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Joshua lowered his head and elegantly straightened his disarrayed clothes. "Let him wait a few more minutes, " he said flatly. "I'll go down soon."

"Yes, Sir."

Hearing Lucas' footsteps leaving, the spent Luna leaned on the door and exhaled deeply.

When she came to her senses, Joshua had already tidied himself, looking properly as he stood in front

of her.

He looked at her condescendingly. His voice was so cold it had no warmth in it. "I hope this matter

won't happen a second time. You can offend anyone you like in this company except me."

He then turned to leave when Luna opened her arms wide, blocking Joshua's path.

"Is there anything else?" Joshua furrowed his brows unhappily.

"Yes." Luna took a deep breath and lifted her head. "If I'm not mistaken, you did say that you're taking

me to lunch when we were at the design department just now, didn't you?"

"Hmm." Joshua frowned a little. "Someone is going to take photos and put them on the news."

Luna smiled; she guessed correctly.

Thus, she stood up boldly and looked up at his smooth jawline. "I want to make a deal with you, Mr.

Lynch." "What is it?"

"I underestimated this previously. I thought I only needed to accompany you and occasionally put up and act and I 'II be able to get what I want, but from the looks of the incident this morning..."

She deliberately licked her swollen red lips that he kissed just moments ago. "I think I'm losing out. "

"So, you want to make a deal with me and embarrass me publicly if I don't agree to it?" Joshua crossed

his arms across his chest. He looked at her indifferently. "I underestimated you."

Luna offered to establish a relationship, then constantly gave in to him. He thought that she only wanted these.

He never thought she had much deeper motives.

She initially gave in to him so that he would announce their relationship publicly. Then, she would use that to threaten him and to ask for more.

Of course, he could choose not to give in to her demands, but retracting the announcement shortly after they announced being together was still quite embarrassing for a person of Joshua's status.

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"You're deceptive."
Luna smiled. She looked up and shot a small smile at Joshua. "Don't worry, Mr. Lynch, I won't make
any excessive demands. You definitely would be able to achieve them, and they won't affect you too
much, too."
Joshua calmly looked at her. "Tell me."
Luna took a deep breath. She secretly clenched her fists tightly. "I want to see Aura Gibson."
Joshua furrowed his brows. "Why do you want to see her?"
"I have things that need to be done." She took a deep breath and tried to control her emotions. "I know
that you're keeping a close guard on her. I want to see her, but I won't hurt her nor will I affect your
relationship with her. Also, I won't spread the news that she's still in Banyan City. I only want to see her.
I don't think it should be a problem to you, right?"
Joshua squinted his eyes and looked at Luna.
His gaze was too sharp and cold. It was as if he could see through Luna's mind.
Luna could not take his judgmental gaze, so she looked a different way. "Will you agree to this deal, Mr.
Lynch?"
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What replied to her was Joshua's steady breathing. After a long while, Joshua slightly parted his lips. "I can agree to it, but..." His deep gaze suddenly locked onto her face. "Why do you hate her so much?" Chapter 202 Joshua could see the hatred in Luna's eyes when she mentioned Aura. Oddly, she never truly crossed paths with Aura. The only time they did was when Luna was a servant at the Blue Bay Villa. Was it because of Nellie? Luna shared no relationship with Nellie either—they were a servant and a master. He did not believe a calculative woman like Luna would hate Aura so much just because of Nellie. "I'm the one proposing the deal right now, Mr. Lynch, not the other way around." Luna looked away, not wanting to meet his piercing gaze. "All you need to say is whether you agree to the deal or not." Joshua looked at Luna's almost flawless face. He furrowed his brows slightly.

After a while, he gently nodded.

Luna chuckled lightly. She went past Joshua and exited. "Thank you, Mr. Lynch. I '11 accompany you
for lunch. I'll also agree to all your demands during the week."
"You better hold on to what you said," asserted Joshua coldly and strode away.
Hearing his footsteps gradually vanishing in the corridors, Luna took a deep breath and closed her
eyes.
In her pockets were a newly bought recording device as well as a pinhole camera.
If Natasha would not believe that Aura would do such a thing to Nellie, she would make Aura say it
herself!
"Dad."
Adrian Lynch was sitting on the sofa drinking coffee when Joshua arrived at the lobby downstairs.
Adrian immediately put his coffee down and slammed down the newspaper at the table in front of
Joshua, and it bounced audibly against the marble floor.
Joshua lowered his gaze.
The newspaper's front-page headline was the appearance of him walking into the group building with
Luna in his arms.

The headlines wrote, [Passionate Lover No More? Joshua Lynch Announces New Girlfriend!]

Joshua smiled a little.

He picked the newspaper up and put it on the coffee table. "What about it?"

"What about it, you say?" Adrian looked at Joshua coldly. "I got you to hire Luna because of her abilities as well as letting her teach Nellie, and you're in a relationship with her? Are you planning to marry her later on?!"

Joshua sharpened his gaze. He sat in front of Adrian and elegantly poured himself some coffee with a faint smile. "Am I not allowed?" he spoke languidly.

"Of course not! "

Adrian glared at Joshua. "Don't forget that you have an arranged marriage with Hailey of the Walter family since young! Back when you married Luna Gibson, I said nothing although I was unhappy about it. A few days ago, when you said you're waiting for Nellie's mother to come back, I had nothing to say, too, but now...! "

Adrian, who had hints of grey hair, raised his hands and brutally hit the table. "Now, you bring up

another Luna! What on earth are you trying to do? Hailey has been waiting for you all these years, do
you know that? Luna Gibson's not even back and you didn't marry Aura, yet you're still not considering
her? What is so good about Luna?"

Joshua calmly raised his head as he looked at Adrian. "Dad, that's not what you said when you got me to hire her a few days ago. You said that she's gentle, kind, and ski11fu1 to boot. If I didn't hire her, it'd be a huge loss for me. You even pondered where else could I find such a woman that understands

Nellie so much, "said Joshua as he tapped on the table.

He gently smiled. "How could you forget what you said only after a few days?"

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talent!

Adrian's chest heaved heavily. "That wasn't what I meant! "

He got Joshua to hire Luna because he knew Luna was Moon the jewelry designer. He admired her

That did not mean he wanted Luna to end up with Joshua!

Hailey Walter of the Walter family had waited for Joshua for so many years. If Joshua had to consider someone other than the Gibson siblings, it should be her!

At that thought, Adrian lifted his head and glared at Joshua coldly. If don't care. Since you made the
precedent, that means you can accept women other than the Gibson sisters. I'm going to the Walter
family in the next few days to pick up Hailey and send her to Blue Bay Villa to stay! That should be
where she'll be staying! "

Adrian thus got up angrily and stormed off.

Joshua remained seated on the sofa. He did not chase after Adrian, nor did he refute his words.

Lucas, by the side, furrowed his brows. "Sir, are you going to let your father bring Ms. Walter to Blue

Bay Villa?"

Joshua changed into a more comfortable position on the sofa as he watched Adrian's retreating form.

"Let him be. From what I know about Hailey Walter, she won't come."

Hailey was arrogant; she always had a disdainful attitude toward everything.

When Joshua married Luna Gibson back then, Hailey told him arrogantly that she would wait for him to

divorce and beg her to marry him.

Later on, when Luna Gibson met with an accident and he got engaged to Aura, she said that she would

wait for him to regret his decision and the day he proposed to her.

She still had the high -and -mighty mentality after all those years, waiting for him to approach her.

How could such a woman like that agree to live with him just because of a few words from Adrian?

Moreover, even if Hailey eventually entered Blue Bay Villa to stay, it might not be a bad thing after all...

As he exited the Lynch Group, Adrian grew angrier the more his thoughts plagued him. In the end, he

turned around and took the elevator straight to the design department.

In the design department, the atmosphere was eerily silent.

Once Luna came back from the president's office, she got called to enter Shannon's office.

"Luna, you may have a special status now, but you shouldn't show off. Everyone is watching you. It's

times like these when you have to work harder to show everyone your ability. Let them know that you

have what it takes to do the job as the Designer Assistant."

Shannon then slammed a thick pile of design sketches on her table. "There are many mistakes in these

sketches. Go and edit them. Hand them back to me before the end of the day."

Shannon smugly raised her brows at Luna. "This is within your job scope. I have nothing against you."

Seeing how condescending she looked, Luna smiled a little.

She never thought there would come a day where she would be treated as a newcomer and bullied by
others, but it was alright. It was better than having nothing to do.
She lugged the pile of sketches back to her desk.
Baffled, Bonnie looked stunned with widened eyes. She saw her few pieces of sketches, then she
looked at the pile Luna has.
"She's clearly trying to make things difficult for you! How are you going to get it done by the end of the
day?"
Luna smiled and said, "She only said to get it done by the end of the day, but she didn't specify which
day."
Then, she casually looked at the messy sketches on Bonnie's desk.
Luna helplessly sighed. She took Bonnie's sketches and piled them on hers. "Let me do it."
Bonnie hesitated a little. "I can do it"
"The more you edit, the worse you'll make it." Luna smiled and said softly, "I thought that you reporters
would learn some basic knowledge before assuming another identity."





Before Bonnie could finish her sentence, a middle – aged man's voice rang out coldly at the entrance. Luna put her pen down and lifted her head. The person coming her way fiercely from the entrance was Joshua's father, Adrian Lynch. At that moment, Adrian's face was filled with rage. He walked toward her, raised his hand, and slapped Luna. His slap was too quick, too sudden, and brutal. Slap! Luna's face was slapped to the side as the slapped cheek became swollen. A handprint emerged on her face, too. Hot, fiery pain seared her face. Luna clutched her face and looked at Adrian coldly. "Who are you? What are you trying to do?" Bonnie got up. She placed herself in between Luna and Adrian, blocking Luna with both her arms wide open. "You don't look young, either. How could you slap someone just like that?" Adrian looked at Luna condescendingly. "She deserved it!" "Uncle, calm down." Shannon immediately rushed out of her office. She comforted Adrian while instructing her staff, "Serve Uncle some tea! "

Shannon was one of Granny Lynch's distant relatives. How could she not know who Adrian Lynch
was?
She was gleeful when Adrian slapped Luna. "A successful man would always be seduced by many
b*tches. Why are you so angry? President Lynch would dump her once he had enough of her; she
won't marry into the Lynch family. You don't have to be so angry."
Then, Shannon lifted her head and looked at Luna arrogantly. "What are you waiting for? Apologize to
my uncle! "
"Apologize? What for? " Bonnie rolled her eyes. "He was the one who slapped her, yet Luna has to
apologize?"
"Of course, " harrumphed Shannon as she raised her head. "She made my uncle unhappy. Should she
not apologize for that?"

"I 'm sure you don't know this, Bonnie, but this is my uncle, President Lynch's father! "  $\,$ 

At those words, Bonnie's expressions immediately changed.

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She sharply glared at Adrian. "Mr. Lynch, you must've gone to look for Joshua just now, didn't you?
I'm not wrong, you must've been talking about this to him, but Joshua didn't heed your words and
suggestions, so you came here, angrily looking for me and slapped me."

Luna glared at him. Her tone was as cold as her gaze. "You're dissatisfied with me, but since you can't persuade your own son, you could only take it out on me, huh?"

Adrian's expressions were rather ugly because he was exposed.

"Well, it's all because you are shameless!" Shannon swept a condescending glance at Luna. "If you knew your place and didn't seduce Joshua, Uncle wouldn't have gotten angry with you!"

She glanced at Courtney, who secretly stood by the entrance and watched the commotion. "If I 'in not

mistaken, she has seduced Joshua before as well, didn't she?"

"Is that so?" Luna smiled coldly.

Then, Luna looked at Shannon. "You, too. You must've thought of Joshua, too. If Mr. Lynch was to slap every woman who has ever seduced Joshua, then I'll admit it: I deserved to be slapped. All of them failed, so they could escape the slap. Just because I succeeded, I deserved to be slapped?"

Adrian's expressions got even uglier.

Shannon bit her lip. She looked at Adrian, then Luna. "No matter what, you just have to apologize to my uncle! Otherwise... Otherwise, I'll make you work much harder! I'111et you amend all the design sketches! Don't forget that you're only an apprentice. I have the right to make you do all this work! "Luna shrugged. "Fine by me."

"Hold on! " Suddenly, Adrian furrowed his brows, turned, and looked at Shannon. "W—What did you say her job was?"

Shannon pouted. "An apprentice. A person like her who has no art background and knows nothing about design only made her way in because of her looks. It's only fair that she's stuck as an apprentice."

"Nonsense! " Adrian glared at Shannon. "You treat her as an apprentice? Are you nuts?"

Luna was a world-renowned jewelry designer!

A designer like her, yet Shannon claimed she had no art background nor not knowing anything about design.

If such news were to spread, the entire Lynch Group would be the joke of the town!

Even if Adrian was angry Luna took Hailey's position, that was a private matter. Designing was a whole
other matter!
At that thought, Adrian looked at Shannon. "You're the Design Director, aren't you?"
Shannon's smile was plastered on her face as she looked at Adrian in a daze. "Yes, Uncle. Why?"
"Give her your place! "
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Shannon was infuriated. "Uncle, you're joking right?"
Why should she give up the Design Director position to this b*tch? Adrian should be on her side. He
hated Luna as well, but why did he not only not fire or demote her, but he promoted her instead?
Who is the crazier one?
"I'm not joking." Adrian calmly looked at Shannon. " Give her your place."
Work is work, it has nothing to do with private matters.
Even if he were to demote or fire Luna, it would not affect Luna and Joshua's relationship too much.
On the contrary, the Lynch Group would have lost a world-renowned designer.

Moreover, it was Adrian himself who got Luna to work for the Lynch Group. It was hard for him to take back his words at that moment.

The best solution was to let Luna work for the Lynch Group while cutting down her interest in Joshua!

At that thought, Adrian turned to look at Shannon once more. "You're unwilling to do so?"

"Of course, I'm unwilling! " Shannon panicked. She immediately stood in between Adrian and Luna. "

Uncle, I climbed up to this position with my own abilities! What skills does Luna have? She only got in thanks to her relationship with President Lynch! She only deserves to be an assistant or an apprentice.

"Is that so?" Luna was finally amused by Shannon's arrogance and she burst out laughing.

"Of course! "Seeing Luna talking, Shannon harrumphed coldly. "Is that not so? You only got in because of your connections! You're nothing but trash! "

Luna was Joshua's woman at that moment. If she could come up with good jewelry designs, Joshua would not let her only be a Designer Assistant!

No one who relied on connections to get a job would want to settle for a lower position.

If Luna could so happily accept her place as a Designer Assistant, did that not show that she knew

## nothing?

"You, shut up! " Adrian furrowed his brows and reprimanded Shannon. "Don't talk if you don't know

what you're talking about! Give her your place! Luna will be the Design Director! You become the

Designer Assistant! "

Granny Lynch has truly spoiled her distant relatives! "I won't agree to it!" Shannon gritted her teeth hard. She raised her head and looked at Adrian unwillingly. "If you want Luna to take over my position, sure. If she can come up with a design that can compete with mine, I would be more than happy! If she can't, I'll make her amend all the wrong design sketches! "

"What if she could? " Suddenly, a low man's voice rang through the corridors.

Shannon was stunned. She subconsciously turned to look over.

A tall figure in a black suit was casually leaning by the door. He was looking at her rather coldly.

"President Lynch!"

Shannon paused for a while. After a moment, she pursed her lips. "If Luna could do it, I'111et her take my position as the Design Director! "

"Then you'll be the Designer Assistant and amend all the wrong design sketches, yes?" Bonnie immediately chimed in. Shannon's face turned pale. She turned around and glared at Bonnie. "This has nothing to do with you! "I think it's a great idea." Luna shrugged. She nonchalantly grabbed a sketch board and a pen. "What should I sketch?" Then, she raised her eyebrows and looked at Joshua. "Do you remember the design proposal that I brought over to President Lynch yesterday morning? The one that Shannon has already amended four times but still could not get it approved? Why don't I design one with my own ideas according to the requirements of that design?" Then, Luna lowered her gaze and swiftly started sketching. Adrian was somewhat excited. He immediately stood up and went behind Luna, looking at her work. Shannon and the other colleagues were in disdain initially.

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This woman only knew how to boast!

However, when they saw Luna sketching the outline of the jewelry, also looking at her mastered sketching technique and her unique sense of composition, everyone was stunned. At that moment, the entire office was so quiet there were only sounds of Luna's sketching on the paper. Everyone was looking at her sketch seriously. Joshua too. He looked at Luna's hands. His gaze got deeper and darkened. Luna Gibson's figure inexplicably appeared in his mind. Back then, Luna Gibson loved to sketch too. She always liked to sit in a sunny room with the window open and let the breeze blow the curtains behind her. She sat in front of a sketch board and started drawing with her naturally skilled technique. She liked to draw many things. The flowers at home or the scenery outside, but mostly, she loved to draw him. His side profile, his eyebrows. He has hidden in the far corner countless times, just like what he was doing at that moment, looking at

her sketching the image on her mind.

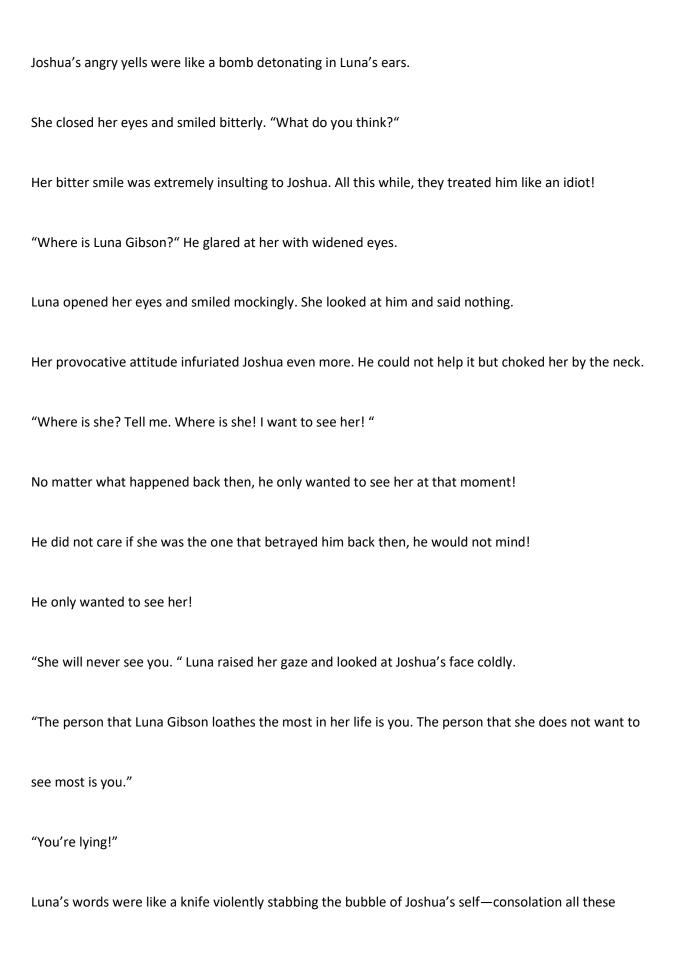
Every time, he would have a peek when she just started sketching and he would leave right before she finished her sketch. She was always engrossed in her art, not once has she noticed him peeking at her. Looking at the way Luna held her pen, Joshua slightly furrowed his brows. He did not know much about art, but were everyone's sketching techniques and habits the same? The way Luna sketched, her habits, and her occasional minute gestures were exactly the same as Luna Gibson back then. Joshua slightly squinted his eyes. He remembered what Luna said before, that she has deliberately imitated Luna Gibson's habits and likes. However, could sketching habits be imitated? Joshua furrowed his brows. He lowered his gaze and sent Lucas a message. (Check all of Luna Gibson's social media and everything that has to do with her once more. Also, find out everything that has to do with her artwork.] The moment Joshua finished sending the message, Luna had finished sketching too.

She only took an hour or so to finish what Shannon needed two days to do.

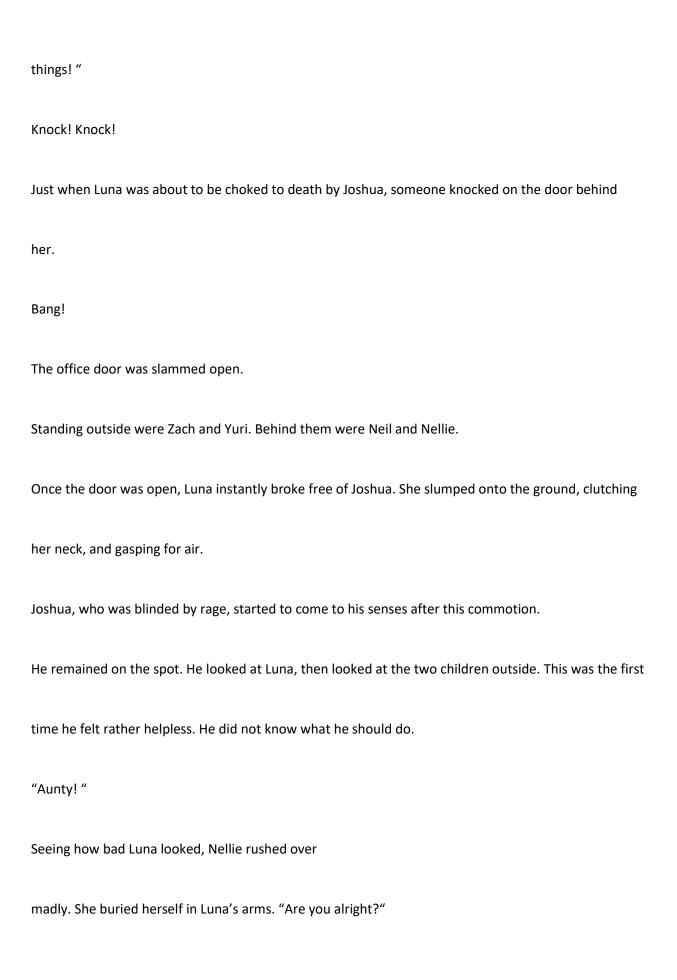




department.
They did not even take the elevator. He brutally pulled her all the upstairs to the top floor.
Luna's body was like a broken puppet, being dragged and tugged by him.
When they reached the top floor, she was spent. She did not have any strength left in her.
She bent down and supported herself with her hand on her knee, gasping for air.
"Joshua Lynch, have you gone mad?"
"I am mad! I'm going mad because of you! " Joshua pulled Luna into his office.
Slam!
Once the door was slammed shut, Luna's back violently hit the door of the office.
Joshua's gaze was filled with fury at that moment. He violently looked at Luna. "You knew Luna Gibson,
did you not? You were Nellie's teacher when she was overseas! Nellie has been living with Luna
Gibson all these years! How are you related to Luna Gibson? Did you two conspire together? She sent
her child back to me while you deliberately used everything that has to do with Luna Gibson to seduce







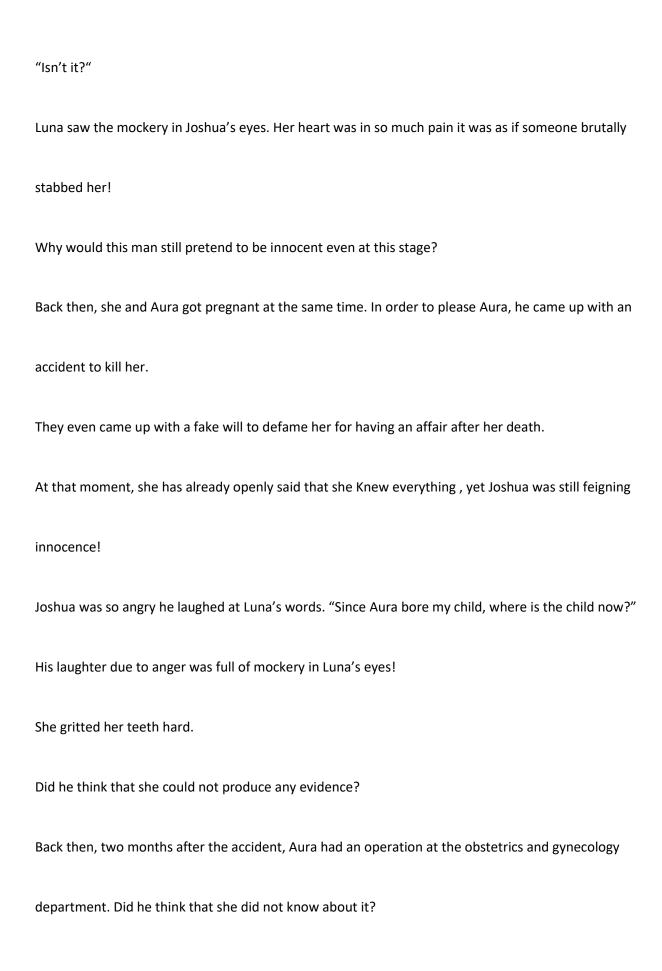
"Daddy, have you gone crazy?" "He has indeed gone crazy." Neil furrowed his brows. He looked at Luna, his heartbroken. Then, he slowly walked into the office with both hands behind his back. "He got angry after his lies were exposed. Mr. Lynch, how have I never realized that you are a person who would not dare to face reality?" Joshua furrowed his brows. He looked at Neil calmly. He scoffed, "What do you children know about?" "Of course, us children know things." Neil changed into a more comfortable position on the sofa. He crossed his two short stumpy legs. " When I was overseas, I knew everything. Aunty Luna Gibson has long disliked you. That is why she got my Mommy to come back to you. To take care of Nellie while observing to see whether you could take good care of Nellie." Then, Neil looked up with his huge, watery eyes. "But it seems like, Mr. Lynch, you have a tendency to

violence. You're not suited to raise your daughter alone."

Joshua squinted his eyes a little. "What else do you know?"

"I know a lot." Neil looked at Luna, whose face was slowly regaining its colors. He was relieved. "I also
knew that you broke Aunty Luna's heart previously. She truly liked you, but what she got in return was
your indifference and betrayal."
Joshua furrowed his brows hard. He sneered, "Since when have I betrayed her?"
Cold, heartless, and distant. All this he would admit to it.
After all, when he got together with Luna Gibson, he stubbornly thought that he only married her
because she was a good woman.
He thought that he would never like her at all.
However, when he finally lost her, he realized that the most important woman in his life had already
appeared.
Only that, before he could realize and cherish her, she has already left.
"Never?" Luna sat on the floor. She glared at Joshua coldly while clutching her neck. "Then, tell me.
What is your relationship with Aura?"
Aura?
Joshua furrowed his brows and sneered, "I 've said it before. I only got Aura a proper status, so I could

take care of her after Luna Gibson left. She is Luna's closest sister. Should I not take care of her?"
Looking at Joshua trying to talk his way out pretentiously, Luna chuckled.
"I'll still say the same thing. There are many ways to take care of a person, why do you have to get
engaged with her? Also"
Luna narrowed her eyes. "Aura's child back then, was it not yours?"
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"Aura's child?"
Joshua furrowed his brows hard. "Since when does she have a child?"
"Joshua, what is the point of continuing the pretense at this stage?" Luna looked at that pretentious
face. Her gaze got colder. "If it wasn't because Aura got pregnant, Luna would never have decided to
leave."
Looking at Luna talking nonsense, Joshua found it ridiculous.
"You're trying to say that not only Aura has been pregnant, but she also bore my child, is it? You're also
trying to say that because Aura has my child, that was why Luna decided to leave me?"



Joshua sneered and looked at her, "Are you trying to say that the child has been aborted?"
Luna looked at him and said nothing.
"What a vivid imagination you have."
Joshua lowered his gaze and looked at the time. His eyes dimmed. "It's time for lunch. Let's go."
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Neil, who was sitting on the sofa, furrowed his brows. His child-like voice was filled with displeasure.
"We're already at this stage, you still want to put on an act and take my Mommy to lunch?"
"The reporters are already there. What do you think?"
Joshua swept a gaze at Neil. Although it seemed like he was talking to Neil, it was more intended for
Luna.
"Since we're already putting on an act, the show must go on."
Then, he turned to look at Luna. "Ms. Luna, are you regretting the things you agreed to me this



"Do you think Daddy will suspect Mommy's identity?" Nellie bit her lips and gently asked.

Neil shrugged. "According to that scumbag's intelligence, I doubt he will, but people have always said that a man in love is an idiot. From the looks of it just now, he was a man who has fallen out of love, but I still think he is an idiot." Nellie pouted. "You badmouth Daddy in his office, aren't you afraid the others will hear you?"