

Luna & Joshua 1081

Chapter 1081

Luna gripped her phone tightly and retorted icily, "I owe you one? Are you kidding me, Fiona?"

Fiona paused for a moment upon hearing this, then chuckled. "You dumb*ss. How are you still so clueless? Though, I guess it's okay that you know nothing. You have no right to find out anyway!

"I just want you to know that if I die, Nigel will go down with me! "

With that, she hung up the phone.

Luna clutched her phone and felt as though her entire heart quivered. She turned and glanced at Joshua anxiously. "Fiona said she's gone to find Nigel... Where is he?"

Yesterday, she had suspected that Joshua had sent Nigel and Nellie to the youth education center he mentioned, but he denied it, so where were they?

Joshua saw the worried look in Luna's eyes and tilted his head away so as not to meet her gaze.

"Nigel, Nellie, and Granny Lynch are at the villa in the countryside. Lucas called me just now and told me that Fiona had already left Banyan City two hours ago.. and she's headed...to the villa."

Luna was so shocked that her legs almost gave out beneath her.

Two hours!

This meant that Fiona had escaped at the same time that Luna and Joshua arrived at the scene of Dr.

Robert's accident!

That also meant that the first destination she was heading to as soon as she escaped was the villa

where the children were, no less!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna felt her legs grow weak.

Fiona had claimed on the phone that if she died, she would bring Nigel down with her...

It had been two hours since she left the hospital. At this rate, she was probably already near the village!

Luna wished she had wings so she could fly off, but unfortunately, she did not.

She took a few steps back and felt anxiety overwhelming her.

She recalled the time when Neil was caught in the explosion... At that time, she was not with him, and

she could not make it there in time, so she had no choice but to let Neil and Theo manage the entire

situation on their own. In the end, they almost died.

Fortunately, Neil and Theo got lucky and did not lose their lives in the accident, but what about this

time?

Luna was two hours away from Nigel and Nellie. Was she going to have to watch them suffer at the hands of Fiona?

As soon as she thought of this, Luna grabbed onto Joshua's arm. "We have to go now. If we go as fast as we can, we might still make it!"

Even if they could not make it in time, she still had to try!

Joshua caught sight of the look of determination in Luna's eyes and nodded. "Okay."

"But..." Lucas, who had arrived hastily, immediately furrowed his brows upon hearing this. "Sir, there's a storm outside. We can't possibly drive fast in this weather."

With that, he lifted his head to glance at the downpour outside the window. "According to the weather forecast, there's a tornado out there which caused this never-before-seen thunderstorm. They ordered citizens to stay home and refrain from going out..."

"To go out during a tornado is already risking our lives, so we can't possibly drive as fast as we can, as Luna wishes to. Otherwise, we might not make it and die on the way to the countryside! "

Lucas turned to glance at Luna before continuing, "Luna, you witnessed Dr. Robert's accident just now.

Are you really...willing to take such a risk?"

"That's enough! " Before Lucas could finish, Joshua interjected coldly, "We'll do as Luna wishes."

Lucas frowned and turned to stare at Joshua. "Sir, I still think we have to keep our wits about us. This kind of weather—"

"You're not the one whose children are in danger right now, so of course you can keep your wits about you! " Luna snapped, no longer able to suppress the angst and fury in her heart.

"Lucas, do you want me and Joshua to witness Nigel and Nellie get into another life-threatening situation? Do you want us to go through the pain we suffered a few months ago again? !" Luna roared with all her might.

Lucas' entire body stiffened, then after a moment, stopped trying to resist. "Alright. Let me arrange this."

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With that, he turned and left.

Joshua glanced at Luna, who tried desperately to hold back her tears, and strode over to her side,

wrapping an arm around her shoulder. “Don’t worry. Even if we die, we’d be dying on our way to save Nigel and Nellie.”

If it were not for them, Nigel and Nellie would not even be in this situation in the first place. As parents, even if there was not much they could do for the children, they still had to try their best.

Lucas soon got the cars ready. He had prepared a few high-spec SUVs for the journey in case they got into trouble while traveling during the storm. In

addition, the SUVs were equipped with necessary supplies and tools in case of any emergencies.

Joshua immediately dragged Luna onto the car, even though he was still wearing the bloodstained clothes from Dr. Robert’s accident.

He used to be someone who could not tolerate dirt and messes like this, but at that moment, the thought of changing his clothes did not even cross his mind. He was too occupied with chasing after Fiona and finding the children.

Lucas started the car.

The SUVs zipped through the city roads through the heavy downpour.

Inside the car, Joshua gripped Luna’s uninjured hand tightly and said, “Don’t worry. Since we’re caught

in this bad weather, I'm sure Fiona is, too. It takes four to five hours from Banyan City to the countryside, so Fiona must still be on her way. We can catch up to her in time."

Luna nodded, then removed her hand from Joshua's grasp. "Thank you for your comforting words, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua's hand remained in its original spot somewhat awkwardly, his fingers still curled in the position before Luna removed her hand.

His expression darkened upon seeing this, and he lifted his head to stare at Luna's face. "I wasn't trying to comfort you; I was comforting myself."

Luna closed her eyes and let out a bitter smile. "Are you worried about my children too, Mr. Lynch?"

'My children, ' she said. Not theirs.

Joshua's chest tightened upon hearing this. He gazed at her with a complicated expression and said,

"Well, of course. They're my children, too."

"But you've never cared about them, Mr. Lynch." He never paid for their medical bills.

Even after Nigel came out of surgery, Joshua had always remained by Fiona's side.

For two months after Nigel's surgery, he never even paid him a visit at Blue Bay Villa.

This time was no different. Even though he did not lie about sending the children to the youth education center, he confiscated the children's devices and let

Granny Lynch take them back to the countryside, where there was barely any phone signal.

Luna had been trying to call Granny Lynch's phone ever since she got into the car, but she could not reach her number at all.

She could not get in touch with Nigel and Nellie, and they could not locate Fiona either.

The anxiety and worry in Luna's heart prevented her from staying calm, and she could not help feeling reproachful of Joshua.

Joshua's heart sank upon hearing Luna's words. After a moment, he turned his head away to gaze at the window. "It's not that I never cared about them. Whether it's Nigel, Nellie, or Neil, I've never—"

"Is that so?" Luna curled her lips into a sneer. "Then why don't you explain everything to me, Mr.

Lynch? Why did you find a new girlfriend so soon after Neil's accident and even live with her? Can you

explain why you were with Fiona all throughout Nigel's surgery, even though it was the most crucial

surgery in his life?"

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Joshua fell into silence upon hearing Luna's question.

Truth be told, the only connection between him and Fiona since the start was the bone marrow that had been placed in Nigel's body at this point, but he did not feel like telling the truth to Luna.

He did not want Luna to think he helped Nigel in any way, and he did not want her to leave Banyan City feeling indebted to him or guilt-ridden.

He would rather she left with resentment toward him because this hatred would make her stay away from him, and she would finally be able to start a new life with the children.

"No answer for that?" Luna sneered, then turned to look outside the window.

She already knew this would be the outcome. Joshua had never been one to face his mistakes, whether it was six years ago or at this very moment.

The rain continued to pour outside the window, so heavy that the windshield was blurred, and it grew increasingly difficult for the SUV to travel on the road.

Every time the car circled past some fallen trees by the roadside, Luna could not help but feel anxious.

She used to be terrified of this kind of weather...but at this moment, she could not care less, as long as she could find Nigel and Nellie and protect them.

After three hours, the cars arrived at the district where Granny Lynch's hometown was. However, they stopped a few kilometers away from Granny Lynch's villa.

"Sir, the road in front has been blocked off. The cars can't possibly go through, so we'll have to walk."

Luna furrowed her brows and glanced at the direction ahead of her.

The road ahead of them was submerged with water up to calf level. In addition, there were rocks and tree branches strewn all over, so they had no choice but to continue the journey on foot.

Luna, Joshua, and the rest descended the SUVs. As soon as she got out of the car, Luna caught sight of Fiona's car parked a short distance away.

Clearly, the road had already been blocked off when Fiona arrived, and she, too, had continued her journey on foot.

"The engine's still warm." Lucas approached the car and reached out his hand to touch the side of the vehicle. "She can't have gone far. If we increase our speed, we might be able to catch up with her."

With that, he took out some raincoats and walking canes from inside the SUV and handed them around to everyone.

Luna watched as Zach and Yuri put on the raincoats and pulled up their pants legs, then followed suit.

After putting on her raincoat, she bent down to lift her pant legs, exposing her slender, pale calves.

The bruises and wounds from the so-called physical therapy she had suffered at the mental asylum were glaringly obvious against her pale skin.

Joshua furrowed his brows at this sight. Then, he walked over, bent down, and helped lower her pants down.

Luna froze for a moment, then lifted her head to shoot him a displeased look. "What are you doing?"

Joshua glanced at her impassively. "Have you seen how dirty the rainwater is? Do you want to get an infection and lose your legs?"

Luna paused, then glanced at the puddle of water on the road, as well as the stream of water flowing continuously down the slope.

She remained silent for a moment as she contemplated this.

If the water seeped into the open wounds on her calves...then she might contract an infection and lose

her legs.

However, they had no other choice except to walk into the village. If she did not go with them, she would be worried sick about Nigel and Nellie's whereabouts!

Seeing how anxious she was, Joshua let out a sigh and put on his raincoat. After pulling up his pants legs, he strode over to Luna's side and crouched down before her. "Get on my back."

Luna took a step back. "I think I should— "

"You're too slow, " Joshua said curtly. "If you want to find Fiona quicker, then stop acting like a prissy and get on."

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Luna had no excuse to refuse Joshua's offer. She let out an exhale, lowered herself down, and got onto Joshua's back.

Lucas witnessed with his own eyes the way Joshua's movements turned gentle as he straightened up with Luna on his back.

Joshua had never acted so gently toward anyone before, whether it was Alice or Fiona.

Carrying Luna on his back, Joshua started to make his way up the slope. He held onto Luna carefully through the few kilometers' journey and dared not make a single misstep.

Even after Lucas, Zach, and Yuri began to grow tired, Joshua continued onward with steady footsteps.

Luna noticed that the rest had slowed down and could not stop herself from asking, "Joshua, why don't you put me down? I can walk by myself for a bit."

The puddles of water were shallower the closer they got to the village, so even if she walked by herself, the dirty water would not seep into her wounds.

Since Lucas and the rest were already exhausted, Joshua had to be just as tired.

"I can still go on." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk. Then, he quickened his pace as though trying to prove his strength.

Lucas, Zach, and Yuri saw this and had no choice but to follow suit.

The five of them soon arrived at Yellowstone Village, the place where Granny Lynch grew up.

As soon as they stepped foot in the village, they caught sight of a large bungalow at the end of the end.

It was clear that this was the house where Granny Lynch used to live in.

They finally made it!

Luna leaped off Joshua's back in excitement and immediately sprinted toward the bungalow.

Even though they did not run into Fiona on their way here, Luna guessed that Fiona had possibly taken a different route.

Besides, they had not stopped throughout the entire hike up here, so Luna was confident that Fiona could not have possibly arrived before them.

On top of that, the bungalow was quiet, without a single trace of any forced entry. Therefore, Luna was sure that she had made it before Fiona.

She even mentally prepared what she would say to the children as soon as she saw them: she would brag to them about how impressive Joshua's SUVs were and how quickly they had rushed to the scene to save them.

However...when she entered the villa, there was no one there.

The entire house was silent and empty.

If it were not for the backpacks in the living room, which Luna recognized as Nigel and Nellie's, she would have thought she had entered the wrong house. There were no signs of forced entry, no

evidence of a struggle, nothing.

Even Granny Lynch's phone—the same one Luna had tried to call to no avail—was placed on the coffee table.

This scene made Luna's heart drop. If Granny Lynch had brought the children out, it was impossible that they would leave their phones behind...

Granny Lynch's phone was here, and Nellie's easel and Nigel's laptop were left behind as well...

Luna bit down on her lip as a bad feeling crept across her heart.

Was she too late after all? Had Fiona arrived before her?

Joshua ordered his men to search the entire house, but they could not find anyone at all. He, too, furrowed his brows as he continued to bark orders, "Lucas, go to the neighboring villagers and ask them if they noticed anything strange going on here."

"Yes, Sir!" Lucas replied obediently, then left with Zach and Yuri to interrogate the neighbors.

Luna plopped down on the sofa and placed her head in her hands somewhat helplessly. What did

Fiona do to the children?

All of a sudden, Luna heard a knocking sound coming from below the sofa.

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Initially, Luna thought she had misheard it, but the knocking persisted.

She tilted her head to listen carefully, then realized that this was not a coincidence, that she had not misheard at all!

The knocking came from underneath the floorboards beneath the sofa!

Luna lifted her head and met Joshua's puzzled gaze. Clearly, he had heard the sound, too.

The two of them exchanged glances, then quickly jumped into action and pushed the sofa away. Once they got the sofa out of the way, they discovered a hidden door leading toward the basement!

The knocking was coming from the basement!

Joshua immediately picked the lock and pulled the door open. He took a step into the basement, then

turned around and opened his arms wide. "Come on," he said to Luna.

Luna was so intrigued that she did not even have time to mull over anything. Instead, she leaped

without a second thought, landing squarely in Joshua's arms.

In this cramped space, the two of them got lost in the sound of each other's breathing and heartbeats.

Luna could feel her face grow hot, and she blushed a deep shade of scarlet.

'What is wrong with me?' she scolded herself. 'You've already had three kids with this man! Why are you still blushing like a high schooler every time you get in close proximity with him?'

However, at this moment, they could not ponder over minor details like this any longer. Instead, they followed the knocking sound and entered the basement, using their phones as a light source.

Finally, at the far end of the basement, they discovered Granny Lynch, Nellie, and a few of the bodyguards and servants that Joshua had sent to the countryside with them, all tied up and restrained with ropes.

Nellie had instructed them to bang rocks against the basement floor, creating the knocking that led Luna and Joshua here.

All of them were tied up and gagged, so they could not make a single sound and had no choice but to resort to measures like this.

Nellie was so relieved at the sight of Joshua and Luna that droplets of tears fell out of the corners of her eyes. She continued to struggle against her bonds, crying at the same time.

Luna could not help but feel devastated at this sight. She quickly rushed over, pulled Nellie into her arms, and removed the gag from Nellie's mouth. "Are you okay?"

"I 'm fine! " Nellie, finally able to speak and breathe comfortably, immediately let out an exhale. Then, she cried, her forehead beaded with sweat, " Mommy, please go save Nigel, quick! Fiona has taken him to the top of the mountain! " Luna felt a chill go down her spine.

As soon as she entered the room, she had already noticed that Nigel was missing. Only Nellie and Granny Lynch were here.

She had wanted to ask Nellie if Nigel had sneaked out to get help since he was the calmest and most level-headed among the three children.

However, it turned out that Nigel had been taken away by Fiona.

Luna bit down on her lip and tried to suppress the worry in her heart. "Nigel..."

"Fiona brought some burly men over and claimed that she wanted to kill us, especially Nigel. Nigel tried to buy us some time by offering to go with her alone so that she wouldn't bother us. Initially, Fiona didn't want to, but Nigel managed to convince her, so she tied us all up and locked us here in the

basement and left with Nigel! “

With that, Nellie grabbed onto Luna’s hand and lifted her head to glance at Joshua. “Daddy, I’ve never asked for much from you, but please, save Nigel! I ‘m begging you! Please don’t let Nigel get hurt because of your precious Ms. Blake any longer. I ‘m begging you! “

As soon as she said this, Nellie almost got down onto her knees.

Joshua was so shocked by this that he took a step back, then lunged forward and pulled Nellie into his arms with a pained expression. “Do you really think Daddy is such a bad person? Nigel’s my son, too. I’ll never leave him! ”

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With that, he released Nellie and stood up. “I’m going into the mountains.”

He did not know what Fiona was planning to do by taking Nigel hostage, but since it had already happened, he had no choice but to counter.

Joshua turned around and glanced at Nellie with an expression of determination. “Don’t worry. no matter what happens, I ‘11 bring Nigel back with me.”

As soon as he said this, Joshua strode out of the basement.

“Joshua! “ Luna’s voice rang out from behind him as soon as he exited the room.

Joshua turned around.

Luna was still standing within the room. She reached out her arm toward him and said, “Pull me out of here. I’m going with you.”

Joshua glanced at Luna, taking in her thin frame. A few days ago, she was so weak that she could not even walk by herself, but at this moment, she was willing to go into the mountains with him amid a thunderstorm.

Joshua remained silent for a moment but did not reach out to grab her hand. “I can go by myself.”

The weather was so bad that he did not want her to risk hurting herself if there was a natural disaster.

“Why do you want to go by yourself?” Luna narrowed her eyes and fixated her frosty gaze on him. “Are you going to save Nigel or your precious Ms. Blake?”

A pained expression flashed briefly through Joshua’s eyes.

He could not believe that at this moment, Luna still thought the reason he wanted to go into the mountains was to save Fiona.

Did she trust him that little?

He lowered his head and glanced at Luna once more.

The look in her eyes was crystal clear and determined, as though telling him that she did not trust him at all.

“I have to go and find Nigel myself. I don’t trust anyone else.” Luna’s gaze was unfaltering. “If you don’t want to pull me up, nor take me along with you, Mr. Lynch, then I’ll go by myself.”

With that, she gripped the railing on the basement wall with both her hands.

However, Joshua could not help but notice her left hand—the one with the broken little finger—start to tremble vigorously.

Beads of sweat collected at Luna’s forehead.

It was clear she was in tremendous pain, but she still clutched the railing tightly in an attempt to pull herself out of the basement.

Joshua’s expression darkened at this sight. Finally, he let out an exhale and could not bear to watch any longer, so he strode over, grabbed hold of Luna’s right arm, and pulled her out of the basement.

As soon as she landed back on her feet, Luna let out an exhale of relief. Her entire head was covered

in sweat, but she wasted no time tidying herself up. Instead, she stormed out of the villa, dragging

Joshua behind her.

The two of them made their way into the mountains according to the directions Nellie had given.

Before long, Luna caught sight of a shoe snagged on a tree branch. It was Nigel's shoe!

Luna bit down on her lip as soon as she saw this. She knew that Nigel had left this shoe here on

purpose so that they could find him.

She immediately tucked the shoe away and followed Joshua on their remaining journey.

The mountain trail was steep and treacherous. On top of that, the bad weather conditions made the

hike even more challenging than usual. Luna was almost blown off the cliff by the landslide and strong

wind numerous times. However, every time this happened, she managed to evade harm by either her

own determination or with Joshua's help.

Following the trail that Nigel had left behind, the two of them soon arrived at the peak of the mountain.

"I didn't think you'd arrive so soon." Fiona's cold voice rang out as soon as they arrived at the

mountaintop.

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When Luna lifted her head and took in the scene before her, she was so shocked that she almost passed out.

Nigel was tied to a giant rock at the edge of the cliff, his feet bare and his entire body hovering over a seemingly endless drop.

Meanwhile, Fiona leaned gracefully against the rock, her eyebrows raised slightly, a taunting smile playing on her lips.

She was holding a sharp knife in her hand, the light glinting off the blade in the rain.

“I thought you needed more time to catch up with me.” Fiona sighed and lowered her head to fiddle with the knife. “I was even betting with Nigel on when you’d arrive. For every hour that you’re late, I’ll cut off one of the ropes holding him here.”

With that, she turned and counted the number of ropes holding Nigel onto the rock. “Eight ropes. I’ve already cut one off, so there’s only seven left.”

Fiona turned and smiled at Joshua. “Look, Joshua; look how nice I’m treating your son. I prepared eight

pieces of rope so that you could see him one last time. One rope for each hour, so eight hours in total.

Eight hours is more than enough for you to bid him farewell! “

Luna was so unnerved by the scene before her, as well as how despicable Fiona both looked and sounded, that she almost lost her balance.

She could not fathom how malicious this woman was!

Fiona was insane!

Joshua pulled Luna into his arms and lifted his head to stare at Fiona coldly. “What are you trying to do? “

“Nothing much, just taking his life.” Fiona curled her lips into a smirk and gazed at Joshua impassively.

“You should know better than anyone why I’m taking Nigel’s life, right?”

Joshua’s arm, which was still wrapped around Luna, tightened upon hearing this, and his knuckles turned white.

He knew what Fiona was talking about.

She wanted to kill Nigel because the bone marrow inside him used to belong to her.

Joshua knew that better than anyone else.

He clenched his teeth and continued to stare at Fiona. "Whatever you want, I can give it to you."

"Is that so?" Fiona clutched her face with one hand and fixated her calm gaze on Joshua's face. "That was what you said to me in the past. You told me that you'd be with me until I died. Are you going back on your promise now?"

Joshua suppressed the rage in his heart and replied, "The reason I made that promise was that I thought you had a fatal illness and had only one year to live."

Fiona sneered. "Does this mean you're going to abandon me now that you found out I'm not dying anymore? Luna was right, Joshua. You're a flighty, irresponsible scumbag. I used to think that if I stayed by your side, I'd one day be able to steal your heart, but I now understand how naive I was to think that."

With that, she fiddled with the knife in her hand and lowered the blade to one of the ropes restraining

Nigel—

This scene made Luna anxious. Then, just as Fiona's blade was about to cut the rope loose, Luna cried out in a shrill voice, "Fiona! If you want to take your revenge, then take it out on me! "

She bit down on her lip, released herself from Joshua's arms, and fixated her determined gaze on

Fiona. "I was the one who tried to expose your lies, and I was the one who tried to collect evidence against you! None of this has anything to do with my son. You..."

Luna glanced at Nigel who, at this moment, was staring down at the endless abyss beneath him, his face pale with terror. Even though he was usually a calm and mature child, at this moment, his face was as pale as a ghost.

After all, he was only six years old. How fearless could he possibly be?

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Luna stared at Nigel and let out an exhale. "If you still want to blame Joshua and me for everything that happened, then toss me into the abyss instead! My son is still young, so please don't make his life difficult! I'm willing to give you my life in exchange for his!"

Fiona could not help but snicker when she heard this. She cackled in laughter as she sliced through another one of the ropes. "You want to give me your life in exchange for Nigel's? How naive are you, Luna? Although I'm upset at what you did..."

She raised her eyebrows and sneered. “You’re worth nothing to Joshua at all, but it’s different for Nigel.

Joshua’s blood is coursing through Nigel’s veins at this moment, and he’s his offspring, after all. If I

keep Nigel here, it’s equivalent to keeping Joshua’s heart here. Why would I let Nigel—such an

important person—go in exchange for a worthless woman like you?”

Luna’s entire body stiffened upon hearing this. After a moment, she bit down on her lip.

Fiona was right.

She was worth nothing to Joshua at all. He did not care about her.

As soon as she caught sight of the disappointed look in Luna’s eyes, a glint of triumph flashed through

Fiona’s heart. This was what she wanted to achieve!

Fiona knew that if she did not come to Yellowstone

Village to take Nigel hostage, she would not be able to get out of this alive!

This morning, she had received a phone call from Christian, saying that he had found evidence of her

murdering Violet, as well as proof of her plotting Shaun Lewis’ murder alongside Dr. Robert.

Both Violet and Shaun Lewis’ deaths were her ideas. Even though Violet’s fall was an accident, Fiona

had been behind this all along.

On the day of Violet's death, she and Violet had actually plotted to shove Christian off the rooftop together.

Fiona had hidden a camera in the corner of the rooftop. Initially, she had planned to let Violet push Christian off the roof so that she could use the footage to threaten her.

Her plan was intricate and perfectly thought-out. However, Christian was not a predictable person.

In the end, the one who fell off the roof was Violet.

Fiona was afraid that Violet would come clean to the police about their plan to murder Christian, so she brought the camera along with her to the hospital, intending to use it to threaten Violet, but to her surprise, she accidentally caught the incident of Dr. Robert choking Violet to death on video.

Dr. Robert soon discovered that she was there.

After that, Shaun Lewis found out about some secrets he should not have known, so Fiona and Dr.

Robert planned his accident together.

Fiona thought that no one would find out about all this, but unbeknownst to her, Dr. Robert had kept all evidence of their wrongdoings hidden in his office at the hospital abroad.

The night before, Christian had broken into Dr. Robert's office and managed to obtain the evidence.

Fiona knew that aside from her lies to Joshua, her involvement in Violet and Shaun Lewis' murder

would soon be exposed to the public. Since there was no way of getting out of prosecution, she

decided that she would take things into her own hands and kill herself before the police caught her!

Of course, if she could manage to drive a wedge between Joshua and Luna before she died, that

would be the cherry on top.

As soon as she thought of this, she curled her lips into a sneer. "What's wrong? Are you unwilling to

face the truth?"

With that, she lowered her head to fiddle with the knife in her hand while chuckling at the same time. "

Why don't you tell her yourself, Joshua? Tell her what she means to you."

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Joshua narrowed his eyes.

He knew that Fiona's question—and her fiddling with that knife—was a form of threat.

He knew what answer Fiona wanted to hear, so he let out an exhale and curled his lips into a smirk.

“She means nothing to me. I’ve never loved her in the past, in the present, nor will I ever do in the future.

“The only reason I treated her kindly is that she bore three children for me, that’s all.”

Nigel, who was still tied onto the rock, clenched his fists as soon as he heard Joshua’s words.

Meanwhile, the color drained from Luna’s face. Even though she knew Joshua was simply telling the truth, but...

It was one thing to know this but an entirely different thing altogether to hear those cold, heartless words tumbling out of Joshua’s mouth.

He had never loved her, and she had never meant anything to him at all.

Luna let out an exhale and tried to force herself not to fixate on this. All of her attention should be focused on saving Nigel instead, but no matter how hard she tried, she still could not help feeling an ache in her heart. After all...

This was the man she had loved for many years.

She loved him unconditionally for so long, but he had never taken her love and sacrifices to heart.

There was no way she could dismiss and not feel hurt by all of this.

On the other hand, Fiona could not help but let out a cackle when she heard Joshua's words. She knew better than anyone that Joshua was lying through his teeth, but she still enjoyed watching Luna's disappointment.

"Well, since you're so honest, Mr. Lynch. I want to give you a reward." With that, Fiona sliced through another piece of rope holding Nigel together.

Now there were only four ropes holding Nigel in the air.

His tiny frame dangled above the steep drop, shaking slightly in the rain and wind.

Luna was so distraught by this sight that her eyes reddened. She had no idea how to stop this crazy woman from hurting her son.

Luna did not dare lunge forward to save Nigel, lest she startled Fiona and caused her to cut through all the ropes altogether.

Yet, at the same time, she could not sit by and let time pass because Fiona had said that each rope would represent an hour of their time. With only four ropes left, this meant they had only four hours left to save Nigel!

Luna bit down on her lip and pleaded, her voice shaking, "Fiona, if you want to kill someone, then kill me, please? Please don't hurt Nigel... He's only six! The one who searched for evidence to expose you was me, not him! "

With that, she let out an exhale and extended her left hand with a look of determination. "If I remember correctly, you were the one who ordered the bodyguard to crush my finger, right? He even told me that for every day I continued to remain in the mental asylum, he'd crush one of my fingers."

Luna lifted her head to fixate her unfaltering gaze on Fiona. "I've been your target since the start, so if I'm willing to self-mutilate my remaining nine fingers in front of you, will you let Nigel go?"

Not only Fiona, but even Joshua and Nigel's eyes widened in shock upon hearing this. Nigel, who had been silent all this while, immediately started screaming, "Mommy! What nonsense are you talking about?! Your hand... You're a designer! "

The fear, terror, and concern over Luna's safety finally made him crack. He stared at Luna with tears streaming down his face. "Mommy, I'm not scared of dying. I'm not scared at all."

“When I was diagnosed with a terminal illness, I was mentally prepared to die. Having the opportunity to have a bone marrow transplant and prolong my life to spend time with my Mommy and Nellie, I’m already satisfied.”

Nigel’s tears were mixed with the rainwater. His voice was so hoarse that he did not sound like a child anymore. “Maybe Neil just misses me too much, Mommy. You don’t need to hurt yourself nor sacrifice your life for me... Honestly, I don’t care about that much! “

Luna felt her heart ache upon hearing these words and could not hold back her tears any longer.

She bit down on her lip and picked up the nearest rock she could grab, wanting to smash her own fingers. “Fiona, if I really break all remaining nine fingers of mine, will you promise to let Nigel go and take me instead?”

Seeing how desperate Luna and Nigel were, Fiona let out a vicious laugh. “Alright ! If you really crush all nine of your remaining fingers, then I’ll let Nigel go and let you take his place! “

She stared at Luna’s hand, her face etched with a despicable grin. “Come on! You know, I have never seen anyone smashing their own fingers with a rock before. You can be the first! But remember, it must be completely crushed. I do have medical knowledge, so don’t you dare try to lie to me.”

Luna closed her eyes, and suddenly, even though her fingers were still intact, she could already feel the sharp pain spreading through her hands. The pain reminded her of her experience in the mental asylum, the pain she felt when her little finger was smashed, the kind of pain that tore you apart as if every single cell in your body were resisting it.

However, she knew the only way to save her child was to satisfy Fiona.

Nothing was more important than her child's life, not even her own fingers.

The man she loved dearly never loved her back, but these children brought nothing but love and kindness into her life. Whether it was Nigel, Neil, or Nellie, all of them were her precious children.

She could not lose any of them...not even a single one!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna gritted her teeth, summoning every ounce of strength and courage in her body, and swung the rock down toward her hand—

“Luna! Are you out of your mind?”

Right before the rock hit her fingers, Joshua lunged forward, grabbed hold of her hand, and tossed the rock away.

As soon as the rock landed on the ground with a thud, Fiona cut another one of the ropes with her knife.

With that, only three ropes held Nigel up, dangling him over the cliff.

Nigel's body dipped downward without warning, but he managed to grab the remaining ropes to stop himself from falling off the cliff.

Luna felt as though her heart would plunge down the cliff at any moment with Nigel. She bit down on her lip, pushed Joshua away, and lunged toward Fiona.

Just after a few steps, however, Fiona put her knife on the three remaining pieces of rope and threatened, "Stop! Don't you dare come any closer! "

Luna froze. She was so nervous that her legs gave out, and she kneeled on the ground, begging,

"Fiona

Please tell me what you want... I'll give you anything that I can..."

Fiona narrowed her eyes. "What I want, you can never give."

"Then how about me?" Joshua let out an exhale and asked, "Am I able to give you what she can't?"

Fiona slowly narrowed her eyes slightly but did not reply.

Joshua continued, still staring at her, "The reason you're doing all this is that we found out about your fake disease. On the other hand... Christian called the cops on you abroad, didn't he?"

Fiona's entire body lurched when she heard this.

"What if I can protect you and save you from going to jail? What if I'm willing to marry you? Do you still want to do all this?"