox{How} is \mbox{Alice} now?``$ 

The butler's voice was trembling a little. "She has stopped. When Mary was upstairs cleaning, she heard a loud voice coming from the study, so she immediately pushed the door open to have a look. She saw Mrs. Lynch hanging herself. She has been taken down by the security guard already. She is fine now, but Mrs. Lynch has been crying ever since. She said she would rather just die..."

Joshua frowned hard. "I'll be back immediately! "

Then, Joshua hung up the phone and stormed off. When he was by the door, he suddenly thought of something. He turned around and swept Luna a glance. "Alice tried to kill herself at home. I have to g o back home and attend to her. I have arranged to let you take Neil and Nellie to the amusement park tomorrow, as an early reward on the project. Don't forget about the time."

Then, Joshua hurriedly left.

Luna laid on the bed and looked at Joshua leaving. She smiled bitterly.

As expected, Alice still held a significant amount of importance in Joshua's heart.

Luna sneered.

Alice tried to take her own life? She was perhaps just trying to wipe herself cleanly off the Joseph incident, right?

When Joshua hurriedly returned to Blue Bay Villa, Alice was still sitting on the sofa.

She was surrounded by a bunch of servants.

Alice kept crying, "Just let me die! What use is there for me to live? My dad almost murdered someone because of me! This is all my fault, all my fault! If I was not so jealous of Luna being close to Joshua, or how the kids liked Luna more, my dad would not have done such a thing! My dad almost became a murderer thanks to me! "

After Alice's wails, the servants comforted her.

"Mrs. Lynch, don't blame yourself too much. Your father loves you very much, he only used the wrong way! "

"Yes, Mrs. Lynch. It was not as if you told him to murder. What does this have to do with you?"

"Mrs. Lynch, don't die. You still have Mr. Lynch and your two children..."

"You can't die! Think of Mr. Lynch and your children Alice sniffled her nose. She lifted her head and pretended to unintentionally sweep a glance at the direction of the entrance.

Then, Alice's eyes stopped on Joshua.

Tears started to stream down her face once again.

"Joshua..."

When she cried, her tear-stricken face looked extremely pitiful.

Joshua furrowed his brows a little.

Previously, when he always saw this tear-stricken face, his heart would ache terribly.

At that moment, looking at Alice cry, he no longer felt the heartache he once felt back then.

However, her face has never once changed...

At that thought, Joshua sighed and walked over in huge steps.

"Alice."

"Joshua, I truly don't want to live anymore!"

Joshua just approached her when Alice immediately pounced at him.

She buried her head in his chest. She said while crying, "I almost became a murderer's daughter! My father would go to such an extreme to murder because of me! What use is there for me to continue living?"

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Alice's sobs rang out. Her back shuddered while she sobbed.

Joshua sighed and gently patted her back, "This has nothing to do with you. You left Joshua and Natasha for so many years. Their actions have nothing to do with you."

A hint of cunningness flashed across Alice's eyes. She remained buried in Joshua's arms.

After a while, Alice looked up still sobbing. "Is Luna alright? I went to visit her in the hospital this afternoon. She treated me very badly. She said vehemently that I was the one that urged my father to harm her..."

Alice wiped her tears. Her voice was hoarse, "I have already tried my best to apologize to her, but she would not even accept it. She also said..."

Joshua gently rubbed Alice's back. "What did she say?"

"She said that the apple does not fall far from the tree. Sooner or later, I will also..."

Alice choked. She was so agitated she could not finish her sentence.

The hand that Joshua was using to gently rub Alice's back suddenly stopped.

After a while, he retracted his hands. "Are you sure that Luna said that?"

Alice nodded fervently. Tears were still streaming down her face. "Of course. I was shocked too, that Luna would say such a thing..."

Joshua furrowed his brows. A hint of aloofness flashed across his face. "Alice, pretending to be miserable should only be done to a

certain degree. Luna is not the type of person who would say such things. You and I know that clearly."

Then, Joshua got up and went upstairs. He said without turning his head back. "I know that Joseph harming Luna has nothing to do with you. Your voice is hoarse already. Go have a good rest. I 'm going to work."

Tears were still by the corner of Alice's eyes. She looked at Joshua's back with misty eyes. "Joshua, what are you talking about?"

Joshua turned back, smiled gently, and glanced at Alice. "You should know what I'm talking about."

Although Joshua and Luna had not known each other for as long as he and Alice, Joshua was clear on what type of person Luna was.

She has suffered so many accidents and unfairness previously, yet she has never once muttered such words. How would she say those words to Alice?

No matter what, Joshua felt that Luna would never say such words.

Alice's expressions turned from being aggrieved to shock, and finally, shame.

"I...″

"Go rest. I'm tired too." Joshua coldly spat out those words, turned, and went upstairs.

Alice remained in the same spot. She clenched her fists tightly.

No.

It could not be this way!

Joshua has been treating her terribly already! On top of what Luna told her that afternoon...

Alice closed her eyes and was silent for a long time. I n the end, she turned around and swept a glance at the servants behind her. "Bring me a pot of tea."

Twenty minutes later, there was a knock on the door of Joshua's study.

Alice, in sexy pajamas, walked in gracefully with a tray. "Joshua."

Joshua, who was buried in work, did not even lift his head. "Didn't I tell you to have some rest?"

"I can't sleep." Alice bit her lips and slowly walked over. She placed the tray on the table and gracefully took the teapot and teacup out.

Alice poured tea seductively. "I purposely made a pot of tea to apologize to you."

Joshua furrowed his brows. At that moment only he raised his head.

Alice, standing in front of him, was indeed gorgeous and seductive.

The fabric of her pajamas covered little of her body. It was as if he could tear it off with one hand.

However...

Joshua turned to look at the calendar . "It's almost autumn. Won't you get cold wearing this?"

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Alice was dressed in a revealing way, standing in front of Joshua. She never expected that Joshua would say such words.

Her face turned a little pale. Then, she gently laughed, "Joshua..."

Alice went around the desk and directly approached Joshua. She tenderly sat on his lap, burying herself in his arms. She slid her long finger across his cold, handsome face.

"With you around, even if I don't wear anything, I won't feel cold."

Alice's actions were extremely seductive, one would not be able to resist her facial expression.

However...

Joshua furrowed his brows. He put her down from his arms.

He reached her long hands and grabbed the teacup which Alice placed on the table. He picked it up and took a small sip.

"Aren't you here to apologize to me?"

He leaned back and pushed the chair slightly away from Alice. "What are you apologizing for?"

Alice furrowed her brows. She wanted to continue getting closer to Joshua. "After you went upstairs, I thought for a while. It's true. Luna did not say things like how the apple doesn't fall far from the tree to me." Alice sighed, "Someone else said that to me. I remembered it wrongly."

Then, Alice gently took over the teacup in Joshua's hand. She placed it back on the table. Then, she hugged Joshua's neck tightly with both her arms.

She pressed her sexy lips forward. "Joshua, can you forgive me?"

"The person you should apologize to is Luna and not me."

Joshua rubbed the middle of his brows. The second before Alice's lips touched him, he raised his hands and blocked her kiss.

"I still have work to do."

Alice was determined to sleep with Joshua. She bit her lips rather shyly. "But Joshua, I want it... we haven't slept together in almost half a month. I 'm your wife, please don't avoid me. What do you say? "

Alice's voice was gentle, she looked aggrieved. Her face was exceptionally gorgeous. She also had a great figure. The pajamas could barely cover her long legs and beautiful hips.

Joshua had to admit that this was a scene that could stir up his feelings.

However...

Joshua sighed, "Alice."

He raised his hands and held her face. He said in a stern tone, "Although I said that Joseph's incident had nothing to do with you, he is still your father. He got arrested today for almost murdering someone. Isn't thinking about sleeping together a little inappropriate?"

Alice opened her mouth. She wanted to say something, but could not find her words.

Joshua has already expressed his thoughts. If Alice were to continue pressing forward, it would only annoy him.

Alice could only swallow the aggrievance she felt and got up from Joshua. "Joshua, sorry, I..."

Joshua raised his hand and lightly placed them on his forehead. "It's late. Go get some rest."

Looking at how jaded Joshua looked, Alice bit her lips hard. Even if she was extremely reluctant, she still took a deep breath and apologized to Joshua once more before turning around and leaving.

The door of the study was shut.

Joshua held his forehead with one hand. He closed his eyes.

Of course, he knew that it was only normal for Alice to have needs.

However, he did not know what, even if she was like that, he still could not get excited about her.

After all those years of staying celibate, Joshua has a huge amount of control over his urges.

Alice, a moment ago, could barely even turn him on. Joshua furrowed his brows in confusion.

However, the previous time in Sea City and when they came back from Sea City, he and she could go at it like crazy.

Perhaps it was truly because of Joseph Gibson?

Joshua sighed. He stood up and called Lucas. "Get the car ready. To the office."

Lucas, on the other end of the line, was shocked. "What are you planning to do so late in the office? "

"Work."

The sound of Joshua's car leaving came from downstairs.

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Alice could no longer suppress the rage in her heart. She immediately picked up the vase on the table and smashed it on the floor!

The loud sound of the vase smashing into pieces relieved her a little.

She angrily bit her lips and threw everything she could find onto the floor!

Bang! Slam! Crash!

Loud sounds of things crashing rang throughout the entire Blue Bay Villa.

After a while, servants quickly ran up.

They stood in front of her door, no one dared to knock on her door and enter to persuade her.

Hearing sounds by her door. Alice angrily walked to her door and opened it. "If anyone dares to tell Joshua about this incident tonight, you can say goodbye to Blue Bay Villa! "

The servants looked at each other. They lowered their heads and did not dare to say a single word.

After a long while, one of the servants from the back of the group slowly got up. "Mrs. Lynch, I serve Young Master Neil and Ms. Nellie...

"They got me to tell you that they are going to the amusement park with Ms. Luna tomorrow, so they need good sleep. They hope that you do not disturb them."

Alice instantly frowned upon the servant's words.

She was already in such a state, yet the two brats were only worried about her disturbing their sleep!

They were even going to the amusement park to play the next day? Were they not afraid that they might die in the amusement park?

At that thought, Alice fiercely glared at the servants. She slammed the door shut.

Returning back to bed, Alice got angrier the more she thought. She also felt aggrieved.

In the end, she made a decision.

Luna wanted to take the brats to have a fun outing? She can dream about it!

The next morning, Luna got up early.

Anne, who slept on the bed next to hers, saw how excited Luna got while waking and washing up. She could not help but laugh, "Is this the last reunion with Neil and Nellie before they leave?"

Luna laughed a little and nodded. "Yes." The most important thing was...

She had the kids to herself the entire day, without Joshua or Alice.

It was a gathering of the three of them only. How could she not be happy?

At seven in the morning, Luna received a call from Lucas.

"We're at the entrance of the hospital. Do you want to come down or do you want us to go up and pick you?"

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Luna laughed, "I'll come down! "
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Then, she directly wore a coat and put on a backpack before going downstairs.

Her backpack was filled with snacks that Anne and she went out to buy the night before.

If her shoulder was not injured, she would have definitely prepared some food for Neil and Nellie.

However, she was injured at that moment, so they had to make do and eat packaged snacks.

At that thought, Luna has already reached downstairs.

From a distance, she could see a recreational vehicle stopping in front of the entrance.

Luna was somewhat surprised. She was only going out with Neil and Nellie. Why have they arranged a recreational vehicle?

Luna excitedly approached the car. Before she could keep her smile, the car door was opened.

Alice, in a red dress, came down from the car. Then, she smiled and looked at Alice.

"How is your injury? I told Joshua that you're still injured. It would be better for the two of us to take Neil and Nellie out to play, but Joshua said that your injuries were fine. You could bring the kids yourself."

Then, Alice looked at Luna with concern. "Are you alright? We're going to the amusement park to play. It would be bad if your injury tears open... "

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Luna's smile turned into a sneer.

After a while, she narrowed her eyes and looked at Alice in the red dress. Her tone turned cold too. "You're coming along too?"

"Yes." Alice smiled brightly at Luna. "Joshua and I also want to accompany Neil and Nellie today."

Then, she pretended to be motherly. "For the past half a month, I have been working in the design department every day. I don't even have the time to spend time with my kids. Now that they are leaving, I don't want to give up the last chance I have to spend time with them."

"I'm their mother and you're their adoptive moth. Our feelings for the children are the same, right?"

As if!

Luna clenched her fists tightly. She could not help but immediately see through Alice's pretense. "Mrs. Lynch, your acting skills are getting better."

"Likewise." Alice walked over and said in her eyes. "As long as you're unhappy, I'll be happy. You want to spend a day happily playing? Dream on."

Luna released her clenched fist. She sneered and looked at Alice, "Mrs. Lynch, are you sure that you won't be the unhappy one today, coming along?"

"How could it be me?" Alice smiled smugly. "Luna, don't you forget, I 'm Joshua's wife and mother of the children. My husband and I are taking our children out to play today. Who the hell are you? You're just tagging along!"

"Is it?" Luna swept Alice a condescending glance. "We shall see."

Then, Luna ignored Alice and immediately got into the car.

Alice's expressions turned ugly for a moment at Luna's calm look. However, she recovered quickly. She chuckled gently and went in the car too.

The atmosphere in the car was so quiet it made one's heart palpitate.

Joshua was sitting on the couch with his documents in his hands. He was reading while taking notes.

Neil and Nellie sat unhappily opposite Joshua. Neil was fidgeting a Rubik's cube in annoyance.

Nellie on the other hand was sketching angrily on her little sketch board.

Luna and Alice got in the car. One sat next to Joshua, while the other sat in between Neil and Nellie.

The car started moving.

Luna lifted her hands and ruffled Neil's hair to comfort him a little. Then, she lowered her head to see what Nellie was drawing.

She was drawing a red dinosaur. The pattern and the accessories of the dinosaur were exactly the same as Alice's clothes.

Luna laughed out loud. She whispered something in Nellie's ears. Nellie finally felt a little better.

Although Alice and Joshua were quite a hindrance, Luna did not plan to pay much attention to them.

This was the last time she could see Neil and Nellie before they left for summer camp. She did not want the children to have unhappy memories.

Soon, the car stopped at the entrance of the amusement park.

This was an amusement park that has not been open to the public.

To welcome the important guests today, the staff of the amusement park was on their toes.

They got down from the car.

"The weather is great." Alice got down from the car in a good mood. She hugged Joshua's arm. "Joshua, it has been a long time since we've been out like this, right?"

Joshua flatly responded. He turned and glanced at Luna and the two kids next to her. "Go on in."

"They are in the way, how annoying! " Walking next to Luna, Nellie could not help but grumble.

"Nellie," Luna furrowed her brows and said, "Didn't you just promise me that you won't be bothered by them? Just treat them as if they don't exist."

Nellie pouted. "How could I treat them as if they don't exist? They are two huge adults! "

Neil had one hand in his pocket. He thought deeply. " Let me think of a way."

Once they entered the amusement park, the entire staff of the amusement park welcomed them passionately.

Neil let go of Luna's hand. He ran forward and grabbed onto Alice's sleeve.

"Ms. Alice, I want ice cream! "

Alice furrowed her brows. She inconspicuously tried to shrug Neil off her sleeve, but Neil grabbed it tightly. She could not shrug him off.

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Alice furrowed her brows. "If you want ice cream, go get it!"

Neil blinked his eyes and looked at Alice. "But, when Luna Mommy took us to the amusement park last time, she always brought me to buy ice cream. She paid for us. I want you to take me."

Alice pursed her lips. She wanted to say something when Joshua let go of her hand. "Go with him. It's rare that Neil wants to get close to you."

Alice furrowed her brows and turned around reluctantly, taking Neil to the ice cream stall.

Neil bought five ice cream cones, he was eating one in his hand.

The vendor swept a glance at Neil, then naturally passed the other four ice cream cones to Alice.

Having to hold two rather huge ice cream cones in one hand, Alice's expressions darkened gloomily.

"Ms. Alice, hold it properly! " Neil smiled at her. " The four ice cream cones. One is for Nellie, one is for Joshua, and two for Luna Mommy! "

The veins on Alice's forehead popped. "What about me?"

Neil blinked his eyes and looked at Alice innocently. " You never said that you wanted ice cream."

Alice was speechless. Neil did it on purpose!

They obviously had five of them in the group. Neil bought five ice creams, yet he gave Luna two!

Just when she was forcefully suppressing the rage in her heart, a wind blew by. Neil's hand swayed. The ice cream, which he only took two bites of, fell onto Alice's red dress 'by accident'.

The white and pastel-colored ice cream instantly stained her dress.

Alice screamed and threw the four ice cream cones in her hand. She pulled her dress over.

She carefully selected this expensive red dress, because she was planning to make things difficult for Luna that day!

Her dress cost at least six figures! It was ruined by a ten-dollar ice cream cone!

She glared at Neil angrily. Before she could flare up, Neil sat on the floor and kicked his legs. He cried, "M y ice cream! Why did you throw away my ice cream! Woo, woo... I only bought five ice creams. I just took two bites and it's all ruined! You're such a huge

adult, how could you not protect my ice cream! "

Because the amusement park was not yet fully opened, they were the only patrons, so Neil's cries were extremely jarring in a quiet environment.

Once he cried, almost everyone looked in his direction.

Alice's dress has been stained. She was at first annoyed at Neil's crying, but the people there looked at her strangely...

Alice glared at Neil angrily. "Shut up! Stop crying! It's just ice cream! You destroyed my dress! "

At her flaring up, Neil cried even louder.

He laid on the ground and cried so badly he had to gasp for air. "Alice! "

Joshua immediately rushed forward. He bent down and hugged Neil in his arms, his heart aching. Then, he raised his head and coldly glanced at Alice.

"When we left this morning, you kept saying you want to properly spend time with the kids and get to know them better. Is this the way you do it with Neil?"

Alice bit her lips. She looked aggrieved. "Joshua, look at my dress! It costs..."

"No matter how much the dress costs, you still cannot treat your children this way! "

This was the first time Joshua saw Neil cry so miserably. He was completely heartbroken. "You know that we're coming to the amusement park today, yet you insist on wearing such an expensive dress. Don't you know what kind of environment the amusement park is?"

Neil, who was in Joshua's arms, said aggrievedly, "Mr. Lynch, I want ice cream..."

Joshua furrowed his brows. He glared at Alice once more before carrying Neil to the ice cream stall.

"Joshua..."

Alice turned to look at Joshua's back. She was just about to explain herself, when Neil, who was being carried by Joshua, turned back. He looked at Alice and winked. Then, he smiled at her rather mockingly.

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"Damn it!"

In the amusement park's changing room, Alice unwillingly slipped out of her long, red dress and into a long shirt and long pants that the staff provided.

After leaving the changing room, she ran into Neil who had long since been waiting for her at the entrance.

"Ms. Alice, our beautiful day has just started."

The little guy leaned on the door, licking on the new ice cream that Joshua bought for him and winked in Alice's direction. "Later I would like to invite you to ride on the roller coaster, the drop tower and the swing pendulum ride too! "

He frowned slightly. "Ms. Alice, are you afraid of heights? I remember there's also bungee jumping facilities in this amusement park." As he said that, he turned and glimpsed at her, "Initially, I planned to enjoy those rides with Mommy Luna, but now that she hurt her shoulder, I have no choice but to invite you. Since you're here today to bond with us children, then you wouldn't reject an invitation from your beloved son and daughter to enjoy such exciting rides, right?"

Alice trembled slightly. She hated all these exciting, gravitydefying rides the most! If it was not because she wanted to teach Luna a lesson, she would not have come here at all! Her initial plan was to act all lovey-dovey with Joshua in front of Luna and take away her chance of spending time with the children when necessary.

As long as Luna was unhappy, she would be happy.

But now...

Not only did she fail at causing trouble for Luna, instead she was made a fool of the moment they entered the amusement park!

She glared at Neil viciously, expression venomous. " What do you want?"

"Eyesores should know when they're not wanted." Neil took a bite of his ice cream, and smiled in her direction. "It's such a beautiful weekend, you should go and visit your father who's in jail, or perhaps

your mother, who's in a bad mood because her husband is in jail. What do you think?"

Alice gritted her teeth, glared at Neil viciously again, and strode away.

Looking at the woman's retreating back, huffing in vexation, Neil lifted the pendant hanging from his necklace and laughed cheekily, "Nigel, the idea you gave me is perfect! You're the best!"

Nigel's flat voice drifted in from the pendant, "I read up on her, she's a germaphobe, has a fear of heights, and hates exhilarating rides like these."

Neil smiled, his eyes curving into little crescents. " But how did you find information about her? You already know her true identity?" On the other end of the phone, Nigel hummed flatly in reply, then hurriedly changed the subject. "We must have chased Alice away." "Then what about Joshua?"

"I just hacked into the surveillance system, Nellie seems to be having fun with him..."

Neil frowned. "Forget it, let him stay then. We're leaving tomorrow, and Nellie likes him so much."

In the amusement park outside.

Joshua was shooting at balloons with a BB gun. Nellie stood beside him, hugging a huge teddy bear. She smiled happily and glanced at Luna, who was sitting at the side. "Mommy, my Daddy is great, isn't he?"

Luna smiled and ruffled the little girl's hair, but remained silent.

The moment Alice stalked out of the dressing room angrily, the first scene that entered her eyes was of three of them, interacting with each other harmoniously, as if they were a happy family.

Her hands clenched tightly into fists beside her.

She strode toward them, and dove into Joshua's arms the moment he put down the BB gun. "Joshua, I just got a call. My mother's condition has worsened, and the news that my father is in jail upset her."

She raised her eyes and looked at him pitifully. "Can you accompany me to the hospital to visit my mother, please?"

Nellie pouted unhappily the moment the words left her mouth. "No, don't! "

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"Daddy promised me just now, he would make szo points, and win me the biggest teddy bear as a parting gift! "

Alice secretly rolled her eyes at her and raised her head, her voice soft and gentle, "Joshua, since Nellie wants it so much, let's buy the bear and give it to her, then can you accompany me to the hospital to visit my mother?"

Nellie pursed her lips. "I don't want you to buy it! I want Daddy to exchange his points for it! A present that you buy with money is different from one that you earn with your effort and hard work! "

Alice frowned and glared at her. "How is it different! You'll just get the same teddy bear! "With that, she raised her head. "Joshua, visiting my mother is more important, I'm worried something will happen to her can you accompany me, please?"

She definitely did not want to continue staying here and be tortured by that little bastard, Neil. But if she left by herself and left Joshua here with them...

Was that not exactly what Luna wanted?

At this thought, Alice even pulled on Joshua's arm and started whining, "Joshua..."

Looking at her like this, a laugh escaped Luna's tight lips.

"Even if your mother was upset, she should have been the most upset yesterday. You weren't even by

her side yesterday, why are you suddenly such a filial daughter today?"

With that, she changed into a comfortable position and leaned back on the bench, holding Nellie's hand a s she laughed lightly, "Besides, didn't you just say this morning that you didn't want to leave Neil and Nellie, that's why you came along. We haven't even been here for an hour, and you want to leave already?"

Luna was looking at Alice when she said these words.

Alice clearly read the taunt and condescension in her words. She narrowed her eyes viciously. She knew Luna was saying these as revenge for her threatening words this morning.

"Alice." Joshua frowned slightly, pushing Alice away from him. "Luna is right. This morning before we left, you put in so much effort to convince me to come along with you and have fun with the children. And now we just arrived but you're already rushing to leave."

"Exactly." Nellie took the fruit juice that Lucas just bought for her and sucked hard on the straw. "Neil even said he wants to ride on the roller coaster and drop tower with Ms. Alice later! "

She bit her lip, turned, and looked at Joshua. "Joshua. will you accompany me to the hospital, please? I'm really worried about my mother... "

"If you' re worried, you can go by yourself. " Nellie sucked in another mouthful of juice. "Daddy still needs to win me the big teddy bear! "

Alice bit her lip at the little girl's words. Before she could say anything, Joshua opened his mouth and said faintly, "Since you're so worried about your mother, ask Lucas to drive you home."

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Alice herself knew her reason was not strong enough to convince Joshua to give up the two children and leave with her. But still, she gritted her teeth secretly and pulled on Joshua's sleeve in a whine, putting in a last-ditch effort. "Joshua..."

Luna yawned and turned away, right at that moment she saw the carousel had started rotating. She lowered her eyes and whispered in Nellie's ears.

Nellie pursed her lips and stood up, carrying her teddy bear in her hands. "Daddy, since you're so busy, you don't want to win the toy for me. After all, you haven't given me any meaningful presents before, I'm used to it!"

With that, the little girl held Luna's hand and the mother and daughter pair headed in the direction of the carousel.

Seeing as the eyesores were finally gone, Alice heaved a sigh of relief, "Joshua, let's..."

"Daddy."

Before she could finish her sentence, Neil appeared out of nowhere, holding four tickets to the roller coaster in his hand. "Let's try out this ride, okay?"

As he spoke, he even turned and glanced at Alice. " Our family of four can go and try out the ride together, okay?"

Joshua raised his slips in a smile, then reached out and took the tickets from Neil. "Okay."

He turned and looked at Alice. "Since you don't want to go to the hospital by yourself, you should stay and accompany the kids. Luna is right, the timeframe when she was most upset has already passed, we can go visit her tomorrow." With that, he reached out and held her hand. "I remember you once wrote in your diary that you hope one day, we can be like any other couple, and try out all the exciting rides in the amusement park."

The man looked at her, his eyes filled with deep and unfailing affection. "I was too busy before and never really took the time to spend time with you. Today is our chance."

He spoke solemnly as if by accompanying her like this, he really wanted to make up for the loss and regret he caused all those years ago.

But Alice paled as his words drifted into her ears. She never expected Luna, who looked all soft and gentle on the surface, would write something like this in her diary. What was even more unexpected was that not only did Neil want to drag her onto the roller coaster, even Joshua wanted to!

She grit her teeth, cursed Luna viciously in her heart, then glanced at the time. "Joshua, I 'in still worried about my mother...

With that, she sucked in a deep breath, her expression bellying her awkwardness and reluctance. "I know you want to accompany me, but you want to spend time with the children too. But to me, my parents who gave birth to me and raised me are still more important... They've gotten on in age too, they don't have much time left with me. But we still have a lot of time with each other... I think I should go now."

She turned and strode away, as if she was making an escape.

Looking at her retreating back, a cheeky, self- satisfied smile appeared on Neil's lips.

However, Joshua was deeply moved by this incident. This was the Luna Gibson of his memories. A filial daughter, kind and gentle. But the remaining regret that he had never truly spent time with her... It would have to wait.

"Mr. Lynch." Neil turned and looked at Joshua. " Since I already bought the tickets, they'll go to waste if we don't use them. Why not ask Mommy Luna and Nellie to join us, and the four of us can ride it together?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes and looked at the two girls, one big and one small, who were riding on the carousel.

Their bright, beaming smiles were identical.

Joshua watched them for a while before turning and glanced at Neil. "Her injury... is she okay?"

"She should be fine."

In an extremely rare gesture, the little guy reached out and held onto Joshua's sleeve. "My Mommy promised she would accompany us to the amusement park, but she was always so busy. Why not take this opportunity to fulfill her dream?"

Joshua was silent for a moment before agreeing.

Together, the family of four sat on the roller coaster, the swing pendulum ride, and many, many other rides that Luna always wanted to try but never had the chance to ride.

Joshua was surprised, despite her quiet and gentle appearance, he never expected Luna would go so crazy when she played with the kids. In the end, when they were riding on the Ferris Wheel, he sat opposite her, and looked at her side profile as she stared out the window with Nellie in her arms, his gaze could not but turn gentle.

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He seemed to have seen many different sides of Luna today. He gradually understood why the children liked her so much, why they still tried their best to protect her even though they knew she was the fake mommy that stole them away.

Because she was worth it.

Throughout the day, the family of four tried out all the rides in the amusement park.

Outside, Alice never left. Through the CCTV feed, she studied Luna and Joshua's smiling faces, her hands clenched into fists beside her. Joshua had initially planned to work today. But because she still held a grudge after being taunted by Luna at the hospital yesterday, she pestered Joshua, insisting he bring her along today to stir up trouble.

However, she did not expect Luna herself to remain passive, instead Luna's two little bastards started causing trouble for her! The more she thought about it, the more furious she grew. Finally, her fist slammed into the screen of the laptop in front of her!

In the evening, it started raining heavily. The heavy downpour filled the roads with rainwater.

Standing at the entrance to the hotel beside the amusement park, Lucas raised his head and looked at the raindrops pouring from the sky. "Sir, I don't think we can make it back tonight." The amusement park was located in the suburbs, traffic was already poor, and now the roads were clogged with rainwater. Plus, they had the two children with them.

Joshua glanced at the time and nodded. "Then we'll spend the night here tonight." The heavy rainfall would continue for some time.

With that, the man raised his legs and headed upstairs.

In the restaurant upstairs, the owner of the hotel had the most luxurious dinner prepared for them. The moment they started eating, Neil and Nellie devoured their food ravenously.

Throughout the day, even though they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, they were also thoroughly exhausted. As gentle as always, Luna poured some juice for the both of them and said, "Slow down." But no one listened to her. Soon, the two little fellows were done with their meal.

The atmosphere was quietly ambiguous. Luna lowered her head, focusing on her food.

"I never thought you would enjoy such exciting games." Looking at her with her head bowed, Joshua opened his mouth and asked faintly.

Holding her cutlery, her hands paused slightly. A moment later, she raised her head and smiled. "You're very surprised, aren't you?"

"Yeah." He nodded. "You're the second woman I know who... has a gentle personality and yet is hiding a crazy side within her."

"Who's the first one then?"

"My wife." He raised his wine glass and took a sip of the liquid inside. "Or should I say, my wife as she used to be." As he sipped his drink, he started reminiscing about the past. "Like you, she used to be kind and gentle too, I always thought that was just who she was, a cute and obedient girl. Until later on, after she disappeared, I read in her diary that she wanted me to accompany her to the amusement park, and ride on all the dangerous and exhilarating rides..."

After he finished, he even hooked the corners of his lips upward and glanced at Luna. "She's very similar t o you, don't you think so?"

Her hands that were holding her cutlery trembled slightly. A second later, she laughed.

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A moment later, she laughed, "You're right, we are quite similar. But she doesn't seem to like them anymore."

The man sucked in a breath. "People change, she's completely different now from the woman she used to be."

Luna raided her eyes and looked at him. "Then what about you? Are you the same man you are now as you were back then?"

Joshua paused, then laughed, "You didn't know me back then."

Luna lifted her lips in a smile. "That's true."

She knew the man he used to be, better than anyone else.

The atmosphere in the restaurant turned quiet again. By the time the both of them finished their meal, each occupied with their own thoughts, the downpour outside had stopped. The fresh, earthy scent of wet soil permeated the air.

Maybe because he had spent the day having fun with the children, Joshua felt particularly relaxed. That was why after dinner, he invited Luna up to the roof for moon gazing.

In the night sky that was just washed by the rain, the moon was nowhere to be seen, with only tiny specks of golden stars shining brightly in the distance.

On such a beautiful night, he felt as if his soul had been cleansed too.

The man beside her downed the red wine in his glass, and started asking about the past few years, about her life, raising Neil and Nellie alone.

After spending the whole day together, he saw how she opened her heart to the children, and truly understood he could never make up for the six years that he was absent from the children's lives.

But just because he could not make up for it, did not mean he could not try to understand.

In the beginning, Luna was reluctant to discuss the children. He was too sharp and perceptive; she was worried she would accidentally expose the fact that she actually had three children. But...

When he had downed five to six glasses of wine, his voice started to grow vague and indistinct, his words slurring together. She finally felt at ease and quietly started to tell him about the children's past. "Since he was a kid, Neil has been very sensible, because Nellie was always sick, and I was busy all the time. He even learned how to cook for sister. Once, I came home from work and immediately smelled the fragrance of scrambled eggs wafting through the whole house. I opened the door and saw Neil standing on a little stool, frying eggs in the kitchen, his entire body covered in oil... "

She looked up at the night sky as she said this, gentle affection swimming through her eyes.

Joshua looked at her nearly-perfect side profile, and the glow in her eyes, and he started beating violently, as if it had been hit by an object.

Under the influence of the alcohol, any sense of rationality had long fled his mind.

He turned and looked at her. "Luna."

The moment she turned her head, with a loud clang, Joshua's wine glass fell on the ground.

His kiss was sudden and furious, undeniable. Luna was shocked, she wanted to push him away.

But her hands reached out and wrapped around his slim, yet muscular waist.

She closed her eyes and immersed herself in his gentle movements. At this moment, she could no longer tell whether she accepted Nigel's illness or...

The fire between the two of them burned from the roof all the way to Joshua's room.

The night was long.

And so was the ambiguity between them.

In a second on the second floor of the hotel, Alice who had been caught in the rain took a shower and blow-dried her hair. Then, she refused to give up and adamantly put on the same set of revealing pajamas.

She refused to believe she could not make him hers!

She made a mistake today, willingly giving Luna an opportunity to have fun with Joshua and the two children.

But tonight, Joshua was definitely hers!

After slipping into the pajamas, she covered herself with a trench coat and headed upstairs. She had gotten Joshua's room key from Lucas and even reminded them not to come upstairs. She was still his wife, even if Lucas did not want to obey her orders, he had no other choice.

Alice sucked in a deep breath and took the key out of her pocket confidently. Earlier downstairs, she had heard from Lucas that Joshua had been drinking tonight, and quite a lot at that.

That was why...

"Luna..."

Inserting the key into the keyhole, before she could turn it in the lock, she heard the sounds of a man and a woman's mixed breathing drifting out of the room.

The sounds were harsh in her ears, a trace of resentment flashed in Alice's eyes. She clutched the key in her hand tightly. Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 536

If only she opened this door and caught them in the act, then Luna and Joshua would never have the chance to hook up again!

But...

If she really did that, would Luna rather they both die together and expose her true identity? Dennis had just been imprisoned more than a month ago and she did not gain anything from the Lynch Group. If her identity was exposed at this point in time, not just her alone, but the entire Walter family would truly be left with nothing!

At this thought, she could only suppress the bubbling anger in her chest, pull out the key, and go back to the room next door.

The walls of the hotel were truly soundproof, even if she sat in the room beside Joshua's, she could not hear a single sound drifting out of his room.

But just because she could not hear them, did not mean they did not exist.

Alice scrolled through the news on her phone in frustration, planning to employ the same trick again later, and drag Luna into this room.

Right at that moment, her eyes scanned through a new article:

"The location of the master artist Theo Allen's lodging has been exposed, it turned out he had been staying at a single apartment at the Swan Lake Residences all along. Currently, Swan Lake Residences has been surrounded by fans of his art. According to reports, Mr. Theo Allen did not return home tonight, where could he go..."

Alice narrowed her eyes slightly, an idea flashing through her mind...

The night passed by in a blur.

The next morning, Luna awoke from her slumber, her entire body aching. She did not know why, but Joshua was particularly rough with her last night. If she had not fainted in the end, she had no idea how crazy he could become.

At the thought of this, she massaged her temples

and pressed down on the mattress, trying to climb up from the bed.

She reached out and came into contact with a man's arm. She frowned, thinking it was Joshua. But the moment she turned, her eyes widened into saucers from shock.

The man who lay with her in bed was not Joshua! But Theo Allen, dressed in nothing but his pajamas!

She retraced her hand as if she had been burned, leaning backward immediately, shock and fear lacing her voice. "Theo, why are you here?"

Her voice roused him, Theo frowned, and slowly opened his eyes. Confusion and surprise flooded his features when he saw Luna, lying in bed with him in a state of undress.

As if on instinct, he pulled at the blankets to cover himself up. "What happened?" Luna frowned. "You don't know?"

"How would I know! " Theo massaged his aching temples. "Last night, my fans crowded around my building. I didn't dare go home, so I went to a hotel and stayed the night. But in the middle of my sleep, the front desk called me and said my fans stalked me to the hotel, asking me to escape through the back door. The moment I ran out the back door, I was knocked unconscious..."

He turned and studied his surroundings. "Where is this?"

Luna frowned slightly, finally calming herself down. It was obvious that she and Theo had been framed.

Last night Joshua was drunk, but she was completely sober. She clearly remembered she was with Joshua, he had tortured her until 3 or 4 a.m. when she finally fainted and fell into a deep sleep. And now, she was barely dressed, lying in bed with Theo was just wearing nothing but a set of pajamas.

It was obvious what the person who set them up wanted.

Sucking in a deep breath, she immediately calmed herself. "Theo, nothing happened between us last night."

Theo frowned, and glimpsed the woman's exposed skin that was littered with hickeys. "We... are you sure nothing happened between us?"

"Of course." Luna sucked in a deep breath. "I can't explain this to you. But you're an adult too, I'm sure you understand what it means when a man and a woman are put on the same bed even though nothing happened between them. You should leave now, before anyone comes."

Theo paused and nodded. "Alright."

Even if something had happened between them, he could not stay here, he would ruin her reputation.

At this thought, he hurriedly put on his shoes and climbed off the bed.

With her back facing him, Luna heard the sound of him opening the door, and heaved out a long sigh.

"Mr. Theo Allen, why are you here?" Suddenly, Joshua's cold voice drifted in from the entrance.

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Luna's blood froze in her veins at the sound of the man's voice.

She turned.

Joshua stood at the door, his expression dark and stormy, his hand raised, blocking Theo's path.

Beside him, Alice looked in Luna's direction with a smile on her face.

Seeing her turn around, Alice widened her eyes in faux-shock. "So, last night, Luna and Mr. Allen..."

As she spoke, she even walked past Theo and came to Luna's bedside, picking up her jacket from the floor and placing it on her shoulders, "How come your clothes are all torn, Mr. Allen is such an elegant artist, why is he not gentle at all when it comes to something like this?"

Luna narrowed her eyes. When Alice bent down to wrap the jacket around her shoulders, she lowered her voice and whispered, "You did this?"

Alice curled her lips up in a smile. "I don't understand what you're talking about. "With that, she took a step backward, turned, and glanced at Theo and Joshua standing in the doorway. "Luckily, the children were sleeping in the children's room downstairs last night. Otherwise, tsk tsk..."

She stealthily glimpsed at Joshua, then walked to him and hooked her arm through his, "Joshua, I never knew Mr. Allen and Luna are already so intimate."

Joshua's expression further darkened at her words. He frowned, raised his eyes, and glanced at Theo coldly. "When did you come?"

Theo sucked in a deep breath. "Luna and I, it's not what you think! "

He took a step backward, his emotions running wild. "Luna and I were framed, we were trapped! We

didn't do anything last night! "

It was true, he had feelings for Luna all along, but he knew she did not feel the same way. He did not like forcing his will on others, and neither did he want to cause her trouble.

"Yesterday I was ambushed by my fans, I couldn't go home, so I..."

"So you came to see Luna?"

Before he could finish his sentence, Alice interrupted him. She gave a faint tut and said, "Both of you are single, so something like this could happen, it's nothing out of the ordinary. Why do you keep denying it, Mr. Allen?" She rolled her eyes. "Could it be, you don't want to take responsibility?"

With that, Alice sighed, and dove into Joshua's arms. "Joshua, no matter what Luna is our children's foster mother, and our friend. If Mr. Allen doesn't want to take responsibility, shouldn't we help her? "

Joshua remained silent. His eyes were trained tightly on Luna, as if he wanted to see through her, to read her mind.

All along, she had been focused on no one else but him. She never displayed any sense of intimacy with Theo in front of him before.

And now?!

They were already in such an intimate relationship!

If it was not for Alice who woke up early in the morning and insisted on coming to get Luna so all three of them could send the children off together, he would never realize Luna and Theo were engaging in such activities last night!

This woman who stargazed and enjoyed a few drinks with him...

And yet, after leaving him, she secretly brought a man back to her hotel room. She kept insisting that she loved the children, with all her heart, and was even afraid that their biological mother, Alice, might hurt them.

And now what happened?

The night before the children were scheduled to leave, she and Theo would exert themselves so much in the hotel, until the point where she was still asleep at a time like this! He looked at her, his eyes ice-cold. "The children are leaving for the airport in three minutes. So it turns out Ms. Luna who loves the children so deeply, only cares about her own pleasure, and isn't even willing to send the children off to the airport?"

Only then did Li Yue suddenly come back to her senses.

That's right!

They were supposed to send Neil and Nellie to the airport today!

She wanted to climb out of bed and put on her clothes, but right now, the moment she moved, she would...

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As if he read through her mind, Joshua laughed coldly, "Forget it. Neil is a very punctual child, he already left with Nellie ten minutes ago."

A range of emotions ran across Luna's face, from anxiety to helplessness and lastly despair. Not only did she miss out on the chance to send the children off at the airport...

She could hardly explain what was going on between her and Theo.

"I said, Luna and I are not involved in that sort of relationship!" Theo frowned. "There's a misunderstanding!"

"How can this be a misunderstanding?"

When Theo repeatedly emphasized that he had nothing to do with Luna, Joshua finally screwed his eyebrows together, and looked at both him and Luna indifferently. "You said nothing happened between you, then how do you explain everything in this room?" In the room, not only was the entire bed in a mess, Luna's clothes were scattered on the carpet.

Her high-heels, clutch, jacket, stockings...

All of that just seemed to showcase how intense the battle between them was last night.

Theo was at a loss for an explanation, how matter how hard he tried, he could not provide a logical explanation. "If I say it didn't happen, then it didn't happen! Luna has no feelings for me, she wouldn't..."

Joshua raised his head, his eyes cold and ruthless. " Just because she doesn't have feelings for you, does that mean she wouldn't sleep with you?"

As he spoke, he turned and looked at her. "Since when was Ms. Luna such a woman of principle? Don't tell me every man she slept with, she did so because she had feelings for him?"

Luna's hands clenched into fists beside her. She knew he was taunting her and also mocking her.

She had slept with him countless times. Not every time was out of love. But she figured, that time last night, might have been out of love.

And yet.

The next morning, the man who just last night had turned her world upside down, now firmly believed that she had spent the night with Theo, even resorting to asking her questions like these. So, she curled her lips and smiled. "So what if I did, and what if I didn't?" She picked up the bedcovers and wrapped them tightly around herself. Then, she turned and looked condescendingly at Joshua who was standing in the hallway. "Mrs. Lynch is right, both Theo and I are single. As adults, can't we just do what we want?"

Her words instantly cooled down the temperature in the room.

Theo frowned. "Luna, we didn't..."

"There's nothing to hide." Luna's voice was indifferent as she said, "The hickeys on my body and

everything in this room proved that I did sleep with a man last night. If that man isn't you..."

As she spoke, she raised her eyebrows and side-eyed Joshua. "Then don't tell me, it's Mr. Lynch?"

The atmosphere in the room chilled even further at her sentence.

Luna looked in Joshua's direction emotionlessly. " But I don't understand, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are here at my door early in the morning, questioning me about my relationship with Theo as if we are having an affair. Why? Does the Lynch Group have a rule that its female employees can't spend the night with another man?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes, his gaze as cold as the ice of winter. He gritted his teeth, forcing every word out between his lips. "I didn't say the two of you can't be together. But Luna, don't you know the situation yesterday, and our plans for today? You missed out on sending the children off because of something like this, this is the love you say you have for the children?" Luna swept her hair back elegantly. "I love the children, and at the same time, I love Theo too. There is no conflict between the two." With that, she raised her eyes and glanced at Joshua indifferently. "However, I would like to ask, where did the hickey on your neck come from?"

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"The hickey on my husband's neck... of course I planted it."

Alice still lay on Joshua's chest arrogantly, looking at Luna condescendingly. "If it wasn't me, don't tell me you planted it?"

Luna curled her lips, raised her eyes, and looked at Joshua coldly. "Mr. Lynch, do you also think your wife was the one who planted it?"

Joshua's expression darkened immediately. He remembered where the hickey on his neck came from.

Last night, he was stargazing with Luna on the roof. He was drunk and somehow the two of them started kissing. He remembered they kissed for a long time; Luna even recklessly left a hickey on his neck.

Later, the alcohol overtook his brain, and his mind fuddled. But he vaguely remembered he had slept with a woman. He thought he had spent the whole night with Luna, but unexpectedly when he woke up in the morning, the woman lying beside him was Alice!

He was confused and also worried something could have happened to her...

In the end, by the time he rushed to her room, he saw her with Theo, barely dressed at all!

Fury, confusion, disappointment...

A myriad of emotions surged in his chest.

And yet this woman could so shamelessly mention the hickey on his neck in front of him?

Did she not know how to spell the word 'shameless'? She had been kissing him on the rooftop in the wee hours of the morning and now there was another man in her bed!

At this thought, Joshua laughed coldly, "Of course the hickey on my neck was planted by Alice." He looked at her coldly. "If it wasn't Alice, don't tell me it's from you?"

He crossed his arms over his chest, his gaze deep and cold. "Ms. Luna, don't tell me you're trying to say, last night you kissed me first, then spent the night with Mr. Allen? When you were having fun with him last night, were you also speaking to Mr. Quinn on the phone?"

Luna froze in place, the color on her face fading little by little.

She only questioned Joshua about the cause of the hickey on his neck to test whether he remembered what happened last night. Based on his current attitude, he obviously remembered. She squeezed her hands tightly into fists on her side, her nails embedded in her palms.

He remembered, he remembered everything! Not only did he remember, he even taunted her for first sleeping with him, and then sleeping with Theo! He even mentioned Malcolm!

What was he trying to say?

That she was an easy woman who would spread her legs for any man?

"Who's Mr. Quinn?" Alice widened her eyes in faux- shock. "Is he... Ms. Luna's boyfriend? Why haven't I heard of him before?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes, fury raging in the bottom of his eyes, his tone cold and cruel. "Of course she wouldn't mention him. If she did, how can she seduce other men?"

The moment the words left his mouth, Theo's brows screwed tightly together. "Joshua Lynch, what the hell are you saying?"

"Am I wrong?"

He shook off Alice's hold on his arm and stalked toward Luna step by step. The eyes that were fixed on Luna were bone -chillingly cold as if carrying the chill of a thousand -year-long frost. "In the name of accompanying the children on a trip, you spent the night in one of our high -end hotels owned by the Lynch Group, then you brought your man here..."

Walking up to Luna, he lifted her chin up with a single hand. "Staying in a company-owned hotel room, spending the company's money, doing all of this under the name of the children... Luna, you're very smart, very skilled! "

Luna raised her eyes, cold eyes meeting his. "Mr. Lynch, you're not too bad yourself, aren't you?"

With that, she lowered her voice and said in a tone that only the two of them were privy to, "Do you really want me to tell everyone present what you and I did last night?"

He blinked violently and his eyes seemed to pause.

Luna flung away his arm that was holding her chin, "Mr. Lynch, I would like to remind you, I'm still single. I can be whoever I want, even if last night I first slept with one man, then later slept with a different man, it's no one's business but mine. What right do you have to question me? Who are you to me?" Joshua's expression darkened immediately.

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He narrowed his eyes harshly. "You are an employee of the Lynch Group! If news that your personal life is a mess spreads out, the Group's reputation will be ruined! "

Luna laughed again.

"Mr. Lynch, look. Only you and Mrs. Lynch know of this matter. If neither you nor Mrs. Lynch tells anyone, how can my messy private life affect the Group's reputation?"

With that, she swept her eyes coldly at Alice. "Mrs. Lynch, do you think I'm right?"

"Of course, of course."

Alice answered swiftly, but sneered from the bottom of her heart. As expected of Luna. Even at a time like this, she remembered to seal her mouth with such words.

The moment Alice's words left her mouth, Luna moved back slightly, and glanced at Joshua coldly. "Mr. Lynch, aren't you leaving yet? Do you want to stay here and continue discussing the Lynch Group's corporate culture with me... Or do you want to continue probing into the topic of where you got that. hickey from?" Her tone was gentle and indifferent, but the threat in her words was barely veiled at all.

Joshua's hands clenched into fists beside him, with nowhere to vent the anger filling his chest.

This woman... previously all of her attention was focused on him! Just last night, she was kissing him on the roof! And just a moment later, she was already with Theo... How could she? He was wrong about

her! He did not see through her! "Joshua, let's go."

Standing in the entrance, Alice frowned and said gently, "Luna is right. How many men she sleeps with, is no one's business but her own... as long as she is more careful in the future, it will not affect the reputation of our organization."

With that, she glanced at the disheveled Luna. "Let's go. Give her a chance to put on some clothes..."

Joshua narrowed his eyes, his gaze sweeping across Luna's face coldly. "Ms. Luna does need to put on some clothes. After all, it's daytime now."

With that, the man turned and left coldly. The room door was closed with a 'bang'.

Alice's coquettish voice sounded in the hallway. "Joshua, don't be mad, Luna is someone who'll do something like that, so next time... Joshua, slow down, wait for me..."

Listening as the sound of the footsteps drifted further and further away, Luna fell onto the bed in a heap, feeling as if all the strength in her body had seeped out of her. Sadness and despair wrapped her heart up in layers. Joshua clearly remembered everything... He clearly remembered he was the man she was with last night! So why did he set up this show? Because... he was worried Alice might misunderstand? He... really cared about her so much?

"Luna."

At that moment, Theo's gentle voice drifted into her ears, "The man last night... was he Joshua?"

Luna closed her eyes and nodded silently.

"I knew it!" Theo gritted his teeth harshly. "I'm going to see him now!" As he spoke, he lifted his leg and was about to chase after Joshua — —

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"Theo."

When Theo's hand was on the door handle, Luna frowned and called out to him, "Don't go."

Theo frowned, turned, and looked at her, confusion etched across his features. "Why not? He did those things with you last night, then he brought me here, and made it look like the both of us were together! Because he was worried his wife would find out ! A man like him, we should expose him in front of his wife, and ruin his image! "

"What good will that do us?" Luna closed her eyes and smiled bitterly. No one else knew Alice's identity, but she did. Back then, Hailey was so deeply in love with Joshua, she was even willing to go through plastic surgery to look like the person she hated the most... She did all of that just to be together with Joshua. That was why, even if Alice knew what happened between Luna and Joshua, nothing would change. She would not leave him, at most she would make Joshua coax her and placate her. It was meaningless.

Theo frowned. "Then we'll just allow this incident to pass, just like this?"

Luna squinted. "For the moment, yes." She could not create too much of a fuss out of this. After all,

she had yet to get pregnant with Joshua's child. She had to continue lying in wait.

Theo clenched his hands tightly into fists and slammed them onto the tabletop. "They're too much! "

A long while later, he retracted his fists, raised his head, and looked at Luna seriously. "Can I... be your boyfriend?"

Luna paused. A moment later, she smiled. "You deserve a better woman than me." With that, she left the bed and entered the bathroom. "Can you go downstairs and buy me some breakfast? " After last night's intense workout, she was fairly hungry.

Theo looked at her from behind and was about to say something, but stopped himself in the end.

"Joshua, eat something."

In the room next door, Alice gently placed Joshua's breakfast in front of him. "I purposely asked the chef to prepare this for you, your favorite sandwich."

Joshua glanced at the sandwich in her hands but had no appetite at all. His mind was filled with Luna's cold expression from the incident this morning. "What right do you have to question me? Who are you to me?"

The man's eyebrows furrowed.

What right did he have to question her? Who was he to her?

He was her boss! Was that enough?

He closed his eyes and smiled bitterly. A moment later, he opened them again. "I'm heading to the office now." With that, he lifted his legs and left.

Alice looked at the sumptuous breakfast on the table and bit her lip harshly. She could tell Joshua still cared. Still cared that Luna slept with Theo!

Her hands clenched tightly into fists. It seemed like just making them sleep together was not enough... so, she took her phone. "Mr. Walter, send an email to all the news outlets..."

Luna had a hefty breakfast.

After breakfast, she curled up on the couch and video called Neil.

The two children were halfway through their flight and were now waiting in the airport waiting for their connecting flight.

"Mommy, you have to take care of yourself!" Neil said as he sipped on his juice, "This morning I rejected Idiot Lynch when he asked whether we wanted you to come to send us off. I think you'll cry. I hate to see you cry."

"Yeah, exactly. " Beside him, Nellie smiled sweetly too, her eyes curving up into little crescents. " Mommy, you have to take good care of yourself in the future! Don't let Daddy bully you! " Luna's heart soured at the little girl's words. Even when Nellie left her, she knew to remind her not to be bullied by Joshua...

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She sniffed and tempered her emotions. "Is your Mommy someone who'll be bullied so easily?"

Nellie pouted. "Even though Mommy won't be bullied, we will still worry! "

Luna sighed and continued chatting with the children for a while, only hanging up reluctantly when they had to board the plane.

Not long later, Theo knocked on her room door. " The car is ready."

Joshua left without even telling her, and this was the countryside. Since the amusement park was closed, not many taxis were available. That was why Theo only found a single taxi after searching downstairs for a long time.

Luna sucked in a deep breath, packed her belongings, and went downstairs with Theo. But she never expected...

The moment the two of them walked out of the door, they were surrounded by reporters.

"Mr. Theo Allen, can I know why you and Ms. Luna walked out from the hotel at the same time, what relationship do the two of you share?"

"Mr. Theo Allen, someone said they saw you entering Ms. Luna's room last night, and the two of you spent the night together. Is that true?"

"I heard the two of you both stay in the same apartment building and on the same floor at the Swan Lake Residences, were the two of you already together when you rented your apartments?"

"The two of you, one of you is a famous artist, and the other is a famous jewelry designer, it can be said that the two of you are a match made in heaven, can I ask how the two of you got to know each other?"

The series of questions bombarded them like a round of gunshots.

In the chaos, Theo hurriedly protected Luna. But there were too many reporters. The two of them were surrounded in the middle of the crowd and could hardly move.

Luna twisted her eyebrows.

How could so many reporters suddenly appear in such a remote place?

. It was weird. But now was not the time to worry about this.

The group of reporters aimed the long lenses of their cameras at Luna and Theo's faces, as if they would surround them here and not let them go, if they refused to answer their questions.

Finally, Theo made up his mind and pulled Luna into his arms. "That's right, we're together now. We have been together for a long time. I was the one who helped Luna look for her apartment in Swan Lake Residences. We were already together back then! "

The reporters were thrown into a frenzy at Theo's words. They threw question after question at them continuously, but Theo shot back at every one of them coldly. Finally, the reporters scattered away angrily. Only then did Theo pull Luna behind him and they both climbed into the car.

"I'm sorry."

After the car door was closed, Theo sucked in a deep breath. "With the situation just now, I had no choice but to..."

"It's okay."

Luna turned and glanced at him softly. "Thank you."

Looking at her face that was so beautiful it was nearly perfect, Theo gritted his teeth and asked her again, "Luna, can I be your boyfriend?"

The top floor of the Lynch Group, the President's office.

The tall and lean man sat in the large reclining chair, watching the news that was streaming on the screen of his computer with cold eyes.

"That's right, we're together now. We have been together for a long time. I was the one who helped Luna look for her apartment in Swan Lake Residences. We were already together back then!"

Luna had been staying in the Swan Lake Residences for more than a month. So, it turned out she was already in a relationship with Theo back then. But, for the past month... Both of them, in the apartment at the Swan Lake Residences, in Sea City...

The image of Luna in bed, hugging him tightly, floated in front of his eyes. His heart felt as if it had been cut in half by a sharp object.

Alas, he did not see through her!

That's right.

A woman who stole his and Alice's children... How could she be so innocent?

"Joshua." At that moment , the door to the office was pushed open. Jude Smith walked in. "There is news of Hailey Walter."

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News of Hailey Walter?

Joshua closed his laptop, raised his head, and looked at Jude. "What news?"

"Your guess was accurate." Jude placed a stack of photographs and documents on Joshua's desk then sat down in a chair. "The woman who died is not Hailey Walter. I looked into the dead Hailey's identity for two whole weeks before I finally found her body."

Joshua frowned and took the document.

It was a DNA report comparing the DNA of the dead woman and Hailey's DNA. Results showed that the dead woman was not related to Hailey at all.

"The grave Dennis Walter prepared for Hailey is empty. I went to so much trouble and finally found this body buried in Liam Clark's backyard. It is confirmed to be the puppet that previously impersonated Hailey. And it is also confirmed that the woman who died is not the real Hailey Walter."

Joshua nodded. This was exactly the results that he expected.

"Then where is Hailey?"

"Do you remember the butler that was chased out of the Walter family?" Jude raised his teacup and took a light sip. "That butler had benefited heavily from working for the Walters all these years. Even though on the surface, he was chased out of the family, his relationship with them remained. I investigated him and finally found a few of his cronies. Where do you think they are now?"

Joshua frowned, raised his hand again, and lifted a few photos. "In Banyan City?"

"That's right, as expected of Joshua Lynch ! " Jude gave him a big thumbs up. After making fun of him, Jude heaved out a long sigh, "For the past few days, these cronies have remained dormant, but my men never gave up on following them. And finally, they moved last night."

The man pointed to the photo in Joshua's hand. "They went to this place called Swan Lake Residences last night and went to the house of a man named Theo Allen. They then went to his neighbor's house and got something. Right, his neighbor's house is your beautiful subordinate, Luna's house, right?"

Joshua's brows furrowed together, almost twisting together to form a knot.

Why would the Walter family's remaining cronies go to Luna's house? Even if the Walter family fell into ruins because of Luna, murdering Luna now would not help improve their situation in any way.

Maybe because he had read Joshua's mind clearly, Jude laughed lightly, "No, according to my men's observation, they didn't go there to harm her."

As he spoke, he took a few photos scattered on top of the table and threw them in front of Joshua. "Last night, my men clearly saw, the Walter family's cronies brought this artist named Theo Allen, to the hotel in the suburbs. They were very respectful of him the entire journey, even supporting him from the front and back as he walked. And this Mr. Theo Allen was revealed today to be your beautiful subordinate's boyfriend."

Joshua twisted his eyebrows and took a look at the photos.

The few people in the photos were indeed respectful to Theo. The only thing they did not do was carry him in and out.

Joshua furrowed his brows.

Jude switched into a more comfortable position and leaned on the chair. "The remaining cronies of Walter's family would definitely be following Hailey's orders. If she wasn't in Banyan City, they wouldn't be here. They had been hiding here for so long, and now the first thing they did was take the opportunity while Theo was surrounded by his fans and couldn't go home, to first go to Theo's home and take something for him, then go to the hotel to pick him up, and finally send him to the hotel where Luna was staying. What do you think this means?"

Joshua's brows wrung tightly together, the doubts in his heart grew bigger and bigger.

Finally, Jude took out another photo from the pile on Joshua's desk. "You've been to Luna's house, right? Have you seen this before?"

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Joshua frowned, raised his eyes, and took a look. Instantly, his pupils dilated!

This was the thing he secretly placed in Luna's bedside drawer! In the past, there had been a few times when he and Luna failed to control themselves, but he still felt it would be bad for both him and Luna if they did not take precautions.

That's why he purposely prepared a whole box of these and placed them in Luna's bedside drawer. But, maybe it was a coincidence, but after he placed the box of stuff in her drawer, they never slept together again.

Naturally, the box of stuff remained untouched. But now...

In the photos, not only was the box touched, a few of the items inside had been removed!

"The few Walter family cronies, they didn't do anything when they went to Luna's apartment, this was all they took."

With that, Jude yawned. "It does fulfill Hailey's personality, her subordinates do everything for her. Right, Hailey has been receiving plastic surgery continuously for the past few years. I thought she would at least make herself look like your wife, to earn your attention. But unexpectedly, she made herself look so beautiful, she doesn't look like your wife at all. But her wager paid off, you quite like her, don't you?"

Jude's words made Joshua's hands clenched tightly into fists by his side.

"That's impossible."

After a long time, the man came to a solemn conclusion. "The Walter family had been targeting Luna when we were in Sea City. She... it's impossible... Even if they threatened to kill him, he would not believe that Luna was Hailey! Besides, there were too many mysteries that could not be explained.

For example, why the imposter Hailey would target Luna. For example, why would Hailey do so many things to target Luna?

"Everything is possible." Jude laughed softly, "But I too hope your beautiful subordinate isn't Hailey Walter. Otherwise, you hated her so much back then, but in the end you slept with her so many times, won't you feel disgusted?"

Joshua raised his eyes and glared at him coldly.

Jude shrugged and stood up. "I'll still investigate

this seriously. But..." He lifted his eyebrows and side- eyed Joshua, "You be careful. I also looked into your female subordinate's identity for quite some time. I can tell you for sure that her identity is fake, entirely made up by someone. As for her true identity and goal... I don't think it will be too far from Hailey's." With that, Jude turned and left.

After he left, Joshua sat in his office, his gaze dark and bottomless as he flipped through each of the photos...

A moment later, Shannon knocked on the door and entered. She placed a letter on his desk respectfully. " President Lynch, Director Luna asked me to pass this to you." With that, the woman turned and almost fled out of his office.

Joshua frowned and picked up the letter. He thought after the dispute with Luna this morning, she would send him a resignation letter in a fit of anger. But unexpectedly...

When he opened the letter, two thousand dollars and a slip of paper fell out of the letter.

'I looked into it, a night's stay at the hotel costs 1750. I'll give you 2000, the rest is hush money, as a reward for you in keeping our secret.'

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In the office of the design department, Shannon McCartney and a few other female employees were busy engaging in gossip.

"Theo Allen, the great artist looks much better in person than he does on television! He really has the demeanor of an artist, Director Luna is so lucky! "

"And previously the President's wife suspected that Director Luna had feelings for President Lynch... It turned out Director Luna and Mr. Theo Allen had gotten together a long time ago! "

"Exactly, Director Luna is a designer, of course, she would fall for an artist like Theo. Even if the President is rich, handsome, and charming, he definitely isn't Director Luna's type..."

The moment Joshua walked through the door, he heard the low rumble of the women's discussion. He huffed angrily, expression cold, "Is that true?"

At the sound of his voice, the entire office fell deadly silent, so quiet that they could almost hear the sound of a pin dropping.

Shannon raised her head stiffly, saw Joshua's expression and her eyes filled with terror. "President President Lynch."

"You're gossiping about your superiors during office hours?" His expression remained cold, then he turned and glanced at Lucas who had been following behind him all along. "Record their names, deduct half of their year-end bonus." With that, Joshua raised his legs and headed in the direction of Luna's office.

After taking just two steps, behind him, Shannon hurriedly opened her mouth to remind him. " President Lynch... Mr. Theo Allen and Director Luna are in her office... you..."

Joshua paused slightly in his tracks. A moment later, he turned and smiled faintly at Shannon. "What, I can't go in when Theo Alle is there? This office belongs to my Lynch Group, it's not her bedroom! " With that, he strode over and furiously kicked Luna's office door open.

In the office, Luna sat in her chair with her head down, while Theo squatted in front of her, facing her directly. Their positions were suspicious, as if they were doing something they should not be doing.

He was met with a sight like this the moment he opened the door. Joshua felt a bunch of furious flames shooting upward from the depths of his chest. He walked up to them and lifted Theo up. "What are you doing?"

"Joshua Lynch! " Watching as Joshua lifted Theo up, Luna frowned and hurriedly stood up, grabbing at Joshua's wrist. "Let go of him! "

"Let go? Why should I?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes, a vicious gaze sweeping over Luna's face. "He's trying to engage my female employee in inappropriate activities, during office hours, and in my office. Why should I let go?"

"What inappropriate activities?" Luna rolled her eyes. "Some paint splattered onto my skirt, Theo is just helping me clean it since I hurt my shoulder! "

Joshua paused and unconsciously looked toward Luna's skirt. As she said, there was indeed a fairly large paint stain on her skirt. He frowned, then let go of Theo's collar.

"Does Mr. Lynch care so deeply about every single one of your female employees?" Theo lowered his head, elegantly smoothing out his clothes, and looked at Joshua with faint, emotion less eyes. "We were just cleaning up a stain, but even if I did do something with my girlfriend... you don't have the right to question us, do you, Mr. Lynch?" He intentionally emphasized the words 'my girlfriend ', declaring sovereignty over Luna in front of Joshua.

The pressure of the surrounding atmosphere in the office was so low it was getting difficult to breathe.

A moment later, Joshua lifted his lips in a faint smile. He turned and sat down on the couch in a lazy yet somehow elegant gesture. "Even if the two of you are boyfriend and girlfriend..."

He lowered his eyes, making a show of looking at the time on his wristwatch. "It's now office hours. I don't think Mr. Theo Allen is an employee of the Lynch Group, right?"

"That's right, he isn't an employee of the Lynch Group, " Luna laughed softly then stood in front of Theo, blocking him from Joshua. "But he is now my assistant."

Joshua lifted his eyebrows.

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Luna sighed and said, "I remember you gave me the freedom to hire two assistants to work for me, Mr. Lynch. Arianna is one of them. As for the other one, I've decided that I want to hire Theo."

Joshua immediately frowned upon hearing. "No. I won't allow it."

Luna already knew that Joshua would reject her suggestion. She chuckled and lifted her head to stare straight at him. "You promised me that I would have full authority over the candidate selection and that no one would be able to interfere with my decision."

Joshua squinted at her.

She was right. When he assigned this project over to Luna at the time, he had given her plenty of authority. One of them was that she had the freedom to choose and hire two assistants to help her.

Joshua narrowed his eyes somewhat sinisterly. " Luna, I gave you the authority to do so, but that doesn't mean you can bring private relations into your work."

Luna chuckled, "What are you talking about, Mr. Lynch? How am I bringing my private life into work?" She unbuttoned her shirt collar and showed Joshua her bandaged right shoulder. "Mr. Lynch, do you remember how I got this injury? Your father-inlaw stabbed me with a cutting knife right in the middle of my right shoulder. Because of my injury, I can't move my right arm as freely anymore, much less hold a pencil like the way I used to.

"Therefore, I've decided to hire Theo to help me so that even though I can't sketch anymore, my ideas and designs can still be brought to life." Luna shot Joshua a contemptuous glance and said, "I wanted to hire him so that the project can be completed on time instead of being delayed due to my injury. Why do you think otherwise?" "She's right." Theo laughed and sat down in front of the easel. Then, he picked up Luna's pencil and started to sketch on the paper before him slowly. "I admit that I 'in not a world -famous artist. However, I still have my standards, and if it wasn't for Luna, I don't think Lynch Group would have been able to hire me in a million years."

Joshua could not help but narrow his eyes into angry slits when he heard this. He was furious at this sudden turn of events, but Luna's reason for hiring Theo was perfectly reasonable and justified. Joshua could not vent his anger at all!

He clenched his fists but did not reply. Finally, after a long while, he curled his lips into a smile and said, " Mr. Allen is right. If it weren't for Luna, Lynch Group would not have been able to hire such a talented artist as yourself."

With that, Joshua picked up the phone and barked to the person on the other line, "Connect me to the human resources department and ask them to process Theo Allen's employment contract. Then, instruct the public relations department to throw a welcome party for Mr. Allen."

Luna gritted her teeth in anger. "What are you trying to do, Mr. Lynch?"

Theo's achievements and capabilities far surpassed that of everyone in Lynch Group. Therefore, Luna felt it was extremely unfair for him to be appointed as a lowly assistant in the design department.

However, Theo was very insistent on his intention to help her with her work. Besides, she could not work anyway due to her injury, so Luna had no choice but to relent.

Joshua smirked. "I'm throwing a party for Mr. Allen to show him my respect."

Not only did Joshua draw up a contract of employment for Theo, but now, he also wanted to host a welcome party for him?

Luna knew this was Joshua's way of humiliating and degrading Theo.

He was a world-renowned artist, after all. If the rest of the employees found out that Theo was working in Lynch Group as an assistant, it would affect his reputation and might even cause his artwork to lose its value over time!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna clenched her fists and lowered her voice. "Theo, you should leave now. I can draw my sketches on my own! "

Theo paused. "I won't go." A split second later, he strode over and pulled Luna into his embrace. Then, he shot Joshua a threatening look and said, "Since Mr. Lynch wants to throw me a welcome party, I appreciate your effort. I want everyone to know that Luna is my girlfriend and that I'm willing to do anything for her."

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Theo had meant for Joshua to hear this, but above all, it was meant for Luna.

Luna, who had been standing behind him all this while, paled as soon as she heard this. "Theo, what on earth are you talking about?"

She and Theo had come to a mutual agreement that they would only pretend to be a couple in public.

However, in reality, they would only remain friends.

They just had to make it past this short period of time. Then, as soon as the media got tired of them and moved on to something else, they would pretend to break up and end this relationship. What was Theo doing, saying all this to Joshua?

Was Theo unaware that if everyone found out about his stint as an assistant at Lynch Group, his career would suffer a blow?

"I'm perfectly calm right now." Theo smirked and fixed his gaze on Joshua. "When will my welcoming party be, Mr. Lynch? How many reporters are you planning to invite?"

He slammed his phone down onto the desk and continued saying, "I can contact and invite some more reporters from overseas if you need help. I'm even willing to pay for it myself so that this party will be the most extravagant one the public has ever seen.

"I want everyone to know that from today onwards, Luna belongs to me, and me only. Any other men apart from me should stay away from her! " Theo narrowed his eyes on Joshua. "Especially those who already have a family of their own."

Joshua clenched his fists and glared at Theo, a disdainful smirk playing on his lips. "Are you really that desperate, to the point where you're willing to b e a third wheel?"

Theo glowered at him but did not respond. Joshua shifted into a more comfortable position,

took out his phone, and started toying around with him. "Since you're together with Luna now, has she ever told you how many times she and I have slept together? Has she ever told you how she tried to seduce me in the past??"

The entire room fell silent. Theo bit down on his lips, trying to suppress his anger.

He knew that Luna's real identity was Luna Gibson, Joshua's exwife. Naturally, he also knew what Luna was going through right now.

The reason Theo was falling more and more in love with Luna was that he knew how many hardships she had been through!

She was heartbroken after Joshua's betrayal, to the extent that she would rather change her appearance and assume a new identity altogether!

After giving birth to the triplets, Luna should have been able to start her new life abroad. However, because of Nigel's condition, she had no choice but to return to Banyan City and return to the man who had hurt her.

Theo knew that Luna and Joshua had slept together multiple times now. Even though this was the cold hard truth, he could not stand just how nonchalantly Joshua brought this up.

Theo lifted his head and whispered through gritted teeth, "How dare you talk about her like that? Do you think the love and admiration a woman has for you is some sort of bragging right?"

Joshua squinted his eyes and snickered, "Love? Admiration?" He turned around and fixated his steely gaze on Luna. "I used to think she loved me as well. However, now I finally realized the truth; she's just a shameless woman."

Joshua lifted his head and shot Theo a glance. "Maybe artists' brains are built differently from normal people's. Otherwise, why else would a person voluntarily become a third wheel?"

Theo clenched his fists so hard that his knuckles cracked. "If you don't appreciate and protect her, someone else will! "

"Are you that someone?" Joshua smirked, stood up slowly, and strode over to Luna.

Luna could not help but take a step back when she sensed the anger that seemed to envelop Joshua. She frowned and asked warily, "Joshua, what are you..."

Before she could finish, however, Joshua pressed his lips against hers.

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Joshua gently placed one hand under Luna's chin, and the other on the back of her head, kissing her with fervent and passion.

Luna widened her eyes. She struggled against him, trying to get away, to no avail.

Luna glared at this man. How dare he kiss her? Right in front of Theo, no less!

Even though she and Theo were just pretending, they were still a couple in public! How dare Joshua do this to her? He had no respect for her dignity at all!

"Joshua Lynch! " Theo growled through gritted teeth. He clenched his fists and grabbed Joshua's collar. Before Joshua could react, Theo drew back his fist and struck a blow towards Joshua's face.

However, Joshua was quicker, and he immediately grabbed hold of Theo's hand in mid-air. He said nonchalantly, a hint of taunting in his gaze, "Look at this. How are you even supposed to protect her?"

Theo grew even more enraged upon hearing Joshua's insulting tone. He clenched his teeth and swung his other fist toward him.

This time, Joshua did not stop him, but instead, he stepped aside and dodged Theo's blow. Then, he curled his lips into a sneer and said mockingly, "Are all artists as slow as you?"

Before Theo could say anything in response, Joshua reared his arm back.

Seeing that Joshua's knuckles were about to connect with Theo's face, Luna immediately lunged forward, putting herself right between the two fighting men.

A flash of surprise passed through Joshua's eyes, but it was too late. He could not stop his arm anymore.

Joshua's fist connected forcefully with Luna's body, right in the middle of her shoulder wound.

In the split second that he struck his blow, Luna could hear a ripping sound coming from the recently sutured wound. The next moment, all she could feel was an excruciating pain that shot down her shoulder and into her entire body, as if someone were ripping her apart!

"Luna! " Theo immediately grabbed hold of her, but before that, Joshua had already stepped forward and lifted her from the ground.

He burst out of the room, carrying Luna in his arms. "Lucas, get the car! " Theo quickly followed suit.

However, by the time Theo made it to the ground floor of the building, Joshua had already carried Luna into his car and was heading straight towards the hospital.

Theo frowned and had no choice but to wait for a taxi.

"Joshua." Luna furrowed her brows and stared up at the man holding her. "What are you... trying to do to me?"

Joshua was the one who had spent the night with her. Yet he had set her and Theo up, attempting to frame her as an unfaithful woman, all because he wanted to please Alice.

He had even tipped the media off so that Theo and Luna would be surrounded by reporters as soon as they stepped out of the hotel, forcing them to admit that they were together.

Luna had abided by everything Joshua forced her to, but what had she gotten in return?

Nothing.

Joshua was still displeased with her, so he came over to her office to make things difficult for Theo. He even kissed her right in front of Theo because he knew that this would enrage him. He had humiliated not only Theo but Luna as well!

What did this man want from her?

Joshua frowned and pressed his hand against Luna's bleeding wound. Then, he stared in the direction in front of him and said, "I won't allow this."

"Won't allow what?" "I won't allow you to be together with Theo."

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Luna frowned and was about to ask Joshua further when the car suddenly jerked. She felt another twinge of pain shot down her body, and curled herself up into a ball. Luna felt like she was about to pass out at any minute now due to the excruciating pain.

However, just before she lost consciousness, she heard Joshua sigh and say, "I don't want to... see you two together."

When Luna finally came to, she discovered that she was in the hospital.

Joshua was sitting next to her with a sullen expression on his face.

Luna rubbed her eyebrows and slowly propped herself up on the bed. Joshua saw this and immediately helped her up. "Does it still hurt?"

Luna shook her head.

"Do you really care about Theo that much?" Joshua frowned as soon as he took in her pale, sickly face. "You're willing to jump in and take the blow for him, even if it means you get hurt again? If I hadn't seen her and stopped at the last second, your shoulder would probably be paralyzed now! "

Luna did not understand why Joshua was so furious. She chuckled and asked, "Why are you so angry, Mr. Lynch? You and Theo got into a fight because of me,

so of course I had to jump in. Besides, Theo is my boyfriend. Who else would I protect, if not him? Should I have protected you instead? The man who tried to frame and hurt me?"

Joshua's expression darkened, and he immediately grabbed hold of Luna's chin, forcing her to look directly into his dark eyes. "Since when did I frame and hurt you?" Joshua thought Luna was getting more and more outrageous! He had known since the start that Luna had an ulterior motive for approaching him. Anyone who tried to get close to him in the past would give up in the end because Joshua always ended up outsmarting them.

However, Luna was different.

Joshua did not care what her motives were, and he did not hold a grudge against her for having kidnapped Neil and Nellie in the past. He did not even hold anything against her even though she had humiliated him in front of everyone multiple times!

However, this time, Luna was the one in the wrong. She had approached him and gotten into a complicated relationship with him, but at the same time, she cheated on him with Theo. How dare she accuse him of trying to frame and hurt her?

Joshua could not recall when he hurt her, apart from his punch just now.

He had never attempted to frame her either!

Luna could not help but sneer when she saw the anger on Joshua's face and the fury in his tone. "Are you saying I misunderstood you?" She took out her

phone, pulled up the video of her and Theo being surrounded by reporters at the hotel entrance, and showed it to Joshua.

"Mr. Lynch, you're a smart man. I don't think I have to explain further. The hotel that we stayed at last night was near the amusement park, and most of the people who stay there are visitors to the park. "The amusement park's grand opening was originally scheduled for yesterday, but you delayed their opening by one week because of Neil and Nellie. Therefore, when we stayed at the hotel last night, there weren't many people around apart from the workers. How, then, could so many reporters arrive at such a desolate place on the outskirts of the city? How could they surround Theo and me like this, to the extent that we couldn't get out at all?

"Would you believe me if I told you the press was there to interview Theo? Of course not. Although

he's a famous artist, he certainly isn't so important to the extent that reporters all over the city were clamoring to interview him."

Joshua frowned and took the phone from Luna, sweeping his glance across the screen.

It was footage of the interview that had enraged him so much that he almost broke his glass. Joshua recognized the setting as at the front door of the hotel.

When he first caught sight of this interview, Joshua had not noticed the background. He was too fixated on listening to Luna and Theo's public announcement, but now...

Joshua turned around and glanced at Luna. "Do you think I was the one who alerted the media and sent them after you?"

Luna curled her lips into a cold sneer, "I don't know if anyone else is capable of doing this, apart from you, Mr. Lynch."

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Joshua let out a sigh and put down the phone. "Why would I do that?"

"Well, of course it's because..." Luna tucked her phone away and said curtly, "You wanted to force Theo and me to admit we're together so that you wouldn't be associated with me anymore.

"Otherwise, if Mrs. Lynch finds out... She won't think you're the devoted husband that spent six years waiting for her faithfully anymore."

Joshua gazed at Luna and narrowed his eyes, a mocking smile playing on his lips. "Do you think I care about all this?"

"Don't you?" Luna lifted her head and met Joshua's gaze directly. "Well then, why don't you tell Alice how many times you've slept with me, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua froze upon hearing this. He continued to stare at Luna but did not say a word in response.

"You don't have the guts to do so, don't you?" Luna sneered, "You're worried that Alice might think you're unfaithful. You're scared that Alice might think that everything was a lie, that you were only pretending to wait for her for six years."

"You don't love Alice as much as you claim. In reality, the only thing you care about is what everyone else thinks of you. If you really cared about her, you wouldn't have slept with me so many times behind her back. If you really cared about her, you wouldn't have..."

"Enough! " Joshua lifted Luna's chin so forcefully that Luna felt as though her bones were about to break. "Luna, you've known me for a long time now, so you should know what to say and what not to.

This is the first time."

He narrowed his eyes, and a glimmer of malice flashed through his eyes, sending chills down Luna's spine. His lips curled into a sneer as he stared at Luna. "There won't be a next time. You wouldn't want to find out what I'll do to you if something like this happens again."

With that, Joshua let go of her and turned around to leave.

Luna rubbed her chin, which was sore from Joshua's grip. His heart jolted as soon as she heard the thud of the door slamming shut behind him.

Luna knew that Joshua was outraged because she had seen right through him. She closed her eyes and let out a bitter smile.

Luna knew that she was right. No one knew Joshua better than she did.

He was just an unfaithful scumbag who did not want to own up to his mistakes and instead chose to put on a show for everyone around him.

Luna closed her eyes, leaned against the pillows, and was about to get some rest when she heard the door open. Theo strode in, wearing a doctor's coat and grinning. He sat down next to her and said, " Joshua's assistant was standing guard outside, stopping everyone from entering. I couldn't make it past him at all! Fortunately, I ran into one of my fans who's a doctor here and managed to slip in with his help."

Luna gave him a faint smile. "Thank you for coming."

"What are you thanking me for?" Theo poured her a glass of water. "Although I do have something that I need your help with."

Luna furrowed her brows. "What is it?"

"It... has something to do with our relationship." Theo sighed and continued, "The interview this morning was broadcasted everywhere, and my parents saw it from abroad. My parents want to meet you, so they boarded a plane immediately, and they're already on their way here. They've made a reservation at the Bamboo Palace for tonight."

Luna choked on her water. She coughed a few times and asked, "Where are we meeting?"

"At the Bamboo Palace."

Luna frowned and felt her heart sink. If she remembered correctly, Joshua had a business meeting at the Bamboo Palace tonight...

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"What's wrong?" Theo stood up as soon as he noticed Luna's peculiar expression. "Does your wound hurt? Are you upset because you don't want to meet my parents?"

An alarmed expression flashed across Theo's face. "If you don't want to meet them, I can give them a call right away..."

Luna shook her head. "No, it's not that." She lifted her head to gaze at him and said, "Can we have dinner someplace else instead? It's just that I...don't like Bamboo Palace."

Luna was worried that she would run into Joshua during dinner. If they bumped into each other this night, Luna feared Joshua would cause a scene and humiliate Theo in front of his parents. "Oh, is that it?" Theo's face lit up almost immediately, and he stood up. "That's easy! My parents' plane will be landing at Banyan City Airport in an hour. I'll pick them up now and ask them to change the venue to someplace else."

Theo shot Luna an excited glance and added, "You... You'd better dress up! I 'll send you the address of the new venue in a while! "

Luna could not help laughing when she saw how thrilled Theo was. "Alright."

An hour later, she received a text message from Theo. (My parents told me the reason why they wanted to meet you at the Bamboo Palace is that they had a business meeting there. Don't worry! I told them you live too far away from there, so they discussed with the other party and agreed to change the venue to the restaurant beneath Starhill Hotel.]

Theo even sent her a smiley face along with another message that read, (My mom saw a picture of you in the news and even looked through your portfolio. They seem very fond of you! ]

Luna sighed at the texts.

She did not know what to tell Theo. She felt that it was too cruel to keep on emphasizing to him that they were only a fake couple, but if she did not do that...

Luna sighed, picked up her phone, and called Anne. " Come shopping with me."

Luna arrived at the Starhill Hotel entrance at 6 p.m. on the dot. She wore a black skirt with a white chiffon top that made her look elegant and ladylike. The breeze picked up a few strands of her long hair, giving her an air of sophistication and charm. Theo stood at the hotel entrance, and as soon as he saw her getting out of the taxi, his entire body froze, mesmerized. He knew that Luna was gorgeous, but...

She was so stunning that even a simple outfit like that somehow brought out her beauty. He continued to stare at her, awestruck.

Luna caught sight of Theo and waved at him before she sashayed toward him in her high heels.

"Are Mr. and Mrs. Allen inside?"

Theo finally came to after hearing Luna's voice. He coughed slightly and replied, "Yes." He scratched his head somewhat sheepishly and said, "I thought my parents came all the way to Banyan City just to see you, but it turns out they have a business meeting arranged."

"That's okay." Luna held onto Theo's arm and smiled. "If they had flown over just for me, it would've made me feel very guilty."

Theo sighed, his brows furrowed. Then, he linked hands with Luna and walked into the hotel lobby together.

However, what happened next was beyond their wildest imaginations.

While they waited for the elevator, they heard a familiar voice ring out from behind them, "Joshua, why are we meeting here all of a sudden? I waited at Bamboo Palace for a long time."

As soon as Alice finished speaking, Joshua's voice rang out, "Maybe they didn't like Bamboo Palace."

Luna's mind went blank. She glanced in the direction of the voices from out of the corner of her eye.

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Joshua stood at the hotel entrance in his black suit and appeared to be on the phone with someone.

Alice, standing next to him, looked serene and captivating in her sparkling, navy blue dress.

Luna looked away from them and felt a sudden twinge of pain shoot through her heart.

"Luna?" Theo's questioning voice rang out. Luna immediately came to and realized that the elevator door before her had already opened.

She exhaled and hastily entered the elevator as though running away from something.

"This Mr. and Mrs. Allen that you're meeting with seem like strange people." Alice pursed her lips in indignation. "They'd already decided to send one of their subordinates to meet with us on their behalf, but they oh -so suddenly changed their minds and decided to come themselves.

"They agreed to meet at Bamboo Palace, and I even went all out and decorated the entire place to welcome them, but they changed the venue at the last minute. Don't you think they're a little stuck-up? It's not like they're the only people that can provide the specific kind of special ore we're looking for."

Joshua hung up the phone indifferently. "Maybe Mr. and Mrs. Allen changed the venue due to private matters."

Alice rolled her eyes. "Haven't they been living overseas for a long time now? What kind of private matters would they have to attend to here in Banyan City?"

Joshua did not answer and instead strode toward the elevator, appearing unconcerned. "Well, you'll know soon enough."

Joshua had just found out the vendor that would be providing Lynch Group with the precious ore they needed...was Theo's family business.

This would be interesting.

"Dad, Mom, this is Luna."

As soon as they arrived at the booth upstairs, Theo smilingly introduced Luna to his parents.

"Ms. Luna, please take a seat! " Theo's mother, Celeste, beamed at Luna and invited her to sit.

"Where are you from, Ms. Luna?"

"How many family members do you have?" "How did you and Theo meet?"

As soon as Luna sat down, Celeste bombarded her with a series of questions that left her a little unnerved.

It was, in fact, Luna's first time meeting a boyfriend's parents. Even though she had been married to Joshua in the past, Joshua grew up with a single parent, and his father did not pay much attention to him at all. Therefore, Luna never had to experience the awkwardness of meeting her boyfriend's parents for the first time.

"I've looked at your portfolio, Ms. Luna. Your designs are absolutely beautiful! You truly are a talented jewelry designer!" Theo's father, Nathan, chimed in and praised Luna as he stroked his beard. "Ms. Luna, our family runs a business selling ores meant for jewelry making. In the future, if you and Theo get married, we can build a jewelry company of our own! "

Luna's heart sank as soon as she heard that. She frowned and asked, "Uncle, did you just say...that your family sells ores to jewelry companies?"

If she remembered correctly...

Joshua had a business meeting with a vendor that would be supplying valuable ores to the Lynch Group this very night.

"Yes, that's correct. " Nathan stroked his beard and let out a hearty laugh. "Although we work with a lot of big companies, we've always been very low-rofile and discreet. Not even Theo knows about all this! I wouldn't have told you this if I didn't know you were a jewelry designer."

With that, he gave a triumphant smile and added, "In fact, besides meeting you, we're also here tonight to discuss a collaborating opportunity with a very well-established company!"

Luna's hand, hidden underneath the table all this while, gripped the hem of her shirt tightly. If her suspicions were right...

"The company we're going to be working with is Lynch Group from Banyan City! "

As soon as Nathan proudly declared the name of the company, Luna and Theo's expressions darkened, but Nathan did not seem to notice that. Instead, he lowered his head to glance at his watch and remarked, "Mr. Lynch called a while ago to tell me he's already downstairs. What's taking him so long?"

As soon as he finished his sentence, someone knocked on the door. "Hello, is this Mr. Nathan Allen's booth?"

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Luna and Theo exchanged glances as soon as they heard the voice coming from the other side of the door. They were more than familiar with it.

"Yes, it is!" Nathan leaped out of his seat excitedly, strode over, and flung open the door.

A young couple stood outside the door. The man was tall and slender with an aura of sophistication about him, while the woman looked serene and charming.

"You must be Mr. Lynch! " Nathan immediately extended his hand out to shake Joshua's. "Please come in! "

Joshua offered a small smile and eyed Luna, who sat inside the booth. She wore a formal and elegant skirt, and she even put on makeup. She looked much

more stunning than how she usually looked at work.

It was clear that Luna had put in the effort to look good for Theo's parents.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and pulled Alice into the room impassively.

Alice strolled in with a smile on her face, but as soon as she caught sight of Theo and Luna in the corner, she froze. After a moment, however, she plastered a smile on her face and greeted, "Hello, Mr. Allen. Nice to meet you. I'm Joshua's wife."

She then glanced at the two people sitting in the corner. "And these two are..."

Celeste immediately stood up and pulled Theo and Luna up with her. "Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, I'm Nathan's wife. This is my son and our future daughter-in- law!"

Everyone in the room fell silent as soon as they heard that.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and shot Luna a cold glance.

Luna frowned and looked a little pale while Theo furrowed his brows and tugged on his mother's arm. "Mom, please don't say nonsense like this. Luna and I -"

"Oh, I didn't know you were engaged." Alice let go of Joshua and sat down next to Luna with a gentle smile. "Congratulations." She looked up at Nathan and Celeste, who both appeared surprised by that. " I 'm not sure if you know this, but Luna and I have been friends for a very long time now."

She smiled faintly at Luna. "How long have we known each other now? Six years?"

Luna forced out a smile and glanced at Alice. "More than six years. I think we've known each other for... eight years now."

The color drained from Alice's face.

She had claimed to have known Luna for six years, which was when Luna gave birth to Neil and Nellie so that it would match up with her lies. She had previously accused Luna of getting close to her and stealing her children, so she had to make sure the lies were aligned.

However, Luna had declared their first meeting as eight years ago. That was when Luna and Joshua got married!

"Eight years?" Joshua sat down and cast Luna a stern look. "Alice, didn't you and I get married eight years ago?"

Alice immediately stiffened. She knew Luna had said that on purpose to trip her up and force her to invent another lie!

Alice smiled, squinting her eyes into slits. "I think Luna is mistaken. Eight years ago? We didn't even know each other at that time." "Maybe she knew of you, but you didn't, " Joshua interjected before Alice could finish her sentence. He fixed his gaze on Luna and asked, "How did you get to know Alice eight years ago?"

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Luna frowned and met Joshua's gaze. "What do you think, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua stared at Luna's face and recalled what Jude had said to him earlier this afternoon...

"Anything can happen, but I do hope that beautiful employee of yours isn't Hailey Walter. Otherwise, it'd be disgusting to know that you slept with the woman you hate the most, multiple times."

Joshua continued to stare at Luna stiffly. Eight years ago was indeed the first time Hailey ever met Luna Gibson.

Theo seemed to detect the hostility in Joshua's eyes and immediately interjected, "Aren't you here to talk business with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch? Why don't we discuss that now? We have plenty of time to catch up in the future."

Alice feared Luna would accidentally say something to expose her, so she hastily agreed with Theo. "He's right. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are here today to talk business. Please, don't let our chatter interfere with your work progress! "

Joshua narrowed his eyes and glanced at Luna one more time before he finally turned around to talk to Nathan. After a while, they started to discuss the ore extraction process as well as negotiate prices. Alice did not understand anything, Theo did not want to, and Luna refused to have anything to do with Joshua.

Therefore, the six people within the room got split

into two distinctive groups: three discussing business, while the other three dug into their meal.

Seeing that Joshua was focused on his conversation, Alice smiled and pretended to adjust Luna's shirt button, but she whispered underneath her breath threateningly, "Watch what you speak! If you dare to expose me, I 'll make you and your two kids pay for this!"

Luna chuckled softly and retorted in a half-whisper, "How will you do that, Ms. Walter? Are you going to ask your father, who's stuck in prison, to come after me, or are you going to use your bankrupt family's money to make my life miserable?"

A flash of anger passed through Alice's gaze. "Luna: Just because the Walters are bankrupt now doesn't mean I can't make your life a living hell!

"Let me be very honest with you. Yesterday, when your two children were sent abroad... I convinced Joshua to assign some people over to protect them. Do you want to guess how many of these bodyguards are secretly the Walters' men?"

Luna faltered at that. "You've assigned spies among Joshua's men?"

"No, I didn't ." Alice lowered her voice and hovered close to Luna's ear. "Did you forget that Joshua's father...is my beloved Uncle Adrian?"

Luna bit down on her lip and glared at Alice. "He wouldn't dare do anything to his grandchildren!"

Alice snorted in indignation, then straightened up gracefully and said to the rest of the people with a smile, "I always thought Theo was just a famous artist, but I never thought you have such a well- established family business as well!

"You're so lucky, Luna! Although..." She turned around and glanced at Celeste. "The Allens are very fortunate to have Luna as well. Luna is a talented jewelry designer, and you own a family business supplying precious ores to jewelry companies. That sounds like fate! "

Celeste was so delighted to hear those words that she grinned from ear to ear. "That's right! Theo and Luna are a match made in heaven! "

Alice curled her lips into a faint smile. "If I were you, Mrs. Allen, I'd set a date for Luna and Theo's wedding right now. The sooner you settle it, the better, right?"

As soon as she heard that, Celeste immediately exchanged glances with Nathan before shoving a jewelry box into Theo's hand, and Nathan stood up eagerly. "Since it's so merry here tonight, I 'd like to invite Mr. and Mrs. Lynch to be witnesses. Our entire family sincerely hopes that Ms. Luna will be willing to marry our son! "

"What if..." Joshua crossed his legs lazily as soon as Nathan finished his sentence. "What if I'm not willing to be a witness to this? In fact, I don't approve of this marriage at all." Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 555

The entire room grew silent as Joshua's words hung in the air.

After a long pause, Nathan smiled and said, "What are you talking about, Mr. Lynch? We're going to become work partners soon. Plus, your wife is close friends with Luna. Isn't this marriage meant to be? Why are you— "

"Because, " responded Joshua as he pointed his bony finger at Luna, "she's not a good match."

The atmosphere in the booth grew so silent that one could hear a pin drop.

The color drained from Luna's face, but Theo's expression did not look good either.

Nathan and Celeste looked at one another, bewildered.

"Joshua." Alice frowned and sat down next to Joshua. Then, she lowered her voice and said, "Luna finally managed to find a boyfriend, and both Theo and his parents seem to be very happy with her...

Why are you saying things like this? Do you know what'll happen if you break up a marriage?"

Although Alice had lowered her voice and appeared to be whispering in Joshua's ear, everyone heard her.

At first glance, there did not seem to be anything wrong with what Alice said. However, upon further scrutiny, she implied that there was something wrong with Luna's character, which led to her having a hard time finding a boyfriend. Celeste furrowed her brows at Alice's words. She lifted her head to glance at Luna, then at Alice.

Meanwhile, Nathan's expression darkened. "Mr. Lynch, you claim that Luna isn't a good match. Can you elaborate?"

"There's no reason!" Theo immediately stood up and interjected, "Luna works for Lynch Group. Mr. Lynch was just worried that if Luna and I got married, she wouldn't want to work for him anymore, and he'd lose a valued employee."

With that, he opened the jewelry box spitefully, displaying the exquisite, priceless diamond ring within.

Luna immediately recognized the ring. This was the first ring she had made with her bare hands while she was abroad. At that time, she had sold this ring for an exorbitant price to pay Malcolm back for all the help he had provided her. Therefore, to Luna, this ring held a lot of sentimental value.

This ring, after all, belonged to Theo...

Luna could tell that the Allens had prepared in advance before their visit to Banyan City. Not only did they spend a lot of money, but they had put in the effort to track this ring down for her.

Theo's words managed to convince the Allens otherwise, and Nathan immediately grinned. "Ms. Luna, please accept this gift. We found out that this was the first ring you ever made yourself, so we tracked it down and decided to give it to you as your engagement gift. We hope that this ring will remind you to always stay true to your heart."

Celeste smiled at her. "That's right, Ms. Luna. The diamond stone on this ring is just as beautiful and pure as you are." Joshua snickered as soon as Celeste finished her sentence. "Pure?" He lifted his head to gaze at Luna. "Do you think you deserve this?"

Luna clenched her fists in anger. She knew that Joshua would try to humiliate her at every chance he got! She narrowed her eyes and met his gaze. "Why don't you tell me what you think, Mr. Lynch? What makes you think I'm not pure?

"Did I cheat on my wife, or did I refuse to admit the truth and instead continue to pretend like I'm a faithful partner?"

Joshua's expression darkened. He continued to stare at Luna's face and snarled through gritted teeth, " The only thing I know is that a promiscuous woman such as yourself doesn't deserve to be called pure! "

Celeste and Nathan's faces paled upon hearing this. They immediately turned around to stare at Theo. "Theo, this..."

"He's talking nonsense! Luna is a pure and honest person! She's a perfect match for our family! " Theo clenched his teeth, took out the ring from the jewelry box, and tried to put it onto Luna's finger.

However, the more agitated he was, the harder it was for him to slip it onto her finger. Finally, Luna drew back her hand and said, "Theo, it's okay."

"Luna..." Theo bit down on his lip and was about to say something, but before he could do so, Luna stood up. She approached Nathan and Celeste and gave them both a respectful bow. "Theo and I are just dating. I've never considered the idea of marrying him."

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As soon as they heard that, Celeste and Nathan turned to one another.

"Besides, Mr. Lynch is right." Luna let out an exhale. "I 'm not a good match for Theo. He's such a kind and gentle person; I don't think I deserve him at all. I thought tonight was just a small family dinner, but I didn't expect an engagement to come out of this. I'm sorry."

With that, Luna turned around. However, just as she was about to leave, she paused as if she had recalled something and took a step back.

"Mr. Lynch." Luna slowly approached Joshua and smiled at him. "Are you happy now?"

Joshua snorted in indignation and gently set down the cup at hand. "Yes, I am."

Luna stared at him, and a glimmer of malice flashed across her eyes. A second later, a smack landed on Joshua's face before he could even react.

Luna had given him such a forceful blow that his face was struck to one side from the impact.

Luna drew back her throbbing hand and chided, " Anyone can think I'm impure and promiscuous, but you, Mr. Lynch? You have no right. " With that, she turned around to leave.

"Luna! " Alice immediately grabbed onto Luna's wrist and leaped out of her seat in a fury. "How dare you slap Joshua? Have you forgotten he's still your boss? You haven't married into the Allen family yet! "

Luna flung Alice's hand away. "If you want to fire me, go ahead! "

She left the room with a huff and slammed the door behind her.

Meanwhile, Nathan and Celeste watched everything unfold in silence.

Theo put down the box and turned around to chase after Luna, but Nathan stopped him before he could do so.

"What's wrong with that woman?" he asked coldly.

Theo clenched his teeth. "Luna's not that kind of person at all! It's all just rumors! "

"There's always a grain of truth in every rumor, " sneered Nathan. "If she's genuinely innocent, why would anyone spread lies and rumors about her?" He pressed Theo's hand forcefully against the table. "I forbid you from seeing that woman again before we get to the bottom of this! No woman is worth losing so much over! "

On the other side of the table, Alice had found some ice and gently pressed them against Joshua's cheek. "Joshua, how dare she behave like that? Can't we find another designer to take over this project? You should get rid of her. An employee who dares to beat their boss isn't worth keeping..."

Joshua did not respond. Instead, he stared at a distance, his eyes narrowed.

After Alice had finished putting ice on Joshua's face, Celeste approached her cautiously and asked, "Mrs. Lynch, you're friends with Luna. You... You should know what kind of person she is, right?"

"She..." Alice paused, feigning embarrassment, and finally let out a sigh. "That's Luna's personal business. I don't have a say in anything at all. She's a very gifted designer, and I'll have to give her that. I agreed to this marriage because I thought it'd be beneficial to both parties in terms of business.

However, Luna's private life is..."

Alice sighed again and added, "I thought that since you're all artists, you'd be more open-minded and wouldn't care much about things like this..."

The color drained from Celeste's face as soon as she heard that. She turned around and glanced at Nathan.

"Let's go home, now! " Nathan announced as he grabbed Theo's collar. "I forbid you to see that woman ever again! "

He then shot Joshua an apologetic look and said, " I'm so sorry you had to see that, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua closed his eyes and waved his hand as a dismissive farewell. After the three of them left, Alice continued to sit next to Joshua for a while.

"Joshua, it's getting late now. Why don't we go home now?" she asked coyly as she laid in Joshua's arms.

Joshua closed his eyes and recalled the look in Luna's eyes when she had slapped him.

Despair, anger, hatred.

That was the first time Luna had ever looked at him like that...

Suddenly, Joshua's phone rang. It was a call from Lucas.

"Sir, Luna's on the Bay Bridge right now! Is she considering...suicide?"

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However, Joshua did not know what Luna meant and instead interpreted it as something else.

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Joshua felt as though his blood had run cold. He gripped his phone tightly and enunciated slowly, "That's impossible."

"But..." Lucas' frantic voice rang out from the other end of the line. "She climbed onto the railing of Bay Bridge! Sir...should I call the police?"

Joshua had tried to compose himself, but as soon as he heard that, his calm facade crumbled. He roared into the phone, "Keep an eye on her! "

With that, he hung up the phone and stormed out of the room.

"Joshua... Josh—" By the time Alice finally came to, Joshua had already disappeared around the end of the hallway.

She was so furious that she immediately smashed the tableware onto the floor.

Luna! That b\*tch!

If she wanted to die, they should just let her be!

She deserved to die! She should have died six years ago!

Joshua came out of the hotel lobby and hopped into his car. He harshly stepped on the gas pedal and sped toward Bay Bridge as fast as his car could go.

He finally realized why Luna had stared at him like that.

She hated him so much that she wanted to take her life!

No... He could not let her die!

Starhill Hotel was more than ten minutes away from Bay Bridge, but Joshua managed to arrive within five minutes. When he finally arrived, he saw Luna still sitting on the railing.

She had taken off her shoes and removed her jacket, sitting barefoot on the railing as she gazed at the night sky in the distance.

As soon as Joshua got out of the car, Lucas approached him and whispered next to his ear, " She's been sitting there ever since I called you. I didn't dare get close or peep a single word lest I trigger her by accident..." Joshua frowned and gazed at Luna's chiseled side – profile. She was so beautiful that it neared perfection.

However, at that moment, her eyes were etched with despair, helplessness, and doubt, as if...recalling some distant memory.

Luna was indeed reminiscing.

She sat on the railing as she stared out at the sea in the distance.

Many years ago, she had ended up in her accident with Joshua's driver and plummeted into the ocean right at this very spot.

This was also where Malcolm's ship had rescued her and led her to start a new life away from Banyan City.

This was the place where she and Joshua's lives veered off in different directions.

Luna sat on the railing and lamented her fate. She had survived a car crash, facial disfiguration,

childbirth, and plastic surgery. All of this led her to her new life abroad.

Even though it was not easy, Luna still managed to persevere through these hardships, one by one.

What she currently experienced paled in comparison.

She should not have been so upset by this. She should not have cared so much.

"Are you going to jump?" Suddenly, a low voice rang out next to her.

The voice that rang out of the blue startled her, causing her entire body to jolt, tipping her slightly in the direction of the water.

"Be careful! " Joshua's hand immediately grabbed her wrist and pressed her down against the railing. As soon he made sure she was safe, he roared, "Why are you so upset by this? It's just a little hiccup. Are you that desperate to marry Theo?"

Luna froze. Did Joshua think she wanted to end herself?

She smirked and swung his hand away. "Don't worry —I won't die. You'll probably die before me."

Joshua, who had done so many despicable things, was still alive. How could she kill herself over such a n insignificant matter?

Joshua felt like laughing. "Well, if you're not going to jump, what are you doing here? Admiring the view?"

Luna smirked. "Why? What's wrong with that?" She lifted her head to gaze at the water beneath her. "This seems like a very suitable place to dump a dead body."

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Joshua sighed and glanced at Luna, who had passed out from the excruciating pain. The color had drained from her face, and her right shoulder was once more wrapped in a thick layer of bandages.

Joshua sighed and left the ward.

"Lucas, send out a job recruitment notice tonight. I want to hire some jewelry design assistants who have stable foundations, or even artists."

Lucas paused. "Didn't Luna already hire her boyfriend, Theo, as her assistant? Why do you want Before he could finish his sentence, however, Joshua shot him a glare, and Lucas immediately clamped his mouth shut.

When Luna finally woke up, it was already the next morning. The first thing she saw when she opened her eyes was Joshua.

He sat on a chair next to her bed, dressed in all black with his arms crossed in front of his chest. He appeared to be fast asleep.

Luna frowned and stared at him for a few moments. His eyes were shut, and he looked calm and tranquil.

Luna recalled how Joshua had carried her into his car and sped toward the hospital last night. He apologized profusely to her throughout the journey, saying that he did not mean to do that on purpose. He was just too worried that she would jump off the bridge.

Luna did not know whether to believe him or not, but she could not help but feel touched by his words.

She wanted to believe that everything he said was true.

Alas, as she regained her rationality, Luna knew they were all lies.

This man was selfish and despicable. How could he possibly feel sorry and genuinely apologize to her?

All of a sudden, as if he could feel her staring at him, Joshua furrowed his brows and opened his eyes.

"Are you awake now?" He glanced at her. "The doctor said that you can' t afford to suffer another injury anymore. Lucas had spent the entire night helping you recruit more than ten assistants. When you get back to the office later, you can have a look a t them and decide which of them you want to keep. "

With that, Joshua glanced at Luna's right shoulder and added, "You should let your assistant do all the sketching for the time being."

Luna shot him a cold glance and sneered, "Why should I? Theo is the perfect candidate. If it weren' t for you, Mr. Lynch, he and I would've established a great rapport and already started working together yesterday."

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly. Then, after a moment, he lif ted his head to stare at Luna coldly. "Well, you were there last night. You saw that Theo's family owns a business supplying precious ores to companies. Although his father and I are just partners, if Theo comes to work for Lynch Group and learns everything about how a jewelry design company operates, then ends up marrying you...

"Can you guess what'll happen next?"

Luna chuckled. "Is this the reason you refused to let me hire Theo as my assistant? You were afraid that he'd learn trade secrets and start his own company to compete with Lynch Group?"

Joshua squinted slightly. "You can say that."

"That's a pretty good excuse, Mr. Lynch. What about humiliating me right in front of Theo's parents last night, then? Was it because you didn't want him to marry me and gain an advantage over your Lynch Group?"

Joshua shifted into a more comfortable position in his chair. "Of course."

Luna chuckled, then fixated her steely gaze on Joshua. "Why are you so afraid of him, Mr. Lynch? He's just the son of one of our ore suppliers. How did Lynch Group get to where it is now if you're so constantly threatened by other people? I don't believe you at all." Joshua raised his eyebrows at her. "Well, if you don't believe me, then what do you think is my reason for doing all this?"

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"Do you think I'm a horrible boss who enjoys making his employee's life miserable? Or..." Joshua stared at Luna with a malicious glint. "Do you think I'm doing this because I'm in love with you?"

Luna's breath caught in her throat.

She wanted to tell him that according to what happened yesterday, there was one other possibility—Joshua was a psycho who enjoyed toying with people.

To him, Luna had always been a person at his beck and call, but all of a sudden, she belonged to Theo. Therefore, Joshua did it all out of spite.

However, Luna did not dare say them out loud.

She could not cross him yet. Not until she bore his child.

"Alright then, I'll just assume that Mr. Lynch is worried about having an extra competitor." Luna sighed and lowered her head to glance at the time. " It's time to go to work now."

Joshua frowned, then stood up and extended his hand toward Luna to help her out of the bed.

Upon seeing his outstretched hand, Luna paused, then took it with a faint smile.

She thought everything that happened yesterday would cause their relationship to become strained and tense. To her surprise, however, Joshua rushed all the way to Bay Bridge just to stop her from `

taking her life'.

He even stayed by her side the entire night because he feared something bad would happen.

Even if he just pretended to care about her, Luna had to admit that Joshua had put considerable effort into his acting, so she could not hold it against him.

The two of them had a quick breakfast together, then carpooled to Lynch Group Tower.

"Luna..." As soon as Luna stepped out of the car, Theo, who had been waiting at the building entrance, immediately rushed toward her. "Where have you been all night? I went to Swan Lake Residences to look for you, but you weren't there, so I had no choice but to wait here..."

Before he could finish, Theo caught sight of Joshua, who got out of the car behind Luna. His expression darkened, and he lowered his voice, saying, "What are you doing with him? Are you... "

Theo narrowed his eyes and clenched his fists so hard that his knuckles cracked. "I knew it H e lied about everything to my parents last night He said those things so he could keep you for himself! "

Theo stormed in Joshua's direction, and Luna immediately stopped him, frowning. "Theo! What on earth are you talking about?"

"Am I wrong?" Theo turned around and cast Luna a distressed look. "I know you have your reasons, Luna, but how could you still tolerate him, even after the way he humiliated you in front of my parents? How could you even— "

"How could she even what?" Before Theo could finish his sentence, Joshua interjected in a low, steely tone. He crossed his arms in front of his chest and stared at Theo impassively. "Why don't you elaborate, Mr. Allen?"

Theo gritted his teeth and glared at Joshua with hatred boiling in his eyes. "Do you want me to say it out loud? Last night, you and Luna..."

Theo wanted to say the words 'slept together', but no matter how hard he tried, he could not squeeze the words out of his throat.

"Slept together?" Joshua interrupted coldly.

Theo was so furious that the veins on his clenched fists popped. "You admitted it!" "Admitted what?" Joshua snickered. "Theo, didn't you say that you love Luna and you're willing to do anything for her? What about last night? Where were you when she almost took her life by jumping off Bay Bridge last night?"

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"Took her life ...?"

Theo's anger dissipated the moment he heard Joshua's words. He no longer felt like arguing with Joshua.

He turned around and grabbed Luna's arms. "Luna, why did you... Why did you attempt to end yourself? Was it because of what my parents said last night? Was it something else...? What's wrong?" Theo shook Luna so harshly that she grew light- headed. Then, after a moment, she furrowed her brows feebly. "I'm fine. I'm just..."

"Theo! " a shrill voice abruptly interrupted Luna. She frowned and glanced in the direction where the voice had come from.

A black BMW was parked by the side of the road. Celeste and Nathan frantically got out of the car and sprinted in their direction.

"Theo, as soon as we discovered you were gone, we knew you had snuck out to find that b\*tch! " Celeste grabbed Theo's arm and pulled him to her side. " What did you promise me last night? You promised me you wouldn't get in touch with that b\*tch ever again! Why did you come here to find her?"

Nathan shot Luna a stern look. "Ms. Luna, I thought that after what happened last night, you'd be dignified enough to stay away from Theo. Seems like I thought of you too highly. " He condescendingly added, "I do have to admit that it's not entirely your fault, however. How could a promiscuous gold— digger like you resist the temptation? Although we're not as rich as Mr. Lynch, it's still more than enough to keep you satisfied."

"Dad!" Theo frowned and flung his mother's hand away. He sidled in front of Luna, blocking her from the rest. "How could you say something like this? Didn't I explain everything to you last night? Luna isn't that kind of person at all! How dare you even insult her like this?"

Celeste's blood boiled as soon as she heard Theo defending Luna.

Theo was her only son, so it was natural that she wanted nothing but the best for him. Yesterday, when she saw the news, she even researched Luna to understand better what kind of person she was. Initially, she was very pleased with this future daughter-in-law, but everything had changed.

Beautiful women were never faithful!

Celeste recalled her conversation with Alice last night and grew even more outraged.

This woman was so shameful that she even dared to seduce her best friend's husband. This was unacceptable!

Celeste stomped toward Luna with an air of fury. "You b\*tch! Would it kill you not to seduce other men like this?"

With that, she raised her palm in the air and swung it towards Luna's face—

A slender, bony hand caught Celeste's wrist in mid-air.

"Mrs. Allen." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk. " How dare you even assault my employee right in front of my office building? Don't you think that's very disrespectful toward me?"

Celeste's eyes widened in shock. She never expected that Joshua would stick up for Luna like that.

He had been the first to accuse Luna of not being good enough for Theo last night. Moreover, he was also the one who exposed Luna's promiscuity! Why was he...

"Mrs. Allen." Joshua flung her hand away and stepped in front of Luna, guarding her behind his lean body. "This is the entrance of Lynch Group Tower, not someplace where you can cause a scene whenever you like."

Celeste's face turned white, then scarlet.

Theo frowned, lunged forward, and immediately grabbed Celeste. "Mom, what are you doing?" "Mr. Lynch."

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Nathan frowned. "Since Luna is your employee, shouldn't you reprimand her for being promiscuous and having a complicated personal life?"

Joshua chuckled. "It's not like she's my wife, so why should I care about all this?"

Everybody froze as soon as they heard that, even Luna. Her expression darkened. It turned out...

Joshua still thought she was promiscuous and impure.

The reason he had defended her in front of the Allens was not that he trusted her, but because—

He did not care about her at all.

Luna gripped the hem of her shirt tightly.

She had always known that Joshua did not care about her. Even if he did, it was just temporary because he wanted to have fun with her.

However, Luna still could not help but feel a twinge of pain in her heart when she heard what Joshua had said. She felt as though someone had pricked her with a needle, and her heart oozed blood.

Meanwhile, Nathan was so shocked by this sudden turn of events that he did not know what to say.

Joshua turned around and glanced at Nathan and Celeste. "If I remember correctly, you two have decided not to take Luna in as your future daughter-in-law, right?"

Celeste snorted in indignation. "Of course. We won't allow our son to marry a s1\*t like her! "

"Well, since you've already changed your mind about the engagement, then what are you doing here?" Joshua shot them a stern look. "Since she's not going to be marrying your son anymore, why do you care about her personal life? What does any of this have to do with you?"

Celeste furrowed her brows. "She seduced my son! If it weren't for her, Theo wouldn't have come here so early in the morning! "

"The stitches on Luna's shoulder burst last night, and she was in so much pain that she passed out. She spent the entire night in the hospital, and I was with her. She never contacted Theo ever since they parted ways last night, so how can you say she seduced him?"

With that, Joshua glanced at Theo impassively. "Did Luna ask you to come here?"

Theo paused for a moment, stunned, then finally realized what Joshua was trying to do. He immediately shook his head. "No, no! Luna didn't contact me at all. I came here all by myself to look for her..."

As soon as he said this, Joshua smirked. "Did you hear that, Mr. and Mrs. Allen? What you have to do right now is keep an eye on your son instead of causing a scene at my building entrance."

He then turned around and glanced at Luna. "You should go in first."

Luna pursed her lips, lifted her head to gaze at Theo, then finally turned around and entered the building.

"You..." Celeste was seething with rage when she saw Luna disappear into Lynch Group Tower.

However, she did not want to offend Joshua further, so she had no choice but to swallow her rage and keep quiet.

"Lucas." As soon as Luna entered the building, Joshua gave a stretch and ordered, "Get Zach and Yuri to guard the front doors and tighten up security all around the building. Don't let any troublemakers into Lynch Group Tower."

"Yes, Sir! "

The color drained from Celeste's face as soon as she heard that. Nathan, too, was so angry that he balled up his fists.

"Joshua Lynch! " He snarled through gritted teeth and glared at Joshua's retreating figure. "How dare you treat us like this? Did you forget that you were supposed to collaborate with us? We're the only people who can supply you with the precious ores you want! Aren't you afraid that we'd forfeit the contract and refuse to do business with you anymore?"

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Joshua could not help but smirk when he heard what Nathan had said. He turned around to look at him. "I t seems as though you're unaware that we're buying these gemstones from you upon Luna's request, Mr. Allen.

"According to Lynch Group's senior executives, we can always change the materials used for this project to diamonds. However, Luna was the one who insisted on using your gemstones. She thinks they'll be more suitable for her designs. If you want to forfeit our contract, I can convince Luna to change her mind and use diamonds for her products instead, but..."

Joshua stared at Nathan with a steely look. "Are you sure you want to do that, Mr. Allen? I 'm afraid you don't want to find out the consequences of offending Lynch Group and any of its employees. "

Nathan's face turned pale, then blushed scarlet. He clenched his fists and stared at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, I don't think the two of us should break our contract over a woman."

"Look who's talking," snapped Joshua. "It's you who caused a scene in front of my office building so early in the morning, yet you had the audacity to say this?"

Nathan was so affronted by this that he could not answer.

Shooting them a final smirk, Joshua turned around and strode into Lynch Group Tower.

Nathan and Celeste were rooted where they stood, and their faces contorted in rage. They were furious at the way they were treated. However, they did not dare to offend such a big corporation as Lynch Group, so they had no choice but to relent.

"Dad, Mom<sub>1</sub>" Theo shot his parents a somewhat helpless glance. "I already told you that Luna isn't the kind of person you think she is, but you didn't listen to me at all, and now you even followed me here<sub>1</sub> See what happened? Are you happy now that Joshua Lynch has humiliated you in public like this?"

"Shut up: " Nathan was still irate from his encounter with Joshua and immediately vented his anger toward Theo. "You can have any woman in the world, yet you chose that b\*tch Luna and even announced your relationship on television : If our relatives find out about her, you'll embarrass both of us! Let's go home, right now! "

With that, he grabbed Theo by his collar and dragged him into the car.

Celeste sighed when she saw the way her husband and son were behaving. She took out her phone and typed a message to Alice.

(Ms. Lync, we're at the front door of Lynch Group Tower right now. I was about to slap Luna on your behalf, but Mr. Lynch stopped me. I believe what you said about Luna seducing Mr. Lynch now, but... He's forbidden us to enter Lynch Group Tower now, and he threatened to forfeit our contract. We can't do anything about Luna. What do you think we should do next?)

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Alice stared at Celeste's message and gritted her teeth in anger.

She narrowed her eyes and gripped her phone tightly.

Last night, she had called Joshua to ask where he was. He had lied to her, saying that he worked overnight at the office when, in reality, he had spent the entire night in the hospital with Luna!

He was even willing to forfeit his contract with the Allens just for her!

Even though the Allens were not a big company, they were one of the few corporations who possessed the rights to mine this particular ore that Lynch Group needed. Therefore, many companies clamored to do business with them. Lynch Group had to fight tooth and nail just to get this opportunity to work with them. Alice could not believe that Joshua was willing to lose the Allens' business just for Luna!

She let out an exhale and typed a reply to Celeste, her hands shaking, (What a surprise.]

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(Please don't be disappointed, Mrs. Allen. It's not your fault. Luna's just too good at manipulating people. Don't worry, though. Just focus on consoling Theo for now, and make sure he doesn't keep in touch with Luna anymore.]

At this point, Celeste was on her way back to her hotel. She glanced at Theo, whose hands were held down by his father. (Mrs. Lynch, why do you think... Luna likes Theo?]

(Probably because of his wealth. She's such a beautiful woman, so of course she'd seduce men with money and power. It can't possibly be love, can it?]

Celeste frowned and stared at Alice's reply thoughtfully.

The candidates that Lucas had recruited for the position of Luna's assistant were all very outstanding.

As soon as she arrived at her floor, she immediately interviewed all of them herself and finally settled on three candidates that she felt had the most solid foundation.

Two of them were men, and one was a girl. Together with Arianna, they would be a perfect quadruple.

Luna spent the whole day showing them the ropes, describing their job scopes, as well as explaining the company's confidentiality policies to them. When it was time to get off work, one of the male assistants named Samson Matthews glanced at Luna with a smile. "Today is our first day of work. Aren't you going to treat us to dinner, Director Luna? It'd be a good idea for us to get to know each other since we're going to be working very closely in the future."

Luna nodded in good spirits. "Sure."

Since Neil and Nellie had left for summer camp, she did not have much to do after work. It would indeed be a good idea to have dinner with her new assistants to lighten her mood.

"Director Luna, " Arianna piped in, glancing at Luna's shoulder worriedly. "Your injury... Are you sure it'll be okay?"

Luna smiled. "Don't worry. It's just dinner. It's not like I'll be drawing anyway."

The five of them left the building, got into Samson's car, and headed toward a nearby restaurant.

They had a simple meal together, but it was not long until the new assistants clamored around Luna and insisted that she had a drink.

Luna used her wound as an excuse to reject their offer. Then, she pretended that she needed to use the bathroom and quickly fled the scene for some fresh air.

Luna was washing her face at a sink in the restaurant's bathroom when she heard a woman's voice from outside the bathroom. It grew louder and louder and was accompanied by the clicking of high

heels. It seemed to be heading toward the bathroom.

"I thought that I'd end up with an outstanding designer as my daughter-in-law, but I was wrong! I never knew she was such a promiscuous woman! I guess it's true that beautiful women aren't ever good. Theo is too nalve! "

Luna frowned. She recognized this voice... It belonged to Theo's mother, Celeste.

Luna felt her head start to throb. She never expected that her and Theo's frantic announcement in front of the hotel entrance would end up causing so much trouble.

However, since she and Theo had just announced their relationship only a day ago, Luna felt it was too soon to break up with him. On the other hand, if she continued to date him...it would cause even more trouble.

Luna sighed as she recalled what had happened this morning at the entrance of Lynch Group Tower.

Then, she slipped into one of the bathroom cubicles and sat down on the toilet bowl.

Luna heard Celeste enter the bathroom and walk toward the sinks, talking on her phone simultaneously.

"If it weren't for Mrs. Lynch, I wouldn't have known how shameless this woman was! Not only did she seduce Mr. Lynch, but Mr. Lynch's assistant and Lynch Group's bodyguards as well! Yes, that's right. The two burly guards who stopped us from entering the building this morning were also her targets!

Even though she's beautiful...she's truly repulsive! She's even dirtier and more disgusting than a toilet! "

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Luna remained seated in the bathroom cubicle. As soon as she heard Celeste's rants, Luna's brows furrowed.

Despite the way Celeste had insulted her last night and this morning, Luna did not take any of her insults to heart, mostly because she respected Theo's mother.

However, the more she allowed Celeste to walk all over her, the more outrageous she got.

Luna could not believe Celeste was spreading rumors about her sleeping with Zach and Yuri!

Hearing that Celeste seemed to be on the phone with a certain 'Mrs. Lynch', Luna guessed that this was probably all Alice's doing.

"How can I let such a promiscuous woman marry our beloved Theo?" Celeste's voice rang out from outside the cubicle door. "I'm planning to take Theo for a full-body checkup tomorrow. I 'm worried he might have contracted some diseases from her..."

Before she could finish, however, she heard the cubicle door behind her slam open.

Celeste frowned and turned around, still holding her phone to her ear.

Luna strode out of the cubicle nonchalantly, dressed head -to -toe in white, and Celeste froze, realizing that Luna had overheard her entire conversation.

Luna walked toward her, gaze never wavering from Celeste, as she gracefully took out a recording device from her pocket and pressed the record button. "Please go on, Mrs. Allen." Luna leaned against the sink and pointed the recording device toward Celeste. "Continue."

Celeste's hand that held her phone stiffened. She narrowed her eyes. "Everything I said is true."

"We'll find out if it's true or not in court." Luna smirked and added, "If you know it's true, why aren't you continuing?"

"You want to sue me? " Celeste hung up the phone and glared at Luna. "Aren't you afraid that the public will find out how dirty and promiscuous you are? "

"How dirty and promiscuous I am?" she sneered. " Where's your proof, Mrs. Allen? Are you spreading rumors behind my back based only on what you heard? If I hadn't known you were Theo's mother, I would've thought you were some crazy old hag!

"I'm really curious as to how a witch like you managed to raise Theo into such a fine young man. Did he spend most of his childhood away from you? How fortunate if that's the case."

Even though Luna did not use a single curse word, Celeste was still outraged by what she said. Her chest heaved as she tried to catch her breath, and she glared at Luna crossly. "You have no right to insult me like that ! You're so desperate that you're even willing to sleep with a bodyguard ! How dare you talk to me like that?"

Luna chuckled. "Where's your proof, Mrs. Allen? You're just making empty accusations without any evidence...like a crazy old hag! Am I wrong?"

Celeste's expression darkened. She tucked her phone away and lunged in Luna's direction, raising her hand in the air. "I wanted to slap you this morning! If it weren't for Mr. Lynch, I would've gotten my way! " Just as Celeste drew her hand back, Luna immediately grabbed onto her wrist.

Celeste tried furiously to bring her hand down toward Luna's face, but try as she might, she could not overpower Luna at all.

"Do you truly think you cou1d've gotten your way this morning if it weren't for Joshua, Mrs. Allen?" Luna smirked and flung Celeste's hand away.

Celeste lost her balance and crashed against the edge of the sink. Her arm bumped against the faucet, causing water to gush out and splatter onto her face. Her makeup immediately started to run.

She looked absolutely flustered. "Mrs. Allen." Luna let out an exhale and pressed the off switch on her recording device. "I 've recorded our entire conversation just now."

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"Since you're Theo's mother, I won't expose the recording out of respect. However, if I ever catch you baselessly spreading fake rumors behind my back one more time, not only will I sue you for defamation, but I'll publish this recording and expose your true colors for the world to see.

"I want everyone to find out what a horrible person Theo's mother and Mrs. Allen of Allen Group is."

With that, Luna turned around and walked out of the bathroom.

Celeste glowered at her with hatred seething in her eyes.

She was the mother of a world-famous artist and the Allen Group's CEO's wife. How could she let anyone treat her like that?

How could she let a b\*tch like Luna threaten her? Celeste bit her lip and recalled what Alice had said to her earlier.

"This woman hurt herself with a cutting knife. It was just a small injury, but she kept pretending and coerced my husband into thinking it was a big deal. My husband values her as an employee very much, so he took her to the hospital multiple times and even spent the entire night by her bedside... Little did we know, this was just another one of her manipulation tactics..."

Celeste narrowed her eyes and fixated her gaze on Luna's right shoulder.

Although Luna wore a jacket, Celeste could still make out a bulge on her right shoulder that looked suspiciously like a thick layer of bandage.

She narrowed her eyes and lunged towards the hallway and in Luna's direction—

"Hey lady, what are you doing?" Before Celeste could grab onto Luna's shoulder, however, someone's hand reached out and stopped her.

The hand belonged to Samson, one of the new assistants that Luna had hired this day.

He sneered and flung Celeste away. "Director Luna's shoulder is injured. You better not touch her.

Otherwise, Lynch Group will make you pay for it. "

Luna did not even realize what Celeste attempted until Samson stopped her. She turned around and smirked at Celeste. "Mrs. Allen, was I being too kind to you?" Celeste glared at Luna, then at the man standing before her, who did not look a day over 18. She sneered and remarked, "I didn't know Luna even targeted teenagers."

With that, she turned around and walked away.

Luna frowned, watching Celeste's retreating figure. Then, after a moment, she turned around and glanced at Samson. "What are you doing here?"

"Director Luna, you disappeared from our booth for such a long time that we got worried, so Irene and I decided to check on you."

Luna paused, then realized that there was another person standing behind Samson. It was another one of the assistants that she had hired—a girl named Irene Cook.

Samson was a tall boy, so he towered over Irene and blocked her from Luna's view. Plus, she had not spoken a word since Luna came out of the bathroom, so naturally, Luna did not even notice her there.

Hearing her name, Irene, with her phone at hand, greeted Luna timidly, "Hi, Director Luna..."

"Hello." Luna sighed, turned around, and walked back toward their booth. "Come on, let's go back now."

"Okay," Samson chirruped in reply, then glanced at Irene and whispered in a low voice, "No matter what you heard, don't leak it out to the public, do you understand?"

Irene nodded meekly and followed him.

Meanwhile, Lynch Group's company group chat was bubbling with messages.

(Is that true? Did Director Luna really sleep with the bodyguards?]

(She even slept with President Lynch's assistant, Lucas?]

(I thought the rumors about her and President Lynch were fake! ]

(@newbie Irene, are you sure all of this is true?]

Irene held onto her phone tightly and typed a response, (It's all true. Director Luna's boyfriend's

mother said it herself. I even have a recording and photos.)

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When Luna returned to the booth, Arianna and another of Luna's male assistants, Zayne Campbell, were staring at their phones somewhat excitedly.

As soon as he saw Luna entering, Zayne immediately tucked his phone away and regained his composure. Meanwhile, Arianna stared at Luna as if she wanted t o say something but ultimately decided against it.

Luna was still thinking about what had happened with Celeste moments ago, so she did not notice her assistants' strange behavior. She entered the booth and sat down in her seat.

All of a sudden, she received a text message from Shannon.

(One of the three assistants you hired today has been spreading rumors about you.]

Luna frowned at the text, but just as she was about to ask Shannon more, she received another message from her. It was a forwarded conversation from a different group chat.

Luna gripped her phone tightly and read all of the messages. It made her so exasperated that she suddenly felt like laughing.

Luna raised her head to look at the four people before her. They were engaged in a conversation

about their previous work and education experiences.

Luna let out an exhale and tried to suppress her emotions. Then, she proceeded to join in their conversation as if nothing was wrong.

Suddenly, Irene mentioned that she wanted to grow closer to the rest of the employees at Lynch Group and suggested the rest join the company's group chat. When Luna heard this, she smirked and turned around to glance at Samson. "Do you agree with her?"

Samson felt a little puzzled as to why Luna asked him that, though he nonetheless replied with a frown, "Yes, and no. I'm an introvert, so I don't really enjoy socializing with people. No matter where I go, I never join any company group chats."

Luna curled her lips into a smirk and glanced at Arianna and Zayne. "What about you two?"

Arianna realized what Luna was getting at, so she stammered, "I... I only join group chats like this if someone invites me."

Zayne furrowed his brows and answered impassively, "I like to join, but I don't talk much.

I'm mostly just there to get to know the employees."

"It looks like the three of you are entirely different from Irene." Luna crossed her arms in front of her chest and tossed her phone onto the table. "Irene, please hand out all of the recordings and photos you have."

The entire room fell silent.

Zayne's expression darkened, and he glanced at Irene but dared not speak.

Meanwhile, Arianna poured Luna a glass of water and set it down in front of her.

Samson frowned, picked up the phone Luna had tossed onto the table, and looked through its contents.

The color drained from Irene's face. She tried to pretend as if she did not understand what happened. "Director Luna, what are you talking about? I don't understand— "

"Director Luna found out about everything! Stop pretending! " Samson put down the phone and glared at Irene. "Didn't I tell you not to leak anything out to the public? Why didn't you listen?

Don't you remember what Director Luna said to that crazy hag? She's going to sue her for defamation!

"Do you somehow think you're more important than Director Luna's boyfriend's mother? She's

refraining from suing her out of respect! What makes you think she won't sue you?"

Irene's face was as pale as marble. She immediately kneeled on the floor with a thud and started pleading, "Director Luna, I... I was just trying to get closer to the rest of the employees... They were gossiping about you in the group chat, so I wanted to.

She crawled over to Luna and grabbed hold of one of her pant legs. "I didn't mean to..."

Luna frowned and flung her hand away coldly. She curled her lips into a sneer and was about to say something when her phone rang. Samson glanced at the screen and immediately handed her phone over. "It's President Lynch." Luna could feel a headache starting to form.

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Luna guessed that somehow, the rumors had made their way to Joshua. Otherwise, he would not be calling her at this hour for no reason.

She let out a sigh, picked up the phone, and strode out of the room. "Hello?"

"From tomorrow onward, Zach and Yuri won't be working at Lynch Group Tower anymore, " said Joshua coldly.

Luna sucked in a deep breath. "Why?"

Neil had summoned Zach and Yuri over when Aura had tried to kill Nellie at the amusement park. If it were not for them, Neil would never have managed to open the door to the control room and stopped her and Nellie from falling out of the Ferris Wheel.

To a certain extent, Zach and Yuri had saved their lives.

These two brothers had come all the way to the city from their rural village just to seek a job. They did not desire much and were already content with working at Lynch Group Tower as security guards.

Was Joshua going to fire them over some false rumors that a newbie spread?

"No reason, " Joshua answered curtly. "There are a lot of rumors about you circling around the company now, and I'll try to find out who's behind all this.

However, you've already delayed the project for too many days. You have to make progress tomorrow because there are still some other preparations I have to do afterward. As for the rest, I'll take care of it for you."

Luna bit down on her lip. "Take care of it for me? How are you going to do that? Are you going to fire everyone who was supposedly involved with me, according to the rumors? If that's the case, then shouldn't you fire yourself first? You're the original star of the show! "

Joshua could not help but snicker when he heard that. "Do you think the reason Zach and Yuri aren't coming in to work anymore is because of you?"

"What else would it be?" Luna sighed and continued, "Joshua, the rumors involving me, Zach, and Yuri have been circling in the company group chat for only less than an hour, but you've already decided to fire the two of them. Do you somehow think that minor employees like them don't have any dignity and therefore don't have any right to explain themselves?

"You've already said it yourself that these are rumors, so how could you— "

Before she could finish, however, Joshua's cold voice interrupted her, "Why? Are you involved with Zach and Yuri, after all?"

"What do you think?" Luna gripped her phone tightly.

She could not believe Joshua had asked her this; the question made her feel ashamed. However, because of Zach and Yuri's integrity, she had no choice but to answer.

Joshua was a cruel, heartless man. Luna was afraid that if she did not answer, he would truly think...

Joshua was not hesitant to fight with a distinguished family such as the Allens. There was no telling what he would do to Zach and Yuri.

Luna sighed and bit down on her lip. "Mr. Lynch, when and where do you think I could've had relations with either Zach or Yuri, or both of them?"

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Joshua fell silent when he heard Luna's question.

After a long while, he chuckled and said, "I don't think you're that desperate."

Luna snorted in indignation. "Well, since you don't believe that I 'm having sexual relations with Zach and Yuri, why did you fire them?"

"You think I fired them?" Joshua lowered his head to glance at the time. "We can still make it if we leave now. Why don't I bring you along to find them?"

Luna frowned. "Why do we need to find them?"

"You'll know soon enough." Joshua did not feel like explaining things to her over the phone. "Where are you? Lucas and I will come to pick you up."

Luna paused for a moment, then finally gave him the address of the restaurant she was at.

She hung up the phone, let out a sigh, then returned to the booth.

The atmosphere in the room was pin-drop silent. Samson sat on the chair, staring at the rest of them sternly.

Irene sat in a corner, so nervous that she did not dare speak, while Arianna and Zayne kept mum.

When Luna entered the room, Samson immediately stood up and handed a phone to Luna. "This is Irene's phone. There's a recording and some photos she took just now. I went with her to look for you,

but I didn't even realize how she managed to take these without me noticing it."

Luna furrowed her brows and took the phone from him. He was right; there were a few photos of her and Celeste that were clearly taken from a discreet angle, as well as a recording of them fighting.

Luna played the audio for a while, then finally deleted everything. She walked over to Irene and handed the phone back to her. "I understand that you're desperate to fit in with the rest of the employees, but you shouldn't have done this by

gossiping and spreading rumors about your superior.

"Please remove yourself from the group chats because, from today onward, you're no longer one of Lynch Group's employees."

With that, Luna turned around and left the room.

"Serves you right! " Samson rolled his eyes at Irene, then grabbed his jacket and chased after Luna.

Since Luna had left and Irene had been fired, Arianna and Zayne exchanged glances and decided there was no point staying anymore. They picked up their jackets and exited the room as well.

Arianna could not help frowning and giving Irene a slight kick in her shin when she brushed past her. "Director Luna is one of the kindest people I've ever met: It serves you right to be fired: "

As soon as everyone had left , Irene slumped against the chair in resignation, gripping her phone tightly in her hand.

All of a sudden, her phone lit up with a new friend request.

It was from someone named Alice.

Irene was not in a good mood due to her sudden termination, so she immediately declined the friend request. However, to her surprise, her screen lit up again with another friend request from the same person, along with a message that read, (Hello, I'm enemies with Luna. I want to buy something from you. If you're willing to sell it to me, I 'll pay a very generous price for it.]

Blue Bay Villa.

Alice leaned against the sofa and ate fruits while watching television. She was clutching her phone in her hand and messaging someone named Irene. She was in the midst of negotiating the price for the recording and photos when she heard someone open the upstairs study door. Then, footsteps were heard a s Joshua walked down the stairs.

Alice frowned and leaped up from the sofa. "Joshua, It's late now. Where are you going? Working late tonight?"

Joshua furrowed his brows slightly. "Yes. I still have some stuff I need to take care of, and I might be home late. You don't have to wait for me."

With that, he turned around and strode out of the house.

Alice watched his retreating figure and gnashed her teeth in anger.

Joshua told her he was working late last night, but in reality, he spent the entire night in the hospital with Luna!

Where was he off to this time?

Suddenly, Alice had an idea and immediately sent another message to Irene.

(You're still with Luna, right? Help me take a picture of who she left with, and I'll pay you extra for it.]

Half an hour later, she received a photo from Irene. It was a picture of Luna getting into a familiar black Maserati.

Alice could make out the vague figure of a man sitting in the backseat. She stared at the photo for a long time and gritted her teeth in anger.

Her suspicions were right!

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Joshua had gone to meet up with that b\*tch Luna again!

She had 'slept ' with Theo just two days ago and even publicly announced they were dating just the day before!

Why was Joshua still so fixated on this woman?

Alice's face contorted with rage and jealousy. She had spent six years changing her appearance to look like Luna and take over her identity, all because she wanted to gain Joshua's love and affection.

All that, and he was still obsessed with that b\*tch!

The more Alice thought of it, the more furious she got, so she picked up her phone and called the Walters' butler.

"Richard, help me kill Luna! I want her dead!"

Richard chuckled from the other end of the line. "Ms. Walter, what's wrong? Why are you so angry? Even if you kill Luna now, Joshua won't return to your side anyway."

Alice rolled her eyes. "What should I do, then?"

"Do you remember the time when you asked me to kidnap Theo? I sent some people over to Luna's

place at Swan Lake Residences."

Alice furrowed her brows upon hearing this. "Why?"

"Well, I took some stuff from her place..." Richard sighed. "Some of my men were targeted by Joshua's

best friend, Jude. He sent some people to keep an eye on my men. I specially ordered them to kidnap Theo and take some things from Luna's house."

Alice still did not understand what Richard was trying to tell her. "What are you trying to say?"

"Ms. Hailey, please don't be angry. You're no longer Hailey Walter anymore —you're now Alice Gibson. Since Hailey Walter no longer exists, this means anyone can assume her identity, even Luna.

"Think about this. If Joshua finds out that the woman he has been obsessed with is also the same person he has hated with all his guts... Do you think he'll still love her? If he doesn't love her anymore, he'll return to your side, sooner or later! "

Alice's face lit up at his words. Richard was right!

If she killed Luna, it would not change the fact that Joshua was still in love with her. Therefore...she would let Luna become the person he hated the most!

Alice looked forward to how all this would turn out. She could not wait to see Joshua's reaction when he discovered that Luna was actually Hailey Walter.

10 p.m.

The black Maserati stopped at the front yard of a low-cost house located on the outskirts of Banyan City. The gate was closed, but Luna could hear noises coming from inside the house. There seemed to be a lot of commotion going on inside.

She got out of the car after Joshua and frowned, gazing at the yard before her. "This is..."

"This is where Zach and Yuri live." Joshua glanced at her, then pushed open the wrought-iron gates.

There was a van parked in the driveway, and a few people were moving some luggage into the van. Yuri immediately caught sight of Joshua and Luna and greeted them enthusiastically, "Ms. Luna, it's so late now. Are you here to see us off?"

Luna furrowed her brows. "See you off?"

"Yes." Yuri glanced at her with a puzzled expression. "We're getting on a plane in two hours and flying off to the summer camp abroad. We're going to be Ms. Nellie and Mr. Neil's bodyguards! "

Luna's entire body stiffened. She turned around stiffly to glance at Joshua. "You... When you said that Zach and Yuri won't be working at Lynch Group anymore...this was what you meant?"

Joshua snickered. "What else did you think? Did you think I was sending them abroad because of the rumors I'd heard?"

Luna bit down on her lip and did not know what to answer.

"By the way, Ms. Luna." Yuri scratched his head somewhat awkwardly and said, "Do you remember that girl, Bonnie Lane, who was sent into a mental asylum? You asked me if I heard any news about her brother. He's here right now. Do you want to meet him?"

With that, he lifted his head to stare at a man dressed in a black shirt and had on a hat. "Come here, Jason! "

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The man shouted a reply and strode in their direction.

As soon as Luna caught sight of the man's face, she felt her blood run cold.

She was right.

This man named Jason...was the same person who had hit her with a truck and removed her hand from the railing. This was the man who had caused her to fall into the sea!

"Hello, Ms. Luna." Jason lifted his head and smiled at her, revealing a row of white teeth.

He looked exactly the way she remembered.

Luna could not fight back the shriek that escaped her lips as she instantly backed away from him.

Joshua quickly laid a hand on her back and asked, "What's wrong?"

Luna opened her mouth to say something, but nothing came out. She was so frightened that she could not even say a single word.

This was the man who almost killed her! He was her greatest fear!

"Maybe Ms. Luna is just too excited to meet me." Jason gave Joshua a respectful smile. "My sister used to be friends with Ms. Luna. She's always wanted me to return so that I can take care of my sister."

With that, he smiled at Luna. "Isn't that right, Ms. Luna?"

Luna's throat felt so tight that she could not even squeeze out a single syllable. After a moment, she nodded in silence to show her agreement.

She was terrified of Jason. After all, this was the man that Joshua had sent to kill her.

However, no matter how scared she was, Luna knew she could not show her true emotions. Otherwise, Joshua would quickly pick up on it and realize something was wrong, which would lead to him possibly figuring out her true identity.

"Why don't we exchange contacts, Ms. Luna?" Jason took out his phone and walked toward her.

Luna had to use all her might to move her body again. Then, finally, she exhaled and said slowly, "Is that necessary?"

"Yes, I think it is." Jason grinned. "I've been to the mental asylum already. They told me they need at least two of Bonnie's friends and family to bail her out. You and I would make two people exactly."

Luna paused for a moment, then finally nodded.

It had been a while since Bonnie was admitted into the mental asylum in Aura's place. She had impersonated Aura to save her brother. Although Luna knew that a mental asylum was not a good place to live, she still could not forgive Bonnie. If Bonnie had not taken Aura's place, Aura would not have been able to kidnap Neil.

Neil had suffered severe injuries from the kidnapping, so Luna still could not forgive Bonnie for what had happened and never visited her even once.

Time certainly flew.

"Why are you so eager to exchange contacts? " Zach dragged out one last suitcase and stuffed it into the van's trunk. "Jason, you're going to become Lynch Group Tower's new security guard in place of us.

There's plenty of chances for you to run into Ms. Luna in the future, so don't be so impatient. You're going to scare her."

Jason gave a smile. "You're right."

Luna bit down on her lip and turned around to glance at Joshua. "He..."

"Yes," Joshua answered impassively. "I don't have any tasks for him, so I'm hiring him as a security guard for the time being."

Luna's heart leaped into her throat. Joshua's meaning was clear.

He did not have any tasks for Jason, so he decided to let him work as a security guard for the time being.

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Which meant that...her suspicions were right.

Joshua had indeed sent Jason to kill her. Otherwise, he would not have said that.

They talked for a while more after that before Jason glanced at the time and said, "Well, it's almost time to send Zach and Yuri to the airport now."

He shook the car keys at hand and extended an invitation to Luna and Joshua. "There are still empty seats in the van. Would you two like to send them off at the airport?"

He even shot Luna a faint smile. "I'm a pretty good driver. Would you like to see for yourself, Ms. Luna?"

Luna frowned and immediately shook her head. "It's getting late now. I have to go home and get some rest." With that, she walked over to Zach and Yuri and shook hands with them, respectively. "Help me take good care of Neil and Nellie."

They grinned and shook her hand in return. "Don't worry, Ms. Luna. Neil is our boss, and Nellie is his sister. We'll definitely take good care of them! "

Then, they bade Joshua farewell and got into the van. Jason started the car and set off, heading toward the airport.

Luna watched the van become smaller and smaller and could not help but sigh.

"Do you and Jason...know each other?" came Joshua's sudden question next to her ear.

Luna paused and finally came to. She gave Joshua a faint smile and answered, "Of course not. How could I possibly have known him?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes searchingly. "The way you looked at Jason just now..."

Luna pursed her lips. After a moment, she let out another sigh and said, "I was just feeling a little sorry for Bonnie.

"Do you remember her? She was the reporter who pretended to work as an assistant at Lynch Group. She had done all that because Aura had promised to tell her of Jason's whereabouts if she obeyed her orders."

Luna lifted her head to gaze at Joshua intently as if trying to detect any emotion from his face. "You must've known about this, right?"

Aura and Joshua had probably been in on this together. This was why Aura was able to use Jason to threaten Bonnie.

Luna continued to stare at Joshua, attempting to see if any of this jogged his memory.

However, there was no expression on the man's face at all. Instead, he looked back at her impassively. "What happened, then?"

Luna closed her eyes and let out a bitter chuckle. "Bonnie is the same person who pretended to be Aura and was sent into the mental asylum in her place."

Joshua frowned and seemed to recall something. " She and Jason..."

"She's Jason's sister. Well, to be specific, they grew up together, and now she's hopelessly in love with him." Luna turned around and walked out of the

yard with Joshua while at the same time explaining Bonnie's story to him.

Finally, she got onto the black Maserati and turned around to glance at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, don't you think she was foolish?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly and nodded. "Yes, she was."

He tilted his head to meet Luna's gaze. "Is this why you reacted that way when you saw Jason? You felt sorry for Bonnie because she sacrificed so much for him?"

Luna lied through her teeth, "That's right."

Joshua chuckled. "I never expected you to take pity on a naïve girl like her."

Luna shifted into a more comfortable position and leaned against the car's backseat. "Well, it's because I used to be just as nalve as her."

"Oh?" Joshua turned around and looked at her in amusement. "Is that so? Why don't you tell me the story of your past, Ms. Luna? I'm really curious as to what kind of man would make you fall so hopelessly in love that you couldn't distinguish between right and wrong anymore."

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The atmosphere inside the car grew quiet.

Luna curled her lips into a smirk and gazed at Joshua with clear eyes. "Mr. Lynch, what kind of man do you think would make me fall so hopelessly in love with?"

She stared at him with a gaze so intense and cold that Joshua felt as though he was the man who had disappointed her. He could not help but feel uneasy by her stare.

He tilted his head away from her and chuckled. "Well, I know he probably isn't someone like me."

Luna felt like laughing at his response. Instead, she turned away from him and instead stared in front of her. "You're right. He wasn't like you at all. He was someone irresponsible, selfish, and didn't take responsibility for the people around him at all."

Luna snuck a meaningful glance at the man next to her and could not help noticing Joshua's sharp and chiseled side -profile. "He was totally different from you, Mr. Lynch. You're responsible and loyal both to your family and your wife. How could anyone possibly compare the two of you?"

Joshua furrowed his brows. It was rare to hear Luna praising him like this, but somehow, her compliments made him feel uncomfortable.

After a long pause, he smiled and said, "Well, since he's such a bad person, why did you like him?"

"I was naïve and probably blind, " said Luna as she beamed at him. She enjoyed criticizing Joshua right in front of him without him knowing it.

She knew that Joshua could probably tell something was wrong. However, he could not seem to put his finger on it. Knowing that Joshua was probably trying to put two and two together made her feel exhilarated, so she continued, "I was young and nalve, so I thought if I loved him, he'd love me back, and we'd be together forever. In reality, he didn't like me at all, and as time passed, he resented me more and more...

"Until eventually, in the end, I realized that this man wasn't worth my time at all. He was selfish and arrogant and didn't care about anyone apart from himself. He didn't deserve anyone's love, yet ironically, many other women besides me were crazy for him..."

Joshua frowned at her words.

Seeing how animated Luna was, Joshua had a feeling that she was talking about him, but...

He narrowed his eyes and fixated his penetrating gaze on Luna. "When did you start liking him?"

"Eight, nine years ago, I think. It was too long ago." Luna gazed out the window and added impassively, " We've broken up for a long time now. Thank God I was able to get out of that relationship while I could

Joshua stared at her back coldly.

She had fallen in love with this man eight or nine years ago and gotten to know Alice eight years ago.

If his suspicions were correct, that the man she was talking about was indeed him, then it could only mean one thing.

She was Hailey Walter.

Joshua recalled what Jude had said in his office the day before.

"Anything can happen, but I do hope that beautiful employee of yours isn't Hailey Walter. Otherwise, it'd be disgusting to know that you slept with the woman you hate the most, multiple times."

Joshua frowned and felt a flurry of emotions swirling about in his mind.

He continued to stare at Luna's beautiful side profile and found it hard to believe that the stunning, kind woman before him was the same person who had devised a plan to kill Luna Gibson.

Finally, the car arrived at Swan Lake Residences.

Luna let out an exhale and opened the car door, appearing to be in a good mood.

Before she got out of the car, she even bade Joshua farewell with a smile. "Thank you, Mr. Lynch, for listening to my rant. Good night! " With that, she turned around and got out of the car.

"Luna." Before she could step out, however, Joshua furrowed his brows and stopped her. "You haven't told me what happened to the scumbag that you fell in love with."

Luna paused, then grinned and replied, "He died."

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She feigned innocence and questioned Joshua, "Why are you asking me this, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "No reason." With that, he slammed the door shut, and the car pulled away.

Luna gazed in the direction the Maserati had left and furrowed her brows.

Did she...get too carried away back there?

"Where are we going, Sir? " asked Lucas as he drove the car out of Swan Lake Residences.

Joshua, who sat in the backseat, rubbed his eyebrows and said, "Let's go to Jude's place."

Lucas paused. "Sir... Are you sure?"

It was already lo p.m., and Jude was an early riser, so he would have already gone to bed.

"Yes, I'm sure," Joshua replied impassively, then picked up the phone and dialed Jude's number. "Hey, I'm heading to your place now. You don't mind, right?"

"I do, very much, " replied Jude with a yawn. "It's so late now. Why are you coming over at this hour?"

"I don't have anywhere else to go, so I'll be sleeping at your place tonight."

Jude froze for a moment, then chuckled. "Dude, you have a wife waiting for you at home and a mistress,

too. How could you possibly not have any place to go?"

Joshua frowned but did not reply. Instead, he immediately hung up the phone without saying another word.

Jude realized that Joshua had hung up and shot his phone a murderous glare.

Half an hour later, Joshua arrived at Jude's house and knocked on his door. Jude opened the door with a yawn, still wearing his pajamas. "What a coincidence. Just after I got off the phone with you, I received news about the Walters."

Joshua furrowed his brows, took off his jacket, and hung it on the coat rack next to the door before turning to glance at Jude. "What kind of news?"

"See for yourself." Jude handed his phone to Joshua. "My men sent this to me just now. They've already brought this girl to the police station."

Joshua took the phone from him with a frown.

On the screen were some photos of a few men beating up a woman. The woman was so severely beaten up that her face was swollen and bruised, so much so that Joshua could not make out her normal appearance anymore.

In the last few photos, this woman was forced to kneel next to a trash can and stuff pieces of garbage into her mouth while the men watched, sneering.

The photos were so heart-wrenching and disgusting that Joshua could not bear to scroll through them any further. Instead, he furrowed his brows and handed the phone back to Jude. "What's this?"

"Can't you tell?" Jude curled his lips into a smirk. " The men in the photos are the same ones I've been following for a while now. They work for the Walters in Sea City. I thought that ever since what happened last time, they wouldn't dare do anything risky anymore, but I was wrong."

He tucked his phone away and sat down on the sofa gracefully. "I 've managed to track down the girl in the photos. It's a girl named Irene Cook. She's one of the people that were hired today at Lynch Group to work as the Design Director's assistants."

Joshua scowled upon hearing this.

Luna's assistant? Why were these men bullying Luna's assistant?

Jude could tell that Joshua was baffled by this, so he leaned against the sofa and chuckled. "Well, according to Irene herself... She did something she shouldn't have done today.

"She and a few of her colleagues went to dinner with Luna. While in the bathroom, she heard some gossip about you, Luna, your assistant, and Lynch Group's security guards. She spread these rumors out into the company group chat, and Luna found out." With that, Jude lifted his head to glance at Joshua. "At this point, do you still believe Luna isn't Hailey Walter?"

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Joshua curled his lips into a faint smile and sat down across from Jude. "What you're suggesting is that Luna sent these men to beat Irene up to get back at her?"

"Well, who else would it be?" Jude smirked and continued, "This little girl said that she hadn't offended anyone lately apart from Luna. Why would the Walters' men beat her up, if not on Hailey Walter's orders?"

Joshua closed his eyes slightly as he answered, "You're right about one thing. These men were definitely acting on Hailey's orders, but it doesn't mean Luna...is Hailey Walter."

With that, he opened his eyes to glance at Jude. "You mentioned that your men are sending Irene to the police station?"

"Yes." Jude lowered his head to glance at the time. " They should be there by now."

"Alright." Joshua smiled and got up from the sofa. " Lucas, let's go to the police station."

Jude's entire body stiffened at his words. He quickly got up and stopped Joshua. "Just because you're going to the police station now doesn't change the fact that you slept with Hailey! "

Joshua's expression darkened at Jude's remarks, and he turned around to glare at Jude coldly. "You'd better take back your words! "

Jude furrowed his brows. "Joshua, how much longer are you going to lie to yourself? All of the evidence suggests that Luna is, in fact, Hailey Walter, the woman that you hate with all your guts! Why are you so reluctant to believe that?"

Joshua sneered and stared at Jude's face. "I only believe something if I see it with my own eyes. Luna can't be Hailey."

He smacked Jude's arm, which had been blocking him, away and said, "I won't believe anything, not before I've gotten my hands on concrete evidence that she's Hailey." With that, he strode out of the room.

Jude stared in the direction Joshua had left and frowned.

If he remembered correctly...

Joshua had never been so certain about something before, not even when he was suspecting Alice.

Why was he so confident that Luna was not Hailey, even when there was no concrete evidence?

Could it be that...

Jude furrowed his brows.

Could it be that this man, who had waited six years for his wife to return, had fallen in love with another woman?

At the police station.

"You suspect that your boss Luna was the one who sent people to beat you up?" A young cop asked as he scribbled on his notebook. He lifted his head to glance at the badly injured woman before him. "Well, do you have any evidence to support your claims?"

"What other evidence do I need? " Irene pointed at her swollen face as tears streamed down her cheeks. " Isn't this enough proof? I didn't offend anyone else apart from Luna! Who else would it be if not her? "

The cop chuckled. "Miss, you can't make baseless accusations like this. We need solid proof. You suspect your boss Luna was behind this, and we can look into this for you, but unfortunately, we can't arrest her now. This isn't realistic at all."

Irene clenched her teeth. "Why can't you arrest her?

You-"

"It's because you don't have any proof." Before she could finish, however, a low voice interrupted her.

Irene and the cop both lifted their heads and glanced in the direction of the voice at the same time.

"Mr. Lynch."

"Hello. " Joshua walked over and sat down next to Irene. "Please go on. Don't mind me; I'm just here to bring her home."

"In that case, you can take her home now."

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The cop stood up and said, "Actually, I've already finished recording her statement. It's just that she kept on insisting that we arrest her boss..."

Joshua smiled at him. "Thank you so much, officer." Then, he lowered his face to glance at Irene. "Ms. Cook, shall we go now?"

Irene was already excited by the fact that Joshua Lynch, the richest man in Banyan City, wanted to send her home, but with him directly talking to her, she felt as though she was on cloud nine.

She stood up somewhat dazedly and replied, "Okay..."

Because she had been so badly beaten up, coupled with her excitement, Irene almost fell as soon as she stood up.

Joshua immediately grabbed hold of her. "Be careful."

Irene was so overjoyed by his reaction that her entire body felt light as if she was about to float off like a balloon at any minute.

Was this a dream? Why else would Joshua Lynch treat her so kindly all of a sudden!

Joshua dragged her out of the police station. Irene was so overcome by delight that she did not resist and got into his black Maserati parked outside.

"Mr. Lynch, I've never had the chance to sit in such an expensive car." Irene leaned against the backseat and looked at Joshua, grinning from ear to ear. "Thank you for spoiling me like this."

Then, she looked down to glance at the time. "It's already 11 p.m. now... You came to take me home at this hour... Why don't we go to a nearby hotel instead?"

Lucas, who was sitting in the driver's seat, almost spat out his water when he heard that.

This woman...

Mr. Lynch merely came to bail her out and take her home out of kindness. What was she thinking?

How could she even think Mr. Lynch was interested in her? How did she even have the audacity to suggest spending the night at a hotel together?

The atmosphere in the car fell silent.

Irene did not understand why Joshua did not answer. She furrowed her brows. "Did I do something wrong?"

Then, she sighed and added, "Mr. Lynch, I know you're a wealthy man, and you refuse to stay anywhere less than five stars, but there aren't any five-star hotels nearby... It's already past 11 p.m., so let's just spend the night at any hotel we can find. What do you think?"

"I think you need this." Joshua frowned and handed her a mirror.

Irene froze. "What do you mean..."

"He wants you to look at yourself in the mirror! " Lucas could not take it anymore and rolled his eyes at her. "Mr. Lynch isn't interested in you, and he never will be! "

He then added, "I can't believe you. Mr. Lynch was just helping you out of kindness, and you thought he wanted to sleep with you... Only someone as superficial as you would spread baseless rumors about Luna."

Upon hearing Luna's name, Irene immediately came to.

When she was in the bathroom this afternoon, she had overheard Mrs. Allen say that Luna had s\*xual relations with both Joshua and his assistant...

As soon as she remembered this, Irene broke out in cold sweats.

"You... Are you here to beat me up again for Luna?"

"You're a bit slow, aren't you? " Joshua glanced at her impassively, then extended his hand toward her. "Give me your phone."

Irene frowned and immediately clutched her phone close to her. "What do you want?"

"Don't worry." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk. "I just want to find out what you said exactly that made Luna so angry that she would send people to beat you up."

Irene bit down on her lip. Then, after a long while, she let out an exhale and handed her phone over to Joshua. "Just...don't touch anything else! "

Joshua furrowed his brows, took the phone from her, and flipped through its contents.

The things she had said in the company group chat were very explicit and made him uncomfortable, but

Joshua suddenly noticed one of Irene's recent contacts and narrowed his eyes.

"How do you know Alice Gibson?"

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"Alice Gibson?" Irene glanced at Joshua with a puzzled expression. "Who's that?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes and showed Irene the screen, which displayed the name 'Alice' on it. "This person. Who is this? How do you know her?"

Irene furrowed her brows. "She added me through the company group chat tonight after I exposed Luna's wrongdoings.

"She told me she's enemies with Luna, so I accepted her friend request and chatted with her for a bit... We gossiped and talked about Luna."

Joshua frowned upon hearing this. "Where's the chat history?"

"I deleted it." Irene pursed her lips. "This person named Alice told me that Luna knows a very skilled hacker and that she might hack into our phones. She told me to delete our chat history, so I did."

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly.

This person named 'Alice' definitely had something to do with Irene being beaten up.

Joshua guessed that she probably wanted to cover her tracks, so she lied to Irene about the hacker to get her to delete the chat history.

Joshua recorded the details of the person named ` Alice' and handed Irene's phone back to her.

"Get out of the car, " he said curtly.

Irene thought she had misheard him. "Mr. Lynch... You... Aren't you going to send me home?"

Joshua snorted in indignation. "When did I tell you I was going to send you home?" With that, he shot Lucas an impassive glance.

Instantly understanding it, Lucas got out of the car, opened Irene's door, and handed her two banknotes. "Here, for your taxi ride."

Irene rolled her eyes, grabbed the money from him, and got out of the car.

"Where are we going now, Sir?" asked Lucas in a low voice as soon as he got back into the car.

"Go home." Joshua closed his eyes and leaned against the back of his seat. "I want to confirm a few things."

When Alice woke up the next day, she was surprised to discover that Joshua was sleeping soundly next to her.

However, she noticed that someone had touched her phone.

She gingerly took her phone and tiptoed out into the hallway, afraid of waking Joshua. Just as she was about to unlock her phone and check what Joshua had done, however, the other phone that she always kept hidden suddenly chimed.

Alice took out the hidden phone and saw that it was a message from Irene.

(Is your name Alice Gibson? Yesterday, Mr. Lynch asked me if I knew someone called Alice Gibson, but I didn't tell him anything. Who are you?]

Alice immediately came to a realization.

She knew why Joshua had checked her phone last night.

Fortunately, she had asked Irene to delete their chat history out of caution and used her hidden backup phone to contact Irene instead.

Alice furrowed her brows. If she remembered correctly, it was about I0 p.m. when she sent those men over to beat Irene up.

Alice had lured Irene to a specific place and coaxed her to delete their chat history so that no one would know Alice was involved in this. Then, she went to sleep.

She never expected that Joshua would track Irene down so late at night! Why did he care so much about everything that involved Luna?

As soon as she thought of this, Alice narrowed her eyes and smirked. Then, she typed a reply to Irene, (How could I possibly be Alice Gibson? I'm Luna.]

It took a while before Irene's message came again. ( That's impossible!]

(What do you mean, that's impossible? Do you think you're the only person who's in the company group chat? Why don't you recall what happened last night? How did you end up at that place where you got beaten up?]

Irene, at this moment, was sitting on her sofa in her rental home. As soon as she saw this message, she felt as though a lightbulb had lit up in the back of her mind. The reason she had gone to that place last night... was because of this woman named 'Alice'!

She typed a furious reply. (Luna! I thought you were a frank and honest person, but I was wrong!]

(Me? Frank and honest? Do you really expect a promiscuous woman like me to be open and honest? How nalve are you?]

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Alice triumphantly sent the text as she stretched herself, yawning. Then, she switched off the backup phone, went out into the yard, and tossed it into the man-made lake behind Blue Bay Villa.

There. Evidence destroyed.

"What are you doing? " Suddenly, a cold voice rang out behind her.

Alice froze that instant, and it was only a long while later that she turned around somewhat stiffly.

Joshua stood behind her and leaned against one of the gazebo's pillars. He fixed his cool, impassive gaze on Alice's face.

Alice suddenly felt grateful that she texted Irene instead of calling her.

Did he...notice anything?

Alice let out a small cough and tried to suppress the panic she was feeling. "It's a backup phone that I used when conducting business abroad. I found it just now and discovered it had already broken, so I can't use it anymore. I threw it into the lake out of frustration."

She scratched her head sheepishly. "Was I too rash? Maybe it wasn't a good idea to throw it into the lake. It might pollute the water..."

"You're right. It might pollute the lake." Joshua glanced at her, then turned to look at the lake and said sternly, "Why don't I get someone to fish it out?"

Alice bit down on her lip. "I don't think that's necessary." She turned around and pretended to gaze at the lake wistfully. "This lake is so big, and it'll probably take ages for anyone to find anything in there. It doesn't seem worth it to spend so much time and effort just to fish out a broken backup phone. What do you think?"

Joshua shot her an impassive smile, then turned around and headed back into the house. "Since that's what you think, I'll do it your way."

Alice could not help but let out a sigh of relief at his response.

However, little did she know, this sigh did not manage to escape Joshua's sharp ears.

His footsteps did not stop, but the glint in his eyes turned cold.

8 a.m.

Lynch Group Tower.

Luna got out of a taxi in front of the building. Just as she entered the doors, she bumped into Jason.

"Ms. Luna." Jason approached her with a smile. "I'll be working here as a security guard from now on.

It's nice to see you."

"That's great. Work hard, Jason."

Luna had spent all night bracing herself for their inevitable meeting, so this morning, when she bumped into Jason, she did not behave as strangely as when she last saw him.

Despite that, however, terror inevitably tingled her senses.

"Can you come with me to visit Bonnie after work?" he asked, beaming at her.

Luna gave him a gentle smile in return. "Sure."

She continued to talk with him for a while before she finally headed toward the elevator.

This was the start of the day, so naturally, there were many people in the elevator.

Luna stood at the front of the line and gazed up at the floor numbers in silence.

"She's so pretty, but I never knew how promiscuous she was..."

"I didn't believe all those rumors at first. How could she possibly want to have sexual relations with the security guards? I saw her chatting with the new security guard just now, though, and they even planned to go out this evening..."

"Tsk, tsk. How desperate is she?"

Luna squinted when she heard the whispers behind her.

However, she did not feel like arguing with these people. Sometimes, the more a person tried to explain, the more complicated things would get, so it was best just to let it be.

Suddenly, a voice rang out from behind her, "Be quiet, you guys. She can hear us. Don't you guys know what happened to that newbie Irene who talked bad about her behind her back? She's such a cruel woman. Poor Irene... "

With a frown instantly forming on her face at the comment, Luna turned around and said, "What happened to Irene?"

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Luna's sudden turn-around startled the employees that stood behind her.

One of them eyed the Bluetooth earphones that Luna was wearing and asked cautiously, "You...can hear us?"

Luna furrowed her brows. Of course she could.

She was wearing her Bluetooth earphones because she had called Neil on her way to Lynch Group Tower and forgot to take them off when she got out of the taxi.

These people thought she could not hear her, so that was why they even dared to gossip about her right behind her.

Luna did not want to get involved, but she could no longer tolerate their ever-growing atrocity.

She narrowed her eyes and glanced at the woman who had spoken. "You still haven't answered my question. What happened to Irene?"

The woman hesitated for a moment before finally handing Luna her phone. "Take a look at it yourself... We didn't want to believe this at first, but look at this chat history..."

Luna frowned, took the phone from her, and glanced at it.

A chuckle escaped her as she read what was on the screen. It was a screenshot of chat history.

Someone named 'Alice' had lured Irene to an abandoned place last night, causing her to get beaten up and tortured by some men.

This person claimed she was Luna, so Irene had screenshotted their entire conversation and spread it around. She even threatened to lodge a police report using these screenshots as evidence.

Luna felt amused by this. She had been with Joshua ever since she came out of the restaurant last night, and she was also with him at the time Irene was attacked. How could she be the perpetrator, then?

Luna read the rest of the conversation with a bemused smile, then glanced at the employee who had shown it to her. "Does she think she can accuse me based on a few screenshots?"

She gave the phone back to the woman and said, "You guys used to gossip about me all the time, right? If I'm such a resourceful person as Irene claims, then how could all of you possibly be standing here? I would've gotten rid of you a long time ago." The group of employees fell silent as soon as they heard this.

Suddenly, the elevator arrived at the design department, so Luna gracefully strode out of the elevator without looking back.

Did Irene truly believe she could accuse Luna of assault based on a few screenshots? How nalve was she?

First of all, chat history was not eligible to be submitted as evidence in court.

Secondly, Luna had an alibi. She was with Joshua at the time. Not only was Joshua a witness, but Lucas, Zach, Yuri, and even Jason could vouch for her.

Last but not least...

The person in the screenshot had admitted to being Luna almost right away. If it was her, how could she be so foolish as to admit to her crimes?

"Director Luna." Shannon approached her as soon as she stepped foot in the department. "Don't worry. I've already warned the rest of the employees not to spread any rumors about you anymore. Is there anything else I can do for you?"

Luna shook her head with a smile. "No, that's all. Thank you." With that, she pushed open the door to her office.

Inside the office, all three of the remaining assistants were already there.

Samson was sketching as per Luna's orders last night. Zayne was reading up on jewelry design while Arianna was tidying up some documents. As soon as she caught sight of Luna, Arianna got up and handed her a folder. "Director Luna...

"This is...mine and Zayne's apology letter. Samson was right. Yesterday, both of us were the first people to see what Irene had written, but we didn't tell you at all. That was wrong on our part..."

Luna frowned, took the folder from her, and rifled through it before turning to glance at Samson.

Samson winked at her.

Luna felt a bit speechless at that.

"Don't worry about this. Just focus on your work." She put down the folder, sat down in her chair, and started working.

Little did she expect, at this moment, that Irene had gathered a few of her friends and classmates in front of Lynch Group Tower and was holding up a banner that read, (I Demand Luna Apologize in Public].

This group, made up of more than zo people, stormed into the lobby of Lynch Group Tower in a fury. Jason pretended to stop them, then acted as if someone had shoved him onto the ground and let them into the building.

As soon as they entered, he got up and brushed himself off, then continued to stand guard at the front door, daydreaming.

Suddenly, Alice, dressed in all white, got out of a car in front of Lynch Group Tower.

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Alice had come specially to watch this scene unfold.

Irene knew that chat history could not be used as evidence in court, so instead, she posted them online to spark public dispute.

At the same time, Alice had contacted her with another number and convinced her to make a scene. (If I had suffered injustice like this, my friends would definitely stick up for me! I'd show up in front of Lynch Group Tower with a banner and humiliate this woman! ]

When she thought of this, Alice glanced at the group of people who had stormed up the stairs.

Irene was indeed a very useful pawn in her game. There was always use for people who did not know how to think for themselves and blindly followed orders.

Alice sighed and gracefully strolled toward the front doors, her heels click-clacking on the pavement.

"Mrs. Lynch?" All of a sudden, the security guard at the door raised his arm to stop her. "What a coincidence. We meet again."

Alice frowned and lifted her head to glance at the man.

The man before her was wearing a security guard's uniform, but she did not recognize him. However, she noticed the evil grin on his face and instinctively felt somewhat unsettled. "Who are you?"

"Who am I?" Jason smirked and let out a cold chuckle. "Have you forgotten, Mrs. Lynch? We met six years ago."

Alice's entire body stiffened. Six years ago? This man...knew Luna Gibson?

"I can't remember." She gave Jason a once -over and said, "Can you give me a hint?"

"Bay Bridge. Do you remember, Mrs. Lynch?" Jason gently whispered in her ear. "Mrs. Lynch, don't you remember...the last person you saw before you fell off the bridge?"

There was a menacing glint in his eyes.

Alice furrowed her brows. "I'm sorry. I don't remember. " She circled past him and strode into the building.

Jason stood at the door, watching her leave, and could not help curling his lips into a sneer.

It turned out this woman remembered nothing at all.

Despite having left the man behind, Alice could still feel his eyes on her. She furrowed her brows and turned around to glance in the direction of the front door.

Jason was still standing there, staring at her, and he shot a sinister smirk when she noticed she was looking at him.

Alice paused. How did Luna get to know someone lowly yet dangerous like him? It even seemed like they were rivals somehow.

Alice surreptitiously took a photo of the security guard, then got into the elevator and gazed at the picture, pondering the relationship between this man and Luna.

Try as she might, she could not figure it out.

Eventually, she could not stand it anymore and sent the photo to Aura, along with a message, (Do you know this guy?]

(Didn't I tell you not to contact me?] Aura replied somewhat impatiently, even before the photo was successfully sent out.

After a moment, she finally received the photo and quickly typed a response, (Where did you meet him? This man...]

Aura sneered on the other side of the phone and replied, (This man is probably Luna's greatest fear.]

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"Luna, come out! "

"Luna, come out and apologize! " "Come out now! Stop playing dead! "

Outside the design department was Irene, who brought a few of her friends and a few others hired bodyguards. They revealed a banner.

The group protested outside the design department as they held up banners and flags, all while

murderous intent burned among them.

Irene sat in the middle of the group. The bruises on her face seemed to be even more serious than the day before.

She was sobbing with tears.

"I admit that I shouldn't have spread unconfirmed rumors, but how ruthless of you to treat me this way, Luna! I was about to go on a blind date today. Look at me now! Not only can I not go on the blind date, but I also lost a good job I just found yesterday. You have to compensate for my losses, Luna! My physical, mental, and emotional well-being! Waa...! "

The noise outside was quite loud, but Luna was in her office with headphones. She heard nothing.

Arianna looked at Zayne, then at Samson. She did not know what to do at that moment.

In the end, Shannon was the one that pushed open Luna's office door and asked, "Director Luna, do we need to get security to chase them away?"

It was only when she saw Shannon entering did Luna's brows furrowed. She lifted her head and took off her headphones.

"What's going on?"

Once Luna took off her earphones, she immediately heard the ruckus outside. Luna cocked her head to have a listen, and she chuckled.

Did they realize that posting the screenshot on the internet was useless, so they started making a scene in front of her?

"Let them be." Luna smiled and instructed, "Give each of them a bottle of water, then put a noise monitor over there. If the sound decibels exceed the noise regulations, call the cops to arrest them."

Shannon furrowed her brows at Luna's words. "A— Are...you not going to handle this matter at all? This matter is spreading like a wildfire now. I think..."

"How should I handle it?" Luna lifted her head and looked at Shannon seriously. "Tell me, how should I prove that I've never slept with another man?"

Shannon was stunned. She suddenly did not know what to say.

There was really...no way of solving rumors like that.

Luna smiled flatly. "When you've done bad things, would you loudly proclaim that it was you?"

Shannon was silent for a while. "I understand what you mean."

Then, she turned and left.

Luna put her headphones back on and continued working.

The door to the design department was closed shut. There was also a bodyguard observing the noise monitor by the entrance.

Irene looked at the bottle of water at hand that Shannon passed to them, not knowing what to do.

Luna...

Not only was she not afraid, but she also wanted to call the police and arrest them for creating noise?

How could this woman be so vile?

"Why are there so many people here?" a calm woman's voice rang out just as Irene felt somewhat disoriented.

It was no one other than the woman Luna met at the hotel the day before, the great artist Theo Allen's mother.

Irene was jolted with excitement upon seeing Celeste. She threw the bottle of water aside and rushed up to Celeste.

"Mrs. Allen, hello! "

Looking at the bruised and battered lady in front of her, Celeste retreated backward a step in slight detest. "You are...?" "I'm the assistant that Luna fired because I overheard the conversation you had with her yesterday! "

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Irene was extremely agitated. "What you said yesterday was all true, right? How dare Luna accuse me of spreading false rumors. She even got people to beat me up..."

Celeste slightly furrowed her brows before, a moment later, she laughed. "I pity you. Not only is Luna so immoral, but she's also vicious..."

"Mrs. Allen, are you here to look for Luna as well?" Celeste smiled. "Of course."

When she returned to the hotel the night before, Theo accidentally overheard her casually mention her meeting with Luna in the hotel to Nathan.

Theo was currently at home on a hunger strike, forcing Celeste to apologize to Luna.

Celeste was there not to truly apologize to Luna, though. She came to make Luna break up with Theo.

Celeste did not expect that there would be a protest outside of Luna's design department.

Celeste raised her eyes and watched as the people held up their banners, smiling a little before she turned to look at Irene. "Actually, protesting this way won't bring results. It seems that we're fated to meet. Why don't I take you in?"

Irene's eyes instantly sparkled!

She looked at the design department's door that was shut tightly. "A—Are...you sure you can take us in?"

"Of course." Celeste smiled. She got Irene and the others to keep the banners and the flag, then brought all of them to the design department's entrance.

The security stopped them by the entrance.

Celeste smiled. She took out the photo she took with Joshua and Alice the day they signed the deal. " Luna's project this round needs a rare ore, and I'm the supplier of this ore. What? You won't even let business partners in?"

The two security guards hesitated for a while. One of them immediately went to report to Shannon.

Shannon, at her level, would not be in touch with the supplier of the ore, but she knew that Luna's project this time required a type of gorgeous and rare gemstone.

Because of that, Shannon did not consider much. "Since she's the supplier, let her in. Perhaps she had problems with the quality that needs to be discussed with Director Luna."

The guard nodded and left. He respectfully smiled at Celeste. "Please enter."

The moment the guards opened the door, Irene and the others immediately flocked forward.

The two guards could barely go against more than lo huge men.

Slam!

The door of the design department was instantly forced open. Everyone outside swarmed in.

The relatively small design department was filled with people.

With a sneer, Celeste entered, pushing Luna's office door open.

In her office, Luna had already taken off her headphones. The sound of the door slamming open was way too loud, so much so that she could still hear it with her headphones on.

Luna raised her eyes and looked at her messages.

Joshua texted, (Even if the apocalypse happens today, you have to work up the work schedule for me.

Luna took a deep breath and sent a message.

(Mrs. Allen is here looking for me. Do you want to come over, too?]

Just when Luna finished sending the message, Celeste had also just arrived at her office desk.

Luna swiftly kept her phone. "Mrs. Allen, can I help you with anything?"

"Of course, you can." Celeste sneered. She took out a check from her pocket and slammed it on Luna's office desk.

"You seduced Theo and got together with him just for the Allen family's money, didn't you? Five million is written on this; it's enough for a broke designer like you to last a few years. Let my son go and break up with him! "

Luna lowered her eyes and looked at the five-million-dollar check. She chuckled.

No matter what, Celeste was Theo's biological mother. Why would such a kind-hearted, gentleman like Theo have such a dull-witted mother?

Luna sneered and said, "Mrs. Allen, do you feel that your son, the great artist Theo Allen, is only worth five million dollars?"

Then, she took out a check from her desk. She wrote five million and ten thousand on the check, slamming it on top of Celeste's check.

"I'll top it up with another ten thousand dollars. Will you sell Theo to me?"

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Celeste's expression instantly contorted uglily upon Luna's words.

She glared at Luna fiercely. "What do you mean by this? Are you trying to show off your wealth to me? Isn't my son the one who gives you your money?"

Luna sneered. "Mrs. Allen, I was wrong in calling you a crazy old hag. I was wrong. I'm sorry."

Celeste furrowed her brows. Why did Luna suddenly change her attitude and apologized to her?

She harrumphed coldly. "Good that you know that, you..."

"I really shouldn't have called you that, " Luna coldly interrupted Celeste before she could finish. "In my eyes, crazy old hags would still have a small brain. You, on the other hand, don't even have one."

Celeste's eyes widened. She raised her voice a few octaves. "What do you mean by that?"

"What do I mean?" Luna sneered. She picked up the check that Celeste gave her and elegantly tore it up into pieces. "In your opinion, a famous artist, whose works cost at least a few million dollars, is only worth five million dollars? A mother who casually puts a price tag on her son, isn't she foolish? Also..."

Luna took out a pile of honorary certificates from the top of her shelf and placed it on her desk.

"These are the honors I've earned over the years abroad. Every set of jewelry I design could sell for more than ten million dollars on the international market, yet you offered me five million dollars to leave Theo. Aren't you just humiliating yourself?"

Luna left all her honorary certificates abroad when she returned to her country. However, Neil secretly couriered her certificates back.

Initially, she was still worried that the certificates would expose her identity. She did not expect that it would be able to help her at a time like this.

Luna's office was in pin-drop silence.

Celeste's face was even paler than the wall behind her. She gritted her teeth harshly.

"Luna! You...You b\*tch! "

Before Celeste could finish her sentence, Irene rushed in with a broom and aimed at Luna.

Just when the broom was about to hit Luna's face, a hand grabbed Irene's wrist and brutally flung her backward, causing her to slam against the corner.

Thud! Irene hit the wall brutally.

Gasp!

Irene was in so much pain that she gritted her teeth. She raised her head and glared fiercely at the person that flung her to the corner. "I won't let you go..."

She stopped before she could finish because the person standing in front of her was no one else but Joshua, whom she saw the night before!

At that moment, Joshua was in black, his tall figure towering over her coldly.

He laughed a little. "You won't 'let me go'?"

Then, he glanced at the men that Lucas and his men had pinned down. "You won't let me go like them, too?"

Irene paused a little. She subconsciously turned back to look. She realized that the people she brought along were all pinned on the ground by Lucas and his men!

Irene almost saw black!

She raised her head and looked at Joshua's face. "Mr. Lynch, you're such an influential figure. Why must you protect Luna, that b\*tch?"

Joshua calmly laughed. "You have no influence nor power. Where did you find the courage to go up against the Lynch Group?"

Joshua calmly walked over to the group of people and opened the rolled-up flag.

"Asking Luna to kneel and apologize?" He lowered his head and read the writings on the flag. Then, he chuckled a little and looked at Irene. "Since you insist on your demands, I'll allow you... "...to kneel and apologize to Luna."

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Joshua swept a glance at Celeste by the side. "Mrs. Allen, how about you kneel, too?"

Celeste's expression turned even uglier at Joshua's remark.

She bit her lips. "Joshua Lynch, I am Nathan Allen's wife! "

Joshua coldly interrupted her. "So you don't have to apologize after doing something wrong, just because you're Nathan Allen's wife?"

"What did I do wrong?"

Celeste furrowed her brows. She raised her head and angrily glared at Joshua. "Are the things I said not true?"

Then, Celeste sneered. "Mr. Lynch, I know you have a rather ambiguous relationship with Luna, so it's only normal that you protect her. However, this woman not only slept with your assistant, but she also slept with those two bodyguards at the entrance of the Lynch Group! Won't you find her dirty?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes, saying nothing.

Luna laughed. She gracefully sat down on her chair. " Mrs. Allen, you seem to have forgotten what I told you yesterday."

Celeste chuckled. "What? Are you trying to sue me? I'm only saying what Joshua's wife, Alice, told me. If you want to sue someone, you should be suing her! "

She said that not because she wanted to defame Alice but to intimidate Luna. In Celeste's understanding, Luna was just a mistress that had slept with Joshua.

The mistress fearing the legitimate wife was the most natural thing on earth.

However, Celeste did not expect that Luna would calmly turn to look at Joshua instead. "Mr. Lynch, did you hear that?"

Joshua smiled.

He took his phone out and immediately dialed Alice.

"Mrs. Allen has something to say to you." Joshua immediately put the call on loudspeaker and placed it on the desk.

Celeste furrowed her brows. She did not expect that Joshua would so directly get her to talk to Alice.

However, she was not afraid at all, because she was not lying! Alice was indeed the one that told her that! Thus, Celeste coldly glared at Luna and spoke into the phone, "Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Lynch said that I'm spreading rumors, but you were the one that told me those things, right?"

On the other end of the line, Alice, who was in the cafe downstairs, secretly rolled her eyes.

Initially, Alice still wanted to keep Celeste around for a longer period, getting her to do her bidding.

She did not expect that Celeste would expose her so quickly.

Celeste was an idiot that could not even keep a secret! She deserved her son going against her!

Alice took a deep breath and used an extremely innocent tone, "Mrs. Allen, what are you talking about?"

Celeste furrowed her brows. She did not hear clearly the emotions in Alice's tone. She thought that Alice did not hear her properly, so she repeated it once again.

"Mrs. Lynch, you were the one that told me these, right? I'm not spreading false rumors at all."

"I don't know what you are talking about."

Alice sighed. Her tone and voice sounded extremely innocent. "Although I don't usually like Luna, she is a classy and elegant person. Even if she's rather promiscuous, she won't sleep together with the bodyguards.

"Furthermore, Luna isn't a shameless person. Mrs. Allen, is there some misunderstanding? The person that said that Luna has loose morals was clearly my husband, Joshua, not me." Alice's voice had hints of indifference and mockery in them. "No matter what, I'll never say such a thing to bad-mouth others. Mrs. Allen, why are you trying to besmirch me?"

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Alice's voice sounded gentle and light, yet it seemed to have petrified Celeste.

Celeste shuddered and said with a rather trembling voice, "Mrs. Lynch, w—what are you saying?"

Alice's response was laced with vague ridicule, "Mrs. Allen, don't you understand? Let me tell you once more, then: I 'll never, and had never, once gossiped about Luna with you. Even if I hate Luna, I won't spread such stupid rumors. There. I've said it."

Alice, on the other end of the call, leaned back on the chair. She calmly glanced at Jason, who was looking at the address outside the door, and chuckled.

"Also, my husband and I are in a very good relationship. Why are you trying to disgrace me in front of my husband? Are you just jealous?"

Alice did not even care what reaction Celeste had after that as she immediately hung up the phone.

Hearing the disconnecting beep from the phone, Celeste's legs felt like jelly. Right before she slumped to the ground, Samson immediately held onto her.

"Mrs. Allen, what are you doing? Are you really planning on kneeling to our Director Luna?"

Celeste closed her eyes. She never once suspected the words that Alice told her because, firstly, Alice and Luna have known

each other for many years. Second, Alice had also mentioned Joshua among the men Luna has slept with. Celeste felt that Alice had no reason to cuckold herself.

However...

Alice's innocent and indifferent tone on the phone a moment ago was like a baseball bat that smashed against her head. Celeste felt as if she was struck by lightning. She could not even move, let alone think.

How could that happen...?

Even if those were lies, they came from Alice! How did it become her spreading the rumors instead?

"Mrs. Allen, what else do you have to say for yourself?"

Joshua looked at Celeste's face, his gaze cold as he did. "You were the one that came up with this and smeared Luna's character. You even pushed all the blame on my wife. It looks like Luna was right. It's not that you are brainless, Mrs. Allen. You just used them in all the wrong places."

Celeste opened her mouth, wanting to retort but unable to find her words.

"Since Mrs. Lynch has already said so, are you still trying to deny that you were the one that spread the rumors?"

Samson, who was supporting Celeste, released his grip on her.

Thud!

Celeste immediately knelt on the ground, coincidentally right in front of Luna.

Seeing Celeste kneeling, Irene, by the side, bit her lips. She hesitated for a while. In the end, she also knelt to the ground with a thud.

Luna's influence and powers were indeed huge! Even the great artist Theo Allen's mother already knelt in front of Luna. Irene herself was just a mere lowly assistant...

"Mom! "

Theo ran into Luna's office, panting. He immediately noticed Celeste kneeling in front of Luna, unable to get up.

He furrowed his brows and directly went to help Celeste up. "You're already so old. Why are you making things difficult for yourself?"

Celeste was trembling, and not because of guilt, but of rage!

At that moment, she finally realized why Alice would be so passionate with her. It was not because they clicked instantly, nor that she also thought that a person like Luna was not a worthy match for Theo!

Alice was only using her as a tool to go up against Luna!

When push came to shove, Alice pushed all the blame on her and burned the bridge between them. By then, everything and every rumor came from Celeste alone—it had nothing to do with Alice!

The more Celeste thought of it, the angrier she became.

In the end, Celeste turned to look at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, you have indeed married a great person! I wouldn't know whether you and Luna have a relationship or not, but your wife's tactics are indeed brilliant! "

Upon hearing Celeste talking about Alice, Joshua slightly narrowed his eyes. "What? Just because you failed to besmirch my wife, you're trying to drive a wedge between us now?"

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Celeste gritted her teeth harshly.

Joshua was clearly trying to protect Luna and Alice. She would be no match for him!

"Mom, let's go home."

Theo sighed and whispered into Celeste's ears, "This is the Lynch Group. You're presenting the Allen family..."

Celeste gritted her teeth upon Theo's words.

After a while, she closed her eyes. "Then...let's go."

Theo pursed his lips. He turned to look at Luna and smiled apologetically before helping Celeste up and headed toward the exit.

"Hold on."

Samson furrowed his brows. He rushed forward and opened his arms wide, blocking Theo in the way.

"You're Mr. Theo Allen, right? I've seen you in the news. You just announced a relationship with our Director Luna a few days ago."

Theo paused for a while and sized up this 17 or 18 – year-old teenager in front of him. "Can I help you? "

"Of course! " Samson sneered. "Your mother still hasn't apologized to Director Luna."

Theo furrowed his brows. When he arrived, he noticed Celeste kneeling in front of Luna. He thought that Celeste was apologizing to Luna for her terrible character previously. Did she not apologize?

Samson seemed to have noticed Theo's confusion. He sneered and said, "Mrs. Allen only knelt down because her legs went limp. Because of her rumors, Director Luna has suffered a lot of unwarranted scoldings and humiliation. Should Mrs. Allen not apologize for it?"

Theo furrowed his brows. He turned to look at Celeste next to him, whose face had already turned miserably pale. "Mother, you... What did you say about Luna?"

For the past two days, Theo had been cooped up in the hotel by Nathan. He did not know what happened outside, let alone what his mother did to Luna.

He only knew that Celeste took a five-million-dollar check this morning to look for Luna.

Theo spent a huge effort to escape Nathan's clutches. As for the rumors, Theo did not know anything about it.

Facing her son's question, Celeste furrowed her brows. She did not know what to say at that moment. She had always believed what Alice said. However, at that moment...she was more prone to believe that those were lies Alice created because she was jealous of Luna.

Seeing how Celeste did not reply to Theo, Samson swept a cold glance at Irene, who was still kneeling on the ground in the distance. "You should be the one who knows best what rumors Mrs. Allen spread. Tell us."

Irene hesitated for a while. She thought that this was a great opportunity to redeem herself, so she immediately repeated what Celeste said before.

The color on Theo's face fluctuated from pale white to blue. He could not fathom. He could not imagine that his usual gentle, kind-hearted mother would... use such words to defame Luna.

What did Luna do wrong? All she did was nothing but being forced to announce their relationship due to rumors of her and him dating.

"Mother." Theo took a deep breath and let go of Celeste's arm. "Perhaps I haven't been by your side for such a long time. I didn't know that you had become such a person. No matter what, Luna is my girlfriend. Have you ever considered my feelings when you spread those rumors?"

Celeste opened her mouth, trying to find her words, but nothing came out.

After a while, she lowered her head. "I was only trying to...force her to break up with you."

"I'll never break up with her." Theo looked at Celeste, then at Joshua.

"The more all of you want me to give up, the stronger I'll hold onto."

Then, Theo looked at Celeste closely. "Mother, if you must treat Luna like this, I'd rather cut ties with you." Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 587

The entire office fell silent at Theo's words. Celeste looked at Theo in shock. "Theo, you..."

Joshua frowned in displeasure, rather displeased at Theo's persistence. He squinted his eyes.

"Is Luna that important to you?" Theo puffed his chest. "Yes."

"More important than your own mother that brought you up?"

Theo laughed. "Mr. Lynch, you don't seem to know my family well. My parents have always been abroad trading, and I grew up with my grandparents. My skills for art were also cultivated by them. As for my parents..."

Theo swept Celeste a glance. "They've never truly cared for me. If they had cared for me, they wouldn't have forbidden me from being together with Luna, just because of other people's gossip. They wouldn't have spread rumors about Luna being with other men when they clearly knew that Luna's my girlfriend."

Celeste's face was extremely pale. She always thought that as long as she showed how cheap and dirty Luna was, Theo would come around. He would know that he had made a mistake and break up with Luna.

She never would have thought that Theo's feelings for Luna were so deep that he would be willing to cut off ties with his parents. "Theo, forget about it."

Luna furrowed her brows. In the end, she still could not help but open her mouth and say, "It's just a small misunderstanding. There's no need to cut ties with your parents." She lowered her gaze and looked at the time. "This is still the office, and it's still working hours. Why don't you take Mrs. Allen back for now? We can talk about it later."

Luna and Theo were only faking it being together. She could not let Theo cut ties with his parents just because of his fake girlfriend.

Theo furrowed his brows. He wanted to say something else, but Celeste immediately grabbed his wrist.

"Yes, listen to Luna...Lulu! " Celeste immediately kept her condescending expression. She smiled and looked at Luna. "You're right, Lulu. It's just a misunderstanding!"

Celeste dragged Theo and headed for the exit. "Don't disturb her from working. We have all the time in the world to talk in the future! "

Theo furrowed his brows and turned back to look at Luna once more.

Luna smiled and nodded at him, signaling for him to follow Celeste.

Upon her approval, only then did Theo turn around and left with Celeste. Once mother and son left, the office resumed its peacefulness.

"How about you?"

After a long while, Samson swept a cold glance at Irene. "Did you start to spread rumors after listening to what Mrs. Allen said? Now that Mrs. Allen said that it was just a misunderstanding, why are you still not apologizing?"

Irene bit her lips. "Sure, I can apologize."

Then, she pointed at the bruises on her face. "Even if I was wrong in spreading the rumors, is it alright for Luna to get people to beat me up?"

Luna smiled. She looked at Irene, who clearly had put on more make -up to emphasize the bruises on her face and made them look more serious. "What proof do you have that it was me who sent those men?"

"Who else but you! " Irene glared at Luna angrily. " Those men yesterday said that it was you who sent them! This morning, the person that chatted with me also told me that it was you! There are so many facts right in front of you. Are you still trying to deny it?"

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"Is that so?"

Luna chuckled gently. She took her phone out and dialed a number.

"Officer James, could you tell me once more the message that you sent me just now?"

Officer James, on the other end of the line, was quiet for a while before calmly saying, "Ms. Luna, you asked about the people who beat up Ms. Irene Cook last night. We've apprehended them. They admitted that someone got them to deliberately mention your name while beating her up so that the victim would be mistaken. As for who ordered them to beat Ms. Irene up, we've found out that it came from a number from our neighboring Sea City. The person spoke to them last night. We're currently trying to locate this person via their IP address..." "Okay, thank you, Officer James."

Once Luna hung up the call, she sneered and looked at Irene, who was kneeling on the floor in a daze. "This entire morning, you gathered and protested in front of my design department. It was not as if I did nothing.

"I personally contacted Officer James who was overseeing his case. The result I got was that those who beat you up were ordered by someone from Sea City. I, on the other hand, was eating at the hotel with you last night. You know this, too. I couldn't have flown to Sea City to make a call to harm you."

Irene was completely stunned.

"So...t-this morning...and the WhatsApp account..."

Luna laughed. "If the people that beat you up last night have nothing to do with me, do you think that the number this morning would be from me?"

Luna yawned. "Irene, your make-up skills are pretty good. If you were to use this skill in the right place, you'd be a great special effects make-up artist. Too bad you used this skill to cheat others. This won't end well for you."

Then, Luna returned to her seat. "Samson made you apologize to me, but I thought it was unnecessary. You loathe me deep in your heart, and your sorries won't be sincere. I don't need them, anyway. The police should be here at any moment. What you need to do is not apologize to me, but to explain to them why you bring a group of people to create havoc in m y office. Also, why did you spread those rumors and try to smear my reputation?"

Upon her words, there was a knock on the design department's main entrance door.

"Hello, we're the police. Ms. Luna called for us."

Irene's face was so pale there was not an ounce of blood left in her face.

She directly knelt on the ground and vehemently prostrated herself at Luna.

"Ms. Luna, please let me go, I'm still young! I promise I won't do this again! Ms. Luna, I—"

Before Irene could finish her sentence, Samson opened the door. The police entered and checked Irene's identity before taking her and the dozen men she brought along away.

Everyone in the office was on the edge. Everyone got busy.

When the police took them away, it was almost noon. Luna put her pen down. "Let's go have lunch."

Then, she followed Samson, Arianna, and Zayne out.

When she was by the entrance, Joshua, who had been silent all this while, reached out and stopped her.

"I have something to say to you."

Luna furrowed her brows. "Mr. Lynch, whatever you have to say, you can say it."

Joshua had been protecting Alice so obviously that day. It was not as if she did not notice.

Luna did not want to talk much to Joshua.

"Are you sure?" Joshua calmly swept a glance at Luna's three assistants before looking at her once more. "It has to do with Neil and Nellie. Are you sure you want them to hear this?"

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Luna furrowed her brows.

If it had to do with Neil and Nellie, she would not want to argue further with Joshua.

Luna calmly looked at Arianna. "You three go ahead. I have things to discuss with Mr. Lynch."

"Yes. " Arianna nodded, then she took Samson and Zayne and left.

As the trio walked, Samson asked in a half-whisper, "Who are Neil and Nellie that Mr. Lynch mentioned?"

Arianna immediately replied in a soft tone, " President Lynch's twins."

"What do they have to do with Director Luna?" "It's a long story..."

Their voices grew further and further away.

It was only when they completely vanished from Luna's sight did she sigh and closed the door.

"Mr. Lynch, you can tell me now."

Joshua smiled. He turned around and sat on Luna's chair, aloofness and mockery dancing in his gaze.

"I never would've thought you'd be so charming that Theo would be willing to cut off ties with his parents."

Luna furrowed her brows. Her thin figure leaned against the door as she shot him a cold stare. "Mr. Lynch, didn't you say that you wanted to discuss Neil and Nellie?"

Joshua lowered his gaze. He flipped through Luna's design sketches on her desk while chuckling a little. "Why? You don't want me to talk about Theo?"

"What do you think, Mr. Lynch?" Luna sneered and said, "You perfectly covered up for your wife in front of me just now. Do you think I'd want to talk to you about this?"

Joshua put the design sketches down. He calmly looked at Luna. "So, you still think that Alice was the one that told Mrs. Allen those rumors?"

"What else is there?"

Luna leaned against the door. Her tone was ice-cold. "How long has Mrs. Allen been in Banyan City? How much does she know about the Lynch Group? She might not know how many bodyguards are there downstairs, right? Still, she could clearly mention Zach and Yuri's names. Who do you think told her? "

Joshua slightly squinted.

It was not as if he did not know that this was the work of Alice. It was that he did not understand one thing...

"Luna, why is Alice so hostile to you?"

Upon this question, Luna somehow wanted to laugh. "Mr. Lynch, do I still need to explain this to you? I

"Luna." Joshua calmly interrupted her. "Just now when you spoke with Officer James on the phone, I recalled him saying that the person that ordered

those people to beat Irene up came from a Sea City number, is that right?"

Luna paused a little. "Yes."

Joshua raised his head. He looked at Luna closely with his deep gaze. His tone was cold.

"Do you know who was the one that made the call?" Luna furrowed her brows and shook her head.

She was also curious as to who would make the call.

However, she did not have the resources to investigate this. She could only wait for the police.

"You know who did it, Mr. Lynch?" "It is Mr. Walter the butler."

Joshua looked at Luna closely. His gaze was frigid and dangerous.

It was as if he wanted to see through all of her pretenses, directly into the deepest corner of her soul.

Luna was indeed hiding things from him. Facing such a gaze from him, Luna did not dare to meet his eyes.

She turned and looked away. "Mr. Walter? The butler that was chased out of the Walter family when we were in Sea City? That Mr. Walter?" No wonder Alice could still be a bully. Luna thought that she had found a new source of power. It turned out it was Mr. Walter who had been supporting her all this while. Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 590

"You sure remember it clearly." Joshua sneered. "Do you still remember what I told you? Back then the Hailey Walter that died was just an impostor, and that the real Hailey Walter is someone else?"

Luna's heart skipped a beat.

Joshua leaned back and changed into a more comfortable position. He calmly gazed at Luna.

"All these years, Hailey Walter has been passionate about cosmetic surgery. What has she changed into, no one knows, but what we could be sure of is that if she were to change into another person, the first thing that she'd do is to change her name and fake all her details."

Luna furrowed her brows. "That's true, but..."

In fact, Hailey did not fake a new identity but assumed another person's identity instead.

"Luna, " Joshua coldly interrupted her, "what my friend found out is that your identity was faked."

Upon Joshua's words, Luna was instantly stupefied.

She looked up in shock and met with Joshua's deep eyes. "W— What are you trying to say? Are you suspecting me of being...Hailey Walter?"

Joshua did not answer her directly. "I only want to know who you are."

Luna gasped. She had once imagined that Joshua would expose her true identity, but never once had she thought that he would one day suspect her of being Hailey Walter!

Luna gritted her teeth and dug her nails deep into her palms. "Mr. Lynch, are you joking with me?

When I was in Sea City, did you not see how I was targeted by the Walter family? If I'm Hailey Walter, how could I just let you send Dennis Walter to prison just like that? How could I let Liam Clark treat Gwen that way? I was almost ruined by him, too, or have you forgotten about it already?"

Joshua narrowed his gaze and looked at Luna.

All these were why he did not take Jude's speculations seriously all this while.

Still, everything at that moment was too much of a coincidence, was it not?

The remnants of Mr. Walter's forces were in Banyan City. Every time, they were helping Luna from behind. If she was not Hailey Walter, where was the real Hailey Walter?

Moreover, Luna had a grudge against the Walter family on the surface. If Luna was not the real Hailey Walter, what the real Hailey should have done was to seek revenge on Luna, not getting the Walter family to secretly help her time and time again.

Luna lost it a little at the distrust in Joshua's eyes.

She bit her lips. "So, Mr. Lynch, if I'm Hailey, your wife's hostility would make perfect sense to you, right?"

Joshua squinted his eyes. "Yes." Luna laughed.

"Okay. I get it." She sneered and looked at Joshua's face. "To persuade yourself that your wife is still an innocent and kindhearted woman, you'd rather turn me into the person you hate the most. Is that it?"

Joshua furrowed his brows. "Luna, my suspicions aren't without any proof."

"What bullsh\*t! " Luna raised her head and looked at Joshua fearlessly. "The nickname for the person who claimed to be me in the chat that Irene posted this morning is even called Alice! Can I use this as evidence and tell others that Mrs. Lynch has been intentionally chatting with Irene to set me up?"

Joshua furrowed his brows and laughed. "It should be you setting her up, not the other way around. Alice wouldn't be so stupid to use her own name as a nickname, openly stirring up trouble."

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The office was quiet for a few seconds. Luna smiled. She could not help but laugh.

"Mr. Lynch, you think that your wife wouldn't be so stupid as to use her name, but I would. Is that it?"

Joshua's expressions darkened a little.

He almost forgot. The woman nicknamed Alice in the chat that morning also claimed to be Luna herself.

Joshua's gaze was flat. "I didn't mean it like that. " "What do you mean then, Mr. Lynch?"

Luna sneered, plopping onto the sofa in front of Joshua. "Alice wouldn't use her name to stir up trouble, but you're so sure that I'm Hailey, that I 'd use Mr. Walter from Sea City to help me out in Banyan City."

Joshua looked at her, saying nothing.

Luna continued calmly, "Mr. Lynch, have you forgotten? After the funeral of the impostor Hailey passed away in Sea City, you told me that you've already suspected that the woman is just an impostor.

"Tell me then, Mr. Lynch. Why would I risk getting Mr. Walter's men to come to Banyan City when I clearly knew that you already suspected that the real Hailey isn't dead yet?

"Banyan City is under you and your friend, Jude's territory. If I'm Hailey, why would I get them to take such a risk to come here and so blatantly beat Irene up right after I had a conflict with her?

"Is it that I'm not afraid my identity would be exposed?"

Joshua's eyes narrowed a little upon Luna's words.

Actually, regarding Luna's identity, it had always been Jude's speculations only. He never agreed with him.

It was only that there were too many suspicious aspects to this matter.

Luna was a person that he trusted. He was not willing to be around her in suspicion, and that was why he took the risk to ask her directly, even when he did not have enough proof of her identity. Her reaction and attitude explained everything he needed to know.

A huge burden being put down, Joshua smiled teasingly and looked at Luna. "Perhaps you might've guessed that I'd think that you're not that stupid, so you did it on purpose?"

Luna felt a fire of rage overwhelming her. Did this man take her for a fool?

Luna bit her lips and stood up immediately. "Since you got me to stay but it's not because of Neil and Nellie, I don't need to continue wasting my time with you, Mr. Lynch. If you have proof that I'm Hailey, then show them. As long as there is enough proof, no matter how I deny it, it'd be pointless. If there's none, however, don't you dare for one second try to pin Hailey's identity on me! "

Then, Luna turned around and stormed off angrily. Joshua sat in the office, looking at Luna leaving. He smiled.

He lowered his eyes and swept a glance at the design sketches on her desk. He could not help but pick one up and admire them.

The last sketch was not in her previously announced drafts. It seemed to have been drawn last minute.

It was a men's ring with a skull.

He furrowed his brows. He felt that the man's hand on the sketch was a little familiar. He looked aside and noticed his right hand that held the sketches.

It was the exact same.

Joshua furrowed his brows, thinking he was hallucinating, but as he had a closer look, it was indeed his hand.

Even the position and the shape of the little scars on his hand were exactly the same. Since when did she observe his hands so closely?

Joshua furrowed his brows and immediately took his phone out. He captured a photo of the sketch and saved it on his phone.

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In the cafe downstairs of Lynch Group.

Alice smiled and looked at the man in front of her. "So, the person that hired you told you to tell me that Mr. Lynch was the one that wanted me killed?"

Jason was holding onto the check in his hand. He chuckled. "Of course. However, Mrs. Lynch, you and Mr. Lynch could still love each other even when you didn't know whether it was him that did it or not. I salute you. I would've thought that you'd at least have some hostility toward him. Back then, the woman that got me to crash you specifically instructed me to say that it was Mr. Lynch who arranged for me to do it."

Jason lifted his head and looked at Alice's face. "Have you never once suspected Mr. Lynch? Not even get angry at him?"

Alice laughed. "Of course not. He's my husband, and no way will I suspect him."

She smiled and looked at Jason. "Have you ever met that woman?"

Jason shook his head. "I only know that she was a woman. I don't know anything else about her."

"I see." Alice sighed. "Before my husband and I got married, there had always been a woman called Hailey Walter who liked my husband a lot. She tried to hurt me a few times so that she could have my husband to herself. She's probably the one that planned the accident six years ago."

Alice glanced at Jason, the smile still plastered on her face. "This woman has never looked for you since after the incident six years ago, right?"

Jason paused for a while before nodding.

"That's because she's gone through cosmetic surgery and looked different."

Alice immediately took out a woman's photo and placed it in front of Jason. "This is how she looks now. She's been staying in my husband's company, trying to find ways to seduce him."

Jason furrowed his brows and subconsciously looked at the photo.

Instantly, his eyes widened.

That was right. The woman in the photo was the woman she saw in Zach and Yuri's house the night before.

Luna.

He even made an arrangement with her to pick Bonnie up from the hospital that night!

"A-Are you sure?"

Jason furrowed his brows before saying in a hushed tone, "I've met Ms. Luna twice. She doesn't seem to be what you describe her to be..."

"If she could be so easily called out, how could she put on an act in front of my husband for so long?"

Alice sighed. "Think about it. When Luna saw you, did she react strangely at all?"

Jason paused a little.

There seemed to be...

Every time Luna looked at him, she would not dare meet his gaze. She would secretly try to avoid him.

He initially thought that the scar on his face intimidated her.

At that moment, when he thought of it... "You realized it, right?"

Jason nodded.

He lifted his head and looked seriously at Alice. "So, Mrs. Lynch, is there anything you need me to do? "  $\,$ 

"Of course."

Alice smiled and took out a check from her bag and directly placed it in front of Jason. "We won't expose her identity for the time being. Just pretend that Mr. Lynch did hire you back then. Stay by her side and get a grip on her. In the future, we'll slowly reveal that she's Hailey Walter."

Alice narrowed her eyes.

This time, she pushed all the things that Aura did back then on Hailey.

As long as she could pin Hailey's identity on Luna, she did not believe that Joshua would still protect her!

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Luna received a call from Theo during lunch.

He first apologized to Luna on Celeste's behalf before asking her out for dinner that night.

"I have other arrangements tonight." Luna ate while looking at her memo on her phone.

That night, she had to pick Bonnie out from the hospital together with Jason.

At the thought of Jason, she could help but furrowed her brows. This man still gave her the chills at the thought of him.

Regardless, she did not want to give up the chance to get to know Jason.

After all...

Luna narrowed her eyes.

Jason, of course, knew how Joshua wanted her dead back then. He was the weapon that Joshua used against her.

If she was about to make the incident back then known to the public, to let everyone see clearly how despicable Joshua was, Jason was an indispensable link! "What time do you end tonight, then? I'll go pick you up?" Theo's voice sounded graciously considerate on the other end of the line. "Are you having a business gathering?"

"No, I have made arrangements to pick up a friend from the hospital."

Luna took a deep breath. "You don't have to pick me up. You're busy enough."

On the other end of the call, Theo was silent for a while.

After a long moment, he sighed. "Luna, I want to do something for you. To compensate... My mother has done such terrible things to you, and I want to help her apologize to you."

Luna paused for a while. She inexplicably became soft-hearted.

Theo was indeed a gentle and kind-hearted man.

Even if she was displeased with Celeste, hearing how gentle Theo's tone was, she could not bear to continue reprimanding him.

However, she also understood that if she did not let Theo do something, Theo would probably feel uncomfortable.

Thus, Luna furrowed her brows. "If you want to do something, you can help me investigate a few people."

Theo was instantly spirited in their call. "Who do you want me to investigate?"

"Do you remember Irene Cook from this morning? She got beaten up by a few men last night. Those men pretended that they were under my orders. Help me check where those men come from, along with the IP address and address of the person they contacted most recently. Hand them to the police afterward."

Luna suddenly felt that this problem would be too challenging for Theo.

"As for the IP address, you can contact Nigel."

"Okay! " Theo happily accepted this mission. "Don't worry. Leave it to me and Nigel! He'll be in charge of the internet, and I'll be in charge of the physical aspects. We'll find this out for you! "

Luna nodded. She exchanged a few more words with Theo before hanging up.

Since Alice wanted to pin the identity of Hailey Walter on her, Luna would play along and destroy Alice in the process.

She did not believe that once she sent Mr. Walter into prison, just like Dennis Walter, Joshua would still suspect her of being Hailey Walter!

After lunch, Luna returned to the design department from the company's cafeteria.

On the way back, people kept commenting on her. Each sentence was worse than the previous one.

Luna pretended not to notice.

"You just take their ridicule and defamations of you just like that?" Samson chased after Luna and went into the elevator together with her. "Before I came, I thought you were someone who'd fight for the truth. I never thought that you

wouldn't fight back, even after such grievances."

Luna slightly raised her eyebrows and smiled. "Who said that I don't fight back after being aggrieved?"

Samson harrumphed coldly. "From what I see, you've always been cowardly."

"Does that mean that when someone gossips about you, you have to jump up and slam the table, scolding them back harshly? That only then are you not a coward?"

Luna yawned. "If you want to go according to what you say, perhaps I am a coward."

Samson raised his brows. "Am I wrong?"

Luna rolled her eyes at him. She crossed her arms around her chest. "Child."

Luna looked in front, her gaze flat. "The people that were badmouthing me just now, do you know which department they come from or what kind of position they hold?"

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Samson furrowed his brows and shook his head.

"Not only do I know, but I even jotted it down, " Luna said flatly, "We're all working in the same company, and we see each other all the time. If they can't kick me out of the Lynch Group, they'll pay for it sooner or later. Why should I stoop down to their level and go against them like a maniac?"

Samson was completely stunned.

At that moment, the door of the elevator opened and Luna strode into the design department.

Samson was quiet for a long while before he narrowed his eyes, smiling.

Luna was an interesting woman. His choice of traveling a thousand miles to come to Banyan City to work as her assistant was not in vain after all.

The entire afternoon, Luna finally could get her work back on track.

Samson and Zayne had an exceptionally good art background, especially Samson. It looked like he had some background in jewelry designing as well.

The creative requests that Luna came up with, he could quickly understand and sketch out accurately.

Even Arianna could not help but praise him, " Samson, you're a young prodigy! "

Luna paused a little.

At the mention of that, Luna suddenly recalled a talented 17year-old teenager who once took her designs.

He was called Mo Sam or something.

The person in front of her was called Samson Matthews. What similar names.

At the end of the day, Jason cautiously arrived at the design department.

"Ms. Luna." He timidly knocked on the door. "We've made an appointment."

Luna came to her senses. She simply tidied her things up and followed Jason downstairs.

"Let's take a taxi," said Luna calmly. After tiring herself the entire afternoon, she stretched a little.

Jason narrowed his eyes slightly. "You don't drive?"

Luna shook her head while hailing the taxi and smiled. "I don't know how to drive."

She actually knew how to drive back then, but after the accident six years ago, driving traumatized her.

Jason could not help but smile mockingly at Luna's attitude.

He got in the front passenger seat and looked at Luna in the back seat from the rearview mirror.

"Who knew that you don't know how to drive, Ms. Luna. Don't worry, we're all acquainted. You can buy a car, and I can be your driver next time."

He then smiled meaningfully. "You'd be happy with my driving skills. I can drive all sorts of vehicles, especially huge trucks. I 'm great at driving them."

Luna's face instantly lost its colors upon his words. She bit her lip. The scene by Bay Bridge six years ago involuntarily popped up in her mind: Jason driving that huge truck, smiling sinisterly while crashing toward her.

"Mr. Lynch, I didn't kill her. Should I crash her again?"

"Don't blame me. If you want to blame, blame yourself for loving the wrong person! "

"See you in the next life! "

Luna's heart was wrenched together. She sweated profusely, cold sweats running down her back.

"Miss, where to?"

The driver's voice suddenly brought her back to reality. Luna took a deep breath.

"To the mental asylum by the outskirts."

The driver furrowed his brows and looked at Luna in the rearview mirror. He asked rather concernedly, "Miss, are you alright?"

"She's fine." Jason changed into a more comfortable position in front. "She just recalled some unhappy memories."

He raised his brows and side-eyed Luna. "Am I right, Ms. Luna?"

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Jason's every word got onto Luna's fragile nerves. She furrowed her brows tightly.

Technically, Jason should not be able to identify her based on her current identity and looks.

However, ever since they got in the taxi, Jason had been intentionally, or unintentionally, referring back to the incident six years ago.

His driving skills, the truck, and also when he just pointed out she was 'recalling unhappy memories'.

Were all these that he said just a coincidence, or...did he already know?

The taxi driver started driving.

Luna sat behind and pretended to close her eyes and fall asleep. Through the crack of the eyes, she secretly observed Jason through the rearview mirror.

Jason was also looking at the rearview mirror, examining her.

The atmosphere was so quiet that it was a little suffocating.

"Is she your girlfriend?"

Perhaps it was too quiet that the driver cleared his throat and started talking to Jason.

"No." Jason swept another glance at Luna before retracting his gaze and looking forward. "How could I have a girlfriend like her?"

The driver chuckled. "From what I can see, she looks..quite pretty."

"She's pretty, but it's all plastic surgery."

The driver paused for a while. "Cosmetic surgeries are quite common nowadays. Everyone likes to look beautiful, right?"

Jason sneered. His tone was filled with mockery. "Cosmetic surgeries are indeed quite common, but I'd never want this heartless woman, even if you give her to me."

Jason coldly glared at Luna via the rearview mirror.

Luna tried to suppress the confusion in her heart and pretended to fall asleep, but the confusion in her mind grew.

How did Jason know she had cosmetic surgery? Her surgery was done by top-notch doctors abroad. Even Anne, who had a great cosmetic surgery, could only assist the doctors there.

She did not believe that Jason would be able to notice it. If he knew about her cosmetic surgery, someone must have told him.

Also, if Jason knew she had undergone cosmetic surgery, he should know who her true identity was.

Jason should be clear about how she was a victim in the incident back then.

However, he said that she was heartless. What was that all about?

Just when Luna was still confused, Jason's phone rang.

"Mrs. Lynch." When he started chatting with the taxi driver, Jason thought that Luna had already fallen asleep, so he did not intentionally try to hide it or something. "Didn't we already say not to contact each other for the time being? Okay, don't worry. I won't mention your name in front of her. Mmh, I 'll wait for you to contact me." Jason hung up. He nonchalantly turned and chatted with the taxi driver about the changes in Banyan City throughout the years.

Luna sat in the backseat. On the surface, she seemed calm, but deep inside, she was overwhelmed with waves of emotions!

She never thought that Alice would take action so quickly!

Jason had just returned to Banyan City for two days, did he not? In just two days, not only did Alice get Jason to be on her side, but she even got him to do things for her.

Her tactics and actions were simply amazing. It was only that...

Luna changed a different position and continued sleeping, facing the window.

Six years ago, Joshua hired Jason to kill her.

Six years later, Alice used the face that she once had to contact Jason.

In that case, who was she to Jason?

Luna did not believe that Alice would tell a person like Jason her true identity. It was too dangerous.

Therefore, Alice , at that moment , should be Luna Gibson from six years ago in Jason's eyes.

However...

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Luna pursed her lips. Jason deliberately brought up the incident six years ago in front of her. He even said that she had unhappy memories, so Jason definitely thought she had something to do with the incident back then.

Since she was not the victim, she must have been the perpetrator. At that thought, Luna suddenly found it comical.

Back then, when Joshua hired Jason to kill her, she almost lost her life and the lives of her babies. She survived.

Six years later, in Jason's eyes, she suddenly became the coconspirator with Joshua?

Life truly had played her like a fiddle.

Soon, the taxi arrived at the mental asylum. Once the car stopped, Jason immediately opened the door and got out of the car.

The taxi driver did not expect that Jason would refuse to wake his companion up, so he had to get out of the car, go to the backseat, and wake Luna up.

Luna was actually awake all this while. She could see the detest Jason had for her. She only found it comical.

Back then, he was a murderer who killed for money. At that moment, he became one of Alice's men and started despising her, a 'heartless' person.

"Miss, wake up!"

The driver pushed Luna a little, and only then did Luna pretend to groggily open her eyes. "Have we arrived?"

"Yes, your friend is waiting for you outside."

Luna nodded. She paid for the ride and gracefully got out of the car. She walked toward Jason.

"You must be tired from working, Ms. Luna, " said Jason flatly as they walked together toward the mental asylum.

"You could even fall asleep on such a short journey."

Luna smiled rather embarrassingly. "Yes, work has been tiring. Other than work every day, I don't have the time to think of anything else."

Jason harrumphed coldly. "That's good too. If not, having too many thoughts might easily get you killed."

Luna calmly smiled and said nothing.

The two of them entered the mental asylum together. The conversation with the doctor went smoothly. They only took an hour then they got to see Bonnie.

Living in the mental asylum all this while, Bonnie has lost a lot of weight.

When she carried her clothes and walked out of the room, the first person she saw was Jason, whom she thought of every day.

"Jason!"

Over the moon, Bonnie immediately rushed over and buried herself in Jason's arms.

Jason furrowed his brows. He instinctively retreated half a step back.

Then, he sighed and gently hugged Bonnie. "Why are you staying here? If I didn't come back, what would've happened to you?"

Bonnie wiped her tears and laughed. "I knew that you'd come back! "

She remained in Jason's arms as she smiled and looked at Luna. "I was right. He did return! "

Luna was congratulating Bonnie on the surface, but deep down, her heart was cold. After all, she could see that the half a step Jason retreated backward a moment ago was in detest.

From what Zach and Yuri told her previously, Jason got together with Bonnie was completely because of Bonnie's family.

Luna pitied Bonnie.

"Let's have a meal together! " Coming out from the mental asylum, Bonnie held Jason's hand, smiled, and suggested, "Jason, no matter what, I think we should buy Luna a meal. The woman who I swapped places with in the mental asylum has done terrible things to Luna, yet Luna was still willing to come to pick me up. She's truly generous! "

"Is that so?" Jason smiled and coldly swept Luna a glance. "In that case, Ms. Luna, would you join us for a meal?"

"Of course."

Luna smiled and gently chuckled. She turned to look at Jason. "We've been acquainted for a long time, after all. It's time to catch up."

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Luna chose a restaurant downtown.

The restaurant was filled to the brim with people. Bonnie, who just came out from the mental asylum, clearly could not take the noise, evident with her furrowed brows.

"Luna, why did you pick such a place to have a meal? Wouldn't it be better if we change to a quieter location to catch up?"

Luna smiled a little. She picked up her teacup and took a sip. "I thought that you'd like a lively crowd after being cooped up in there for so long."

Truthfully, there was another reason why she picked this location: Noisy and crammed with people, it was inconvenient to do anything. Luna was also a little worried that Jason would do something bad to her.

Soon, the food came.

Bonnie, who had been grumbling ever since, finally shut up and happily ate her meal.

"Luna, you're not from Banyan City, right? This dish is a Banyan City specialty. Us Banyan City folks have been eating it since young."

Luna calmly smiled. "I am indeed not from Banyan City. I'm from Sea City."

She raised her eyes and looked at Jason. "What do you know of Sea City?"

Jason harrumphed coldly. He ate while saying coldly,

"Sea City? I only know of a Walter family in Sea City. The heiress of the Walter family is rather shameless. She's been vying for Mr. Lynch of the Lynch family in Banyan City. Even when Mr. Lynch already married Mrs. Lynch, she still didn't want to let go."

Jason then picked up his glass of alcohol and took a sip. "Ms. Luna, don't you think that this Hailey Walter is rather shameless?"

Luna almost laughed out loud.

Jason only said this because it was most likely that Alice told him that Luna was Hailey, right?

Alice's lie was perfect. Luna was Hailey, and Hailey was the one that hurt Luna Gibson back then.

Luna lowered her head and played with the cup in her hand. "Not only is Hailey shameless, but she's also foolish."

Luna knew clearly that back then, it was Joshua who ordered Jason to kill her.

At most, Aura was involved, too.

The accident which almost got her killed had nothing to do with Hailey. However, at that moment, not only did Alice want to pin Hailey's

identity on Luna, but she even wanted to push the blame of the accident that hurt Luna Gibson back then on 'Hailey'.

After being Mrs. Lynch for so long, did Alice forget that she was, in fact, Hailey Walter?

Luna had only encountered people pushing the blame onto others. She had never once seen someone taking the blame for something other people have done.

Perhaps Jason did not expect that Luna would say that about herself, which was why he was silent for a while. He smiled. "Ms. Luna, you also think that Hailey is foolish?"

"Of course, awfully foolish."

Luna raised her gaze and smiled at Jason. "When I have the chance, I must introduce to you this brainless heiress of the Walter family."

Jason was a little baffled. He suddenly could no longer say the things he was prepared to say.

Was Luna...truly Hailey Walter? Who would insult themself that way?

"I don't understand what you guys are talking about." Bonnie did not like that topic, so she pursed her lips and changed the topic.

"Luna, when I was in the asylum, I 'd still watch the news. I saw that you and that great artist, Theo Allen, got together. You're lucky! "

Luna calmly smiled. "Theo is an artist that I liked for many years. However, I only used to like him as an artist, and I never thought that he'd be my boyfriend." "I get it! I get it! " Bonnie smiled and held Jason's hand. "Just like me, I once looked up to my brother as a sister, but...later on, I wanted to marry him! "

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"Feelings will change! "

Luna furrowed her brows. She could clearly see the hint of annoyance flashing across Jason's eyebrows when Bonnie held his hand.

It was strange.

If Jason did not like Bonnie, why would he try so hard to get her out of the mental asylum?

If he did not look for Bonnie, Bonnie would have never known he was back in the country, being locked up and all.

At that moment, he got Bonnie out of the mental asylum, yet he resisted Bonnie getting closer to him.

What was he trying to do?

With a mind full of questions, Luna immediately contacted Neil the moment she got home.

Zach and Yuri have already reached the summer camp where Neil and Nellie were. They were in charge of taking care of the children's daily life together with the bodyguards that went there previously.

"You're talking about Jason and Bonnie? He doesn't like her for sure."

When Zach, on the other end of the line, heard Luna asking about Bonnie, he chuckled helplessly. "Jason has been using Bonnie from the start. Bonnie comes from a wealthy family. Jason initially hoped to get rich by Bonnie, who knew all of Bonnie's family died, so he abandoned her.

"This time, he came back because he found out that before the Lane family died, they bought a lot of life insurance. The total amount of insurance has been calculated, and it was worth at least five hundred million. Bonnie is the only heiress of the Lane family, so the five hundred million is entirely hers..." Luna gasped. She knew it!

"Bonnie is a pitiful woman." Zach sighed. "Jason actually has a girlfriend, and she returned to the country together with him. However, his girlfriend is also quite smart. She didn't show herself."

Then, Zach sent Luna a photo of Jason and another woman. "This is his girlfriend. Ms. Luna, I 'm only telling you this because Bonnie is your friend. I can provide you with even more proof if you need it.

Jason and I have known each other for many years, and we can't possibly expose him, but you're different."

After they hung up, Zach sent Luna a lot of photos. Jason indeed had a girlfriend abroad. Not only did he have a girlfriend, but he had a three-year-old son, too.

Luna closed her eyes. Bonnie's innocent face appeared in her mind. Bonnie's naive demeanor made Luna think back about how she used to be obsessed with Joshua.

Lying on the bed, Luna's mind kept replaying scenes of Bonnie and Jason, as well as Jason, his girlfriend, and his son.

She tossed and turned in bed, unable to sleep with her messedup mind.

In the middle of the night, she could no longer hold back. She got up from bed and called Joshua.

"Mr. Lynch."

Once the call went through, Luna was direct. "I remembered that the mental asylum Bonnie was in previously is under your control, right?"

Bonnie swapped places with Aura Gibson. Aura was sent in personally by Joshua.

Joshua, on the other end of the line, was silent for a while before sneering. "Luna, it's one in the morning. You call me at this hour asking about the mental asylum. Why? Do you want me to send you in now?"

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"I need you to do me a favor." Luna took a deep breath. "Bonnie is my friend, and she's encountered a problem. I hope you can get your men to take her back into the mental asylum, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua was silent for a while on the other end of the call.

"It's the middle of the night. She's just released tonight, yet you want her back in now. Is she really your friend?"

It could be the same for enemies.

Luna bit her lip. "I can't explain too much, but I need you to help me with this. I '11 add another design to this project."

When Joshua heard Luna mentioning this, he furrowed his brows. "I have a question for you: When you design and you draw body parts like a hand or a neck, whose do you model after?"

Luna paused for a while. She did not know why he would ask her this question.

However, she still answered honestly, "Mostly it's a fictional hand, but if we were to design for someone specific, then we'd try to draw that person's body parts."

Then, Luna furrowed her brows. "Why are you suddenly asking about this?"

"It's nothing." Joshua smiled a little. He lowered his gaze and glanced at the photo he took of Luna's design in her office. "I'll arrange the things according to what you said."

"Thank you, Mr. Lynch."

After hanging up the call, Luna went to the kitchen to brew herself a pot of tea. She sat down on the sofa to write the requirements for her next design while secretly glancing at the time.

An hour after her call with Joshua, her phone rang. It was from Jason.

Jason sounded flustered and exasperated. "Luna, what the hell do you mean by this? Bonnie was just taken away by the people from the mental asylum! They said that someone who picked her up reported to them that her mental condition was unstable, and that's why they took her back! I didn't say any of that, so it must've been you! "

Luna changed into a more comfortable position on the sofa. She smiled a little. "Yes, I said that."

"You! " Jason sounded extremely infuriated. "What the hell are you trying to do? Bonnie— "

"Bonnie is just a five-hundred-million-dollar money tree. Now that she's locked up in the mental asylum, you won't be able to get it anymore, right? "

Luna picked the teacup up and gently took a sip. " Jason, didn't you always say that I'm heartless? This time, I'll truly be heartless."

Jason gasped at Luna's words. "Luna! You..."

"How much did Alice pay you?" Luna sneered. "

Could she give you five hundred million? On Bonnie's side, without my consent, she won't be able to come out from the mental asylum. A mental illness patient won't be able to inherit that much. Even if she has inherited it, you won't be able to enjoy a single cent from her."

Luna then changed into another comfortable position on the sofa. Her voice sounded lazy and aloof. "Jason, a wise man would know when to submit to the circumstances."

Alice was not only the one in this world who knew how to bribe and buy off others.

Jason, on the other end of the line, was so angry that his teeth chattered. "What the hell do you want?"

"Tell me everything that Alice told you." Luna narrowed her eyes. "Any movements from her in the future, you'll have to tell me at first notice. If you hide anything from me, not only will I not let Bonnie out, but I '11 also tell her about your girlfriend and son."

Jason's face lost all of its colors upon Luna's words.

He gritted his teeth tightly. "Mrs. Lynch was right: you're a b\*tch who stops at nothing! "

Luna chuckled a little. "I'll give you another chance to rephrase your words. Talking to me in such a manner, do you think I can't head to the mental asylum and look for Bonnie now?"

Jason gritted his teeth and hung up the call.

Upon hearing the disconnecting tone, Luna hung up with complicated feelings.

Sending Bonnie to the mental asylum was the only temporary measure she could think of; to get Bonnie to calm down and to prevent Jason from doing anything. It was the best solution.

On one hand, Jason would not be able to get Bonnie's money. On the other hand, because of Bonnie, Jason would not dare to do anything to Luna. He had to be afraid of her, too.

Still, Luna understood clearly that Jason was a murderer.

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She could not always have control over the man that crashed into her with ease and kicked her off the bridge. Luna had to quickly find proof of Jason committing murder.

However, the incident happened six years ago. There was no surveillance nor witnesses. The bridge was rebuilt.

It was extremely challenging if she wanted to find proof.

Luna closed her eyes and let out a long sigh. She...did not know where to begin.

Because she did not sleep well that night, the next morning, Luna started making coffee for herself the moment she reached the office.

After two cups of coffee, she finally felt less sleepy.

She turned on a computer and saw an email in her inbox.

It was an email from Jason. It was the recording of the conversation he had with Alice the day before. The moment Luna saw the conversation, she could not help but frown.

Alice might not expect that Jason would protect himself against her, too.

Luna put on her headphones, listening to Alice's voice in the recording. Her smile turned colder.

"Director Luna! "

Before she could finish the recording, Shannon immediately pushed the door and entered!

"Something bad has happened!"

Luna immediately took off her headphones. "What happened?"

Shannon was a mature person and was usually polite. If she hurriedly pushed the door and entered, something big must have happened.

"Irene." Shannon was sweating profusely. "The one that knelt and apologized to you yesterday. She jumped off the building! Although she didn't die, she was close. She's currently in the hospital being resuscitated. Before she jumped, she even left a note saying..." Shannon paused for a while. "It said that if she died, you're the main culprit. Irene grew up in the countryside, and her family used up all they had to pay for her education. She was hired to be an assistant at Lynch Group once she graduated, yet she encountered such a thing..."

Then, Shannon sighed. "People on the internet are talking about this now: her teachers, schoolmates, and even people from the same place as her are scolding and humiliating you. They said that you used your powers and tried to kill Irene."

Luna calmly furrowed her brows.

She initially thought that the trick Irene pulled out of her sleeve the day before was already the limit. She did not expect that Irene would have another trick up her sleeve.

Luna looked at the news; the comments were all against her. The terrible comments were filled with malicious intentions, too.

Some even brought up the plagiarizing incident that happened to Luna previously. They said that Luna could deal with someone rich from abroad, that Irene was just 'a piece of cake'.

The insults on Luna came one after another. Luna casually scrolled through and was about to shut off the page when she saw a Tweeter notification.

It was from Alice.

(Don't talk about Luna like that. Luna is my best friend. She's a good person. My husband and I believe her. Stop coming after her. I'll be sad.]

Luna narrowed her eyes and tapped to see the comments.

Sure enough.

Some of the people on the internet praised Alice for being kind, some asked her to cut off ties with Luna, and some even reminded Alice that Luna and Joshua's relationship was more than what it seemed.

Alice even replied to some of the people on the internet.

(My husband is a great, great man. Even if he has a relationship with Luna, that's definitely not his fault.

(Maybe I don't know her that well, but I just think that one shouldn't be so pretentious. Sigh.]

(My husband is so worried about this incident that he could barely eat. I just want to share his worries.]

Reading through Alice's replies, Luna could not help but sneer.

She turned off the computer, lifted her head, and swept Shannon a glance. "Which floor did Irene jump off from?"

Shannon furrowed her brows. "Third floor." "Third floor?"

If Irene truly wanted to die, why would she pick the third floor?

At that thought, Luna could not help but raise her eyebrows. "Which hospital is she at right now?"

Upon her words, Joshua's indifferent voice came from the entrance, "Why? Are you planning to go and have a look?"

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