

Luna & Joshua 2051

Chapter 2051

Tim lowered his head, and the only thing he saw was Bonnie's beautiful face, tilted to one side so he would not see her tears.

She was extremely thin, so much so that her jawline looked as though it had been carved with a pencil, so sharp that she did not need any highlighter or bronzer to accentuate it.

Her tear streaks glimmered in the bright light.

Jim let out a sigh, but no matter how reluctant he was to do so, he still reached his hand out.

Her entire body was frozen in shock, but Jim's warm hand gently caressed her abdomen as he muttered, "It'll be fine, B. You'll be fine..."

Even though his tone was unnaturally stiff, without a single hint of tenderness within them, Bonnie still felt her heart soften at the sound.

She closed her eyes and tried to stop her tears from falling.

The car arrived at the hospital with the two of them in this somewhat awkward position.

After parking the car, Sean got out of the driver's seat and summoned a few doctors and nurses.

Jim, on the other hand, got out of the car with Bonnie in his arms.

As he opened the door, he asked in a low voice, "Does it still hurt?"

Bonnie sniffed and shook her head. "Not anymore."

With that, she removed herself from Jim's grasp and, with Sean's help, dragged herself onto the

stretcher.

Jim naturally followed her into the emergency room. However, he had just taken a few steps when

Bonnie turned and smiled at him. "You can go home now, Mr. Landry. My boyfriend will be here to take

care of me."

The two men froze when they heard this.

Sean never thought that Bonnie would continue to play along and claim that he was her boyfriend.

Jim, on the other hand, froze in his steps when he heard those two words.

The doctors continued to wheel Bonnie into the hospital.

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Jim did not follow.

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He could not find any reason to.

Sean was her boyfriend, whereas he was the reason she had gotten hurt in the first place.

What right did he have to follow her and keep her company in the emergency room?

As soon as he thought of this, Jim closed his eyes, let out a sigh, and strode out of the hospital.

He was just about to get into the car when he ran into Theo, who had come out of the hospital at the same time.

“Jim?” Theo furrowed his brows and shot Jim a puzzled glance. “What are you doing at the hospital at this hour?”

Jim glanced at him, frowning. “Do we know each other?”

He had seen this man before; he seemed to be a friend of Luna and Joshua’s and had been staying at Joshua’s house all this while.

However, he never thought that he and this man would have known each other.

Jim lowered his head and furrowed his brows when he caught sight of the bottle of children’s flu

medicine in Theo's hand. "Is someone sick?"

Theo lived with Joshua, and two children were staying at Joshua's at the moment: Nigel, who was

Joshua and Luna's son, as well as Harvey, Jim's own.

If Harvey was sick, it was impossible for him not to be concerned.

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Theo paused, then quickly hid the medicine bottle behind his back, smiling sheepishly. "It's me. I don't

like the taste of adult medicine, so I came here to buy children's medicine."

With that, he glanced at Jim and asked, "What about you? What're you doing here so late at night?"

Before Jim could answer his question, Theo's phone rang.

Jim sharply noticed that the name on the screen read, (Roanne.) He narrowed his eyes in suspicion.

"You've been in touch with Roanne all this while?"

Chapter 2052 Theo furrowed his brows and quickly declined the call when he heard Jim asking about

Roanne. "I...haven't been in touch with her at all. You must be mistaken."

With that, he let out an exhale and circled past Jim. "Well, I need to get back soon, so I'll be off

now.”

How could Jim let Theo go just like that?

Roanne had kidnapped Shelly and demanded Charlotte meet her the next day.

“Theo.” Jim narrowed his eyes and said sternly, his gaze fixed on Theo’s face, “Are you in on this with

Roanne? Is the medicine for Shelly? Has Shelly fallen sick?”

Theo did not know how to answer these questions, but the longer he stayed silent, the more confident

Jim grew in his suspicion that Theo was working together with Roanne.

He lunged forward and grabbed hold of Theo’s collar. “Tell me! Where the hell is Shelly?!”

“You’re Luna’s friend, and Joshua had been so kind as to offer you a place to stay, so how could you

have done this? Shelly is my daughter and Luna and Joshua’s niece!

“Have you forgotten that I’m Luna’s half-brother and Joshua’s cousin?”

Theo was frozen in shock by how aggressive Jim sounded.

A split second later, he furrowed his brows and asked, “So? What does this have to do with me?”

He had only come to the hospital to buy some medicine for June, who had fallen sick but refused to

take the medication that Dr. Sues prescribed for her.

Where did Jim get the idea that he was involved in kidnapping his daughter with Roanne?

What an imagination.

As soon as he thought of this, Theo sneered and glanced coldly at Jim. "Judging from your attitude toward Luna and Joshua, I would've thought that you've forgotten about your relationship with them after losing your memories, Mr. Landry.

"I didn't know you remembered them."

With that, he flung Jim's arm away and said, his lips curled in a disdainful smirk, "I've never met anyone who would've given up his wife, children, and family for a woman he had never even given a second glance in the past, just because he lost his memories."

Theo's words struck a nerve within Jim, and he narrowed his eyes in response.

Wife and children?

He was not even married, so what did Theo mean by 'wife'?

Besides, he had never given up on his children at all!

"Are you trying to say that I'm wrong?" Theo sneered as though he could see through Jim's thoughts.

“Well, the truth is, you proposed to Bonnie before you lost your memories, and you never even gave your son and daughter so much as a glance before they flew back. Also—”

He snickered and added, “The child that Bonnie aborted belonged to you as well, and you were the reason that Bonnie had gone through the abortion in the first place, so how can you deny that?”

“I dare you to say that one more time!” Jim snapped through gritted teeth, staring daggers at Theo.

The look on his face was so malicious that it was as though he would eat Theo alive!

Theo, on the other hand, did not appear to be scared at all.

Even though he was not a match against Jim in terms of strength, he did not want to back down. “No matter how many times I say it, it’s still the truth.”

With that, he turned and strode back toward his car. “I can’t be bothered to deal with people like you.”

Jim remained motionless and glared at Theo as he walked off. However, Theo’s words echoed in his mind.

Chapter 2053 Had Jim proposed to Bonnie before losing his memories?

The child that Bonnie aborted...belonged to him?

“Hey, you’d better clarify yourself!” Seeing that Theo was about to get in his car, Jim finally could not stop himself anymore and stormed after Theo. He grabbed hold of the man’s collar and pressed him against the car. “When did I propose to Bonnie? Do you have proof of that?”

As long as Theo could provide evidence to back up his claims, he would believe him, whether it was just a short clip or even a brief sentence describing the occasion.

However, Theo furrowed his brows and replied, “Where the fuck would I even get proof of this?”

How could he possibly have evidence?

A glimmer of disappointment flashed through Jim’s eyes when he heard this.

He narrowed his eyes and stared coldly at Theo. “Well, you shouldn’t make such ludicrous claims if you don’t have evidence to back yourself up! How dare you even claim I proposed to Bonnie in the past?”

“He’s right; you shouldn’t make such absurd claims,” all of a sudden, a woman’s voice rang out from behind them.

That voice...

Jim and Theo lifted their heads in unison.

At this moment, a pale-faced Bonnie was standing a short distance away from them, supported by Sean. A cold sneer played on her lips as she said, "Theo, you shouldn't say stuff like this anymore. Mr. Landry has never proposed to me before."

With that, she turned to stare impassively at Jim and added, "Master Landry, I apologize on Theo's behalf for spreading false rumors without confirming their validity beforehand."

Then, she glanced at Sean's face, which was swollen from his fight with Jim. "You've already injured one of my friends tonight, Mr. Landry. Are you planning to hurt another one? If so, I strongly advise against that."

She curled her lips into a smirk. "You beat Sean up because he's my boyfriend, but there's no reason for you to beat Theo up at all."

Bonnie's words made Jim unclench his fists.

He narrowed his eyes and turned to shoot Bonnie a cold look.

Then, he turned and walked away wordlessly.

However, he had just taken a few steps when he suddenly thought of something and turned around to

glance at Bonnie. "You have nothing to do with why I wanted to beat him up, so why don't you ask him yourself about this?"

With that, he strode away.

As he walked, he could hear Sean's gentle voice coming from behind him. "Are you cold? Why don't I give you my jacket?"

Bonnie's voice rang out in reply, "Okay."

When she next spoke, her voice sounded a lot calmer, as though she had stopped shivering in the cold because of Sean's jacket. "What happened, Theo?"

"Nothing." Theo's voice was equally as calm. "When Mr. Landry and I were talking, he saw Roanne call me on my phone, so he thought I was in on the kidnapping with her."

Bonnie murmured in response, "Oh. I thought something bad had happened..."

The voices faded as Jim got further and further away from them.

He clenched his fists in anger.

Bonnie claimed to love Shelly as her own, but why was she so nonchalant when she heard Theo bring up Roanne?

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Bonnie asked in a low voice, frowning, as soon as Jim left, "What's going on with Roanne now?"

Jim and Charlotte both thought that Roanne had kidnapped Shelly, but Bonnie knew that Shelly was, in fact, safe and sound at Joshua's house, playing with the rest of the children.

This was why she had appeared so calm when Jim brought up Roanne and could even ask Theo about her.

Theo let out an awkward cough. "I'm not too sure either. She told me to send her some food and children's things, so I did.

He let out a sigh and lifted his head to shoot Bonnie a puzzled glance. "Isn't Shelly at Joshua's house now? If so, why did Roanne still ask me to bring her children's supplies? Who does she have with her now?"

Bonnie shrugged. "I have no idea."

Then, she sighed and turned to glance at Sean. "Do you want to come with us to Joshua's place, or do you want to go home?"

Even though she had gone back to Landry Mansion with Sean, she was only there to pack her things;

she would be staying at Joshua's place that night.

Sean, on the other hand, insisted on returning to his own home every night, no matter how late he

ended up working.

Bonnie had heard that he had an ill sister at home he needed to take care of, and that was why Sean

needed to return every night.

However...

Bonnie could not help frowning as she stared at Sean's bruised, swollen face.

Sean's sister would surely probably be more worried when she saw him like this instead of him not

returning for one night, no?

Sean had clearly thought of this beforehand. He fell silent for a moment, then glanced at himself in the

rearview mirror.

His face was so bruised and swollen that he could not even bear to look at himself.

Even though the doctor had tried his best to help him, it was still hard to hide his injuries.

If he were to go home like this, Nikki would think he was bullied.

However, he could not stay out and leave her alone...

Sean remained silent for a long time, frowning, then finally turned to meet Bonnie's gaze. " Ms. Craig,

can you help me with something?"

Bonnie turned to him, frowning. "What is it?"

"I still want to go back home. I can't rest in peace unless I see my sister, and I know she feels the

same, so..." He let out a sigh and said somewhat sheepishly, "Can you follow me home so that when

she asks, I can tell her I ended up like this because I was trying to protect you?"

With that, he took out a few wrinkled dollar bills from his pocket and shoved them into Bonnie's hand.

Bonnie furrowed her brows as she took the money from him, still warm from being in Sean's pocket.

"Even though we haven't known each other for very long, you don't have to pay me to help you, Sean."

Besides, Sean would know she did not need his money; she was so well-off that it almost bordered on

insult to offer her money.

Sean froze, then shook his head, blushing. "Ms. Bonnie, I'm not giving you money to help me.

I just."

He fell silent for a moment, then lifted his head to meet her gaze. "When we arrive at my house later, I

want you to give me this money in front of my sister as though you're rewarding me for my help.

"That way, no matter how worried she is for me, she'll be reassured to know that I had received a

reward for my bravery."

Bonnie's entire body stiffened when she heard this. She lowered her head to stare at the money, then

gazed back at Sean.

A surge of warmth spread through her heart. She sighed and closed her fist around the dollar bills.

"Alright."

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"I'll do as you say."

"I'll drive you guys." Theo, who had initially wanted to leave, immediately got into the car." Bonnie and I

will return to Joshua's house as soon as we drop you off at your place, Sean."

Sean glanced at Theo and nodded. "Thank you."

The three of them got into the car.

The night was silent apart from the faint chirping of birds and rustling of leaves. Finally, with Sean's directions, they arrived at his house, and Theo parked the car.

The smell of rot and mold enveloped them as soon as they opened the door. Bonnie and Theo furrowed their brows in disgust.

Bonnie immediately pinched her nose. "How can you live in a place like this, Sean?"

Besides, did Sean not say that his sister was ill? If so, how was she supposed to get better when she lived in a place like this?

Sean scratched his head awkwardly and replied, "I know the environment isn't the best...but the rent is cheap here."

Then, he let out an exhale and added, "Don't worry; I treat my sister better than this!"

With that, he got out of the car and led Bonnie and Theo into the small house that he and his sister, Nikki, lived in.

Even though the air outside was filled with the stench of mold and rot, the house was surprisingly cozy.

A young girl was sitting in a lawn chair in the garden, dressed in her pajamas as her eyes were fixed on

the gate.

When she saw the gate open, she leaped up and exclaimed in delight, "Sean! You're home!"

Sean ran toward her. "I'm back, Nikki."

"What took you so long?" She sprinted toward him and hugged him, then said in a concerned tone, "I

was convinced you wouldn't come home tonight."

"Why wouldn't I?" Sean pinched her nose playfully and asked, "How are you feeling today?"

"Much better." The girl lifted her head and suddenly caught sight of the bruises on his face." What

happened to you?"

When he saw the worried look on her face, Sean smiled and told her the lie he and Bonnie had come

up with

Bonnie immediately played along and thanked Sean as she handed the money to Nikki. "This is the

reward for your brother for saving me.

"I didn't want you to be worried when you saw him like this, so I came with him to apologize

to you."

Nikki took the money from her and, despite feeling a little uneasy, did not say anything in response.

Instead, she sighed and pointed at the house behind her. "Come in."

Bonnie nodded and followed her, all the while curious to see the environment that this sick girl lived in.

If the house was in poor condition, she wanted to offer Sean help so he could relocate his sister to someplace better.

However, to her surprise...

The first thing she saw when she entered the house was a woman's photo hanging on the wall.

Bonnie had seen this woman countless times before.

It was... It was Lucy, Jim's birth mother.

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The lighting in the house was dim, but Bonnie could make out that there were plenty of pictures hanging on the wall.

All of the photos had Lucy in them.

There were images of her with a younger Sean and some of her and a girl with pigtails.

Bonnie recognized the girl as Sean's sister, Nikki.

The last picture was one of Lucy, Sean, and Nikki. In the photo, Sean looked about 14 or 15 years old, whereas Nikki looked about 10.

Bonnie felt her blood run cold.

How could this be?

Did Lucy not die more than 20 years ago? Why did she appear in the photos with Sean, who, in the most recent one, appeared to be in his teenage years?

Sean was only 20 years old at present, which meant that..

Lucy had still been alive at least six years ago!

Could it be that this was not Lucy at all, and instead, someone who looked identical to her?

As soon as she thought of this, Bonnie bit her lip and turned to glance at Sean.

At this moment, Sean's head was bowed as he poured her and Theo two cups of tea.

Nikki, who had been watching Bonnie stare at the photos, furrowed her brows and slowly walked over to Bonnie's side. Then, she lifted her head to look at the pictures as well. "This is Ms. Hamilton."

Bonnie's entire body was frozen in shock.

She turned slowly around to stare at Nikki and asked, "You said...her last name is Hamilton?"

"Yes." Nikki nodded. "Ms. Hamilton is Sean's birth mother, but she passed away five years ago due to a disease, and these are the only photos we have of her."

Then, she turned to shoot Bonnie a somewhat warning glance. "However, I'm not her daughter; she adopted me.

"Fifteen years ago, Mr. Wheeler passed away when Ms. Hamilton was pregnant, and she was so devastated that she miscarried.

"However, she insisted that the baby she had been carrying was a girl, so she adopted me from the orphanage, and that's how I came to live with Ms. Hamilton and Sean."

As she said this, she turned around to stare at Bonnie. "Therefore, Ms. Craig, I hope you understand that even though Sean and I claim to be siblings, we aren't related at all."

Sean furrowed his brows when he heard this. He handed Bonnie and Theo each a cup of tea as he glanced at Nikki. "Why are you telling this to our guests?"

Sean did not understand Nikki's intentions at all, but Bonnie did.

She knew fully well why Nikki had deliberately emphasized that she and Sean were not real siblings.

She took a sip from her cup and lifted her head to glance at Nikki. "Do you know why I didn't defend myself against the bad guys and instead had to rely on your brother to help me?"

"That's because I'm pregnant with my ex-boyfriend's child, but I intend on giving birth to this baby."

Nikki immediately froze when she heard this.

She glanced at Bonnie dazedly and did not know how to answer that.

Nikki had to admit that she had been afraid when she first saw Sean bringing Bonnie into their home.

She could not bear to lose him, nor could she allow him to fall in love with another woman.

Otherwise...

She would lose the last and only person she cared about.

She had said all that to put Bonnie in her place, but to her surprise, Bonnie had seen through her

almost immediately.

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Not only that, but Bonnie had even declared that she would give birth to the baby in her womb, hinting

to Nikki that she was not interested in Sean at all.

Nikki could not help feeling stupid in comparison to Bonnie's honesty.

She lowered her head in shame and turned around. "Sean, I'm feeling a little unwell, so I think I'll go to bed now."

With that, Nikki turned and left.

"It's okay." Bonnie chuckled. "I never wanted a sick person to host me."

With that, she glanced once more at the pictures on the wall. "Just now, your sister said that the woman in these photos is your mother."

She peered at Sean out of the corner of her eye. "Do you mind if I ask...what was your mother's name?"

Sean froze in surprise when he heard this.

He never thought that Bonnie would be interested in learning his mother's name.

Even though it was a little impolite of her to ask such a personal question, he still answered her truthfully, "My mother's name was Lucy Hamilton."

Bonnie's entire body stiffened as though she had been struck by lightning.

She had been trying to convince herself that this was impossible, that this could not possibly be Lucy. It was probably just another woman who looked a lot like her.

After all, Lucy was the reason why the Lynch and Landry families had become enemies in the first place.

However, when she first heard Nikki talk about her adoptive mother, she had a strong feeling about this...

She just never thought her guesses would prove to be correct.

She could not believe that Sean's birth mother, and Nikki's adoptive mother, was named Lucy Hamilton too!

It was possible to come across two people who looked extremely alike, but to come across two people who bore such a striking resemblance and even had the same name...

This was not a coincidence!

Bonnie could not help growing excited as she thought of this.

She lifted her head to glance at Sean.

She had to admit that...this man looked a lot like Jim.

Maybe Jim had looked like this when he was 20, too.

The more she stared at him, the more confident she grew in her suspicions.

She let out an exhale and took out her phone. "Can I take some photos of your mother? Maybe ...I can help you find some long-lost relatives of hers."

Sean fell silent for a moment, then nodded. "Alright."

Then, he let out a bitter chuckle and said, "However, when she was still alive, my mother told me before that her family would never try to find her again, and neither would she.

"However, I'm sure she'd be happy for me if I could track down her family after her death."

With Sean's permission, Bonnie quickly took some photos of the pictures on the wall.

Finally, she and Theo bade Sean goodbye and returned to Joshua's house.

"Luna!" she yelled as soon as she entered the door. "Luna, Joshua! I have a fantastic discovery!

"The vengeance between your families shouldn't have lasted so long after all! "Lucy didn't die twenty years ago!"

Joshua's house remained lit for the entire night.

Meanwhile, at Landry Mansion, Jim, too, was up the entire night.

The next morning, the butler delivered his breakfast to his room at 8 a.m. "Master Landry, Ms. Charlotte has been shouting in the cellar for an entire night, so much so that she's lost her voice now. Aren't you...going to let her out?"

Jim narrowed his eyes but did not even glance at the food he had brought. "Let her continue staying there."

"There are only two hours left, and if you don't let her out soon, it might be too late..."

"If something bad were to happen to Shelly because of this...both you and Ms. Charlotte will be weighed down with guilt for the rest of your lives."

Jim rubbed his brows in frustration upon hearing this.

He knew that, but...

He did not feel like seeing Charlotte, not even a glance.

He did not want to see what kind of person Number-9 had become.

Jim closed his eyes and sighed. "Alright. Set her free, and prepare the money and car for her. Then, find some men to trail her and make sure nothing goes wrong."

The butler lowered his gaze. "What about you, Sir?"

Jim lowered his head to stare at his burned palm. "I'll just be watching from here."

He had placed his bare palm on a burning hot kettle a few days ago to save Charlotte from facing Luke's wrath.

At that time, he truly cherished her beyond anything.

To him, Charlotte had been the best, most treasured woman in the world, even though she had accidentally offended Luke by trying to harm Gwen in her anger.

Despite this, he never thought of it as Charlotte's fault, and instead, he blamed Luna and Bonnie for this.

At this moment, however, he could not help recalling how, in the recording, Charlotte had been determined to kill Harvey and Shelly.

She had lied to him about being Shelly's mother when she was not.

She had attempted to poison him the night before...

Whenever he thought of these instances, Jim could no longer find the adoration and love he had toward Charlotte within him.

The butler seemed as though he wanted to say something else, but when he saw how tired Jim looked, he simply sighed and left the room.

Soon, Charlotte was released from the cellar.

However, no matter how hard the butler and the servants tried to stop her, she still stormed fearlessly into Jim's room.

"Jim!" She clutched his shirt tearfully. "I know what I did wrong! Please don't leave me! I understand my mistakes now!

"I promise I'll make it up to you and bring Shelly back!"

Charlotte had pondered this for the entire night, and she knew that the only thing she could do was pretend and make Jim believe she was truly apologetic.

After all, even if Roanne did not kill Shelly, she would do so herself.

If that happened, there would be no way for Roanne to deny or prove that she had not done so.

However, Charlotte would have been able to achieve this if not for the fact that Jim had fought with her the night before.

If she failed to save Shelly and let the child die after the fight they had experienced, she knew she would never be able to salvage her relationship with Jim again.

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Because of this, Charlotte had no choice but to feign sorrow and guilt so that Jim would believe her if she claimed that Shelly's death was an accident.

However, no matter how thought out her plan was, Jim could see right through her.

He furrowed his brows and removed her hand from his shirt coldly. "Charlotte, I don't care what you think; there's only one thing I have to say to you.

"Roanne had kidnapped Shelly because of you, and you volunteered to save Shelly today. If anything happens to her, our relationship will end right here. Do you understand?"

Jim's cold voice and even colder attitude made Charlotte's heart sink.

"Remember what you said." Jim did not intend to waste any more of his time talking to her and instead

stood up. "There are only two hours left, so you'd better get ready now."

Charlotte bit her lip as she slumped onto the ground limply. As she watched him leave, the regret and sorrow in her eyes were gradually replaced with malice.

What went wrong?

Jim clung to her every word just days ago. She was everything to him and the only person that mattered

Had the drug's effects worn off?

Or had Roanne plotted this since the start and did not feed Jim all of the medicine because she had been devising her betrayal since the beginning?

Jim furrowed his brows when he noticed that Charlotte did not move and immediately turned to glance at her. As he did so, his gaze met her cold, malicious stare.

He furrowed his brows as surprise flashed across his face.

He had never seen Charlotte look so cruel before.

How could the kind, honest girl he knew suddenly become such a deceitful, cruel person?

Had she changed, or had he never known her at all?

Charlotte bit her lip when she noticed Jim staring at her, then quickly turned her head away and stood up. "Alright. I'll go get prepared now."

Then, without giving Jim another glance, she turned and walked away.

Jim remained motionless, staring at her retreating figure, deep in his thoughts.

10 a.m.

With a few bodyguards escorting her, Charlotte arrived at the meeting location Roanne had sent her.

It was an abandoned house that appeared to have been deserted for a very long time.

Every corner of the place was covered in dust and cobwebs.

Charlotte could not help frowning when she saw the environment as she got out of the car." What kind of shitty place is this?"

Why would Roanne arrange for them to meet here?

Charlotte entered the house, mumbling some vague complaints under her breath.

At the end of the second-floor stairwell, Roanne was sitting in a chair with a swaddled baby in her arms.

She smiled at Charlotte when she saw her. "My dear sister, do you remember what this place is?"

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Charlotte sneered. "How the fuck would I know what place this is? It's too crappy..."

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"This is the ruins of Love and kindness Children's Home, where we grew up," said Roanne impassively as she met Charlotte's disgusted gaze. "This is where you, me, and Number-9 lived. Have you forgotten?"

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Jim, who was eavesdropping from inside his study at Landry Mansion, furrowed his brows when he heard this.

'You, me, and Number-9...' Charlotte was Number-9, was she not?

Chapter 2060 Just as Jim's mind was filled with doubts about this, Charlotte suddenly snapped, "Why

the fuck are you bringing this up now?

“I’ve brought you the money!” She threw the bag of cash down on the ground with a slam and said,

sneering, “Never have I imagined that I’d one day be betrayed by a bitch like you!

“Have you forgotten how kind I treated you back at the orphanage? If I hadn’t said anything when Jim

returned to take me, you would’ve still been stuck at that wretched place! I’m the reason you even have

what you have right now!

“It’s one thing to be ungrateful, but another thing entirely to betray me, kidnap Jim’s daughter, and hold

her against me for ransom! You’re an ungrateful bitch, Roanne!”

Roanne could not help snickering when she heard this. “Charlotte, are you sure you did all that out of

kindness and pity toward me?”

“When Number -9 left the orphanage, you stole the keepsake that Jim left for her and approached the

owner of the orphanage to let you take her place as Number-9. I had been Number – 23 at that time,

and you made me fill your place as Number-12.

“All this while, I thought you were trying to help me by letting me take your place as Number – 12, since

the smaller the number, the less likely you were to get bullied by the rest of the children, but...”

Roanne sneered. "I found out too late that you hadn't done this for me at all.

"You had simply done this so that Jim would think you and Number -9 were the same people. After all, Number-9 had been kind to you in the past, and you were worried that when Jim returned for her, he could tell that you weren't her and expose you, is that right?"

Roanne's words were like sharp knives stabbing into Charlotte's heart.

She bit her lip and stared at the woman before her, her gaze full of hatred.

"Roanne!" She narrowed her eyes and spat through gritted teeth, "No matter what my intentions were, I

still saved your life and saved you from dying at the orphanage. Isn't that the truth?"

"Yes, it is." Roanne sneered. "But, ever since you and I left the orphanage, you've always treated me like a lapdog that would do all of your biddings, Charlotte.

"You never treated me as a sister, and I had tolerated you again and again because I was indebted to you."

Charlotte curled her lips into a disdainful smirk when she saw the pained look on Roanne's face. "Is that so? Don't flatter yourself, Roanne. You're not a saint as you think you are. You still ended up

betraying me, didn't you?

"You listened and hung onto every word of mine in the past because you hadn't managed to discover my weakness and find something to threaten me with!"

The more she said this, the more outraged Charlotte became. She tried to suppress the intense urge to

kill Roanne right then and there and continued, "Now that you know I wanted to get rid of that wretched

child, you kidnapped her before I could kill her and used her to threaten

me.

"You had wanted to betray me and do this in the past, but you never had the chance!"

Roanne could not help chuckling when she heard this. She lifted her head to stare at Charlotte in

contempt and said in a cold, emotionless voice, "Do you think I never had the chance?"

"I don't know whether to call you overconfident or downright stupid, Charlotte.

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"Do you honestly think that with Jim's influence, he wouldn't have been able to find out that you were the one who drugged him in Banyan City if it weren't for my help?"

