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When Riley first returned to their side, Joshua had arranged for a DNA paternity match test to be done on him, Luna, and Riley.

According to the DNA results, Riley was not Joshua or Luna's child at all.

The whereabouts of their daughter were still unknown.

Luna knew about this a long time ago.

Therefore, the doctor was a little puzzled by how worried Luna appeared.

Since she knew this baby was not her biological daughter, why was she still so concerned about the

child's health?

"Even if she's not my daughter, I can't just sit around and watch her die, can I?" Luna replied curtly

when she realized what the doctor was trying to say.

"Besides, my husband and I still have no idea where our real daughter is or whether she's still alive or

not, and so to us, we'll always feel like fate has put this child into our hands for a reason."

As she said this, she closed her eyes and added with a hint of exhaustion, "I always tell myself that if

we treat another person's child kindly, our child will receive the same in return."

In the past, she never understood why Rosalyn could become so close and attached to Jim when he was not biologically related to her, but after adopting Riley, she finally understood.

Even though she already had three children of her own, she could not bear watching an innocent child cry, even if the child was not her own.

Luna believed this was the same thought that propelled Rosalyn to adopt Jim out of kindness and treat him as though he were her own.

At the thought of this, Luna curled her lips into a smile and said, "My mother had also adopted a son who is not related to her by blood, and now, this child loves her more than anyone in his life and is willing to do all he can to repay her kindness."

"Therefore, there's no reason for me to turn a blind eye to this poor child."

The doctor fell silent for a long time, then finally nodded.

"Alright, I understand, Ms.Luna.I promise I'll do everything I can to save this child."

With that, the doctor turned and disappeared into the operation room.

Joshua, who was sitting in a chair behind them, could not help curling his lips into a smile as he stared



to glance at the uninvited guest.
It was none other than Malcolm, who had stolen Luna and Joshua's daughter just months ago from
right underneath their noses.
At this moment, his face was etched with fear and anxiety.
"Is Riley going to be okay?"
"Why do you care about Riley?"
Joshua sneered.
"You can stop acting now."
Malcolm furrowed his brows.
"Of course I care about her! I had taken care of her myself for a month, you know, so of course I'm
attached to her!"
Joshua curled his lips into a smirk.
"Since you care about her so much, why did you even hand her over to Quentin in the first place?"

Malcolm's expression darkened upon hearing this. He furrowed his brows and replied rather feebly, "I...I had no choice!"

"Lulu, you know me better than anyone.I can be quite cowardly in times of need, but...I truly love and care for Riley, just like how I loved Nigel, Neil, and Nellie.

All of a sudden, he lifted his head to stare at Luna as though he had suddenly recalled something.

"You remember just how kind I was to you and the children, don't you? Even though I had made some mistakes in the past, you can't deny that I had been kind to you and the three children, can you?"

Luna narrowed her eyes upon hearing this.

If this had happened in the past, she would have stood on Malcolm's side and helped him, but at this moment...

She curled her lips into a smirk, fixed her crystal clear eyes on Malcolm's face, and coldly retorted, "Is that so? Malcolm, you're saying that because you were always kind to me and my children, you want me to help you explain to Joshua that you had treated Riley the same and that you were just forced to give her up to Quentin out of desperation?"

Malcolm's entire face lit up.
"That's right.Lulu, I can't believe that after so long, you're still the only one who understands me the
best."
A wave of nausea rolled through Luna's entire body.He was right.
When he first rescued her, she had indeed gotten to know him so well that she could understand his
thoughts almost immediately.
However, at that time, it was because Malcolm had wanted her to help design some jewelry customized
for Quinn Group.
When she accurately guessed his exact thoughts, he put his arm around her shoulder in delight and
exclaimed, "There's no one else who can understand me the way you do, my dear Lulu.We're perfect
for each other!"
At that time, Luna's heart was filled with hatred toward Joshua and gratitude towards Malcolm for
saving her life.
When she first heard him saying this, her entire face had blushed scarlet. She thought she would be
happy spending the rest of her life with Malcolm.

Even though she had never fallen for him, she had been determined to marry him.

After Joshua's 'betrayal', Luna had lost all hope in true love, GAr&\ mNJ since she could not bring

herself to fall in love with another man, being with Malcolm was the best choice she had.

For one, she would be able to repay his deed of saving her and the children's lives, and she could also

let her children grow up with a kind, loving father.

Because of this, Luna always thought she was obliged to be with Malcolm, and even after reconciling

with Joshua, she had, at one point, felt guilty about betraying Malcolm, until— Until one day, when

Malcolm and Heather's evil plan was exposed, Luna could finally see Malcolm's true colors. He had

deliberately cut her face with a knife so that she had no choice but to undergo plastic surgery.

Why had he done this? Before her plastic surgery, Luna's face was almost identical to Rosalyn's, and

there was no way he would be able to keep her by his side without anyone noticing her connection to

the Landry family.

On the other hand, he treated the three children as though they were his own simply because he had

known they were Joshua's children and would come in handy in the future when he needed to threaten

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This had happened so long ago that it slipped Luna and Joshua's minds.

On top of that, Heather's death, as well as their preoccupation with other priorities, had caused them to

forget about Malcolm's involvement in this devious scheme and their revenge.

However, Malcolm had appeared just when they least expected it, claiming that he cared about Riley

just as much as he had cared about Nigel, Neil, and Nellie.

Luna could not help finding this amusing.

"You say you truly care about Nigel, Neil, and Nellie, don't you, Malcolm? Can you tell me where they

are currently and what they're up to, then?"

Malcolm's entire body stiffened upon hearing this. A split second later, he broke out into a smile.

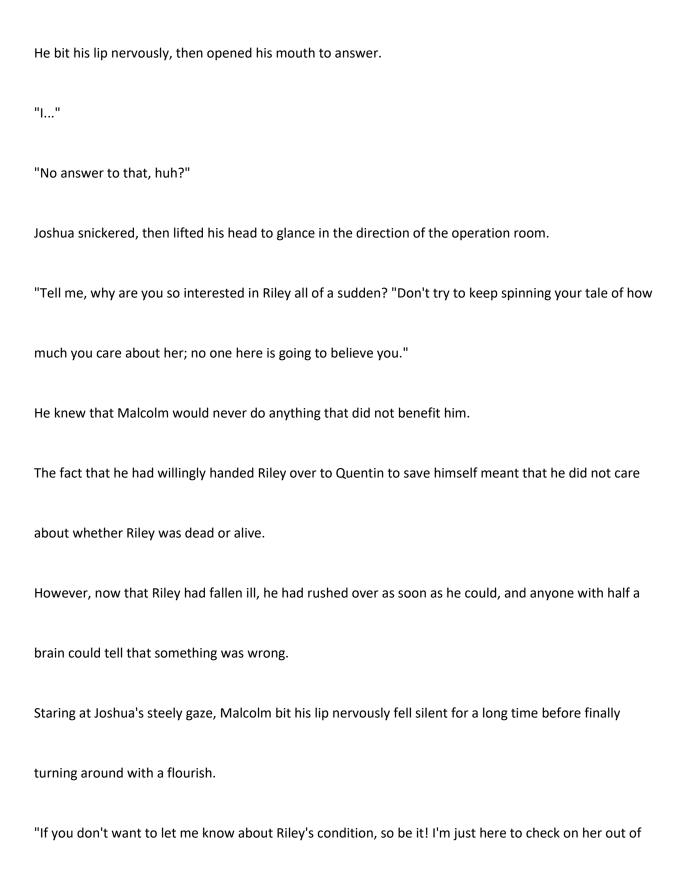
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"Of course I know the answer to this; Nigel is here in Merchant City, at the house where you and

Joshua live, whereas Neil and Nellie are both in Banyan City waiting for your return.Am I right?"

With that, he curled his lips into a triumphant smile and added, "I've been keeping tabs on them, so

your question isn't that difficult to answer at all." Joshua could not help bursting into laughter upon hearing this. He had always been a courteous man and would never dare to laugh at someone out in the open like this. This time, he could not seem to contain it. Malcolm furrowed his brows when he heard Joshua's laughter and glanced in his direction. "What's wrong, Mr.Lynch?" "Nothing, I just found it funny." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and showed Malcolm an article from a few days ago on his phone. The news article clearly stated that Joshua's children had flown to Merchant City to attend Jim's wedding, but because the flight was delayed due to poor weather conditions, they could not make it to the ceremony in time. Joshua brandished his phone to Malcolm and added, chuckling, " If you really care about Neil and Nellie as much as you claim, Mr.Quinn, why couldn't you even be bothered to read the news?" The color drained from Malcolm's face.



kindness, and since the two of you are constantly second- guessing my intentions, I'll save myself
some trouble and get lost!"
With that, he turned and stomped away.
"Mr.Quinn," Joshua said coldly as he watched Malcolm leave.
"You should know why I never tried to take revenge on you and Heather for doing those things to Luna;
your father saved my aunt and allowed her to live the rest of her life in peace.I wanted to repay him for
his kindness, but he wanted nothing in return and only asked that I show mercy toward you.
"This is the only reason I haven't tried to take revenge on you, but His voice turned cold.
"Please watch yourself, and don't ever show up in front of me or my family ever again."
Malcolm narrowed his eyes upon hearing this.
"Alright, noted!"
With that, he quickly scampered away.
As soon as he came out of the hospital, he let out an exhale and dialed a number.
"Mr.H, I've tried my best.Joshua isn't willing to let your child go, and now, she's in the hospital, and I
can't get any information out of themI really don't know how to help you steal the baby from them!"

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Luna and Joshua waited outside the operation room for 10 hours.

During this time, Jim arrived and, after asking about Riley's condition, sat with Luna for a while to keep her company.

However, he did not stay too long, seeing that Bonnie only had limited time left in this world, and he had to cherish every last second he had with her.

After 10 hours, the doctors emerged from the operation room, their faces etched with joy.

The chief surgeon clasped Joshua's hands in excitement and declared, "Congratulations, Mr.Lynch!

The surgery was a success! Riley is a lucky, lucky child, and her condition has been stabilized!

"With great care, she'll be able to recover well and will grow up a happy, healthy child!"

Luna, who was about to doze off from exhaustion, immediately leaped upon hearing this good

news. She sprinted forward and grabbed hold of the doctor's arms.

"Can you tell me how we're supposed to care for her? I'm willing to do anything! I have experience

caring for three children, so I'm sure I can handle it!"

The doctor smiled when he saw Luna's delight. "Come into my office later, and I'll explain everything." Then, he turned to glance at the operation room, where Riley was being wheeled out, an oxygen mask attached to her little face. Because she had just come out of surgery, Luna did not dare to go near her at all and instead could only watch from a distance. As Riley was being wheeled into the ICU, Luna could see her glancing in her direction with wide, doelike eyes as though she was thanking her. Luna bit her lip and held Joshua's hand for comfort. "I...Can I adopt Riley?" Even though Riley was not their biological daughter, and their daughter was nowhere to be found, she wanted to take this poor child, who had been manipulated and used by Malcolm and Heather, in and raise her as her own. Joshua furrowed his brows upon hearing this.

He stared at Luna's beautiful face and said, "If you want to adopt Riley...how about our daughter? Are we still going to search for her?" Luna stiffened when she heard this. A split second later, she lifted her head to shoot Joshua a displeased look. "What do you think? Of course we have to; she's our daughter! We brought her into this world, we've already failed as parents by not being able to protect and keep her by our side. What right do we have to call ourselves her parents if we don't even try to find her?" Joshua could not help curling his lips into a smile upon hearing this. He reached out to pull Luna into his arms and said, "You're right, but Lulu..." His grip tightened around her as he continued, "We already have Nellie, and if we adopt Riley and eventually find our lost daughter, we'll have three daughters in this household, but only two sons.Isn't that a little unfair?" Alarm bells sounded in Luna's head. She immediately shrunk backward in alarm and turned to stare at Joshua warily.

"What...What are you trying to say?"

"What I'm trying to say is that good things come in pairs, and to have two sons but three daughters makes me feel like something is missing." As he said this, he gently placed a hand on Luna's abdomen and stroked it through the thin fabric of her shirt. "Don't you agree?" Chapter 2345 Luna bit her lip and shot him a murderous look, then struggled to pry herself free of his grasp. "In your dreams, Joshua Lynch!" In the past, she had, at one point, been concerned by the fact that she could not get pregnant despite two years of trying, but that did not mean she liked giving birth! They already had three children at home, and if they added Riley and their lost daughter into the count, it would become a grand total of five children, which was more than enough! How dare Joshua even want another one? In his dreams! "But I want one."

Joshua pulled her into his arms once more and gently kissed her earlobe.

"Lulu, you've given me four beautiful children, and yet never once was I there to witness this miracle and take care of you, so..." His warm breath tickled against her ear and the nape of her neck. "I want to take good care of you and watch your tummy grow bigger and bigger day by day. When you finally give birth, I want to be there with you, and when you come out of surgery, I and the children will be waiting for you with flowers." Then, he bit down gently on her earlobe and said in a husky voice, "How does that sound?" Luna's entire body shuddered. A split second later, she bit her lip as her chest tightened. There was no denying that she was tempted by this proposal; Joshua understood her too well and knew exactly what she wanted. Everything he had said were things that she wished could have happened. She had given birth for him twice, once with Nigel, Neil, and Nellie, and once with their second

However, he was not with her during either of those times, and he had never truly taken care of her

daughter.

during both her pregnancies, either.

There had been many occasions in the past where she wished that Joshua could have been there with her when she gave birth, and every time she saw scenes of husbands accompanying their wives in labor on television, she could not help feeling envious.

However, she never considered the possibility of bearing Joshua another child...FCn%]wLN thus, this secret longing of hers would always remain a regret in her life.

However, since Joshua had brought it up, she could not help feeling a little tempted.

Luna bit her lip and was about to say something when a nurse sprinted up to them.

"Mr.Lynch, Ms.Luna, something bad has happened! You should go take a look!"

Riley's father! He kept telling us to get away from him..."

As she said this, she held her chest, panting, and explained, "A strange man has been standing outside the window of Riley's ICU ward, taking photos of her.We've tried to stop him, on account that photos are prohibited in the ICU, and on top of that, he isn't the child's guardian either, but..."

The nurse appeared a little upset as she continued, "This man kept scolding and whacking us, and even after that, he continued taking countless photos of little Riley and even insisted that he was

Tears began to slide down the nurse's cheek.
"I've already summoned the guards, but I think you'd better come take a look, too.I can't help feeling
that this man isn't a good person, and God knows what his intentions are for taking so many photos of
Riley."
Luna and Joshua exchanged a glance and immediately stood up.
"Please lead the way."
The nurse obliged, and Luna and Joshua followed hand-in-hand.
Luna's mind was racing, and she could not help feeling that something bad was about to happen.
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By the time Luna and Joshua arrived at the ICU, the situation almost went out of hand.
Doctors, nurses, and security guards surrounded the man.
He was no other than Malcolm, who had just left after failing to accomplish his mission, with a camera
at hand as the guards apprehended him.He gripped the camera tightly with both hands.

"I won't allow anyone to take away the memory card in this camera! It has my daughter's photos in it! I

need to protect it! "Joshua and Luna stole the moments I could've spent with my daughter.

They won't even let me visit her after the surgery!

"My daughter would've never fallen ill if it weren't for them! Why can't I even take a few pictures of my

daughter? You're all bandits —a bunch of crooks!"

Luna's eyebrows furrowed tightly. This was the first time she truly understood when people confounded

black and white.

The only reason Riley was in such a bad state was that Malcolm had handed her over to Sirius to

protect himself.

How could he cry wolf when he was the wolf himself? How could he have accused her and Joshua to

be responsible for making Riley so sick that she had to undergo surgery? Furthermore, when did they

ever stop him from visiting Riley? Did he not see Riley once before she was admitted to the hospital?

Malcolm was there when she and Joshua brought Riley back home from Sirius, yet he was a complete

coward.

He hid behind Samuel's back the whole time and did not even dare make a sound, all in fear that

Joshua or Jim wanted to settle the score with him.

What kind of nonsense was he talking about, disallowing him to visit Riley? Riley had been staying in

Joshua's house the whole time, and they never locked her up or prevented anyone from visiting her.

It was all Malcolm; he had never visited her even once! The only time he wanted to visit Riley was

when she underwent surgery in the operating theater, and visiting Riley was not even his real motive.

Putting up a show in the ICU department was the second time!

"That's enough!"

As Luna felt plagued with indignance at the injustice, Joshua furrowed his eyebrows BFk+(oIM shot a

cold glance at Malcolm, who was still laying on the floor.

"If my hunch is correct, there must be a few reporters or someone working for you hiding far away to

capture all of these right now.Am I right?"

Malcolm was dumbfounded at this as he looked at Joshua with a pale face and reddened eyes.

"What nonsense are you talking about? I—"

"You're only doing this to slander me and Luna. You're just putting on a show."

Joshua sneered while looking at Malcolm.

"I think you must've forgotten everything I've said while we were outside of the operating theater."

If Malcolm had stayed put and listened to Samuel, and if he just stayed in Quinn Mansion...

If he just stopped causing trouble for him and Luna, maybe Joshua might have forgotten every evil

deed Malcolm had done. He could coax and persuade the others that Malcolm was just doing what

Granny Quinn requested, that Malcolm was not a bad person.

In fact, Joshua did have this thought in his mind.

All these years, Samuel had never once taken the time to teach Malcolm how to be a good man.

Granny Quinn was the one who had raised Malcolm and his cousin, Hunter. It made sense that Granny

Quinn had influenced Malcolm greatly, hence his current situation.

Joshua had no problems in leaving Malcolm to his devices, so long as he could stop causing trouble.

There was no reason for Joshua to pursue him at all.

Alas, Malcolm had screwed up by continuing to cause trouble for him and Luna.

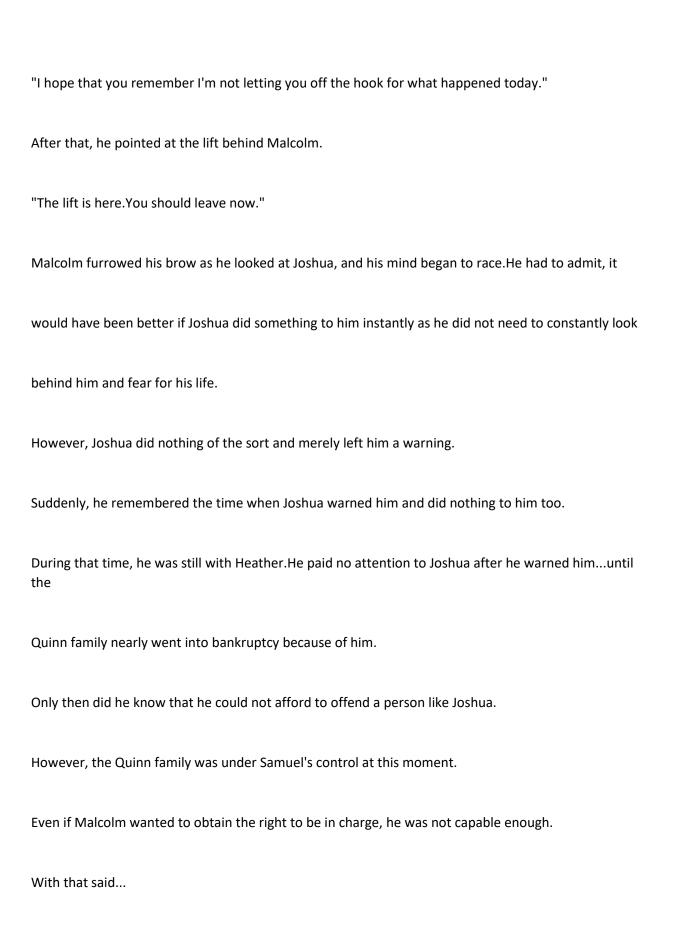
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As usual, Malcolm did not think things through at all. He was too arrogant and thought everyone else









'What's Joshua planning to do to punish me this time?' Malcolm did not dare learn the answer to that
question. The lift began to emit rings of alert. Beep, beep, beep! There was nothing Malcolm could do,
so he turned and entered the lift.
The moment the door of the lift closed, he saw Joshua calling Lucas again.
"Have you gotten the information of those five reporters and the rest of the men? Revoke their
reporter's license, and ban them from having any chances of working in the reporting industry forever.
Malcolm's eyes widened when he heard that.
Those reporters lost their licenses and their jobs just because they got paid by Malcolm to film some
footage.
What about him? An ominous hunch slowly rose in his heart.
The door to the elevator closed.
Malcolm could no longer see Joshua and was no longer suppressed by the suffocating aura, yet the
fear never left him.

Only when he was back at home did he realize what awaited him.



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Samuel harshly continued, all while he glared at Malcolm's face remotely, "Do you truly think I have no idea about what you intend to do? Ever since you knew that there was something special about Riley's origin, you've been planning to stir up the contradiction between Joshua and that person. If I hadn't stopped you, you would've brought that person here to fight against Joshua. Am I right?"

That was a very sharp and brutal question.

Malcolm squinted and did not answer.

"How many times have I told you this? Don't try to go against Joshua! Even if that person becomes his enemy, do you think you could get away from all that scot-free? Your consequences will only be more dreadful than Hunter being stuck between two strong opponents. Why don't you just understand?"

Samuel was heartbroken by how brainless Malcolm was. He stared at Malcolm with disappointment.

"You even tried to instigate them by shooting a video.Luckily, Joshua was alert and stopped your plan."

"Leave.Leave now!" He pointed to the door.

"If you want to continue with your plan, leave Merchant City now.Don't bring the whole family down with

you. The other family members had suffered enough because of you and grandmother!"

Malcolm squinted as he looked at his dad, whom he felt was a stranger. A sarcastic smile appeared on
his face.
"So are you going to disown me now? I know that you never have any high hopes for me, always
thinking that I'm a burden.All this time, the person who you loved has always been that wench, Lucy
Hamilton.But"
He laughed hysterically.
"Do you think I want a father like you? You're a coward and weak! You could've spent your life with
Lucy after she lost her memories, yet you pushed her toward another man! Don't you think I don't know
that you've been missing her? You're just a fake priest! You don't deserve to be a priest, and you don't
deserve to be a part of the family!"
After that, he walked over to carry his baggage and continued to stare at Samuel coldly.
"You're a coward; always have been, always will be. You didn't dare fight against Charles in the past,
and now, you're too afraid of letting me fight against Joshua."

"Remember this, Samuel Quinn: you didn't kick me out of this house.I'm the one who disowns you!



"Let him be."
Malcolm left the city on the same day.
When he was finally out of Merchant City, he sneered and exited the car.He carried his baggage and
stood at the roadside while taking out his phone to dial a number.
"Mr.Howard, I've confirmed that Joshua was the one who caused your daughter to be sick."
Chapter 2350
After Malcolm left, Luna kept the memory cards that Lucas had retrieved and watched every single
video on them.
Anger rose in her like a tide as she snarled to herself how vicious of a man Malcolm was.
In the past, Luna had thought that Malcolm was just cowardly and foolish.
At this moment, however, she finally realized that Malcolm was the same person from seven years ago;
a man filled with schemes, that everything he did was only for his gain. It was difficult for Luna to
imagine what kind of disaster Joshua and her would have faced if the untruthful videos leaked out.
Fortunately, Joshua was smart to think ahead of what Malcolm was planning when the nurse informed

them that someone was causing trouble at the ICU where Riley was resting. Otherwise...She started to feel pity for herself when she thought of how she had been bullied by people on the internet at one point. "What happened?" Looking at Luna's pale face, Joshua walked over and extended his hand to grab Luna's small hand gently. "What are you thinking?" "I'm just thinking..." Luna sighed and grabbed Joshua's hand tightly. She looked at the wall in front of her and said thoughtfully, "Malcolm is an ungrateful human being. You told him that you'll forgive him and forgo everything that he did when Riley was operating, yet..." It was obvious Malcolm did not care at all, and he did not appreciate the good gesture Joshua extended to him. There was a reason for Luna to believe that Malcolm had arranged hidden cameras or reporters when he was at the operating theater.

Even if there were not any, he would have equipped a camera or voice recording equipment on him. His plan failed because Luna and Joshua did not buy what he said or did, instead exposing his plans, rendering any possible audio or video recordings to be redundant. That was why he came out with another plan to have his man undercover near the ICU for another round of set-up. "His plan failed again today, but I think he's planning another comeback. Another plan to retaliate against us, I mean." Luna sighed lifted her head to look at Joshua, who was standing behind her. "Malcolm won't rest until he succeeds." She thought Malcolm had changed, woke up, and knew how to be humble, but Luna was sorely mistaken. Malcolm just changed another approach by staying low. When Samuel solved every problem their family was facing, Malcolm would resurface again, and this time, getting everything ready.

Malcolm was planning something else, but what did he want? Did he want the public to post mean

Luna had a premonition that this would not be the end of it.



Luna paused.
After a while, she finally regained her senses.
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In truth, she was about to say that Malcolm could still use Riley to instigate the public, even when he
was kicked out of the Quinn family.