

## **Luna & Joshua 1291**

### Chapter 1291

As soon as she saw Michael's frozen expression, Aura knew that something was wrong, but she tried not to show any emotion on her face. "Yes, I'm pregnant with Joshua's child."

Michael's expression darkened. "You..." "Michael!" Before he could finish his sentence, Celia, who was standing behind, smacked him and said, "What are you doing? Isn't it just Joshua and his new girlfriend having a baby together? What's there to be surprised about? Why did you throw the fruit basket on the floor?"

She picked up the fruits scattered all over the floor and sneered, "This basket was prepared for your Granny Lynch. A few of them are spoiled from the drop, but it should be enough for an old lady who doesn't even have much time left."

She continued in a scornful tone, "After all, we're outsiders from the Lynch family, so we won't get any of your fortunes. She should appreciate the fact that we even bought some stuff to visit her with our savings."

Joshua narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. He smirked at Celia and Michael. "Well, in that case, I pity

you, Aunty Celia. May I ask where the money for your savings came from?”

Celia rolled her eyes at Joshua. She and Michael were both relatively short, so standing next to

Joshua, who was over 190 centimeters tall, made them seem insignificant.

She thus mustered all her bravery and looked up at Joshua. “Our savings can’t be compared with

President Lynch, of course. We have to spend what Adrian brings home wisely.”

“Oh,” replied Joshua softly. “If I remember correctly, the money that Adrian made is all from Granny

Lynch’s possession, which means it’s also Lynch Group’s money. This means that the money you’re

spending now, Aunty Celia, is also the Lynch family’s money. In that case, why do you still need to be

sarcastic about it?”

Joshua looked down from his great height and fixated his penetrating stare on Celia. “Aunty Celia, if

you have so much time to waste talking nonsense like this, why not go make some actual money and

buy a fruit basket with your own money. I’m sure Granny Lynch will be happier.”

Celia’s expression darkened upon hearing this. She bit down on her lip and shot Joshua a cold glare. ”

You did mention that the money I spent is given from Granny Lynch to Adrian. Although the money

belongs to the Lynch family, it doesn’t concern you, and it’s not your place to tell me what to do.”

"Of course the money concerns me." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and swept his cold glance across Celia's face. "I have taken over Lynch Group ever since Granny Lynch retired due to her deteriorating health. From that day onward, every single penny that belongs to the Lynch family, concerns me."

"Oh, this reminds me." All of a sudden, Joshua seemed to recall something and turned to glance at Celia. "When I first took over Lynch Group, I even used my mother's savings and invested in Lynch Group. This means that every single penny in Lynch Group wouldn't have existed if it weren't for my mother's savings."

He raised his eyebrows to glance at Celia. "I've never met my mother, but I heard she's beautiful, like a model. Have you ever met my mother while you were dating my father, Aunty Celia?"

Celia's face turned a deep shade of purple when she heard this. She gritted her teeth and glared at Joshua. "I... How could I have possibly met her?"

She then grabbed Michael's hand and walked toward Granny Lynch's room. Seeing that Celia was so nervous that she started to tremble, Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and added, "But according to

the data that I checked, Aunty Celia...on the day that my mother died giving birth to me, you appeared in the security footage of the obstetrics department in the same hospital."

## Chapter 1292

"Are you sure you have never met her before?"

Celia was so stunned by Joshua's words that her knees almost gave out. She needed to lean herself against Michael's body for support to help her stand up normally.

"Michael, let's go!" She pretended not to hear what Joshua had said and quickly left the scene with Michael's help.

Joshua could not help but curl his lips into a smirk as he watched them leave.

Did they honestly think that they had covered up their tracks so successfully that no one would ever discover their wrongdoings?

Despite this, Joshua knew that he had other more important things to deal with at the moment. After all,

his mother had waited almost 30 years for the truth to be revealed, so it did not matter if she had to wait

a little longer.

As soon as Granny Lynch's problem was dealt with...he would unleash his wrath once and for all. If

that happened, none of them would be able to escape!

Inside the ICU.

Because she did not receive any booster dose for the poison that Dr. Janet had administered, Luna's

condition was improving day by day.

To avoid suspicion, Dr. Janet continued to deliberately alter the machines in Luna's room. She changed

the machines' readings to make it seem like Luna was no longer curable, both to professional doctors

and ordinary folk.

"You still need to hold on for three more days," Dr. Janet told Luna as she fine-tuned the machines.

She sighed and added, "The way Mr. Lynch looked at me just now was terrifying. Thankfully, I managed

to escape. Otherwise, I'm afraid he might kill me if you suffer another attack."

A pale-looking Luna lay on the bed and forced out a smile. "Is he really that scary?"

"Yes, he is." Dr. Janet sighed. "I have known Joshua for many years. He had approached me when

Granny first fell sick, asking me to help look after her.

However, this is the first time I ever saw that look on his face... It's too scary."

What she said made Luna laugh. "Then, is Granny Lynch getting better?"

Dr. Janet's hand, which had been fiddling with the machines, stiffened when she heard this. "She has recovered a lot, but for her to fully recover, she still needs to wait another three days for the antidote to arrive."

Luna nodded. Truth be told, her condition had improved. It had been challenging initially, but she had grown used to the feeling of being ill, so it was not too much of a struggle.

However... Being forced to stay in the ICU, unable to move or use her phone, was incredibly boring.

Luna could not do anything apart from staring up at the ceiling and listening to the beeping of the machines next to her.

On top of that, the smell of all the disinfectants made her feel uneasy.

"Unfortunately, being bored out of your mind is something that I can't help you with. Remember, everyone thinks you're on the verge of dying. If someone catches you using your phone...this lie will be exposed. All I can do for you is open the door and let some fresh air in."

Dr. Janet glanced at her watch. "It is dinner time. I'm guessing no one will come here, so I'll leave this door open. In thirty minutes, the nurses will return for their shift and close the door." With that, Dr. Janet

turned around and left.

The door to Luna's room was left open just a crack. The fresh air had started to circulate into the room.

Luna lay on her bed and took a deep breath of fresh air, feeling it soothe and refresh her body.

After God knew how long...

All of a sudden, Luna caught a whiff of cheap men's cologne in the air. The smell was so strong that it made Luna dizzy.

She opened her eyes.

She recognized this scent. It belonged to Michael!

Luna subconsciously glanced in the direction where the smell had come from—Michael pushed open the ICU door and gazed at Luna with a lustful expression.

"Joshua slept with my woman. Today, I'll take my revenge by sleeping with his!"

Luna watched as Michael approached her step by step.

Her face, which was covered by an oxygen mask, was etched with terror.

Luna never thought that someone would still have bad intentions toward her, considering that to everyone else, she was a patient on the verge of dying.

Luna started panicking. Although her condition was slightly better, her body was still weak. Not only was she experiencing weakness, but when she flailed around on the bed, all the tubes and wires attached to her started shaking and clinking.

Michael grew even more excited when he saw how vehemently Luna struggled.

He smirked as he approached her and said, "I never thought you'd still be awake. That's even better: I don't like sleeping with someone who doesn't move, just like a dead fish. The more you struggle, the better!"

He moved closer and grabbed hold of her chin with his burnt, scarred left hand.

His eyes roved over her body lustfully. "Aura slept with me, so she's my woman. Not only did Joshua have the audacity to sleep with my woman, but he even got her pregnant! Now, if I don't do the same



and get you pregnant today, then I 'm not a Lynch! “

Luna's eyes widened in shock at this discovery. Aura and Michael had a relationship?

“Originally, Aura planned to let me sleep with you, and she'll sleep with Joshua instead.” Michael sneered as he stood next to Luna and removed the oxygen mask from her face. Then, he started to undo the buttons on her patient gown. “Later that night, there was a power outage, and we made a mistake. I slept with Aura instead. Although Aura isn't as beautiful as you nor is her figure better than yours, her technique in bed is amazing ! ”

Michael continued to remove all the tubes and wires attached to Luna's body.

Luna summoned all the strength in her body to struggle against him, but her body was weak and could not compare to a big, strong man like Michael.

Michael sneered. “Initially, I thought even though Aura isn't as good as you, she is still suitable to be with me, and I think we'll be good together. Who would've thought that scumb\*g Joshua would be so greedy and stole my Aura from me! So, today, I'll go through with the original plan and sleep with you to make myself feel better ! ”

By the time he finished his sentence, Michael had already removed Luna's gown. Fortunately, she had

been wearing a very tight camisole to ease the medical check-up process. Therefore, even though

Michael had removed her gown entirely, her dignity was still protected by an extra layer of clothing.

This, however, frustrated Michael. He narrowed his eyes, staring at the white camisole wrapped around

Luna's body, and said in a cynical tone, "This woman is about to die, yet they still wrapped her up so

tightly. It looks like you still value your privacy."

With that, he let out a guffaw and added, "However, the more you value your dignity, the more I want to

remove it! Since your condition is so bad, Luna, do you think you'll die from the fun I'm about to have?

Do you think Joshua will be driven insane when he comes in and sees you dead? Do you think he'll go

ballistic when he sees his woman stark n\*ked, having been my toy?"

Michael grew even more excited when he thought of this scene. A surge of exhilaration and lust flashed

through his eyes.

He started to move Luna's body around in search of the zipper that would remove the camisole. "I want

to see Joshua go crazy; I want to see him suffer! The more miserable he is, the happier I'll be! "

Luna's weak body was tossed around. She replied with some difficulty, "Why do you hate Joshua? You

both...had nothing to do with each other, didn't you?"

"Nothing to do with each other? " Michael sneered.

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"He's my father's son, and I am also my father's son. Do you think we have nothing to do with each other, considering this relationship? We're both from the Lynch family, but he got all the attention growing up. Granny Lynch brought him up and sent him to the best school with the best teacher's care.

Now, he owns hundreds of billions of dollars and assets from Lynch Group.

"What about me? I have to survive on Granny Lynch's charity. She could've given my father half of Lynch Group's share and made our lives better.

Instead, she thinks the three of us are nothing compared to Joshua! "

With that, Michael stared at Luna with a crazed expression. "Do you think I shouldn't hate him? I hate him so much that I want to mount his woman and make him live under the shadow of a cuckold !"

He grabbed onto the zipper of Luna's camisole and pulled it down.

The sound of the zipper made Luna scream out loud, "No—!"

She summoned all the strength within her and covered her bosom with both arms.

Alas, even though she shouted with all her might, her weak voice still failed to get anyone's attention.

Luna clutched her camisole against her body desperately and continued to scream while staring at the

door. She prayed that someone would appear. A

doctor or a nurse...or even a cleaner!

She did not care who it was, as long as someone arrived to save her!

However, no one...not even a single person, appeared at her door.

Luna's hands, which were still clutching her camisole as tight as she could, were removed by Michael,

one by one.

Despair engulfed her entire being. She never thought that someone would do such a thing to her...

even though she was on the verge of dying.

Tears streamed down her face.

Luna could feel the strength in her body dissipating little by little...

"Joshua, it's late now. Don't you think Luna is probably asleep by now?" All of a sudden, a sweet,

gentle voice rang out from the end of the hallway.

Luna's entire body stiffened.

Michael, who was lying on top of her, trying to remove her hands from her chest, also froze.

They could hear the footsteps of two people approaching them.

"She's dying. Do you think she's able to sleep?" There was a hint of contempt in Joshua's low voice. "

Since I've decided to give the antidote to Granny Lynch, Luna is as good as abandoned, but

considering that she's given me three children, I think the only courtesy I can show her is to visit her

before she dies."

Joshua's words were cold and merciless, but it made Luna excited.

She was saved!

Joshua and Aura had come to visit her!

Luna bit down on her lip and whispered, "Michael, you should leave now! If Joshua comes in and sees

what you are trying to do, he'll never forgive you!"

To her surprise, Michael snickered. Not only did he not remove his hand from her camisole, but he

even started to touch her stomach and collarbone. "You heard him; he says he's already given up on

you.

He'd rather save an old hag over you!" Michael laid his body on top of Luna and said, "If so, why should I leave? I'm going to stay here and give Joshua a live show! "

## Chapter 1295

Luna froze upon hearing Michael's words.

She never thought that Michael would be this shameless.

"Help me, " Luna feebly cried out, hoarsely, even. " Someone, help me. "

She could hear Joshua's and Aura's footsteps pause in front of her door.

"Hey, why is the door open?" Aura wondered out loud as she walked closer to the room and pulled the door open. "Isn't Luna gravely ill? How could she have opened this door on her own?"

With that, she glanced into the room.

The first thing she saw when she looked inside the room was Luna, lying stark naked on her bed, as well as Michael, whose entire body was pressed on top of Luna's.

Aura paused for a moment before a glimmer of triumph flashed through her eyes. She let out a sigh

and said, "Luna is resting. Maybe the nurse forgot to close this door when she left the room just now."

With that, she turned and shoved Joshua away from the room. "Joshua, I 'm feeling a little unwell now.

Maybe it's because my body is having trouble adjusting to the pregnancy. Can you bring me downstairs

to get some medicine for this?"

As soon as he heard this, Michael grew more and more outrageous. He placed his hand beneath

Luna's camisole and traced it along her spine...

Luna prayed desperately for Joshua to come into the room, but to her disappointment, she heard

Joshua's low voice ring out from the other side of the door. " All right, then. I 'll bring you downstairs to

get some medicine and rest, then come upstairs to visit Luna by myself."

With that, Joshua's footsteps echoed through the hallway.

He did not even enter the room to check on her!

Luna glanced at the door in despair and met Aura's triumphant gaze. She mouthed something to Luna,

then turned and left without a second glance.

What she mouthed to Luna was, "Enjoy." With that, Aura sprinted after Joshua.

Luna felt her heart sink as she heard their footsteps get further and further away. She knew that the reason Joshua agreed to accompany Aura downstairs was so he could visit her on his own, but she could not believe that he was so careless that he did not even check on her before leaving !

At this moment, Michael's hand had already reached Luna's side and was about to latch onto a part of her body she wished he would not touch—

Luna let out an exhale, extended her arm as far as she could, and grabbed onto the tubes attached to the machines next to her bed.

She summoned all the strength in her body and tipped her body over the edge of the bed.

Thud! The medical equipment and machines tumbled onto the floor with a loud crash as both Luna and Michael rolled off the bed.

Joshua, who was just about to enter the elevator, froze in his tracks when he heard the loud crash coming from inside Luna's room, accompanied by the sound of glass breaking.

Why would this sound be coming out of Luna's room? Was Luna not alone?

Joshua immediately turned around and sprinted toward Luna's room.

Aura reached out a hand to stop him, but Joshua rammed right past her.



This man, who claimed that he cared about her, did not even give her a second glance and instead sprinted toward Luna's room.

Aura remained motionless and stared at Joshua's retreating figure, her hands clenched into fists.

That good -for-nothing Michael! How could he have let Luna make such a loud noise?

Aura was just about to bring Joshua away from this floor. As long as they left the scene, she did not care what Michael did to Luna, even if he killed her!

Despite this, Aura feigned an expression of concern and followed Joshua to Luna's room.

By the time Joshua made it to the door, the room was already in a mess.

## Chapter 1296

All the equipment and medicine bottles had fallen onto the floor, with broken shards of glass scattered everywhere.

Luna and Michael, too, were on the floor, covered in blood.

At this moment, Michael was trying desperately to prop himself up, snapping, "What a b\*tch! If I hadn't known, I would've thought you were some young virgin! You're already a mother of three; stop

pretending like you're still young and fresh!

"Why is Joshua allowed to sleep with you whenever he wants? How is he better than me?" Michael got more and more outraged as he said this. He grabbed a piece of broken glass and brought it down onto

Luna—

Luna lay in a pool of blood, trying to catch her breath. She had summoned all the strength in her body to fling both herself and Michael off the edge of the bed.

On top of that, when they landed on the floor, the medical equipment and bottles had crashed onto the floor, scattering broken glass all over her body.

Sweat and blood were mixed together, and they seeped through the cuts on her body.

At this point, Luna was in so much pain that her senses went numb.

She was so wet, covered in sweat and blood, that it was as though she had just been fished out of water.

She gasped for her breath and felt more than lucky to be alive.

Therefore, when she saw Michael bringing the piece of broken glass down upon her body, she could

not do anything apart from watching in silence, her eyes full of terror.

She could not even move her arm.

The sharpest point of the broken glass was headed straight toward Luna's bloodstained eyes.

She closed her eyes and anticipated the severe pain that would come.

To her surprise, she did not feel the broken glass piercing her skin. Instead, a few drops of liquid

dripped onto her eyelids.

Luna furrowed her brows momentarily, then opened her eyes with some difficulty.

There was a hand holding the piece of broken glass. It was Joshua's hand.

Joshua was gripping the broken glass, stopping Michael from moving the glass even an inch further.

Luna's entire face was stained with blood.

When Aura stormed into the room, the first thing she saw was Joshua holding onto Michael's hand,

stopping him from stabbing Luna with the broken glass.

She bit down on her lip at this sight. What a useless b\*stard!

If Michael wanted to sleep with Luna, why did he not do it earlier? If he wanted to kill her, why did he

not do it cleanly and quickly?

Not only did Luna manage to escape, but he could not even blind her!

Even though she thought this, Aura still plastered a worried expression on her face and wailed, “Oh my God! What are you doing, Michael? Let go of that shard! “

She stormed into the room, avoiding the broken glass on the floor carefully, and found a safe spot to kneel. Then, she pretended to tug on Michael’s arm with all her might, yelling, “Let go! If you do this, you’ll have to go to jail! “

However, Michael was red with rage and snapped, “ Then so be it! If I can’t kill Joshua today, then I’ll kill Luna instead! After all, she won’t live long anyway, so why don’t I just give her a quick death?! “

With that, he released the piece of broken glass, picked up a broken medicine bottle with sharp edges on both halves, and brought it down upon Luna—

Luna was so exhausted that she slumped against the ground, unable to move.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and gave Michael such a forceful kick that he fell on the ground.

Michael landed on a large piece of broken glass with a thud, drawing blood immediately, and howled in pain.

However, Joshua ignored his cries of pain and instead lunged forward to grab hold of Michael's collar.

He punched Michael over and over again as he

snapped, "Has Adrian taught you nothing apart from bullying women all these years?"

## Chapter 1297

The havoc coming from the ICU was so loud that even Dr. Janet, who was downstairs, could hear the commotion.

She immediately rushed to Luna's room along with a few nurses and doctors.

When she arrived at the scene, she was so stunned that she could not utter a single word.

Luna was lying on the ground, gasping for air, covered entirely in blood.

Meanwhile, Aura was next to her, pretending to help her up but seemingly failing over and over. Every time she propped Luna up, she would let Luna's body fall back into the shattered glass on the floor.

Every time Luna's body landed on the floor, shards of broken glass would enter her open wounds, causing more blood to seep out.

A short distance away, Joshua clutched Michael by his collar, landing punches on him over and over

again until Michael's entire face was swollen.

Dr. Janet was so stunned by the scene before her that her legs gave out, and she almost fell to the ground herself.

Some of the nurses called the police, while the rest quickly entered the room to help Luna, but no one dared to stop Joshua.

Finally, Dr. Janet said tentatively to Joshua, "That's enough, Mr. Lynch. He's already passed out. If you go on, you'll kill him, and I'm sure you have better things to do than punch him over and over. If he has done something wrong, the cops will punish him. Please don't act impulsively..."

Joshua lifted his head and replied, an expression of ruthlessness that was never before seen on his blood and sweat-stained face, "I've had enough of this."

If it were not for the fact that he had to obey Luna's wishes and keep the bigger picture in mind...he would not have tolerated Aura as well as Adrian's family for so long!

Joshua had always been a vengeful and ruthless person ever since he took over Lynch Group when he was 17. He had never been one for kindness and vulnerability. After all, this was the richest man in Banyan City, the man who had single-handedly revived Lynch Group from the brink of bankruptcy and

transformed it into the top three most profitable companies in the world.

Even though Joshua was a cold-blooded and merciless man to other people, he still had a weakness.

His weakness was Luna.

He and Luna had only recently made up, so Joshua did not want to upset her nor want her to think he did not cherish her.

Therefore, he was willing to listen and obey her wishes. Even if she wanted him to tolerate Aura's wrongdoings, he still did as she asked.

Even if she wanted him to show Adrian's family mercy, at least before Granny Lynch was cured, he still did as she told him to, no matter how difficult it was for him to do so.

It seemed that these people took his mercy for granted!

Joshua turned and glanced at Luna, who was lying on the bed as one of the nurses inserted an IV line while another cleaned up the broken glass all over her body. As soon as he saw this, Joshua felt as though an invisible hand squeezed his heart.

Therefore, he gave Michael a few more punches before releasing him and standing up.

Joshua glanced at Aura, who was watching Luna impassively, and grabbed onto her arm aggressively.

Then, he dragged her out of the room.

Aura furrowed her brows. "What are you doing, Joshua?"

"Nothing. Let's go home." Joshua shot her a cold glance. "What's the point of staying here any longer?"

Aura froze for a moment, then bit down on her lip and glanced in Luna's direction. Then, she asked in a

low voice, "I thought you wanted to stay here longer. Won't you be worried about Luna if you go home right now?"

"No, I won't. I just couldn't stand watching Michael bully a woman." With that, Joshua wrapped his arm around Aura's shoulder aggressively, like a police holding someone prisoner, and brought her out of the room.

Aura was confused but delighted at the same time.

She was delighted that Joshua did not seem to care about Luna anymore, but at the same time, she was puzzled as to why Joshua held her like this.

This was the most intimate that Joshua had ever treated her in so many years.

However, it felt like she was being restrained by a police officer, and it made her feel extremely



uncomfortable.

## Chapter 1298

Not only was Aura unable to feel any love or affection, but she felt exhausted and in pain.

Despite this, she refused to let go of Joshua. After all..everything that happened once could happen again.

In a few days, as soon as she and Joshua got used to intimacy like this...then everything would have a fresh start!

Of course, Aura still had doubts about this. Why was Joshua acting so impassive toward Luna, even though he had gotten so upset and furious over her back there?

Initially, Aura thought Joshua had faked his impassiveness and wanted to find an excuse to send Aura home and sneak out to visit Luna by himself, but...

When Aura woke up in the middle of the night— countless times—she discovered that Joshua had been home all this while, fast asleep.

The next morning, Adrian and Celia had arrived at Blue Bay Villa and caused a scene. After sending

them off and asking her about the whereabouts of the antidote, Joshua left for work, appearing disgruntled.

At that time, Aura still had her doubts about him, so she followed him to work, but Joshua did not visit Luna.

On top of that, when Aura suggested that they visit Luna after seeing Granny Lynch, he shot down her idea.

Aura could not help but feel terrified yet delighted by this at the same time.

She was delighted that Joshua did not seem to care about Luna anymore and did not even want to bring her up.

On the other end, however...Aura had a feeling that Joshua was not such a cold and heartless person.

She had a gut feeling that Joshua seemed to be hiding something from her...but he had hidden it too well, and she could not get anything out of him no matter how hard she tried.

Because of this, Aura decided not to pursue this matter any further.

She stared at her beautifully made-up face in the mirror and smiled.

This was the day that the antidote would arrive in Banyan City.

Joshua had promised her earlier that as soon as Granny Lynch received the antidote, he would drive

Aura to the Civil Affairs Bureau and officially take her as his wife.

The earnest look in his eyes when he said this made Aura blush. She could not help pursing her lips

and asking, "Joshua, have you really gotten over Luna? As for the wedding...I don't mind if we wait a

little."

Aura's men had been monitoring Luna's condition in the hospital these past few days. They told her

that Luna was on the verge of dying soon and that she could not possibly make it past that day.

Therefore...as long as Luna died, Aura did not care when she and Joshua were planning to marry.

Six years ago, Joshua had gotten engaged with Aura after thinking Luna had died, so if Luna truly died

this time...it would only be a matter of time Aura became the new Mrs. Lynch.

She was in no rush at all.

"I don't want to wait any longer." Joshua shot Aura an impassive glance and added, "I want to let you

become the person you long to be the most. That way, I won't be burdened in the future any longer."

A surge of warmth spread through Aura's heart every time she recalled Joshua's words.

All of a sudden, someone knocked on her door. "Aura, the hospital called just now. Granny Lynch has received the antidote."

"It's time for us to leave, too."

## Chapter 1299

"Coming!" Aura quickly put on some lipstick when she heard Joshua knocking on her door.

Finally, she glanced at her reflection again in the mirror.

She looked absolutely stunning. She would be Joshua's most beautiful bride today!

On this day, she would officially become Mrs. Lynch while Luna would die alone in the hospital...

As soon as she thought of this, Aura was so excited that she had an urge to spread this good news all over the world.

The woman that had caused her and her sister misery for so many years was finally going to die!

Even though there were three children that she had yet to get rid of, as long as Luna died, well... Aura knew she would find a way to defeat the children.

After all, they were only six. She could easily take care of three six-year-olds!

As soon as she thought of this, Aura let out an exhale and flung the door open with a smile.

Joshua was wearing a suit, like always. However, instead of his usual black, he donned a suit in sky blue, her favorite color, as though he had chosen it especially for her. The light shade of blue made Joshua look even more striking and handsome than usual.

Aura was so excited that she immediately leaped into Joshua's arms. "Joshua, I'm over the moon! I never thought you'd choose this color, especially for me! I can tell you value and cherish me very much!"

For the first time ever, Joshua did not shove her away from him. He recalled what Luna had said in her voice message that she sent the night before. "

Wear a sky-blue suit tomorrow; Aura loves that color. And, please be gentle to her. Even though she's a bad person, she has been in love with you for so many years. Show her some kindness for this, at least."

Joshua felt scornful of showing kindness to a woman like Aura, so he did not agree to Luna's request.

However, when he received and put on the suit Luna had prepared for him, he realized that Luna had

prepared this especially for him, even though she was still gravely ill...

Therefore, he decided to put it on in the end.

After all, Luna was the one who chose it, and she had not done so in many years.

Joshua let out an exhale and pushed Aura away. "Come on; the driver's already waiting."

Aura grinned and followed him. "Do you think I look beautiful today, Joshua?"

"Of course you do."

"Are we going to the Civil Affairs Bureau right now?"

"Yes."

The black Masevati pulled away from Blue Bay Villa and headed in the direction of Bay Bridge.

As she sat in the car and watched the bridge grow closer and closer, Aura furrowed her brows.

"Joshua, did we take the wrong route?"

The Civil Affairs Bureau was in the city center, so why was the car traveling in the direction of the ocean and Bay Bridge instead?

"Of course we didn't." Joshua stared in the direction in front of him. "This is a necessary route to take for our destination."

Aura had a feeling that something was wrong.

Joshua was very good with directions. On top of that, Banyan City was not a big place, so even if

Joshua had never been to the Civil Affairs Bureau much, he would not make the mistake of accidentally taking the wrong route.

Besides, even if Joshua had misremembered the route, the driver who was driving them had grown up in Banyan City all his life and knew his way around the city. How could he possibly be wrong, too?

Aura furrowed her brows and stared at Joshua with an expression of caution. "Joshua, are you... are you not willing to marry me?"

Was this why Joshua had deliberately asked the driver to take the wrong route?

"How can that be?" Joshua curled his lips into a smile and put his arm around Aura's shoulder, and learned his body against hers for the first time ever. His aura was so solid and domineering that Aura

could not help but feel suffocated. "How could I possibly break my promise to you?"

"After all, you and I have been on and off for so many years now. It's about time we put an end to this."

Aura bit down on her lip and glanced outside the window.

The car had already pulled up at Bay Bridge.

Bay Bridge was usually crowded with traffic at this time, but to Aura's surprise...the entire road was empty, so empty that she could even hear the birds chirping.

This was...bizarre.

Just as Aura puzzled over this, the car pulled to a stop.

The color drained from her side as soon as Aura glanced out the window.

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The spot where the car had stopped...

The color of the barrier here was different from the rest of the bridge.

This particular barrier had been crashed down before and had to undergo maintenance. Because of this, the new barrier was a different color from the previous one.

This...was the place where Luna had fallen into the sea, courtesy of Jason.

Aura stared at the different -colored barrier before her and felt her entire body break out in cold sweats.

She lifted her head to stare at Joshua, shaking. " Joshua..."



Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and released her. Then, he pushed the door open and got out of the door.

A split second later, he opened Aura's door and snapped, "Get out of the car. We're here."

Aura trembled so vehemently that her teeth chattered. "Josh...Joshua. Aren't we going to retrieve our marriage certificate? Why... Why did you bring me here?"

"Well, I brought you here to solve things once and for all and give you the outcome you long for the most." Joshua lowered his head to glance at the time, then leaned against the barrier gracefully and smiled at her. "It's hard to accept, isn't it? It's okay.

We still have two minutes, so I'll wait."

Aura froze upon hearing this. What... What did he mean by two minutes?

Before she could even ask, Aura heard the sound of an approaching car. She froze momentarily, then turned to glance in the direction where the sound had come from.

It was Bonnie's red Ferrare.

The Ferrare was like a streak of red shadow racing toward them. It screeched to a halt next to Joshua's car, and the car door opened.

Bonnie got out of the driver's seat, wearing a red trench coat.

The person who got out of the passenger's side...was Luna, dressed head to toe in white. She was still a little weak from her illness, and her face looked pale.

Despite this, she did not look as frail as Aura's men had told her, claiming that Luna would die any day soon.

Aura was so stunned by the scene before her that she was frozen in shock.

What... What was going on? Luna was on the verge of dying! How could she appear before her, unscathed?

This was impossible! Impossible!

Bonnie seemed to notice Aura's bewilderment, so she took off sunglasses, leaned against the hood of her Ferrare, and said, "Did you honestly think that Luna her for a month? Well, too bad, because Luna didn't eat a single bite. She wasn't poisoned at all." Aura widened her eyes in shock. How was this possible?

"Then, she..."

Luna gave Aura a faint smile and answered, "You mean my illness? That was a medicine that Dr. Janet formulated especially for me, based on the poison that the Landry family invented. It mimicked the symptoms of the poison but didn't have the same effects at all. Now that the medicine has almost worn off, I'm getting better as well."

Aura's legs gave out from underneath her, and she slumped against the backseat as though she had been struck by lightning. She did not expect that... Luna had been faking her illness all along.

Bonnie curled her lips into a smirk when she saw how pale Aura's face had become. "The only reason Joshua had promised to be together with you was so that you would hand over the antidote for Granny Lynch. Do you think he would've done so otherwise?"

"Aura." Luna let out an exhale. "You've failed, totally and utterly.

"Didn't you mention you hated the fact that I had always been better than you at anything? Well, let me tell you this: it's true. I'm better than you. You're a n idiot."

Aura's entire body stiffened. Then, a split second later, she flew into a rage and screamed, "Luna! You deserve to die! "

She lunged toward Luna like a deranged person.

