

Luna & Joshua 1251

Chapter 1251

“Why are you screaming?! “ Aura’s head throbbed in pain at his loud scream. She glared at him. “Get out! “

Michael clutched the blankets to cover himself. “ Why is it you? Last night, I made sure I smelled Luna’s scent and her clothes before I...”

Aura scoffed. “You did the same thing too, wearing the same clothes and perfume as Joshua! If you didn’t dress up like Joshua, would I mix up the two of you?”

With that, she picked up the clothes that he threw on the floor, stuffed them into his arms, then pushed him out of the door. “Get out! “

With her roar of anger, the door was slammed shut. Looking at the tightly locked room door, Michael sighed and put on his clothes with a helpless expression on his face, then left the villa in a huff.

After Michael left, Aura grew more infuriated the more she thought about it. She angrily smashed everything that could be smashed onto the ground.

How could this happen? She had everything planned! How could it be Michael? !

Since Michael was the one who was with her last night, then when the drug in Joshua's bloodstream took effect, Luna must have been the one who took care of it for him!

At this thought, she gritted her teeth together in fury.

The night she had poured so much time and effort into planning, turned out to be a gift to someone else!

Joshua and Luna have not seen each other during this time. They were no longer close to each other.

Still...

Aura had nowhere to vent her anger. She still felt irritable after taking a shower, so she went out of the room and ordered Lily to clean her room, then headed into the kitchen to get herself some ice water.

As soon as she entered the kitchen, she happened to see Luna heating milk.

Seeing her coming, Luna immediately picked up the glass of milk and got up and left.

Aura narrowed her eyes and quickly stretched out her hands to stop Luna. "You're very proud of yourself, aren't you?"

Luna, holding the milk, glanced at her faintly. "What is there to be proud of?"

"Didn't Joshua spend the night with you last night?" Luna glanced at Aura as if she was looking at a

monster. "I had a high fever last night, and I went to the hospital. Why should I spend the night with him?"

She glared at Aura coldly. "Crazy woman. Just because you treat Joshua as a piece of valuable treasure doesn't mean that everyone else feels the same." With that, the woman strode upstairs without a single backward glance.

Aura looked at Luna's retreating back and furrowed her eyebrows. "Did you really go to the hospital last night?"

Luna continued walking up the stairs without even bothering to turn back. "What do you think?"

Aura stared at her back and was just about to say something when Lily happened to sweep out a bunch of glass shards in Aura's room.

Hearing her asking Luna this question, Lily sighed softly. "Ms. Luna did visit the hospital last night. She told me that she had a high fever, and I touched her forehead. It was really hot, so I asked the driver to drive."

She blinked and glanced at Aura. "Ms. Gibson, did something happen?"

The woman's words made Aura's brows screw tightly together.

Luna went to the hospital last night?

She quickly pulled Lily to the side and asked, "What about Joshua?"

"Mr. Lynch hasn't left his room yet, maybe he's not feeling well. I don't know."

Aura's entire body paused. In the next second, she rushed upstairs and pushed open Joshua's door.

Joshua was still sleeping soundly in his bedroom. He seemed to have spent last night in a blurry mess,

too. There were traces of melting ice everywhere in the room. His long arms and long legs were

exposed out of the quilt, his brows screwed tightly together as he slept.

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Obviously, Joshua spent last night alone.

Aura slapped her forehead helplessly. Since Joshua fell asleep in his own bedroom last night, why did

she not only fail to find Joshua? She even...with Michael...

It was all because of this damn power outage!

She took a deep breath and stealthily cleaned up the water stains on the ground, then took off her

pajamas and lay on Joshua's bed.

She stretched out her arms and hugged Joshua from behind.

From an angle she was blind to, Joshua opened his pair of bottomless eyes. He looked down at the pair of hands that held him, and a trace of disgust flashed in his eyes.

Thinking of what Luna said to him last night, however...

The man sighed invisibly. He opened his eyes as if he had just woken up, glanced at the arm of the woman who was holding him, and then turned around.

"You..." He furrowed his eyebrows, looking at Aura behind him with a little disgust in his eyes and also a little surprised.

Aura bit her lip softly and looked at Joshua with those big black eyes, fixing him with a timid gaze. "

Joshua, you're awake? You made me so sore last night..."

Joshua squinted. "I remember I had a fever last night and fell asleep alone. When did you come?"

"I..." Aura bit her lip timidly, her voice shy and delicate as she replied, "I was worried that you wouldn't sleep well last night, so I just came to see you. I didn't expect you to pull me straight into bed..."

The woman lowered her head and unbuttoned her jacket silently, revealing her collarbone full of

hickeys. "You planted all of them... Joshua, you made me so sore last night."

Aura sniffed, saying in a soft voice as if she had been wronged, "I always thought you hated me, just like you claimed you did, but I didn't expect... You say that you hate me and yet did this to me..."

Joshua, don't worry, I won't hold you responsible. Besides..." She sighed. "You never took responsibility for me anyway."

Joshua watched her performance quietly. When she finished speaking, he took a deep breath. He wanted to say something, but when the words were on his tongue. No matter what, he could not get them out of his mouth.

Finally, he sighed. "Aura, you should leave. I need some time by myself to calm down."

Aura paused.

Joshua actually called her 'Aura'! After coming back this time, he did not even call her by her last name! He was willing to call her 'Aura'!

As expected, men were animals that thought with

their lower bodies. Just because she 'slept' with him, his attitude toward her changed so quickly!

She nodded quickly and left the room, regret filling her with every step that she walked. If only she was more careful last night. If she slept with Joshua, she would not have to be so careful...

The door slammed shut with a bang.

Joshua took a deep breath, leaning against the head of the bed tiredly. Initially, after he got up this morning, he found Luna in his arms, so he was quite happy.

He did not expect the first words Luna said the moment she woke up, however...was to ask him to really do it with Aura.

He closed his eyes, and the words Luna said in the morning drifted into his ears.

"I overheard the telephone conversation between Aura and her partner. Actually, Granny's disease is curable... Aura knows a way."

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When Aura stood outside Joshua's door waiting for him, she coincidentally ran into Luna, who was dressed and ready to leave.

She yawned and met Aura's eyes that looked so full of herself. She lifted her lips, acted as if she did

not see her, and walked past her, heading for the staircase.

When Luna walked past her, Aura narrowed her eyes. In the end, she could not help herself, reaching out to stop Luna from leaving.

“I was joking. Of course, I know which woman spent the night with Joshua last night.”

Luna lifted her eyebrows and glanced at Aura. “Oh, who?”

“It’s me.” Aura chuckled, then lowered her voice and stuck her lips beside Luna’s ear. “I had a good time with Joshua last night, and we were very happy.

You’re no match for me, Luna. Sooner or later, I want you to take your three b*stards along with you and get out of Banyan City! “

As she spoke, she suddenly thought of something. “Oh, maybe you won’t even last until then.”

Even if Luna did not drink the last bit of medicine last night, she would not be able to withstand it after drinking the chronic poison for a month.

Luna’s eyes dimmed. She glanced at Aura. “Actually, I have a question. Why do you think that after you almost killed me and Joshua’s three children...you can still be Mrs. Lynch, that Joshua would still want you?”

Her question made Aura laugh out loud. "How can you be so stupid? If Joshua cares about you, of course he'll be furious that I almost killed you. If, however... If he doesn't care about you, whether you're dead or alive, it's not worth sacrificing a woman he loves."

The more Aura talked, the prouder she looked. "I know him too well. Actually, I might as well tell you. I planned everything six years ago, and Joshua didn't participate in it. But when I hired Jason Lane and drove a car into you, I told him that Mr. Lynch hired him.

"Later, he saw that after you died, the media coverage around your case was insane, and he wanted to blackmail us for another sum of money, so he contacted Joshua again. He told Joshua very clearly that he wanted more money for killing Luna Gibson on the bridge."

"Guess what happened in the end?"

Aura went close to Luna's ear. "Joshua gave him more than two million dollars to leave Banyan City overnight."

Her words made Luna's blood freeze in her veins.

The woman squeezed her hands into fists by her side. "Aura, are you still trying to trick me with your

lies? Do you think I'll fall for it?"

"I'm not lying." Aura picked at her lips. "Your friend Bonnie is great? Why don't you pay her a visit, and do not forget to first check it with the airline."

"When Jason Lane left Banyan City six years ago, did he take the Lynch family's and Joshua's private plane?"

Seeing Luna's change in expression, Aura was even prouder.

"Why did you think I was confident that Joshua would accept me? Of course, it's because I know him too well..."

"Things that aren't important to him, even if he knows that I did it, he'll keep an eye closed."

Aura's voice trailed off in the end, right before Joshua's low voice came from the bedroom.

"Aura."

"Coming!"

After answering Joshua's cry, Aura glanced at Luna contemptuously, then turned and entered the room.

Luna stood in place, but she felt a cold breeze around her. She tried to persuade herself that Aura was lying...

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Still, Luna failed to convince herself. If Aura wanted to lie that badly, why would she admit that she was the perpetrator of it all back then? After all, she knew fully well that Luna did not have evidence against her. If she wanted to lie, why would she only lie about this, and not everything?

On the way from the villa to the office, Luna was lost and confused. When she stepped into the office, her staff members were all particularly nice to her.

“Good morning, Director Luna!” “Hello, Director Luna!”

“Director Luna, would you like some coffee?”

The moment Luna walked through the door, everyone rushed to greet her, and she was surprised by the warm welcome. In the past, even though her subordinates respected her and were polite to her, they were never this enthusiastic.

She was not used to this, but she still returned the greetings of all her subordinates. Finally, she heaved out a long breath of relief and returned to her own office.

The moment the door to her office was opened, her nostrils were attacked by the fragrance of the room full of flowers.

At that moment, her office...was filled with blooming red roses.

It went without saying that they must be from Joshua, but the last time he gave her flowers, he was drunk. This time, he seemed to be sober, and more thoughtful at that. Even though there was an ocean of flowers, they were neatly arranged, and not a single stalk got in the way as she worked.

Luna walked to her desk and held up the bouquet that lay on top of her desk. Beneath the flowers was a box, and in it were two jewelry boxes that Joshua kept in the safe deposit box and a marriage certificate. One of them was the first piece of jewelry that Luna designed, while the other was the first piece of jewelry that she made with her own two hands. Beneath the jewelry boxes was a card, written in his strong handwriting were four simple words, ' Back to its owner.'

Luna held the two jewelry boxes and the marriage certificate in her hands, wondering whether she should laugh, cry, or do both at once.

Finally, she slipped all three items into her drawer. After a long moment of hesitation, she held up her

phone and called Bonnie. “Bonnie, I remember one of your company’s subsidiaries is working with an airline company, right?”

On the other end of the phone, Bonnie was still half- asleep, her voice sounding slightly nasally as she asked, “Yeah, why do you ask?”

Luna was silent for a while, then she said slowly, “ Can you look into this for me? Six years ago, after Jason Lane drove the car into me and left Banyan City. Which flight did he take?”

It was best if she found out about this.

On the other end of the phone, Bonnie remained silent for a moment. “Why are you suddenly interested in this?”

Luna curled her lips in a short laugh and said, “I need to confirm some details.”

“To tell you the truth... “ Bonnie took a deep breath and was silent for a long time. Finally, she climbed out of bed and walked onto the balcony. With the early morning breeze blowing against her and the sun shining on her, she said faintly, “Luna, to tell you the truth, there’s no need to look into it. I know the answer.”

Luna paused, and her heart felt as if it had been lifted into mid-air. She felt worried, uneasy.

“Don’t forget that back then, I was a reporter. I’d find a way to investigate anything that I wanted to know. After Jason Lane left, I used all my sources and found his flight information. The information showed that he didn’t leave the city on a commercial flight.

He left on one of the private planes that belonged to the Lynch Group, one that belonged to Joshua.

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Bonnie’s answer made Luna feel as if all of her blood had frozen in her veins. Her guess was right.

Aura... did not lie at all.

On the other end of the phone, Bonnie took a deep breath. “I quit my job as a reporter and applied to the Lynch Group as an intern because I found out that Jason Lane took Joshua’s private plane when he left the city. You know the rest.”

Bonnie closed her eyes and was silent for a moment. It did not feel good to talk about the past. A long while later, she opened her eyes and said, “Actually,

this information had always been a thorn in my side. Even until now, I don’t understand. If Aura was the only mastermind behind your accident, why would Jason Lane leave on Joshua’s private plane? If he

was also involved in your accident all those years ago, then how could he pursue you again now as if nothing had happened?"

Listening to her friend, Luna laughed bitterly. " There's also a third possibility."

The third possibility was what Aura told her that morning.

"Joshua didn't participate in the plan to murder her, but not only did he choose to turn a blind eye to Aura's actions, he even helped her tidy up her mess."

At this thought, Luna felt waves of pain radiating from her chest. Even an entire office full of red roses was not enough to make her happy.

She had gone through so much. Last night, she and Joshua expressed their love for each other. She knew she should no longer doubt Joshua on anything, but she could not act like nothing had happened.

"Luna, calm down." Bonnie took a deep breath. "I don't think Joshua is a man who'd do something like this. Maybe being the victim yourself , you might not be so rational, but I can see everything clearly.

Now, six years later , if he can risk his life for you time and time again, six years ago, how could he work together with Aura and order Jason Lane to murder you, even helping him escape?

"The Lynch family... Besides Joshua, who else has the authority to use Joshua's private plane?"

Luna was silent for a moment. She closed her eyes. " Only Granny Lynch."

Besides Joshua and Granny Lynch, Joshua's father, Adrian Lynch was also a prominent member of the family. Whether it was six years ago or the current time, however, Adrian merely wandered around the ring of power in the family. Almost every staff member knew clearly that although Adrian was Joshua's father.

Besides spending the family money, he did not hold any actual power or influence. Hence, besides Joshua himself, only Granny Lynch had the authority to mobilize his private jet. Aura, however, claimed Jason Lane went to meet Mr. Lynch and even obtained two million dollars from him before leaving the city on Joshua's private plane.

At this thought, Luna took a deep breath. "Bonnie, can you please...look into something else for me? Six years ago, Jason Lane received two million dollars in cash. Can you find out which account the money came from?"

On the other end, Bonnie agreed immediately. "No problem. I know all of his bank accounts, and I'll look into it right now. There's something fishy

about this, so don't doubt Joshua so easily. He at least took eight stabs of the knife for you, and his wounds were continuously torn open before they could fully heal. Now that he's finally recovered, don't hurt him again."

"Alright, I know." Luna curled her lips into a helpless smile, then silently ended the call.

Ever since Bonnie inherited her family's assets, she had become colder and more domineering, radiating with the vibe of a dominating, young CEO. To her closest friends, however, she started to nag at them more and more.

After putting away her phone, Luna organized her thoughts and calmed herself, then took a deep breath and buried her head in her work.

A short while later, there was a knock on the door to her office. Shannon closed the door behind her, a cheeky smile on her face as she walked toward Luna in small steps.

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"Luna, I heard Courtney mention that President Lynch is back to work today. The higher management is delighted at this and can't believe that he's finally back at work after a month's break!

“Just now, one of the colleagues at Human Resources asked me to send someone from the Jewelry

Design department to check on President Lynch and take a photo with him to commemorate his return.

I think it only makes sense if you go.”

Luna could not help raising her brows when she heard this. “Is that necessary?”

She did not understand what all the fuss was about. Joshua had returned from his month-long break,

and it did not seem like exciting news, so why was everyone making such a huge fuss about this?

Shannon shot her a disapproving glance. “Of course it’s necessary! I heard that after so many years of

working here, this is only President Lynch’s second time taking such a long break. Apparently, the last

time he took leave was six years ago...”

Luna’s heart leaped when she heard those words— ‘ six years ago.’

Joshua had taken a month’s long leave because of the injuries he had suffered for her.

If what Shannon said was true, the last time he took a break was six years ago...

This meant that the only two times he was absent from work were because of Luna.

To make a workaholic willing to take leave... This meant that she meant a lot to Joshua.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and put her pen down. "Alright, then. I'll go over to his office and visit him."

Seeing how reluctant she was, Shannon let out a weak smile and said, "I have a feeling that both of you will be publicly announcing your relationship soon."

Luna smoothed her shirt and strode out of the door. "You're overthinking it."

She and Joshua would not announce their relationship to the public, at least not before Granny Lynch got better.

Along the way from the jewelry design department to the president's office, Luna bumped into directors and heads of various departments entering the elevator.

"What do you think happened to President Lynch? "

"In the past, no matter what happened, he never asked anyone to visit him in his office, nor would he request to take photos."

"I'm stumped too, but I heard one of the secretaries say that President Lynch was the one who made this request himself."

"Do you think he hurt his head or something..."

Luna, tucked into a corner of the elevator, furrowed

her brows when she heard this.

Joshua was the one who had made this request? What did he want to achieve by this?

After coming out of the elevator, Luna stood in silence at the end of the queue, waiting to enter

Joshua's office to visit him and take a photo with him.

After a long time, it was finally Luna's turn.

As soon as she stepped foot through the door, she was dragged into the room and pressed up against

the door. Kisses rained down all over her, making her breathless.

Luna furrowed her brows slightly as she gently pushed Joshua away. "Didn't you ask me to visit and

take a photo with you? Isn't that what I'm here for? You— "

"I had no other choice. " Joshua pressed her against the door and continued to kiss her face and

collarbone, his breath uneven.

"You didn't let me announce our relationship, so I had no choice but to lure you up like this. We've

already been apart for three hours."

Joshua was raining kisses down so fervently that Luna's mind went blank. Even the thoughts of displeasure she had previously when she found out that Joshua had helped Jason was thrown out the window.

She could not bring herself to hate him when he acted like this.

After a moment, Luna let out an exhale and said in a low voice, "Joshua, it's already been fifteen minutes. I should go back now."

However, Joshua pulled her tighter into his arms. "I'm not done yet."

Luna was about to say something when someone knocked on the door behind them.

"Joshua, it's Aura. I've brought you breakfast. Can I come in?"

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As soon as she heard Aura's voice coming from the other side of the door, Luna's entire body stiffened.

At this moment, her body was pressed up against the door by Joshua, only mere centimeters away from Aura.

If Aura pushed the door open at this moment, she would be able to see how disheveled Luna looked

after Joshua kissed her.

If Aura walked in on them like this...she would definitely destroy the antidote that she used to threaten

Joshua out of anger.

If this happened...Granny Lynch would never get better.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna lifted her head to look at Joshua.

Joshua furrowed his brows and replied to Aura impassively, "Don't come in; I'm applying medicine to my wound. I'll be done in a while."

Aura paused for a moment, then said in a softer tone than before, "What wound? Why don't I help you with it?"

"No, there's no need. Just wait for a little longer," Joshua answered in a low voice. Then, he quickly pressed a kiss onto Luna's forehead and hid her in his office bathroom.

As soon as Luna closed the bathroom door behind herself, she heard Aura open the office door.

A split second later, Aura's gentle, syrupy voice rang out, "I thought you'd continue to stay at home today, and I bought you some breakfast, but you had already left for work when I arrived.

"Initially, I wanted to come straight up to give you your breakfast, but your secretary stopped me. She

told me you were in the middle of meeting all the heads of departments and told me to wait.

“I waited for a long time until your secretary told me that you’d finally reached the last person on the list,

and that person was Luna.

“I thought since Luna isn’t a stranger to both of us, so I decided to come in.”

With that, Aura glanced around the room and asked, “Where is she, by the way? Why don’t I see her?”

Joshua curled his lips into a smile. “She left a long time ago. It’s not like I have much to say to her

anyway.”

A glimmer of triumph flashed through Aura’s heart when she heard how cold Joshua’s attitude was

upon bringing up Luna.

She gently set the food down on Joshua’s desk. “Joshua, I remember you used to be quite close with

Luna... That day, during the press conference, you even ripped open your wounds because of her.

Why are you...”

Joshua lifted his head to shoot her a cold glance and replied, “I saved her, but she’s been complaining

that I didn’t protect Neil as I should have. Most importantly, she’s been caring about Theo more

than she did me. Do you think I'd be pleased with that?"

Aura handed Joshua a set of cutlery. "Well..."

Unbeknownst to anyone, she was absolutely delighted by this. She had known since the start that according to Luna's personality, she would definitely be ridden with guilt after seeing how Theo ended up.

If she were guilt-ridden, then Luna would definitely treat Theo much better than she ever had.

As for Joshua, knowing how jealous he used to get whenever he saw Luna with other men, Aura knew that he could not possibly ignore everything, especially with Luna taking care of Theo so well.

Everything was going according to her plan!

As soon as she thought of this, Aura placed a cup of coffee in front of Joshua with a triumphant look.

Joshua noticed the expression on her face, and seeing how pleased she looked as she handed the coffee to him, he suddenly felt a little repulsed.

The coffee spilled all over him with a thud.

Aura immediately grabbed a tissue and tried to help him clean up as she said, "Let's go into the

bathroom and clean it with some water. We can't possibly clean this up like this."

With that, she strode toward the bathroom.

Luna, who at this moment was hidden in the cramped space that was the bathroom, felt her heart leap into her throat.

She clutched the door tightly and was so nervous that she could feel her own heartbeat.

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Just as Aura's hand closed around the door handle, Joshua furrowed his brows and said impassively, "

It's alright, Aura."

He took off his jacket gracefully.

Even though his black shirt was stained with coffee, it was not noticeable unless one took a close look.

He shot Aura a vacant glance and said, "Go to the mall with me to buy another one."

With that, he gave Aura a once-over and added, "I'll buy you two outfits, too."

This delighted Aura. She immediately released the door handle, strode over to Joshua, and said with a coy smile, "Which mall are we going to?"

Joshua turned to glance in the direction of the bathroom, then smiled back at Aura. "Let's go to your favorite one."

"Alright!" Aura followed behind Joshua, feeling overjoyed at this sudden turn of events. "I've already left Banyan City for a few months now, and I've really missed going to the malls with you..."

Joshua and Aura's voices grew further and further away.

Luna waited until there was no sound coming from the other side of the door, then let out a sigh of relief

and walked out of the bathroom.

There was a bag of food that Aura had packed for Joshua as breakfast, as well as Joshua's coffee—soaked jacket on the desk.

Luna carefully placed the jacket inside a plastic bag and deftly cleaned Joshua's office up.

In the middle of her cleaning, she suddenly noticed a photo of her and Joshua in his desk drawer.

In the photo, she still had not gone through plastic surgery yet. Her face looked youthful and slightly childish but still gentle and beautiful.

Luna curled her lips into a small smile.

A surge of warmth spread through her heart.

Luna carefully tucked the photo away and continued cleaning the rest of the room.

Just as she was about to leave, clutching Joshua's coffee-soaked jacket in her hands, her phone rang.

It was a call from Bonnie.

"Luna, I've managed to find out the truth. Six years ago, when Jason left Banyan City, he had received two million dollars of funding from an offshore account, but I can't seem to find who the account holder is.

"I asked one of my company's directors to help me, and he confirmed that this account was probably registered by someone in Banyan City because the account was constantly logged in in Banyan City.

Therefore, we suspect that the offshore account was created by Lynch Group to aid his money transferal."

Bonnie let out an exhale and added, "Do you think it's Joshua who has been giving him money? If so, I can send the account details to you. If it is Joshua's, then maybe you can try to use his computer or phone to investigate."

With that, she hung up the phone.

A short while later, Luna received a message containing details of an offshore account.

Luna stared at the row of numbers and contemplated for a long time. In the end, she could not stop herself from turning on Joshua's computer.

Joshua had set up multiple firewalls in his computer to prevent hackers.

After taking pictures of these firewalls and sending them to Nigel, Luna managed to crack all of them with his help.

As soon as she logged into his computer, however, Luna stared at his desktop for a moment and shook her head helplessly.

Not only did he keep a photo of both of them in his drawer, but even his desktop background was a picture of her.

After staring at this photo wistfully for a while, Luna quickly typed the account number into the folder search bar.

A short while later, she managed to find a receipt.

Luna stared at the information before her and felt her soaring heart sink.

This offshore account indeed belonged to Joshua.

On top of that, this account had transferred two million dollars to Jason six years ago, along with a note that read, (Payment from Joshua Lynch.

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Luna sat on Joshua's office chair, staring dazedly at the receipt on the computer screen, and bit down on her lip.

It was clearly written on the note: 'Payment.' What kind of payment did Joshua give Jason?

Was Aura telling the truth, that Joshua had helped her pay Jason even after finding out what she had done?

Not only did he pay Jason for his service, but he even used his private plane to send Jason out of Banyan City.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna suddenly felt a chill go down her spine.

How could this be?

She closed the computer window and lifted her head to stare at the desktop background.

It was a photo of Luna at the beach, back when they had first gotten married.

Even though Luna was born in Sea City, there was no beach there.

However, in Banyan City, she could see an endless stretch of the ocean all the time. Therefore, when she first arrived in Banyan City, Luna constantly pestered Joshua to bring her to the beach, but he was always too busy.

Even if he was not busy with work, he would always lie at home, exhausted from a hectic work week, and never accompanied her to the beach.

Luna, too, understood just how tired he was and never bugged him again. Instead, she chose to visit the beach by herself.

This photo that Joshua was using as a desktop background was a picture that she had asked a pedestrian to take.

At that time, Luna sent the photo to Joshua and asked him whether she looked good.

She waited for a long time and finally received a curt reply from him only after she returned home from the beach. His message consisted of only one word, (Yes.)

At that time, Luna thought he was just saying this for her sake and that he did not like receiving

messages like this. Therefore, she never sent anything like this to him ever again.

Who would have thought that the next time she came across this photo would be so many years later, on Joshua's computer desktop?

How many other hidden sides did this man have?

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out a sigh and pulled up the receipt again. Then, she quickly took a picture of it and turned off Joshua's computer.

When she came out of Joshua's office, she bumped into Joshua and Aura, who had just returned from their shopping trip, lugging multiple shopping bags with them.

Seeing that Luna had come out of Joshua's office,

Aura—who was wearing a brand new outfit— immediately frowned, then shot Luna a murderous glare.

“Why are you coming out of Joshua's office? What are you doing here?”

Luna glanced at the shopping bags in their hands and curled her lips into a smirk. “I wanted to talk to

Mr. Lynch about work, but he wasn't here. I noticed his desk was a little messy, so I tidied it up and was

just about to leave.”

With that, she held up the plastic bag containing Joshua's coffee-soaked jacket and added, "I wanted to send this to the dry-cleaners as well."

Aura scoffed, then immediately snatched the jacket from Luna. "It's already old now. Why would Joshua even be keeping it? It's not like he can't afford a new one."

With that, she tossed the jacket into a trash can. "There's no need to send this to the dry-cleaners anymore, Ms. Luna."

Aura crossed her arms in front of her chest and said in a loud, shrill voice, "Also, since when are regular employees allowed into Joshua's office just like that?"

She glanced at Lucas, who was standing to one side, and added, "Are you even doing your job? Is anyone allowed to enter Joshua's office just like that, as long as they use work as an excuse?"

Lucas was a little startled at this.

Since when did he allow Luna into Joshua's office without permission? She had been in there all morning and had not come out until now!

Of course, he did not dare to tell the truth.

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Instead, Lucas lowered his head guiltily and replied, " It's all my fault."

Aura let out a scoff, raised her voice, and said in a voice so loud that the entire floor could hear her, "In the future, the only woman who can enter Joshua's office at her will is me. As for everyone else..."

She shot Luna a cold glance. "If anyone can just come and go as they please, what'll happen if some important document goes missing?"

Aura was acting so outrageous and demanding, as though she was the rightful Mrs. Lynch.

Luna let out a small smile and turned to bow at Joshua and Aura. "Alright, I understand now."

With that, she lifted her head to fixate her penetrating gaze on Joshua. "I won't enter Mr. Lynch's office ever again."

With that, she turned and strode away.

Joshua, who had remained silent throughout this exchange, narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. He watched Luna walk away, his brows furrowed.

There seemed to be something wrong with Luna... That afternoon...

"There seems to be something wrong with you,"

declared Samson as he put his face in one hand and stared at Luna while they were in the design department's office.

"I gave you my newest proposal, and you've already looked through it five times, but you haven't even given me a single constructive criticism. I don't think it's because my proposal was perfect; I think you have something on your mind."

Luna felt a little guilty while being stared at like this and immediately turned her face away. "What would

I even be thinking about?"

"Is it because Mr. Lynch has a new girlfriend now?" Samson asked. "After what happened at the birthday party, I thought the two of you were finally together. Where did this Aura girl even come from, anyway?"

Luna rolled her eyes at him and was about to say something in reply, but Samson continued, "Actually,

I know her. She's the true heiress of the Landry family. Don't think that just because I came from abroad to learn from you, I don't know anything. In reality, I probably know more than you do!"

Luna could not help but smile when she heard this. "Alright, then. What else do you know?"

"I know that Aura used to be the heiress of the Landry family, but she was switched out. The person who switched her out wanted his daughter to enjoy a life of prosperity and luxuries, which led him to commit such a heinous crime.

"Initially, the Landrys wanted to send the fake daughter back to her parents after finding out about all this, but the fake daughter was too smart and packed her bags to leave even before anyone asked her to. Mrs. Landry was so touched by this that she couldn't bear to see her go, so they decided to let her stay.

"At first, everyone thought that these two girls would hate each other as soon as they met, but to everyone's surprise, they struck up a friendship, and now, they're like two peas in a pod."

Luna paused upon hearing this and recalled the time when she had overheard Aura on the phone. At that time, Aura kept calling the person on the other end of the line, "Sis."

This meant that...the person that Aura had been talking to on the phone was probably Joseph and Natasha's second daughter, the one that he had switched out with Aura.

Luna's biological sister.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out a self- deprecating chuckle.

Initially, Luna had felt sad over Aura's betrayal because she thought that Aura was her biological sister.

After finding out that she and Aura were not blood- related at all, Luna had felt a little delighted by this.

Even though her parents did not treat her well, Luna found it a relief that her real sister was not out to get her either.

However, it seemed that Luna's biological sister had been helping Aura all along.

Samson could not tell that Luna was upset and instead continued, "Still, there's something strange

about this. Neither of the Landry sisters —whether

real or fake—inherited Mrs. Landry's beauty."

With that, he gave Luna a once-over and added, " Although...your eyes do bear a striking resemblance

to Mrs. Landry's."