

Luna & Joshua 1061

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Meanwhile, Luna and Gwen were hidden inside the room. They tilted their heads and eavesdropped on the conversation happening outside the door.

The color drained from Luna's face as soon she heard what Joshua said.

As soon as she heard that Joshua had arrived, Luna guessed that Joshua had probably found out she was here and rushed over to talk to her.

Otherwise, he would not have arrived without giving Luke a heads-up, considering how close he and Luke were.

What he had just told Luke, however, was that the reason he came was that Luke had meddled with something that belonged to him.

Luna pressed her lips into a thin line.

It turned out that she was nothing more than an object to Joshua.

"What do you mean by this? What thing of yours did I touch?" Meanwhile, in the hallway outside the door, Luke gave Joshua an impassive glance and spoke, a cold smirk playing on his lips, "I can't seem

to remember what it is.”

“Is that so? “ Joshua curled his lips into a sneer and fixated his cold, penetrating gaze on the closed door behind Luke. “Do you need me to remind you? A few nights ago, you brought your men to Banyan City and took something from me. Don’t you remember?”

With that, he shifted his icy stare onto Luke. “Luke, you should know that the only reason you’re the person you are today is because of me. Is this how you pay me back for helping you in the past?”

Luke narrowed his eyes upon hearing this but did not say a word.

He knew that since Joshua had come all the way to the hospital, he must have been 100-percent sure that Luna was here.

Yesterday, when Luke showed the X-ray to Joshua, it was actually a form of reminder. However...

Since Gwen was inside the room with Luna, eavesdropping on their conversation, he could not possibly tell Joshua the truth and hand Luna over to him.

Seeing that Luke did not reply, Joshua curled his thin lips into a smirk and said, “Since you don’t know why I’m here, let me tell you what’s been happening, then.

“Luna has been diagnosed with severe mental illness. Not only does she abuse the children during her

episodes, but she'd also harm herself and even broke her own finger.

"However, after I sent her into a mental asylum, someone came and broke her out of there. I've already looked into this incident and found out that both she and my son, Nigel, were involved in this. Nigel even kidnapped the wife of the doctor who diagnosed Luna, Dr. Robert, in an attempt to get the doctor to redact his psychological evaluation.

"Therefore, as Nigel's father, I am responsible for educating him."

Luke narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. "How are you going to do that?"

"I have two choices." Joshua lifted his gaze to stare at the closed door. "The first one is after I find

Luna,

I'll let her re-educate the children and let them know that this behavior was entirely wrong. Then, I'll observe to see if there's any improvement.

"The other one is..."

Joshua raised his voice and continued, "If I can't find Luna, then I'll have to send the children to a youth education center and let them be schooled in a strict, no-nonsense approach. That'll show them

how to behave like good children.”

Inside the ward.

Luna balled her right hand tightly when she heard what Joshua had said.

It turned out that everything Fiona told Anne on the phone was true.

Joshua had decided to send the children to an education center, where they would be locked in a

windowless room!

Luna gritted her teeth in anger. How could this man be so cruel and heartless?

Was this because Fiona had successfully gotten pregnant with his children, so he did not like Nigel and

Nellie anymore?

Even though Luna had never been to the youth education center that Joshua mentioned before, she

knew that this kind of school was no different from prison!

Nigel and Nellie were only six years old! How could Joshua do this to them? Meanwhile, outside the

door, Luke had the exact same reaction as Luna. “A youth education center?”

“Why don’t you just say you’re sending them to jail?”

Joshua let out a chuckle and replied impassively, “ Well, that’s another way of putting it.

“If the two children still haven’t realized their mistake and don’t think they’ve done anything wrong, then

it’s about time they need to get treated as well. After all...”

He raised his eyebrows. “They’re involved in breaking a mentally insane patient out of her treatment facility.” With that, he stood up and continued, “Luke, I know what you took from me, and I even know where it is, but if you don’t want to hand it over, then it’s okay.

“I heard Dr. Robert say that if he doesn’t find his wife before this evening, he’s planning to sue Nigel and Nellie in court. Even though I’m their father,

I’ve never been emotionally close to them, so I won’t get involved in this potential lawsuit at all.

“If he indeed sues them, then it’s up to the legal system to determine their outcomes. Whether they go to prison or get sent into an education center, it’s none of my business anymore.”

With that, Joshua turned and strode away.

Luna’s entire body was now pressed against the door. As Joshua’s receding footsteps echoed through

the hallway, she felt as though someone had pierced

a knife into her chest and stirred its contents around.

Dr. Robert was going to sue the children.

Joshua was going to send the children into a youth education center.

Was she going to continue hiding?

All they wanted was for her to come out of her hiding spot. If that was what they wanted, then she would do as they please.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale, flung Gwen's hand away, and pushed the door open with a slam.

Meanwhile, Joshua had just reached the elevator, with Lucas following behind him.

His figure was tall and lean as always and looked as cold and unapproachable as Luna remembered.

Luna bit down on her lip and clenched her teeth, still staring at Joshua's retreating figure. "Joshua Lynch! "

Joshua, who was just about to get into the elevator, froze when he heard her voice.

He curled his lips into a smirk, and a triumphant smile flashed across his face before he regained his

composure and turned around with a steely expression.

Luna was standing at the end of the hallway, dressed in a white hospital gown.

Her entire frame was bony and frail, like a limp paper kite caught in a strong breeze.

Joshua suppressed the urge to rush forward and pull her into his arms and instead said impassively, “I

was right—you are here.”

“Yes, I am.” Luna met his gaze without a single ounce of fear. “You’re right. The ‘thing’ that you lost has

been right here all along.”

She let out an exhale and staggered toward him somewhat unsteadily. “I’ll go back with you, but

please, don’t send Nigel and Nellie away...”

At first, she was too far away from him, so Joshua could not see her face properly, but as she got

closer and closer, Joshua suddenly noticed how pale her face was.

Luna’s eyes were red and swollen, as though she had been crying not long ago.

Joshua suddenly recalled the cries he heard downstairs when he and Lucas had gotten out of the car.

At that time, Lucas had even commented on how miserable this woman sounded and said something

about how hospitals were where the living and the dead were separated.

It was not until this moment that Joshua realized...

The heart-wrenching sobs he had overheard downstairs were possibly Luna's...

"Joshua." Just as he was caught up in his thoughts, Luna had already made her way over and was now standing in front of him.

She stared at him and offered a bitter, doleful smile. "I'll go back with you."

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Seeing that Joshua was staring at her, Luna curled her lips into a feeble smile. "What's wrong? Didn't you want me to appear before you so that you can bring me back to the mental asylum?"

The mental asylum: the place where she was locked in a windowless room and was subjected to inhumane tortures.

Joshua paused for a moment, then asked in a hoarse voice, "What happened to you?"

He knew that Luna was here, but he never imagined this was how she would look.

He had seen her only a few days ago. At that time, she was full of life, with pink cheeks and clear eyes.

This was a stark contrast to what she looked like as she stood before him: colorless and frail, as though she would break into pieces at any moment.

Joshua thought that after being rescued by Luke and Gwen, Luna would be happy and carefree.

While on his way here from Banyan City, he even thought to himself how selfish Luna was. He thought she was a self-centered, inconsiderate mother who did not care about her children.

After all, there was no way Luna did not know that the children had kidnapped Janice to take her place in the psychiatric ward. Therefore, how could she possibly subject her children to everyone's suspicion without feeling even an ounce of guilt?

Contrary to his beliefs, the woman before him at this moment was nothing like he had imagined.

She was bony, sallow, and sickly, like a porcelain doll that could break into smithereens at a single touch.

Luna curled her lips into a smile.

She lifted her head to gaze at Joshua's chiseled face, then let out a bitter smile. "Isn't this what you wanted, Mr. Lynch? You abided by Dr. Robert's diagnosis and treatment advice...and sent me to living hell."

She exposed the wounds on her arms, as well as the section of burnt scalp hidden beneath her hair.

“Electric shocks, acupuncture, physical stimulation, injection of sedatives...” Luna rattled off the various methods of torment she had suffered these past few days in the mental asylum with a cold, expressionless face.

Finally, she lifted her left hand, displaying her broken little finger to Joshua, and smiled at him. “Didn’t you say my hands are pretty? Well, because of this, they smashed my left little finger with a hammer.”

Luna’s tone was so calm that it was as though she was describing something that happened to someone else.

Joshua widened his eyes in shock. “Your finger...” Did she not break it herself?

All of a sudden, he recalled the X-ray that Luke had shown him the day before. He immediately turned to glance at Luke.

Luke nodded at him.

Joshua immediately took a step back, and a harrowing realization dawned over him.

How could this be...? How could they do this to Luna? He had specifically asked Mr. Chase to look

after her and provide her the best care possible...

Mr. Chase had even promised that he would assign more nurses to look after her!

“They even told me that if I stayed in there a day longer, they’d smash another one of my fingers. “

Luna let out a self-deprecating snicker. “Do you know what I was thinking at that time, Mr. Lynch? “

She chuckled again as Joshua continued to stare at her incredulously. “I was thinking to myself, thank

God Mr. Lynch complimented my fingers instead of my eyes, nose, or head. Otherwise... Otherwise...”

Luna was about to continue when all of a sudden, she felt as though something was about to come out

of her throat.

“Cough— “ After shuddering severely, Luna coughed out a mouthful of blood, then immediately

slumped onto the ground.

“Luna! “ Joshua could not suppress his emotions any longer. He immediately lunged over and grabbed

hold of Luna.

Luke furrowed his brows at this sight. “The emergency room is on the first floor! “

Joshua clung onto Luna tightly, as if she were a piece of valuable treasure, and stormed toward the

elevator.

However, both the elevators were stuck on the first floor.

They were on the 15th floor.

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Joshua stormed into the stairwell without any hesitation, with Luna still in his arms.

“Let go of me...” Luna protested weakly.

However, she was too tired and in so much pain that her struggles were futile.

“I won’t.” Joshua zipped down the flights of stairs and, holding Luna tightly against his chest, said, “I’ve

appointed three more teams of medical professionals to reassess your mental condition. You have to

go home with me right now. If Dr. Robert’s diagnosis is wrong... I won’t forgive him for this!”

Luna let out a bitter smile as she listened to the thumping of Joshua’s heart against his chest. “Three

medical teams...”

Her voice was so hoarse that it seemed even a simple sentence like this used up all the strength in her

body. “So you still need to hire some doctors to determine if I’m mentally insane or not, don’t you? You

don’t believe me after all...”

Joshua's entire body stiffened when he heard this. Was that true? Did he not believe her?

All of a sudden, Joshua recalled what Janice had said when he saw her at Banyan City Mental Asylum.

"I didn't know how rigid and unrelenting of a person you are, Mr. Lynch. I guess in the end, you'd rather

believe some words on a page than a living, breathing human being, don't you? Can't you tell

the difference between someone who's really sick and who's not?"

Joshua felt his heart sink. He wanted more than anything to believe Luna, but...

He let out an exhale and said in a low voice, "You're too weak now. Don't talk."

Luna curled her lips into a bitter smile and nodded. "Okay. I'll shut up."

She should not be talking to him anyway. After all, what use was it to speak to someone who did not

believe her at all?

Even though Joshua was holding her like this, Luna knew that in his mind, she was still a mentally

insane patient, a crazy woman who would abuse both her own son and herself.

Luna was sent into the operating room.

Six hours passed before she was finally wheeled out of the operating room.

“The reason she vomited blood was because of an infection in her blood, “ the doctor explained, sighing at the same time. “She had been through so much within such a short time, and even after her finger was broken, no one treated the wound, and it got infected. Even though the finger is already unviable, the infection didn’t clear up in time, so it spread into her bloodstream and caused her to vomit blood.”

With that, he lifted his head to glance at Joshua. “ How are you related to the patient?”

Joshua fell into silence for a moment, then finally answered, “I’m her husband.”

“Her husband?” The doctor stared at Joshua incredulously, then said in a tone that was as frosty as his gaze, “What kind of husband are you? How can you let your wife suffer like this? Don’t you know how much it hurts to have your finger crushed like that?”

The doctor let out a sigh and added, “I’ve seen many patients in my day, but this is the first time I’ve ever seen anything like this. The bones in her finger were fractured into so many pieces that there was no way of reconnecting them anymore! “

With that, he slammed his folder shut and turned to leave. “Talk about irresponsible!”

Joshua remained motionless, his expression dark.

After a moment, he took out his phone and barked an order, "Find Mr. Chase and lock him up immediately! I have some questions for him!"

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As soon as he hung up, his phone rang with another call.

It was from Granny Lynch.

Joshua knew perfectly who it was that was calling him. He let out a sigh and picked up the phone.

"Mr. Lynch, " Nigel's cold voice rang out from the other end of the line. "I heard you went to Sea City.

Have you found my Mommy?"

Joshua's eyes narrowed slightly.

He had confiscated all of Nigel and Nellie's devices last night and asked Granny Lynch to take them to the family villa at a rural village to lay low for the time being.

The village did not have strong network coverage, so the residents could not frequently communicate with the outside world.

Despite this, Nigel still found out that Joshua had gone to Sea City in search of Luna and even

managed to find a way to contact him.

Seeing that Joshua did not answer, Nigel pursed his lips slightly and said, "Mr. Lynch, I know the signal isn't good here, but I've added a signal booster and got on the neighbors' good sides so I can connect to their phone networks... Don't try to pretend as though the connection isn't stable so you can avoid my question. How's my Mommy doing?"

Joshua knew he was caught, so he let out a sigh and answered, "She's... fine."

"Don't make things difficult for her." Nigel let out an exhale and continued earnestly, "I was the one who

devised the breakout. I was the one who kidnapped Janice and contacted both Aunt Gwen and Uncle Luke."

"Please don't punish Mommy for this. If you want someone to take the blame for this, then I'm the one you should punish."

Joshua's breath caught in his throat. Then, after a moment, he curled his lips into a smirk and said, sounding somewhat helpless, "Do you really think your father is such a bad, unforgiving person?"

"I guess you can say that." Nigel sighed. "To be honest... You're so different from the father I always

imagined, Mr. Lynch.”

Joshua paused upon hearing this. “What kind of father did you always envision to have, then?”

“Well, I always thought my father would believe my Mommy over anyone else and wouldn’t send her into a mental asylum over someone else’s claims.”

Nigel sighed again. “But, since you’ve already found her... Please take good care of her. If you want to blame someone for everything that happened, then it should be me. Goodbye.”

As soon as he finished his sentence, Nigel hung up the phone.

Joshua gripped his phone tightly, then let out a deep exhale.

Did he... make a mistake?

Just as he was mulling over this question, Lucas appeared and rushed over to his side. “Sir, Luna is awake, and she wants to see you.”

Joshua furrowed his brows, then strode in the direction of Luna’s ward.

Inside the white-walled room, Luna leaned against the headboard, looking just as pale as the walls. As soon as she saw Joshua arriving, she lifted her head and fixated her impassive gaze on him. “Bring me

back to Banyan City.”

Joshua glanced at the tubes and IV drips that were connected to her body and frowned. “You can’t go back now.”

She at least had to wait until her condition had stabilized. After all, even though Sea City was not far from Banyan City, there was still a distance between them. Moreover, Luna had just come out of surgery, so he was afraid that she would not be able to endure the grueling journey back to Banyan City.

To his surprise, Luna shook her head. “I want to go back.”

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With that, Luna lifted her head to stare at Joshua and smiled. “Didn’t Dr. Robert say that if he doesn’t find Janice before tomorrow morning, he’ll sue Nigel and Nellie for kidnapping his wife? Nigel and Nellie are only six.”

Joshua interjected curtly, “Even if Dr. Robert calls the cops, he won’t actually sue them in court. You don’t have to worry about that.”

However, Luna shook her head. "People all over the internet are already talking about Nigel and Nellie now. Everyone thinks that they're far more mature for their age and already devoted criminals at their age..."

Joshua immediately furrowed his brows. "Who's talking about this?"

"Everyone is." Luna let out a chuckle. "Ms. Fiona has been taking interviews non-stop and said that even though Nellie and Nigel are only six...they're actually far more mature than even adults."

She curled her lips into a smirk. "Didn't you know about this, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua's expression darkened. He immediately took out his phone and pulled up the latest news in Banyan City.

He could not find anything about what Luna had said at all.

All of a sudden, Joshua had a bad feeling and

snatched Lucas' phone right out of his hands. Still, he could not find anything different in Lucas' phone either, not even any news on the kidnapping.

Finally, he caught sight of Luke coming in through the door and immediately took his phone as well.

His hunch was right.

Someone had blocked the news from his phone as well as those around him.

Using Luke's phone, he finally managed to see the interview that Luna had been talking about. The video clip of Fiona's interview had been circling the internet like wildfire.

Joshua's expression grew darker and darker as he watched the video.

The only person who could implant a virus into his and Lucas' phone to block the news...was Fiona.

The things she said during the interview appeared to be in defense of the children, but on further scrutiny, she was hinting that the children were competent and planned the kidnapping on their own accord.

On top of that, she had blocked the news from both his and Lucas' phones so that Nigel and Nellie would be subjected to the netizens' attacks without his knowing!

All of a sudden, Joshua understood why Luna was so worried and anxious.

Fortunately, he had sent Granny Lynch and the children back to their family villa in the countryside to lay low for a while. Otherwise, according to the

amount of time Nigel and Nellie spent on the internet, it would not be long before they found out about

the netizens' comments and felt devastated by this.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua said in a low voice, "I'll go back to Banyan City right now and take care of this. You should stay here and focus on getting better."

However, Luna shook her head in determination. "I want to go back and take care of this myself."

Joshua, who was about to leave, paused when he heard this. He turned and stared at Luna with a frown. "Nigel and Nellie are my children too. I'll take care of everything and make sure they don't have to suffer."

He glanced at the medical equipment and gadgets that Luna was hooked up to and said, "You should stay here and get better quickly."

"I want to go back." Luna fixated her gaze on him, her stare resolute and unyielding. "The only way I'll be able to stop worrying and get some rest is if I go back and take care of everything myself."

Nigel and Nellie were only six. They still had a long way to go, so Luna could not let them take the blame for this and become young criminals in the public's eye.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna ripped the IV drip out from the back of her hand and got out of her bed.

Raw, bright red blood trickled out from between her fingers.

Joshua's pupils constricted as he took in this sight. He immediately lunged forward to grab hold of Luna. "

Are you crazy? I've already said I will take care of this! Why do you insist on going back to take care of it yourself? Don't you know how weak you are now? "

He picked her up, put her back onto the bed, and then pressed the call button to summon a nurse. "

Don't you trust me?"

Luna lifted her head and fixated her gaze on him. "No, I don't."

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Joshua's expression darkened almost immediately. He stared at Luna with a complicated expression and asked, "Do you think...I don't deserve your trust? "

"Yes." Luna met his gaze fearlessly; coldness and determination were etched into her clear eyes. "I

won't trust anyone who refuses to listen to me and instead chooses to send me into a mental asylum."

Joshua felt as though his blood had run cold. Finally, after a long moment, he let out a bitter smile and

replied, "Alright. I'll do as you wish."

He tucked the sheets around her before saying, "I'll get a doctor right now and see if they'll discharge you... Then, we'll go back to Banyan City."

With that, he turned and left.

Luna laid down on her bed, watching him leave, and bit down on her lip. She knew that she should be hating and detesting him, but when she saw the disappointed look in his eyes when she said she did not trust him, as well as the loneliness in his footsteps as he walked away...

She could not help feeling a little uncertain of her emotions.

Maybe Joshua was not as bad a person as she thought. Could he have had an explanation for doing all this?

After a moment, Luna closed her eyes and felt like laughing at herself.

Why was she still defending him and trying to put herself in his shoes?

Joshua loved Fiona to the extent that he was willing to protect and support her in everything. Was all of that fake?

He did not owe Fiona anything at all. Besides, he was the CEO of Lynch Group and owned half of the properties in Banyan City. The name 'Joshua Lynch' was also on the list of the wealthiest people in the world.

He did not need a reason for wanting Fiona's money or power.

The only reason Luna could think of to explain Joshua's devotion toward Fiona was that he genuinely loved her.

If he really loved her, why did Luna have to find an excuse to defend his actions?

Half an hour later, Joshua and a few of the nurses from the hospital wheeled Luna out of the ward.

They had prepared a specialized car for her, a van that resembled an ambulance, equipped with all the medical supplies and gadgets she needed.

However, the bed and medical equipment had occupied most of the car, and there were only two cramped passenger seats.

After settling Luna in, Joshua and Lucas both sat down in the tiny passenger seats.

Gwen initially wanted to come along as well because she was worried about Luna making this long journey back to Banyan City.

However, there were no other seats left in the van, so despite her reluctance to leave Luna, she was still dragged away by Luke.

The driver started the engine.

The seat was so cramped that Joshua did not even have the space to turn around. He glanced at the time, then at Luna, and said, "It's now eight at night. You can take a nap if you want. If everything goes according to plan, we'll reach Orchard Manor at eleven tonight. You'll stay at Orchard Manor for tonight, and tomorrow, we'll go to the mental asylum to pick Janice up, convince her to explain everything about the kidnapping, then meet Dr. Robert at 8 a.m. We have plenty of time." Luna nodded, then closed her eyes.

She did not feel tired at all. However, she was so weak that she felt as though she would faint at any moment if she did not get any rest.

The van traveled smoothly along the road.

Even through her sleep, Luna could still vaguely hear Lucas and Joshua's conversation.

"Sir, it's too cramped in here. Why don't you ride in the car that we came in today? I'll be here to look

after her..."

Joshua's low, melodic voice sounded in reply, "I want to keep an eye on her." "Sir... It's really too cramped in here. I've been working for you for so many years now, but this is the first time I've ever seen you in such a tight space..."

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"I can look after Luna. I think you should ride in the other car..."

This time, however, Joshua did not reply. Lucas' offer was met with deathly silence.

Despite her eyes being closed, Luna could still feel Joshua's gaze on her. She could help but feel a little flustered at being stared at like this.

With her eyes still closed, she tried to convince herself not to believe what Joshua had said.

How could Joshua be worried about her? If he was genuinely concerned, he would not have sent her into the mental asylum in the first place...

Luna's head grew heavier and heavier as she thought of this until she finally fell into a deep slumber.

While she was asleep, she could still vaguely feel someone picking up her injured left hand.

Joshua stared at Luna's broken little finger with a penetrating yet somehow complicated stare.

To some people, a broken little finger would not affect their daily lives much, but Luna was a designer.

Joshua had witnessed countless times how Luna had used her little finger to hold her paper down while she sketched, and she would sometimes use her little finger to paint.

However...she could no longer use it anymore.

She lost a finger because of him.

She lost a finger simply because he did not believe in her.

Joshua closed his eyes, still clutching Luna's hand. That 11 p.m., the van pulled up in front of Orchard Manor.

Luna, too, jerked awake from her sleep, feeling a little more refreshed than before. Therefore, she insisted on walking into Orchard Manor by herself so that the children would not have to see how awful she looked.

To her surprise, however, when she finally staggered into the house with the help of one of the servants, Nigel and Nellie were nowhere to be found.

The entire house was empty. Even Granny Lynch was gone.

Nellie's easel was not on the sofa, and Nigel's keyboard and mouse were missing from their usual spot on the coffee table.

A bad feeling arose in Luna's heart.

She immediately flung the servant's hand away and strode upstairs.

Nigel and Nellie's room was empty. Not only was there no trace of the children, but even their beds and closets were tidied up as though someone had cleaned up after them.

Luna was struck with a sudden realization.

Was she too late? Had Nigel and Nellie already been sent to this 'youth education center' that Joshua had talked about?

By the time Joshua finally stormed upstairs, Luna was gazing at the empty room with a vacant stare.

She turned to look at Joshua, and a drop of tear trickled down from the corner of her eye, glimmering underneath the light.

She stared at Joshua and did not know whether to cry or laugh. "I came home too late, didn't I?"

He had already sent the children off without even consulting her.

He simply wanted to trick her into returning to Banyan City.

Just because she had returned did not mean Joshua would change his mind about sending the children off to the education center.

Joshua could not help but feel his heart ache when he met Luna's furious and resentful gaze. He knew that she was probably thinking the same as the children, that he was nothing but a bad person, but in reality...

Everything he did was to protect them.

Joshua lowered his voice and said, his voice cracking, "I didn't send them off to the place you're thinking about. Can you believe me just this once, Luna? Just once."

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Luna curled her lips into a smirk as she stared at Joshua. "Alright."

She no longer had the energy to argue with him, so she decided to relent and instead smiled at him. "I believe you, but just this once. As soon as everything is settled, you'll bring Nellie and Nigel back and allow me to take them away from Banyan City, right?"

Joshua's heart leaped into his chest. After a moment, however, he curled his lips into a smile and replied, "I will."

He had never wanted to convince Luna to stay. After all, he was the one who had caused the death of both Neil and the unborn baby in Luna's womb. He had no right to ask her and the children to stay by his side.

Therefore, even though he knew Luna did not truly trust him and was instead just saying it for his sake, Joshua was still willing to tell her the truth.

Luna, on the other hand, was surprised by his answer. She thought that he would find an excuse to change the topic, but this was good, too.

Luna's expression darkened as she said, "Alright, Mr. Lynch. Please remember everything you told me today."

With that, she strode into Nigel and Nellie's room, slamming the door behind her. "I'll be sleeping in the children's room tonight. Please help yourself, Mr. Lynch."

Seeing that she had already slammed the door in his face, Joshua had no choice but to shake his head and turn around to leave.

The night passed by peacefully.

The next morning, Joshua and Luna arrived at the mental asylum.

Seeing that Joshua had brought Luna along with him, Mr. Chase thought Joshua still wanted Luna to be locked up. Therefore, as soon as the two stepped through the door, Mr. Chase's expression darkened, and he immediately ordered, "Lock her up right this instant! "

The guards immediately rushed forward, but Joshua stopped them. He narrowed his eyes and pulled Luna closer to him. "Who dares to touch her?"

Mr. Chase was a little surprised by this sudden turn of events. "Mr. Lynch?"

"We're here today to bail the woman inside Luna's ward out. " Joshua gave Mr. Chase a once-over and added, "By the way, about Luna's finger... I want to talk to you about this, Mr. Chase."

The color drained from Mr. Chase's face upon hearing this. He first glanced at Joshua in shock, then at Luna with a pleading expression. "Didn't you..break your finger yourself?"

Luna furrowed her brows but did not reply.

Joshua let out a snicker when he heard this. "Since you think that a person is somehow capable of

breaking their own finger, Mr. Chase, why don't you show me how to do it? On top of that, I want you to show me how to not only break your finger but crush all the bones within."

While Joshua was busy chewing Mr. Chase out, Luna managed to retrace her steps and found the ward where Janice was locked.

Inside the ward, Janice was sitting in silence, looking graceful and tranquil.

As soon as she saw Luna arrive, Janice curled her lips into a faint smile and asked, "Have you been recaptured again, or are you here to bail me out?"

Luna sniffed, then sat down in front of her. "I'm here to bail you out." She lowered her gaze and continued, "I was in too much of a hurry that night and didn't know that the person who would be taking

my place was you... If I had known— "

"If you had known, I would've ordered them to knock you out, then continue to take your place anyway,"

Janice interjected with a serene smile, looking calm and at ease with her decision. "Luna, I volunteered to take your place in the mental asylum. I owe you this much."

Luna pursed her lips, then gently gripped Janice's hands. "Please don't say that, Aunty Janice. You

don't owe anyone anything."

Luna knew that this had all been part of Dr. Robert and Fiona's plan and that Janice had nothing to do with this.

"You're wrong." Janice let out a sigh and closed her eyes. "If I had been able to expose Robert for what he really is when Violet and Shaun got into their accidents, your entire family won't have to suffer like this. He's a cruel, heartless man, and he doesn't deserve to be a doctor."

As soon as she heard this, Luna's entire body stiffened. She bit down on her lip. "So, Aunty Janice.

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"I know about everything that happened to Violet and Shaun..."

Janice closed her eyes and slowly stood up. "Even though Violet's fall was an accident, her death wasn't.

"Robert is a highly skilled doctor. When Violet was sent to the hospital, her condition was still treatable, but...

"When Violet died, I thought that Robert had just made a mistake. On top of that, he was a teacher of

mine that I admired, so I didn't expose him at all. However, when my ex-husband Shaun got into an accident, Robert was the doctor in charge of his operation, but he still didn't manage to save Shaun.

"At that time, I had an inkling of what Robert was doing. He had betrayed his moral values and let

Violet and Shaun die just so he could be together with me again. However, I didn't want to face this truth until...

"Until one day, I discovered that he and Fiona had devised this together, and they even destroyed the

evidence of his manslaughter... That was when I finally saw Robert for the person he is, but at that

time, I had already married him, so I pretended not to know and decided that I'd bear the brunt of his

crimes. At least he hadn't hurt anyone apart from me. Still, I didn't expect that he and Fiona would grow

more and more outrageous and even deliberately admit a perfectly normal person into a mental

asylum.

"While I was locked in here the past few days, all I was thinking of is if I had exposed Robert's crimes

earlier...none of this would have happened."

Luna bit down on her lip after hearing Janice's story but did not know what to say.

After a moment, Janice let out an exhale, turned around, and handed Luna a tiny, black device. "I found this on the floor. It looks like a recording device of some sort. Is it yours?"

Luna stared at it for a long time before finally recalling what it was.

This was the device that Neil had tossed to her through the window that day. At that time, she had thought it was a communication device and even tried speaking into it for a long time...

Was it a recording device instead?

Luna had no choice but to take it from Janice.

She did not think Neil had tossed her a recording device on purpose. It was more likely that he had mistaken this for a communication device and given it to her by mistake.

Luna could not believe that Neil was just as careless as he used to be, even though his memory was wiped.

After handing it over to Luna, Janice exhaled and lifted her head to glance at Luna. "I know Robert has been searching up and down for me these past few days. Please ask him to find me here. I'll convince him to admit his crimes and tell the truth about you and Fiona's illnesses."

Luna pursed her lips upon hearing this. She thought that this was a good idea as well, but...

She lifted her head to gaze at Janice. "Can you really make him tell the truth about everything?"

Janice nodded her head in earnest. "The thing he cares about the most in this world is me. At that time, my parents had separated us because they thought he was too old for me. After that, I married Shaun, but Robert never took another lover and had been waiting for me all this while..."

"Since I'm the reason he committed all those crimes, then I should be the one to end them."

Luna pursed her lips and glanced at Janice with a meaningful expression, then finally nodded slowly. "Alright."

After bidding Janice farewell, Luna came out from the ward. She pressed the button on the side of the device and placed the earbuds into her ears, heading back toward where Joshua was.

The recording of her from the night she talked into the device started playing.

"Mr. Lynch, there has been a misunderstanding! I never ordered anyone to crush Luna's finger; she broke it herself! " Outside the door, Mr. Chase was kneeling on the ground, staring at Joshua pleadingly. "Don't get tricked by Luna. She's a mentally insane patient, so how can you believe anything she says? Everyone who works here can be my witness! "

Joshua narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. “ Everyone who works here is your employee, so how can I ask them to be your witness?”

A hint of triumph flashed across Mr. Chase’s eyes as he kneeled on the ground. However, in the next second, when he lifted his head to look at Joshua again, it was replaced with an expression of affront. “

Well, you don’t have any proof saying that we were the ones who broke Luna’s finger, either! You can’t punish me without evidence! That’s unfair!”

Luna furrowed her brows when she saw this, but just as she was about to say something, however, a strange noise rang out from the recording device in her ear.

She narrowed her eyes and strode over to where Joshua and Mr. Chase were. “Who says there isn’t evidence?”