

ABANDONED 2071

Chapter 2071 A Frantic Escape

"Mom, someone must have followed the car that has just left. With Lucian's influence in Horington, I'm afraid we'll have a hard time leaving the mansion." Yuliana stood by the window and gently drew the curtain open with her fingers to observe the neighborhood.

The surrounding was exceptionally quiet.

Yuliana was certain that they were being watched closely from the rooftops of the neighboring mansions.

She had dispatched two private investigators in a car, not to search for the heirloom, but to distract Lucian from his plan. She picked up her phone and made a call. "It's time for you guys to depart!"

In the courtyard, the headlights of another vehicle, which belonged to Yosef, were turned on, and the other two investigators were seated inside. They were about to make a trip to the airport.

Yuliana believed the two cars were heading to the exact locations that Lucian had anticipated and that those two locations must be the primary focus of their pursuit.

Sure enough, not long after they set off, the private investigator reported, "Ms. Yuliana, someone is following us."

"Ignore them. Try to take a longer route around the city and keep an eye out for the flight departing at ten tonight," Yuliana ordered.

In the common area upstairs, she turned to Yosef and nodded.

Yosef had shed his lazy demeanor after being warned that if they failed to escape, he might lose not only his arm but turn into a cripple.

The thought of this frightened him deeply. How am I supposed to play poker if I'm paralyzed?

However, he still had no idea why his mother said he was involved in poisoning Roxanne's mother. He was only five at that time. What could he have done?

Despite his doubts, Yosef decided to act according to Yuliana's plan. He turned off all the lights upstairs, causing the entire common area to plunge into darkness.

In total darkness, the three of them then quietly made their way down, carrying only their identity cards and wrapping themselves tightly in their clothes.

As it was the middle of winter with bitterly cold weather, dressing in thick layers was not an uncommon sight. As they got downstairs, the trio continued their walk to the underground parking lot.

The parking lots in the residential area here were not separated but connected to each other. Yuliana was betting that Lucian's men might not be aware of this.

Hence, they had prepared another car in advance.

In fact, when Yuliana returned in the afternoon, she had already had an escape plan in mind. That was why she had entered the building with a taxi.

She had intentionally rented a luxury taxi at a high price to avoid arousing any suspicion.

Everything went smoothly as they got into the vehicle. Yuliana, who was driving the taxi, closed all the windows tightly before heading to the southern exit, which was the farthest away from the mansion.

As expected, only an elderly security guard was present at the gate. The parking lot system recognized that the taxi had been parking in the residential area for more than five hours, so the guard demanded payment.

Yuliana tossed out two banknotes and muttered, "Keep the change. We have an urgent matter to attend to. Let us through quickly!"

The security guard's eyes lit up. He nodded before pressing the button on the remote to lift the boom gate.

At that moment, their hearts were racing. Yuliana instructed her mother and Yosef to keep a watchful eye on their surroundings while she stepped on the accelerator and quickly merged the taxi into the traffic.

"No one noticed us!" Yosef scanned around but did not come across any suspicious figures. Winnie, too, glanced around anxiously. "I don't see anyone spying on us. Yuliana, where should we go now?"

Yuliana felt her heart about to jump out of her chest. After taking in a deep breath, she replied, "Let's go to that small pier. We'll leave Horington and head to Gishwick. It's closer to Gerton."

The trio thought they had a chance. Little did they know that the elderly security guard had picked up the phone and immediately reported the car registration number.

Chapter 2072 Puzzled

At the Jarvis residence, Bill kept receiving calls from the bodyguards informing him of the movements of Winnie and her family members.

"As expected, they've resorted to a rather devious escape plan. Two cars set off, one toward us and the other toward the airport. But in reality, they escaped using a taxi from the underground. Anyway, they won't be able to escape for long," Bill reported to Lucian and Roxanne after compiling all information he had gotten from the bodyguards.

Lucian was shocked. The bodyguards he had assigned to Bill were highly skilled and professional. They were clearly well-trained.

Lucian's face remained calm as he nodded in agreement. He couldn't help but notice how Yuliana's escape plan was similar to the one chosen by Jack in the past. They both tried to leave by water, as traveling by planes and trains had fixed schedules and was easily traceable.

Roxanne was not concerned with these details. As long as Lucian said they couldn't escape, she was certain that they wouldn't be able to.

However, the most pressing issue was still the evidence. Without sufficient evidence, it would be meaningless to stop Winnie's family from leaving.

Where would Mom keep her heirloom?

She racked her brains, trying to remember but to no avail. Roxanne looked at Lucian and asked, "Is it possible that my mother's heirloom is not in the Jarvis residence?"

Lucian shook his head, denying her speculation.

"It's simple. Your mother was bedridden in her last few years. Unless someone helped her, it would be impossible for her to take anything out. Besides, she wanted to leave her things to you when you grew up, so she would never put them in a place where you couldn't find them. Don't forget, she was also afraid of being discovered by Winnie and Grant."

After listening to Lucian's analysis, Bill nodded in agreement.

"But we've already searched every corner of the house. It couldn't be hidden within this reinforced concrete structure. We have to tear down the whole building if that's the case!" Roxanne became frustrated and continued to look around exasperatedly.

"I was thinking, didn't you sell the house before?"

Madilyn bought it back. Could the buyer have found it?" Lucian continued to analyze.

Roxanne shook her head. "No. Although the family bought it, they never lived in it. After they bought it, they emigrated." "That... doesn't seem right? Since they bought the property, which is a fixed asset, why did they emigrate?" Bill frowned. Puzzled, he deemed it necessary to investigate the buyer.

"Today is Madilyn's big day. It wouldn't be nice to disturb her. I'll ask her tomorrow," Roxanne said.

Since they wouldn't be able to find the heirloom anytime soon, Lucian advised her to go back and rest.

As long as they didn't let Winnie escape, there was still time.

Bill also advised her to leave and let him continue searching, as there was no need for everyone to be there. Soon after, Roxanne and Lucian returned to the Farwell residence.

An hour later, Bill sent a text message to Lucian, informing him that the boat Yuliana wanted to use to escape was an unlicensed black ship and had been seized by the maritime police. Yuliana's car was on the way back to the mansion.

Lucian was amazed by Bill's methods, realizing that they were different from his own.

Bill was a retired police officer who still adhered to certain ethical standards and wouldn't resort to violence to prevent their escape without sufficient evidence. Until there was enough evidence, Winnie could only be considered a suspect.

Later, even the four private investigators were taken down by the bodyguards and politely sent away from Horington.

Chapter 2073 How Are You Doing Now

The day after the wedding, when Madilyn woke up, she instinctively thought she was at home and was about to go outside in her pajamas.

Fortunately, Jonathan managed to bring her back inside right when she opened the door.

Finally waking up from her daze, Madilyn suddenly realized her new identity as the daughter-in-law of the Queen family. The man circled her in his embrace, and his hands began to explore her body.

Madilyn was stunned, for they had only been intimate mere hours ago.

She suddenly became flustered, and she could feel her breathing turning erratic again. “Are there any other customs or rituals that we haven't completed yet? Does your family need us to greet the elders on the first day of our marriage?”

She quickly tried to change the subject so that the man wouldn't continue to tease her.

If they were to make any noise this early in the morning, it would be really embarrassing.

Jonathan shook his head, and he suddenly leaned closer.

Madilyn quickly covered his mouth with her hand. “No, | haven't washed up yet. Honey, don't do this.”

Jonathan's mouth curved into a playful smile. “Hmm... Who was the one who took advantage of me while | was drunk back then?”

Madilyn was rendered speechless. She shot a glare at the man. “Honey, let's wait until tonight. There must be things that we have to do today. I'm going to wash up!”

With that, she ran into the bathroom in a hurry.

Roxanne was getting impatient, and after checking the time, she immediately called her best friend at eightthirty in the morning. Madilyn wakes up at about this hour.

She started off by asking Madilyn about the wedding. Madilyn said that everything was going well, and she was not uncomfortable living with the Queens.

Only after that did Roxanne ask Madilyn about some details regarding her purchase of the Jarvis residence. “Madilyn, who did you make the deal with? Why did they move abroad right after buying it?”

“Roxanne, do you remember Ms. Vasque? She was your mother's best friend. She bought the place from Grant and didn't live in it. In fact, she was just waiting for you to buy the house when you're back. Ms. Vasque was only willing to sell the place to me after | made my intentions known to her,” Madilyn explained.

Roxanne's face froze. How could I forget Ms. Vasque?

Rachel Vasque used to be Roxanne's neighbor and had a very good relationship with her mother. After her mother became ill, Rachel would visit her several times and even give Roxanne some pocket money. However, Rachel seemed to have moved away from Horington because of her husband's work transfer.

If it's her, then everything makes sense. Although Ms. Vasque bought it, she didn't need to settle down, so she left the country with her family.

"Madilyn, can you still contact her now? | have something very important to ask her." Roxanne grew anxious, thinking that her mother might have left clues about her heirloom with Rachel.

The secret would be safely guarded by Rachel, waiting for the day when Roxanne would finally come to look for the truth.

Sensing the urgency in her friend's voice, Madilyn immediately nodded and said she would search for the contact number that Rachel had left behind during the transaction.

After a short while, Madilyn obtained the number from the agent and quickly passed it to Roxanne.

Excited to have the number, Roxanne immediately called and waited anxiously on the line for Rachel to answer.

The line rang for quite some time before Rachel finally picked up.

"Hello, Ms. Vasque. I'm Roxanne Jarvis. Do you still remember me?" The hint of anxiousness in Roxanne's voice was palpable. There was a momentary pause on the other end of the line.

Then, a soft voice answered, "Roxanne, have you finally returned to Horington? How are you doing now?"

Chapter 2074 Crucial Detail Upon hearing that voice, Roxanne felt as though the memories that had been sealed away in her mind had been unearthed. A scene from the past appeared in her mind.

In that scene, her mother and Rachel were chatting with each other while eating cakes under a tree. As the sun dipped into the horizon, she appeared from the corner where her kindergarten was located and rushed home. The journey was less than a hundred meters.

Then, upon arriving at her home, she'd shout, "Mommy, I'm home!" Back then, her mother was healthy, angelically beautiful, and always smiling.

During that period, Rachel was still young as well. She had just married not too long ago and hadn't given birth to any children yet. She often sought guidance from Roxanne's mother about domestic issues.

It'd be nice if our life back then could continue forever, but Grant destroyed everything.

After a long while, Roxanne returned to her senses and told Rachel everything had been going well since she returned to Horington.

Rachel asked, "When you married the son of the Farwell family, I was happy for you. After I heard you divorced him from someone, I wanted to find you, but I couldn't contact you. Many years have passed since then. Roxanne, it's a pity what happened to your mother."

Her caring voice warmed Roxanne's heart.

Roxanne told the older woman what happened during the years after her divorce. She also mentioned how she remarried Lucian, her children, and unborn babies.

Her intention was to put Rachel at ease.

Of course, Rachel was happy for the younger woman. "Your mother must be watching over and protecting you from the heavens."

Roxanne believed that as well. "If you have time, you should come to Horington for vacation, Ms. Vasque. Or, if I have time, I'll visit you. Right now, there's an important thing I need your help with." I almost forgot why I called her!

She asked the older woman about the object her mother left behind.

Rachel went into deep thought before asking, "Is the tree in the courtyard still there?"

"I thought about it too, but the tree died many years ago. Even after digging up the ground around the tree, I found nothing." "In that case, I have an idea, but I don't know if you'll find anything there. Is the wedding photo still around?"

Roxanne nodded. "It is, but I searched through it, too. There's nothing in the frame." Even if I didn't, Winnie would've searched through places like that, including the television cabinet, ceiling light, and fan.

"Is that so? Then I'll try to recall where it might be to the best of my abilities. Your mother treated me very well back then. We were like sisters. I really hate Grant!"

"Take your time with it, Ms. Vasque. There's no need to rush. When you do remember where it is, call me.

Here's my number..."

After that, the two women continued their sentimental conversation.

At the side, Lucian furrowed his eyebrows. Before Roxanne could react, he pulled her hand, brought her downstairs, and drove to the Jarvis residence.

He abruptly thought about a crucial detail when the wedding photo was brought up. The picture frame wasn't made of ordinary wood. Instead, it was mahogany, and the frame itself was very thick.

If one were to empty the frame, one could hide a tiny item inside

Chapter 2075 Blue Ring Lucian, who was often composed, was surprisingly anxious as he hit the accelerator. He didn't want to wait any longer to discover if his mother-in-law's heirloom was hidden in the photo frame.

Agrim expression was set on Roxanne's countenance. Her heart was racing. Winnie cares so much about the object Mom left behind that she's still searching for it after failing for more than a decade. Whatever it is, it must be important. Perhaps it's evidence that she killed Mom. | really want to know how she inflicted a slow-acting poison on Mom because they didn't interact with each other directly back then!

Ten minutes later, they arrived at the Jarvis residence.

It was morning, but Bill was still searching around with the bodyguards. They knocked on the walls, trying to locate a hidden storage space.

When he saw the couple rushing in, he asked, "Did something happen?" Lucian shook his head, zipped through the living room, and entered his mother-in-law's room. Seeing that the wedding photo was still affixed on the wall, he became more at ease.

The picture was hung relatively high, so Roxanne grabbed a chair for Lucian to stand on before he carefully lowered the picture frame.

This is heavy! The mahogany frame must be expensive. Confusion swirled in Bill's eyes as he watched the couple. A few seconds later, he understood something.

"| examined the picture before but didn't notice how unusual the frame was." As a famous, experienced cop, he could swiftly realize what he had missed.

Lucian nodded. Like last time, he quickly removed the heavy mahogany frame columns.

Then he brushed his hand along the columns and grinned. The difference in weight is subtle, but | can still tell one side is lighter than the others.

He proceeded to lay three other frame columns aside and inspected the one in his hand scrupulously. No one could notice anything odd about it because its peculiarity couldn't be spotted with the naked eye.

However, Lucian used another method to detect it. He knocked on the column from top to bottom while listening to the sound it produced attentively.

Knock, knock. Knock, knock...

For the most part, the produced sound was dull and quiet. Near the end of the column, that sound became crisper. Promptly, Lucian and Roxanne exchanged a look of delight.

Bill was visibly elated. "You two found it! That section of the column has clearly been hollowed out. Wait for me. Don't break it open with brute force. I'll go grab some tools before we figure out how to saw it open."

Lucian nodded in agreement because whatever was hidden within might be damaged if the column was shattered haphazardly.

Moments later, Bill returned to the room with a tiny saw and meticulously cut the column. By the end, the sawn-off section revealed a tiny, concealed tube, which had almost been damaged during the process. The tube was lodged inside that hollow section of the column. Its ingenious design prevented it from making any sounds.

“There should be a piece of paper hiding inside. Maybe all the answers are written there.” Looking at the tube, Lucian slowly removed it from the column.

When he did, he noticed the tube had a hollowed center.

It was then a faint blue light flashed before the trio's eyes. Bill was fast and caught the ring falling to the ground in time. Then he opened his palm and handed the ring to Roxanne.

Lucian's attention was also drawn to the ring. As he stared at the blue ring in his wife's hand, he exclaimed, “This is a priceless sapphire!”

Chapter 2076 To My Dearest Daughter

The will contained records of the last three years of Roxanne's mother's life, which read: My daughter, my beloved Roxanne, | wonder how many years will pass before you read this will. Will it be a decade? Two decades? Or perhaps you'll never find it. My daughter, | love you so, so much. You gave me the courage to accept my fate. | know my life is slipping away, but I'm not afraid at all. | don't understand why this terrible luck befalls you. You were only three years old. You had only learned how to jump, how to speak with standard pronunciation, and how to call me Mommy. Yet, so soon after, you would have to learn how to face the threat of death. It makes me angry at how unfair your life is. | pray to the heavens that you'll keep living no matter how. If the price | must pay for that wish is to be banished to hell, I'll gladly accept it. You had a congenital genetic disorder. | took you to visit many doctors, and | finally found a way to treat you. However, the medical fee required for the treatment is a million. | didn't have the money, so | asked your father for help. Your father's cheating on me. He thought he hid it well, but | knew. | was heartbroken and devastated. I've lost count of the nights | spent crying about it. However, in order to obtain the necessary fund for your treatment, | must endure the pain patiently to draw more money from him. | didn't expect him to do such a heartless thing even though he promised he'd die of old age with me. He aimed to exploit my kindness and lied to me about picking up an orphan. | knew the child belonged to him and his mistress, but | didn't say anything about it. Your father kept asking me to take care of that child. Back then, | had to obey him to get the money | needed to save you. Each time, I'd ask for tens of thousands from him. He would mock and humiliate me mercilessly. | knew his mistress was secretly controlling him. Finally, | gathered one million from him. It was time for your treatment. The doctor said the surgery might negatively affect your body afterward, so | was concerned you would suffer sequela. It wasn't until you woke up and cried for me that | relaxed. Then, | noticed something was wrong with my body. I'm confident | was poisoned by that homewrecker. After thinking about when she could've done it, | realized it must've been when | cared for her child. | visited him twice every week, but | stopped once you recovered. I'm getting incoherent now, my daughter. At the time of writing this, my eyesight has weakened considerably. Of course, | don't want things to end this way. | want to keep living and watch you grow up. I've been obedient to your father because | hope he'll at least be a responsible dad to you. Roxanne, I've just learned the homewrecker's name. She even gave birth to two children. I'm worried they'll bully you when they grow up. However, | can't hold on any longer. The happiest moments of my life were when you cheerfully returned from kindergarten and hugged me. I hope you'll grow up happily. In the future, don't end up like me and marry the wrong man. Also, | hope you'll have your own career. Roxanne, my good daughter, I'll always love you. Even when | die, don't get sad. Instead, you must learn how

to survive. I'll be watching over you from the heavens. | think | may leave this world soon, Roxanne. Now that Rachel has left, | feel a little lonely. Aside from you, there's nothing else

I'll miss about the world. | hope you'll one day wear that ring, Roxanne. My mother passed it down to me, and now I'm passing it down to you. Once you've become capable after growing up, avenge me. Don't forgive any of them! Remember to marry the right man, Roxanne..

Chapter 2077 Tears

When Roxanne finished reading the will, she wailed uncontrollably.

Sorrow flooded her heart as she muttered, “My mom's life was filled with so much agony!”

She turned her teary eyes to her husband, looking like a frightened little animal trembling helplessly. Even Lucian couldn't stop his warm tears from streaming down his cheeks after reading the will.

Rage then colored his countenance as he gritted his teeth and spoke with murderous intent. “We must avenge your mother, Darling! Winnie is a monster wearing a human's skin!”

After Bill read the will, he remained silent for a long while.

Hugging Lucian, Roxanne continued to sob. | finally understand what happened to Mom now that I've read her will. | was too young back then to remember much, but now | know she wasn't a puppet controlled by Grant with love. To collect enough money to pay the exorbitant treatment fee for my congenital disorder, she obeyed him and took care of little Yosef. She even noticed she was being poisoned and speculated that Winnie directed Yosef to do it. Why were you so foolish, Mom? Why didn't you expose them when you knew you were being poisoned? If not for me, perhaps your fate would've been different. Yet, | understand how you feel now that | have my own children. I'll also sacrifice anything for them, even my life.

Here, she put on the ring. I'm all grown up now, Mom. | also have a husband and children. Don't worry. | won't be bullied anymore. | will avenge you, Mom. There's no way I'll let Winnie get away with this scot-free! | promise!

Then she turned to Lucian with a resentful scowl. “Let's pay Winnie a visit now! | refuse to believe she'll remain fearless and never admit to her crime!”

Nodding, Lucian glanced at Bill.

Bill said, “The will can't be used as evidence. However, you can utilize its contents to bait Winnie into confessing. As for Yosef, he likely won't be charged with any crimes. He was too young back then, so he couldn't have committed the crime intentionally.” Even though I've seen plenty of cases over the years, | still can't help but be touched by the sacrifice of Roxanne's mother.

Without delay, Lucian and Roxanne set off to look for Winnie.

Dots were spotted on the will Roxanne was holding tightly. They were likely her mother's tears when the will was written.

Lucian drove to the mansion on the outskirts as quickly as possible.

At that moment, the mansion was filled with silence. After their unsuccessful escape last night, Winnie and her children were devising a new getaway plan inside.

They even locked the iron gate with chains, making it difficult for anyone to break in. Lucian and Roxanne frowned when they saw that upon alighting from their vehicle.

Swiftly, he called his head bodyguard. "Take down this iron gate!"

Chapter 2078 Cruel It took less than thirty seconds for the electric saw to sever the metal chain. Soon after, the gate dropped to the ground as well. Lucian and Roxanne stepped past the gate.

Yuliana rushed downstairs, shocked. When she saw the couple, she exclaimed panickily, "What are you two doing? It's illegal to break into someone else's home! I'm going to call the police."

She raised her phone, acting as though she would make the call.

Furiously, Roxanne darted toward Yuliana, snatched her phone, and smashed it on the ground. It feels so good being the baddie! I've been the good guy for my entire life. It's because of my kindness that I keep getting taken advantage of. However, I know that when dealing with shameless people, the best strategy is to be even more shameless than them! This way, they won't know what to do!

Yuliana was startled for a few seconds and was unable to stop Roxanne's advancement. "Come out, Winnie!"

"What are you doing, Roxanne? Get out of—"

Slap!

Roxanne slapped Yuliana's cheek as though announcing she didn't plan to interact with the family reasonably. So what if I'm being violent today? I've lost all my patience after reading about the agony my mother had to live through until her life was taken by Winnie!

Yuliana was astonished by the slap. When she returned to her senses, she tried to halt Roxanne from venturing deeper into the building, but the bodyguards stopped her.

Lucian supported his wife's actions tacitly.

Fear struck Yosef when he saw Roxanne. However, he couldn't leave the couch in the living room due to his plastered arms. All he could do was squirm about on the furniture, which made for a humorous sight.

Meanwhile, Winnie dashed into the kitchen, terrified.

Seconds later, she returned with a knife in her hand and a vicious scowl on her face. "What are you trying to do, Roxanne? I know you want revenge, but you haven't been able to. Isn't that right? If even the police can't do anything to me, what can you possibly hope to achieve? I suggest you leave this place right away! Otherwise, I won't hesitate to use this knife!"

The situation suddenly turned tense.

Then Lucian entered the room, with his bodyguards pushing Yuliana forward, and appeared before Winnie. Immediately, he caused the older woman to experience an emotional breakdown.

“Be sensible, Winnie. If you don't want Yosef and Yuliana to see blood today, give up on this pointless resistance right now!” He emphasized every single word he uttered.

The murderous intent on his face certainly dissuaded anyone from doubting him.

In the past, Roxanne might've been afraid of the sharp knife.

However, driven by boundless hatred at that moment, she scoffed and stepped closer to Winnie.

Gritting her teeth, she interrogated, “I found the will my mother left behind, Winnie! | dare to visit you today because | have the evidence that proves you were the one who poisoned my mother! | just don't understand how you can be this heartless. You've already replaced my mother and snatched Grant that garbage from her. Why did you still kill her?”

Winnie was shocked by that revelation. Her eyes darted around as she denied, “I didn't! You'd better watch your mouth. | don't believe your mother's will contains anything that proves I'm the culprit!”

“Still denying your crime, are you? It seems you won't admit your fault until | make you!” The animosity swirling in Roxanne's eyes was so intense that it frightened Winnie.

If she's looking at me like that, it must mean she has evidence to incriminate me! Winnie turned to her daughter as though she was waiting to be rescued.

Yuliana was taken aback, too. It's been more than a decade! Did Roxanne's mother really leave evidence of Mom's crime behind?

“You're a cruel woman, Winnie! You charmed Grant with your sweet nothings and used Yosef to force my mother to accept you! Grant brought him to my mother because he's a foolish man! Do you know why she helped you and that cheating b*stard to take care of Yosef? It's because she was saving my life!” Promptly, Roxanne stood before Winnie.

The bodyguards speedily disarmed Winnie and seized her arms.

Chapter 2079 Experience The Pain Winnie paled after she listened to Roxanne's words.

An idea popped into her mind and she defended herself, “What nonsense are you speaking of, Roxanne? When did | do such a thing? Don't spout baseless accusations like that!”

Unbeknownst to her, she had already fallen into Roxanne's trap.

“You didn't do it? So you're saying you didn't use Yosef in your scheme? | know you poisoned my mother with a small amount of mercury two or three times a month. The accumulated toxins in her body were enough to kill her in just a few years. | can't believe you would use your young child for this wicked plan. Were you even worried he'd ingest it by mistake?” The rage and hatred burning in Roxanne's eyes were so intense that it scared Winnie.

The older woman couldn't help but avoid eye contact with the younger woman and trembled.

“How dare you still defend yourself, Winnie! A few days ago, | couldn't do anything to you. However, I'm here now because | have enough evidence to prove you used Yosef to poison my mother! The police are on the way, so just wait for your doom!” Despite Roxanne's overwhelming contempt, she still retained her rationality.

Instead of stopping his wife, Lucian recorded the conversation. Yuliana was bewildered. | knew Mom poisoned Roxanne's mother, but I'd never heard of the details before. Yosef was even more dumbfounded. Did | really help Mom poison someone else in the past?

An abrupt silence ensued before Winnie exploded in anger, “So what if | did it? | don't believe you have enough evidence to confirm that | poisoned her! The water dispenser she used back then disappeared a long time ago! Yosef was still young back then, so he can't testify to anything. Even if you examine her corpse now, the most you'll discover is that she's poisoned! There's nothing you can do to me! I'm not afraid even if you call the cops!

I've never been driven into a corner by anyone before, and | certainly can't stand Roxanne's arrogant attitude! Following the admittance of her crime, she smirked coldly and mockingly.

Roxanne was stunned. Now, I've learned the whole truth. My guess is that Winnie probably failed to convince Grant to let her stay in his place at the start. Hence, she devised a plan to use Yosef to compel Mom to accept her. After that, Grant lied about picking up an orphan and kept Yosef somewhere else. Then he asked Mom to take care of Yosef, which she occasionally did. During that time, Winnie concocted her diabolical plan. She poisoned the water dispenser with a small amount of mercury. Mom has no reason to be wary of a young child, so every time Yosef served her a cup of water, she would be poisoned. In reality, Mom noticed the poison only after drinking the water once or twice. However, in order to keep gathering the funds for my ludicrously expensive treatment fee, she hid the truth to avoid falling out with Grant. Thus, time and again, she allowed herself to be poisoned.

Roxanne felt as if her heart had been torn apart, tears gushing out of her eyes.

“You're an animal, Winnie! Since you've admitted to your crime, you should understand why | came here before the police did! It's because | want to kill you with my own hands!” She pulled out six silver needles and attacked Winnie.

In a flash, she stabbed the needles into different spots on Winnie's body.

Winnie only experienced minor pain when she was stabbed.

However, when all needles were in position, she abruptly shook violently and felt as though blood would explode from her brain. An agonizing burning sensation rapidly spread throughout her body, making her feel as though her bones had been broken. The pain was so unbearable that even her soul trembled.

It was the last move of Cerulean Needle Technique.

If Roxanne were to use all eight needles of the move, Winnie could die from the pain.

However, Roxanne only used six because she merely wanted Winnie to experience the pain her mother had to endure in the past.

Even though it only lasted a little over ten seconds, Winnie was already wailing and shrieking. Now, you know the pain Mom had to live with every day until she passed. Roxanne gazed at Winnie coldly.

“Ahh! What did you do to me, Roxanne? Yosef, Yuliana, save me! Save me! It's so painful! My entire body... My blood... It feels like it's burning! Ahh!”

Chapter 2080 Rest In Peace The pain threw Winnie's mind into chaos as she howled agonizingly. Suddenly, she began to laugh maniacally.

She bit her lip so hard that blood spurted out. Her face contorted as her eyes appeared to be on the verge of popping out of her skull.

With a sinister sneer, she glared at Roxanne. “So what if | poisoned your mother to death, Roxanne? She only has herself to blame! That b*tch refused to divorce Grant and kept taking money from him! She's no better than me! Hahaha...”

Anger rushed into Roxanne's mind again as she grabbed the seventh needle. However, Lucian stepped toward her and grabbed her. She'll become a murderer if | allow her to be blinded by her rage.

Yuliana's eyes reddened from anger as she witnessed her mother writhing in pain. “How dare you treat my mother like this, Roxanne! I'm going to kill you!”

Roxanne had calmed down by then. Winnie's pain only needs a few minutes to recede. Since her confession to the crime has been recorded, it's unlikely she can defend herself before the police in the future. She'll get what she deserves. | hope it'll be a life sentence for her so she can rot in prison until she dies.

Out of nowhere, Winnie pounced toward Roxanne and Lucian with a short dagger in her hand.

With a malicious smile, she spat, “Since you're such a dutiful daughter, how about | send you to your mother so you can be filial to her now!”

The bodyguards' momentary negligence allowed danger to approach Roxanne.

It was then Yuliana struggled fanatically to cooperate with her mother.

Lucian's expression darkened as he pulled Roxanne to his back. As he watched the blade approach him, his pupils constricted. He raised his leg and kicked Winnie's arm away.

In an instant, the dagger flew out of Winnie's grip.

When the bodyguards finally reacted to the situation, they hastily restrained Winnie.

Surprisingly, she tore herself away from their hands and sprinted to the highest floor of the mansion.

“You'll never have your revenge, Roxanne! You'll never—” Seconds later, Winnie fell from the rooftop.

It was as though time had frozen. Yuliana slumped to the ground while Yosef's eyes remained wide open. Both were astonished for a long while.

Winnie had committed suicide by jumping off the building.

By the time Bill arrived with the police, Lucian and Roxanne were already waiting inside their car beyond the mansion premises. Yosef and Yuliana were brought away by the police to be interrogated.

After Bill asked the police officers to inspect the scene, he approached Lucian's vehicle and assured the couple, "Everything's fine. It's over. Winnie's death will be ruled as suicide by jumping. Both of you can return home now. I'll contact you two if there's any progress afterward."

Lucian nodded and handed the recording pen to Bill, who accepted it with a nod.

Bill stepped away but returned to inform, "Also, we've discovered Yuliana may have been suspected of illegally siphoning public deposits a few years ago. She had stolen a considerable amount of money. If the case is formed, she'll spend a few years in prison."

Again, Lucian nodded.

During the entire process, Roxanne was in a slight daze as she clutched the ring in her left hand. Mom, Winnie's dead! You can rest in peace now!