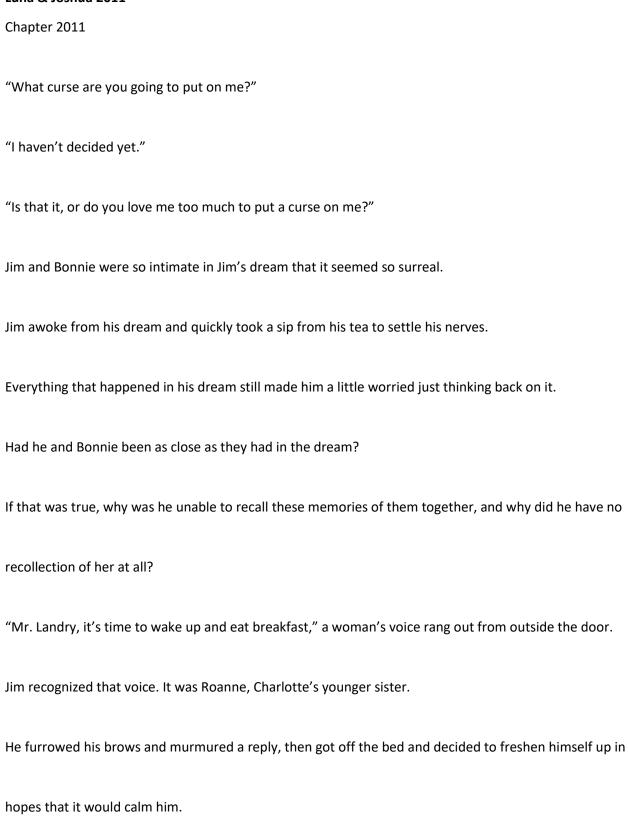
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In the dining room, Roanne had already prepared an entire table full of food.

Jim sat at the table, and as he chewed on his food, he said impassively, "I've already sent Charlotte to

live at our future house in the city center. You can go over with her if you'd like."

To his surprise, Roanne shook her head. "No, I don't want to live with her."

With that, she immediately stood up as though she had made up her mind and got on both knees in

front of him.

She lifted her head to stare at Jim with tear-rimmed eyes. "Master Landry, I've been wanting to tell you

this for a long time now, but I never got the chance.

"Now that Charlotte is unable to follow and keep watch over me anymore, I have to tell you the truth!"

Jim furrowed his brows and glanced coldly at Roanne with a hint of displeasure on his face." What do

you mean by this, Roanne? You say that Charlotte has been watching you?"

How could that be? Were Charlotte and Roanne not as close as real sisters?

When he had met them at the orphanage, Charlotte, who was Number-9 at that time, would always

share her food with Roanne, Number-12. At that time, when Jim returned to take Charlotte away from

the orphanage, she had requested to bring Roanne with her as well.

Not only that, but she was the one who had chosen Roanne's name for her. Why was Roanne trying to talk bad about Charlotte as soon as she left LBIF"\C[}ry Mansion? It was bad enough that she did not appreciate Charlotte's help, but she was even trying to frame her for other things. "Yes." Even when faced with Jim's look of repulse, Roanne continued, "Master Landry," She lifted her head to stare at him. "Actually, you made a huge mistake. "Charlotte isn't the Number-9 you fell in love with at all." Jim furrowed his brows when he heard this. "What are you talking about?" "I'm saying that Charlotte isn't Number-9, and I'm not Number-12 either. "The truth is that Charlotte was Number-12, and I was Number-23 at the orphanage. "The girl you promised to marry was Number-9, but she was adopted soon after you left, and Charlotte took her place instead. All this while, you've been searching for the wrong person..." Clang! As soon as she finished her sentence, the sound of broken china echoed from the direction of the door.

Bonnie stood motionless at the door, and she could hear a faint ringing in her ears.

She stared at Roanne, who was still kneeling before Jim, and said in a trembling voice, "Can... Can

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you repeat that?"

Bonnie's appearance in the dining room surprised the two of them.

Jim glanced at her, frowning, and said with disapproval, "Since when did you arrive?"

Who gave her the right to eavesdrop on the conversation between him and Roanne?

Bonnie's lips were pressed together in a thin line, and her gaze was on Roanne, who was still kneeling

on the ground. "Roanne, repeat what you just said," she repeated, albeit with an unsteady voice.

"Who... Whose identity did Charlotte take?"

Roanne, too, was shocked that Bonnie would appear at this moment.

She had seized the opportunity of Charlotte not being around to tell Jim the truth and plant the seed of

doubt within his mind.

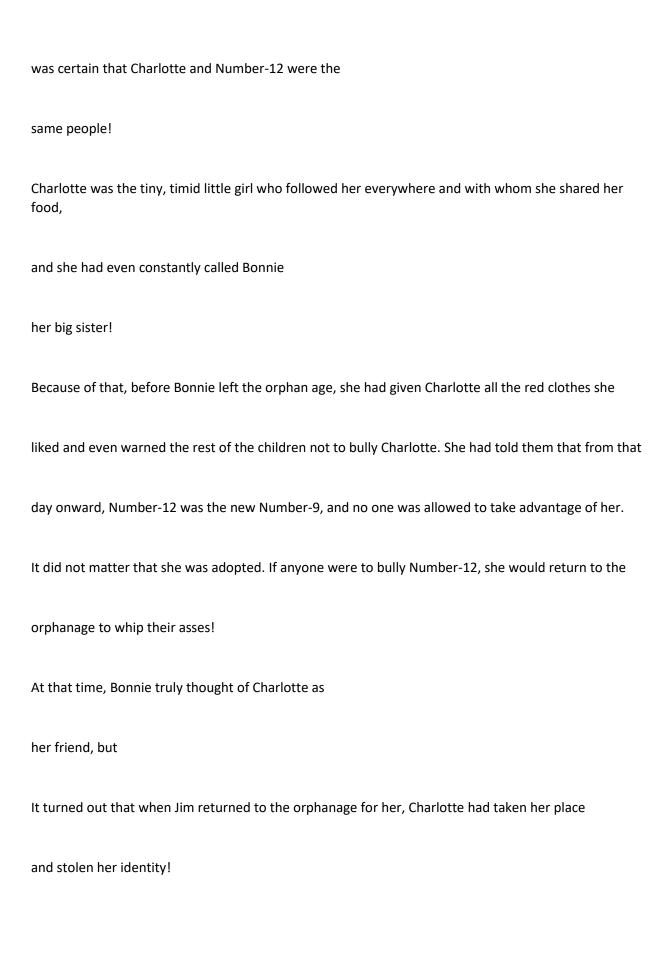
However, Bonnie's sudden appearance threw her off a little. She did not know whether she should get

up from her position or if she should remain on her knees before Jim.' Therefore, she had no choice but to glance rather sheepishly at Bonnie and repeat in a low voice, "Charlotte...took the place of another girl named Number-9 at the orphanage. At that time..." She let out an exhale and tried to explain everything very briefly to Bonnie, "At that time, Master Landry had made a promise to a girl called Number-9 that he'd return after he grew up and find her so that they could reunite. "However, Number-9 was adopted just a year after Master Landry left, so Charlotte put on her old clothes and jewelry and took her place as the new Number-9... "After that, Master Landry returned to the orphanage as promised and took Charlotte away by mistake." With that, Roanne sighed and glanced at Bonnie. "Do you understand what I'm saying?" Even though she was a little displeased by Bonnie's sudden barging into their meeting, she still maintained a liking toward Bonnie because of her connection with Theo. It would be great if Bonnie were willing to help her distract Jim and bring down Charlotte. Bonnie remained motionless and bit her lip nervously.

Of course she understood.

She was Number-9.
Bonnie let out a sigh and glanced at Jim, her entire body shaking.
A few days ago, when she was still at Joshua's house, Theo had suspected that Bonnie had known
Charlotte EMB,\BA Roanne in the past since all three of them had been at the same orphanage
before.
Not only that, but Joshua even boldly guessed that Jim must have been the young boy she had met
there, and she was the girl in red that Jim had been searching for his whole life.
However, Bonnie never took Joshua and Theo's guesses to heart, especially after she met Jim once
more.
His coldness, cruelty, and hostility toward her made it even more difficult for her to associate him with
the boy she had fallen in love with when she was young.
Because of this, Bonnie had constantly been reminding herself that Jim could not possibly be the kind,
gentle boy she had met, and Joshua was wrong.

In her mind, the young boy and Jim were two totally different people, but at this moment...



As soon as she thought of this, Bonnie felt as though an invisible hand was squeezing her heart. "Bonnie." Seeing that Bonnie was staring at him but not saying anything, Jim furrowed his brows and shot her a stern look, frostily snapping, "Who allowed you to come into the main building without my permission?" He had been clear with her the night before; she was to stay in the tiny house in the yard and he in the main building so that their paths would not cross! However, not only had she barged into the main building without his permission, but she even eavesdropped on his conversation with Roanne! What was she trying to do? Did Bonnie think that she had somehow won the battle just because Charlotte was not here and got cocky? Jim could not believe that just that night before, he had been wondering whether he and Bonnie had truly shared a past together. This woman knew no limits, and she was

beginning to get on his nerves!
"I." Bonnie bit her lip and was about to answer his question when suddenly, Harvey stormed into the
room.
"Why are you so hostile?" He glared at Jim as he spread out his arms to shield Bonnie from Jim's view.
"No one has stayed at the house for more than a year now, and there's not even a kettle there!
"Bonnie had just come over to get a kettle so she
could boil some water for Shelly's milk!"
With that, Harvey bit his lip nervously and snapped, "Mr. Jim, it's one thing for you to ignore your own
daughter's needs, but another thing entirely to snap at my Mommy like that! Who do you think you
are?"
The fury in Harvey's gaze and his sharp words
made Jim narrow his eyes.
He fell silent for a moment and realized that he had indeed misunderstood Bonnie, so he relented and
pointed in the direction of the kitchen. "There's



Bonnie's entire body stiffened when she heard this.

Staring at the disdainful look on his face, she swallowed her words and curled her lips into a self deprecating smirk. "How can that be? Even if I was the Number-9 you've been searching for, you're not the young boy I knew.

"You're nothing compared to him."

With that, she turned around, grabbed Harvey's hand, and strode away, all the while suppressing the pain in her heart.

Jim narrowed his eyes as he watched her leave.

wedge between us? What are your intentions in doing this?"

Was she mocking him?

A gust of wind blew, and the door slammed shut behind them with a loud thud that made Roanne jump.

Jim finally turned his attention back toward Roanne and shot her a cold glance. Then, he said in a tone so cold there was not a hint of emotion within it, "Roanne, Charlotte has treated you as her sister all these years, so how could you deliberately tarnish her name behind her back and attempt to drive a

Roanne felt her blood run cold.
She had thought of the possibility that Jim would not believe her, but she never thought that Jim would
do it so blatantly and without hesitation.
Roanne exhaled and lifted her head to stare at Jim, a cold sneer playing on her lips. "She treated me
like her sister?"
She lifted her sleeve to reveal her bruised and severely wounded arms. "Look at these. She sent men
to beat me up every time I disobeyed her.
"Master Landry, do you think someone who truly thinks of me as a sister would do something like
this?"
Jim narrowed his eyes as he gazed at her arms. "Do you have any evidence to prove that Charlotte
was
the one who did this?"
"No, I don't" Roanne let out a sigh, stood up, and placed a flash drive on the table before Jim. "Master
Landry, I know that Charlotte told you the reason she had left Merchant City was that she had been
chased out by Heather.

"However, even after losing your memories, you should know whether Heather truly is capable of doing
this or not. Was it truly Heather's fault that Charlotte and I didn't dare to return to Merchant
City after suffering our burns?
"The answers to those questions are included within this flash drive. You'll understand
everything after you look through it."
Jim glanced at the flash drive, picked it up, and started toying with it in his hand. He sneered and said,
"You made me breakfast so early in the morning, tried to expose Charlotte by saying that
she had stolen another person's identity when she was youngand now, you're accusing her of
physically abusing you.
"However, you have no proof to back up your claims at all, and the only thing you can give me is a flash
drive to look through myself?"
He tossed the flash drive into the trash can and said coldly, "I don't have the time to find out what
other lies you've made up about Charlotte."

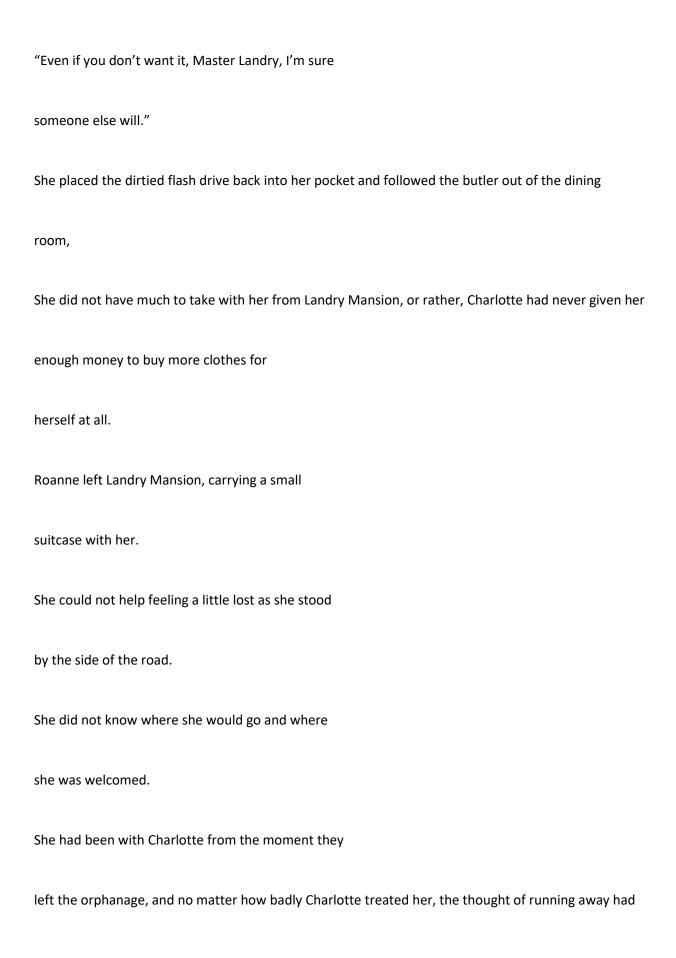
He turned to glance coldly at Roanne. "Initially, I had wanted to tell you that as Charlotte's sister, you're

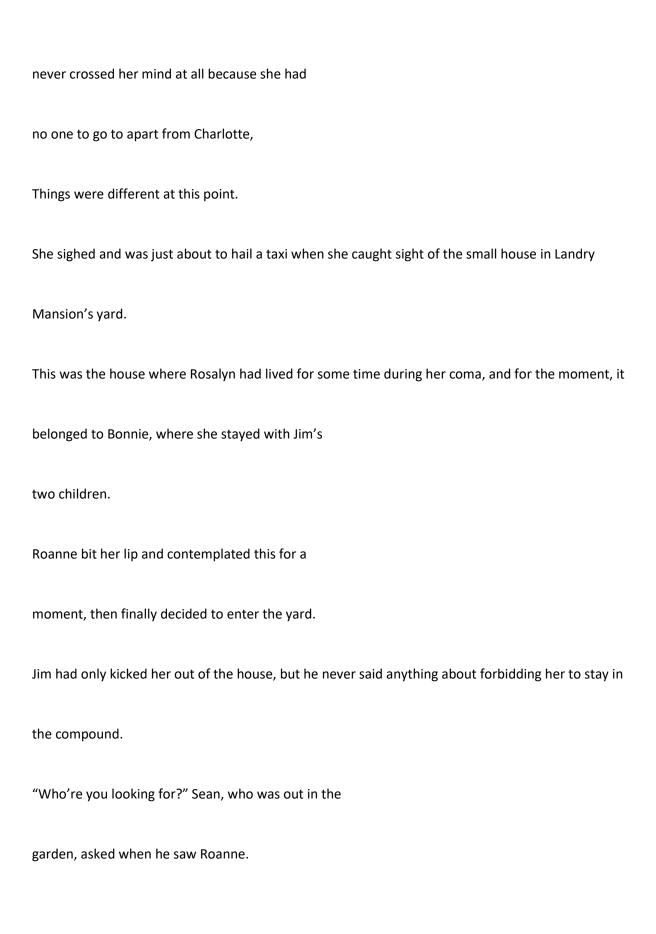
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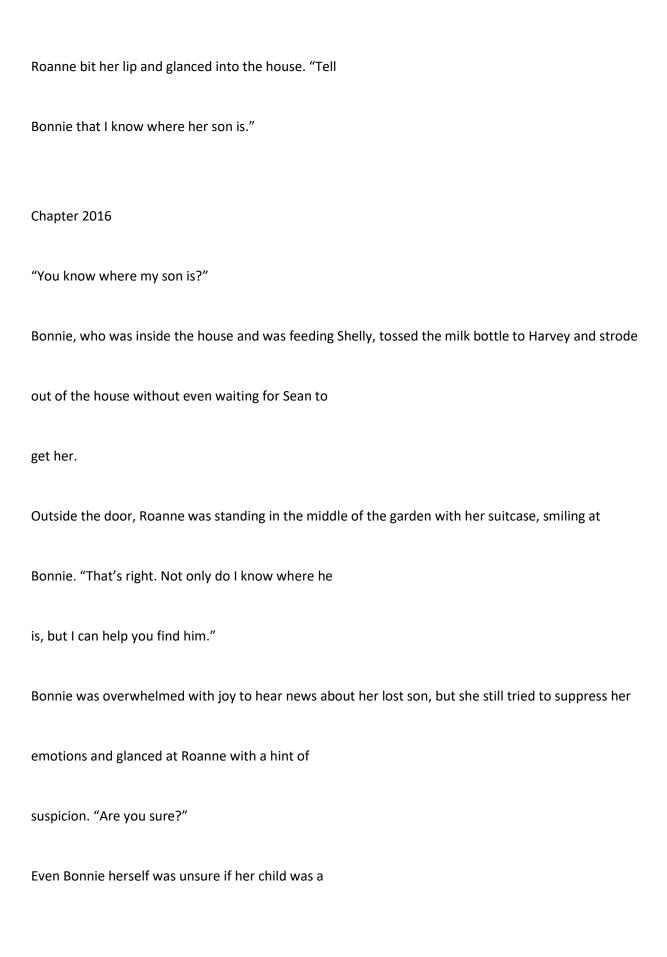
The flash drive contained every crime Charlotte committed, including her intentions of burning Bonnie but getting betrayed by Heather at the last minute, which led to her burns and subsequent



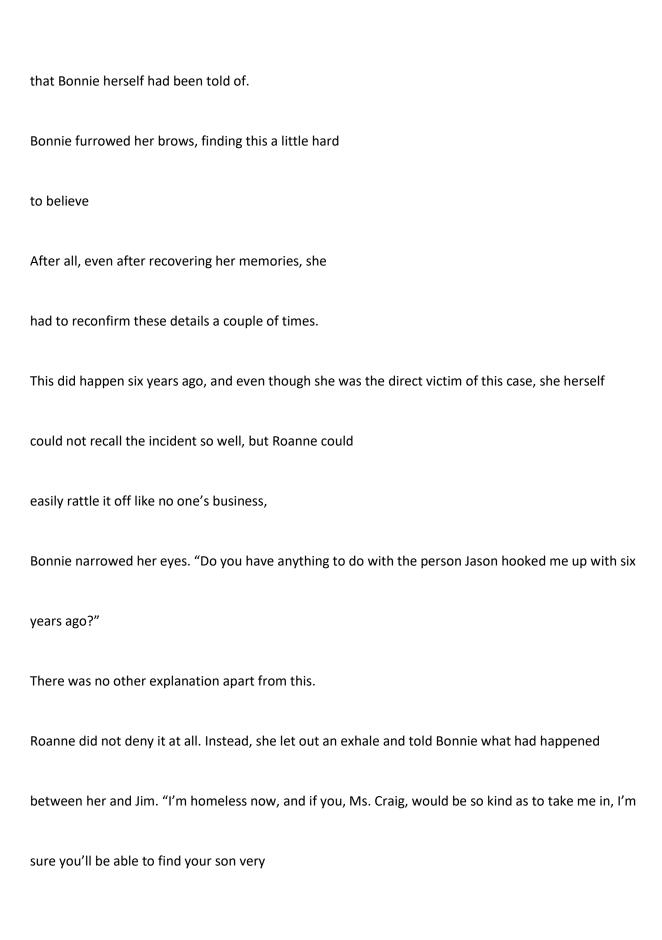










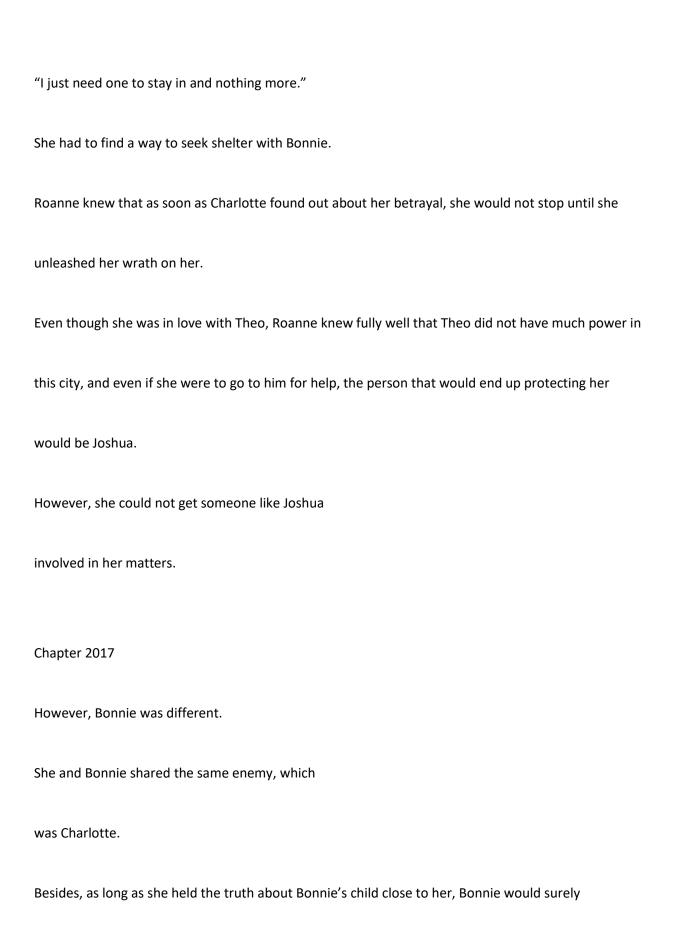


soon."
Truth be told, Bonnie was spending almost every second of her life with her son at this moment, but
she did not know that.
Roanne did not intend to tell Bonnie the truth soon either. After all, even though she had taken a liking
to Bonnie, she was still unsure if Bonnie would betray her as Charlotte had and start abusing her
after she lost her value to her.
Because of this, Roanne decided it was better to be
safe than sorry
Bonnie fell silent for a moment, then smiled at her. "If we were in Banyan City right now, as long as you
could provide a single clue about my son's whereabouts, I'd do much more than offer you a place to
stay; I would buy you a house, even.
Unfortunately"

"There are plenty of empty rooms in your house meant for the servants," Roanne interjected curtly.

else to shelter me. I'm afraid that,"

She let out a bitter chuckle. "I'm in Merchant City now, and even I myself am depending on someone



do anything to protect her.

Therefore, as long as she sought shelter with Bonnie, Charlotte would not dare harm her!

On the one hand, because Bonnie was with the children, Charlotte would have to think twice before

On the other hand, there was only a small door separating the house from the main building of Landry

Mansion, and she only had to shout for Jim to hear them from the main building should

Charlotte try to harm her.

attempting to hurt them.

Charlotte would never risk exposing her identity

to get rid of a little pawn like her.

Bonnie furrowed her brows and contemplated this for a minute, then finally nodded. "As long as you

promise me you'll never stay in touch with Charlotte again or help her do anything, I can offer you one

of the empty rooms to stay in."

"Don't worry." Roane curled her lips into a self deprecating smirk. "She's treated me like a dog long

enough; it's about time I learn to be a

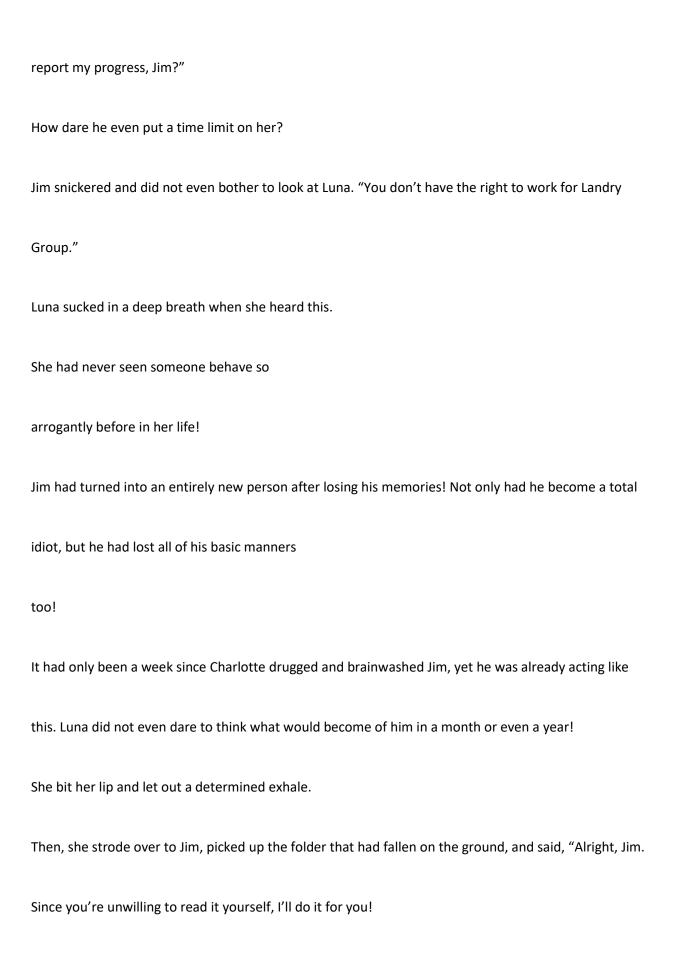


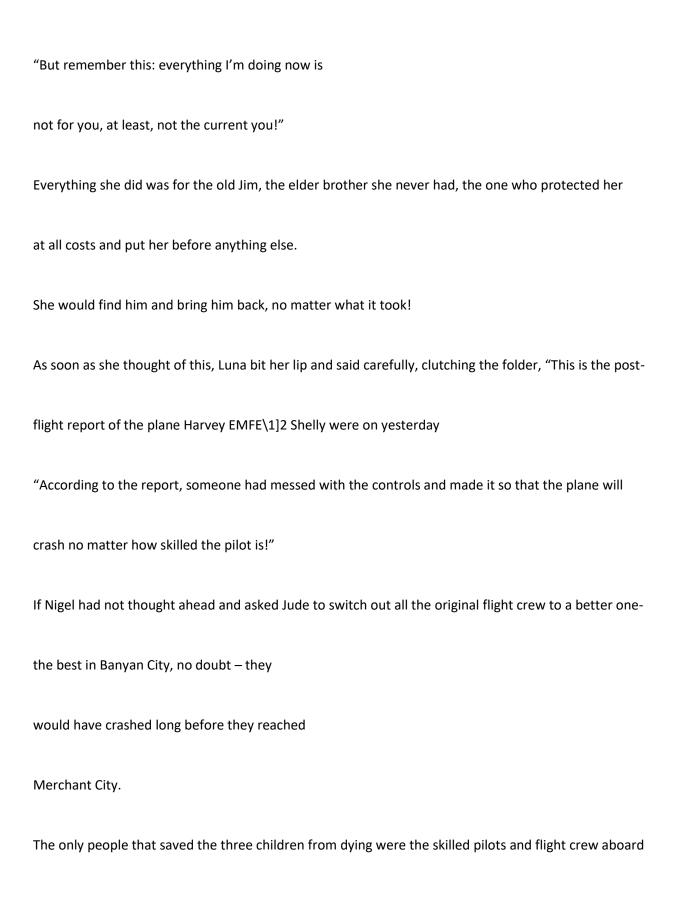
between snippets of conversation.
Even just by the vague snippets of their voices, he could make out what Roanne had been telling
Bonnie.
Bonnie had a son whom she was trying to find, but he did not manage to overhear what she said
to Roanne.
However, he watched Bonnie take Roanne in
her into her house.
Jim's expression darkened as he watched Roanne
enter the house.
He did not recall any interaction between Bonnie and Roanne before this, so since when did these two
women suddenly become so close?
Bonnie was even willing to take Roanne in.
Roanne, too, did not seem to mind that she had to
live in a small servant's room.

Jim narrowed his eyes and suddenly recalled how Roanne had looked when she was kneeling in front
of him, trying to drive a wedge between him
and Charlotte.
Jim sneered
Bonnie was far more deceitful and cunning than
she appeared.
He could not believe that she had managed to bribe Roanne, who had been with Charlotte for many
years. Not only had she tricked Roanne into defending her, but she had even somehow convinced
Roanne to defame Charlotte behind her
back and make such ludicrous accusations!
If he had not been so rational and managed to expose Roanne's lies, Bonnie's plan would have
worked!
As soon as he thought of this, an expression of
disgust crept across his face.
All of a sudden, his phone rang.









that plane!
Jim furrowed his brows when he heard this. He stared at Luna in disbelief. "What on earth are
you talking about?"
Someone had messed with Harvey and Shelly's
flight? How could that be?
Had they not arrived safe and sound in Merchant
City?
If something had indeed happened during the flight, why had neither of the children brought it
up?
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When Jim visited Joshua's house the night before, Harvey had been happily chatting with Bonnie and
did not look at all like he had just escaped
death!
"That's because the children know better." Luna sneered and shot him a cold glance. "Harvey's your



sides, and said impassively, "Harvey knew that Bonnie would be worried about him if
he had told Bonnie this.
"Not only that, but according to Bonnie's impulsive personality, she would've gone to Charlotte to
confront her. Harvey knew that if that happened, you'd be on Charlotte's side, and Bonnie would end
up getting hurt again.
"He had taken all this into consideration before finally deciding not to tell everyone the truth
immediately."
However, this rule did not apply to Nigel.
The night before, Nigel had brought out the bomb to show them, then explained what had happened
on the plane to Joshua.
Because of this, Joshua had sent Lucas to investigate this, and they found out that Charlotte had
planned this down to the last detail.
Not only had Charlotte bribed the flight crew to bring the bomb on board, but she had something

else up her sleeve.

After sending this information to Jude, Jude had managed to track down the original flight crew that
Charlotte had bribed into doing her deed,
EKGC_6\2 the truth finally came to light.
It turned out that Charlotte had promised them that not only would they be safe during this entire
scheme, but she would also give them each an attractive reward.
According to their plans, they would light the bomb during mid-transit, then parachute off the plane
before the bomb went off.
That way, none of the flight crew would be hurt, and the children would be blown into
smithereens.
After completing this task, each of them would receive a hefty sum of money that would ease
their lives.
Because of this, the flight crew had agreed to take Charlotte up on her offer.
However, neither of them knew that Charlotte
had something else in mind.
She had rigged the plane so that even if they decided to back out, the plane would crash anyway, even

if the bomb did not go off.
Charlotte had never planned to let these men
return at all!
After seeing the report that Joshua had sent to Jude, the flight crew immediately understood that they
had been backstabbed.
Charlotte had wanted them to die with the
children!
As long as they lived, they would have proof of her crimes, and she would be forced to bribe them to
keep their mouths shut, but if they died, everything would be settled.
Charlotte could not possibly give up on such a golden opportunity.
"You're lying!" Jim narrowed his eyes when he heard Joshua and Luna's depiction of Charlotte trying to
kill Harvey and Shelly. "Do you think I'll believe you just with your words? "Have you forgotten, Joshua
Luna, that Shelly is Charlotte's daughter too?!"

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was trying to steal Shelly away from Bonnie and kill her!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna sneered and shot Jim a stern look. "Do you believe everything she tells you blindly?"

She took out the name card of a famous obstetrician from her pocket and handed it to Jim.

Jim stared at her, furrowing his brows in slight confusion. He did not understand why Luna had given him this doctor's card.

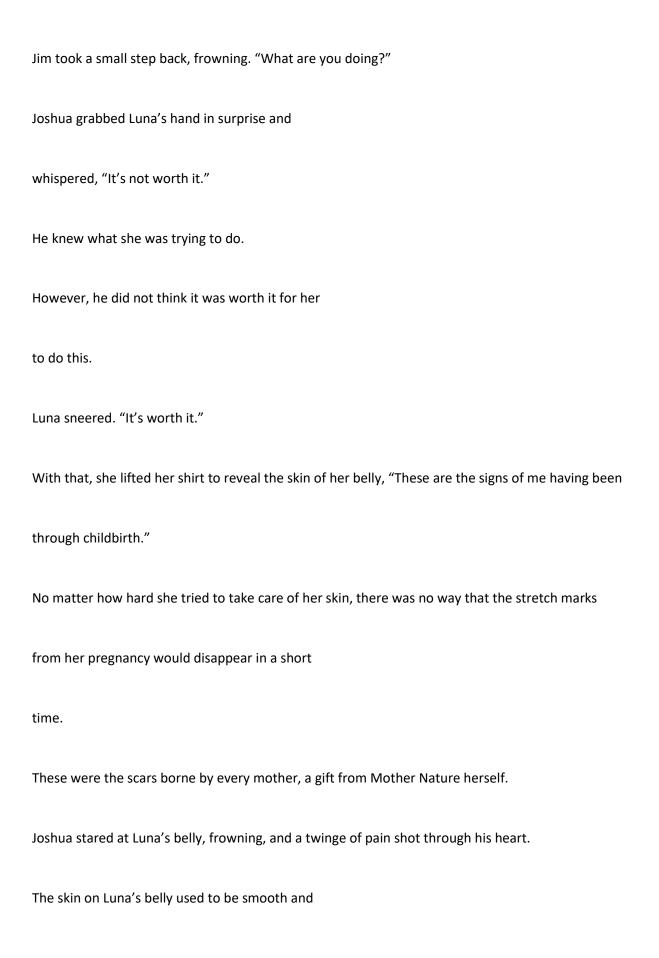
"You should bring your precious Charlotte to get a checkup!" Luna scoffed at his confusion. "There's no way that a woman will be able to hide any signs of childbirth. Since Charlotte claims she's Shelly's mother, there must be some traces of childbirth still left on her body!"

Jim narrowed his eyes, tore the name card into shreds, then tossed them at his feet. Then, he stared coldly at Luna and said, "What kind of traces will there be, then? I know exactly what you're going to do; you're going to bribe the

doctor at the hospital to tell me that Charlotte had never given birth before as soon as I bring her there for a checkup.

"That way, you'll be able to drive a wedge between Shelly and Charlotte and force them to be

separated from each other forever."
Jim sneered as he added, "Not only that, but you'll even start spreading false rumors about Bonnie
being Shelly's mother so that I'll be forced to marry a deceitful crook like her!"
Luna sucked in another deep breath.
She narrowed her eyes at Jim.
If he was not her brother, BMCC]7]2 if it were not her fault that he had ended up like this
If she had not witnessed for herself how good of a person he had been before losing his memories, she
would have stormed off in a huff at that instant and would refuse to acknowledge him
from that point onward.
As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an
exhale and tried to suppress her rage by telling herself that it was her fault he had ended up like
this.
She had no right to reprimand him!
A split second later, she lifted her head and lifted her shirt in determination.



rosy, a stark contrast to her current state.

Luna let out an exhale, pulled her shirt back down, and stared coldly at Jim.