

Luna & Joshua 1301

Chapter 1301

Before Aura could even graze Luna's body, however, someone grabbed onto her wrist.

Joshua bent her wrist down, and Aura crashed onto the ground with a thud. She slumped on the brick road and glared at Luna. "You b*tch! I should've killed you from the start! You should've died six years ago, along with the three rascals inside your womb! The three scoundrels shouldn't have been born in the first place! "

Aura grew more and more outraged as she snapped, " I made a mistake! I should've nurtured Neil to become a killer and had him kill you! "

Luna furrowed her brows when she heard this.

Bonnie, on the other hand, stepped forward and gave Aura a kick on her mouth.

Aura's beautifully painted lips curled into a grimace, and her entire face was struck to one side from the blow.

Bonnie scoffed as she watched the blood trickle out of the corner of Aura's mouth. "I would've thought you were at least human if your only target was

Luna, but Nigel, Neil, and Nellie are only six! How dare you even bully three six-year-old children like this?"

Aura spat out a mouthful of blood and slumped on the ground weakly, glaring at Bonnie. "I almost forgot you..."

She snickered as she stared at Bonnie's face and continued, "The three scoundrels belong to Luna and Joshua, so what business is it of yours? Did your motherly instincts suddenly emerge because you couldn't find the child you had with that old man? Pity! "

Bonnie erupted in rage as soon as she heard this, and she lunged forward to grab hold of Aura's collar.

" Why are you still spouting nonsense at a time like this? Do you think I'm not capable of beating you to death?"

Aura snickered. "Even if you beat me to death, you won't be able to find your child! "

Bonnie bit down on her lip and snapped, "I've never given birth to a child! "

With that, she raised her arm and gave Aura two slaps across her face. She did not show Aura any

mercy at all, so Aura's cheeks grew red and swollen almost immediately. She was in pain but had no

way of releasing it, so she could only glare at Joshua and Luna. "How can you let me slap me like this?

Do you want me to call the police and sue her for assault and vigilantism? You two are also involved as accomplices! “

Joshua raised his eyebrows slightly upon hearing this. “Call the police?”

He took out a stack of documents from the car and tossed it at Aura’s feet. “In that case, you’d better take these to the police as well.”

When the documents landed at Aura’s feet, Bonnie let go of her, and Aura lowered her head to look at the contents as she lay on the ground.

Her eyes widened when she registered what was written on the documents.

It was all evidence of her attempting to kill Luna six years ago. This included pictures of her and Jason making a deal, transcriptions of their recordings, receipts of her transferring money to Jason, as well as invoices for the van rental...

“These...” Aura stared at the evidence before her in shock, feeling as though someone had struck her in the back of her head with a hammer. She felt both in pain and dizzy at the same time.

How could this be...

She had already destroyed the evidence linking her to Luna's murder, so how did Joshua manage to find these? Besides...all of this happened six years ago!

Chapter 1302

Joshua had never noticed anything out of the ordinary during these six years, so how could he have gathered so much evidence in just a few days?

Joshua seemed to notice Aura's confusion. He curled his lips into a smirk, leaned against the barrier, and gazed at her impassively. "The reason I never investigated your involvement in Luna's accident was that I never thought you had anything to do with it. I had always been under the impression that Luna's accident was just that: an accident.

"When I finally realized something was wrong, I investigated everything and collected all the evidence, but at that time, you had already left Banyan City, and your whereabouts were not known.

"That's why I only managed to bring out all this evidence now."

At that time, Joshua always thought Aura was only involved in Luna's attempted murder. Unbeknownst to him...Aura had used a voice editing software to fabricate a conversation between them and trick

Luna into thinking he was cheating on her with Aura.

Finally, she even asked Jason to make a phone call in front of Luna, letting her think that Joshua was the one who instructed him to crash into her.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua narrowed his eyes in malice. If not for Aura, he and Luna would not have experienced this misunderstanding for so long!

Aura lifted her head to stare dazedly at Joshua's chiseled face. "This means that...you've been pretending to be in love with me from the start, right?"

Joshua shot her a cold glance. "What else would it be? Do you honestly think I'd forget about all the times you tried to kill Luna and my children and fall in love with you?"

"Aura, no normal human being would have this sort of fantasy."

Aura slumped onto the ground in defeat. At this moment, she finally realized that...the only reason Joshua had been treating her kindly was that he wanted to get his hands on the antidote for Granny.

He had never been in love with her.

His heart had belonged solely to Luna from the start!

As soon as she thought of this, Aura flew into a rage. She glared at Joshua and pointed at herself.

“Why? Why? I’ve been by your side for six years, Joshua! Why didn’t you fall in love with me?”

“You and Luna had known each other for only a few months before you got married! Luna had gotten into her accident only two years after that! How could six years of companionship not match up to two years?”

Luna could not help letting out a sigh when she saw Aura’s deranged look. “Aura, you can’t quantify relationships by time. I treated you like my own sister for more than ten years...but despite that, you still thought of me as a nemesis and tried to get rid of me.”

Aura’s entire body stiffened when she heard this. She turned to stare at Luna.

After a long pause, a crazed expression passed over her face as she screamed, “That’s because you’re revolting! You and I grew up in the same family and same environment, but you’re always better than me at everything!”

“Besides, you pretended to be kind to me and claimed that I’m your sister, but is this the way you treat a sister? Embarrass and outshine her at every moment?”

Luna could not help narrowing her eyes at this.

It was true. She was better than Aura at everything, but this was all due to her hard work and diligence, as opposed to Aura's laziness!

"What nonsense!" Bonnie scoffed and lowered her head to glance at Aura. "Didn't you want to call the cops? Why aren't you doing it, then?"

With that, she raised her eyebrows and continued, "Oh, by the way, besides all this evidence, Luna and I have proof that you plotted to murder Nigel and Nellie with Michael by instructing him to cut the brake cables. On top of that, we have all the information about your wrongdoings during this time.

"Who do you think the cops will take away when they arrive?"

Chapter 1303

Aura's entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She stared at the documents strewn on the ground before her, then glanced at the three people standing in front of her. All of a sudden, she felt a chill go down her spine.

They had been prepared for this day.

This was their way of getting revenge on her. They were bullying, rebuking, and assaulting her, but she

could not even call the cops on them!

Aura knew better than anyone that if she called the police...everything she did in the past would get exposed, and she would be lucky if she were subjected to a life sentence.

No...she could not die!

She was barely 30. She had only recently gotten in touch with her real sister and had yet to help her get rid of Luna.

She had not even gotten the chance to enjoy her life as the heiress of the Landry family!

However, the evidence was placed right in front of her already, and she could not deny nor escape.

As soon as she thought of this, Aura turned to stare at Luna.

Maybe, she still had one chance...

Aura let out an exhale, wiped away the tears on her face, and crawled to Luna's side. She grabbed hold of Luna's pant leg and burst into tears. "Luna... I made a mistake. I know I made a mistake!

I shouldn't have been jealous of you since we were kids, and I shouldn't have tried to get you killed six years ago... Can you... Can you show me mercy, just this once, seeing that we grew up together, and we've been sisters for more than ten years..."

Aura's bloodstained face was etched with earnestness. "Luna, if you let me go, I promise that I'll leave

Banyan City right away! I won't disturb you ever again for the rest of my life! "

Aura's tears were mixed with the blood oozing out of her lip, making her look extremely pitiful. "Please

forgive me, just this once. I know I made a mistake !"

Luna lowered her head to stare at the woman lying on the ground before her and curled her lips into a

smirk.

She knew that Aura was not crying due to regret. Instead, it was because Aura was fully aware that she

had no other choice.

If Aura was really capable of feeling guilt and remorse like a normal person, she would not have

committed so many crimes.

Just three days ago, she caught sight of what Michael was about to do to Luna but still found an

excuse to bring Joshua away from the scene.

If it were not for Luna's quick wit, which led her to shove all the medical equipment to the ground

deliberately, she would not have survived what had happened. Even if she did not die, she would be

crippled already.

“Aura.” Luna crouched before her and stared at Aura impassively. “It’s not that I don’t want to forgive you, but everything was your fault. If you had considered the consequences of your actions, you wouldn’t even be in the situation you’re in right now. Everything was your choice, and thus, it’s your wrong doing.”

As she stared at Aura’s tearful, bloodstained face, Luna could not help but recall how she would act in this situation six years ago. If this had happened in the past, she would have given in, pulled Aura into an embrace, and reassured her.

Luna had always been the protective one since she was young. To her, Aura was her closest family, apart from her father and mother, but at this point...

She felt nothing but contempt toward the woman before her.

It was this tearful face that tricked and fooled her over and over, all through the years, which almost cost her not only her life but her children’s lives as well!

This was why she could not give in.

Aura deserved to receive punishment for the crimes she had committed!

Luna let out an exhale and raised her eyebrows. Then, she enunciated carefully, staring at Aura, “

Actually, you’re right. You and I grew up together, and we’ve shared more than ten years of good times.

I can’t be too cruel to you.”

Aura’s face lit up as soon as she heard this. She initially thought she was doomed, but she was

reignited with hope.

Luna was just as stupid as before. As soon as she feigned regret and cried, Luna would give in

immediately!

Aura’s hand, which was still holding onto Luna’s pants, started trembling as soon as she thought of

this.

Chapter 1304

Aura bit down on her lip and whimpered as tears streamed down her face, “You’re the best, Luna... I

knew you’d show me mercy... You’ve always been kind to me...”

Bonnie immediately furrowed her brows at this. “Luna, don’t—”

Before she could even finish, however, Joshua waved his hand, indicating to her to stop.

Bonnie thought Luna's kindness would be taken advantage of, that she would be tricked by Aura again.

This was true. Luna would definitely get taken advantage of in the past, but after Aura's multiple attempts to kill the children, Joshua knew that Luna would not show her mercy again.

"You and I have been through thick and thin for more than ten years, so I won't be cruel to you," said

Luna as she stood up and glanced at the ocean below them.

The waters were more than two meters below the bridge.

Six years ago, when she fell off the bridge, Luna genuinely thought that this would be the end of her life.

The only reason she was alive was that Malcolm's cruise came across her, but...

Luna sucked in a deep breath of fresh ocean air and

lowered her face to gaze at Aura's pale face. "I'm giving you two choices now, Aura.

"The first is to jump off this bridge right now, from the exact spot where I fell off six years ago.

"The second is that you stay here while I call the cops."

Aura's face fell when she heard this.

She could not believe her ears. Luna said she would show her mercy, so why was she...

“I know you’re afraid of heights and deep waters, but this was the choice you made for me six years ago, so as your sister, I should let you feel the terror and helplessness I felt.”

Luna turned around, leaned against the hood of Bonnie’s red Ferrare, and gazed impassively at Aura.

“Of course, you have the option of not jumping at all. In that case, I’ll call the cops right away. You’ll be able to live a little longer, but I don’t think it’ll be an enjoyable experience. After all, you’ll be locked up in prison alongside other death penalty prisoners.”

Luna raised her eyebrows. “I’ll let you make the choice.”

Aura was so stunned by this that she could not utter a single word.

Her expression changed from a hopeful one to shock, then finally to fear and despair.

This time, Luna was not fooled...

Aura bit down on her lip. Her entire body quaked, and tears streamed down her face. “You want me to die, don’t you? Do you know who I am? I’m the heiress of the Landry family ! If I die, the Landry family will get you for this! ”

Joshua could not help letting out a chuckle when he heard this. “In the past, when the Landry family

was chased out of Banyan City, Granny Lynch told me not to dwell on what happened in the past. She said that the Landry family had already received the punishment they deserved, so we shouldn't harass them ever again, but now, they allowed you to return and not only hurt Granny, but my son as well...

"In that case, I'd love it if they came after me to seek revenge."

If they pursued him, this would give Joshua the opportunity to get back at them.

Aura's entire body started shaking like a leaf when she heard this. Joshua was not intimidated by the power of the Landry family anymore...

"Are you jumping off this bridge or not?" Bonnie frowned in frustration. She could not bear to watch

Aura put on her show any longer, so she took out her phone and declared, "I'll give you three seconds.

If you don't jump now, I'll call the police! "

"Please don't!" Aura cried out weakly. "I... I'll jump."

She knew that if she was caught, she would be subjected to a death sentence. If that happened, she would suffer endlessly before she could be killed.

Maybe Luna was right. Maybe jumping off this bridge was indeed the best option she had.

Aura let out an exhale, picked herself up off the ground, and climbed onto the barrier. She closed her eyes and said, "Luna, Joshua. If I get reborn, I swear that I'll...I'll kill you!"

Chapter 1305

"You'll never be able to find happiness—never! " Aura screamed at the top of her lungs.

With that, she closed her eyes and released her grip on the barrier.

She was placing a very risky bet.

Six years ago, when Luna fell off the bridge, she did not die and instead was saved by Malcolm.

Therefore, instead of getting captured by the police, Aura would rather take this risk and jump off the bridge.

What if she, too, was fortunate enough to be saved? If she did not die...she vowed that she would return and kill all of them.

All of them!

Splash!

Aura's body crashed into the ocean, producing gigantic waves.

Luna closed her eyes and let out a sigh when she heard the sound of the water splashing.

Everything had finally come to an end.

Six years ago, Aura had attempted to kill her, so it seemed fitting that she received the same outcome in return.

Joshua furrowed his brows and glanced at the ocean. Then, he took out his phone and dialed a number. "I want you to seal off the sea near Bay Bridge and forbid any boats to enter within this twenty-four hours."

Bonnie gaped when she heard this. She guessed that Aura had probably been holding onto hope that she would get saved after falling into the ocean, like how Luna had, but Joshua's call...

Joshua had ordered for this stretch of ocean to be closed off for the next it hours, which meant that Aura had no chance of surviving at all.

Bonnie had been worried that Luna's method was too merciful and still gave Aura a chance of surviving, but Joshua had toppled this possibility altogether.

She could not help but be amazed by both Joshua's attention to detail and the ruthlessness he displayed to his enemies.

Just as Bonnie thought of this, both Joshua and Luna's phones rang at the same time.

They were both from the hospital.

"Mr. Lynch!" Dr. Janet's anxious voice rang out from the other end of the line. There was also a loud commotion from her end. "You'd better come quick. Something terrible has happened!"

"The antidote has made its way to Granny Lynch, but now, your father's current wife, Celia, is stirring up chaos in Granny's room. She claims that her son Michael has also been poisoned, and since Granny won't be able to live long anyway, she demands that her son receive the antidote instead..."

Joshua's expression darkened when he heard this. He quickly turned to walk toward the car, frowning. "

Where are the bodyguards?"

Dr. Janet bit down on her lip. "The bodyguards don't dare to approach her! She had taken Neil hostage and claimed that if anyone dared to touch her, she'd stab Neil..."

"Even though the bodyguards you hired are extremely skilled, none of them dared to get closer to her..."

She let out an exhale and bit down on her lip once more. "Now, only Celia, the three children, and

Granny Lynch are inside the room. The rest of us are locked outside. Please come here quickly! “

Joshua narrowed his eyes and got into the car. Meanwhile, Luna received a call from Theo.

An hour ago, Celia had pretended to be a nurse looking after Neil and claimed that she was taking Neil out for a walk.

Theo was not feeling well, and, thinking that everything would be fine since this was the hospital that

Joshua had arranged, he did not get suspicious and allowed her to take Neil out of the room.

However, two minutes ago, he overheard some nurses talking about a child who was held hostage downstairs and realized that the child was Neil.

He thus called Luna immediately, hoping that she would come up with a plan.

Chapter 1306

Seeing that Joshua had gotten into his car, Luna, too, hung up and got into the backseat.

Joshua narrowed his eyes, exchanged a glance with Luna, and said, “Take us to the hospital.”

The driver nodded and started the engine.

The black Masevati peeled off into the distance.

Bonnie, who was left alone, watched the car grow smaller and smaller with a bewildered expression.

She furrowed her brows in exasperation, then turned and got into her Ferrare.

As soon as she started the engine, she caught sight of a speedboat parked next to the shore in the distance. It seemed about to set sail but was stopped from doing so by some men dressed in black.

Bonnie recognized the men as Joshua's subordinates. She curled her lips into a smile and started the car in good spirits, then chased after Joshua and Luna's car.

When Joshua and Luna made it to the hospital, Celia was still holding Neil hostage in Granny Lynch's room.

"You're already more than seventy years old. Do you honestly think you still have a long time to live?"

How long do you think you have? Three years? Five?

You'll die eventually! "

Celia stood behind Neil's wheelchair and held a knife to his throat as she glowered at Granny Lynch.

"On the other hand, Michael is your grandson ! He's in his twenties, and he still has a bright future ahead of him!

"Instead of using this antidote to save your old life, why not use it to save Michael instead?"

Granny Lynch leaned against the headboard, her face pale, but she was still smiling. "I've already told you, the only reason I got this antidote is because of Luna, so only she has the right to dictate whom to administer it to. I can't make this choice on my own, considering the lengths she and Joshua went to obtain this antidote for me. It's no use threatening in Nigel, who was holding Granny Lynch's hand, piped up in a calm voice, "Grandma Celia, I've already explained everything to you. Even though your son had accidentally ingested the poison, he won't fall ill, considering he only ingested trace amounts of it. You don't have to keep Neil hostage to snatch the antidote back from Granny. You're committing a crime! "

Celia sneered when she heard this. "The Landry family hasn't produced an antidote in more than twenty years now, so this is the only bottle in the entire world ! Even if Michael is fine now, it doesn't mean he'll be fine in the future. What if he falls ill down the line? How can I save him if the antidote was used to save an old hag instead?"

With that, she narrowed her eyes. Keeping the knife at Neil's throat with one hand, she used the other to rummage around in Granny Lynch's nightstand. " The safest way would be to take the antidote away

and let Michael drink it instead! That way, he won't be at risk of falling ill in the future! "

Celia tossed all the things on the nightstand onto the floor and yelled, her voice getting more and more aggressive, "Where did you hide the antidote, you useless hag? I know you didn't drink it, so where did you hide it?"

Nellie clutched her empty milk bottle tightly when she saw the crazed look in Celia's eyes.

Granny Lynch had given both her and Nigel a bottle each that morning, with juice for Nigel and milk for her. They had been happily enjoying their drink, and she had just finished her milk when all of a sudden, Celia barged into the room with Neil and demanded the antidote.

Just as Celia was distracted by the search for the antidote, her knife inched closer to Neil's neck until it was just a few centimeters away from piercing his skin.

Neil furrowed his brows at this and turned to exchange a glance with Nigel.

Nigel nodded, then said in a low voice, "Nellie, keep your eye on what's underneath the bed. We can't let her find it..." Even though he had deliberately lowered his voice, Celia could still hear it in the quiet room. She furrowed her brows and lowered herself down to glance underneath the bed—

Chapter 1307

Just as Celia tilted her head to glance underneath the bed, Nigel lunged forward and knocked the knife out of her hand.

Neil deftly picked the knife up and held it against her waist.

Everything had happened so quickly that by the time Celia finally came to, the knife that she had held against Neil's neck pointed at her waist instead.

The sharp blade had already pierced through her clothes, and she could feel the cold edge against her skin. Her entire body stiffened.

"Put your hands above your head and stand up slowly," Nigel ordered.

This woman, who was more than so years old, was so unnerved by the two boys that she had no choice but to do as they ordered. She raised her arms above her head and stood up tentatively.

Beads of sweat covered her forehead. "Nigel, Neil, I'm your grandfather's wife. This means I'm your grandmother. You can't treat me like this..."

Neil sneered. "Why didn't you say this when you held the knife against my neck just moments ago?"

The color drained from Celia's face. She was just about to say something when all of a sudden,

someone kicked the door open.

The first thing Joshua and Luna saw when they stormed into the room was Celia, restrained by Nigel and Neil.

Luna, who had initially been worried about them, let out a sigh of relief when she saw the scene before her.

During this time...Neil had lost his memories and was tricked into thinking that Aura was his mother.

On top of that, Nigel and Nellie had almost died in a car crash.

All these events had made Luna anxious and tightly strung with worry, so much so that she almost forgot that even though her sons were only six, they were still brave and intelligent, like their father.

One of them was a skilled hacker with undefeatable logic and quick wit. The other was smart and mature, having taken up the responsibility of looking after them since young.

Therefore, Celia was no match against the two of them combined.

“Lucas,” Joshua called out with a frown.

Lucas immediately stormed into the room alongside some of Joshua’s men. They took the knife from

Neil and restrained Celia.

Celia, whose hands were kept behind her back by the bodyguards, bit down on her lip in anger. She glared first at Joshua, then at Granny Lynch. "What use is there for you to live a few more years?

Michael is still young. You're his grandmother; can't you make this sacrifice for him?"

She gritted her teeth. "Where did you hide the antidote, you old hag?"

Celia had rummaged through every nook and cranny in the room and even looked beneath the bed, even though it was just a trick, but she could not find the antidote anywhere!

Where did Granny Lynch hide it?

Granny Lynch leaned against the headboard and fixated her gentle gaze on Celia. "I agree with one thing that you said just now: I 'm going to die in a few years anyway, so there's no use for me to take this antidote at all. Some of the people who were poisoned had far brighter futures ahead of them than mine.

"As their elder, I should make this sacrifice for them." With that, Granny Lynch gestured for Nellie to approach her.

Nellie did not understand what was going on. She pattered over to Granny Lynch's side, still clutching the empty milk bottle, and lifted her head to look at Granny. She gazed at Granny with big, watery eyes and said with a grin, "Yes, Great-Granny! "

Granny Lynch smiled when she saw how sweet Nellie looked and reached out a hand to stroke Nellie's dark hair.

Joshua immediately furrowed his brows when he saw this.

There was a dark expression on his face. He seemed to know...what Granny was about to say next.

Chapter 1308

That night, when Nellie was at Lynch Mansion, she had drunk the poisoned tea that Celia had made for Granny Lynch...

Joshua's guess was correct.

Granny Lynch let out an exhale and grabbed hold of Nellie's hand. Then, she lifted her head to glance at Celia. "Even if I had to give the antidote to someone else, I'd never choose Michael.

"Nellie, on the other hand, is already a talented jewelry designer at six years old. Her future is full of

potential.”

Granny Lynch let out a kindly smile, then lowered her head to gaze at Nellie’s tiny face. “How did the milk I gave you taste?”

Nellie nodded earnestly. “It was delicious! “

Everyone —apart from Nellie —was so stunned by this sudden turn of events that none of them could say a word.

Celia gaped at the empty bottle that Nellie was clutching.

If she remembered correctly, Granny Lynch had instructed Nellie to drink the milk only after she barged into the room with Neil as a hostage.

Therefore, Nellie had drunk the milk right in front of her eyes!

Was the antidote inside the milk? Did this six-year-old child drink the only antidote in the entire world?

Celia’s entire being was engulfed with rage. She lunged toward Granny Lynch with all her might, screaming, “You crazy hag! You should die now. Now! “

Try as she did, she could not release herself from the two bodyguards keeping her restrained.

The bodyguards held onto her tightly, and she could even get an inch closer to Granny Lynch.

Joshua shot her a somewhat complicated look and ordered, "Take her out of this room."

Celia was dragged out of the room, screaming and crying. When she reached the door, however,

Joshua frowned and glanced at her. "Where's Adrian?"

Adrian and Celia had been inseparable ever since they returned to Banyan City, so why was Celia

alone when she came to steal the antidote away from Granny?

"Adrian..." Celia paused for a moment, then lifted her head to sneer at Joshua. "He's gone to take care

of something important, of course! "

With that, she cackled and added, "Joshua Lynch, just you wait. One day, Michael is going to defeat

you. Just you wait! "

Granny Lynch let out a sigh and closed her eyes when she saw how deranged Celia was acting. "Get

her out of here. I can't bear to take another look at her."

At this exact moment, on the sea below Bay Bridge, Adrian was on one of many boats, trying to fish

Aura out of the water.

One of the men dressed in black that Joshua had appointed to seal off the ocean stood next to Adrian

with a pained expression. "Master Lynch, Mr. Lynch has given orders that no boats were allowed to come near the bridge within twenty-four hours. If he finds out about this, I'll get into trouble..."

Adrian barked some orders into a walkie-talkie, then turned to shoot the man a cold look. "I'm Joshua Lynch's father! Am I an outsider to you? Besides, don't you know who I'm looking for? It's the woman pregnant with my son, Michael's child!

"The great-grandson of the Lynch family is inside her belly right now! Are you willing to bear the consequences if the search is delayed and she dies?"

Chapter 1309

Inside the hospital room.

Luna bit down on her lip and stared at a white-haired Granny Lynch with a pained expression. "

Granny..." she said in a hoarse voice. "Why did you..."

Granny feigned nonchalance and reached out her hand to stroke Nellie's head, then squeezed Neil's hand reassuringly. "I've already told you; Celia was right. I don't have much time left, so I'm glad that I get to do something good for my great-grandchildren."

Luna's eyes were red-rimmed. "But Granny, Joshua and I went to so much trouble to obtain the antidote and cure you. You're the only elder that Joshua respects, and you're the only family member that not just him, but the children and I cherish..."

She sniffed and continued in a choked voice, "Nellie is still young; she still has such a long way to go. I highly doubt that the poison within her body will never be able to get neutralized. We'll eventually find a way to save her, but you..."

Granny Lynch was more than 70 years old. When Luna first got in touch with Dr. Janet, she had mentioned that Granny Lynch's organs were so damaged from the poison that if she did not receive the antidote soon, her organs would erode and die.

If that happened, Granny would only have days to live.

This was why Luna had been desperate to get her hands on Aura's antidote and was even willing to let Dr. Janet administer a similar poison into her body just to fool Aura...

"I'm fine." Granny let out a sigh as she closed her eyes. "I'm already so old now; there's no point living a few more years anymore."

With that, she reached out a hand to stroke Nellie's hair. "As long as she's fine, I can rest in peace."

“Great-Granny.” Nellie sobbed so hard that her eyes were red and swollen. “I don’t want you to die. I

don’t want you to leave.

“You haven’t even had the chance to see me win an international prize yet, and I haven’t had the

chance to make you a piece of jewelry that you like. I haven’t...”

Nellie had so much more to tell Granny Lynch, but she was sobbing so hard that she could not say a

single word.

Luna could not help but feel saddened by the scene before her. She turned to glance at Joshua, who

was standing behind her.

His face was expressionless, but Luna could still tell that he, too, was saddened, by the look in his

eyes.

She knew that he was more mournful than her, but because he was too used to hiding his emotions, he

did not know how to express them anymore.

Luna reached out to grab hold of Joshua’s hand. His hand was as cold as ice.

Granny Lynch could not bear to see Nellie crying any longer, so she let out a sigh and pressed a kiss

on Nellie's head. Then, she lifted her head to stare at Luna. "Luna, please take the children out. I have something to say to Joshua."

Luna nodded, then walked over and picked up a crying Nellie.

Nigel obediently walked over to Neil's wheelchair and pushed him out of the room alongside Luna.

Together, the four of them left the room.

Joshua closed the door behind them, then turned and sat down next to Granny Lynch's bed. He grabbed hold of Granny's hand and said, "Granny."

His voice was so low and hoarse that it was hard to hear him.

"Joshua, my dear." Granny Lynch gripped his hand tightly. "I don't have much time left."

Joshua's expression darkened upon hearing this. He clutched her hand tightly and said in a low voice,

"No. That's impossible. I saved you from the brink of death when I was seventeen; I can do it again."

Granny Lynch waved her hand dismissively and chuckled. "That's different. At that time, I was still young and healthy, so my body could withstand the poison."

“Now...I can’t anymore.” She let out a bitter smile and stared at Joshua. “Having lived such a long life, I no longer have any regrets. The only person I’m worried about is you.

“Your mother passed away when you were born, and your father never cared about you at all, so I was the one who raised you. I know how stubborn and how lonely you are...”

With that, Granny Lynch glanced at the door. She could make out the four people through the matte glass.

Neil was sitting in his wheelchair while Nigel stood behind him. On the other hand, Luna was crouching in front of Nellie, wiping the tears from her face.

Granny Lynch stared at their vague silhouettes through the glass, a faint smile playing on her lips. “

Luna is a good woman. I’m glad that you have her by your side, and I’m extremely touched that she’s willing to sacrifice so much for an old lady like me, but...”

She lifted her head to gaze at Joshua. “I have two requests for you.”

Joshua gripped her hand tightly and said, “Please tell me.”

“Number one... I want you to stay away from the Landry family. Don’t try to take revenge on them.

“The rivalry between the Landry family and me is entirely personal. They killed my daughter in the past,

which sparked the feud between our family and theirs, but...as you know, my daughter had nothing to do with the Lynch family. I gave birth to her before I married your grandfather. She belonged to my ex-husband and me.

“The Landry family killed my daughter, so I killed one of their sons in revenge. They poisoned me, so I chased them out of the country...

“This vengeance had ended long before my retirement when you were seventeen. I should’ve died at that time, but you were the reason I ‘m even alive today...

“Therefore, after I die, please don’t take your revenge on them. Don’t put you and Luna—and your little family—at risk because of me.”

Joshua held Granny Lynch’s hand tightly but did not say a word.

He did not want to make this promise.

He had abided by Granny’s wishes all these years. He refrained from getting into conflict with the Landry family, so much so that he even deliberately avoided them when expanding Lynch Group overseas.

What did he get in return for this?

The Landry family allowed Aura to return to Banyan City and caused Granny to fall ill!

If it were not for Luna's quick wit, Granny Lynch would not be the only one in the hospital!

Granny Lynch leaned against her headboard and sighed. When she saw the hatred in Joshua's eyes,

she did not force Joshua to agree to her terms and instead continued, "The second request I have for

you is...

"Luna is a good person. No matter what happens, you cannot give up on her or the children.

Remember this: You cannot let go of her...unless one day, she tells you she doesn't love you nor the

children anymore. Can you promise me this?"

Joshua paused for a moment upon hearing this. He squeezed a bitter smile and stared at Granny's

face after a moment. "Granny, even if you don't make this request, I'll still do so."

Granny closed her eyes. "Well, if you can promise me this...then I can finally rest in peace."

On the other side of the world, inside a European – style villa, was a beautiful woman dressed in an

exquisite dress. She smashed a vase onto the floor in anger and snapped, "You still can't get in touch

with Aura? What a useless b*stard!

“She’s useless, and so are the rest of you!”