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Alarm bells rang in Luna's head. "I have no idea what you're talking about," she immediately denied.

"You know exactly what I'm talking about." Adrian shifted his position and leaned back gracefully

against the couch. "Ms. Luna, please don't forget. I was once a jewelry designer myself before

Joshua's mother passed away. Besides, I have a lot of connections in this industry."

He curled his lips into a smile before he continued, "I've read through your résumé. You tried to

conceal your true identity, so I'm sure the last thing you want is for me to expose you here."

Luna frowned. After the initial wave of shock passed, she now felt strangely calm. She looked at Adrian

warily and said in a low voice, "How did you know?"

Why was Adrian investigating her?

"In case you're wondering, I wasn't investigating you on purpose." Adrian let out a small laugh. "I know

that Nellie is the true identity of the famous jewelry designer known as Y, and because of this, I did a lot

of research about her past designs. I discovered that Moon used to be her teacher, and after asking

around, I managed to get my hands on some information about Moon through one of my connections in

Europe.”

Adrian glanced at Luna and added, “Now I know the real reason why Ms. Luna came all the way to become a maid at Blue Bay Villa. You didn’t want to see Nellie’s talent go to waste, didn’t you?”

Luna frowned at his words, but as she contemplated for a moment, she confirmed that Adrian had yet to discover her true identity. He merely thought that she was a determined jewelry designer who had returned from abroad because she was unwilling to let go of an exceptionally gifted student.

Luna felt a surge of relief at this realization. She let out a deep breath and said, “You’re right, Nellie’s talent is truly remarkable. I’ve never come across anyone as gifted as her, but I’ve already tendered my resignation at Blue Bay Villa. I’m not going to be teaching her anymore.”

It was true that Nellie’s talent for jewelry design was unparalleled and beyond comparison, but there was not much that Luna could teach her. As long as Nellie continued to realize and develop her potential, she could one day become an outstanding designer.

Adrian heaved a deep sigh. “I don’t want you to give up on Nellie just like this. She’s only six years old, and she has limitless potential, so she’ll need a good teacher to guide her. However, I know that a master like you shouldn’t be holed up here as a teacher and servant. That wouldn’t be right at all, which

is why

He stared right into Luna's eyes. "I want to offer you a job at the Lynch Group's jewelry branch. You can work and coach Nellie at the same time."

Luna halted at the suggestion. "Mr. Lynch, this sounds like an excellent idea, but..." She gave him a bitter smile. "Joshua would never agree to this."

Joshua was wary and hostile toward her the entire afternoon. He even attributed Nellie's sudden insistence in attending Neil's school, as well as Adrian's suggestion of letting Luna become Nellie's teacher, to her doing. Therefore, she did not think that Joshua would agree to this decision.

"Ms. Luna, I'll take care of Joshua. All that matters is whether or not you want to take up my offer," insisted the smiling Adrian.

Luna frowned and lifted her head to glance at him. After a moment's hesitation, she let out an exhale. "

Alright, I'll take it."

Taking up a position at Joshua's company had always been a part of her plan. Even though it was a little different from what she initially devised, it would suffice.

“Alright, “ Adrian said, letting out a sigh of relief. “Ms. Luna, please wait here for a moment. I ’11 go up to talk to him.” Immediately, he got up and disappeared up the stairs.

The living room was empty apart from Luna. She closed her eyes and leaned back against the couch, but as she grew tired and bored, she got up and headed into the kitchen.

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In the kitchen, Lily was preparing fried chicken with the other servants.

“Ms. Luna, “ Lily greeted with a smile when she noticed Luna entering. “Fried chicken is so oily and unhealthy. I don’t understand why children like it so much.”

Luna frowned and glanced at the food. Lily was right; it did look quite oily.

Luna recalled that there were some leftover ingredients in the fridge from when she made mushroom soup last time. She took a deep breath, put on an apron, and started preparing mushroom soup.

“Ms. Luna.” It was rare that the both of them could talk in private like this, so Lily heaved a deep sigh and began, “Actually, Mr. Quinn...”

“Shh.” Luna frowned and stopped her from continuing. “You’re the new maid here at Blue Bay Villa, and if someone discovers the relationship between you and Malcolm, they’ll think that you’re spying for him,

“muttered Luna under her breath as she prepared the ingredients skill fully.

Lily froze at her response. Her face turned pale.

“Do you... not want to talk about him?” Lily asked. She had worked as a maid for the Quinns in the

past, so she had witnessed firsthand the devotion that Malcolm displayed toward Luna. When Luna

was still abroad, she was not too close with Malcolm, but they still maintained a friendly relationship.

However, ever since Luna returned to Banyan City, she did not keep in touch with him that often

anymore. Whenever Lily recalled the way Malcolm stared longingly at the phone, she could not help

but feel sympathetic toward him. This man was so faithful and committed toward Luna, yet she refused

to even bring him up in conversation.

“It’s not that I don’t want to talk about him,” Luna explained with a frown. She lowered her voice and

continued, “I just don’t think this is the right place to be talking about him.”

Luna changed the topic immediately after she finished her sentence. “How much fried chicken did you

make? Don’t cook too much. It’s high in fat and calories, so we should let them have enough for only

one meal.”

Lily paused and turned away from Luna. "Alright , noted."

The two women continued working in silence for a while. Luna tried to move past Lily, but all of a sudden, a drop of sizzling oil splashed out from the pot that Lily held and onto the back of Luna's hand.

"Ouch ! " Luna cried out in pain. She lowered her head immediately and discovered that a blister had developed on the back of her right hand.

"Ms. Luna! " Lily quickly turned off the stove and grabbed hold of Luna's hand. She held Luna's hand under running tap water, all the while apologizing profusely. "How could you be so clumsy?"

Luna frowned and shot Lily a glance. "Let this be a one-time occurrence."

Lily froze at her words. "What do you mean?"

"You're upset at me because I didn't want to talk about Malcolm with you, but this is it. I won't allow you

to take out your anger on me a second time."

Lily's face turned white immediately. "Ms. Luna, I don't... I don't know what you're talking about."

"I'm not stupid. I know my way around a kitchen, and I'm sure you do, too. This is a rookie mistake. The only plausible explanation is that you did it on purpose."

Lily's hand stiffened. After a split second, she lifted her hand to look at Luna. "Mr. Quinn has sacrificed so much for you. He truly is in love with you."

"So this is the reason you hurt me?" Luna sneered and turned off the tap. "How do you think Malcolm will feel if he finds out you did this for him? Do you think he'd be touched?"

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"Delicious fried chicken! "

The fried chicken was served ten minutes later, and Nellie hopped around in glee. Neil was just as elated, but he still snuck an apprehensive glance at Luna. " Mommy..."

"You can eat, " said Luna with a small smile. She was already seated at the dining table.

"Here you go, Sirs. Have a taste of this mushroom soup," said Lily enthusiastically as she set down bowls of soup in front of everyone at the table. "Ms. Luna was afraid that fried chicken alone would be too heavy, so she made this mushroom soup herself! "

Adrian picked up a spoonful of soup and took a sip. " Not bad."

Joshua, however, sat in silence. He caught a glimpse of Luna, who had been trying to keep her right hand under the table and out of sight. "What's wrong with your hand?"

Luna shot him an impassive glance. "Nothing. I 'm just not hungry."

"Not hungry, or did you injure yourself?" Joshua's dark eyes seemed to see right through her. "Lift your hand."

Luna frowned. She did not want to do as he said, but everyone was staring at her at this point. She let out a sigh and reluctantly lifted her hand from under the table.

Her right hand was wrapped in a bandage.

Nellie was so shocked that she dropped her chicken drumstick. "What happened, Aunty?"

Neil immediately leaped off his seat, rushed to Luna's side, and grabbed hold of her wrist. "Are you hurt?"

Seeing her children's reactions, Luna felt a tingle of warmth in her heart. She shook her head in response. "I'm fine. A drop of hot oil accidentally splashed onto me, that's all."

"Accidentally?" Joshua gave her a steely glance, then turned to glance at Lily. "It's not the first time the both of you entered a kitchen. How can two handy cooks make a rookie mistake like this?"

His gaze made Lily uneasy. She lowered her head and tried to avoid looking at him.



A smirk played on the corner of Joshua's mouth. He demanded immediately, "Tell me what happened! "

Lily was so startled by his booming voice that she almost got onto her knees. "I... I..." she stammered.

"It was my fault," answered Luna. She gently set her injured hand down on the table and raised her bowl with the other one to take a sip. "I got some water on my hand when I was making the soup, but I forgot about it. I saw that Lily was having some trouble, so I tried to help, but the water on my hand dripped into the pot, and the hot oil splattered onto me."

Luna glanced at Lily. "She's a timid girl, and she felt guilty about my injury, thinking it wouldn't have happened if I didn't try to help her. Don't be so harsh on her."

Upon hearing these words, Lily immediately lifted her head to stare at Luna with a bewildered look on her face.

Adrian believed Luna's response. "Alright, just be careful next time. Ms. Luna, you're no longer a maid here at Blue Bay Villa, so you don't have to take part in chores like this anymore."

Luna nodded and gave him a smile. "I won't."

After hearing Luna's explanation, Joshua said nothing to indicate whether he believed her or not. He just gave Lily a cold glance and continued eating his meal.

Since Luna had injured her right hand, all throughout the meal, she could only use her left hand clumsily. Fortunately, Neil soon finished his meal and moved to sit next to her, so that he could feed her.

“Mommy, you used to feed me in the past, so now it’s my turn to feed you instead.”

Luna chuckled. “How does it feel to be feeding your own mother?”

Neil gave a small laugh. “It feels nice.”

“Hey, I want to do this, too!” Nellie exclaimed and wanted to join in, but she bit her lip soon after she realized that it was not appropriate for her to do so. Luna was just her Aunty to everyone else, after all.

Therefore, she turned around and looked at Joshua expectantly. “Daddy, will you let me feed you?”

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Joshua frowned upon hearing this and sternly replied, “We’ll see in the future.”

“Okay...” Nellie lowered her head in disappointment.

Adrian could not take the sight of that, though. “Come, Nellie, I’ll let you feed me instead!”

Nellie’s face lit up. She picked up her bowl and sat in front of Adrian. “Open your mouth, Granddad!”

Adrian grinned at her and opened his mouth obediently.

A moment later, Luna had finished eating, so Neil joined Nellie in feeding their grandfather together.

Adrian initially wanted to object to this, but he could not resist denying Nellie and seeing her crestfallen expression, so he let them do whatever they wanted.

Luna had finished her meal, so she left the table and sat down on the couch. She whipped out her phone and was about to check the news when she suddenly felt the cushion next to her sink. Joshua had lowered his tall and slender body onto the seat next to her.

“Give me your hand, “ he ordered in a low voice.

Luna immediately extended her right hand out to him as if she was on autopilot.

It felt like electricity surged in her the minute her hand brushed against Joshua’s rough and broad palm.

She tried to pull her hand back, but his grip on her was tight already.

“Don’t move.” Joshua held her hand in his while the other one reached out to open a first aid kit. He removed the bandage from the back of her hand to reveal a swollen, red wound. The blister had burst, and her skin was trailing blood.

With a frown, he took out some medicinal ointment and proceeded to apply it to the wound. The cooling

sensation of the ointment seemed to soothe Luna's pain.

It took her a moment before she could find her voice again. "Thank you," she uttered tentatively.

"If it hurts so much, why didn't you punish her? Instead, you chose to stand up for her," questioned

Joshua with his head lowered as he continued to apply the ointment onto Luna's skin.

Luna contemplated for a moment before she realized he was talking about Lily. "You figured it out?"

she asked him.

"Of course." Joshua let out a snicker. "I know you won't make such a careless mistake." Even though

Luna had worked at Blue Bay Villa for quite some time, she had never committed a mistake.

Luna shrugged in response. "She didn't mean any harm." Lily was merely angry at Luna because she

had not contacted Malcolm as much as she should.

"Just because she didn't mean any harm, you chose to forgive her even though she did something

wrong? How do you even know if she meant no harm, or if she was just pretending?" There was a hint

of sympathy in Joshua's stern voice. "You'd rather be in pain than let someone who hurt you pay the

price?

Foolish woman.”

Joshua’s low and gravelly voice made Luna feel as if someone had struck a blow to her heart. After a moment, she lifted her head to look at him. “Mr. Lynch, I wanted to ask you something.”

She took a deep breath and looked straight into his eyes. “Were you sad when Nellie got hurt?”

Joshua nodded. “Of course.”

“Then...” Luna gave a wry smile. “Why did you rather suffer alone than let someone who almost killed her pay the price? You said I’m a foolish woman, and I agree.”

She lifted her gaze. Joshua’s stunned face was reflected in her clear eyes. “What about you, Mr.

Lynch? Are you a stupid man, then?”

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Joshua stared back at Luna in silence.

After a while, he shot her a glance and answered impassively, “I have my plans.”

“Mr. Lynch.” Luna let out a deep breath. “I know that you’re probably showing Ms. Gibson mercy because you have a close relationship with her.

You've known her for a long time, and it's understandable you're finding it difficult to punish her for what

she's done. However, she did do something wrong, and she deserves to pay the price for it. If you can't

bear to do anything to her, you can pass all the evidence to the police, and they can take care of it."

Luna's gaze never wavered from Joshua as she tried to suppress the rage in her heart, continuing

slowly, " Attempted murder isn't a death sentence. If she gets convicted, she only has to spend a few

years in prison. Perhaps by the time she gets released, Nellie would've already grown up and can

protect herself. She won't face the same threat that she's facing now anymore."

Luna heaved a sigh and frowned at Joshua. "Why are you so unwilling to do so?"

Joshua's brow furrowed more and more as he listened to Luna. His movements also became rougher

as he continued applying the ointment onto her. Luna was in pain due to his aggressive motions, but

she still managed to finish her sentence. "Why are you showing Aura so much mercy, even though

she doesn't deserve it? Is it because she's far more important to you than your daughter?"

Clang!

Joshua immediately let go of Aura's hand and flung the bottle of ointment back into the first aid kit. The

aluminum container crashed against the edge of the kit and produced a harsh noise.

"I guess you're not in pain anymore," scoffed Joshua as he shot her a glare and got up from his seat.

Only half of Luna's wound was smeared with ointment; the rest of the burnt skin was still exposed. Lily,

who had been observing from a distance, immediately approached Luna cautiously. She wanted to

make up for her mistake by treating the rest of Luna's injury.

"There's no need, " said Joshua as he glanced at Lily. "Put the first aid kit back where it belongs."

Lily shot Luna a troubled look. Luna immediately shook her head at Lily, picked up the roll of bandage,

and proceeded to wrap her wound again.

Joshua grew even more enraged at the sight of Luna's unfazed expression. "Butler, please send Ms.

Luna and Neil off!" As soon as he barked his order, Joshua immediately disappeared upstairs.

Luna watched his retreating figure with a smirk on her face and knew she scored a weak point.

Otherwise, he would not have become so angry all of a sudden and even resorted to sending his

guests off early.

At the thought of this, Luna swiveled around to look at Nellie.

Nellie, initially happy as she munched on her fried chicken, was so startled by this sudden turn of events that her jaw dropped, and she seemed to have forgotten how to chew.

Adrian frowned and glanced at Luna. "Ms. Luna, I..."

The butler immediately rushed over. "Ms. Luna, I'm so sorry, but..."

"Don't be." She smiled at him and waved in Neil's direction. "Come, let's go home now."

Neil nodded, retrieved his jacket obediently, and ran to Luna's side. He grabbed hold of Luna's left hand. "Let's go, Mommy!"

"Mr. Lynch doesn't seem to be in a good mood,"

said Luna as she looked at Adrian. "I don't think you should push the idea of me working at Lynch

Group." She did not even wait for Adrian's response before she turned around and left hand-in-hand with Neil.

Adrian knitted his brows and turned to look at Nellie. "Don't worry, you can continue enjoying your food.

I'm heading upstairs to see what's going on with your father." He heaved a sigh and disappeared up the stairs.



Outside Blue Bay Villa...

Neil led Luna to the side of the road, but instead of pausing to hail a taxi, he turned and pulled her into a nearby pharmacy.

“Do you have any ointment for burns?”

Neil instructed his mother to wait at the entrance and entered the pharmacy himself.

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Luna stood outside the pharmacy and looked through the glass door at Neil as she sighed helplessly. It was difficult at times for her to believe that her three angels—Nigel, Neil, and Nellie—were Joshua’s children. That man did not deserve to have such obedient children.

“Mommy.” Luna had spaced out, and by the time she snapped out of her daze, Neil had gotten out of the pharmacy with a tube of medicinal ointment at hand.

He grabbed hold of Luna’s hand. “Let’s go home. I’ll help you apply the medicine!” He stayed silent for a moment before he lifted his head to look at her. “Don’t be too bothered about that scumbag. We can still achieve what we want even without him!”

Luna sighed and clutched his hand tightly. “I believe you.”

As long as her children were with her, she believed she could overcome every obstacle that came her way.

Perhaps it was a tiring day that as soon as she got home and applied the ointment onto her wound,

Luna immediately laid down on her bed and fell into a deep slumber.

The moon shone brightly in the night sky.

After making sure that Luna was indeed asleep, Neil climbed out of bed gently. Then, with the help of the

phone's flashlight, he carefully opened Luna's bandage.

He smeared another layer of ointment onto her scalded skin. He knew there was a lot on his mother's

mind because of what had happened, and she was probably distracted. He was afraid that she had not applied the proper amount and that her wound would take ages to heal, so he got up and applied it for her.

As he was doing so, Neil silently promised he would make that scumbag pay for what he had done to his mother.

“Joshua...” Luna murmured in her sleep just as Neil had almost finished treating her wound. Her voice was slurred, but Neil could still make out what she was saying.

“Joshua, why did you leave me... Why are you treating me like this...”

Neil’s heart sank at her murmurs, and he could not understand why Joshua had left his mother. Was

Aura such a good person to the extent that Joshua was willing to give up Luna because of her?

After a moment, Neil let out a sigh and said earnestly, “I’m sorry, Mommy.”

It probably would have been so much easier for Luna to forget about that scumbag if she had not

brought his children into this world. Instead, however, the three of them were like signposts that

constantly reminded her of her past, of how much she used to love Joshua, and reminded her of the

pain that man inflicted upon her.

“Nigel, I want to track Aura down.” Neil finished what he was doing and went out onto the balcony to

call Nigel.

The pale moonlight illuminated Neil’s troubled expression. “I want to...find out what they did in the

past.”

On the other end of the line, Nigel remained silent. Then, after a moment, he said, “I thought Mommy

didn't want us to dwell on the past."

Neil gripped the phone so tightly that his knuckles turned white. "She doesn't want to dwell on the past, but I do. Mommy used to not have anyone to rely on, and that's why Joshua and Aura betrayed her, but she has us now. I want to make them pay for what they've done."

"The reason Mommy returned this time is also because she wants to take revenge."

"No." Neil let out a sigh. "I don't want revenge. All I want is for them to admit their mistake."

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When Luna woke up the next day, Neil had already headed to kindergarten on his own.

He had prepared breakfast for her before he left and left a note that read, (Mommy, by the time you read this, I've already left for school. Please remember to take your meals and keep your wound dry.

Also, I've left this for you.]

Underneath the note was a pregnancy test kit.

Luna perched on the side of the bed as she read the note. She glanced at the plate of food as well as

the pregnancy test kit on the table. Her eyes started to tear up. Her children's thoughtfulness over her

tugged at her heartstrings.

She hesitated for a moment before getting up and heading into the bathroom, taking the pregnancy test with her.

Only one line. She was not pregnant, after all.

Luna let out a wry smile and tossed the pregnancy test into the trash can. She should have known that it would not be so easy. Her life had never been easy.

After she washed up, Luna sat down at the dining table. She ate her breakfast while mulling over what to do next when, all of a sudden, the doorbell rang.

Thinking it was Anne, Luna went to get the door with half a slice of toast still hanging from her mouth.

"Ms. Luna!" rang a loud male voice as soon as she opened the door. Luna immediately jolted in shock.

"Good day!" beamed a man dressed in a black suit smilingly as he handed her his name card. "My

name is Wesley Fisher, and I'm the head of human resources at the jewelry branch under Lynch

Group. I received instructions from Mr. Lynch himself to inform you that you've been accepted into the internship program at the department of design under Lynch Group's jewelry branch."

Luna's face twitched at his announcement. "Internship?"

"Yes." Wesley gave her an earnest smile. "Please be assured that although this is an internship program, your pay and benefits will be no different from that of a full-time designer."

"Your abilities impressed Mr. Lynch. He said that although you're still a beginner, you displayed very promising potential, and he believes that you'll be able to make a name for yourself in the future, "

Wesley added.

Luna squinted. It was obvious that Joshua did this on purpose.

When Luna was forging her new resume, she deliberately left out the fact that she was the real Moon.

Despite that, it was still mentioned in her new resume that she had been in this industry for some years. She clearly did not need an internship; Joshua offered her the design intern position because he thought it was the best way to humiliate her.

This man was indeed clever. Joshua knew that because of Adrian, he had to let Luna work at his company. At the same time, he did not want to offer her a permanent position, so he accepted her into the internship program. This was a smart move, because if she refused, he had an excuse for Adrian, and at the same time, she would be humiliated.

“Ms. Luna, “ Wesley reminded her when he noticed that she had not replied.

Luna immediately came back to her senses. “Alright, let me just pick up a few things first.” She stuffed

the rest of the toast into her mouth. “Please wait for a moment.”

She turned around and disappeared into the house.

Wesley was stunned. Joshua had ordered him to offer Luna an internship position, and he even

instructed him on what to do should she refuse.

What Wesley never expected was that Luna would accept the job without a moment’s hesitation. He

immediately took out his phone and messaged Lucas.

[Mr. Bean, Luna accepted the job... What should we do?]

Lucas’ response came almost instantly, [Then bring her here.]

“Let’s go.” Luna had finished getting ready just as Wesley read Lucas’ text. She had layered a light blue

knitted cardigan over a white shirt and pants and had on a pastel yellow backpack. Her outfit looked

bright and cheery.

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Luna’s outfit indeed looked like something a young design intern would wear.

Wesley froze at the sight. For a split second, he could not believe that this woman was the same one who had answered the door a few minutes ago.

“Today will be my first day of work, right?” Luna did not seem to notice his bewilderment. Instead, she walked down the steps and continued with an air of nonchalance, “Can you please explain the working hours to me? I might have to get off work early because I need to pick up my son from school.”

Following behind her, Wesley was so shocked by her statement that he was tongue-tied. “You...have a son?” This woman did not look a day over 20. How could she have a son already?

“Of course.” Luna chuckled. “My son is best friends with Mr. Lynch’s daughter.”

Wesley came to a sudden realization. No wonder this woman, who lived in such an ordinary residential area, seemed to be friends with Mr. Lynch. It was all because of her son.

The two left Luna’s building together and got into Wesley’s car. Throughout the journey, Wesley tried to explain the company’s policies to Luna.

Luna stared out the window and did not seem to be paying much attention, much to Wesley’s displeasure. “Luna, why aren’t you listening? Some of these policies are different from other



companies. If you break the rules, your salary will be cut! “Luna curled her lips into a smile. “I’m listening.”

She still remembered all of the policies that Wesley went through. Many years ago, she had been the one to draw up those guidelines with Joshua, including the benefits provided for female employees such as maternity leaves.

Once, she laid in Joshua’s arms and looked up at him with a grin. “Don’t tell anyone that all of this was my idea, so that everyone will think you’re a caring boss! “

At that time, Joshua had given her a small smile. “Of course I’ll tell everyone, because my employees deserve to know that you’re the caring one.”

Luna had believed him. She thought he would let everyone know that Joshua Lynch’s wife was a kind, considerate lady.

However, the reality was that she was met with coldness and disrespect from Joshua’s employees when she showed up at his company. Some of them even went so far as to spike her coffee.

However, while Luna’s presence was met with contempt, Aura, who had been working as Joshua’s assistant at that time, was treated with respect and appreciation. Aura had tried to comfort Luna by

telling her it was simply because she was more approachable.

Luna eventually found out that the reason Joshua's employees had treated her so harshly was that

Aura had told them she was a trophy wife who merely took credit for things she had not done. Aura had

lied to all of them, saying that the lenient guidelines and benefits provided were all Joshua's ideas.

All of these memories were still fresh in Luna's mind as if they had happened just yesterday.

Luna let out a sigh. In a twist of fate, she had become one of Lynch Group's many employees. It felt

strange and unbelievable.

The car soon arrived at Lynch Group Tower.

"Ms. Luna, we've arrived. You can get down now."

"Ms. Luna! "

As soon as the car stopped, two tall, muscular bodyguards immediately came forward to open the car

door.

Wesley frowned at this sight. "Zach, Yuri, why the sudden enthusiasm? You guys even opened the door

for me."

“We didn’t open the door for you; we did it for Ms. Luna!” said Zach, ignoring Wesley as he headed toward Luna instead. “Hello, Ms. Luna. My name is Zach, and this is Yuri. We’re Neil’s brothers. As long as you are here at Lynch Group, we’ll protect you and keep you safe!”

Luna was at a loss for words. She stared at the two burly men in front of her.

“Neil’s...brothers?”

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“It’s... a long story.” Zach scratched his head, embarrassed. “I know that it might seem a bit hard to believe, but we’re both good people. We’ve always obeyed every single one of Boss’ commands. We know that you’re related to our boss, so we’ll surely try our best to take care of you!”

Luna froze in astonishment. It took a long while before she finally forced out, “Thank you...”

She followed Wesley into the building and gave herself a small knock on the head. Since when did Neil have two burly ‘brothers’ like Zach and Yuri?

“Ms. Luna not only knows our boss, Mr. Lynch personally, but seems to be close with our security guards, too,” remarked Wesley pointedly as they got into the elevator. He pressed a button for one of the floors and added, “You should’ve joined us earlier. If you did, you probably would have held a

permanent position by now, instead of working as an intern.”

There was a hint of sarcasm in Wesley’s tone. Luna gave him a faint smile. “I ’m happy to be working as a n intern. I get paid the same amount, but the workload is lighter. It sounds good to me.”

“I’m sure that Mr. Fisher’s work must be very consuming. Besides having to work, you also have to deal with a lot of your colleagues’ problems. It sounds very tiring.”

Wesley’s expression changed upon hearing this. He glared at Luna and said nothing in response.

The design department was located on the 18th floor.

The elevator stopped at the fifth floor, and a beautiful lady walked in holding a cup of hot coffee.

“Mr. Fisher,” she greeted, giving Wesley a polite smile. “I was in the CEO’s office just now and bumped into Lucas. Apparently, Mr. Lynch has employed a new female worker?” Her voice was very sweet and pleasant.

Wesley pursed his lips in Luna’s direction. “This is her. Let me introduce you. She’s the new intern working in the design department. Her name is Luna.”

Wesley turned to Luna and resumed, “Luna, this is Mr. Lynch’s new assistant, Courtney Johnson.”

Courtney gave Luna a once-over and beamed at her. " Hello, nice to meet you. You can call me Courtney."

Luna lifted her head to greet the woman, but when her gaze fell onto Courtney's face, she froze.

Courtney looked a lot like how Luna used to be before she underwent her surgery. Luna felt as if she were staring at her past self.

She used to have features like Courtney's: a charming smile and clear eyes as riveting as hers. It was a shame that...

Luna glanced at her reflection in the elevator mirror. It was a shame that her new face was much prettier than her old one. Still...

"Luna." Wesley's voice pulled Luna back to reality. Unfortunately, when Luna came to, Courtney had already got off the elevator.

Wesley shot her a disdainful glance. "I know that you're friends with Mr. Lynch, but that doesn't excuse your rude behavior. Courtney was introducing herself to you. Couldn't you have at least answered her?"

Luna paused and let out a dry laugh. "I'm sorry, I forgot."

She was not lying. Seeing Courtney's face had brought up so many memories of the past, good ones

and bad ones alike.

“I don’t understand why you’re so haughty, “ said Wesley as he rolled his eyes. “Just because you know Mr. Lynch doesn’t mean you can treat people like this. Mr. Lynch is very strict and particular about things like this. Besides, the reason why Courtney got employed as the CEO’s assistant is that she looks a lot like his ex-wife! You have to be careful when you come across her again in the future. You never know if she’ll turn out to be the new Mrs. Lynch.”

Luna curled her lips into a smile. “Don’t be silly.”

Courtney resembled the old Luna only in appearance. Besides, many years ago, Joshua had looked at that exact face with eyes full of contempt. What made anyone think he would want to marry another woman who looked like Luna?

“What do you mean?”

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Wesley rolled his eyes. “Mr. Lynch claims that his ex- wife isn’t dead and that he’s still waiting for her to return, but it’s been so many years now. I think it’s safe to say that she isn’t coming back anymore.”

He continued, "If in a couple more years Mr. Lynch gets tired of waiting for her and wants to remarry, Courtney will be his first choice for sure! "

Luna's lips twisted into a smile and said nothing in response. She could not understand why Wesley was so confident in his prediction, yet at the same time, it was not too far-fetched either.

Even if Joshua changed his mind and wanted to marry someone who looked like the past Luna, it was none of her business anymore. The only thing she had in mind was to get pregnant and give birth to Joshua's child so she could cure Nigel.

While Luna was deep in thought, the elevator arrived on the 18th floor.

Wesley cleared his throat and led Luna into the department. "Hello, everyone, I'd like to introduce you to a new member of our company, " he announced.

"This is Luna. Our CEO, Mr. Lynch, hired her to be a design intern and assistant. If there's anything you need, feel free to ask her for help! " Wesley patted Luna's shoulder gently. "Please get to know your colleagues."

With that, he turned around and walked out, leaving Luna to fend for herself.

Shannon McCartney, the department head, gave Luna a dismissive glance and led her to an empty

desk. "You can sit here, " she ordered, tossing a stack of documents onto the desk that sent a cloud of dust flying through the air.

"These are the proposals that the CEO sent back to us for amendments. I want you to run up to his office and resubmit them to him." She gave Luna a smirk before leaving. "Don't mess this up."

There was a girl sitting next to Luna's desk, who appeared to be a university student. She nudged her glasses and whispered to her, "Luna, please be careful. This proposal has been sent back to us five times now, and every single person who submitted it ended up getting scolded by the CEO. Shannon sent you because she's trying to make things difficult for you."

Luna gave her a small smile. "Do you happen to have some tissue?"

The girl paused and handed her a packet of tissue papers.

"Thank you." Luna wiped the desk clean. Instead of heading up to resubmit the proposal, however, she sat down in her chair. After finding a comfortable position, she opened the file to take a look.

After skimming through a few pages, Luna could not help but frown. The work was so bad that even if Joshua had nothing against her, she would still get into trouble because of this.



Luna immediately borrowed a pen and paper from a nearby colleague and scribbled some stuff on the piece of paper. Then, she got up as she held the file in her hand. "Where's the CEO's office?"

The girl at the desk next to her gave a pause before answering, "It's...on the top floor."

"Thank you." Luna let out a sigh before turning around to leave.

"What did she write, Bonnie?" another colleague asked the university student next to Luna's desk.

Bonnie pursed her lips. "I'm not sure, but...she seems good."

However, if Luna truly was talented, why did she accept the position of an intern? Why did she let

Shannon bully her like that? Bonnie was a little perplexed.

With the proposal in hand, Luna soon reached the top floor of the building. When she arrived, she caught a glimpse of Courtney inside Joshua's office.

Through the glass windows, Luna saw Joshua sitting in his chair as he read some documents while

Courtney stood next to him, offering him a cup of coffee.

From afar, the two did not look like a boss and an assistant. In fact, they looked like a married couple.

Luna's heart leaped into her throat at the sight. It was not that she felt something was going on

between Joshua and Courtney, but this scene reminded her so much of herself.

Many, many years ago, she had dreamed of doing the exact same thing, of becoming a power couple

that everyone looked up to. However, Joshua never gave her the chance to do so.

Yet, six years later, he allowed another woman to get close to him. A woman that resembled the old

Luna so much that it was uncanny.

Maybe, the problem was not with Luna's appearance at all. Joshua did not hate her looks —he hated

her person.