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Adrian's slap did not land on Luna's face. "Joshua?"

Luna's eyes were closed. What she heard was Adrian's surprised voice.

She was a little surprised. She subconsciously opened her eyes. In front of her was Joshua's miserably

pale and sweaty hand. He was clutching Adrian's wrist.

Luna was surprised and delighted. She immediately turned around. Behind her, Joshua was kneeling

on the bed. He was looking terrifyingly pale. His hospital gown was almost soaked through with sweat.

It seemed that getting up and clutching Adrian's hand used up most of his energy.

"Lulu." Joshua gently called her out before letting go of Adrian's hand and going limp.

"Joshua! " Luna immediately rushed over and helped him up. "You're awake! "

"Hmm." Joshua returned to the bed with Luna's help. He smiled while saying in a feeble, hoarse voice,

"If I still don't get up, my children and wife are going to be chased away by someone else."

Luna's face inexplicably blushed upon Joshua's words.

His children, that was right. However, was she considered his wife? At most, an ex-wife.

In the distance, Adrian saw Joshua gaining consciousness. His face fluctuated between blushing and turning pale.

After a long while, he collected his thoughts and smiled earnestly at Joshua. "Joshua, you're awake!

Actually, the first day that Joshua passed out, Adrian had already known about it from Granny Lynch.

The doctors said that Joshua only had a week left. He knew about that too. For the past six days,

Adrian had been only observing. He felt that if Joshua could gain consciousness, he would have long come around. He would not wait until the last day.

That was why Adrian brought his wife and illegitimate son back that day. He wanted to take away the

He never would have thought that Joshua would wake up when there was only an hour or two left!

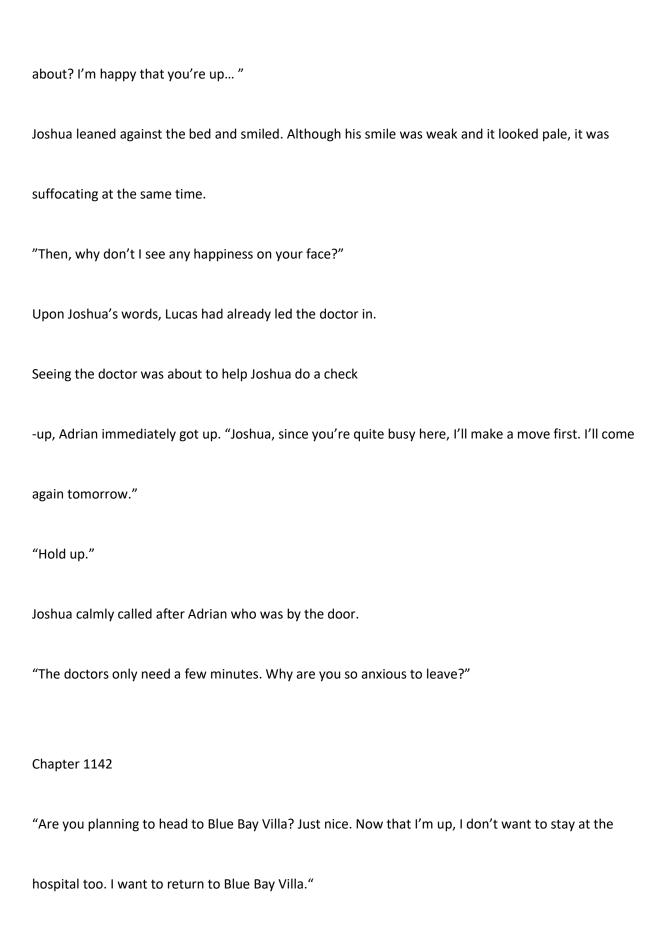
"Yes, I 'in fortunate. Sorry to disappoint you, Dad."

Lynch Group and everything under Joshua's name while Joshua was sick.

No wonder you're my son! You're lucky! "

Joshua looked at Adrian's face calmly. He sneered a little, "You rushed all the way back from abroad, yet I came around. How terrible of me."

Adrian's expressions instantly turned ugly. He smiled a little. "Joshua, what nonsense are you talking



Adrian's face has lost all of its colors upon Joshua's words. Joshua knew about the Blue Bay Villa
incident. Which meant thathe heard every single word he said to Luna a moment ago.
Adrian narrowed his eyes and said in a suppressed tone. "Joshua, I think you should stay in the
hospital to recuperate. Why are you so anxious to go back home"
"After all, your other son is also my brother. I have not seen him before. I should go home and meet
him."
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Then, Joshua turned to look at the doctor who was checking upon him. "Doctor, how is it? Can I go home?"

The doctor nodded. "When you were unconscious for the past few days, your body has recovered quite well. Now that you've come around, your body is only a little weak. Just pay attention to not overwork and don't touch your wounds. You are free to discharge."

Adrian sensed despair upon the doctor's words. Joshua still insisted on returning to Blue Bay Villa!

He immediately messaged his secret lover and his illegitimate son, (Celia, Michael, leave now! Joshua has come around. He is heading for the Blue Bay Villa!]

The phone on the coffee table at the Blue Bay Villa vibrated, but there was no one in the living area.

In the small backyard garden at Blue Bay Villa, Michael Lynch and Celia Giles were staring at the lake closely, watching the water being drained.

"Are you two twats lying? Is there really a safe at the bottom of the lake?"

Nigel and Nellie were sitting on the chair beside them. One was licking on ice cream, the other hugging the laptop.

Nellie took a bite of ice cream and looked at the screen of Nigel's laptop on his lap.

"That's right. The computer is showing that the safe is right in the lake." Then, Nigel sighed, "Daddy's too much. Why did he lock the spare key in a safe and throw it in such a place? Making life hard for Uncle and Granny."

Nigel sighed and shook his head seriously, "Maybe Daddy's afraid that thieves might steal the spare key to the villa away. He had no choice. There were too many people eyeing the family's fortune."

Nellie also nodded immediately. "Nigel, say, do you think there might be cash and a black card other than the spare key in the safe?"

Nigel nodded. "I think it's possible. If not, why would he go through such a huge effort to hide a spare



around. He told us to not be too arrogant."

"Coming around?" Michael harrumphed coldly, "He's half dead. Even if he comes around, I'll pin him

back and suffocate him under his blanket! "

"Is that so?" A cold man's voice appeared from behind. "You're going to be disappointed then."

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Michael and Celia were shocked. They subconsciously turned around.

Standing behind them by the entrance to the villa was Adrian who looked confused.

Next to him was a young pretty lady pushing a wheelchair. The man on the wheelchair might seem

weak and pale, but his arrogant and regal aura was so strong it forced one to look away.

Michael furrowed his brows.

Was that man not the president of the Lynch Group, Joshua Lynch? The man whom his parents had

mentioned to him ever since he was young. The man that would be his future competition and role

model.

Was his life not hanging by the thread? Was he not about to die? Why did he suddenly appear?

"Daddy! " Nellie turned around and immediately noticed Joshua in the wheelchair. She immediately threw her ice cream into the bin and ran toward Joshua.

Nigel also placed his laptop down excitedly and quickly ran toward Joshua and Luna. A rare occurrence.

Nellie buried herself in Joshua's arms. "You're up! I knew you wouldn't abandon us! You would surely come around! "

Joshua's body was still weak. He stumbled a little when Nellie crashed into him. However, he still reached his arms out and hugged Nellie in his arms. He smiled calmly. "You still know me the best."

For the past few days, Joshua could actually hear what was going on in the outside world. He could hear Luna's cries. He could also hear how much Nellie and Nigel missed him. However, he could not come around. It was as if his brain was being crushed by a huge boulder. He could not break free no matter what. His eyelids felt like lead.

Joshua had been trying hard to come around. He knew he could not abandon them. No matter how he tried, it was hard to open his eyes.

It was until Adrian appeared. Joshua was afraid that Luna might get hurt. He was afraid Luna and her

children would be bullied. The agitated emotions helped him break free that instant. He immediately woke up. "Of course! We are connected!" Nellie laughed delightedly. Then, she turned to look at Michael and Celia behind her. "Daddy, two bad guys came to our house. They said that they were the true owners of this house. They said that Daddy will never wake up anymore and that Daddy's things all belonged to them!" Nellie's words caused the surrounding atmosphere to be instantly silenced. Adrian immediately tried to soothe the situation." Nellie, don't take it too seriously. One of them is your grandmother, the other one your uncle. They must be joking with you. We're all family. They're just teasing you." Nellie rolled her eyes. "I don't want a family like them! " Celia and Michael's faces fluctuated between turning blue and pale upon Nellie's words. Adrian furrowed his brows and got them to come over. He hinted at Michael with his eyes while saying,

"Come quick! Say hello to Joshua! This is the first time we met as a family! "

Michael immediately pulled Celia over to Joshua. "Hello, brother." "Joshua, you can call me Aunty Celia." Joshua's expressions did not change. He looked at both of them coldly. Then, he turned to look at the servants draining the lake in the distance. "We've only met the first time, yet you intrude into my house when I'm not around, coming to my garden, and draining my lake... "What are you trying to do?" Michael paused for a while, saying nothing. Chapter 1144 Nellie, by the side, pursed her lips. She said curtly, "The moment they came they wanted to chase Nigel and me away. They said that this was their home in the future. "Thankfully Nigel and I were smart enough. We said that there were two sets of keys to the villa. One is

with Daddy, the other is in a safe buried under the lake by Daddy. They were anxious to look for the

key, so they didn't chase Nigel and me away."

Upon Nellie's words, Luna finally understood why Michael and Celia wanted to drain the lake. She furrowed her brows and ordered the servants to stop. "Stop the draining. There's nothing in the lake."

Upon Luna's words, Michael and Celia's face lost all of its colors.

The two adults were...tricked by two little brats!

"Looking for the key?" Joshua smiled sarcastically. "Why are the both of you looking for the key to the villa? Do you think that this villa is yours already?"

"No, no." Adrian immediately smiled and explained to Joshua, "It's me... The moment I got off the plane
I found out that you were injured and unconscious. Luna was taking care of you, so no one looked after
the kids at Blue Bay Villa. So, I got both of them to come to the Blue Bay Villa to look after the kids on
Luna's behalf.

"They're looking for the keys out of habit for staying abroad all these years. If they were staying in a place, they had to get the key so only they would feel safe. If not, they would be afraid that they can't go home."

Joshua sneered, turned, and swept a glance at Adrian. "How poor have you been for the past few years?

Don't you know that this sort of villa only unlocks with a passcode and fingerprint?"

The three of their expressions changed a little. Of course, they knew that such a luxurious villa like the

Blue Bay Villa would use fingerprints and passcodes as their lock.

However, if there were no keys, they would not be able to change the locks. They would also not be

able to cancel other people's fingerprints and change the passcode.

They wanted the Blue Bay Villa to themselves. Of course, they had to get the key...

"Yes, we have been living terribly all these years." It was Adrian who came to his senses first. He

cleared his throat and immediately walked over to Michael and Celia. He took their hands, one on each

side, turned around, and left.

"Joshua, they're not very mature, if they caused any misunderstanding, please don't take it too

seriously. You finally came around, we won't bother you spending time with your family..."

Then, Adrian pulled Michael and Celia along, leaving.

Joshua did not stop them at all. It was not because he wanted to let them go since they were his family,

it was because...he was way too weak.

He had been out cold for seven whole days. Arguing with someone the moment he woke up was too taxing for him.

Looking at how haggard he looked, Luna immediately pushed him back to the villa. With the help of Lucas, they placed him on the huge bed in his bedroom.

Lily has long prepared some food and passed them to Luna. Luna sighed and sat next to the bed, feeding Joshua while sighing.

"Thank goodness you came around in time. If not, I don't know what the children and I are going to do."

Joshua looked at Luna's petite face. He could not help but smile. "You're the mother to my children,

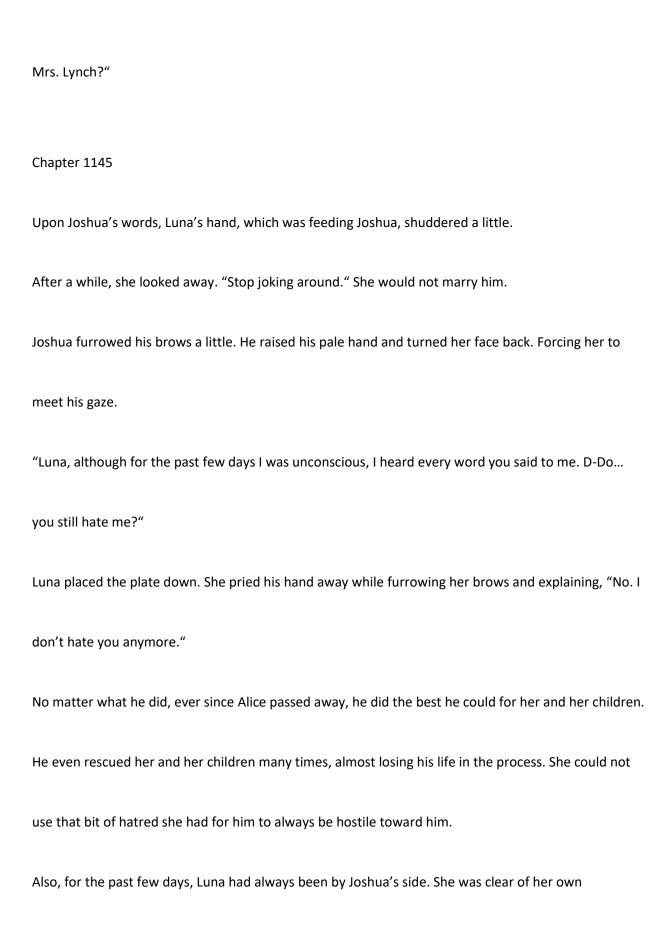
why should you be afraid of them?"

Luna sighed while feeding Joshua, "What good is being the mother to your children? Just like what your father said just now. I'm not legally your wife. I t would be easy for him to chase me away. If you did not come around, the three of us would most likely be on the streets tonight."

Joshua leaned against the head of the bed and smiled.

"You're right. It would be quite troublesome without the status of my wife."

Then, Joshua turned to look at Luna seriously. "So, do you want to find a time to register, to become



feelings. She still could not let him go, she still missed him. However, marrying him... She could not do it. "Luna." Joshua looked at her with an endless, deep, and affectionate gaze. "Since you don't hate me, why "Joshua." Luna took a deep breath and interrupted him calmly, "I don't hate you doesn't mean I have to marry you." Luna slowly said amidst Joshua's stunned expression, "I used to like you previously. I treated you like my entire world. My everything. But you know what happened later on. "The accident six years ago crushed all my feelings for you." Then, Luna looked at Joshua and smiled. It was a bitter and rather self-deprecating smile. "Back then, I married you regardless of everything. You should know that I'm an emotional person with strong feelings. "If I did not truly like someone, I would not have entered marriage with them. Back then, I really liked you, so I chose to marry you without any second thoughts. But, now, I..."

Luna looked at Joshua calmly. "I only don't hate you anymore."

Joshua was stunned. He looked at Luna closely. He was suddenly rendered speechless.

Yes. He had done so many things that hurt her previously. Where did he get the confidence to think that

just because he was doing well recently, she could write off the past hatred she had for him and even

fall in love with him once more?

Joshua thought too much. He was indulging in his fantasy.

Luna noticed the disappointment in his eyes. She bit her lips and fed him the rest of the food.

Joshua looked at Luna's exquisite small face. He wanted to say something, but he said nothing.

The silence between them was suddenly so depressing it was suffocating.

Luna quietly fed Joshua all the food, then she got up and was about to head down.

When Luna was by the door, Joshua's low and charming voice rang out, "I know that you don't hate me

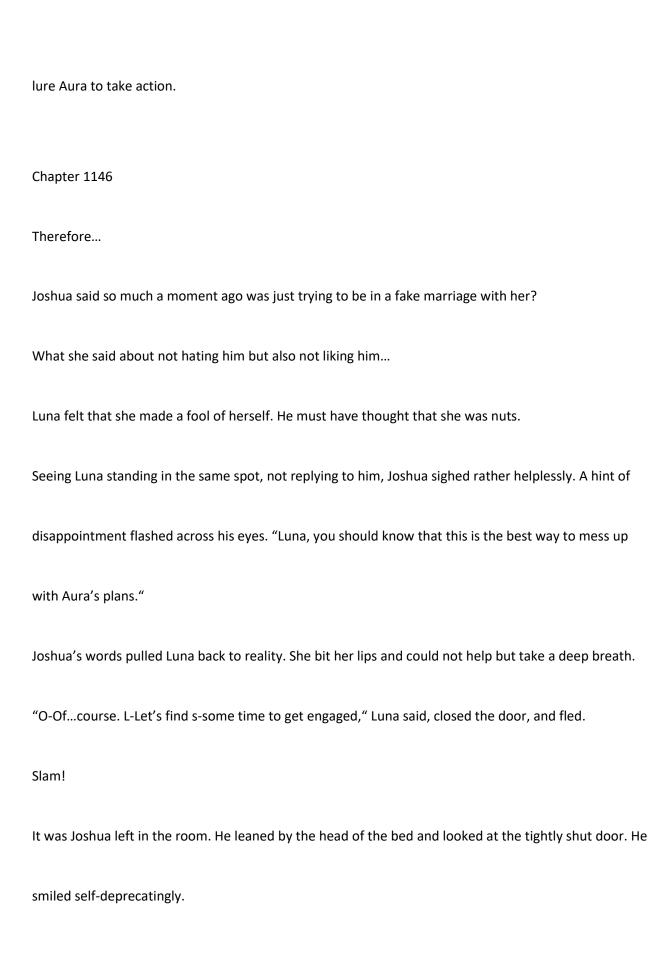
anymore, you also don't like me too, but..."

Joshua laughed bitterly, "Luna, don't tell me you want to refuse a fake marriage too?"

Luna stopped in her tracks. Fake marriage.

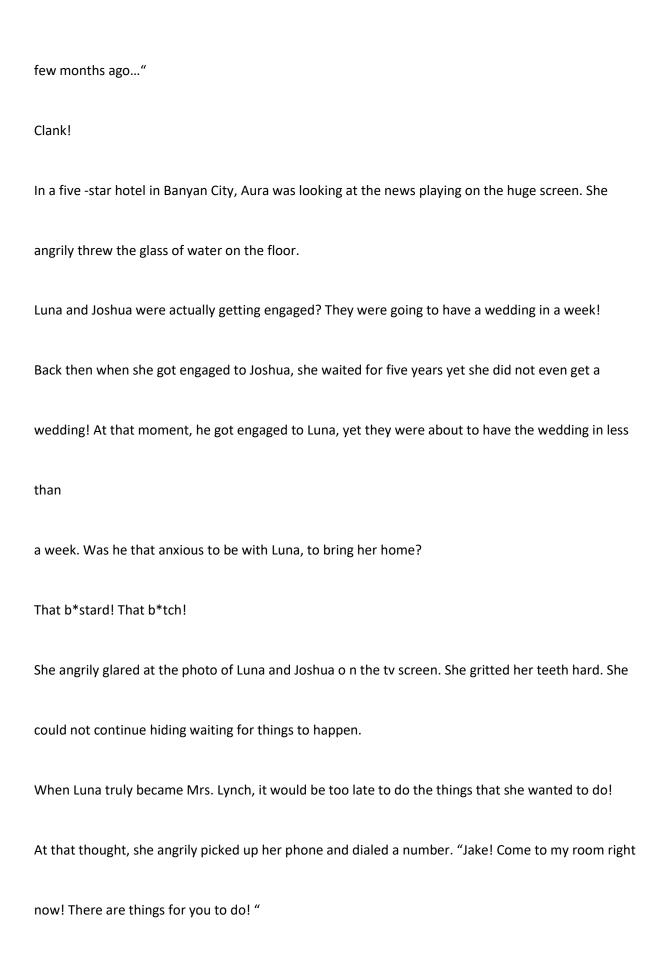
Those words suddenly made Luna's heart beat faster.

Before Joshua passed out, he did indeed mention a fake marriage. Their lovey-dovey act would surely



The scene where Luna found out that he was willing to marry her back then suddenly appeared in his
mind. She was so excited she almost jumped up.
Back then, because she was about to marry him, she would be excited for days when she could not
sleep.
However, at that moment, Luna
Not mentioning a real marriage, even if it was a fake marriage, she had to consider it for a long time.
No matter what, Joshua had already lost Luna back then.
Two days later, news about Joshua and Luna's engagement and their wedding happening a week later
was the talk of the town. It was in every form of media.
All of the news headlines were brazenly reporting about them.
"One is the president of the Lynch Group, the other the Design Director of the jewelry design
department. How did these two end up together?
We'll be interviewing the deputy director, Shannon McCartney! "

"Hello, I'm Shannon McCartney! About Luna and President Lynch's love story, we have to start from a



Neil, on the other end of the line, did not hesitate for one bit. "Yes." He hung up and looked at Theo next to him, who was still eating. He sighed heavily. "Uncle Theo, take care. Mother is calling for me." Theo nodded and continued eating his bread, not saying anything. Aura did come through with her promise. She did, according to Neil's request, locking Theo up in a different place. However, she still starved him every day. Neil had to send food to Theo only then could Theo have food to eat. The moment he turned to leave the room, Neil felt exhausted. Sometimes, he felt as if he was not his mother's son, more like her slave. The love and warmness normal kids get from their parents, he had none of them. A few minutes later, Neil knocked on Aura's door. "Mother." Aura harrumphed coldly. "Kneel!" Neil knelt. Aura swept him a cold glance. "Joshua and Luna are getting engaged. We have to move our plan



Joshua looked at Celia and Michael behind Adrian with a deep gaze. "It was until both of them appeared that I realized that you were different from what people said. "You don't want to get close to me and you don't like me not because of your love for mom. It was because you long had a new lover." Joshua gently placed his teacup down. His gaze was calm, his tone was indifferent as well. "When you got together with Aunty Celia, you didn't ask for mine and Granny Lynch's opinion. When you gave birth to your illegitimate son, you have also never asked mine or Granny Lynch's opinion..." Then, Joshua smiled flatly. "So why should I inform you about my marriage with Luna?" Adrian's expressions fluctuate between blushing and turning pale. "I'm your father! I don't need to inform you about anything I do! " "Yes, Joshua." Celia could not help but chime in, "No matter what, Adrian is your father. You should respect him, right?" "A father like him..." Joshua smiled and swept the three of them a cold gaze. "Does not deserve my respect."

Then, he turned his wheelchair around. "Butler, send them off!"

The butler by the side immediately nodded and walked over. "Master Lynch and your family, please."

Adrian was so furious his face flushed red. "Joshua Lynch, I am your father! If word got out about how terrible you are, how are you going to live in the future?"

Joshua's back was facing them. He sneered, "Do you think I care?"

Adrian gritted his teeth and glared at Joshua's back.

"I heard that you'll be having your engagement ceremony at the Yacht Club Hotel tonight, right? Do you think I won't dare to bring Michael to your engagement ceremony and expose you for who you are?! "

Joshua did not even look back.

"Then, I'll have to remind the three of you. The place where you are currently staying in a hotel under the Lynch family. The person with the largest power is me. If you don't want to be chased out to live in the streets, you could come to my engagement ceremony and cause trouble. "By then, I'll make sure the entire Banyan City will see how you found a new lover not long after my mother's death. I'll let them see for how you truly are, a person who would return to Banyan City when I was unconscious, hoping to take over my fortune."

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Adrian, Celia, and Michael's expressions were extremely ugly when they heard what Joshua said.

With Joshua's powers, he could make them sleep in the streets. Also, all these years, everyone

thought that Adrian did not remarry because he was a deeply affectionate and loyal man. If the others

knew that not long after the death of Joshua's mother, Rianna, Adrian met Celia and even gave birth to

Michael...

"Just let it be." Seeing how tense the situation was, Celia pursed her lips and tugged on Adrian's

sleeve. "Don't bother with Joshua, he's still your son after all."

Then, she took a deep breath and looked at Joshua's back.

"Joshua, your dad sprung this on you out of a sudden. You're right. We don't have the right to meddle

in your personal affairs. I'll take your father and leave right now. Don't worry, we won't cause trouble at

your engagement ceremony tonight! "

Then, she held Adrian and Michael's hand, one on each side, and left Blue Bay Villa.

With his back facing them, once he heard the door of the Blue Bay Villa closed, Joshua leaned back on

his wheelchair exhaustedly. He closed his eyes and calmly asked the butler by the side. "Where's Luna?" "Ma'am said that she heard that there was fresh fish from the morning market in the western part of the city, so she went to buy fish early in the morning. She said she wanted to make them for you for lunch to help you recuperate." Joshua smiled. The displeasure that Adrian and his family brought vanished instantly. "What a bully! " Coming out from the Blue Bay Villa, Michael, who did not dare let out a single breath in front of Joshua, harrumphed coldly while walking. "How dare he be so arrogant? Without the inheritance from the Lynch family, would he have such achievements now? "He is the grandson of the Lynch family. I am too. All these years, he has been hogging on the fortune, I said nothing! Now he dares to threaten us, chasing us out of the hotel? He has crossed the line! Celia, by the side, could not help but start wiping her tears.

"It's our fault for not demanding what's ours, naturally, they would think that we don't care about it."

"If we have to blame, I blame mom for not caring about fame or fortune. Until only when we heard he was about to die and afraid that the Lynch Group might end up in some outsider's hands, only then did she allow dad to come back. See what happens now..."

Adrian looked at his wife and son's reaction. He was blaming himself terribly in his heart. "Don't feel that way. Don't worry. I will find a way to make sure you all get what you deserve! "

When he said this, Michael and Celia looked at each other. They had delight in their eyes.

At that moment, a black Maseratee stopped at Blue Bay Villa's main entrance.

Lily got out of the car and went to the trunk to take the groceries which Luna bought.

Luna was on a phone call while coming out of the car.

"Hmm, then we'll head to the Cherry Snow Gowns west of the city you mentioned at four this afternoon

to try on some gowns. The engagement came too suddenly, I have not prepared a gown..."

Luna talked while heading toward the villa together with Lily. She did not even notice the three

dejected-looking people by the gate of the villa not far away from her.

"How rude." Celia sighed. She gently held onto Adrian's arm. "Adrian, this person is marrying into the

Lynch family. What will happen in the future?"

Adrian narrowed his eyes hard. Michael looked at Luna leaving. He smiled. If he remembered correctly, the engagement ceremony was taking place at six in the evening. If Luna was to go missing at four after trying on gowns...

She would not be able to get engaged, right?

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"Okay, I'm back home. Let's discuss this again in the afternoon."

Hanging up Anne's call, Luna collected her thoughts and entered the villa. Usually, at this moment, the villa should be in a lively atmosphere. Nigel and Nellie would bug Joshua to have breakfast together,

Nellie would be cheeky during breakfast. She would be able to make Nigel and Joshua, who were usually quiet, laugh.

However, that day, the living room was extremely quiet. The food on the dining table had been finished, there was no sign of Nigel, Nellie, or Joshua in the living room.

Luna furrowed her brows. She and Lily placed the groceries in the kitchen, while she asked the butler.

"Ma'am, you don't know about this..."

The butler sighed and said in a suppressed tone, " Not long after you left, Mr. Lynch did indeed have
breakfast with Nigel and Nellie, but not long after, three uninvited guests showed up. Master Lynch
brought his current wife and illegitimate son over, yelling at Mr. Lynch about getting engaged with you
without notifying them

"Nigel and Nellie had a few mouthfuls before heading upstairs. Mr. Lynch...was extremely unhappy because of them. He is currently working on the study."

Then, the butler looked at Luna meaningfully. "Do you want to go check on him? He is still weak, yet he got so angry, it might..."

The butler has not finished his sentence when Luna already took off her coat and threw it to Lily. She went upstairs. "I'll go have a look."

Standing in the living area looking at Luna's anxious yet efficient actions, Lily sighed and turned to look at the butler.

"Say, do you think Ma'am really doesn't like Mr. Lynch?"

The butler scratched his head. "We should not speculate about our master's lives."

Lily pursed her lips. She hung up Luna's coat and wanted to continue her work in the kitchen when a message popped up on her phone. (Mr. Quinn is asking you about Ms. Luna's and Joshua's engagement.] Lily furrowed her brows and looked around. Once she made sure that there was no one around, she burrowed into the kitchen and replied, (It's fake. It's all a ruse.] (Is the engagement really fake?] (Yes. I'm sure.] After sending the message, Lily took a deep breath and kept her phone. In the beginning, Lily was sent over by Malcolm to monitor Luna and Joshua. However, at that moment, she was a little reluctant to return. When Luna pushed open the door to the study, Joshua was in his wheelchair, looking at his documents seriously. A mountainous pile of documents and folders was placed on his table. Lucas sent them over that moment. For the past few days, although Joshua's body was not in great shape, he has never stopped

working.

Luna was afraid that his body would not be able to take it, so she always came over to help him.

Although she did not know about trade and business, she could read the contents of the documents to

Joshua. She could even annotate the documents according to Joshua's ideas.

At that moment, seeing Joshua reading the documents himself, Luna could not help but shake her head.

She walked over and gently snatched over the documents, then she said next to him.

"Why did you not wait for me?"

Joshua smiled. "I had nothing to do, so I came to work first."

"Didn't I say without my permission, you cannot simply work?" Luna rolled her eyes at him. Then, she read the rest of the documents to him. Then, according to what he said, she wrote his thoughts and opinions on the documents. When she finished that document and was about to start on the next one, Joshua calmly said, "Luna."

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Luna, who was still looking for the documents, paused a little. "What is it?"

Joshua looked at her with a deep gaze. "In the future..when Neil returns and regains his memory, will you still leave?" Luna was stunned for a while, then she awkwardly laughed, "Perhaps." "If you must leave..." Joshua sighed and said, "Please be reachable." Luna's hand which was searching through the documents stopped once more. "What's going on?" "I don't want to stay out of touch with the children. I don't want my own children to hate me like how I hated my father." Luna bit her lips. She finally understood what he meant. She sighed and said, "It won't come to that, the children like you a lot. Also, you are not your father." Joshua was silent and looked at her for a long time before finally smiling. "You're right." Then, he looked at the document in her hands. "Go on." Luna pursed her lips. She read the documents to him while secretly observing his reactions. Although he tried his best to hide it, she could still see the loneliness and desolation in his eyes.

She thought about what the butler said to her a moment ago. Her heart ached a little.

Luna understood Joshua very well. Ever since he was young, he never had an ounce of affection from his father. Joshua had been working hard. He thought that as long as he was exceptional enough, his father would be happy. His father would finally stay. Joshua waited for more than twenty years. Even up until that moment, Adrian did not have any sense of affection toward his son. Even when Adrian came back to Banyan City this time, it was because he thought that Joshua was almost dying, so he took his illegitimate son back to take over the family fortune. However, Adrian was not truly a heartless person. His love for Michael was on the brink of coddling him. Therefore, even if Joshua did not express it clearly, Luna knew clearly that he was disappointed and heartbroken. At that thought, Luna took a deep breath. In between breaks of reading, Luna grabbed Joshua's hand. "Don't worry, even if we are...apart in the future, I will make sure the children won't forget you. You won't be alone."

Joshua pulled his hand out of her clutch.

"The strong will never be lonely." He rubbed the middle of his brows, exhausted. "Continue on."
At three in the afternoon, Luna finally helped Joshua with all of the documents. Seeing that it was also
almost time, she changed her clothes and hailed a taxi to the place where she agreed to meet with
Anne.
Joshua initially wanted the driver to send her, but Luna refused. She did not want to show off too much.
Also, the engagement ceremony that night has started its preparations. The Yacht Club was quite far
away from home. Quite a lot of relatives were attending the engagement ceremony too, they needed
the car.
Luna felt that she was not that precious. She could just hail a taxi.
However, Luna did not expect that
When the taxi was on a small road nearby the Bay Bridge, a few black cars immediately surrounded
her taxi.
Luna furrowed her brows. She instinctively picked up her phone, wanting to call for help, but she
realized her signal was blocked.

The next second, a few men in black rushed out from those cars. They pulled her out of the taxi and stuffed her in their car!