## Luna & Joshua 2441





Thomas sneered at this.He crossed his legs elegantly while he leaned into the couch.His eyes were focused on Luna as if he had heard the funniest joke in this world.

"I thought I hid it so well. So, even you can tell that I have bad intentions toward you both?"

He even looked at Luna with a regretful expression.

"Too bad.I used to be the best actor. How did my acting skills turn sloppy?"

While his words seemed to be self-deprecating, he was, in fact, mocking Luna. What he meant was that Luna, an utter fool, could not tell his hostility toward her and Joshua. Luna bit her lip and balled her fists tightly.

If Joshua did not say Thomas was his cousin and related to him...she would have ordered the servants to throw Thomas out of the house already! She did not care if she was threatened to sign the contract. She did not care if she had to work together with Thomas.

Was she not allowed to fight back when Thomas came to her house early in the morning and disgusted both her and Joshua? However, Luna did not dare to do the extreme after what Joshua said. No one else knew it, but she understood Joshua. She knew he desired to have more family members, especially after Granny Lynch passed away.

Ever since he was a baby, Granny Lynch was the only one who raised him, after her passing, the only
blood relatives he had was his father, who always wanted to rob the Lynch family's wealth, and his half-
brother Michael, who was currently kept in prison.He had just found out that Thomas was a relative; his
cousin, the son of his mother's twin sister. Even as he talked about how they were related, she detected
fondness in his gaze.
Luna could tell that Joshua cared about Thomas.
HoweverIt was obvious that Thomas disliked them and did not want to acknowledge him as a relative.

"You've gone too far, Thomas Howard!"

Luna narrowed her eyes.

"I've gone too far, you say?" Thomas sneered as he leaned back on the couch, first meeting Luna's angry eyes, then Joshua's calm gaze.

Finally, his eyes rested on Yannie, who was looking nervously at them while grabbing Mrs.Flores' hand.He pointed at Yannie.

"You.Come here and tell me something."

## Chapter 2442

"Did I cross the line with what I've said? Don't you think he's disgusting by asking me to acknowledge him as my relative the moment I came?"

Yannie was stunned when Thomas pointed at her. She shot Thomas a dull look, then turned to look at Luna and Joshua warily. She was in tremendous fear at the moment. Her heart had been pounding the moment she bumped into Thomas' assistant.

After all, she had once seen his assistant before.

come looking for her.

On that night a year ago, she bumped into a man when she was in a hurry to escape from Thomas' room, and that man was Thomas' assistant! Yannie, on that night, was in a mess with her clothes torn.

The assistant had assumed she was a beggar and thus barked at her. She was badly shaken up,

fearing that the assistant would recognize her when she bumped into him—afraid that Thomas would

Two months ago, she delivered her infant in a small hospital, but the baby did not survive. She thought she could care for her child, even imagining that the baby would grow up to be handsome like Thomas.

Who would have thought... By the time she woke up, the doctor told her the baby was dead, and the corpse was taken away. There was nothing else she could have done but drown herself in sorrow and pain. After that day, she comforted herself by telling herself it was all just a dream. The baby knew he would be unhappy to have lived with a poor mother, and that was why he chose to leave the world upon birth. As such, she even prayed for the baby for a month, hoping the baby would find a better family in his next life. Yannie never thought that Thomas would, at present, come to Merchant City just as she was slowly moving on. Not only did he come to Merchant City, but he even saw her a few times. She was afraid, terrified that Thomas would find out that she had delivered his baby in silence. She was even more terrified to let Thomas know that she failed to care for the infant, that the child after their birth. That was why she had tried all means possible to avoid Thomas. She dreaded that Thomas or his

assistant would recognize her.

Despite these thoughts, however, she could not help but glance at Thomas discreetly.Thomas was no
doubt some, good-looking man.He was the most handsome man she had ever seen in her life.
If she did not walk into the wrong room a year ago, and if Thomas was not druggedshe would neve
have had the chance to get close to a man like Thomas, what more to have carried his child.
"Say something."
When Yannie was spacing out as she stared at Thomas' face, Thomas narrowed his eyes and looked
at Yannie impatiently.
"I asked you a question.Why are you staring at me?"
Smirking, he added, "I know I'm very good - looking, but this isn't the time for you to ogle me."
Yannie blushed instantly. She turned her face to the side so she did not have to look at him.
"Mr.Howard, did you just ask if what you did was way overboard?" She pursed her lips.
"That's ridiculous."
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Yannie's answer did not surprise Thomas.It was only expected that she would side with Joshua and

Luna, since she was the daughter of the maid who worked in their home.

Despite that, he could not control himself from sneering, "I thought you'd speak for me since you ogled at me so blatantly. I guess no matter how good -looking I am and how you admired me for it, it wasn't enough for you to betray the loyalty you have for them. Right?"

Thomas thus squinted and scoffed, "As I expected, all the dogs Joshua bred are loyal."

Loyal, just like those who followed him to track Samuel and Mrs.Flores in the beginning. They soon went after his men at the later part. His men wanted to eavesdrop on Samuel and Mrs. Flores' conversation and failed to hear anything due to Joshua's men interfering with them.

If Joshua's men were so good at their job, Thomas would not have to come here early in the morning to look for Joshua and Luna while also settling Mrs.Flores.

Thinking of this, Thomas opened his eyes and glanced at Yannie coldly before sneering again, "What else do you have to say?"

Yannie narrowed her eyes, zoning into the handsome man sitting on the couch. She felt like her heart had sunk to the bottom of the ocean.

After a while, she stepped forward once and looked at Thomas with a remote expression.

"Mr.Howard, I have a lot to say.

"First of all, I don't work here. Even if they paid me, it doesn't mean I'm their dog. As a superstar, do you think it's appropriate of you to say such a thing after witnessing so many experiences in your life? If I'm the Lynch family's dog, what about your assistant, your manager, your driver, and your bodyguard to you? Are they dogs, too?"

Thomas opened his eyes to look at Yannie coldly. He thought that Yannie would continue to speak for Joshua and Luna to show her loyalty.

After all, he had seen one too many people of that sort, surrendering their ego as long as their employers were happy. To his amazement, this girl—dressed in simple white- washed jeans at-shirt—stood before him and declared she was not Joshua and Luna's dog. She even used his people to make an example.

Asense of approval flashed across his eyes, but he remained seated on the couch as he shot her a steely gaze.

"Well, they are my dogs. If they admit to being my dogs, are you willing to admit that you are Joshua

and Luna's dog?" retaliated Thomas.

He could not explain it, but this woman had piqued his interest, and he suddenly had the desire to make fun of her. He wanted to snuff out her zealous bravery. To him, she was a dog that would do anything as long as the master paid her the money.

What, then, made her think she could show up at his face in such a manner?

"I refuse to listen to your sick words."

Yannie balled her fists so tightly that her fingernails were slowly stabbing into her palms. She never had thought... that this bright, famous guy would say such a disgusting comment! How could he consider someone a dog just because they spoke for their friends or employers? She admitted that she was so naive and stubborn that she once liked this man because of his appearance.

This man did not deserve her adoration, let alone for her to deliver his baby to the world!

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Having thought of that, Yannie took a deep breath and gazed straight at Thomas' cold, angular face.

"Mr.Howard, you're not going to like what I have to say next."

"Since you think that as long as any monetary transaction is involved, it means the party who received
the money is a dog to the employer.If I remember correctly, you signed an agreement with Ms.Luna
yesterday, so you're going to be the ambassador for her jewelry pieces while she'll pay you
accordingly."

"According to your theory, doesn't that make you Ms.Luna's Dog? "W Everyone in the living room held their breaths upon hearing this remark. Thomas was caught off-guard as he looked at the woman in front of him. Never did he expect that she would say such a thing to him! His exquisite facial features on his carefully sculpted handsome face were distorted and twisted.

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

"Am I wrong?"

Yannie steeled herself against Thomas' suppressive aura, even meeting his gaze bravely. Moreover, there was a gleam of coldness in her eyes.

"From your point of view, so long as my mother works as their maid and receives money from them, my mother is a dog of this family, and that I'm also a dog of this family, too. You signing that contract with

Ms.Luna makes you, and your underlings, Ms.Luna's dogs." Yannie took a deep breath and smiled at Thomas. "Mr.Howard, I don't think anything is wrong with my logic, is there?" Thomas' eyes seemed to be ignited with a deadly fire as he stared daggers at the woman. No one had ever dared to reprimand him in such a way. Even when he was called the child born out of wedlock, no one dared to talk badly about him right to his face. Those who did it never make it to see the sun rising the next morning. 'How dare she spoke to me like this?" "You got a death wish, alright!" snarled Thomas, his intense gaze never wavering as bitterness burned at the pit of his heart. Yannie smiled lightly as she looked at his face. "Oh? You're going to hiss and curse me just because you can't make a good comeback? Suppose that I have a death wish, but do you dare kill me?" She even showed Thomas a smile while pleased with herself. "I bet you're more willing to kill me rather than admit the flaw in your logic.Am I right? You'd never want to admit you're wrong apologize to me, isn't that right?" Fury vibrated through Thomas' being as Yannie's words further irritated him. Luna, on the other hand, was so shocked at what had happened that she could not say anything. She knew a thing or two about Yannie, since Mrs. Flores had talked about Yannie these few days. According to Mrs. Flores, Yannie was a person who could not properly convey her thoughts. Nonetheless, she was a kind, humble girl who was treated like a doormat one too many times. Luna agreed with Mrs.Flores and reckoned Yannie was just like how Mrs.Flores described too. Yannie was so simple yet thoughtful that she rode to meet them, just to deliver the drawing sketches to Luna yesterday. Thus, Luna never thought that a girl like this would dare speak out when she was facing Thomas. She was so blunt and straight to the point that Thomas did not know how to refute her! 'She's amazing!'

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Luna beamed internally.

"Do you want to die that badly?" Thomas squinted.

When he turned, he immediately saw how pleased Luna was with Yannie, which only irked him even
more.
Originally, he wanted to prove how mean Joshua and Luna were when he pulled this innocent girl into
the fight between him, Joshua, and Luna.He never expected this cute, obedient- looking girl would be
cutthroat.
'How dare she say I'm Luna's dog just because I signed the contract with Luna?' Thomas was seething
at this point.
He had never received such humiliation since he was a child! Even from a young age, he was Old
Mrs.Howard's golden grandchild.
Although he was known to outsiders as a child born out of wedlock, no one dared to offend him
whatsoever.
When he grew up, he became a superstar worshiped by hundreds and thousands.
Despite having crossed the ethical line in his business, he was the famous, undefeatable international

superstar to the public, and thousands of women went crazy for him wherever he went.

,	Yannie, on the other hand, looked like any other girl would without anything particularly special going
(	on for her.
1	Moreover, she wore cheap clothing as she did not know how to dress.
ſ	Based on that, Thomas thought that Yannie should be one of his fans; those who admired and fell for
ŀ	his charms.
7	This was why he dragged Yannie into the conversation; he trusted his charm.
ı	Nevertheless, he did not expect the bravery this girl had. He thus squinted angrily at Yannie.
ı	"Do you know the consequences of talking to me like this? You'II—"
J	Joshua's loud burst of laughter interjected Thomas before he could continue.
J	Joshua shifted into a more comfortable position on the couch as he glanced at the enraged Thomas.He
	then looked at Yannie, who was evidently horrified with the situation but steeled herself with resolution.
,	"The consequence is that her mother will continue to work here in the house.Not only that, but I'll also
{	give her a raise.Once my work here in Merchant City is finished, I'll let her continue to work with us in
ſ	Banyan City."



sport a disdainful smile on his face.
"Mr.Lynch, you have to remember what you've said and make them work."
"When you said you want to hire this girl, Yannie, as Luna's assistant, you have to make sure that she'll
be Luna's assistant."
Chapter 2446
"If I don't see her with Luna from now onward, and if I barely see her when I work with Luna in the
future
"I'd tell the whole world that you, Joshua Lynch, aren't a man of his word, having promised to give this
girl a job but didn't," sneered Thomas.
Yannie's expression morphed at this moment. She bit her lip while she clenched her fists tightly. She
knew Joshua did not offer her a job because she was mature, honest, and could see the bigger picture.
He did it because he wanted to provoke Thomas.
When Thomas insisted on seeing her during his cooperation with Luna or he would tell the world
Joshua was a liar, he did not do it to help her.

Thomas wanted to let Joshua know he would always be on the lookout to make trouble for Yannie in the future because of Joshua's decision. Yannie gnawed on her bottom lip. She wanted to say something but did not know what to say. It was as if her courage left her right after she challenged Thomas. At this moment, she did not know how to reject Joshua's offer as Joshua simply decided her job for her without asking her permission. "Alright.She'll listen to Mr.Lynch's arrangement." While Yannie was in distress, Mrs. Flores sighed and grabbed her hand lightly. Then, she lowered her voice to whisper into Yannie's ear, "Why were you suddenly so aggressive? You've always been so calm." Frankly speaking, Yannie could just ignore Thomas when he pointed at her to ask her opinion. Thomas was just a guest in the house and did not have the right to request Yannie to answer his question.

At that time, Mrs.Flores thought her obedient, smart daughter would never react to Thomas' question,

but she was wrong.

Not only did Yannie answer his question, but she even went with the topic and disparaged him! As such, Yannie and Mrs. Flores ended up being Thomas' enemies.

Even if they had decided that Mrs.Flores was going to resign today and stayed clear from the Lynch family, they were forced to listen to Joshua's arrangement at this point and be on the same side with the Lynch family.

Thomas was not about to forgive Yannie after how she disparaged him.

If they could not seek refuge under the Lynch family, Thomas could easily make their lives a living hell!

With that said, they had no choice but to seek shelter from the Lynch family so that Thomas would think twice before attacking them.

"Mother..."

Looking at Mrs.Flores' gaze AAs[[sKI behavior, Yannie bit her lip and sighed sheepishly.She, too, did not know what had gotten into her.Her usual self would just leave the scene without saying anything in this kind of situation.

However, she found herself unable to keep her calm when Thomas singled her out.

Maybe it was because of her babyor maybe she did not want her baby to see what an awful person
his father was.
"Please look forward to it, Mr.Howard."
Joshua curled up his lips and made eye contact with Thomas.
"You can say anything you want if you don't see Yannie around Luna, but" He squinted.
"If you dare to bully her, I won't let it slide."
Thomas curled his lips and smiled, shooting Joshua a contemptuous look.
"She's that important to you, is she? Could this girl, Yannie, be your mistress?"
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Crash! Yannie, in her shock, dropped the glass of water that Mrs.Flores handed to her when she heard
Thomas' remark. Her eyes widened as she stared at him, unable to believe the audacity of this man.
'Did he seriously ask that question?" Yannie thought.
Just because Joshua wanted to take care of her by offering her to be Luna's assistant
Just because Joshua would not allow Thomas to bully her

Thomas dared to say that she was Joshua's mistress! That question humiliated not only her but also
Joshua and Luna! Yannie bit her lip in anger as she glared at the man sitting on the couch with a
disdainful expression on his face.

'I was wrong. I thought he was a warm, gentle, kind, and handsome man like the character he portrayed on the screen!' She used to rub her belly when she was pregnant while telling her unborn child that their father was the most handsome man in the world, all while being the gentle and cutest person that he was.

Alas, she saw Thomas' true colors today.

He was a vicious man who disregarded the facts, talked without caring about other people's feelings, and always mistaken innocent people.

Thomas said Joshua and Luna were not good people and that they did not deserve to live.

He also said that Yannie and her mother were the Lynch family's dogs.He...unknowingly said to the woman who cared for and birthed his stillborn, she who wallowed in misery for two months, was Joshua's mistress! Anyone but Thomas could humiliate her.

He had no right to do so, not when she had carried his child! Yannie felt a surge of emotions overwhelming her, and she had no idea what overcame her, but she inhaled sharply, rushed up toward Thomas, and—Slap! The sound of a slap echoed in the living room before anyone could react. Everyone was stunned at this sudden turn of events. Luna's eyes widened at the sight, thinking she was seeing things. 'Yannie...slapped Thomas?! Thomas did not expect Yannie would dare to run up to him and smack him across his face. As the buzzing in his ear vanished, Thomas, in his shock, raised his head to stare at the woman before him. He felt his face burning BDm-[xMI stinging in pain due to the slap. The exquisite facial features on his face that had distinctive stern lines grew distorted. "You...How dare you slap me?" snarled Thomas. "Why can't I slap you?" Yannie bit her lip and pulled back her burning hand. She stared right into Thomas' eyes. "You humiliated me and Mr.Lynch! You deserve that slap!" She took a deep breath and ran away to

hide behind Mrs.Flores.

"I'm telling you right now that there's nothing between me and Mr.Lynch.
He loves his wife very much.
"If I hear you saying this again, I'll slap you again!"
Thomas burst into laughter at Yannie's words and watched how she cowered behind her mother.
Somehow, his anger vanished.
Chapter 2448
Thomas sneered and covered his face to look as he stared at the head that popped out from behind
Mrs.Flores' shoulder.
"Why are you hiding when you so bravely told me you'd slap me again if I repeat my words?" he
sneered.
"Come out here now. I'm going to say it again."
Yannie bit her lip as she silently stared at Thomas.
Joshua squinted at Thomas as he indifferently remarked, "Mr.Howard, is your face not stinging at the
moment? If you dare to say such things again, maybe I'd join Yannie in slapping you, too.Once I do

that, you might not be able to sit comfortably and threaten her anymore."

With a smirk, he coldly added, "Thomas Howard, I advise you to stop while you still can. You've created enough chaos for my family this morning, and if you continue with your act, I won't let you leave so easily.

"You should know that the Lynch family and the Landry family are the ones in charge of Merchant City.If

I want to do something to you, no one can stop me."

Thomas narrowed his eyes upon hearing this, knowing that Joshua was more than capable of doing what he said.

Thus, Thomas sneered and stood up from the couch.

"If that's the case, I'll be taking my leave now. He who fights and runs away lives to fight another day. This is your territory, after all."

He squinted and looked at Joshua before he sneered, "Still, it won't be long until you and the Landry family lose control over this city. Just wait and see."

After that, he took his coat and strode to the door.

Joshua sat on the couch as he watched Thomas leave with a smile on his face.
When Thomas and his assistant were finally far away, Luna exhaled deeply and walked toward Yannie
and Mrs.Flores, extending her hands to grab Yannie''s hand.
"Does it hurt?"
Yannie bit her lip and shook her head.
"IIt's fine."
Looking at how scared Yannie was, the scene when Yannie fearlessly stood up against Thomas
crossed Luna's mind.
She sighed.
'Yannie, I never thought you could be so brave against Thomas."
Yannie blushed instantly.She lowered her head to look at her still- reddish palm.It felt numb BBs-\IMI
warm, the aftermath of slapping Thomas.
Truth to be told, she, too, was baffled as to why she was a different person when she went up against
Thomas.
Just when Yannie was spacing out as she stared at her palm, Joshua remotely piped in, "Are you so



That was why she did not dare to raise her hand and make eye contact with Joshua.She was scared
that she would accidentally spill to Joshua that she had, once upon a time, carried and birthed Thomas
baby.

The stillborn was a secret, and none but Father Samuel and the obstetrician knew about it. She did not know if anyone else knew about the baby's existence.

Regardless, she did not want people to feel pity for her or laugh at her like she was a hot topic for their afternoon tea session.

There was a reason that led to the way Yannie thought; she had read gossip related to Thomas before.

It was a gossip where the woman said sadly that she was pregnant with Thomas' child and even showed proof of her pregnancy result.

However, the outcome was terrifying.

Before Thomas and his company clarified the gossip, Thomas' fans started to ridicule the woman by saying that she was as]\*t, saying the woman got what she wanted and still trying to gain more attention.

They claimed that the woman deliberately got pregnant with Thomas' baby and that the woman wanted to gain fame and wealth through Thomas. Some even said the woman was delusional and that she should be locked up in an asylum forever. Yannie had read all of those mean comments as she held the pregnancy result tightly in one hand. Although she was not that woman, she somehow felt those comments...were aimed at her. In the end, the gossip was just nonsense. The woman was not pregnant with Thomas' baby, and Thomas had never seen her before. However, the cyberbullying comments were imprinted deeply in Yannie's heart. She swore she would never tell anyone about her being pregnant with Thomas' baby nor delivering the baby to this world. Even if Thomas asked, she would never fess up. "Yannie?" Luna furrowed her eyebrows when she saw Yannie biting her lip tightly said nothing. Thus, she looked at Joshua with curiosity, then back at Yannie again. "Say something." Luna pursed her lips and walked over to grab Yannie's hands.

When she did, however, she realized that Yannie's fingernails had pierced deep into her palms, so much so that she bled. Luna's heart pounded vehemently when she saw the blood. In the next second, she bit her lips and stood in between Yannie and Mrs.Flores. Then she grabbed Yannie's hand lightly to stop her fingers from piercing into her palms. "You don't know Thomas, right?" Luna asked. According to Yannie's reaction, she could confirm that Joshua's assumption was correct. Yannie knew Thomas. However, Luna could not bear to see Yannie torture herself because the question made her nervous. Thus, she sighed and decided to protect this young woman from Joshua and her mother. "You don't have to be so nervous; Joshua is just curious. I believe that you only acted that way just now not because you know Thomas, but that you wanted to protect me and my husband, didn't you?" Luna explained on behalf of Yannie.

Yannie's heart finally felt relieved when she heard what Luna said. Then, she slowly raised her head to

look at Luna, who was smiling at her, before nodding.
"Yes, II just think that Ms.Luna and Mr.Lynch are good people and shouldn't be slandered."
"It's okay."
Luna sighed and turned to look at Mrs.Flores and Joshua.
"Since we've said that you'll be my assistant in Thomas' presence, we'll make it so.I'll bring you to the
studio to have a look.Is that alright with you?"
After that, Luna looked at Mrs.Flores with a smile.
Chapter 2450
"Is it alright if Yannie starts working today? Do you have any concerns?" asked Luna.
Mrs.Flores was startled at first, but she quickly recovered and nodded.
"It's no problem at all! You can let her start work anytime you want; I'm fine with it."
She then turned and looked at Yannie solemnly.
"Yannie, you have to work hard.Treat your work seriously, and don't think about slacking off."
Yannie pursed her lips and nodded.



Luna could tell that Sean might suffer heartbreak two times within a short period. The first one was with Bonnie, and the second was with Kate. She saw the way Kate and Luke looked, and also the way Sean looked at Kate. Suddenly, she felt pity for Sean. Bonnie was probably his first love, and Kate was his second. Every single time, however, it fell apart. With that thought in her mind, Luna turned her head to the side to look at Yannie. The young woman before her was wearing white-washed jeans and awhite-colored shirt. With her long black hair cascading down her shoulder, she looked like the endearing girl-next-door kind of woman. 'Maybe...she's the type of girl Sean will like. They're almost the same age, too. Since both of them hurt their ,they should have many common topics to talk about" Hence, Luna smiled and patted Yannie's shoulder. "My friend is quite handsome. I think both of you will be a good match!"

Yannie was stunned at the suddenness before her cheeks seared in a dusty pink color.

"N—Nevermind.I...I'm not a good match."