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This made Sean anxious beyond relief.

‘What’s going on? Is Bonnie even inside this ward? Is she fine? Is her baby still with her? She... Even

after what happened, will she still choose to be with Jim?’

Suddenly, the emergency alarm started ringing fiercely. The doctor had installed an emergency button

in the ward so people could press it to alert hospital staff when an emergency occurred.

The loud ringing blared across the hallway, scaring the napping guards outside the door awake. Before

they could react, however, a man wearing a janitor’s uniform dashed right into the ward.

“What happened?” Sean was the first to rush into the ward.

What he did not expect to see, however, was Jim choking Nikki’s neck beside Bonnie’s bed instead of

Bonnie, who was lying on the bed.

“Nikki!” Sean instantly rushed over and instinctively pushed Jim away before pulling Nikki into his arms,

the woman’s face already turning purple at this point.

“What have you done to my sister, Jim?!”

Jim stumbled backward due to Sean shoving him, but he managed to regain his footing. He sneered and glanced at Sean. "You should be asking your sister what she has done to Bonnie instead."

Jim squinted at Sean as he coldly added, "See what's she wearing? She wore a nurse's uniform and came in here to inject poison into Bonnie's body. I caught her red-handed, yet she refused to admit it.

Manhandling her like that is only fair!" Sean's body trembled as he held Nikki in his arms. He lowered his head to gaze at Nikki.

"Nikki... Did you..."

"I didn't!" Nikki vehemently shook her head, her eyes glossed with tears. "I didn't, I swear!"

Tears fell from her eyes as her face reddened." Alright, I had disguised myself as a nurse to come in here, but... I didn't do it because I want to kill Ms. Craig!" She wiped away her tears as she added, "

Sean, after everything that happened, you nearly completely isolated me because of her. I know what she meant to you, and I'd never do anything that would hurt her.

"I've made up my mind to apologize to her, I only after seeking forgiveness from her will I apologize to you. I know I'm your sister, and I shouldn't have considered having any other relationships than that..."

She sniffed, her sobs turning to full-out cries.

“I got worried when I saw Ms. Craig had an accident this afternoon. I thought that if something bad happened to Ms. Craig, you’d be devastated, even if you don’t think about going after her. Also, I know you and Mr. Landry are at odds right now, and you’d be embarrassed to visit her yourself.

“So, I disguised as the nurse and wanted to visit Ms. Craig to find out about her situation for you, but I never thought Mr. Landry would come in here too, right after I did, so I quickly hid when he came in...

“I can’t believe my eyes! I saw him injecting something into Bonnie’s body, and he tried to eliminate me when he knew I had seen everything!”

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The ward fell silent after everyone heard Nikki’s words. It was not just Jim and his assistant who were shocked; it was hard for Sean to digest, too.

‘Why would Jim want to poison Bonnie?’ Sean thought.

“Sean, you need to trust me.” Sensing the disbelief in Sean’s eyes, malice flashed past Nikki’s eyes for a brief moment before she flung herself into Sean’s chest, faking being the victim of circumstances.

” Sean, I’m telling you the truth! Jim Landry poisoned Bonnie and said that if she’s dead, no one will

ever know that he had been together with Bonnie before.

“If she’s dead, then you, Sean, will fall into deep misery. He’s using this to take revenge on you...

because Ms. Hamilton chose you and Mr. Wheeler instead of him!”

Nikki’s every word felt like daggers that stabbed into Sean’s heart. He stared at the man before him,

the man that he should call his brother.

How much hatred did Jim have toward Lucy and Sean that he could bring himself to try and kill Bonnie,

the woman he used to love, just to have his revenge?

Sean had never known who this half-brother of his was, but he was very jealous of him. After all, his

half-brother had been a thorn in his mother’s heart when she was alive.

Every time when his mother could not sleep, she would murmur his half-brother’s nickname in the

middle of the night, calling him ‘Jimmy’.

Whenever his mother would often end up in tears, she would bring up that name. She kept on saying

that the person she felt the sorriest to was her ‘Jimmy’, that she was sorry for abandoning him.

Sean’s father, Richard Wheeler, had always gone off to see Jimmy secretly and took photos of him, just

so he could show Lucy what the boy had done for the day. She would then cherish those photos like

invaluable treasures, not allowing anyone to see them. Not even Sean, Lucy's own son, had ever seen his half-brother's photo.

Before Lucy took her final breath, he had called Samuel to visit his mother for the last time. His mother held Samuel's hand and repeated again, telling Samuel that she was sorry for Jimmy. Never once had she told Sean that she was sorry for ignoring him all the time.

Jim had said he was the one abandoned, but Sean believed otherwise—it was he who had been neglected. Lucy was guilt-ridden and remorseful from the moment she left Jim, but Sean had never once experienced the love of a mother despite being the son who accompanied Lucy throughout her remaining years.

Sean had been jealous ever since he was just a child.

All that, and Jim still wanted to exact his vengeance against Sean just because of his hatred toward his mother. Jim wanted to use Sean's beloved woman to take revenge on Sean!

Sean was flabbergasted at the thought. He had no idea how crazy Jim could be.

"Sean..." As Nikki saw the hatred in Sean's eyes when he looked at Jim, Nikki quickly grabbed Sean's

hand and lay softly in his arms.

“Let’s go back. I don’t want to stay here and see this man. I hope...”

She turned her head and looked at the still unconscious Bonnie.

“I hope the doctor can save Ms. Craig.”

Her eyes, on the other hand, conveyed a different type of emotion, showing just how self-gratified she felt.

‘Heh! Bonnie will never live past this!’ Even if Bonnie woke up at this moment, she would only have seven days left to live. What could she do within such a short time frame? There was nothing else she could do to win against Nikki!

Sean furrowed his eyebrows. “I don’t want to go.”

If Jim truly had gone to the extent to hurt Bonnie because of him...

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Sean had to remain so he could take care of Bonnie.

Even if...

Even if Bonnie would not get better, Sean wanted to stay by her side and accompany her to live the last

few days of her life.

"None of you can leave!"

Jim sneered as he glanced at Nikki's face maliciously.

"What a good lie. You know it better than anyone else who had injected the poison into Bonnie."

Nikki pursed her lips.

"B—But I don't know how to give an injection!"

She bit her lip and looked at Sean with a pitiful look.

"Sean, you know me. When I was admitted to the hospital, I was so scared when the nurse tried to give

me an injection. How can I even stomach using a needle to inject someone?"

She sniffed.

"But Mr. Landry is different. His adoptive mother is a renowned researcher specializing in poison, and his

best friend is also a doctor. It's only normal that he knows how to."

Jim squinted once Nikki finished.

"That's right."

Sean quickly pulled Nikki behind him to shield her.

"Jim, I never knew you'd have such a cruel heart. No matter how you and Bonnie had a wonderful relationship in the past, she's the mother of your child and is pregnant with your second child.

"Not only did you race with her and attempted to force her into an abortion, you even want to kill her! I can't imagine the child that my mother used to feel sorry for would be a cruel, cold-blooded person!"

Sean whipped out his phone.

"I'm calling the police now to report you as a murderer!"

When Sean called the police, Assistant Coleman panicked.

"Let's talk things through, Mr. Wheeler! I can testify that my boss didn't and wouldn't murder Ms. Craig, so—"

"Let me call the police,"

Jim interrupted Assistant Coleman before he could finish his sentence, and he smiled at Sean.

"I've been meaning to call the police here. This is the best hospital in Merchant City, and they have the best surveillance system installed. I believe the surveillance had captured the time and image when Ms. Wheeler and I entered the ward. So..."

Jim smiled and looked at Nikki's pathetic expression.

"As long as we can see who brought in those injection needles, we can easily tell who had injected Bonnie.Also..."

He raised his and pointed at one of the corners of the ward.

"Ms.Wheeler, you probably had never been into such a luxury ward before, so you won't know that there is more than one surveillance camera in the ward.Even if you had covered all of the surveillance cameras, they're equipped with voice recording."

After that, he glanced at Nikki, whose face had turned pale.

"Ms.Wheeler, do you think your brother, Sean, would still protect you once I have my people retrieve the surveillance footage and play the voice recording? The very thought of this made Nikki break out into cold sweat.

She had indeed spotted a surveillance camera when she had entered the ward and had it covered, but she did know there were more and that they could record voices.

"Alright, then," Sean sneered.

"Go get the surveillance footage! Let's see how well you'll be able to defend yourself!"

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Nikki was slightly startled by what Sean said. She bit her lip and grabbed Sean's arm, "Let's just drop it,

Sean. Let's just go!

"We don't have to see the surveillance footage or hear the voice recording. There's already solid

evidence to prove Mr. Landry murdered Ms. Craig. It's useless for him to deny it! We..."

She bit her lip.

"Let's just leave now. We don't want to let him have the opportunity to say that Ms. Craig and he used to

date, that both of us strangers conspired together to frame him."

However, Sean was not convinced.

"Then we should stay so when the cops come, they could prove our innocence!"

He looked at Jim, proud with righteousness.

"I want to see this man arrested!"

Jim scoffed at what Sean said.

With his arms crossed at his chest, he snidely commented, "We'll soon know if it's me or that girl in

your arms who'll be arrested."

Not a second later, the best medical team from the hospital rushed into the ward.

Both Joshua and Jim had expressed to the higher management that Bonnie was an important person

to them, so they had installed the emergency button in the ward beforehand.

Everyone had heard the alarm ringing when Assistant Coleman pressed the button, and the hospital

staff chief quickly gathered all top specialists of the hospital to rush into the ward.

"Mr.Landry, what happened?"

Jim furrowed his brow and signaled Assistant Coleman to bring Sean and Nikki out of the ward.

"She has been injected with an unknown liquid.I heard ..." Jim paused for a moment.

"I heard it was a type of poison that'll number her days to only seven.Please do a full-body check-up on

her and think of a treatment plan."

Jim took a good look at Bonnie

"Please save her.Money is not an issue."

Finally, Jim left the ward.

Assistant Coleman approached Sean and Nikki.

"Let's go."

Nikki pursed her lips as she looked at Jim's back with bitterness pooling in her eyes.

'How did Bonnie deserve such a good life?'

Jim was a handsome, poised man.

A man like him made women go crazy over him, his influence, his enigmatic aura, his money.

Most importantly, he was not a playboy, treating his relationship and his woman very seriously.

A man like him was someone out of Nikki's reach.

It was not that she never imagined marrying a man like Jim, but in the end, reality struck her back to earth.

Eventually, she figured she could only be together with Sean, who was more average but looked handsome and kind.

She just never thought a high and mighty person like Jim and the kind-hearted Sean would both fall in love with Bonnie.

'Why? Am I any less than Bonnie? Is it just because Bonnie is prettier and is from a more prestigious

family? That's ridiculous! Luckily.."

Nikki looked at Bonnie.

'Luckily, she only has seven days to live. When the day Bonnie dies, I'll put fireworks all over the entire city to celebrate! A woman like her shouldn't be alive and doesn't deserve to be!'

"Let's go, both of you!"

As Nikki and Sean continued to stay in the room, Assistant Coleman lightly shoved them with a frosty expression.

Without a choice, Sean and Nikki leave the ward, frowning.

Nikki looked at the closed door once they exited, her gaze slightly dazed as she then turned to look at Sean.

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"Let's go, Sean."

Sean furrowed his brows.

"Nikki, why do you keep urging me to leave?"

'Aren't they supposed to stay and watch Jim get arrested by the cops so Nikki could be proven

innocent? Why does Nikki keep on wanting to leave?' Sean thought.

"She's afraid of being arrested, that's why,"

Assistant Coleman chimed in.

'Mr.Wheeler, how can you not tell this when this woman is acting so obviously? She's the one who injected the poison into Ms.Craig's body.Why else would she be so afraid of the cops? Why does she keep on insisting on leaving?"

Sean squinted and unconsciously let go of the hand that held Nikki's.

He did not think that the people who worked for Jim could be good people, but...

Assistant Coleman was making sense.

If Nikki was truly innocent, why did she insist on them leaving? Why could she not wait for the cops to arrive?

"I...."

Nikki bit her lip and was silent for a while.

Finally, unable to refrain herself, she burst into tears once more.

"That's right, I'm afraid of the cops!"

"Sean, you know that I had just suffered from sexual assault, and I don't want to go to the police station. What if they ask about the rape? I can't stand it anymore! I don't want to think of the time my innocence has been ripped from me!"

Nikki's cries, as well as her faltering voice, wrung Sean's heart tightly. He subconsciously extended his hand and pulled her into his arms once more, guilt-ridden that he doubted his sister just because Jim and his assistant incited him.

Nikki had been with him for many years, and he knew what kind of person Nikki is.

Moreover, Nikki had been raped when he had left to rescue Bonnie, and it was utterly wrong of him to suspect Nikki at such a timing.

Nikki was a kind and gentle woman.

Even after the way Sean had treated her yesterday, Nikki still disguised herself to visit Bonnie at the intensive care unit ward on his behalf.

Having that thought in mind, Sean sighed and wrapped his hands around Nikki's arm.

"Alright, Nikki ...let's go. Since there's solid evidence to prove that Jim is guilty, it doesn't change anything whether or not we stay."

Sean looked in the direction of Bonnie's ward once more, helplessly melancholically.

"I...hope she'll be alright"

He wanted so badly to stay, but he was neither a nurse nor a doctor.

There was nothing else he could do other than create more trouble.

Hence, he grabbed Nikki and left.

Just after taking a few steps, however, they were stopped by Jim, who brought up his arm to stop them.

"Leaving now, are we? Ms. Wheeler, do you really think that me, my assistant, and also my men are incapable of stopping both of you from leaving?"

The bodyguards dashed in from outside and surrounded Sean and Nikki, startling Sean for a moment before he quickly reacted by pulling Nikki into his arms.

"Jim! "

"It's bad enough that you're cruel and cold-blooded with the way you treated Bonnie. Are you so irresponsible? Are you really going to push all the blame on Nikki?"

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Jim chuckled.

"Did I push the blame to your sister, or is it the other way around?"

Jim glanced at Nikki's tear-stained face.

"Ah, that's right. What did you say? You don't want to go to the police station to remember the memory of when you were raped, do you?"

"Nikki Wheeler, have you truly been taken advantage of by a man?"

The words from Jim slammed Sean's heart like a sledgehammer. He lifted his head and glared at Jim angrily.

"What did you say?"

Filled with unadulterated rage, Sean let go of Nikki and rushed over to grab Jim by his collar, his eyes burning with fury.

"You locked Bonnie in the car, and I had to go rescue her.

That's how my sister got raped! You were the perpetrator in this! How dare you speak like this? Jim

Landry, are you a human being at all?!"

Jim narrowed his eyes and sneered, "I'm not a human being?"

He looked at Nikki.

"I'm sure you know very well if I was telling the truth."

Jim's intense domineering gaze was too much for Nikki to handle, so she unconsciously lowered her

head, avoiding making eye contact with Jim's hawk- like eyes.

She bit her lip and murmured, "I—I have no idea what you are talking about."

Nikki's attitude had Jim squinting at her.

In truth, after what happened yesterday, he felt very guilty, especially toward Nikki.

Although he was unsure what had actually happened, he got to know a few details from the

conversation between Sean and Bonnie.

That was why he had Assistant Coleman investigate the details about Nikki.

However, before Assistant Coleman could gather any information, the parent of the man who raped

Nikki went to Landry Mansion, and it turned out that the parent was one of Landry Group's ex-

employees.

They found the butler who worked in Landry Mansion and told him that their son had been seduced by a woman, got accused of being a rapist, and had his reproductive organ cut off.

The parent was so aggrieved that they did not know who they could seek help from.

In the end, they decided to try their luck if the Landry family could help.

After all, the person who harmed their son was someone from Luke's gang.

It was not compensation they were looking for, since they knew they could not afford to offend the gang.

They only wanted to seek justice for their son.

After all, being dubbed a rapist was too serious BBj)A mJl heavy for both Terry and his parent.

Terry's parent was very sincere in their effort, and the butler could not bear to see them suffer, so he agreed to help them.

Half an hour before, when Bonnie just got admitted to the hospital, the butler had sent the evidence to show that Terry had indeed been drugged.

The test result confirmed the existence of a drug's residue in Terry's body, and this drug could disorient

a person, turning them into a beast by nature.

When he received the news, all Jim cared about was Bonnie and the child they had lost in her miscarriage.

He only took a glance at the report and paid it no mind.

At this moment, however...

Jim looked at the information on his phone and then at Nikki, who was shielded by Sean.

"I'm very curious. How could a normal girl like you get such a strong drug?"

Nikki felt her blood freeze in her veins as she gazed at the man in front of her.

"You..."

How did Jim know that she had a potent drug? Could it be...

Not a second later, the police siren could be heard from outside, signaling the police team's arrival.

Nikki unconsciously ducked behind Sean.

"Sean..."

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"Don't worry."

Sean swore that he would protect Nikki this time.

"Even if the cops are here, we have nothing to fear since we didn't do it, so..."

Before Sean could even finish his sentence, the cops approached them and showed Nikki their identification badge.

"Ms. Wheeler, we have evidence to prove that you've committed the crime of a murder attempt on Ms. Bonnie Craig, as well as raping Mr. Terry Simmons. We're authorized to arrest you. Please cooperate with us."

Sean was flabbergasted to have heard this.

He paused and looked at the cops incredulously and subconsciously stood before them, shielding Nikki.

"H — Have you made a mistake?"

Nikki was the victim, was she not? It was Jim who had hurt Nikki, and Terry was the one who had stolen Nikki's innocence, no? Why was the police saying otherwise?

"Sir, without proper and solid evidence, we wouldn't arrest anyone," answered one officer sternly.

"If you're the relevant party, then we're allowed to show you the evidence. Otherwise, please do not interfere with our job."

Sean was dazed right that very second.

From the looks of it, the cops must have obtained solid evidence already.

However...

"I'm innocent!" Tears started falling from Nikki's eyes.

"You...Jim Landry must've bribed all of you, and "Jim sneered.

"Bribe? Nikki Wheeler, I assumed that you must've watched too many movies. Do you know you're committing another crime by saying so?"

Jim's overwhelming aura silenced Nikki entirely.

"Arrest her!"

The cops did not bother when Nikki kept on insisting on her innocence and took her away immediately. Sean was rooted on the spot as he watched Nikki being taken away helplessly. His eyes were full of despair and sorrow.

Seconds later, fury overtook his gaze as he glared at Jim.

"Don't think you can toy with us just because you have power and money!"

'He's not worthy to be my brother! I refuse to believe that Jim had provided evidence to the law

enforcement to prove that Nikki had done it. This was done in exchange for his power money!' seethed

Sean internally.

"I do have the power and money."

Jim looked at Sean apathetically.

"But, that doesn't mean that I can tolerate being slandered and humiliated by any of you."

With an indifferent expression, Jim added, his tone dripping with disdain, "Too impulsive and

emotional. How could a person like you be my mother's son and my brother?"

Sean's fists balled tightly.

"I dare you to say it again!"

"No matter how many times I say it, it's still the truth."

Jim thus turned, intending to return to Bonnie's ward.

Looking at Jim's back, Sean could no longer restrain himself and lunged forward, swinging his fist and

"Do you want to get hit again?" Jim caught Sean's fist steadily.

His lips twisted into a sardonic smile.

"You're no match for me, Sean Wheeler. You should've known this from the start."

Sean's eyes widened in rage as he snapped, "Jim Landry!"

Out of the blue...

"Stop it!" came a female voice, shouting across the hallway.

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Jim paused upon hearing that voice.

Sean might not know whose voice that was, but Jim was more than familiar with it.

As Jim spaced out momentarily, Sean's fist slammed right into his face, and it was obvious how much strength was put into that swing.

Sean had given his all.

Blood oozed out of Jim's nose as he staggered a few steps back before he regained his footing.

"Jim!"

Breaking free from Charles' support, Rosalyn ran toward Jim.

However, her body was too weak to support herself, her legs failing her just after running for a few steps before she fell to the floor, her face slammed in the process.

She got up on her feet soon after and ran toward Jim as though it did not even faze her.

"Jim! Are you alright?" asked Rosalyn.

Assistant Coleman was there to support Jim, too.

Jim's vision was slightly blurred, yet he could make out how Rosalyn ran toward him worriedly.

His heart felt hot and humid, as though it was summer after a downpour.

"Let me see it."

Rosalyn ran toward Jim and held his hand, studying his nose. She took out a piece of tissue to wipe away the blood from his nose, her eyebrows knitted together as she did.

"Do you feel anything else apart from your bleeding nose? Does your head hurt?"

Jim looked at Rosalyn's worried eyes, and his own eyes narrowed. He was not alone in this life after all, was he? There were people who cared about him through it all.

For instance, Rosalyn was always there for him ever since he was a child, and she loved him dearly.

The woman who had a miscarriage and was still lying in bed, Bonnie, cared about him, too.

With these thoughts in mind, Jim sighed and grabbed Rosalyn's hand to stop her from wiping his nose.

"Mother..."

Rosalyn was startled when she heard Jim calling her.

After a while, she sighed and grabbed Jim's hand, "You silly child."

The warm sight of a mother doting on his son made Sean uncomfortable. He sneered and turned to face another direction, wanting to leave this place.

There was not a minute more that he felt like staying nor pleased to see.

However, Charles stopped him just after he took a few steps.

"Where are you going?" asked Charles.

Sean paused looked at the man before him with an apathetic gaze.

'This must be Jim's biological father, and he's one of those that Mother felt guilty toward'

Sean frowned as he carefully studied the man in front of him.

He had already felt out of place when he stared at Rosalyn and Jim's intimate moment, and with

Charles standing before him...

Although Sean was unwilling to admit it, Charles was definitely a lot better and more talented than his father, Richard.

Be it in terms of appearance or temperament, Charles was so far better off than his father, who worked as a nurse.

Just one look had Sean feeling self-abased unconsciously.

The distance between him and Jim, as well as the distance between his father and Charles...

These were the gaps he could never cross in this life.

He closed his eyes and smiled bitterly, not understanding why his mother would give up Charles and choose his father instead, as well as why his mother would give up Jim and choose him.

With that thought in mind, Sean inhaled deeply and looked into Charles' eyes.

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"You're much better than my father, I'll give you that. Sean then walked past Charles and was prepared to leave. Jim, who was quite far away, furrowed his eyebrows and looked at Sean. His heart began to race at that moment.

He had not told Charles and Rosalyn about Lucy having survived the incident, despite everyone thinking she was dead.

He was afraid that Sean would talk about Lucy and their familial status after telling Charles that Charles was better than his father.

Sean, unexpectedly, said nothing else after that, but Charles grabbed Sean and squinted.

"Your father isn't too bad, kiddo. Don't belittle yourself; you're too humble," spoke Charles, his voice gentle and sincere.

"Something was special about you and your father that Lucy gave up on me and Jim."

The hallway fell silent the moment these words were uttered.

Both Jim and Sean looked at Charles with shock.

"Dad..." Jim gazed at Charles.

"You..." Charles smiled.

"Your mother and I found out about it. We know that all of you went to the Quinn Mansion and summed up the way you lost control of your emotions and went racing on Ring Road. Do you truly think we won't go to the Quinn Mansion to ask what happened?"

Charles sighed deeply.

"I didn't know Samuel hadn't changed one bit after so many years; still the good old person, trying to do the best for everyone. He thought he was doing it in my best interest by hiding it for so many years and was afraid that it'd affect my relationship with Rosalyn. On the contrary..."

He heaved another sigh.

"If he had told me earlier, perhaps the gap between Rosalyn and me could be closed much earlier."

After that, he took another serious look at Jim.

"You don't have to hide it from me. I know everything."

Charles turned around to look at Sean, who was standing beside him. He raised his hand and gave a light pat on Sean's shoulder.

"You don't have to be self-abased. Your mother was a wonderful and opinionated woman. All these years, I've had nightmares and unstable emotions because I truly thought that she was dead.

"I loved her, but I failed to protect her, which, in turn, made her suffer the pain that she shouldn't have. I was sad blamed myself so much that it had become a thorn in my heart. Now..."

He exhaled heavily with a smile on his face.

"I can now peel off that thorn after knowing that she had lived for many years and had a happy family in her remaining days."

Charles took another look at Sean, his eyes shining with gratefulness and warmth.

"No matter if you accept it or not, I want to say thank you to you and your father. Thank you for giving her a new life and surrounding her with joy during her days."

Sean gaped at Charles, taken by complete surprise by what he had said.

He...had thought that Charles' reaction would be the same as Jim's—blaming his mother for giving up on them.

Never did he expect that this would be the man's reaction instead, even after knowing that Lucy Hamilton had abandoned him.

Sean moistened his chapped lips with his tongue.

"But "

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"But..."

Sean looked at Charles and then at Jim, who was a little further from him.

"Mother abandoned both you and Jim! If..." He pursed his lips.

"If Mother had just faced you and Jim, if she hadn't hidden herself, perhaps the Landry family and the Lynch family wouldn't have suffered such terrible losses."

From Samuel's conversation with the others, Sean finally understood everything.

The fight and feud between the Landry and Lynch families were rooted because of his mother, Lucy Hamilton.

If she had only sought her memory and faced it bravely, perhaps both families would not be embroiled in much bitterness and tragedy like they were at present.

After so many years, both families had collided many times in their business, and Colin was dead because of it.

His mother was partly responsible for everything that had happened.

Even with all this, Charles decided to forgive his mother so easily?

"The past is in the past," said Rosalyn gently, smiling as she continued to wipe the blood away from

Jim's nose.

"What else can we do apart from forgiving? Do we need to dig your mother's grave and scold her dead body? Should we blame you and Jim for her mistakes and ask the two of you to compensate for it? Her gentle smile never left her face as she kindly added, "What she did had nothing to do with both of you. Besides, it is human nature to hide from being harmed. After experiencing that incident, she only wanted to protect herself and live a quiet, peaceful life. There's nothing wrong with that. If there were anyone to blame..."

Rosalyn sighed.

"You should blame me and Charles. He underestimated the situation too easily, and I have too much faith in my junior."

Rosalyn never expected that the people who had hurt Lucy were Sirius and Quentin; one was a senior that she looked up to, and the other was a junior she considered like her brother.

Both of them used her and told everyone that they did it for Rosalyn's best interest.

If anyone wanted to find the root cause of the entire incident, she was also one of the accomplices for being too lenient on Sirius and Quentin.

Thus, it was useless to get to the bottom of it.

Under those circumstances, everyone had chosen the best choice for themselves. It was just too bad that...

Rosalyn lifted her head, her gaze alternating between Jim and Sean, and found them to be much alike, feature-wise.

She shook her head. It was a shame that such a rift had formed between the brothers.

With that thought, she walked toward Sean.

As the elegant-looking woman slowly approached him, Sean knew he was supposed to turn and leave, especially when this woman was once his mother's love rival and had nothing to do with him.

Sean had no idea, however, why his legs stiffened like iron steel, and he found himself unable to move.

He watched as Rosalyn slowly got closer and recalled the image of her wiping the blood off of Jim's nose.

'How...nice would it be if she was my mother,' thought Sean. All he could remember was how his mother missed her 'Jimmy'.

She had never cared for him at all.

"Does it hurt?"

Suddenly, Rosalyn's voice reeled Sean's attention back to reality. He regained his senses and looked

into Rosalyn's gentle eyes.

Rosalyn lifted her head and saw the red mark on Sean's neck, one caused by Jim choking him,

immediately feeling bad for Sean.