

Luna & Joshua 1841

Chapter 1841

Roanne was utterly stunned by Charlotte's sudden aggressive behavior.

She bit her lip and lifted her head to stare at Charlotte, blood still seeping out of the corner of her mouth." Charlotte, I have no idea what you're so pissed about."

Roanne was just telling the truth; she did not understand why Charlotte was so irate.

Whether it was at the orphanage or after they had escaped from that horrible place, Charlotte had always been the one who loved mutton.

When they were still at the orphanage, a girl named Number-9 used to offer her uneaten mutton to Charlotte in exchange for vegetables and bread.

Even though Roanne was a timid girl who was constantly bullied by the rest of the children, she still knew what was going on and had a vivid memory of this kind girl.

This was because...every time Number-9 got her hands on the vegetables and bread, she would give half of her food to Roanne in secret.

Because of Number-9's kindness, Roanne had managed to survive and did not starve to death at the

orphanage.

However, after less than two years at the orphanage, Number-9 was one day adopted. Before she left,

however, she did not forget to remind Number-12, who was Charlotte, to take care of poor, timid little

Roanne.

This was the only reason Charlotte brought Roanne along with her when she left the orphanage many

years later.

Despite this, Charlotte had never treated her kindly at all. She forced Roanne to return her favor,

claiming that she owed her life the Charlotte and treated her like a slave.

This was another instance of Charlotte's unruly behavior toward her. Roanne had no idea what she had

done wrong, yet Charlotte had smacked her even before giving her a chance to explain!

"Don't you know where you fucked up?" Charlotte glared at Roanne. "Didn't I tell you to shut your

mouth about everything that happened at the orphanage? How dare you tell Jim that I was the one who

loved mutton? Are you trying to expose me?

"Let me tell you this, Roanne, if Jim abandons me one day, then I'll bring you with me to hell!

"Get out of my sight! In the future, you're not allowed to step foot into Landry Mansion without my

orders, much less stay for dinner!”

With that, she turned around and stomped off.

Roanne was slumped against the hood of her car with her hand clutching her burning cheek. She

stared at Charlotte’s retreating figure, tears brimming in her eyes.

“Here.” All of a sudden, a clear, melodic man’s voice rang out next to her.

Roanne’s entire body stiffened.

She immediately lifted her head to glance in the direction of the voice.

A clean and neat-looking gentleman stood next to her, offering her a piece of tissue.

Staring at the tissue, Roanne pursed her lips, then took it from him with a guarded expression. “Who are you?”

The man gave her a warm smile. “Don’t worry about who I am.”

He stared at the fingerprints on Roanne’s swollen face and asked, “Do you have anything in your car that can bring down the swelling?”

Roanne shook her head.

“What about ice?”

She shook her head once more.

The man smiled and pointed at a car parked next to hers. “Why don’t you come with me? I have some ice i In the mini-fridge of my car.”

Then, he glanced at her swollen face once more and added, “If you don’t bring down the swelling soon, it’ll look even worse tomorrow, and what a pity it’ll be to ruin such a beautiful face.”

With her bottom lip caught between her teeth, Roanne contemplated this for a moment before finally nodding in agreement.

Truth be told, she did not know who he was, much less his name...but this was the first person who ever showed concern about her in so many years.

After being with Charlotte for so long, Roanne had already gotten used to being physically abused like this, but no one had ever been worried about her, much less offered to help her.

No one...ever told her she was beautiful, either.

Roanne’s heart started to thump in her chest as she stared at the tall, handsome man underneath the dim street light. This man was like a Prince Charming that walked straight out of her fantasy.

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The man was mild-mannered, gentlemanly, and emanated an aura of knowledge and culture.

Roanne was willing to believe that this man was her dream come true.

However, this wondrous sensation only lasted until she got into the car.

As soon as she got into the backseat, she discovered that two other people were sitting in the car.

The man sitting in the front passenger seat was Joshua, whereas the woman sitting in the backseat, next to her, was none other than Luna.

She was more than familiar with these two faces.

Roanne bit her lip and was about to open the car door, but the handsome man swiftly locked the car before she could get out,

Theo, who had gotten into the driver's seat, smiled as he glanced at her. "You haven't even put ice on your swelling yet, so why are you so desperate to get out?"

He glanced at Luna and said, "Get her some ice."

Luna muttered in agreement and handed Roanne a packet of ice she had prepared beforehand. "Here

you

90.”

Roanne bit her lip and, after trying to open the door countless times to no avail, finally took the ice pack

from Luna. She glanced first at Luna, then at Joshua with a guarded look as she placed the ice pack on

her swollen face. “What are you trying to do?”

She would be stupid if she still could not tell that the handsome man was clearly one of their allies.

Luna and Joshua knew fully well that if they were to get out of the car and beckon her, she would never

get into the car with them.

Therefore, they had deliberately sent this man, whom she had never seen before, to trick her into their

car.

“Nothing much. We just wanted to ask you if Charlotte had finished using the drug she stole from the

Landry family warehouse.”

Roanne glanced at them, frowning. “Yes, she’s used up every last drop.”

Since Joshua and Luna had already found out about what had happened, she decided it was futile to

hide the truth from them anymore.

After all, it did not matter what they thought. As long as Jim continued to believe Charlotte's lies, their plan had succeeded.

The color drained from Luna's face when she heard this.

Previously, when they were still at Tea Cottage, Christopher had already explained this to them: If

Charlotte and Roanne had not used up all the medication, then Jim would still be able to be saved.

At this stage, however...

Luna bit her lip and clenched her fists.

Joshua, who was sitting in the passenger seat, furrowed his brows and glanced impassively at

Roanne's red, swollen face. "Does Charlotte treat you like this all the time?"

"Why are you still working for her despite this cruel treatment?"

Roanne fell silent for a moment, then sneered. "Because she's my sister. Is that enough of a reason for you?"

With that, she turned and shot Luna a cold glance. "Aren't you the same as me? Didn't you continue to reach out to Jim despite the way he treated you?"

“If you didn’t care about him, you wouldn’t even be sitting here right now, would you?”

Luna narrowed her eyes when she heard this but did not reply.

Blood was thicker than water. Even though Jim had treated her so harshly...she still tried to think of ways to save him.

“But you and Charlotte aren’t real sisters at all,” Joshua said, curling his lips into a smirk. “The two of you just grew up together at the orphanage.”

He flipped through the stack of documents in his hand and continued with a smirk spreading across his face, “She just helped you escape from the orphanage, but you chose to repay her with your unwavering loyalty and servitude for so many years. “What if I helped you find your birth parents? How are you going to repay me then?”

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Roanne’s entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She lifted her head to stare at Joshua through the rearview mirror. “Are you saying...you can help me find my birth parents?”

Joshua curled his lips into a small smile. "Of course I can."

He shifted into a comfortable position and gave Roanne an elegant smile. "The only people in Merchant City who are willing to help you...aren't capable of doing so, whereas the people who can...will never be willing to help you.

"Therefore, your only chance is to work with me."

Roanne bit her lip when she heard this.

Joshua was right.

It was not that she had never tried searching for her birth parents before, but the people willing to help her did not have the power and influence to do so.

To find the couple who had abandoned her more than 20 years ago was like trying to find a needle in a haystack.

However, the people who could truly help her...would not be willing to do so at all.

Even though she was the sister of Charlotte Jacobs, Jim Landry's girlfriend, he would not help her at all because Charlotte refused to.

Roanne had told Charlotte of her intentions to find her birth parents countless times over the years they spent together.

She remembered that the reason her parents left her at the orphanage was that they were too poor and could not afford to raise a child.

At that time, her parents had even cried while hugging her and told her that they would return for her as soon as they came into some money.

However, more than 20 years had passed, and they did not come.

Because of this, Roanne wanted to find her parents herself and ask them where they had been all these years. She wanted to ask them whether they had never managed to turn their lives around, or maybe they had simply forgotten about the daughter they had abandoned at the orphanage.

Alas...

Every time she brought up this topic, Charlotte would smack her and snap, "Why can't you be like me and pretend that your birth parents are dead?"

"It's been more than twenty years now, and if they wanted to find you, they would've done so a long time ago!"

“What’s wrong? Do you think living with me is unbearable? Is that why you keep on wanting to find your. parents?”

Every time this happened, Roanne’s face would burn from the slaps, but no matter how much it hurt, she could not say anything to defend herself.

“Why don’t you consider it?” seeing that Roanne’s attitude had softened, Joshua curled his lips into a smile and glanced at her red, swollen face. “Judging from the looks of this, this isn’t the first time Charlotte beat you, is it?”

“Do you seriously think that this woman, with whom you have no blood relations to and yet constantly orders you around like a maid, will treat you better in the future?”

If you miss out on this opportunity to work with me, I don’t think you’ll be able to find anyone else with the same power and influence to help you.”

Roanne clenched her fists upon hearing this.

She bit her lip and lifted her head to stare at Joshua. “What do you want?”

“What I want is simple.” Joshua curled his lips into a smirk, seeing how anxious Roanne was. “You

know exactly what we want.”

Roanne lowered her head but did not say another word.

A split second later, she sniffed and replied, “I’ll never betray my sister.”.

With that, she shot Theo a cold glance and said, “Unlock the car. I’m getting off.”

Roanne knew exactly how cruel and merciless Charlotte could be.

Heather and Charlotte were best friends six years ago, but that did not stop Charlotte from ending

Heather’s life cold bloodedly when she betrayed her after.

If Roanne were to do the same to Charlotte..she would probably suffer an even more painful death.

Even though finding the whereabouts of her parents was important, it did not matter as much as her

life.

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Theo furrowed his brows and glanced at Joshua with a somewhat pained look.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and said impassively, “Even if you’re not willing to help us, I’ll still help you

track down your parents.”

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“When I find them, I’ll bring them over to see you so that they can get a clear idea of what you’ve been up to alongside Charlotte.”

The tone in Joshua’s voice grew frostier as he continued, “You deliberately sabotaged Jim and Bonnie’s relationship and his sibling bond with Luna, and even plotted to take the Landry family fortune as your own.

“If your parents see the despicable things you did, they’ll probably be glad that they decided to abandon you at that orphanage.”

The atmosphere inside the car was suffocating.

Roanne clenched her fists as she lifted her head to glare at Joshua. “I never did any of these! Don’t spout nonsense like this!”

All of these were Charlotte’s doing, so what did they have to do with her?

She was obeying Charlotte’s orders and doing things as she wanted!

“This isn’t nonsense; everyone in Merchant City knows what you did.” Joshua reached out to unlock the car door with a sneer. “Didn’t you want to get off? Well, you can go now, and anything I do after this,

anything I say to anyone-will have nothing to do with you from now on.”

Roanne’s entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She never thought that Joshua would behave like this after she rejected the offer to cooperate with him.

It was as though she mattered almost nothing to him, but...

She was Charlotte’s personal assistant, the person closest to her, so how could he possibly give up his plans to bribe her so easily?

Just as Roanne was staring at Joshua’s face blankly, trying to figure out what to do, he suddenly turned around to glance at her with a sneer. “Please don’t be under the impression that you’re important to me.

“I was trying to do you a favor and help you find your parents, but you couldn’t understand my kindness.

“Maybe I was wrong, and in fact, you love being Charlotte’s slave and love being slapped by her in broad daylight.

“Theo, send her off.”

The color drained from Roanne's face when she heard this.

Theo quickly got out of the driver's seat, strode over to Roanne's side, and opened the car door.

"Please leave."

With that, he even shot Joshua a helpless glance and added, "You shouldn't get on his bad side. When he's angry, there's no telling what he won't do."

Luna, who was sitting next to her, sighed and gently patted Roanne's shoulder. Then, she gave her another two packs of ice and said, "It's okay if you don't want to work with us, but please have this so you can bring down the swelling a little more."

Roanne bit her lip and took the ice packs from Luna. Then, she let out a sigh and followed Theo out of the car.

After getting off, she glanced at Joshua in the front passenger seat as though she wanted to say something.

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Finally, she let out an exhale, summoned the courage to walk over to Theo's side, and said in a low voice, "Can... Can I have a name card?"

Unlike a liar like Luna and a bad-tempered man like Joshua, she found this gentleman quite adoring.

Theo froze for a moment, then quickly took out a name card from his pocket.

“You’re an artist?” Roanne lifted her head to stare at him in delight as she took the card from him. “This is my first time ever getting to know an artist.”

The look in Roanne’s eyes was full of awe and admiration, so much so that it made Theo feel a little embarrassed. “Yes. If you’re free, you can pop over to my place to look at some of my artwork.”

Roanne was overjoyed to hear this. “Sure! I’ll be there as soon as I get the chance!”

All of a sudden, Roanne’s phone rang.

It was a call from Charlotte.

“You haven’t gone too far, have you? I suddenly recall that there’s something I need you to help me with. Come wait for me in the backyard of Landry Mansion, and I’ll come to find you as soon as I’m finished here.”

With that, she hung up the phone without even giving Roanne the chance to say anything. Standing on the second-floor balcony of Landry Mansion, Charlotte was watching everything unfold outside the

back door with a cold sneer.

She could not believe that this bitch would betray her and get into Joshua Lynch's car just a few seconds after she punished her! She would get what she deserved!

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After hanging up the phone, Roanne exhaled and lifted her head to glance at Theo, "I think you're a good person. You..."

She turned around and glanced at the black Masevati parked in the distance as though she wanted to say something, but in the end, nothing came out,

Finally, Roanne curled her lips into a smile and glanced at Theo once more. "I'll get in touch with you if I can

"My sister is looking for me, so I'd better go now."

With that, she strode back toward Landry Mansion, all while Theo remained motionless and watched her leave

When Roanne finally disappeared from view, he furrowed his brows and returned to the car.

“No wonder you kept reminding me to bring my name card before we left.”

Theo never had the habit of bringing his name cards with him wherever he went. He thought that even though some of his artwork had become famous, he was still an ordinary artist, and no one would want to get to know him

Because of this, Theo rarely brought his name cards out with him, but that day, before they departed, Joshua had reminded him to bring some along.

At that time, Theo did not understand what Joshua had been trying to do, but at this moment, he did.

Sitting in the passenger seat, Joshua curled his lips into a smirk as he stared at the back door to

Landry Mansion, where Roanne had disappeared into. “I asked Lucas to help me investigate this girl before,

“She has been interested in arts ever since she was young, but because of her poor upbringing, her parents couldn’t afford to raise her at all, so they sent her to the orphanage.

The look in Joshua’s eyes seemed to penetrate the windshield before him, landing on a place far, far away. “Therefore, I guessed that she’d probably admire an artist like Theo.”

In the backseat, Luna furrowed her brows in sudden realization. “So you asked Theo to bring us here to

use him as bait?”

Joshua nodded. “Theo’s personality is indeed attractive to many women, but especially so to someone like Roanne.

“That’s why I specially told him to bring his name card along today.”

Theo could not help blushing when he heard this. He let out a slight cough and said, “I don’t think...I’m that attractive at all.

“If I were really that charming, Luna would’ve chosen me a long, long time ago.”

The entire car fell silent as soon as he said this

Luna, who had initially been wanting to continue the conversation, immediately shut up upon hearing this, unsure of what to say,

This sudden silence made Theo realize that he had accidentally said the wrong thing. He pursed his lips and was about to change the topic when Joshua suddenly rubbed his chin and said with a smile.

“Even though you’re a charming man, you’re still no match for me.”

Theo rolled his eyes in exasperation,

However, no matter how unwilling he acted on the outside, the truth was that he admired Joshua very much.

This man was able to find Roanne's weakness and develop a plan to exploit it in such a short time.

However...

Theo let out a sigh and lifted his head to glance out the window. "No matter how well we planned it out, we still failed tonight.

"Roanne refused to work with us, refused to betray her sister." Joshua smirked and lifted his head to glance at Landry Mansion. "Who says we failed?"

"Theo, you just wait patiently over the next few days. I'm sure Roanne will get in touch with you very soon." With that, he closed his eyes and leaned against the leather car seat. "Let's go home now."

Chapter 1846

In the garden of Landry Mansion's backyard, Roanne iced her face as she waited for Charlotte in silence.

The words Joshua had said to her in the car kept repeating in her mind. "When I find them, I'll bring them over to see you so that they can get a clear idea of what you've been up to alongside Charlotte."

“You deliberately sabotaged Jim and Bonnie’s relationship and his sibling bond with Luna, and even plotted to take the Landry family fortune as your own.

“If your parents see the despicable things you did, they’ll probably be glad that they decided to abandon you at that orphanage.”

These words rang in her head over and over, like a curse.

Roanne bit her lip, her heart beginning to turn as cold as her swollen cheek.

Even though she had not seen her birth parents in more than 20 years, there was not a second that she did not long to meet them.

Even if they had abandoned her on purpose, Roanne still wanted to find them and ask them why they did not keep to their promise, and why they decided to leave her.

She did not want them to be misled by Joshua into thinking she was a bad child and that their decision of leaving her at the orphanage was the right one....

Just as Roanne was thinking about this, the sound of heels rang out from behind her, followed by the sound of two pairs of leather shoes.

Roanne furrowed her brows and immediately turned around.

Behind her, an angry Charlotte stomped toward her in her high heels, followed by two tall, burly bodyguards dressed in black.

A bad feeling arose in her heart

If Charlotte had just wanted to talk to her about something she had forgotten, as she had claimed on the phone...why did she bring two guards along?

Just as Roanne was spacing out, Charlotte sneered and pointed in Roanne's direction with a glittery, bejeweled nail. "Seize her!"

The color drained from Roanne's face. She bit her lip, but before she could say a word, the two guards pressed her down against the ground.

Her face was pressed against the dirt, and both her hands were restrained too.

Charlotte sashayed over and stepped on one of Roanne's hands with her pointy heels. "Nice seeing you here again, Roanne.

"I can't believe that even after feeding and clothing you for so many years, you dare to betray me just because I slapped you a few times?"

As soon as she said this, Roanne suddenly understood why Charlotte had summoned her back here.

She bit her lip and tried to explain. "I didn't betray you, Charlotte!"

"When that man offered me a tissue, I had no idea he was with Joshua Lynch at all.

"He told me he had ice in his car to help me bring down the swelling, so I followed him into the car!"

Only then did I realize that Joshua and Luna were there too. I didn't mean to get into their car at all..."

If she had known beforehand that Joshua and Luna were there, she would not have gotten in at all!

However, Charlotte was amused by Roanne's explanation. "Is that so?"

She stepped on Roanne's hand even harder with her heels and said, "The only person in Merchant City

who likes black Masevatis is Joshua Lynch.

"Besides, you surely can recognize his car plate number from the number of times I asked you to tail

him, can't you?"

Roanne protested, trying to suppress the pain she felt, "It was too dark that I didn't notice at all..."

However, Charlotte was not listening at all. "You treacherous bitch!"

She glared at Roanne, let go of her, then ordered the guards, "Lock her up in that abandoned

warehouse. "Make her reflect on her mistakes, and let her out only after she learns who her boss is."

Chapter 1847

Theo drove the car to Joshua's house.

It was probably because he did not want to be a third-wheeler, but the first thing he said when the car pulled to a halt was that he was exhausted, and he scampered into his room as soon as he got out of the car, slamming the door shut behind him.

Luna had just gotten out of the car herself when she heard Theo's door close behind him. She was astounded by his speed and was just about to say something when her phone chimed.

She had received two photos sent by the butler at Landry Mansion.

Both of the photos were taken from an awkward angle, and the lighting was so dark that Luna had to stare at them for a long while before she finally recognized the people inside the photos.

The first one was a picture of Roanne, pressed against the ground by two burly men, her body, hands, and face covered entirely in mud. Her right hand was pinned onto the ground by Charlotte's pointy heel.

Roanne appeared pitiful and helpless, whereas the look on Charlotte's face was grotesque and

terrifying.

The second photo was of Roanne tossed into the charred cave by the same two men, each holding onto one side of her body.

Luna bit her lip when she laid eyes on the two photos, suddenly recalling Roanne rejecting Joshua's offer.

When Joshua had given her the option to betray Charlotte in exchange for benefits, Roanne had rejected his offer without hesitation.

Because of this, Luna thought that...Charlotte had indeed been treating Roanne like her own sister, which was why Roanne refused to betray her.

However, recalling the way Charlotte had slapped her, as well as the photographic evidence on her phone

Luna could not help feeling bad for Roanne.

Charlotte was not worth her sacrifice at all.

Seeing that Luna was standing motionless with her phone in her hand, Joshua walked over, frowning."

What's wrong?"

Luna paused for a moment, then showed Joshua the photos that the butler had sent her. "Roanne..."

Joshua glanced impassively at the photos.

A split second later, he shifted his gaze away from the phone, unfazed, and said, "Well, she has to go through this suffering to see Charlotte's true colors."

With that, he turned and strode toward the house.

Luna froze for a moment before quickly chasing after him. "When you said in the car that Roanne will get i in touch with Theo very soon... "Did you already know that Charlotte will treat Roanne this way, leading her to us?"

Joshua murmured in affirmation as he opened the door for Luna. "Charlotte is a very paranoid person.

Judging from the way she slapped Roanne just now, we can tell that even though Roanne has been with her for so long, she still doesn't fully trust her.

""At a time like this, if she were to catch sight of Roanne getting into my car, she'd surely think that

Roanne

had betrayed her.

*Therefore, as long as we make sure Roanne sees Charlotte's true colors, she'll become disappointed in her, become our ally and be willing to help us."

At this point. Jim did not trust anyone apart from Charlotte, so much so that he was even cruel enough to beat the family butler, who had served the Landry family for more than 20 years.

If they did not plant a spy by Jim's side, no matter how powerful Joshua was, he could not possibly get a grasp on Jim's whereabouts at all times.

However, if he were to send a spy over, he would run the risk of being discovered by Charlotte.

Therefore, their best choice was to use Roanne, who was already one of Charlotte's closest and most trusted people.

Luna understood what Joshua was trying to do.

"But." She glanced once more at the photos of the screen, and a glimmer of pity flashed through her eyes.

Previously, when they were in the car, Luna was not pretending with Roanne when she iced Roanne to bring down her swelling and even asked her to take care of herself.

This was because when she had signed the contract with Mr. Hanson, Roanne had been the one to help her with her makeup, and she had left a good impression on Luna.

Even a stranger would pity her if they saw her being treated like this, much less Luna, who had truly gotten to know the girl well.

“But what?” Seeing that Luna was hesitating, Joshua stopped in his tracks and turned to glance at her impassively. “Are you trying to say you feel bad that Roanne ended up like this?”

Chapter 1848 Luna nodded.

“Well, Roanne could’ve chosen not to help Charlotte at all.

“Perhaps you should think of it as all the suffering that you, Bonnie, Jim, and the rest of the Landry family are going through now was all part of Roanne’s doing as well.

“Do you still pity her now?”

Luna was rendered speechless when she heard this.

Joshua was right; Roanne ended up in such a state because of karma for helping Charlotte carry out her despicable acts all this while.

Seeing the way Luna looked, Joshua let out a sigh, walked over, pressed Luna onto the couch, pouring her a cup of tea. "If you have the time and mental energy to pity someone else, why don't you start pitying yourself instead?"

"Previously, when you were still unconscious, Jim and Charlotte didn't choose to do anything to you, but now that you're awake, they might start causing you trouble starting tomorrow."

Luna took a sip from the cup of tea that Joshua handed her. "I'm not scared...because I have you with me."

These simple words were like meteors shooting into Joshua's heart, sending ripples in his previously calm heart.

He could not believe his ears. "What...what did you just say?"

Luna bit her lip and lowered her head. "You heard me the first time."

No matter how reluctant she was to admit it, this was the truth...

She felt safe with Joshua by her side, especially after finding out about Joshua's plan for bringing Theo with him to find Roanne.

Because of this, she felt that as long as Joshua was with her, there was nothing they could not solve.

That afternoon, when Joshua had said that he wanted to drive a wedge between Charlotte and Roanne at Tea Cottage, Luna thought he was just dreaming, big.

After all, even though Luna and Jim had only gotten to know each other for a year, their bond had become so tight that even though Jim had hurt her, she still did not blame him for it.

Because of this, she did not believe that Joshua would be able to drive a wedge between the two sisters that had been together for more than ten years.

However, after seeing everything that happened that night, Luna suddenly realized that Joshua was right.

His wit and intelligence were far beyond her imagination.

As long as he was with her, she had nothing to fear.

“Luna.” Seeing that Luna was blushing, Joshua stood up excitedly, intending to walk over to her side and pull her into an embrace.

However, as soon as he stood up, he hesitated.

Maybe this was not the right time to do so. He sat back down on the sofa and stared intently at Luna.

“Don’t worry.

“...won’t let you get hurt again.” A few nights ago, when he heard Luna calling out his name in her confused state, he made up his mind that...from that day onward, he would not allow Luna to get hurt ever again.

Luna nodded, blushing. Then, she put down her cup and strode up the stairs. “Good night. Get some rest!”

Joshua curled his lips into a small smile as he watched her leave.

A short while later, his phone rang.

It was a call from Luke.

“I found Todd. He was just killed, and his body is still warm.

“However, one of my men found something interesting in his house. I’ve already emailed it to you, so you should check your inbox now.”

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After hanging up the phone, Joshua immediately picked up his laptop.

Sure enough, there was an email from Luke sitting in his inbox.

Joshua clicked it open with a frown.

The contents of the email shocked Joshua so much that he was stunned.

There were dozens of photos that Luke had taken with his phone, all of them pictures of Todd's personal account book.

It was surprising to Joshua that a cruel, merciless man like Todd would secretly have a religious heart.

He had been recording all the crimes he had committed in this book and had written the reason why he had recorded them on the final page.

He had hoped that after cleansing himself of his sins, he would be able to show this book to God so that the innocent people he had killed would be able to rest in peace.

Joshua sneered, finding this amusing.

The person who had killed Todd probably did not think he would record all his crimes into a book for a silly reason like this.

Otherwise, this book would not have ended up in Luke's hands, who had only arrived at the scene after Todd was murdered.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and flipped through the rest of the pictures.

Initially, he had thought the first crime recorded in Todd's book would be Colin Landry's car accident.

After all, according to Lucas' investigation, killing Colin Landry was probably Todd's first murder, and he had never committed any crime before this.

However, to his surprise...

The first incident recorded on the first page was not Colin Landry's car accident at all.

Instead, it was the record of being hired by someone named 'Star' to torture and beat a woman until she was barely alive.

This was Todd's first instance of committing a crime, and because of this, he had kept a detailed account of this incident.

He had even complained in his rantings that this person named Star was so cruel that they even requested him to keep this woman alive until he broke all the bones in her body and mutilated her face so badly that it was barely recognizable before finally killing her.

Joshua furrowed his brows as he finished reading this before turning to the next page.

The contents on the next page made his heart sink.

This time...Todd's next quest was to send this dead woman from Landry Mansion in Banyan City to

Lynch Mansion.

The person who hired him was none other than Star.

Joshua furrowed his brows when he saw the words 'Lynch Mansion.' Then, he immediately glanced at

the date.

It was the exact date that his Aunt Lucy had been returned to Lynch Mansion more than 20 years ago!

This meant that..the woman Todd had killed was, in fact, his Aunt Lucy!

The person named Star had hired Todd to kill Lucy before ordering him to send her corpse back to

Lynch Mansion all the way from Landry Mansion.

The air around Joshua seemed to freeze over.

Joshua frowned as he continued to flip through the pages.

The second time the name Star reappeared in Todd's book was the date of Colin Landry's death. After

that, Star never appeared again.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and flipped to the last account in Todd's diary.

His guess was correct; the last crime recorded in Todd's book was the killing of Heather Landry.

However, the person who had hired him to do so was not Star, but instead, Charlotte.

After scouring through the photos one more time, Joshua closed his laptop, leaned against the sofa, and closed his eyes.

Charlotte had been busy this whole day. From the moment she beat Roanne up until sending her into imprisonment in the abandoned warehouse..she had been busy dealing with Roanne the entire day.

Therefore, the person who had killed Todd was unlikely to be Charlotte at all.

According to Todd's records, even though the rest of his employers had indeed hired him to commit other heinous crimes, none of them were so horrifying that they needed to kill him to prevent the truth from getting out.

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-Because of this, none of them had any reason to murder Todd, unless...

Joshua opened his eyes, and a glimmer of malice flashed through his dark, inky eyes.

Unless the person named Star had found out that he was investigating Heather's death and killed Todd

to prevent him from discovering their involvement.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua picked up his laptop once more and started working.

He had always known that Todd was involved in Heather and Colin's accidents, but this was the first time he discovered that he was also connected to Aunt Lucy's death.

Unfortunately, because Todd had died, there were no other clues-apart from this book-leading him to anything to do with these deaths, much less to the person named Star, who seemed to be behind all this.

However, this was not entirely futile.

After all, he finally understood that the Landry family had not been behind Aunt Lucy's death.

Charles could not possibly have let Todd kill his brother Colin after hiring him to murder Lucy.

Most importantly, Charles was in Lincoln City, receiving treatment for his mental instability.

Therefore, he could not possibly order for Todd to be murdered at all.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua could not help curling his lips into a smile.

It seemed that the vengeance between the Landry and Lynch families had, in fact, been the doing of

this person named Star.

Therefore, he and Luna were not enemies at all, and they should not be forced to oppose each other!

To Joshua, there was no better news than this one.

He let out a sigh of relief, feeling as though the tension that had been cooped up inside his body for the past year was now released.

At this moment, Luna came downstairs.

After returning to her room, she tossed and turned countless times, unable to fall asleep.

Frustrated and thirsty, she decided to go down to the kitchen to get a glass of water.

As soon as she descended the stairs, she caught sight of Joshua sitting on the sofa with his back

facing her. He was staring at his laptop screen while his nimble fingers danced across the keyboard.

The light from the laptop screen shone onto his face, and from her angle, the only thing she could see was his chiseled, somewhat lonely figure.

Luna immediately glanced at the time.

It was already past midnight; when was Joshua going to rest?

Luna furrowed her brows and asked, "Don't you have work tomorrow?"

At this moment, Joshua was typing his plans on his laptop, and his fingers froze when he heard Luna's voice.

A split second later, he put down his laptop, stood up, and turned to stare at Luna. "Why aren't you asleep yet?"

There was a hint of excitement in his eyes.

Luna furrowed her brows and replied, "I can't sleep, probably because I'm still a little full from dinner."

As she said this, she descended the last flight of stairs and strode toward the kitchen, holding a glass in her hand.

She remembered that there was a pot of lavender tea that Dr. Rachel had made for Theo in the kitchen.

However, before she could find the pot of tea, she suddenly felt herself being lifted off the ground.

Joshua had come up to her from behind and picked her up from the ground.

Luna let out a shriek of surprise, almost dropping her glass.

Joshua picked her up in his arms, and she shot him an accusing look. "Are you crazy, Joshua Lynch?"

"Yes, I am." He placed Luna on the kitchen island, tilted her chin slightly, and pressed his lips against

hers. "I'm crazy for you."