

Luna & Joshua 2401

Chapter 2401

Luna narrowed her eyes when she saw the image of Sean, then turned to glare at Thomas.

"What the hell do you want?"

"To work with you."

Thomas placed one hand elegantly on his knee while the other remained poised on the back of the couch and stared back at her nonchalantly.

"This seems like a reasonable offer, doesn't it? To get two people in return for signing a contract with me? "Nonetheless, you have another option— reject my offer and let your husband and brother continue searching for my hostages, but "

He removed his hand from the couch, brought the cup to his lips to take a sip, then glanced impassively at Luna.

"The fact that I captured these two people without anyone noticing means I'm fully capable of doing the opposite: hide them someplace so obscure that neither your husband nor brother will be able to find them in three days."

He glanced at the video displayed on the screen and added, "You can see for yourself how dirty this dungeon is, which means it's likely infested with germs and bacteria.

If Sean were to continue staying here without changing his wound dressing in three days...

Do you think he'll be able to keep his hands?"

Finally, Thomas placed the cup back onto the coffee table and said with a contemptuous expression,

"Although I must say, the Landry and Lynch families are so rich that even if he became crippled, you'd

be able to take care of him for the rest of his life, is that right? "of course, nothing matters more than

your dignity, Ms.Luna.After all, this is aman who isn't even related to you, so why would it matter to you

that he becomes crippled?"

Luna bit her lip upon hearing this.She instinctively pressed the ring on her finger in an attempt to

contact Joshua with the hidden microphone so that he would be able to hear their conversation.

However, to her surprise, a loud screeching echoed through her hidden earpiece as soon as she

pressed the button.

The sound was so piercingly loud that she could not help furrowing her brows as panic spread through

her body.

What happened?

"Don't be nervous; the signal from your communication device was blocked, that's all," said Thomas eloquently when he saw the confusion on Luna's face.

"You'd better turn it off altogether. Otherwise, you'd go deaf."

Luna bit her lip, fear crept into her heart. She quickly turned off the communication device and demanded, "Who on earth are you?"

This man seemed to see right through her every thought, so much so that he could even decrypt the hidden communication device that Nigel had made for her!

"Why does that even matter?"

Thomas sneered as he tossed a stack of documents onto the table before her.

"What matters is that you should sign this contract with me now. Otherwise, there's no telling what I'd do

to the two people I kept hostage."

Luna bit her lip as her entire body erupted into cold sweats.

What was Thomas Howard trying to do? He had kidnapped Sean and Kate to bribe her into working

with him, yet insisted on offering her such a low price for her collaboration.

Why was he trying to force her into a deal that clearly disadvantaged him more than her?

"As for what I'm trying to do, you'll find out in the future."

Thomas turned to smile at Nellie.

"You came here with your Mommy because you wanted to explain the design concept behind the jewelry you customized for me, right?"

Nellie faltered for a moment, then nodded in reply.

"Yes...that's right."

"Okay."

He pointed at the seat next to him and smiled at her.

"Come here and explain it to me in person."

Chapter 2402

As soon as he finished his sentence, Luna instinctively pulled Nellie closer to her side, staring at

Thomas with a guarded look.

"Don't you dare try to hurt my daughter!"

Thomas could not help chuckling at the sight of Luna's anxiety. He took another sip of his tea and swept his glance over Luna's face.

"Didn't you hear what your daughter said just now? I'm not at all interested in her."

Then, he shot her a meaningful look and added, "However, I might be interested in some of your other daughters, should you have any."

Warning bells sounded in Luna's mind. She bit her lip and shot him a murderous glare.

"In your dreams!"

Thomas stared at her for a long time, and then, all of a sudden, a cold sneer crept across his face.

A split second later, he sighed and glanced impassively at Nellie, whom Luna held protectively in her arms.

"Well, your mother doesn't allow you to come to me, but what do you think?"

Nellie glanced first at Thomas, then at Luna.

Finally, she pursed her lips and reached out to pry Luna's hand off her body.

For some reason, she could not help feeling that this man meant no harm to her, despite admitting the

fact that he had lied about liking her.

Therefore, Nellie removed herself from Luna's grasp and picked up the documents they had prepared for this meeting.

She ambled over to Thomas' side and plopped down in the seat next to him.

"Mr.Howard, because of the unfortunately short timing, Mommy and I only managed to draft a simple plan.

"Because the majority of your fans are women, we decided to customize some unisex jewelry pieces in lieu of the market demand.This is the proposal that Mommy and I came up with..."

Nellie's childlike voice was a stark contrast to the earnest look on her face as she explained the sketches to Thomas.He could not help narrowing his eyes as he listened to her systematic and logical explanation.

To be frank, he was not fond of children at all, and he had been lying about liking Nellie, but...

At this moment, she was so cute that he could not tear his eyes away from her.

If only Nellie were not Joshua Luna's daughter...He could not believe that Joshua and Luna had raised

Nellie in such a comfortable environment, whereas Riley...

A glimmer of malice flashed through his narrowed eyes.

Meanwhile, Luna stood opposite them, watching anxiously as Nellie presented her design scheme to

Thomas. She bit her lip nervously, and she could feel her heart thumping in her chest.

Even at this minute, she still could not figure out what this man had up his sleeve.

After all, Nigel had already investigated Thomas Howard from head to toe before arriving at Bamboo

House, and they found that he had nothing in common with the Lynch or Landry families.

However, he seemed to be so familiar with everything about her! Not only that, but Luna could feel the

hostility radiating off this man's body.

Why was this so? All of a sudden, the image that she had seen on Anne's social media popped into her

mind.

Could the man that had helped Thomas with his luggage be Malcolm, after all? If Malcolm had indeed

started working for Thomas...everything would make sense.

She and Malcolm had been friends for six years, and he knew almost everything about her, but...

Why was he working for Thomas, and why would Thomas even obey his commands? Why was

Thomas so hostile toward her? Luna could not seem to find an answer to either of these questions.

As Luna's mind was swept away in this current of thoughts, Nellie had finished explaining the design concept and scheme to Thomas.

"What do you think about this, Mr.Howard?"

Thomas had never been interested in jewelry at all, and on top of that, the only thing on his mind during Nellie's presentation was Riley, as well as his hatred toward Luna and Joshua.

Chapter 2403

Because of this, Thomas had not been paying attention to what Nellie had been saying at all.He immediately snapped out of his thoughts, regained his composure, and smiled as he glanced at Nellie.

"No problem at all.Let's sign the contract right now."

Then, he glanced at Luna, who was still gaping at him.

"Let's sign the contract, Ms.Luna."

Luna furrowed her brows and stared back at him in puzzlement.

"I honestly have no idea what you're trying to do."

Thomas smiled and tossed the stack of documents onto the table in front of her.

"After you sign this, we'll officially be business partners. With all the time we're going to be spending together, you'll eventually find out what I'm trying to do."

All of a sudden, Luna could not help feeling that the contract she was holding was like a ticking time bomb. If Joshua were here, he would have stopped her from signing this contract, but...

Her breath caught in her throat when she lifted her head to glance at the image of Sean on the screen, who seemed to become increasingly lethargic by the minute.

Even though Sean was not related to her by blood, he was Jim's brother and Joshua's cousin.

Not only that, but he was the newly adopted son of her parents.

Therefore, she did not dare to put Sean's well-being at risk for her dignity.

What if...

What if the person helping Thomas had indeed been Malcolm all this while? Malcolm had grown up in Merchant City, so he knew this place like the back of his hand.

What would happen if they could not find Sean anywhere in Merchant City, not even with the combined

forces of Joshua, Jim, and Luke? Finally, Luna let out an exhale.

She would do this—to salvage Sean's hands, to find out whether the man that had been secretly helping Thomas was indeed Malcolm, and to jump start her career. She did not seem to have any other choice. She picked up the pen that Thomas had tossed onto the table and signed her name on the contract after checking it.

As soon as she put down the pen, she stared coldly at Thomas said, "I hope you stick to your word, Mr. Howard."

"Of course I will" Thomas leaned against the back of the sofa and placed his slender fingers against his temple.

"It takes you about half an hour to reach home, and in half an hour, these two hostages will appear at the entrance to Central Hospital. Please retrieve them when the time comes."

Then, he stood up, his tall, slender frame towering over her like Joshua's. He curled his lips into a smile and added, "We're going to be seeing more of each other very soon, and here's to doing business with you, Ms. Luna."

Then, he strode out of the room.

Unbeknownst to him, a group of men dressed in black had surrounded the booth while they were talking.

The moment Thomas slid the doors open, he came face-to-face with Joshua's cold, penetrating eyes.

"Mr.Lynch."

After a moment of surprise, he smiled at Joshua and glanced at the men behind him.

"Why did you bring so many people here? Did you think I was going to hurt your wife and daughter?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes and stared coldly at him but did not reply.

Even though he remained silent, Joshua's domineering aura was palpable, and Thomas narrowed his eyes when he sensed this.

A split second later, he chuckled.

"I'm not someone who'd stoop so low as to hurt a woman and a child.

"Ms.Luna and I are now business partners, and we'll be working together very closely in the future."

Chapter 2404

Joshua narrowed his eyes and lifted his arm to block Thomas' way.He gave Thomas a once- over, and

a cold sneer crept across his face.

"Did Luna agree to become business partners with you?"

When Luna was on her way to Bamboo House, she had told him that she would not sign the contract if

she sensed that something fishy was going on.

Joshua, too, had realized that the signal from Luna's communication device had been blocked off as

soon as she stepped foot into Thomas' private booth.

This was why he had rushed over to the scene with his bodyguards. He knew that Luna must have

discovered that her signal was blocked, and knowing this, she would never agree to sign a contract with

Thomas.

"Of course she did."

Thomas brandished the contract in his hand.

"Everything is written here in black and white. If you have any doubts, feel free to ask your wife,

Mr. Lynch."

Then, he put on his sunglasses and glanced at his assistant, who had been waiting outside the door,

trembling in fright, all this while.

"Let's go."

The assistant quickly approached him and draped a coat over his shoulders.

"Sir, we must rush to the studio where you're scheduled for a magazine shoot. We're already running

late..."

"Okay."

Thomas nodded at Joshua, smiling, then turned to leave.

However, after taking just a few steps, he paused and said, without even looking back, "Joshua Lynch,

you and your wife shouldn't be so hostile toward me. I'm not the enemy, after all."

He sneered and continued, "You have no reason to fear me at all— unless the two of you have done

something you shouldn't have."

Then, he turned and walked away.

Joshua furrowed his brows, and a vein popped in his forehead as he stared at Thomas' retreating

figure. Why was this man so secretive?

"Daddy!"

All of a sudden, Nellie sprinted out of the room and towards him with her arms outspread.

Joshua's heart immediately softened at this sight. He knelt, pulled his daughter into his arms, and kissed her cheek.

"What happened just now? Were you scared?"

Thomas, who at this moment was in the elevator, just so happened to witness this heartwarming scene.

A glimmer of malice flashed through his eyes.

The elevator doors slid closed.

"Sir."

His assistant lowered his head when he noticed the dark expression on Thomas' face and said

tentatively, "Is everything okay?"

"Of course."

Thomas rolled his eyes and leaned against the elevator wall lazily.

"I remember I sent you to the hospital to retrieve a sample of Riley's DNA and compare it to mine. Have you done this?"

The assistant nodded and quickly handed him the DNA report he was holding.

"I went to three different DNA Diagnostic Centers, and all of them returned with this result..."

"Riley is indeed your child."

Thomas glanced at the report, and another wave of hatred flashed through his eyes.

"The child is a little over two months old now, so this means that her mother is probably that woman I slept with in Europa last year.

"She gave birth to Riley without my knowledge, and now that the child has gone missing, she must be looking for her, too.

"Search the entire city for any woman currently searching for a lost daughter. Find her at all costs!"

The assistant fell silent for a moment, then finally sighed.

"Why are you even bothering to find her, Sir?"

"She's just a lowly worker who, by sheer dumb luck, slept with you that night you lost consciousness. Not only that, but she even gave birth to your child without informing you..."

Chapter 2405

"It's already enough now that you've found out the child's whereabouts, but finding the mother might

cause you more trouble.

"It's one thing if she wants to gain custody of the child from you, but another problem altogether if she insists on marrying you. You can't afford to get into such a drama like this, so..."

The assistant paused for a moment before finally saying, "I think you'd better stop looking for her."

Thomas took off his sunglasses to reveal his cold, emotionless eyes.

"Do you think I'm afraid of such a consequence? Are you working for me, or am I working for you? Do

I have to listen to your every word from now on?"

The assistant lowered his head.

"I...I'm sorry. I'll do as you say..."

As soon as he finished his sentence, the elevator arrived on the first floor.

When the elevator doors slid open without warning, Thomas did not have the time to put his

sunglasses back on.

Because of this, the woman waiting in front of the elevator managed to catch sight of his godlike,

almost flawless face.

The woman standing in front of the elevator was thin, with skin so pale that she seemed to glow in the light.

However, she was not particularly pretty at all, just average and rather plain-looking.

At this moment, she was waiting for the elevator rather anxiously, as though something was on her mind.

As soon as the doors slid open, she instinctively glanced into it and caught sight of Thomas. Her gaze seemed to falter as soon as she registered his face.

A split second later, she lowered her head and turned away slightly to allow Thomas and the assistant to pass.

Thomas did not even give her so much as a glance.

Instead, he put on his sunglasses haughtily and strode out of the door with his assistant trotting closely behind.

The woman remained motionless, staring dazedly in the direction Thomas had left.

After a long time, she let out an exhale and got into the elevator, which brought her to the floor Joshua and Luna were on.

When she arrived, she immediately caught sight of Luna Joshua, who were chatting at the private booth entrance with Nellie. She let out an exhale, strode over, and handed the piece of paper she had been holding to Luna.

"Ma'am, my name is Yannie. My mother is Mrs. Flores, who works for you."

"After you and Princess Nellie left, my mother found this sketch on Princess Nellie's bed. She knew that you and Princess Nellie had come here for an important business meeting, and she had been sketching the designs on her bed."

"Therefore, she thought you must have left this sketch at home by mistake and sent me here to give it to you."

Yannie let out a sigh of relief after handing the sketch over to Luna.

"I've never been to such a sophisticated place before, so I got lost trying to navigate here... I'm not too late, am I?"

A surge of warmth spread through Luna's heart when she saw Yannie wiping her sweat in exhaustion and noticed that the sketch she had given her was also covered in sweat.

She tucked the sketch away and replied, "Thank you. I really appreciate both you and your mother's kindness. This design sketch matters a lot to me, and it'd be troublesome if I were to lose it."

Truth be told, this was a sketch that she and Nellie had abandoned, but because they had left the house in such a rush, neither of them remembered to throw it into the wastepaper basket.

However, she did not say this to Yannie lest she ruined their efforts.

"You don't have to thank us!"

Yannie smiled.

"This is just a part of our job. After all, my mother gets paid very well working at your house."

Then, she instinctively glanced into the booth and noticed it was empty. She could not help recalling the man she had seen in the elevator moments before. She fell silent for a moment, then could not stop herself from asking, 'Ma'am...do you mind if I ask you a question?

"Did you come here...to talk business with Thomas Howard?"

Chapter 2406

When Mrs. Flores' daughter asked about Thomas, Luna thought she was just like all the other girls who

had flooded the road because they admired Thomas.

Thus, she smiled at Yannie.

"Yes, I've established a long-term partnership with Thomas. If you like him, you can come work in my new company, and you can see him all the time. Are you interested?"

When she was drawing designs with Nellie today, Nellie told her that Yannie went to Europa as a migrant worker last year.

Since Yannie was back in the country, she did not have a permanent job yet.

Coincidentally, Luna's new company was just starting, and she needed more employees.

Luna had a good impression of Yannie when she saw the 20-year-old fetching her mother with the motorbike and how she sweated bullets just to send the design sketch to Luna.

She was willing to offer her a chance to work in the company.

Yannie was stunned at Luna's offer, probably shocked at how kind Luna was.

After a while, a sheepish smile made its way to her face.

"T...Thank you, Ms. Luna! Ah, but I still have other jobs on my hands now. Please give me some time to think about it."

After that, she quickly bade goodbye to Luna and Joshua and ran like her life depended on it.

Joshua furrowed his brow slightly as he looked at Yannie's back.

"Are you close with her?"

Luna shook her head and passed the drawing sketches delivered by Yannie to Nellie.

"She is Mrs.Flores' daughter.Mrs.Flores is very good with the kids."

Hearing this, Joshua understood why Luna was kind to the young woman.He smiled as he pulled Luna into his arms.

"You're too kind.We've given the correspondence reward to Mrs.Flores for taking care of the children.You don't know anything about this girl, so you don't have to be so kind."

A kind and gentle mother did not necessarily bring up a kind and gentle daughter like her.

Joshua could tell that this girl, Yannie, did look honest and humble, but the way she asked if Luna was working together with Thomas was out of line.

Moreover, her eyes were flickering when Luna invited her to work in the new company.

Obviously, she wanted to take this advantage but hesitated for some reason...DAY- AXLN Joshua did

not like this type of person.

"But Mommy, the sketch she delivered was our scrap drawing."

When Nellie took the drawing sketch from Luna and took a good look at it, she squeezed her eyebrows together.

"Do I need to keep a scrap drawing?"

"Yes."

Luna left Joshua's arms and squatted to look into Nellie's big round eyes solemnly.

"After all, this is a good gesture from Mrs.Flores and that aunty just now.They thought we needed it, so they delivered it despite it being hot outside.Won't it be rude if we just throw it away?"

Nellie paused to think about it and then nodded firmly.

"Yes.Mommy, you're right!"

Nellie lowered her hand and folded the drawing sketch in half, keeping it in her pocket carefully.

"I'm going to compliment Mrs.Flores when I go back tonight.Then, I'll alter the drawing so this scrap drawing will become useful!"

Looking at how thoughtful her daughter was, Luna sighed in gratefulness.

Finally, she turned her head to look at Joshua.

"Oh, right. Have you or Jim...found any news regarding Sean?"

Chapter 2407

Luna had not told Joshua how Thomas threatened her to sign the agreement for Sean and Kate's safety.

Joshua furrowed his brow and shook his head.

"Not yet. Luke and Jim are still searching for them."

He then sighed and grabbed Luna's hand.

"I don't know where they are now. Merchant City is in chaos today because of Thomas, and it complicated the search for Sean and Kate."

Luna stayed quiet for a moment before she carefully lifted her gaze to look at Joshua's face.

"Actually..."

Before she could finish, however, Lucas called.

"Sir, we found them! We found them! Three minutes ago, Mr. Sean and Ms. Kate showed up at the

entrance of Central Hospital! I checked the surveillance camera and saw they were dumped there by a van. They're still unconscious right now, and the doctors are doing their best to sustain them. Nonetheless, the attending doctor said that they were only knocked out, and they're not in any permanent danger."

Luna furrowed her brow when she heard the voice from the other side of the phone and looked at her watch intentionally. If she remembered correctly, it was coincidentally half an hour since Thomas left.

Previously, Thomas had said that Sean and Kate would appear in the Central Hospital half an hour later. He did what he promised, after all.

Luna took a deep breath.

The most important thing was for Thomas to keep his promise.

As long as Sean was fine, it was worth being coerced by Thomas to sign the agreement.

"We'll be there soon," responded Joshua to Lucas with a frown and instructed the bodyguard behind him to send Nellie back to the house.

Then, he grabbed Luna's hand and walked outside.

"Is there any correlation between Thomas and why Sean and Kate went missing?" he asked.

Luna was startled. She had not found the chance to tell Joshua that Thomas was the one who kidnapped Sean and Kate.

'He actually guessed it out by himself?' Joshua probably saw through Luna's thoughts at that moment.

He brought her into the elevator, and when the door closed, he spoke with a low voice, "Since Sean and Kate were thrown at the entrance of Central Hospital from a van, I'm sure that they were kidnapped. We thought they were the ones who ran off; no one thought they were kidnapped whatsoever."

After all, this was Merchant City.

Sean was the adopted son of the Landry family, a relative of the Lynch family, while Kate worked for Luke.

No one would think anyone dared to kidnap them from the territory of the Landry family, the Lynch family, and Luke's.

Moreover, Sean and Kate were both simple people without any complicated social relationships.

There were no motives available to kidnap them.

However...

"Since they were kidnapped, the people who kidnapped them will release them after he has gotten his purpose. Jim, Luke, and I didn't receive any threats, and no one contacted us too. All that, and they choose to release them," explained Joshua while looking at Luna's face with his deep, dark eyes.

"So the only one I could think of is you. You made a deal with Thomas, didn't you?"

Chapter 2408

For a moment there, Luna felt like she was in a dream while facing Joshua's calm, sharp, and clear thoughts.

'Why...How can this man conclude the entire incident based on the little information he had?' She even spurted out in shock, "W...Why are you so smart?"

Joshua was amused by Luna's adorable look. He reached out his hand to rub lightly on her head while speaking in a soft voice, "How can I protect the silly you if I'm not smart?"

Luna unconsciously nodded after hearing Joshua's answer, but she quickly realized something suspicious among the lines. She lifted her head and glared at him angrily.

"Who is silly?"

"You."

Joshua gently smiled and pulled her into his arms.

"Spill: what promise did you make to Thomas?"

"Nothing, really..."

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intention after working with her in the future and that sort of thing.

Joshua's eyebrows pressed together upon hearing Luna's story. He looked to the front, his sight

seemingly looking past the elevator door to a faraway place.

"In that case, we'll just take our time. No matter how well he disguises it, he'll eventually expose his

tail. As for the person you said beside him, it should be Malcolm..."

Joshua sighed.

"I'll contact Uncle Samuel as soon as possible and ask what's the situation at his side."

After all, Samuel had promised his men would look after Malcolm, never allowing him to step foot in

Merchant City ever again.

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Samuel gave a deadly stare at Malcolm, who was wearing a worker's uniform. He threw the mug to the floor angrily.

"I told you: you're not allowed to come back to Merchant City, and you have nothing to do with this family anymore! How dare you try to go behind my back? How did you get related to this Thomas Howard?"

Malcolm was sitting on the couch beside Samuel with crossed legs and a contemptuous smile.

"It's none of your business to know how I got in touch with Mr. Howard, old man. I'm here to tell you that I'm no longer a Quinn. Mr. Howard gave me a new name— Lucifer Howard, to resemble my new life by welcoming new light."

He looked up with a remote expression.

"Of course, I still want to come back here to tell you this, even when I'm no longer a Quinn.

"Once I achieve my purpose, I'll come back to this family."

He looked at the mansion before him.

"Everything here will belong to me, sooner or later."

Samuel was so enraged with Malcolm's attitude that blood rushed to his mouth, causing him to vomit. He wiped away the blood from the corner of his mouth while his body shivered in fury. He looked at Malcolm angrily.

"You—! Your new name matches you, alright! Lucifer Howard! Lucifer, the devil! You are a devil; a devil in our family!"

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Chapter 2409

'Serves you right, you old man!' Samuel had outcasted Malcolm from Merchant City just when he was

about to attack Joshua.

With a new name and strong support, however, Samuel was no longer his opponent.

Malcolm burst into cackles.

"I'm a devil? If that's true, why do you still do such a thing to my mother when you still have feelings for

Lucy? Do you even remember that you're a priest? If you had just controlled your nether regions, I

wouldn't have existed in the first place! Am I right?"

He got on his feet and stood before Samuel while taking a piece of tissue from the table and passing it

to him.

"Here, wipe off that blood. Why did you vomit blood? You can't die so early in life. If you die too early,

then everything this family has will be mine once more!" Placing his mouth closer to Samuel's ear, he

whispered coldly, "

The first thing I'll do when I regain control over this family is to declare war against Joshua.

I'll use all the resources in this family to defeat Joshua, even if there is nothing left in the end.

"Oh, but it won't be just against Joshua—Jim and Sean, too! All you cared about was Lucy and

everything related to her, so I'm going to destroy everything so you won't rest in peace when you die!"

Samuel widened his eyes instantly after hearing Malcolm's words. He stared at Malcolm and wanted to

say something, but another mouthful of blood spurted out his mouth, stopping him from talking.

Just then, the butler walked toward them and said, "Master, Mr. Lynch's assistant, Lucas is here. He's just outside of the door..."

He subconsciously looked at Malcolm, and lowered his head.

"I think...I think he's here for Eldest Young Master."

Malcolm, who had been very arrogant with Samuel, suddenly became visibly disconcerted when the butler finished talking. He took a pace backward unconsciously.

'How can that be? It's the first day I'm back in Merchant City as Thomas' driver, and I've been staying off the radar! The only thing I did after returning to Merchant City is to settle the score with this old man!

How can Joshua send someone here so fast?"

Although Malcolm had been haughty with Samuel, he knew that he was no powerful individual at the moment.

After selling the information he knew about Joshua Luna, he managed to let Thomas give him the opportunity to work beside him as Thomas' driver.

If Joshua's people captured him at this moment, Thomas would never defend him or bail him out! Thus,

Malcolm suddenly felt lost and anxious.

Shooting Samuel a nervous glance, he quickly got closer to him and hissed, "Help me, you old man, or

I'll die here!"

Samuel raised his head weakly with tiredness showing in his eyes to look at Malcolm. He sighed and

pointed at an angel statue behind him.

"Hide there."

Malcolm sneered and quickly hid behind the statue. Once Samuel tidied himself up, he looked at the

butler.

"Let him in."

When he heard the butler announcing Lucas' arrival, he thought the man would come alone. However,

once the butler went out to lead the guest, the person who came in was not Lucas. It was Joshua and

Luna.

"Father Samuel."

Joshua walked in slowly hand-in-hand with Luna.

"Why do you seem unwell?"

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Samuel looked sick, and there had to be a reason for that. He looked at Joshua and forced himself to smile.

"I thought that only your assistant was coming when the butler said Lucas was here. I didn't expect to see you two."

Joshua smiled and looked at Samuel politely.

"I intended to have him come here and ask you something, but..."

He stayed silent for a while.

"I think that it's quite rude to let my assistant come ask you the thing I want. After talking with Luna, we decided to come here to show our sincerity."

Samuel sighed as he heard what Joshua had to say.

Joshua was almost the same age as Malcolm, and Malcolm had nearly stolen Joshua's wife from him.

However, his son was not nearly half of Joshua in terms of manner and politeness. He figured it must have something to do with how his family brought him up.

Joshua and Malcolm were both brought up by their grandmothers and without their parents beside them.

Joshua had taken after Granny Lynch, making him an elegant, caring, and well-mannered man.

His son, on the contrary...

From his appearance, Malcolm, too, looked kind, soft, and elegant, but selfishness was written all over his face.

Perhaps this was karma for conspiring and scheming all these years. It was something that Samuel had been avoiding facing.

This had to be the karma for not telling Charles and Rosalyn that Lucy had lived through the ordeal.

"Uncle Samuel?"

Luna frowned when Samuel was spacing out as he looked at her and Joshua. She waved her hand at Samuel.

"Are you listening?"

Her voice pulled Samuel back from his thoughts.

Samuel smiled and looked at the couple in front of him.

"What did you say?"

"Nothing."

Joshua turned out to sit on the chair. However, just when he did he noticed a cup of coffee on the table that was not hot anymore. He squinted at this.

Samuel was a priest, and he had always treated everyone with utmost respect and manner.

Since Joshua and Luna came to him, Joshua did not bother with the fact that Samuel did not have the maid offer them drinks.

However, there was a cup of coffee that was near cold.

Obviously, the coffee was not prepared for them both.

Joshua squinted.

According to the temperature of the coffee, the guest who was here had not left yet, if Joshua guessed it right.

He raised his head and started to look around the living room with his deep, dark eyes.

His instinct told him that it was Malcolm, hiding somewhere. No one else was worth the risk for Samuel, a priest, to tell a lie.

Finally, after scouting the living room, his eyes focused on the huge angel statue beside the staircase.

The statue was moved from the church after Samuel returned to the mansion.

It was so huge that it was unusual for someone to put it in the house.

Thus, it was easy for a person to hide behind it.

Joshua's eyes narrowed at the statue before he turned to look at Samuel, smiling.

"Uncle Samuel, can I go pray at the statue?"