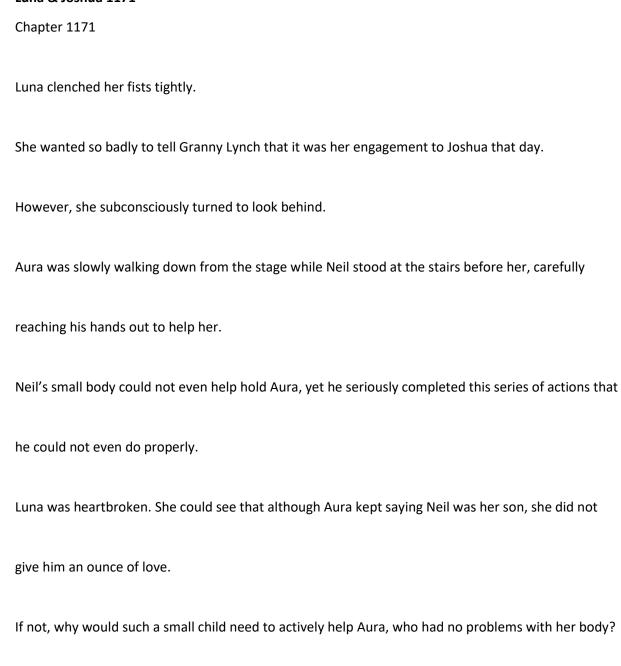
Luna & Joshua 1171



At the thought of how Aura threatened her a moment ago, Luna took a deep breath. She did not dare

"Today...is my engagement to Michael Lynch."

look at Granny Lynch.

Aura had a weird character, and she had to do what she said. Luna did not have the right nor courage to risk Theo and Neil's life.

The entire crowd was silenced upon Luna's answer. Granny Lynch furrowed her brows, and her tone turned cold. "Luna, I'm here right now. I call the shots in the Lynch family, and no one could do anything to you. Tell me: who are you getting engaged with?"

The aura exuded from Granny Lynch made Luna grit her teeth harshly. She used to think that Granny Lynch was someone who was always confused and liked to stir trouble up. She never would have thought that when Granny Lynch turned serious, she would have such an imposing aura.

In such an imposing manner, Luna had to find a lot of courage to lie to Granny Lynch. However, Luna continued stiffly, "Today is the engagement ceremony of Michael and me."

"Mommy... " Nellie, who was in Luna's arms, broke free and got down from her. She took a step back with widened eyes, her eyes filled with hurt.

"How could you tell such a lie?"

Today was clearly her Mommy's engagement to her Daddy! How did it turn out to become her Mommy getting engaged to that bad man? She had already helped her Mommy get Great -Granny Lynch over

to support her!
Why was Mommy still not telling the truth? Luna closed her eyes. "I'm not lying. Today is"
"Today is indeed the engagement between Luna and Michael." Aura laughed a little and pulled Neil
over. She looked at Granny Lynch flatly. "Granny, long time no see."
Granny Lynch furrowed her brows and swept Aura a faze. She wanted to say something when her
gaze suddenly stopped at Neil, next to Aura.
Her eyes widened uncontrollably.
Why did this child look exactly like Nigel and Neil?
She looked at Nigel next to Luna, then looked at the child next to Aura. Granny Lynch thought she was
hallucinating.
Aura had long predicted Granny Lynch's reaction. She laughed a little and said, "Granny, are you
surprised?"
Aura held Neil's hand and walked over to Granny Lynch. "Granny, let me introduce him to you. This is
my son with Joshua. His name is Jake Landry.

Actually, when Luna got pregnant with Joshua's children, I got pregnant at the same time, too.
Otherwise, Joshua wouldn't have created Luna's accident and tried to kill her for me.
"It was only later on when we got engaged that Joshua didn't like this child, so he sent my child abroad.
When Luna returned to Joshua and I was sent abroad by Joshua, only then did I finally reunite with my
child."
Then, Aura turned and made a benevolent look. "Come, Jake, this is your great -grandmother. You can
call her Great-Granny! "
Chapter 1172
Neil obediently lifted his head. "Great-Granny."
Granny Lynch's tears instantly fell. The voice, the expression, the gaze! It was the same as Neil who
died!
Although Nigel and Neil looked alike, their gaze was different.
When Neil passed away, Granny Lynch was in grief for a long time. The sickly Nigel could never
replace the adorable and bubbly Neil!

At that moment, Aura and Joshua's son looked exactly like Neil! If Neil was not already dead, Granny Lynch might even suspect that the child in front of her was Neil! She excitedly hugged Neil in her arms. "Neil, my good child! " Being hugged by Granny Lynch, Neil furrowed his brow and reminded softly, "Great-Granny, my name is Jake Landry, not Neil." Granny Lynch stiffened a little. Neil used the opportunity to break free out of Granny Lynch's arms and took a few steps backward. Suddenly leaving her, Granny Lynch looked at Neil a little stunned. Neil took a deep breath. "I'm sorry, Great-Granny. Because you all are from the Lynch family, I'm a little hesitant to get close to you all. I'm sorry." Then, he walked over and stood behind Aura. Aura smiled a little awkwardly. "Granny, look at him. Because I was abandoned by Joshua, he hates

"But don't worry. After today, I 'll teach him well! "

Granny Lynch furrowed her brows rather disappointedly.

Joshua as well. He has no good feelings toward the Lynch family...

This childdid not seem like Neil. If he was Neil, then who was he? Was he really the child of Aura and
Joshua?
At that thought, Granny Lynch furrowed her brows and looked at Joshua, who was in the wheelchair, in
the distance.
"Joshua, what's going on?"
Joshua, who had remained silent all this while, lifted his gaze. "It is what it is."
Granny Lynch frowned. "What do you mean? What do you mean, it is what it is? Did you really get
Aura and Luna pregnant at the same time? Did you deliberately set Luna up because of Aura and her
child?! "
Joshua smiled. "What do you think?"
Everything that happened that night, not one person asked for his opinions. Not even once. He was too
lazy to explain for himself anymore. He just wanted to see how many more tricks Aura and Michael had
up their sleeves!

Granny Lynch was instantly infuriated at Joshua's nonchalant attitude.

"Joshua! You're still the person in charge of the Lynch Group! You're the spokesperson for the Lynch family! Do you know that if you don't explain this clearly—"

"That's right!" Before Granny Lynch could finish her sentence, Adrian immediately stood up and reprimanded Joshua together with her.

"If you're not going to explain yourself, how could you still be the president of the Lynch Group?"

Then, he turned to look at Granny Lynch. "Mom, do you know why I want to weed out the bad seed now? Joshua has to explain himself on this matter today! If not, people would think that the men of the Lynch family are all dirtbags!"

Chapter 1173

Joshua could not help but smile at Adrian's words.

He looked at the arrogant middle-aged man in front of him. "Do you think that's not the case?"

He gracefully leaned back on his wheelchair and smiled a little.

"Lucas."

Lucas immediately got up and walked over to the stage. He turned on the laptop and linked up the

projection which Neil had used.

Soon, numerous writings, images, and videos were displayed on the huge screen.

Joshua smiled and slowly rolled his wheelchair up the stage.

They did not know why, but although Joshua was in a wheelchair, the crowd had an illusion that Joshua was like a ruler sitting on his throne.

Joshua elegantly appeared on the stage. He sneered and looked at Adrian suspiciously.

"Since Master Lynch insists on weeding out the bad seed and how the Lynch family has no place for scumbags, let me start from the beginning."

Joshua smiled and looked at Adrian coldly. "When I was born, my mother had a difficult delivery, so I was born without a mother. Mr. Adrian Lynch had never cared for me all these years, never once bearing a father's responsibility, all under the excuse that I killed my mother. I was brought up by my grandparents.

"All these years, I wasn't willing to investigate the life he led abroad. He said he was traveling the world, so I believed that. I was never close to him. We weren't like any normal father and son, so he did not care for me, and neither did I, him. It was until..."

Joshua's gaze turned cold. "Until when I had a huge illness recently and almost did not come around. At that time, Master Lynch probably thought that I was about to die. The assets of the Lynch Group couldn't fall into the hands of other people, so he immediately brought his current wife and son back. "Only then did I find out that my father, who claimed that he was traveling the world all these years, was actually with another woman for so many years that he even had a son with her." Joshua's tone was cold and had no ounce of emotions in them. Adrian, Celia, and Michael's expressions were rather ugly. Joshua opened up the file, his gaze calm as he did. "Thus, I was curious: since when did Master Lynch get together with Ms. Celia Giles? The unexpected happened." Joshua showed a few photos. The photos were of a younger Adrian hugging the young Celia around

Joshua showed a few photos. The photos were of a younger Adrian hugging the young Celia around the waist, and they took these by the beach, all smiles.

Photo after photo. There were even photos of Adrian kissing Celia.

In the last photo, there was a date shown. It Was 32 years ago.

Joshua smiled and looked at the crowd below the stage. "Does everyone know how old I am this year?

I'm thirty."

Upon his words, the crowd fell into verbal mayhem. That meant that before Joshua was even born,

Adrian had already had an affair with Celia?

Adrian's face instantly turned blue. Even Granny Lynch's eyes widened in shock.

All this while, she was only angry at Adrian for secretly getting married to the woman called Celia Giles, even bearing an unpromising son.

Granny Lynch did not think that Adrian had been with Celia for 32 years! At that time, Joshua was not even born. His mother was also not pregnant with him yet!

Granny Lynch felt her blood boiling. 32 years ago... Was that not the time where Adrian and Rianna were the closest?

Adrian did not use to be called Adrian. It was because he loved Rianna so much he deliberately changed his name to Adrian, a portmanteau of their names, symbolizing that he was forever Rianna's man and only loved Rianna.

Chapter 1174

However, the photos on the huge screen... How ironic.

The older people in the crowd started thinking back 32 years ago, how close Adrian was with Rianna.

Back then, they were the royal couple of Banyan City!

They had always been in love until Rianna died on the operation table during labor. From then on,

Adrian did not care for the Lynch Group anymore. He went far and wide alone, traveling the world to

heal from emotional wounds.

From the way things looked at this point, however, he was not traveling the world to heal from his

emotional wounds. He clearly went to look for Celia to live happily ever after!

The murmurs shifted their tides of interest as they pointed at Adrian.

Adrian and his family were rooted where they stood, their expressions one uglier than the other. They

never would have thought that in a mere few short days, Joshua would be able to dig up old photos

from 32 years ago!

At that moment, Celia's expressions were the ugliest. She bit her lip and instinctively retreated a few

steps backward.

Since Joshua could find out about incidents that happened 32 years ago.

Would he also be able to find out that his mother's death had to do...

At that thought, Celia's face was as pale as snow.

Looking at her reaction, Adrian pursed his lips. He immediately reached his arm out and put it around

Celia's shoulders. Both of them looked at Joshua on stage timidly, afraid he would expose the Rianna

incident the very next second.

However, Michael, next to them, was defiant. "The photos prove nothing! Joshua, didn't you have an

affair with Aura and get her pregnant while Luna was pregnant? At least your father wasn't like you,

trying to kill the legitimate wife because of his affair, right?! "

The discussions in the crowd suddenly stopped. Among the silence, someone said softly, "Actually,

Rianna's death was quite strange, too. She was usually in good health. When she was pregnant, she

would still exercise daily, so that she could have a smooth delivery, yet she died in the labor... "

That sentence seemed to have lit the flames of curiosity once more. The crowd started discussing in

hushed tones back when Rianna was pregnant.

Adrian gritted his teeth and glared at Michael angrily. He was seething with loathing, but he could not
loudly reprimand him. Adrian was afraid the others would say he had a guilty conscience.
Sitting in the wheelchair, Joshua narrowed his eyes and looked at Adrian and Celia's reaction. In his
heart, he was already clear whether his mother's death had anything to do with them.
He just lacked the most crucial piece of evidence. The evidence he had at that moment was not
enough to send them to prison.
Still, he was willing to wait.
Joshua took a deep breath and turned to look at Michael.
"This evidence can't prove that Adrian and Celia killed my mother, but I took all these only, only to tell
you all that if you want to accuse me of having an affair and setting Luna up

The moment he said that, the crowd was finally silenced.

defamed me to court."

Michael narrowed his eyes. "Since you said that only by providing evidence, only can we prove that you

"Please also produce evidence like this. If not, I won't mind bringing each and every one of you who

had an affair. What about Jake? How do you explain the child? Isn't he the strongest evidence that you
had an affair?"
Chapter 1175
Michael's words shifted the crowd's attention back to Neil, and everyone began to murmur among
themselves once more.
Granny Lynch also frowned hard. Yes. She also believed that Joshua did not have an affair when he
was married to Luna, but what about Jake?
He looked exactly like Nigel.
If Neil did not have the same father as Nigel and if his mother was not Luna's biological sister, this
would not have happened!
No matter how Granny Lynch thought about it, she felt that unless Neil had been resurrected, she could
not find another explanation to justify this child's identity.
However, Neil had been dead for months. He died in an explosion. How could he be resurrected? Even
if he was, how would he have willingly stayed by Aura's side, being with the enemy and accusing

Joshua?
Even when she hugged him a moment ago, she could clearly feel the difference between him and Neil.
Granny Lynch was confused. She lifted her head, furrowed her brows, and looked at Joshua.
"Joshua, this child"
Joshua smiled flatly. "I won't acknowledge this child." He clutched his chin and sneered.
"There are people who look alike in this world but aren't related. Moreover, the technology for
cosmetic surgery is so advanced. How would I know if this child truly looks like that or if he was done

The discussions were even louder than Joshua's words.

up by somebody else?"

Aura furrowed her brows and sneered. She never would have thought that Joshua would immediately deny that the child was his.

Previously, Aura thought that no matter how heartless Joshua was, he would not deny acknowledging his own child. He and Luna knew whose child he was.

She never would have thought that Joshua's heartlessness was way beyond her comprehension.

Aura pursed her lips and immediately bent down to hug Neil, pretending to be hurt and covering Neil's

ears. "Jake, don't listen to him..." Neil stood in the same spot and looked in Joshua's direction defiantly with gritted teeth. His mother did not want him to listen to Joshua, but he was not deaf. How could he not hear that? Joshua refused to acknowledge him as his son. Previously, his mother had even secretly done a paternity test with him and Joshua. The test was still under his pillow where he slept. Joshua was his biological father! Neil knew that he was the illegitimate son. He knew that he could not be like the other two kids, enjoying Joshua's tenderness. However... He never would have thought that Joshua would publicly deny his identity in front of so many people.

Joshua said that he was not his child, that it was a coincidence he looked exactly like Nigel. He even said that he might have undergone cosmetic surgery to become how he looked at that moment.

The six—year—old kid forced his tears back. He did not know why, but he had always been eager for a father's love and care. It was as if before he lost his memory, that was the thing he wanted the most.

However, at that moment, looking at Joshua's reaction, he felt sorry for himself. Mother was right.

Joshua was a scumbag, one that was enamored with the new and got bored with the old.

Because he did not like his mother anymore, he chased her out of Banyan City. Now that his mother

had brought him back, Joshua was refusing to acknowledge him as his son!

Luna took in every single expression of Neil.

She bit her lip, almost unable to hold herself back. She wanted to walk toward him and hug him, telling

him that it was not real. It was not that Joshua did not want to acknowledge him as his son, it was that

Joshua's hands were tied. He could not do it.

Luna only took a step forward when Nigel pulled her back, his deep eyes boring into hers. "Don't go."

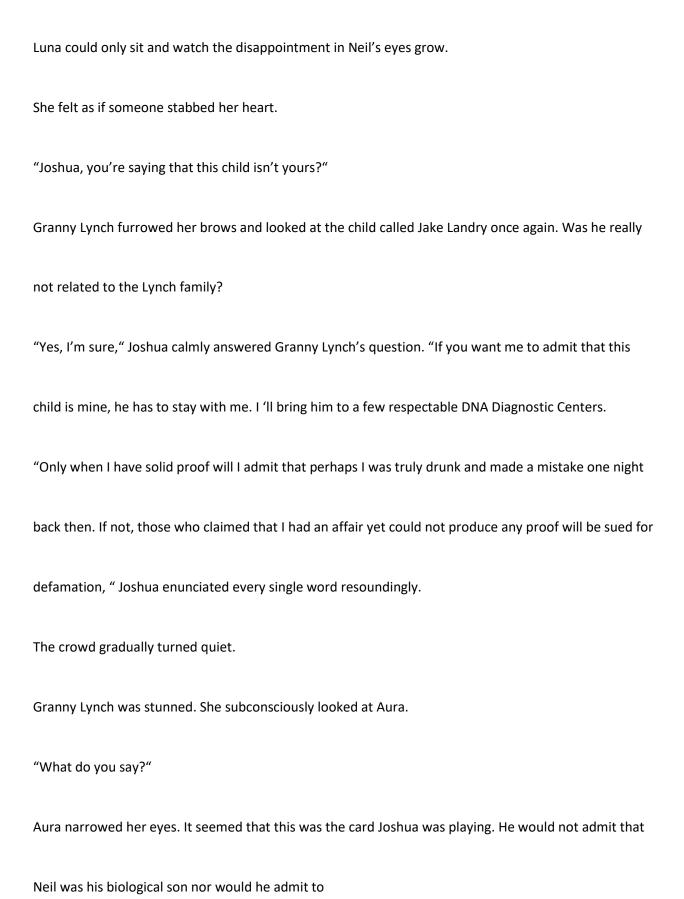
Luna was silent for a while. In the end, she stopped in her tracks.

Nigel was much more sensible than her. At that moment, even if she were to rush over and hug Neil,

even if she were to tell him...

Chapter 1176

It would be unhelpful to the situation. It would only make Neil feel that she was pretentious.



having an affair unless Neil followed him to have a DNA test. If not, Aura was defaming him, and he
would have her sued.
Joshua had said it so bluntly. If Aura were to disagree with him at that moment, others would think that
she was defaming him and Neil was not his biological son!
However, if she was to pass Neil to Joshua
If Neil's unstable mind were to be corrected by them and the plan backfired
Aura would only have Theo left to play as her card. Joshua would definitely not care about whether
Theo lived or died.
Aura squinted harshly.
Joshua threw her a conundrum. No matter what she picked, she was at a disadvantage.
However
Aura hesitated for a while. In the end, she took a deep breath and laughed.
"Then, we'll let Jake stay with Joshua. I look forward to the DNA test result."
Aura was taking a bet that Neil would not be able to regain his memory in such a short period. Even if

he did, he would not leave Theo alone.

Joshua narrowed his eyes as he looked at Aura's face calmly.

"Then, I thank you, Ms. Gibson. Once I have the results, I'll look for you."

Aura chuckled a little. "But, I do have a request." She looked at Neil next to her, then looked at Nigel and Nellie in the distance.

"I request to visit Jake every three days at Blue Bay Villa. After all, we're mother and son. I'll feel sad if I don't see him for a very long time."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "Okay. It's done." Aura sneered. She bent down and hugged Neil, saying into his ear, "Remember what I told you. If you want your Uncle Theo to live or reunite with his family, you'll have to listen to me. I'll give you a mission every three days when I visit you at Blue Bay Villa.

Neil nodded. He reached his hands out and gently hugged Aura, saying meaningfully, "Mother, when I 'm not around you, you can lash out at the stuffed toys in my room if you're angry and want to let off some steam. Remember to take your medicine and sleep on time."

Aura's heart skipped a beat a little upon Neil's words.

You hear me?"

After a while, she snorted coldly. "Shut up. I don't need you to care for me! "

Chapter 1177

Neil nodded his head upon Aura's words. Since his mother had said so, that meant that for the next

three days, Uncle Theo would be fine.

Upon receiving his reply, Aura slightly squinted her eyes and pushed Neil to Nigel and Nellie.

The three of them finally met each other face to face.

Nigel narrowed his eyes and looked at Neil, not moving.

Nellie, on the other hand, slowly reached her hand out and passionately held Neil's hand.

"Hello, Jake! Nice to meet you! "

Nellie heard how Neil corrected Great-Granny Lynch when she hugged him a moment ago, so Nellie

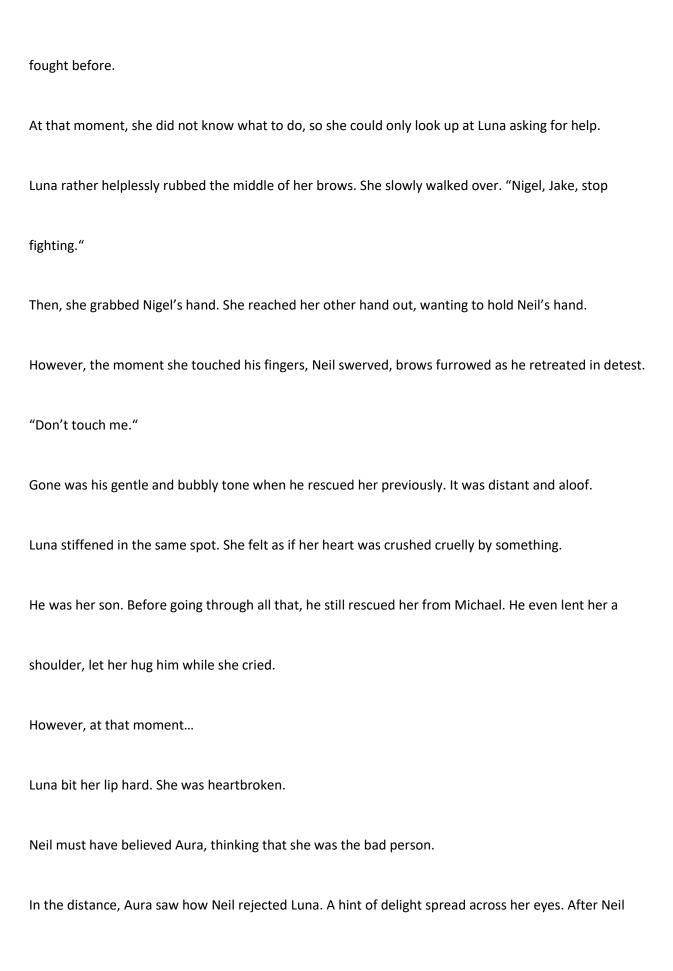
obediently called him Jake instead.

Actually, before that day, her Mommy had already told Nigel and her. They knew that Neil was different

than before, unable to remember things in the past nor remember who they were to him.

Therefore, although Nellie was a little resentful at Neil for saying the things he said a moment ago, she





lost his memory, he was indeed very obedient. The doctor who fed him the medicine to lose his
memories was right.
Chapter 1178
An emotionally-driven child before losing his memory would still be equally emotionally-driven after
losing his memory.
As long as Neil believed that Aura was his biological mother, he would never treat Luna well!
At that thought, Aura sneered.
Did Joshua think that if he had Neil by his side, they would be able to work hard on their own and help
Neil correct his mindset, regaining his memory?
Dream on!
Once Neil recognized her as his mother, he would always do her bidding!
Joshua, on the stage, obviously saw the scene where Neil rejected Luna. He sighed, turned around,
and looked at Adrian and Michael below the stage.
"Adrian, Michael, you said that I had an affair. Besides the unidentified child, Jake Landry, do you have



Granny Lynch swept a glance at the information of the folder on the huge screen.

"Looking at the time when Joshua created this folder, he had already gotten hold of this news since the past few days." Granny Lynch sighed and continued, "Joshua didn't air this out in public at first notice, and it must've been because he considered both of you as his relatives. One was his father, the other, his brother.

"However, I never would've thought that you two would try to embarrass him together with the others at

his engagement ceremony! Both of you, it's one thing to be immoral. It's another to be ruthless to your own family!

"Butler, send the bill to Mr. Adrian Lynch tomorrow! "Granny Lynch glared at Adrian."

Remember to change your name after you clear your debt, too. You're not worthy of being part of the

Lynch family, nor being called Adrian! "

Granny Lynch spat those words out, turned, and left. The attendees gradually left, too.

The once lively venue only had Joshua and Luna left. Nigel, Neil, and Nellie were sent home by Lucas under Joshua's arrangement.

The huge venue only had Luna, who was below the stage, and Joshua, who was on the stage.	
Joshua rolled the wheelchair down the stage, slowly heading out.	
Crash!	
It was only when Luna heard the wheelchair ramming against something did she come to.	
Not far away from her, Joshua had wheeled himself over to a place filled with wine bottles.	
The sound was of the wheelchair knocking over a wine bottle.	
Luna immediately chased after him. She helped Joshua clear away the obstacle blocking his path.	u
Why didn't you call me when you're about to leave?"	
Joshua swept her an indifferent gaze and continued heading out.	
"Why didn't you leave with your fiancé, Michael? "	
Chapter 1179	
Luna's hand was just about to grab the handles of Joshua's wheelchair when she stopped a little.	
After a moment, she immediately caught up to Joshua and grabbed the handles to his wheelchair	,
pushing him out.	



to protect Theo or Neil?"

Luna pursed her lips into a straight line upon Joshua's words. She looked at him. Her mind was a little

confused at that instant. After a while, she came to a realization.

Joshua was blaming her for not discussing it with him when she was threatened by Aura.

Luna was silent for a while. She slowly lowered her head and looked at him. "Joshua, I—"

"You'd rather believe the promises of a pathological liar than believe that I'd try to help you find a

solution."

Joshua looked at Luna. His deep gaze was filled with self-deprecation and indifference.

"From the beginning, you've never discussed it with me once. You think that your obedience would

satisfy Aura, so you never considered me once."

Joshua closed his eyes to not let her see the disappointment and hurt in his eyes.

"In your eyes, I'm a person who could be abandoned at any moment."

He was the richest and most prestigious man in Banyan City.

However, that night, at the elaborate engagement ceremony he personally prepared for Luna, he

became Banyan City's laughingstock.

Although Lucas had already brought his men to painstakingly find all the people in the crowd to silence

them, it was impossible for Joshua to not get angry.

Luna bit her lip hard. She could understand his anger. However, at that moment, she truly did not have

a choice.

Luna sniffled. She turned to look away, not daring to look at Joshua.

"I'm sorry. I...really had no choice. I was too anxious. I was afraid that she'd do something to Neil and

Theo, and that was why..."

Joshua opened his eyes. He sneered a little. "In the end, you still don't trust me. No matter how well I

treat you, you still— "

Luna bit her lips harshly, turning back to meet his cold gaze as she mustered the courage to interrupt

his words. "Joshua, it's not that I won't trust you. Do you know how much I used to trust you? Whatever

you said, I believed you."

Chapter 1180



There were three beds there. The top and bottom bunk beds were for Nigel and Neil. The bed with the
pink color tent hanging in the distance was Nellie's.
Nellie tugged on Neil's hand and pointed to the top bunk. "You'll be sleeping here, alright? Because
Nigel isn't too well, he can't sleep on the top bunk, so you'll have to! "
Neil furrowed his brows and looked at the top bunk. He had no reaction.
"Sure."
"As long as you're fine with it! " Nellie smiled and found Neil's old pajamas and stuffed them in his
hands.
"Go wash up and change! I've already gotten Lily to go get you some personal items. We'll have to live
in peace together in the future! "
Neil was a little uncomfortable with Nellie's enthusiasm. He was silent for a while, then he went to the
bathroom, bringing the pajamas along, with a cold expression.
Soon after, the sounds of water falling came from the bathroom.

Nigel pushed the door and entered. He glanced in the direction of the bathroom, then he looked at

Nellie calmly. "Why are you being so nice to him?" Nellie pursed her lips. "He's not an outsider." Even if he lost his memory at that moment and could no longer remember them, he was her brother! Nigel looked at her deeply. Then, he turned around and sat on his bed. "Listen to me: let him stay in the guest room. You sleep as soundly as a pig. If he was to kill you in the middle of the night, you wou1dn't even notice." Nellie glared at him in rebuke. "Nigel, stop talking nonsense! " She glanced at the bathroom in the distance. After making sure Neil did not hear their conversation, she immediately said in a suppressed tone, "Even if Neil had lost his memory, he wouldn't do such things." Nigel pursed his lips. "How are you so sure?" Stabbing Joshua with the knife at the beach, embarrassing Joshua and Mommy together with Aura during their engagement ceremony...

Nellie rolled her eyes at him. She wanted to say something but Neil had already finished his shower and came out in pajamas.

Nigel and Nellie suddenly stopped talking.
After Neil came out of the bathroom, he said nothing as he quietly climbed up to his bed and went to
sleep.
Nigel and Nellie looked at each other. Then, they both washed up.
Soon after, the lights were switched off.
Perhaps it was an exhausting day that Nellie immediately fell asleep once she was in bed.
An hour later, Neil, in the top bunk, sat up. He crept down his bed.
He took out a shiny knife from his bag and slowly opened Nellie's tent.