

Luna & Joshua 2111

Chapter 2111

Bonnie sat up in her seat and stared dazedly in the direction Jim had left. Where was he going? Was he leaving his car here? What was she going to do? Bonnie furrowed her brows and immediately took out her phone to call Jim.

“Sorry, the number you have dialed is unavailable ...” the operator’s cold, emotionless voice rang out from the other end of the line.

Bonnie dialed his number again, and every time the call went through, the same automated voice would echo.

Jim was still on the phone with his assistant when he heard a second call coming in. He furrowed his brows and glanced at the screen.

The screen displayed Bonnie’s number, and he instinctively sneered.

How shameless was this woman? She knew that he did not want her to find out about what he was doing here, yet she was calling to bug him. The more she pestered him, the more repulsed he felt toward her!

With that, Jim blocked her number and continued talking on the phone to his assistant.

“Have you stopped the man?”

The midday sun was beating down harshly on Bonnie’s skin.

With the engine turned off and the car locked, Bonnie could not even wind down the windows. She was covered entirely in sweat as though she was a fish out of water.

The sweat crept into the wound on her belly, making it tingle and itch slightly.

Bonnie called Jim over and over, but no matter how many times she did this, she could not get through to him.

Finally, as her phone battery was about to die, she tried to call Luna, but Luna’s phone had been turned off too.

Joshua’s was the same.

Bonnie closed her eyes and could not help letting out a bitter chuckle. What was going on with these two, having their phones turned off in the middle of the day? Were they up to some naughty stuff?

Bonnie made a mental note to tease them about this the next time she saw them. The sun seemed to grow hotter and hotter, and by this time, beads of sweat were clinging onto Bonnie’s lashes.

Her vision was starting to blur. Clutching her phone and scrolling through her contacts one last time,

Bonnie finally decided to call Sean.

“Hello?” his clear voice rang out from the other end of the line.

“What’s up, Ms. Craig?”

“Help me.” Bonnie forced herself to lift her head and glance out the window.

“I’m parked... next to a restaurant named Four Seasons and Rainbow Kindergarten.

“I’ve been locked inside a car...please...please help me...”

Before she could finish her sentence, she passed out.

“Ms. Craig? Ms. Craig!” Sean shouted into the phone, sensing that something was seriously wrong.

“Don’t fall asleep!” He picked up his jacket and continued yelling into the phone as he stormed out the

door,” Don’t fall asleep, Ms. Craig! Look outside the window. What other buildings do you see?

“They’re too many restaurants and kindergartens by those names in this city!” However, there was no

reply. Sean furrowed his brows and got ready to head out.

“Sean.” Suddenly, Nikki strode over to grab his arm, then stared up at him with a pitiful expression.

“Are you heading out to find Ms. Craig? Can you not go, please?”

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Sean furrowed his brows and shot Nikki a displeased look.

“Nikki, Ms. Craig is in danger now and I have to go save her.”

Then, he flung her arm away and snapped, “Get out of my way!”

Seeing how worried he was, Nikki sniffed and reached out to grab him once more.

“Can’t you not go, Sean? Didn’t you and Ms. Craig meet only yesterday? If so, why is she asking you for help instead of asking her friends or family?”

“You only met her last night, yet you’ve already suffered so many injuries because of her. That’s enough! You don’t owe her anything, so please don’t go!”

Tears started to fall as Nikki added, “Sean, I’m really worried about you. Ms. Craig doesn’t seem like a good person. Besides...”

She sniffed. “Besides, now that I’m so weak, aren’t you afraid of what’ll happen to me if you leave me alone? Can you not go...”

A hint of impatience flashed through Sean's eyes when he saw Nikki crying.

However, he reminded himself that she was terribly ill, so he forced himself to suppress his emotions

and said calmly, "Nikki, I'm going to save her. She's not a bad person, and if she had managed to get in

touch with her family and friends, she wouldn't have called me in the first place.

"I'm not that important to her." Nikki bit her lip.

"Well, since that's the case, you—".

"Because of this, the fact that she called me means that she couldn't get in touch with anyone else to

help her," Sean interrupted her curtly.

"Nikki, time is running out, so get out of my way!"

Then, he turned and left.

Nikki bit her lip as she watched him leave, then quickly chased after him.

"Sean! Do you think she's more important than me? I'm terminally ill! If you leave me home alone..."

"Nikki." Sean froze in his steps.

"I know you can take care of yourself. Besides, you've always been home alone when I go out to work,

and nothing bad has ever happened.

“I’m heading out now, and I promise to buy you some of your favorite cake when I get home.”

Then, he strode out of the house.

Nikki remained motionless, staring at Sean’s retreating figure, and clenched her fists.

For some reason, she could not help thinking that...if Sean was to find Bonnie, she would lose him forever!

As soon as she thought of this, Nikki took out her phone and dialed Sean’s number.

At this moment, Sean had already left the house in his car.

The car he drove was a very old, second-hand car he had found from the factory he worked at and fixed up himself so that it worked fine as transportation.

However, the car was very noisy, and it took a long time before he finally heard his phone ringing. He furrowed his brows when he saw the name on the screen.

Nikki, I’m already on my way to find Ms. Craig. You...”

“Sean,” Nikki’s voice sounded frail from the other end of the line.

“Can you come back and send me to the hospital? I... I think I triggered an attack.” Sean could feel his

chest tighten when he heard this. However, a split second later, he could not help feeling something was not right.

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When Sean had left the house ten minutes earlier, Nikki had been perfectly fine, without even a single hint of an impending attack. Not only that, but her grip on his arm felt strong and sturdy. From his experience, Nikki would always have warning signs before she had an attack, and her attacks had never come out of the blue.

Sean pursed his lips and listened carefully for a moment. Suddenly, he could hear a hint of Nikki forcing herself to sound weaker than she actually was. He knew immediately what Nikki was up to, so he sighed and replied, "Nikki, it's not good to lie to other people."

Nikki said weakly, "Sean, I'm telling the truth. I need to go to the hospital... Can you..."

Seeing that she was still pretending, Sean lost all of his patience. "Nikki, I wouldn't mind you acting like this usually, but Ms. Craig's situation is an emergency! You can't possibly want her to die just because you think she's a bad person, right?" As he said this, Sean searched the road for any signs of a

restaurant named Four Seasons and a kindergarten called Rainbow Kindergarten. "Stop bugging me, Nikki, and wait till I get home!" Then, he hung up the phone. However, as soon as he did so, he could not help feeling worried...

Could he be wrong?

What if Nikki had been telling the truth? He could not possibly let her suffer alone. After contemplating for a long time, Sean dialed the number of his boss at the factory where he used to work. "Boss, can you do me a favor by stopping by my house to send my sister to the hospital?"

The man on the other end of the line paused. "Is she having another attack?"

"Sean, I don't want to be rude, but your sister isn't even related to you, and yet you raised her like your own for so many years. It's about time you"

"Boss," Sean interrupted curtly. "If you don't want to help me, then pretend I never said anything."

The man fell silent for a moment before finally replying, "Alright. I'll send her to the hospital immediately!" After receiving this confirmation, Sean hung up the phone and scanned the road for any signs of Bonnie. After searching for a long time, he finally caught sight of a junction between Four Seasons Restaurant and Rainbow Kindergarten. There was a black Kayenne parked by the roadside.

Sean furrowed his brows.

He recognized this car.

It was Jim's. Sean quickly parked his car next to the Kayenne, and as soon as he got out of the car, he saw a hand pressed against the car window. Bonnie was slumped in the backseat, unconscious and covered in sweat!

She had one hand pressed against the glass window, while the other was laid over the seat, with her dead phone lying next to it. Her entire face was red as though she had been stuck in this heat for a long time.

Sean immediately grew worried when he saw this. He immediately found a hammer and wrench in his car and broke Jim's car window.

Fresh air surged into the car, and Bonnie let out a grunt before passing out once more.

Without a second thought, Sean opened the door, picked Bonnie up in his arms, and sprinted toward the nearest hospital. "Jim..." Bonnie muttered under her breath as she clutched Sean's collar. "I...I want to keep this child and raise it on my own..."

“Don’t take my baby away from me... Don’t... Don’t hurt Sean...”

Sean’s entire body stiffened when he heard his name. He lowered his head to glance at the beautiful woman in his arms and suddenly felt as though a surge of electricity had struck him.

Chapter 2114

When Sean finally reached the hospital, Bonnie’s entire body had gone limp.

“She probably wouldn’t have survived if you had arrived even a minute later,” said the doctor. After checking Bonnie to make sure she was still breathing, he could not help lifting his head to shoot Sean an accusing look. “What kind of boyfriend are you? How can you let her be locked in a car in the heat of the summer?”

“If she dies today, you’ll become a murderer!”

Sean bit his lip nervously when he heard this. “Doctor, I’m not...”

“You’re not what? Not a murderer?” The doctor shot him a cold glare. “If anything happens to her, you’re a murderer, and there’s no way you’re getting out of this!”

Then, he tossed a prescription slip to Sean and barked, “Go pay this at the counter!”

Sean paused for a moment, then quickly ran off, knowing that he had no time to waste.

He did not even think twice before he took out his personal savings card, which he usually reserved for paying Nikki's medical bills, and headed to the counter.

The receptionist seemed a little surprised to see him. "Did something happen to Nikki?"

This was the same hospital that Nikki would always come to whenever she fell sick, so most of the staff knew her and Sean.

Sean paused for a moment, then replied, "No, I'm here for my friend." The receptionist glanced at the name displayed on the computer screen. "Bonnie Craig...it's a woman..."

She lifted her head to stare at Sean. "So you finally got a girlfriend, huh?"

"You should've done this a long time ago, Sean. Otherwise, Nikki will never be able to get better..."

Sean furrowed his brows when he heard this. "What does my finding a girlfriend have anything to do with Nikki's illness?"

Seeing that he appeared displeased, the receptionist did not dare to say anything more. Instead, she pouted slightly and smiled awkwardly at him. "Nothing... Just pretend I never said that."

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Then, she handed the card back to him. "Alright. It's done." Sean was about to leave when he paused and suddenly turned to warn the receptionist, "I know what you guys have been saying about Nikki, and I think you'd better stop that."

Then, he turned and strode away. The receptionist pursed her lips as she watched him leave. She could not believe how naïve this man was. How could he still buy into the idea of Nikki being terminally ill?

Even though Nikki was not the healthiest girl, she was not dying at all. Instead, she simply had a minor illness that required her to be on medications, but she would always pretend to have severe "attacks" that required immediate medical attention.

Only fools like Sean would fall for this trick and even save hundreds of thousands of dollars for her medical bills...

As soon as she thought of this, the receptionist glanced at the computer screen, which displayed all of Bonnie's personal information.

She pursed her lips slightly. "It turns out he has quite good taste..." By the time Sean arrived back at

the emergency room, Bonnie had already been sent into the surgical suite.

He took out his phone and called his boss. "Boss, I'm already finished here. Have you brought Nikki to the hospital? Which hospital did you send her to?"

The man on the other end of the line was in the middle of work, so he furrowed his brows impatiently when he heard Sean's voice. "How could I possibly have the time to check on your little sister? "Don't worry. I sent one of my workers to check on her, and they're probably already at the hospital. I'll send you his number so you can contact him yourself." Sean nodded. "Thank you." After hanging up the phone, his boss immediately texted him the number as he had promised.

However, no one picked up the phone. Sean furrowed his brows as a bad feeling arose in his heart.

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Sean forced himself to stay calm and dialed the number once more. Again, no answer.

Every single note of the dial tone felt like a splash of kerosene in Sean's burning heart.

Could...something have happened to Nikki?

Sean called the same number over and over.

After a long internal battle, he finally let out an exhale and stood up.

With Bonnie wheeled into the operation room, the doctors would still save her even if he was not around, but Nikki...

Sean could not stop worrying about her now that he had no news about her.

What if he had been wrong? What if Nikki had been telling the truth? What if the man had not managed to bring her to the hospital in time...

Sean could feel his skin crawl at these thoughts.

Finally, he gave in to his worry and stood up, intending to return home and find Nikki. "Hey, where do you think you're going?" Sean had taken just a few steps when the doctor who reprimanded him earlier emerged from the operation room.

When he saw Sean leaving, he furrowed his brows and chased after him. "How dare you run away when your girlfriend is in danger? Guards! Get him!"

"This man is not allowed to leave before the patient's condition is stabilized. He's a suspect!"

Then, he turned and disappeared back into the room.

The two guards that had been summoned over did not restrain him, but they stared at him with such a

menacing look that made Sean uneasy.

He furrowed his brows, unsure of how to explain to them that he was not Bonnie's boyfriend.

He knew that he should not leave just like this, but Nikki...

Sean closed his eyes and continued to dial the number again and again.

No answer.

Still no answer.

Finally, he gave in to the gnawing guilt in his heart and turned to leave.

However, at this moment, the doors to the operation room swung open, and Bonnie was wheeled out.

She had been unconscious when she entered, but at this moment, she emerged from the operation

room, wide awake. Even though she still looked frail, at least she was conscious.

The doctor kept going on about instructions to look after Bonnie, and Sean listened to them

patiently. Finally, after the doctor was done, Sean wheeled Bonnie into the ward.

Thank you. Sean," Bonnie thanked him weakly as she leaned against the headboard, her face still pale.

"If it weren't for you..." If Sean had not arrived in time, she would have ended up a corpse in the back

of Jim's car. Sean scratched his head awkwardly and could not help feeling a little happy. "Don't thank me.. It was nothing." Then, he glanced at Bonnie and said, "But there's something wrong with my sister, and I really want to..." Bonnie immediately understood what he was saying. "Go on. I'm sorry this took up so much of your time."

Sean pursed his lips and replied, "Alright, I'll be off now."

Then, he turned and strode out of the room. Before he could even leave the room, his phone finally rang.

It was a call from Nikki. He picked up the call and said anxiously, "Nikki?". "Sean..." Nikki burst into tears as soon as she heard Sean's voice. "I don't want to live anymore
– I...I was raped..."

Chapter 2116

Sean's entire body was frozen in shock when he heard Nikki's sobs.

He felt his entire body go stiff, unable to breathe or even move.

His brain seemed to have lost its ability to think.

Nikki's voice sounded far away as she cried, "Sean, I don't want to live anymore! I just turned nineteen, and I still have a long life ahead of me, but I didn't manage to save my first time for the man I truly love.

I..." Her voice was almost unintelligible as she sobbed, "What should I do now... Sean, are you coming home to see me one last time?"

"I don't have anything worth holding onto in this world. The only person I want to see before I die is you, so please come home. I'm going to die soon..."

Sean bit his lip and tried to suppress the surge of emotions in his mind. "Nikki....don't...don't kid about things like this."

Did she not say she had an attack while she was at home? How... How did everything end up like this?

How could she have been raped?

"Sean..." Nikki let out a bitter chuckle. "I can't believe even at a time like this, you still don't trust me and think I'm lying! Well, suit yourself! "If you want to stay by your precious Ms. Craig's side, do as you please! "You don't have to come home anymore. You can return tomorrow to get rid of my dead body!

Then, she hung up the phone.

Sean remained motionless, his feet frozen in shock, unable to move or even utter a single word.

“What happened to Nikki?” Bonnie furrowed her brows and got out of the bed. “I heard what she said on the phone... You should probably go back to check on her immediately.” Sean bit his lip once more and glanced at Bonnie. Then, he nodded in reply and stormed out the door.

“Hey, why are you leaving so soon?” The doctor, who had entered the room at that exact moment, bumped into Sean as he sprinted out the door.

He stared at Sean’s retreating figure, frowning. “I can’t believe he’s leaving as soon as you wake up.

That boyfriend of yours is an irresponsible man.” Bonnie froze, then smiled weakly at the doctor. “He’s not my boyfriend, Doctor. Is there a misunderstanding?”

The doctor raised his brows skeptically. “He’s not your boyfriend? Wasn’t he the one who locked you in the car and caused you to end up like this?” Bonnie shook her head. “No. He... He’s just a very kind, helpful friend of mine. Besides”

She let out a sigh as she glanced in the direction Sean had left. “He has a sister at home who’s terminally ill, and because of me, he was forced to leave her alone at home...and I think something bad has happened to her.”

The doctor smacked his forehead in sudden realization. “No wonder he was so

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“I thought he was your boyfriend and the culprit who locked you in the door and almost led to your

death...so I stopped him from leaving multiple times...” Then, the doctor lifted his head to shoot Bonnie

a guilty look. “Is his sister...okay?”

Bonnie pursed her lips and suddenly recalled what she had overheard Nikki saying on the phone. She

clutched her hospital gown and asked, “Doctor, is it possible...for me to be discharged now?”

“I want to go to my friend’s house to check on him, and I’ll only be able to rest assured if I know his

sister is okay.”

The doctor paused for a moment, then glanced at Bonnie’s medical record. “It’s not that you can’t...but

judging from your condition...”

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The doctor lifted his head to glance at Bonnie.

“You should get a friend to go with you.” Bonnie nodded and was about to say something when her

phone, which was charging next to her bed, rang.

She quickly picked up the call.

“Luna?” “What’s wrong, Bonnie?” Luna’s voice was riddled with concern.

“Joshua, Nigel, and I were on a video call with Nellie and Nigel in the bedroom, and we both left our phones in the study.

We were so engrossed in our call that none of us heard you call.

Is...something wrong?”

Bonnie rubbed her brows in frustration.

She should have known.

The fact that neither Joshua nor Luna could be reached meant that they were probably doing something together, but she never thought of the possibility of them being on a family video call together.

“It’s settled now.” Bonnie sighed.

“Nothing much, just that I almost died, that’s all.” Luna let out a gasp, then asked, “What happened?”

Did my brother do something bad to you? When you told me about how nervous you were to meet my

parents, I had specifically warned them to be nice to you... Did my brother get on your nerves again?"

Bonnie rubbed her brows in exhaustion when she heard Luna's worried tone.

"I guess you can say so, but now's not the time to talk about this..." She let out a sigh.

"Are you free now, Luna? I want you to take me somewhere." Luna nodded.

"Of course I am, but..."

She paused for a moment before finally saying, "Didn't you just say you almost died, Bonnie? If so,

where are you headed now? Are you asking me to bring you to Jim so you can get revenge on him?"

"I have much better things to take care of than that." Bonnie sighed and explained what had happened,

including what she had overheard of Sean and Nikki's conversation, to Luna.

"If anything were to happen to Nikki, it'll be my fault.

"If Sean hadn't come to save me, he wouldn't have left Nikki alone..."

"I need to know she's fine."

Luna nodded.

"Alright.

I'll go pick you up from the hospital right now!"

Sean had sped home as fast as his car could take him, and he sprinted into the house as soon as the car screeched to a halt.

"Nikki!"

At this moment, the entire house was silent.

When Sean stormed inside, a haggard-looking Nikki was standing on top of a chair, holding a piece of rope that had been looped over a roof beam.

She let out a bitter chuckle when she saw Sean.

"I've told you not to return.

You should be spending this time with your precious Ms.

Craig instead.

"I told you to return tomorrow to get rid of my body; you came home one day too early!" with that, she placed her chin onto the loop of rope and kicked the chair out from beneath her.

As soon as he saw this, Sean stormed toward her like a madman.

"Nikki, don't do it!" He grabbed hold of her body and screamed, "I can't live without you, Nikki!"

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Nikki clutched the rope tightly, refusing to let go, and struggled against Sean's grip.

"You're a liar! I don't matter to you at all!

"My life is worth even less than your precious Ms.

Craig's finger!"

Sean furrowed his brows, summoning all the strength in his body to pull Nikki down.

Finally, the rope snapped, and Nikki's body landed against his.

"When have I ever told you you don't matter? When had I ever told you that your life is worth even less than Ms.

Craig's finger?"

"Nikki, we grew up together, and even though we're not real siblings, you're like a sister to me! Don't say things like these in the future anymore, and don't stay mad at me, okay?"

Tears slid down Nikki's cheeks when she heard this.

She wrapped her arms around Sean's shoulders and sobbed, "But Sean, you already know that... "I've

never been content with being your little sister.

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“That’s enough,” Sean stopped her short.

He held her close to his body and turned to gaze at the mess around him.

He could tell Nikki had told the truth.

Judging from her torn clothes and the stains on her body, it was clear what had happened here.

Not only that, but the bedsheets were stained bright red.

She...was raped.

Sean’s entire mind was engulfed in guilt.

He picked up the bedsheet and wrapped it around Nikki’s body.

“I’m bringing you to the hospital first, and then I’ll go lodge a police report.”

He had to get to the bottom of this.

Nikki slumped against his arms and closed her eyes.

“But Sean...that man... I think he was one of your ex-coworkers.

“He was wearing...the uniform of the factory you used to work at.” Sean’s entire body was frozen in shock, as though he had been struck by lightning.

The man was wearing the uniform of the factory he used to work at...? Sean suddenly remembered what his boss had told him over the phone.

He had claimed that he was too busy to check on Nikki himself, so he sent one of his workers to do so.

However, Sean had not managed to get through to the number that his boss had given him...

He had thought it was because the man’s phone had run out of battery or because he had been too busy taking care of Nikki and thus did not notice his phone ringing, but at this moment...

He finally understood why the man did not pick up his calls!

That man had done unspeakable things to Nikki!

Sean narrowed his eyes.

He placed Nikki in the front passenger seat, then got into the car and started the engine, staring at the road with bloodshot eyes.

“Even if he’s my ex-coworker, I’ll make him pay for

this.

“Even if he and I don’t work together anymore, it doesn’t justify him doing this to you! “However, I may have to go to the police station a little later than planned.” He would beat the shit out of the man before sending him to jail! Sitting in the passenger seat, Nikki clutched the sheets close to her and glanced at Sean, who was driving with a furious expression.

“Thank you, Sean.” A surge of guilt swept into Sean’s heart upon hearing this.

He let out a sigh and replied, “It was all my fault this even happened to you...” If he had not left Nikki home alone when he went to save Bonnie... If he had brought Nikki along with him...would things have turned out differently?

Chapter 2119 It was all his fault! The car soon arrived at the hospital.

After carrying Nikki into the hospital, Sean quickly explained what had happened to the doctors and nurses, who proceeded to wheel her away for a series of checkups, looking sorry for her.

However, since the checkups Nikki had to undergo were all private, Sean was not allowed to go with her, so he had to wait in the hospital lobby.

As he waited, he kept on calling the number.

There was still no answer.

Just as Sean was about to lose his patience, a call came in.

Thinking that it was the bastard who sexually assaulted Nikki, Sean picked up the call and yelled without even checking to see who it was, "What the fuck is wrong with you, Terry Simmons? How can you do this to my sister when Boss asked you to help send her to the hospital?"

"Where the fuck are you, anyway? Don't you dare hide because I will find you!"

Finally, a woman's voice rang out weakly from the other end of the line, "Um...Sean? This is Luna.

Where are you and your sister? "Bonnie and I have just left the hospital, and we wanted to visit you to check on your sister."

Luna pursed her lips and said softly, "I'm so sorry this happened to your sister.

"There are some things you won't be able to take care of alone, and since this was partly Bonnie's fault...I'm willing to help you."

Sean's expression relaxed a little when he heard this.

He fell silent for a moment, then sighed and replied, "I'm at the nearest hospital to our house.

You guys can come over.”

“Alright.

we’ll be there soon.” With that, Luna hung up the call and glanced at Bonnie, who was sitting pale-faced in the backseat of the car.

“It seems that...the worst has happened.” Bonnie closed her eyes, her entire face etched with guilt.

“It was all my fault...” “You shouldn’t blame yourself.

It was all that man named Terry’s fault.

If you hadn’t asked Sean for help, you would’ve died in the car, and besides, you didn’t know this would happen, did you?”

Bonnie let out a sigh.

She knew that Luna was right, but she could not help feeling responsible.

Soon, the car arrived at the hospital.

As soon as Luna and Bonnie entered the door, they caught sight of Sean, sitting in the lobby with a regretful look on his face.

Luna helped Bonnie over to Sean’s side and lowered her into a chair next to him.

“I’ll go check on her.”

With that, she turned and strode away.

This was a small hospital, and there were not many people around besides them.

As soon as Luna left, the only two people who remained in the lobby were Bonnie and Sean.

The air was eerily silent.

Bonnie glanced at Sean and contemplated for a long time before finally sighing.

“Sean, I’m sorry... I...” She placed her face in her hands as tears slid silently down her cheeks.

“I didn’t know things would turn out this way.

If I had known...”

“So what if you had known?” Sean let out a bitter chuckle and lifted his head to shoot Bonnie a helpless glance.

“Would you have let yourself die in Jim’s car instead of asking me for help if you had known this would happen?”

For a split second, Bonnie did not know how to answer.

Sean could not help sighing when he saw how lost she had looked.

“You shouldn’t blame yourself.

The person who harmed Nikki was that bastard, and it had nothing to do with you at all.

“If anyone were to take responsibility for what happened, that person should be me.”

Sean placed his hand on his forehead, obscuring his entire face, and said in a hoarse voice, “Nikki had already told me about her impending attack when I left the house, but I hadn’t taken her seriously.

I thought she had just said that to stop me from coming to save you, but I should have believed her, or at least...

“I should’ve brought her with me when I came to help you.

That way, not only would she have been safe, but I would’ve been able to help you at the same time...

“It’s all my fault.

I should’ve been smarter about this, and if I had, Nikki wouldn’t have gotten hurt...”

His voice was beginning to sound choked, but Bonnie could not tell if he was crying.

However, she could recognize the immense responsibility on Sean's shoulders.

He had not only blamed anyone for this incident, apart from the bastard who raped Nikki, but he even claimed that the person who should take responsibility for what happened was him.

Bonnie could not help but be reminded of Jim.

If...

If Sean's mother and Jim's mother were indeed the same people...this would make them half brothers.

However, how could these two people who shared the same blood differ so much in their personalities?

Jim probably had not recalled that he had left Bonnie alone in the car, almost leading to her death.

As soon as she thought of this, Bonnie closed her eyes and heaved a deep sigh.

Then, she opened her eyes to stare at Sean.

"I... There's nothing much I can do for you and Nikki, but if you need help-either financially or in other aspects – during any point in time, I will do everything in my power to help you."

"I will, too," a clear, woman's voice rang out from behind them.

Bonnie and Sean immediately turned around.

The person standing before them was none other than Gwen, who was wearing a black men's jacket draped over her white clothes.

Her hand was still wrapped in bandages from the burns she suffered at Landry Mansion because of Charlotte.

A few meters behind her stood Luke, cold and aloof as ever.

He was wearing only a white shirt, and it was clear to whom the jacket draped over Gwen belonged to.

A glimmer of surprise flashed through Bonnie's eyes, which was quickly replaced by an expression of envy.

She could not help feeling envious of Gwen.

Even though Luke's possessiveness was terrifying at times, there was no denying that he loved and protected Gwen with all his heart.

Not only that, but Bonnie could even tell that the bandage wrapped around Gwen's hand was made from the best, most expensive material available.

It was the same kind of bandage that Michael, Joshua's spoiled brother, had demanded.

Bonnie could not help feeling that she paled in comparison to Gwen.

They were both in love with equally successful and powerful men, but for some reason, her life was

much more difficult than Gwen's.