

Luna & Joshua 1111

Chapter 1111

At Nellie's words, Joshua instantly grew silent. A long while later, he looked at her seriously. "You... really hope that Daddy can make Mommy stay?"

"Of course!" Nellie pursed her lips. "How can there be children who don't want their parents to be together forever? Besides," The little girl sniffed, "even though you did something very bad...but when Nigel returned home from Yellowstone Village, he told me that you and Mommy still love each other. To save Nigel and Mommy, you almost fell off the cliff and died. To stop you from falling off the cliff, Mommy clutched onto your hand tightly, refusing to let go. In the end, she was so tired she fainted..."

Nellie raised her head, her pair of bright, jewel—like eyes stared fixedly at her father. "Isn't this like a fairy tale where the prince and princess fall in love with each other?"

Joshua laughed at the little girl's serious expression. He lifted his lips and raised his hand and pinched her cheek, as if he had made up his mind. "Then...should I try my best?"

Nellie's big eyes lit up instantly, filled with surprise and delight. "Really?"

Joshua nodded, his gaze firm and resolute. "Yeah. "

“That’s perfect! “ The little girl jumped off the bed and onto the floor excitedly. “That’s perfect! “

Her excited voice drifted through the door of the guestroom and into Luna’s ears. At that moment, she had just finished preparing breakfast for four of them and was serving the food onto the table.

Hearing her daughter’s voice, she frowned, realizing that Nellie and Joshua were awake. So, she lifted her legs and headed over, knocking softly on the door. ” Nellie?”

Inside the door, Nellie was running around in glee. However, she froze and turned silent the moment she heard her mother’s voice. She raised her head and met Joshua’s eyes.

He placed his finger on his lips, indicating for her to keep their previous discussion a secret. Nellie nodded. After receiving a confirmation nod from his daughter, Joshua stood up and opened the door.

Outside, Luna stood at the entrance with an apron tied around her waist. She smiled brightly and looked at Nellie. ”What made you so happy so early in the morning?”

Nellie piled an extremely happy smile on her face and ran toward Luna, taking her mother’s hand in hers, and said, ”Daddy said he’s going to take Nigel and I to the amusement park! I haven’t visited an amusement park with Nigel before ! ”

Seeing her daughter so agitated, Luna sighed and ruffled the little girls’ head gently. ”It’s not like you

haven't been to an amusement park before, you're making a big deal out of nothing."

With that, she pointed to the breakfast on the table. "Go upstairs and wake up your brother. Brush your teeth, then come down for breakfast."

"Okay!" Seeing Luna remain completely ignorant of her deal with her father, Nellie rushed upstairs

excitedly. The moment she climbed up a step, she turned and glanced at Joshua, as if she

remembered something, then curled her hand into a hand fist, wishing him all the best. "Daddy, good

luck!" With that, the little girl bounded upstairs.

Luna frowned, turned, and glanced at Joshua in confusion. "What good luck?"

"Nothing." He coughed slightly, then lifted his eyes and looked in the direction of the dining table. On

the table, plates of piping hot food were served.

There were four plates.

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly, then turned and glanced at Luna out of the corners of his eyes. "I

thought you would chase me out of the door the moment I woke up."

Luna paused, then coughed slightly, turning away from him. "Why would I? Since you spent the night

here, you're my guest. How can I chase my guest away without even offering him breakfast?"

He hummed softly in agreement, "That's true."

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With that, he lifted his legs, walked to the dining table, and sat down. "It's been a while since I've had a proper breakfast." Especially...breakfast prepared by her.

Luna smiled awkwardly and also headed to the dining table. "Then you should eat more."

"There's something you need my help with?" He lowered his head, digging into his food as he asked casually.

He knew her too well. Her cold attitude toward him last night was her true feelings. Last night she was still taunting and mocking him, and now this warm and enthusiastic treatment meant that she definitely had a favor to ask of him.

Seeing as her true motives were exposed, she coughed lightly and sat down opposite him. "You're right, I do need your help." Since he had already guessed, there was no point in hiding any further. "I

want to meet the few bodyguards that were guarding Fiona the day she was released. I would also like

to watch the hospital's CCTV recording from that day."

The bodyguards on duty that day were all Joshua's men. Someone with no power or influence like her would not be granted access to the CCTV recordings.

However, Joshua could. So after tossing and turning throughout the night, she realized that if she wanted to find out whether Neil was the one who helped Fiona escape...she still had to rely on Joshua.

That was why she woke up early in the morning and prepared breakfast, putting extra care into preparing an extra portion for him.

Joshua lowered his head, nodding faintly as he ate. "I'll go with you." Fiona's escape was indeed suspicious. Ever since Alice's men infiltrated into his group of bodyguards, he hired an entirely new group of bodyguards to replace the old ones. All of them were personally handpicked by Lucas.

Under normal circumstances, his bodyguards would not lie. But the day Fiona escaped, Nigel was indeed at Yellowstone Village. So, either the bodyguards were lying, or there was in fact a boy who looked identical to Nigel. That boy was most probably Neil.

"I can go alone." Seeing Joshua express interest in joining her in her investigation, Luna hurriedly waved her hand in rejection. "You're a very busy man, Mr. Lynch, you should not put aside your work

obligations and waste your time on such trivial matters with me... ”

”Investigating whether someone is impersonating my son is a trivial matter?” Joshua lifted his eyebrows and looked at Luna with indifferent eyes. ”Nigel and Neil are not just your sons.”

Luna pursed her lips but remained silent.

A moment later , Joshua placed his fork and spoon on the table and made a call on his cell phone.

After ending the call, he raised his eyes and glanced at her emotionlessly. ”Eat. After you finish, the things you wanted should be ready.”

Luna took a deep breath and lifted her fork and spoon quietly. Actually...she did not want Joshua to know what happened that day. If the CCTV recordings showed that it was indeed Neil who was impersonating Nigel... Joshua did not know that Neil was suffering from amnesia or that he was currently in Aura’s hands.

If he saw... She was worried that he would start a city-wide search for Aura and trigger her into action.

It was better to let sleeping dogs lie, otherwise it would be more difficult for her to get Neil back safe and sound.

When she was stuck in her jumble of thoughts, Joshua's phone rang.

He frowned and answered, "You have the hospital's CCTV recordings?"

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"Sir." Lucas' helpless voice drifted over the phone. "We got the hospital's CCTV recording from that day, but..."

He remained silent for a moment, then finally sighed, "That afternoon, the hospital's surveillance system was attacked by a hacker, many of the hard drives were destroyed, and the portion of the recording that you wanted...was amongst one of the destroyed hard drives. Therefore...the CCTV recording from that day is now nothing but a long list of unintelligible codes."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "Take a photo of the codes and send them to me."

"Yes, sir." Then, Lucas took a deep breath and said, "Sir, the CCTV recordings are lost for the time being but I contacted the bodyguards who were on duty that day. Do you want them to go to Orchard Manor or Blue Bay Villa?"

"They don't need to go anywhere." Joshua frowned, his voice sounding low and indifferent as he said, "

Tell them to get back to work, I don't need to see them anymore."

Since the other party attacked the hospital's surveillance system the moment Fiona left the hospital, that meant they did not want anyone to have video evidence of the days' happenings. That alone was enough to prove that the bodyguards did not lie. Otherwise, the other party did not have to go out of their way and attack the hospital's surveillance system.

Very soon, Lucas sent the photos of the codes seen in the recordings to Joshua. When he received the photos, coincidentally, Nigel and Nellie both came downstairs to have breakfast. When they walked past their father, Nigel glanced casually at the screen of his cell phone and was stunned by what he saw.

"This code..."

Joshua raised his eyebrows and glanced at his son. "You know it?"

Nigel remained silent for a moment, then finally sighed, "It's one of the codes I wrote. It can be used to attack surveillance systems, in the end, even hard drives will be destroyed." The little guy scratched his head as he spoke, "But...I just wrote this code as a joke, to scare our godfather. I've never used it before. How could it..."

Hearing the little boy's words, Luna's hands tightened into fists at her side. She pursed her lips and

side-eyed Nigel. "This program, did you...teach it to him?" The 'him' she referred to was Neil.

Nigel nodded. "Yeah, I taught him everything." Then, he paused. "Whose surveillance system was attacked?"

Joshua did not reply to his son's question, instead, he opened his mouth faintly and complimented him.

"The code is quite well-written. Can you decrypt the code that you wrote yourself?"

The little guy sighed helplessly at his father's question, then turned and jumped onto the chair. "I can't."

This problem had been troubling him for a long time. Every time he wrote a code, he would try his best

to perfect him, but he always forgot to prepare a safety net for himself. So, when his codes or

techniques were used against him, he was like a lamb to the slaughter and had no way of defending

himself.

Seeing her brother's mood turn foul because of this again, Nellie smiled brightly and comforted him,

saying, "It's fine, Nigel, don't be sad. If you think about it, this just shows how good you are! You are

your only opponent! "

Neil sighed, "I'm not actually that good, when we were living abroad, I met someone who was even more skilled than I am. He almost broke through my firewall, and..."

He paused, lifting his head in the middle of his sentence as if he suddenly recalled something important

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"Mr. Lynch, do you know a highly-skilled hacker?" He still remembered during their face-off, how the other hacker almost destroyed all of his security systems within an hour.

If he did not come up with an emergency plan in the nick of time and switch his IP address, he would have been discovered immediately! That hacker was working for Joshua!

Joshua's hand that was feeding the spoon into his mouth paused in mid-air. "Hacker?" He lifted his eyes and glanced at his son faintly. "No."

"I'm sure you do!" The little boy bit his lip, his dark, obsidian eyes stared fixedly at Joshua. "I encountered him once, he's extremely skilled! I was no match for him! Mr. Lynch, even though I don't know the contents of the CCTV recording that was destroyed, if you ask that hacker, he might be able to retrieve the lost recordings! Because my code did not destroy the recordings, the recordings were

merely hidden!”

With that, he fell silent for a while then lifted his head. “It’ll be even better if you can introduce that master hacker to me.”

Joshua curled his lips into a faint smile and chuckled lightly, “You already know him.”

When Nigel was lost in his confusion, the door to the villa was pushed open. Lucas stepped in, looking extremely exhausted and worn out. He hurried over to them with a laptop in his arms and a few hard drivers and placed the items on the coffee table. “Sir, these are all destroyed hard drives that you wanted me to collect. And you wanted me to buy the most powerful laptop currently available on the market, this is it.”

“Alright.” Joshua placed his cutlery onto the table elegantly and stood up, striding over to the sofa and taking a seat. As he switched on the laptop, he said faintly, “Nigel, come.”

Nigel, who was still busy eating, frowned but did not move. “Why?”

“Don’t you want to know how to decrypt your own code?” The moment the words left Joshua’s mouth, the little boy immediately jumped down from his chair and flew to his father’s side.

Joshua connected the destroyed hard drive to the laptop with familiar movements, his long fingers

flying across the keyboard elegantly. Sitting beside him, Nigel stared fixedly at the laptop screen

without blinking. The expression in his big eyes turned from initial confusion into slack-jawed shock

Finally, all that was left was utter worship and adoration.

No wonder Joshua said that he had already met the master hacker. The master hacker was Joshua

himself!

At this realization, Nigel grew so agitated that he almost jumped up from the sofa! The problem that

had been troubling him for days was decrypted by Joshua within minutes!

Age and experience made a huge difference after all. Joshua Lynch was not a good-for-nothing jerk

after all!

Sitting at the dining table, Luna watched her son's agitated expression and Joshua's solemn demeanor

as his fingers typed the codes into the laptop, a mix of emotions bubbling in her chest.

"You're done decrypting it? So soon?" Ten minutes later, Nigel stared at the screen of the laptop and

gasped in shock.

Hearing the little boy's tone of astonishment, both Nellie and Luna hurriedly huddled over to them.

The family of four kept their eyes locked on the screen. Joshua clicked on the CCTV recording.

Nellie's eyes widened in shock, pressing a hand over her mouth instinctively. "Is that Neil?"

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At Nellie's words, both Joshua and Nigel fell instantly silent. Judging from the CCTV recording, the bodyguards did not lie. A boy who looked exactly like Nigel appeared and signed for Fiona's release.

If this boy was indeed Neil... That proved that Neil was no longer the same boy he was.

Nigel could not accept the fact that his little brother, the person who was closest to him had turned into a completely different person. So, he sucked in a deep breath and clutched Nellie's hand tightly. "That isn't Neil."

That could not be him, it was definitely not him! Nellie bit her lip. "But..."

"No buts." Nigel took a deep breath and stood up violently. "I'm not feeling well, I'll be in my room."

With

that, he fled upstairs.

Nellie pursed her lips, glanced at her mother then shifted her gaze onto her father. Finally, she stood up

and ran after her brother. "I'll take a look at Nigel. He seems...to be in a bad mood." Then, she too ran

upstairs.

Only Luna and Joshua were left in the living room.

Joshua's eyebrows were screwed tightly together. He turned and glanced at the woman sitting beside him. "You don't look surprised."

Both Nellie and Nigel found it hard to accept the fact that the boy in the video could be Neil. But as his mother, Luna did not seem surprised at all. Obviously, she knew this a long time ago.

Luna shifted her eyes toward Joshua, glancing at him in return. "You don't look shocked either, am I right?"

Joshua curled his lips in a wry smile and leaned back on the sofa. "That's why you refused to leave no matter what nasty trick Fiona threw at you. It's all because of Neil? If I guessed correctly, the man you were hugging during the fireworks celebration was Theo Allen?"

His guesses were direct and on-point. Luna paused, then nodded helplessly. "Yes." At times, Joshua's superior intellect terrified her.

"Theo can get in touch with you, he can even come and hug you, whereas Neil became Fiona's right-

hand man. That means Neil lost his memories but Theo did not, he must be biding his time." He

massaged his aching temples. "This is tough."

Luna bit her lip but remained quiet. Actually...she herself had no idea how to get Neil back. Overly-radical measures would trigger Aura into action. But if they were too passive, it would be harder and harder for Neil to retrieve his lost memories as time went by.

She had been pondering this issue too last night, but no matter how hard she tried, she failed to come up with a suitable measure. In the end, she could only place her hopes on wishing that Neil did not actually release Fiona that day.

She prayed that luck would be on her side, hoping that the security guards had lied, and Neil did not start to stand against her.

Unfortunately, reality gave her a slap in the face. She sighed.

After a long period of silence, Joshua turned and glanced at her. "I have a plan."

Luna frowned and looked at him. Under her confused stare, he lifted his lips faintly and said slowly,

"We should get married."

At those four simple words, Luna froze, as if she had been struck by lightning.

Get married? To him?

She almost thought she was having an illusion.

Seeing her incredulous expression, Joshua frowned and repeated himself. "I said, we should get married." His voice sounded low and indifferent.

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"All along, Aura hated seeing us together. From the incident six years ago when you thought I was having an affair with her, until your accident which she staged, she did all of that because she was jealous of our relationship. Later when you returned to Banyan City, she tried to harm Nellie and Neil several times, also as an attempt at tearing us apart. And now she's helped Fiona multiple times, also to achieve the same purpose."

He lifted his head and stared fixedly at Luna's delicate features. "She must know that you and I are far from in love. If we announce our marriage now, she will be thrown off guard. I 'm sure she will make a move. Once she does make a move, we can seize the opportunity and bring Neil home."

His words were reasoned and well thought out, the logic behind them clear and impeccable.

Luna bit her lip. She had to admit, his plan made a lot of sense. But...

She lifted her lips in a sneer, "I will not make the same mistake twice. I cannot allow myself to be blinded twice. That's why I do not agree."

Even though right now it seemed like marrying Joshua was a good chance to force Aura out of the shadows, neither did she want nor was she willing to get involved with Joshua in such a manner again.

In the past, because the Lynch family forced Joshua to marry Hailey Walter, Luna married him without a moment's hesitation, thus beginning her continuous nightmare.

And now, she was going to fling herself into the fiery pit again just to force Aura's hand?

No, she could not do it. She believed if Neil did not lose his memories, he would not want her to make this choice too.

Joshua was not surprised by her rejection. He stared at her and laughed, "And I thought you're willing to sacrifice anything for your children. I overestimated you."

Luna's hands tightened into fists by her side. She knew he was just trying to rile her up so she would snap and agree. But she had to admit, he got on her nerves successfully.

She sucked in a deep breath and stood up. "I am indeed willing to sacrifice anything and everything for my children. Anything but marrying you."

She lifted her head and met his eyes fearlessly. " Marriage isn't child's play; I already made a mistake once. All those years ago you promised you would spend a few years trying to love me, and you were confident you would succeed. Like a silly little girl, I believed you, but what awaited me was your continuous indifference, and finally, your betrayal. Even when there was a promise between us, I always died, together with the lives of our four children.

Now that there's no promise tying us together and we're only getting married for the children... Once the problem with Aura is solved and you find yourself a new girlfriend, will my three children and I be safe from your clutches?"

Joshua frowned. "To you, I'm such a cold and emotion less man, one who is capable of falling in love so easily?"

"What do you think, Mr. Lynch?"

Luna never guessed that Joshua could be so bold. His rock-hard chest pressed against her, pushing her into the sofa.

The distance between the two of them was so incredibly small that she could clearly feel the heat radiating off his body, his steady heartbeat, and his rhythmic breaths.

Her own breathing grew ragged.

Joshua looked at her delicate features with narrowed eyes, his gaze cold and deep. "Answer me, Luna."

He did not believe that someone who would exert her entire strength into pulling him up from the edge of the cliff in such a desperate situation would not have an ounce of love for him and would even go so far as to say that marrying him was an unnecessary hassle.

Luna raised her eyes and met Joshua's deep, bottomless eyes. She did not push him away nor did she struggle, just stared at him with those clear eyes of hers. "You seem to have misunderstood."

Her voice was cold and her eyes were indifferent. "In that situation, even if you were a stranger, I would try my best to save you. This is just my personality, who I am as a human being, it has nothing to do with the identity of the person whom I saved. Even if it was Fiona hanging off the edge of the cliff, if I

could, I would choose to save her too. Not to mention the fact that you're not Fiona, you're the person who saved Nigel out of Fiona's hands. Of course, I couldn't just watch as you fell to your death."

She lifted her lips, a faint smile on her face. "But I hope you understand, saving you has nothing to do with my feelings. Just because I saved you when you were in danger doesn't mean that I have feelings for you. If I saved a dog off the streets, according to your reasoning, I would have to marry that dog?"

Her words were cold and emotionless. Her metaphor made the light in his eyes grow dim. "So to you, saving me is no different from saving a dog off the streets?"

Noticing the anger in the depths of his eyes, Luna cracked her lips open and laughed, "Of course not. If I saved a dog off the streets, it would be grateful to me that it wouldn't push me into a pit of fire again."

Joshua's fingers tightened around her arms. He heard the underlying message in her eyes as clear as day. She was inferring that he was even worse than a dog. She said marrying him was like falling into a fiery pit.

He forced down the fury rising in the pit of his stomach and slowly released her arms. Finally, he stood up.

Free from the suffocating weight of his body, Luna leaned on the sofa, finally breathing in deep gulps of air. When he was pressing into her, even her breaths were careful and measured. She was worried just one misstep, he would realize that her cold attitude and her hard exterior was just that, nothing but feigned bravado. After he released her, she felt as if a heavy burden had been lifted off her shoulders.

Joshua stood in his original spot, watching as she panted raggedly, a self-deprecating sneer rising at the corners of his lips. He lowered his head and elegantly straightened his shirt that crumpled when he pressed into her just now.

“Luna, I gave you a chance. Since you think that marrying me is a hassle and is equivalent to jumping into a fiery pit, then I shall not bring this up anymore. You can just wait for Aura to take action then.”

With that, he stood up and took his grey trench coat off the clothes rack. Because he was always working, he hardly wore other clothes besides a suit and dress pants. He only wore a trench coat today because...

Because he remembered Luna once said that since he was tall and lean, with broad shoulders and a slim waist, he would look good in a trench coat.

That was why he intentionally put on a trench coat before coming here when he found out Christian

Moore would be present too.

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But... Right from the start till now, Luna did not spare his trench coat an extra glance. He lifted his lips in a self-deprecating smirk and turned to leave, placing the trench coat over his arm instead of putting it on. When he reached the doorway, he paused. "Luna, you can come to me anytime you regret your decision." With that, he strode away.

Luna sat on the sofa, watching the man's retreating back, a cold smile appearing on her lips.

Regret? What would she regret? Regret not marrying him? He had gotten ahead of himself. Why would she fling herself into the same pit of fire twice?

Upstairs.

Nellie lay on the windowsill, watched her father's car driving away into the distance, and sighed deeply.

It seemed like Daddy's effort...had failed. She

wondered whether he would persevere or give up this time.

At this thought, she turned and glanced at her brother who was busy tapping away at his laptop. Once

again, the little girl sighed helplessly.

Her brother was telling his online friend about his worries. He did not want to talk to her. She was his little sister, and yet, since they were children, he hardly confided in her about his thoughts and worries.

Nigel used to love talking to Neil, he said they were fraternal twins and shared a telepathic bond, so

Neil understood how he felt. Now that Neil

was no longer here, Nigel turned to confide in a little hacker he met online.

Nellie sighed. When would he finally open his heart to her?

‘So, your little brother was the one who betrayed all of you and turned into your enemy?’

At that exact moment, in the presidential suite of a five-star hotel in Banyan City, Neil read his master’s complaints on the screen of his laptop and could not help but comfort him. ‘Your brother is so foolish and immature, no matter what, you should never betray your family. All of you were devastated when you thought he was dead but in the end, not only was he still alive, he even turned into your enemy...’

His master’s sentiment lit up on his computer screen. ‘Maybe he has no choice? But as his elder brother, I can’t take it, I can’t accept the fact that my own brother turned into someone like that.’

Neil sighed and continued tapping at his keyboard. 'He crossed the line! Where is his guilty conscience? Wouldn't his heart ache to see his family suffering? '

The moment he typed this message and tapped enter, he felt a slight ache in his chest. The little boy hurriedly clapped a hand over his chest where his heart was, took his phone, and dialed a number.

Not too much later, the room door was kicked open. Theo entered the room with a big bag of medicine in his hands. He hugged him tightly in his arms as he rushed to take out the medicine and stuff them into Nigel's mouth.

The pills, then water.

After swallowing the medicine, the young boy lay his head on Theo's chest, his tightly screwed eyebrows finally relaxing. He closed his eyes and leaned weakly on Theo's chest. "The attacks have been occurring more and more frequently now. What's wrong..."

Every time his heart was in pain, his head would ache too, turning his mind completely blank.

Theo was silent for some time, then he could not help but sigh. He looked at Neil solemnly. "Recently... have you recalled anything about your past?"

Chapter 1119

“So you rejected Joshua’s suggestion...”

In the evening, Anne sat before the floor-to-ceiling window of the coffee shop, stirring the coffee in her hands, as she sighed and glanced at the woman in front of her. “So now all you can do is wait for Aura to make a move?” With that, she sighed and took a sip of her coffee.

“Actually I think pretending to marry Joshua is a pretty good idea. See, it’s been quite some time since Aura returned to the city. Even though Fiona was around previously, Fiona would never obey her every command. Even so, Aura remained calm and collected. Both Joshua’s and Bonnie’s men conducted a city-wide search for her but still failed to find her...”

She lifted her eyes and looked at Luna. “Maybe marrying Joshua would really throw her off her feet.”

Luna curled her lips and rolled her eyes at Anne helplessly. “Firstly, Joshua suggested marriage, not pretending to be married. Secondly, even if it’s just pretending to be married...I wouldn’t do it either.”

Her life with him was a nightmare. She did not want to fall into another nightmare.

But most importantly... Even though Joshua was a jerk, she had to admit, his looks, his body, his demeanor, his manner of speech... All of these points fulfilled her beauty standards completely.

She had finally learned to hate him, so she did not want to get in close contact with him, nor did she want to be exposed to his charms from such a close distance.

She was afraid her hatred for him would waver.

Seeing her resolute rejection, Anne sighed, "Then you have no choice...but to beat her at her own game, be even calmer than she is and wait for her to make the first move."

Luna curled her lips. "I have a spy beside her."

Theo said that he would contact her the moment he got the chance. The moment the words left her mouth, her phone rang. It was a message from an unfamiliar number. The message read, 'I'm waiting for you in the eighth alley in the south of the city, come quickly.'

Reading the message on her phone screen, the corners of Luna's lips lifted slightly. The moment she thought about him, his message arrived on her phone.

Not many people knew this number of hers. Besides Theo, no one else would send her such a message at a time like this.

Taking a deep breath, Luna immediately replied, 'I'll be there as soon as I can.' After typing out her

reply, she hurriedly stood up. "I need to go, my spy wants to see me."

Anne pursed her lips and was about to say something but the woman in front of her had already left in a gust of wind.

In the eighth alley in the south of the city.

Reading the words 'I'll be there as soon I can' on the screen of his phone, a man raised his head and glanced at the man beside him. "Boss, she fell for it."

The man scoffed and stubbed out his cigarette, then took a few fruit knives from his bag and distributed them to the few men surrounding him. "When the woman is here, stab her however you can, we need to kill her to avenge Ms. Blake! "

"Yes, sir! "

After leaving the coffee shop, Luna took a taxi and headed directly to the alley. She did not expect to get stuck in rush-hour traffic. When she reached the alley, she was ten minutes late. She ran into the alley, her heels clicking frantically on the ground.

After all, Theo snuck out to meet her, she was worried he would run out of time and be discovered. So, she ran with all her might, ignoring the sprain in her ankle, all she could think about was meeting Theo

as soon as possible to try and find out more news about Aura and Neil.

However, she never expected...

When she arrived at the alley, the smile of rusty iron permeating the air, waiting for her at the end of the

alley, was Joshua, sitting on top of a piece of rock. Behind him, Lucas was busy ordering a few of their

bodyguards about.

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The scene in front of her eyes threw Luna into a daze for a few short moments.

How could it be him? Where was Theo?

Seeing her, Joshua curled his lips and laughed lightly. He sat on the piece of rock elegantly, his gaze

calm and indifferent as he looked at her. "Stop looking, I was the one who called you here."

Luna's eyebrows screwed tightly together. She looked at him, her voice cold as she said, "If you want

to see me, you can just call me directly. Why would you choose to play a game of cloak and daggers?"

Sending her a text message and even requesting to meet at a place like this. She really thought it was

from Theo and ran here with a sprained ankle! But at last, it turned out to be Joshua? What did he have to say to her that could not be conveyed over the phone?

“For formality’s sake.” The evening sunlight was dim and there were no streetlights in the alley so Luna could not get a clear look at Joshua’s expression, but nevertheless, she could hear the laughter in his voice. “I wanted to ask, have you considered my offer to marry me?”

Luna sucked in a cold breath. Did he go to all that trouble, just for this?

“I told you, I won’t marry you, there’s nothing to consider!” With that, she turned and left. After taking a few steps away, she turned around as if she suddenly remembered something. “And, don’t do something like this again, I don’t have so much time to waste playing games with you.” Leaving these words behind, she strode away on her high heels.

Her ankle that she sprained in her rush to get there hurt with every single step as if it was mocking her for her naivete. Luna endured the pain and fled the alley. She refused to expose her injury in front of him, she would not allow herself to become his laughing stock.

After her figure disappeared down the end of the alley, Joshua finally closed his eyes, removing his hand that had been pressing on the wound on his stomach.

"Sir, are you okay?" Lucas hurriedly rushed forward to help him sit up. "The ambulance is waiting at the entrance to the alley, I'll ask them to drive here now! "

"Alright." Joshua closed his eyes, even his voice sounded weak, like mere breaths of air. He knew that Fiona's henchmen were waiting to ambush Luna, so he rushed over in a hurry...but he never expected there would be so many of them. He did not bring enough men, but because he was too worried Luna would arrive before he did, he drove the car straight into the alley, and instead fell into their trap.

When Luna arrived, Joshua was sitting on the piece of rock without moving because the numerous knife wounds on his belly hurt so badly that he could barely stand. He was waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

"Sir, why are you doing this?" Seated in the ambulance, Lucas stayed by his side as always and sighed, "From Mrs. Lynch's tone...she sounds very angry. She must think you're just toying with her.

Why don't you tell her the truth, tell her that you arrived beforehand to protect her?"

Joshua lay on the stretcher, his eyes closed, a bitter laugh bubbling from his lips. "I don't want her to worry. I also don't want her to feel indebted to me."

Lucas did not understand. "Why not? If she thinks she's indebted to you and will never be able to repay your kindness, she might agree to marry you."

Joshua closed his eyes and laughed bitterly, "So you think I'm so pathetic that I need a woman to feel indebted to me in order to make her marry me?"