Luna & Joshua 1381

Chapter 1381

Luna widened her eyes in shock at this sight.

She quickly put on her coat and slippers, then scurried downstairs.

When she stormed into the yard, Hunter's whip was still cracking against Malcolm's skin.

Malcolm gripped the edge of the table tightly and spat in a low, hoarse voice, "Even if you beat me to

death...I won't marry Luna. her heart doesn't belong to me, so I refuse to let her suffer...

"I don't need her to sacrifice her happiness to pay me back for saving her. I insist on canceling the

engagement. I don't want to marry her! "

Granny Quinn grew even more enraged when she heard this. She glared at Malcolm and snapped, "

Hunter! Whip him harder, as hard as you can!

"The Quinn family doesn't need a good -for-nothing like you! I thought he'd be the pride of our family,

but as soon as I demanded him to marry Luna, he tried to escape, then got into an accident and was

rendered crippled!

"Now that he's crippled, the only useful thing he can do for our family is marry Luna, but he refuses to



marry me either, she- " "I want to marry you." Tears streamed down Luna's face as she continued to shield Malcolm's body with hers. "I 'm willing to marry you! Stop beating him, please! " Malcolm's legs were already paralyzed, and with him placed on this table, he was not even capable of escaping on his own. He would surely be beaten to death if they continued whipping him like this! Moreover, the reason he was subjected to this torture was simply that she had gone back on her promise to marry him! Luna held Malcolm close to her and could not stop apologizing, "It's all my fault, Malcolm. I shouldn't have gone back on my word, and I shouldn't have forgiven Joshua so easily. I shouldn't have set aside the debt of gratitude I owe you..." It was all her fault. If she had not forgiven Joshua so easily, this would not have happened. She treated Joshua like her entire world and was even willing to go back on her promise to the Quinns

because of him, but what did he give her in return?

All he had given her was negligence, coldness, and a lowly status that could not even match up to the
hatred he bore for the Landry family.
Therefore, why should she become an ungrateful person for a man like this?
Why should she let Malcolm, the man who had rescued her many years ago, suffer the consequences
of her actions?
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Luna had been wondering for a while
Was Joshua worth her sacrifice and betrayal to Malcolm?
Luna already knew the answer to this question, but she just could not come to terms with it.
"Luna." Malcolm grabbed hold of her hand and said in a feeble voice, "Don't act rashly and make
decisions based on impulse. that'll happen to Joshua if you marry me?
"He said that he'd bring you home as soon as he's finished dealing with the Landry family There's
only one day left, so you should wait for him
"I You don't have to consider me. I'm already crippled"

As he said this, Malcolm coughed out a mouthful of blood. "Granny won't really let Hunter beat me to death."

Tears streamed down Luna's face when she heard this. Her tears were mixed with Malcolm's blood as she shook her head. "I don't want to wait anymore! "

Even if Joshua had finally managed to settle the feud between him and the Landry family, even if he really brought her back to Banyan City...

What would happen in the future?

To Joshua, she, nor their relationship, were not important at all. Perhaps in the future, even if he had defeated the Landry family, there would always be other rivals or enemies...

To Joshua, Luna would never be as big a priority as these people.

However, it was different with Malcolm.

Every inch of Malcolm's heart belonged to her. From the moment she arrived at Quinn Mansion,

Malcolm had always looked out for her and sacrificed for her...

He had helped her contact Joshua and faked an injury so that she could escape and find Joshua.

At this moment, he had even requested to cancel the engagement because of her, and as a result, was

subjected to torture like this...

Even though she did not love him, Luna still could not help but feel touched by this.

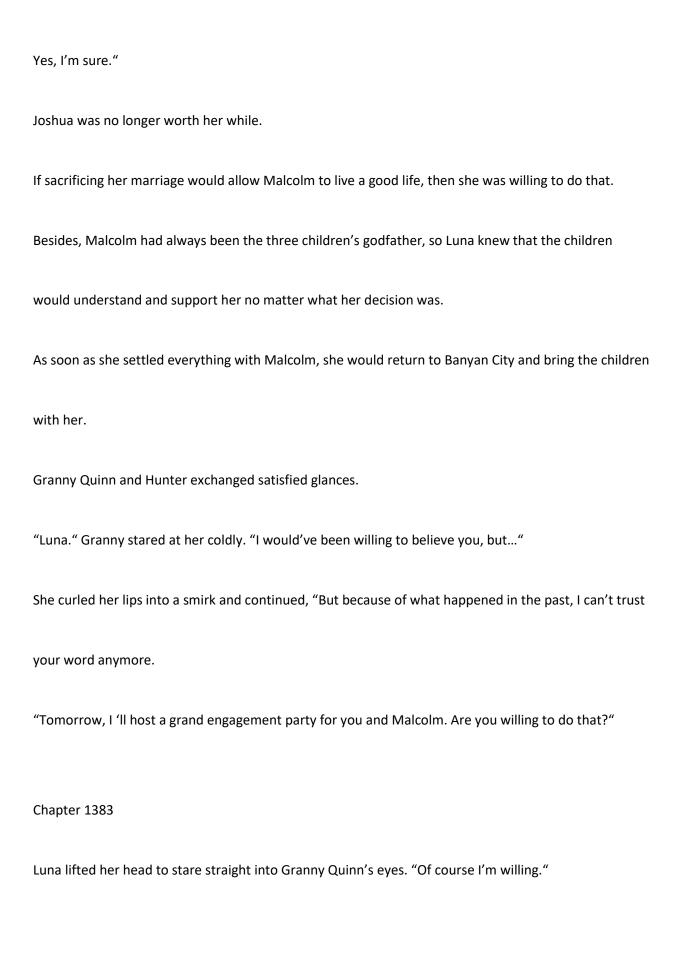
It was already challenging enough for a man to be willing to do so much, but on top of that...this was the man who had saved her life and spent tremendous effort and manpower to ensure both her and her children's safety.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna did not hesitate any longer. She let out an exhale and lifted her head to stare at Granny Quinn. "Granny Quinn, please

don't make Malcolm's life any more difficult than this. I agree to marry him."

A glimmer of delight flashed through Granny Quinn's eyes. However, she suppressed her joy and sneered at Luna. "Are you sure? You did the same thing in the past. You claimed that you'd never love anyone and promised to marry Malcolm if he didn't meet the woman of his dreams, but in the end, you got attracted to other men as soon as you returned to Banyan City and went back on your word. Are you sure this won't happen again?"

Luna bit down on her lip and said, her face pale, "



"Luna! " Malcolm, who had been lying face down on the table, suddenly grew outraged when he heard
this. He resisted the pain in his entire body as he reached out to grab hold of Luna's arm. "Are you
crazy? To host such an extravagant ceremony means that Joshua will find out, too! If he finds out about
all this, he'll be devastated"

Luna bit down on her lip and shrugged Malcolm's arm away. Then, she took a step forward so that

Malcolm would not be able to grab onto her. "Malcolm, it's already enough that you've been keeping

my interests at heart, but why are you taking Joshua's feelings into account as well?

"You've already sacrificed so much for other people. You should think for yourself, too."

With that, she let out an exhale and turned to stare at Granny Quinn. "Granny, you can have the final say on how you want the engagement party to be hosted tomorrow. This time, I won't run away or go back on my word anymore."

Luna turned around and glanced at Malcolm, who was covered in blood, and said, "I'll keep my promise and take good care of him."

With that, she strode over to Malcolm's side and ordered one of the servants to summon a doctor.

Then, with the help of the rest of the servants, she picked the motionless man up from the table and

placed him back into his wheelchair.	
When she wheeled Malcolm to the entrance of the yard, Luna paused in her tracks and said	d, "Since
I've already agreed to your terms of marrying Malcolm, please don't ever make his life diffic	cult again.
He's already paralyzed and is no longer the head of the Quinn family anymore."	
With that, she wheeled Malcolm into the entrance and disappeared from view.	
As soon as the door was closed behind her, Hunter and Granny Quinn exchanged a glance,	sinister
smiles playing on their lips.	
Daylight came.	
Inside a five-star hotel in Merchant City, Joshua spent the entire night up working.	
He still remembered his promise to Luna that he would bring her home after a week in Mer	chant City.
Today was the last day.	
Today was the last day. Previously, when he and his men were concocting a plan to defeat the Landry family, Joshu	a had

However, despite this careful calculation, Joshua still underestimated the true influence of Jim Landry, the eldest son of the Landry family. During this period of time, Jim had claimed to have quit his job managing the Quinn family's businesses and instead went traveling with his son to search for his birth mother. However, to Joshua's surprise, Jim had still accomplished plenty of things for the Landry family despite being away. Last night, when Jim and Harvey returned to Merchant City without warning, they had brought with them newly signed contracts and funding that allowed the Landry family to sustain themselves despite Joshua's attacks. Truth be told, Joshua knew that according to his capabilities, he needed only two or three days to overcome the obstacle that had suddenly materialized.

However, he could not afford to let Luna wait any longer.

He could never break his promise to her. He had already hurt her and subjected her to harm too many times.

Therefore, even if it meant sacrificing sleep, Joshua would still use this final day to topple the Landry

family so that they would return Luna to his side!

Lucas, who had been up all night working alongside Joshua, let out a sigh of relief as he stared at the Landry family's plummeting stock prices on the computer screen. "Don't worry, Sir. Now that the stock prices have come to an all-time low, the Landry family won't be able to revive themselves within ten hours.

"You've already gone without sleep for so many days now. You should take this opportunity to rest so that when you see Ma'am later, you won't be too exhausted."

Joshua, who had just been about to continue working, furrowed his brows when he heard this. He lifted his head to glance at Lucas before finally standing up and entering his bedroom.

Lucas fluffed up the pillows for him as he added, "That's right. You should get some rest. Otherwise,

Ma'am will be upset to see you so tired."

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"If Ma'am sees how tired and unshaven you look, she'll be very upset! "

Joshua murmured in approval, then turned and plopped down on the bed. A few moments later, Lucas

heard his breathing become even and rhythmic.

"That's quick..." Lucas let out a sigh and placed a throw blanket on Joshua's body.

As soon as they arrived in Merchant City, Joshua had attacked Landry Group without any consideration of the costs at all. He had even skipped multiple meals so that he could rescue Luna from the Landry family as soon as possible.

He had negotiated with members of the Landry family...and was so busy every day that he did not even bother eating or sleeping.

Lucas had tried multiple ways to convince Joshua to eat or sleep to no avail. Only by mentioning Luna would he finally agree to get some rest.

After all, Joshua did not want Luna to worry about him.

After closing the door, Lucas let out a sigh and plopped down on the sofa. Then, he decided to scroll through the local news before going to bed himself.

"This morning, Quinn Group has announced that the former head of the family, Malcolm Quinn, will be hosting an engagement party at the Starhill Hotel tonight.

"His fiancée is none other than the famous designer, Luna, whom Malcolm had rescued from Banyan
City many years ago.
"According to insider information, Luna had returned to Merchant City a week ago to repay Malcolm for
his kindness in saving her and fulfill her promise of marrying him."
The news anchor's voice made Lucas widen his eyes in shock.
He stared at the screen in disbelief. The woman who was pushing Malcolm's wheelchairwas none
other than the one whom Joshua had spent an entire week attacking the Landry family for!
Lucas could not believe his eyes.
He rubbed his eyes and stared at the screen again. He had not misread the news.
The woman standing behind Malcolm with her hand around his and claiming that she would marry
him was Luna!
Lucas played the news again and again blankly. How could this be?
Was Luna not happy while she was with Joshua? Why would she suddenly announce her engagement
to Malcolm?
Was she not kidnapped and imprisoned by the Landry family? Why was she with the Quinn family?

As soon as he thought of this, Lucas immediately glanced at the closed door. Joshua was still resting. Should he tell him this news? Just as Lucas was contemplating this, the door was suddenly kicked open with a slam. Joshua, who was dressed in his pajamas, stood exhaustedly at the door and glared at Lucas. He extended his hand towards Lucas and ordered, "Give me the phone." Lucas froze for a moment, then suddenly remembered the news that was still playing on his phone... He quickly hid his phone behind his back and stammered, "Sir... Sir! Don't be alarmed. This news might be...might be fake! Ma'am wouldn't—she can't possibly— " "Give it to me!" The look in Joshua's eyes turned even more menacing than before. "Hand over the phone right now!" Lucas bit down on his lip and, with an exhale, handed the phone to Joshua.

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"All are invited to join me and Malcolm's engagement party tonight! "

On the screen was a video clip of Luna dressed in red, smiling at the camera warmly and kindly.



Joshua paused, then lowered his head to glance at himself.

Even though he had put on a coat, he was still wearing his pajamas and slippers.

As soon as he realized this, Joshua let out a bitter chuckle.

Lucas was right. He should have dressed up before leaving to see Luna and Malcolm. If he went without at least making himself look decent, then the Landry and Quinn families would know that they had succeeded in breaking him down.

Joshua let out an exhale and returned to his room.

Lucas quickly summoned the servants to help Joshua change, shave, and put on some cologne.

In the past, Joshua had despised it when Lucas helped him get ready like this, but at this moment, he remained motionless as he obediently abided.

Joshua's gaze was fixated on the direction in front of him, and no one knew exactly what was going through his mind.

Ten minutes later, as soon as he was finished getting ready, Lucas brought Joshua over to Quinn Mansion. When they arrived at Quinn Mansion, the servants were already decorating the venue.

"A few days ago, I was worried that Ms. Luna would refuse to marry Master Quinn. After all, he's

paralyzed now and can never walk again. To marry him would mean that she would have to take care
of him forever."
"Well, didn't Ms. Luna promise to marry him in the past? She can't possibly go back on her word, can
she?"
"I guess you're right. After all, Master Quinn had taken great care of her when she was injured, but now
that he's going through his difficulties, she can't possibly ignore him."
"These two have been through so much together. They're really a match made in heaven"
The servants were discussing this joyous news as they decorated the front door of Quinn Mansion with
streamers.
The first thing Joshua saw and heard was this when he got out of the car. As soon as he heard their
conversation, he grew enraged and immediately tore the streamers down. "Tell Malcolm Quinn to come
out right this instant! "

How dare Malcolm devise such a despicable plan with the Landry family to threaten Luna and even order the servants to compliment him and Luna together?

"Who are you? Do you know what place this is?" One of the servants stormed forward in anger but was stopped but the rest.

They lowered their voice and whispered, "This man is Joshua Lynch, the man who almost bankrupted the Landry family in a week."

As soon as they said this, the servants shut up and did not dare say anything further.

The head supervisor furrowed her brows and said, "Are you here to see Master Quinn? I'm afraid you can't do that at the moment. He's injured and is resting now."

Chapter 1386

"I can get Mrs. Quinn for you... I must say, however, that she's decorating the yard right now, so she might be a little busy."

As soon as Joshua heard this, he grew even more outraged than before. He said with a cold, expressionless face, "Did the Quinn family put you up to this? How dare you even lie?"

Luna had only agreed to marry Malcolm because she was threatened, so how could she be decorating the yard on her own?

Moreover, how could she willingly own the title of Mrs. Quinn?

The servant rolled her eyes at Joshua and replied, "What do you mean, I'm lying?"

With that, she ordered one of the younger maids to summon Luna, "Go and get Mrs. Quinn to come

here quickly. Tell her that someone is here to cause trouble! "

Joshua, who had not gotten any rest for almost a week, felt as though his head was about to split apart.

He leaned against a pillar at the entrance of the Quinn Mansion's yard so that he would not pass out.

He had to hear the Quinn family explain themselves.

This was a must!

If the Quinn family could not give him a satisfactory explanation for what they did, he would bankrupt

them alongside the Landry family!

Soon, the sound of high-heeled footsteps rang out through the yard, along with a displeased voice. "

Who on earth would stir up trouble here?"

Even though Quinn Mansion was where Malcolm lived, the engagement party was set to be held at the

Starhill Hotel. Therefore, why would someone want to cause trouble here? If anything, they should go

to Starhill Hotel instead!

Luna puzzled over this as she strode out of the yard.

As soon as she exited, she caught sight of the pale – faced man leaning against the pillar.

The last time Luna saw Joshua look so pale was when he had suffered multiple knife wounds.

However, this time, she could tell that his lack of color was not due to injury but instead due to

exhaustion.

She let out an exhale and suppressed the sympathy and concern she felt for him. Then, she lifted his

head to stare at him and said in a frosty tone, "Mr. Lynch, I didn't think you'd be so free to stop by

Quinn Mansion."

Joshua, who had been spacing out due to his tiredness, suddenly came to when he heard Luna's cold

voice.

The slim, beautiful woman in a red dress and standing before him...was none other than Luna, the

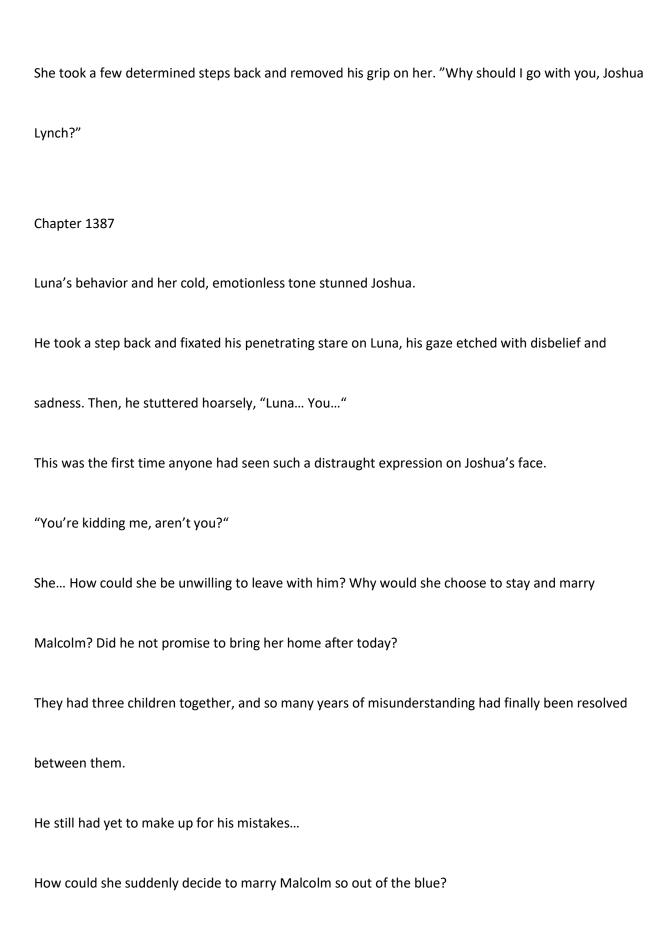
woman he had been searching for.

Joshua furrowed his brows as surprise flashed through his eyes. "You... Didn't they lock you up?"

Luna curled her lips into a sneer. "Why would they lock me up?"

The Quinn family had never imprisoned her at all. At most, they had kept her and Malcolm confined within the yard and forbade them from going out. If Joshua, like today, had come to Quinn Mansion, he would be able to find her as soon as he walked into the yard. However, he had already been in Merchant City for about ten days, and this was the first time he had visited Quinn Mansion. This was also the first time they had met face -to - face since his arrival. Joshua narrowed his eyes. Something did not seem right. If the Landry family had sent Luna to Quinn Mansion and forced her into marriage, then they would have locked her up, but since they did not do so... Why did she not escape? She knew full well that he was here in Merchant City to find her! However, this was not the time to mull over details like this. Joshua let out an exhale and stepped forward to grab hold of Luna's wrist. "Let's go. Come with me! "

Joshua's grip on her wrist was so hard that Luna furrowed her brows in pain.



Luna let out an exhale and lifted her head to stare at Joshua with an icy expression. "Do you think I'm kidding, Mr. lynch?"

She stared at Joshua's handsome, chiseled face, as well as the exhaustion so clearly etched on them, and all of a sudden felt reluctant to say what she originally wanted.

However...

As soon as she recalled what he had done as soon as he arrived in Merchant City, Luna became more resolute and continued curtly, "If you think I was just kidding, Mr. Lynch, then let me tell you this. I declare that I, Luna, am getting married to Malcolm Quinn tonight at the Starhill Hotel.

"If you're free tonight, Mr. Lynch, then feel free to join us in our joyous ceremony."

With that, she let out a scornful laugh and added, "But I guess you won't have the time, do you, Mr.

Lynch?

"I hear that the head of the Landry family, Jim, had returned to Merchant City last night and that the Landry family have hopes of reviving their businesses again.

"I guess you'll be busy trying to defeat them tonight, so how can you have the time to attend the

engagement party of such an insignificant figure like me? To you, getting revenge on the Landry family is far more important than me." With that, Luna let out an exhale and turned around, trying to repress her tears. "Lorraine, see them out! " The woman named Lorraine immediately nodded and blocked Joshua's view of Luna. "Please head out, Sir." Confusion and helplessness clouded Joshua's entire being. He dodged Lorraine and peeked over her shoulder at Luna's retreating figure. "Luna!" Lorraine frowned and continued to block Joshua's voice. "Sir, Mrs. Quinn has said explicitly that she doesn't want to see you." A twinge of pain shot through Joshua as soon as he heard the words 'Mrs. Quinn'. Despite being utterly exhausted, he shoved Lorraine away and stormed into the yard to block Luna's path. "Luna! I..." He ignored the discomfort he felt and stared at Luna, his face pale and his forehead covered in sweat. "

What did I do wrong? Why are you marrying Malcolm?"

He reached out his hands to hold onto Luna's shoulders.

This was the only way he could support himself to not collapse.

Joshua stared intently at Luna, his face etched with never-before-seen sadness and distress. "I... What

did I do wrong? Can you tell me so I can change, please?"

He was so tired that he could not think straight anymore.

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Despite that, Joshua still recalled what Luna had said about him prioritizing his revenge over her.

Joshua let out an exhale and said, "Luna, you must have misunderstood me... To me, you've always

been more important than my vengeance. I...

"I—I've always wanted to bring you home as soon as I can, but I knew that if I didn't defeat the Landry

family, I couldn't see you at all— "

"That's enough! "Luna interjected, her tearful eyes etched with coldness. "What do you mean, you

can't see me without defeating the Landry family?

"Joshua, what kind of weird excuse are you going to come up with to explain that you don't care about

me at all?

"I've told you from the start that I'm at Quinn Mansion and that I was kidnapped by the Quinn family back to Merchant City! You've arrived in Merchant City for so long, yet you've never come to find me at all! "

She bit down on her lip and forced out a scornful, self-deprecating smile. "I've given you so many chances. I thought you'd take some time out of your busy schedule to find me here, and even if we didn't manage to meet, I 'd still feel happy knowing that you cared enough to find me.

"Sadly, Joshua, you didn't come looking for me at all, not even once!

"You even had time to meet with Heather Landry but didn't come see me even once.

"Why did you come now, then? It's because I announced my engagement to Malcolm, I assume.

Because of this, you finally realized that I won't be waiting for you forever and that I won't stay with you

forever. That's why you came searching for me, isn't it?"

Luna flung Joshua's hands away and snapped, "Well, since you chose the Landry family over me, you shouldn't blame me for choosing Malcolm, the man who cares more about me, over you."

With that, she turned and strode away.

Joshua remained motionless and stared blankly at Luna's retreating figure. He wanted to chase after

her, but his legs gave out beneath him, and he could not even summon the energy to go after her.

Seeing this, Lucas immediately stepped forward and grabbed hold of him. "Sir! "

A twinge of pain shot through Luna's heart when she heard the concern in Lucas' voice. She paused in

her steps and sniffed. "You sure look exhausted, Mr.

Lynch. You should go back early and get some rest. Don't waste your time on insignificant people like

me anymore."

With that, she left without a second glance.

However before she could enter the villa in the yard, the door was flung open.

Malcolm wheeled himself out of the villa and glanced first at Joshua, then at Luna. He furrowed his

brows. "Luna, don't be so cruel. Mr. Lynch came looking for you...because he can't let go of you."

As he said this, Malcolm wheeled himself over in Joshua's direction.

Luna furrowed and quickly grabbed hold of Malcolm's wheelchair. "You shouldn't go over."

However, Malcolm shook his head and replied, "Luna, I think there must be some misunderstanding

between you and Mr. Lynch..."

He removed Luna's hand and wheeled himself over to Joshua. Then, he stared at Joshua's pale,

sweat- covered face. "Mr. Lynch, would you like to come in and have a seat?"

With that, he lifted his head to glance at the sky above and added, "It looks like it's about to rain soon,

and you don't look well at all. You wouldn't want to be caught in this downpour."

As soon as he said this, Malcolm inched closer and whispered in a voice inaudible to the rest apart

from him and Joshua. "If you catch a cold, you won't be able to attend me and Luna's engagement

party anymore."

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Joshua immediately furrowed his brows when he heard this.

He fixed his cold, penetrating stare on Malcolm and replied, "You know fully well that Luna doesn't love

you back."

"That's fine by me. " Malcolm curled his lips into a smirk and stared at Joshua. "I'm fully content just by

her being with me."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and clenched his fists.

From a distance, Luna could see Joshua's clenched fists as well as the veins popping in his forehead.

She was worried that Joshua would hurt Malcolm out of rage, so she quickly stormed over and pulled

Malcolm's wheelchair back, then shielded his body behind her own. "Joshua, Malcolm didn't threaten or

force me into this. Everything was voluntary.

"If you're angry about this, you can take it out on me. Don't try to hurt a disabled person! "

Joshua lifted his head to stare intently at the woman before him.

The look in her eyes was cold, determined, and hostile, as though he was a person who would hurt

someone else out of impulse.

The hostility he felt in his heart dissipated, and he unclenched his fists slowly.

What made Luna think that he would hurt a disabled person? What did she think of him?

Seeing that Joshua did not reply, Luna bit down her lip and turned her face away. She did not dare look

at him any longer out of fear that she would pity him and change her mind.

With that, she turned and wheeled Malcolm back into the villa.

Joshua remained motionless as he stared at her retreating figure, so weak that he almost collapsed. Lucas quickly caught him to prevent him from falling. Joshua shook his head at Lucas, turned around, and slowly shuffled back out of the yard. His pride and dignity did not allow him to collapse. Lucas could not help feeling sympathetic when he saw how devastated Joshua looked. He knew better than anyone how much Joshua had sacrificed for Luna during this time! How did everything end up like this? Lucas could not understand this at all. Joshua shuffled back to the car with Lucas' help. He sat down in the backseat and said in a hoarse voice, "Lucas, send me to the hospital. Then...investigate what Malcolm and the Quinn family have been up to recently." A twinge of pain shot through Lucas' heart. He nodded as he started the car. "Alright, we'll go to the hospital right now! To the hospital! " When the black Masevati pulled away from Quinn Mansion, the sky had begun to pour. Luna stood on the second-floor balcony, tears streaming down her face as she watched the car leave.

Why did Joshua do this?

He had refused to find her despite being in Merchant City for this long and had asked her to wait
blindly, but all of a sudden
Why did he have to feign innocence and convince her to change her mind?
Even if she changed her mind, what would happen in the future? Did this mean that she would become
a bigger priority to him in the future?
Luna did not dare to mull over this, nor did she dare risk it.
Besides, she could not affordto make Malcolm wait any longer.
"If you really can't let go of him, then you should go after him," Malcolm's gentle voice abruptly rang out
from behind her.
Luna wiped her tears and suppressed her emotions before turning around with a smile. "What do you
mean, I can't let go of him? Is that what you think?"
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Malcolm let out a sigh. His face was obscured in the dim lighting, and Luna could not make out his

expression at all.

"Luna, I don't want to make you uncomfortable. If "He let out a sigh and continued in a hoarse voice, "If you really can't give up on Joshua, then I 'II let

you go. You don't have to worry about me at all."

He wheeled himself to the glass window and stared out into the distance alongside Luna. "I 'm already

in such a bad state; it won't matter if they treat me worse than this anyway. They won't really beat me

"To me, your happiness is what's most important."

to death as they claim.

A twinge of pain shot through Luna's heart when she heard this. She bit her lip and shook her head.

"No. I won't let you get injured because of me again."

In the past, Luna did not know why Malcolm had gotten into his accident. However, after hearing what

Granny Quinn said yesterday, she finally found out that...

Malcolm had gotten into his accident because he had been trying to escape, all so that the Quinn

family would not be able to force her to marry him.

She owed him too much, both from the past and the present.



After giving Malcolm some words of concern, Luna let out an exhale and entered her room.

Malcolm narrowed his eyes slightly when he heard Luna's door close behind her. He lifted his head and stared at the dark sky and pouring rain before him; his lips curled into a faint smile.

After a moment, he took out his phone and dialed a number.

A clear woman's voice rang out from the other end of the line. "The oh-so-busy Master Quinn finally has time to call me, huh?

"You're getting engaged to Luna tonight, so aren't you supposed to be enjoying your time with your soon-to-be wife? Why are you calling your ex?"

Malcolm narrowed his eyes slightly and replied in a cold, impassive tone, "Ms. Heather, you and I had canceled our engagement six years ago. Why are you bringing it up now? Have you somehow still haven't let go of me?"

Heather let out a scornful laugh. "You're right; it's already been six years now.

"All those years ago, you insisted on canceling our engagement, and I thought that you had given up on marrying one of the Landry heirs, but to my surprise

"You had turned the real heiress of the Landry family into an entirely different person and kept her by your side all along, waiting for the perfect time to strike."

Malcolm squinted and changed the topic curtly. "I didn't call you to talk about this. Jim has returned, so do we have to change our plans for tonight?"

"No need." Seeing that Malcolm was unwilling to talk about anything else, Heather, too, cut to the chase. "We should stick to the original plan."

She icily continued, "Joshua Lynch will surely attend the engagement party tonight. When he's busy, I 'll revive the Landry family, and by then, Charles will definitely make me the new heir of the Landry family. "When I take over, you and I can finally wipe the entire inheritance clean."