Luna & Joshua 2451

Chapter 2451

"What do you mean, you're not a good match?"

Luna furrowed her eyebrows. She thought that Yannie must have been referring to the fact that she hailed from a poor family, which was why she did not think she would be a good match for Luna's friend.

With this in mind, Luna patted her shoulder with a reassuring smile and said, "Don't you worry; this friend of mine isn't a wealthy man at all.He, too, was born into a family of poverty, but this makes him a hardworking, responsible, and trustworthy person."

The more she thought about it, the more it seemed to her that Yannie and Sean would be perfect for each other. She could not help trying to nudge Yannie in that direction as she continued, "

Not only that, but my friend is also distant relatives with Joshua, so if the two of you were to get together, we'd be a family in the future.

"When that happens, no one will dare to insult you by calling you our slave or dog anymore."

Yannie's face flushed an even deeper shade of red. She pursed her lips and quickly shook her head.

"I—I wasn't referring to my family background.I just think..."

She bit her lip and fell silent for a long time before finally uttering the words she had been dreading to

say, "I'm...not a virgin anymore, so I don't think anyone will want me."

Luna's entire body stiffened when she heard this. She was a little surprised, not because she disagreed

with women losing their virginities before marriage, but because she never thought a shy, introverted

girl like Yannie would do something like this.

However, her surprise only lingered for a moment, and a few minutes later, she swept that thought out

of her mind. This was the 21st century, and Yannie was already 20 years old.

So what if she dated some people in the past? Luna chuckled at the thought of this and replied, "That's

okay.

No one cares about this kind of stuff anymore, and I'm sure my friend doesn't mind."

Bonnie was the first woman that Sean had ever fallen for, and he knew for a fact that she had given

birth to Harvey before this.

If Sean were a conservative BBn! JrIM old-fashioned person that cared about women saving

themselves for marriage, he would not have fallen in love with Bonnie in the first place.



"II was just kidding! How can I possibly have"
The truth was, Yannie was not a particularly good liar, and Luna could tell at one glance that she was
lying.Her chest tightened at this realization, and she turned her head away to stare out the window.
Could she have misjudged Yannie? She could not help thinking that Yannie was a gentle, prim, and
proper girl, so how could she
Not only had Yannie lost her virginity to another man, but evenLuna quickly shook her head at the
thought of this.
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Luna had no choice but to tell herself that this was perhaps just an accident. She probably would not
have gotten tricked a second time.
At this moment, her phone chimed with a message from Joshua. She opened it, frowning.
A single row of words was displayed on the screen, [Try to find out how Yannie and Thomas know each
other.]

She stared at this message, frowning as she felt rather disconcerted.

The reason she had brought Yannie out of the house was so that she could avoid answering Joshua's
question, so how could she ask her that? At the thought of this, Luna picked up her phone and replied
to Joshua, (I won't do that. Since she doesn't feel like answering that, we shouldn't interrogate her any
further.]
Then, she tucked her phone away and was just about to turn around and continue her conversation
with Yannie.
Surprisingly, Yannie piped up, "IActually, I can tell you how Thomas and I know each other."
Yannie stared at Luna's face with a gentle expression and curled her lips into a small smile.
"Ms.Luna, I saw the message between you and Mr.Lynch."
Luna stared at her with a look of utter shock.
"Yannie, I've already said I won't bother you with questions you don't feel like answering, so you don't
have to"
"What if I want to answer them?"
Yannie sighed and turned to stare out the window with a relieved smile.
"Ms.Luna, do you know that some things have been weighing on my chest for a long time now, but I

never had anyone to share them with?
"Even though my mother and I appear to be very close, there are things that I am reluctant to share
with her because she has high blood pressure and heart problems.
"Not even my mother knows about the relationship between Thomas and me, and not even the fact
that I had given birth in the past."
Luna's chest tightened when she heard this. She bit her lip, staring at Yannie's back, and said, Yannie,
there's no need to tell me anything if you don't feel like it.
The only reason Joshua is asking this is that he doesn't like Thomas, not because he wants to intrude
on your privacy.You can always"
"No, I want to let this off my chest."
Yannie turned around to stare at Luna with a tearful look.
"Ms.Luna, I want to tell you everything that's happened to me over the years"
Seeing that Yannie was about to burst into tears, Luna fell silent for a moment finally grabbed hold of
her hand in reassurance.

"Alright, Yannie.Tell me."

The warmth of Luna's hand seemed to have spread within Yannie internally and into her heart. She sniffed and turned to stare at Luna earnestly.

'Well...A year ago, I went to Europa, and by chance, I accidentally slept with Thomas Howard and got pregnant with his child. I gave birth to the child not too long ago."

Luna's eyes widened in shock, and there was a faint ringing in her head.

How...could this be? Just minutes ago, when Joshua wanted her to ask about Yannie's relationship with

Thomas, she had thought Yannie had probably been a fan of Thomas in the past, which was why she

had been so upset when Thomas behaved so cruelly toward her.

Never, not even in her wildest dreams, had she thought that...

Yannie was the mother of Thomas' child. She pursed her lips and asked, "So...where is the child now?"

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The color drained from Yannie's face when she heard this. She bit her lip nervously, lowered her head, and said with a hint of sorrow, "The child..."

She sniffed and said in a thick, nasally voice, "The child...died just minutes after his birth."

Luna sighed when she heard this and reached out to pull the poor girl into her arms.

"I understand exactly how you're feeling."

On that fateful night two months ago, she, too, thought she had lost her child.

Luna could still remember the sorrow and despair in her heart, so she could fully understand how sad

Yannie was feeling at this moment.

That night, the thought of ending her life had crossed her mind after finding out about her child's death.

If it were not for the three children who still needed her, Luna would have killed herself just to join her

baby in heaven.

Therefore, Luna could understand Yannie's feelings like her own. She wrapped her arms around

Yannie's trembling shoulders and said gently, "It's all in the past now, Yannie.

Perhaps the child knew his birth would only burden you, which was why he chose to leave this world.

"He's become an angel now, and I'm sure he'll come back as your child again in the next life."

These were the exact words that Luna had used to console herself during those dark days.

Yannie nodded and hugged Luna back, then said in a sobbing voice, "That's what I like to believe in,

too.
"Ms.Luna, sometimes, I'd tell myself that my baby couldn't survive because he was an illegitimate child;
he was conceived by me and someone that I shouldn't have even met in the first place. This is all my
fault
"I should've listened to Father Samuel and gotten an abortionI shouldn't have insisted on giving birth
to the baby.
"To be honest, I knew this was a risky decision, but I still went ahead with it anyway.I thought that since
Thomas, the father of the child, was so handsome, my baby would grow up to be good- looking, too.It
was my greed and vanity that led to this tragedy"
The more she thought about it, the harder Yannie began to sob in Luna's arms.Luna furrowed her
eyebrows as her arms, which were wrapped protectively around Yannie's shoulders, stiffened.
A split second later, she asked in a low voice, "What did you just say, Yannie? Did you say thatyou
should've listened to Father Samuel gotten the abortion?"

She turned to stare at Yannie with a solemn look.

"When you said Father Samuel, are you referring to Father Samuel Quinn?"

Yannie's entire body froze upon hearing this. She seemed to have admitted something that she should

not have. She bit her lip and replied, "No, no, no, I wasn't talking about Father Samuel.I..."

However, she could not come up with another reason on the spot and instead froze mid-sentence.

When she saw the look on Yannie's face, Luna immediately understood that she guessed right.It

seemed that...the relationship between Father Samuel and Mrs.Flores was more complicated than any

of them thought.

At this thought, Luna pursed her lips and said, "Does...Mrs.Flores know about the illegitimate child?"

Luna had asked Mrs. Flores about having grandchildren before, and every time she heard this,

Mrs. Flores would smile and gaze out at the distance fondly.

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"Yannie is still too young; she hasn't even had a boyfriend before.

"If she's fortunate enough to get married to a nice man and have children with him, I won't even

continue working as a babysitter anymore. I'll just stay home and take care of her children for her."

Mrs.Flores' reply had left a lasting impression in Luna's mind that Yannie was a conservative and prim
girl who would save herself for marriage.
This was why Luna had been so shocked when she found out about Yannie and Thomas' illegitimate
child.
"My motherhas no idea."
Yannie bit her lip and shot Luna a pleading glance.
"Ms.Luna, pleasedon't tell my mother.I—I've been hiding this from her all this while."
Tears slid down her cheeks as she stammered, "You saw for yourself how traditional my mother's
mindset is
"The truth is, I had gone to Europa in her stead, and if she found out that I've lost my virginity and even
got pregnant with a stranger's child because of herher blood pressure will skyrocket, and her heart
won't be able to take it!"
She sniffed and continued in sobs, "I had gone on that trip with Father Samuel, and after that incident,
had no choice but to ask him for help.

"Father Samuel is a priest and has always been against abortion, but when I went to him for help, he

suggested that I abort the baby.In his words, some rules can be broken, especially when it comes to
lives that shouldn't have been born in the first place. From that day onward, I knew I wasn't supposed to
keep the child, but"
She bit her lip.
"As the child grew inside my belly, I couldn't help wanting to keep him by my side at all costs, even if
his father was an asshole.Not to mention at that time, I had not realized Thomas Howard's true colors
yet, so"
She lifted her head to stare at Luna with tear-stained eyes.
"Do you understand how I'm feeling, Ms.Luna?"
Luna sighed and nodded in agreement. How could she not? Even when her life was on the line, she,
too, had wanted to keep her children safe at all costs.
At that time, she had been tricked into thinking that Joshua had cheated on her with Aura, even
knowing that Joshua was an unfaithful husband did not change her mind about keeping the triplets.

The reason for this was simple: these three children had grown up inside her womb and were literally a

part of her! How could she not understand what Yannie was going through? Luna sighed, still holding
Yannie in her arms, and said, "Yannie, please believe that things will only get better from here.Now, all
you have to do is stay away from Thomas Howard."

Then, she closed her eyes.

Neither she nor Joshua had ever imagined that Yannie and Thomas ' lives would be intertwined in this way.

If they had known, she would not have insisted on hiring Yannie as her assistant and even started a bet with Thomas over Yannie's loyalty toward her. She should have known. She should have suspected this from the moment Yannie had her outburst toward Thomas.

Yannie's behavior was no different from hers when she returned to Banyan City to confront Joshua.

"This is all me and Joshua's fault.In the future, I promise I'll do my best to keep you away from

Thomas.Otherwise, it'll be too difficult for you to move on."

A surge of warmth spread through Yannie's heart when she heard this.

A split second later, however, she bit her lip and said, "You don't have to do this for me, Ms.Luna."

"I think I'll eventually be able to overcome this."

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Luna paused, glanced at Yannie's face, and finally nodded.

to see this if you were my daughter."

Without them noticing it, the car had arrived at a clinic near the studio.

As soon as they arrived, Luna pulled Yannie out of the car and into the clinic.

As the doctor tended to Yannie's wounds, he could not help saying kindly, "I'm sure that there will be a solution to everything in life, so please don't hurt yourself like this anymore in the future.Do you see how badly you've injured yourself just by digging your nails into your skin? I would've been devastated

Yannie lowered her head, watching the doctor apply ointment onto her hands, but did not reply.

Luna wanted to say something to Yannie, but no words seemed to come out.

Initially, she had plenty of things that she wanted to tell Yannie, including her idea of matchmaking

Yannie with Sean and words of reassurance that she wanted to tell her.

However, after finding out that Yannie had given birth to Thomas' child, who died shortly after, she suddenly realized that she had nothing to say. It was not because she did not think Yannie would be a

good match for Sean, but because she could tell that even though this had happened more than two months ago, Yannie was still clearly affected by the child's passing. Otherwise, she would not have cried while confiding this in Luna, nor would she have been so upset when she met Thomas. The two women remained silent until the doctor finished wrapping Yannie's hand in bandages. Finally, as they left the clinic, Luna gently grabbed hold of Yannie's hand and said, "If you go to visit the child's grave in the future...I'd like to come along." Luna believed that, like her, Yannie would have buried the child in a safe place somewhere. Yannie nodded. A split second later, she lifted her head to smile at Luna. "Ms.Luna, didn't you say you wanted me to meet your friend? Let's go meet him now." Luna paused and shot her a dubious look. "Yannie, judging by your mental state, I don't think..."

Yannie chuckled when she heard this.

"I don't wish to be involved with your friend in any way.I just..." She lowered her head to glance at her, thickly wrapped in bandages. "I can't do anything now with these, and since your friend has also injured his hands, I figure it might be a good idea for us to meet so we have a common topic to talk about. That way, I'll be able to make a new friend, too." Luna nodded. "Alright." The hospital Sean was staying in was the same one where Riley was hospitalized. She had not been to visit Riley in a day, so she did not know how Riley was doing at the moment. At this thought, Luna instructed the driver to bring her and Yannie to the hospital. Initially, she had wanted to drop Yannie off at Sean's ward, then go to visit Riley herself, but to her surprise, Sean was not there when they arrived at his room. According to the nurse, Sean had been taken away in a wheelchair by a young woman who claimed she was bringing him for prosciutto. The nurse even showed Luna the surveillance tape of the room out of fear that Luna would accuse her

of negligence.

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Luna glanced at the surveillance footage and realized that the woman who had left with Sean was none other than Kate.

Since Kate was the one who had brought Sean out, that meant he was not in danger.

After coming out of the nurses' station, Luna shot Yannie an apologetic look and said, "My bad,I never thought that someone would take Sean away...Do you want to stay here and wait for him to return, or

do you want to visit Riley with me?"

Yannie glanced at the empty room and could not help feeling a little uneasy at the thought of waiting for a strange man she had never met before to return to his room.

Therefore, she turned to smile at Luna.

"I'll go visit the little girl with you, Ms.Luna."

Yannie had heard plenty of things about Riley from her mother, and according to Mrs.Flores, Riley was

the baby who had been switched out with Joshua and Luna's daughter.

However, after finding out that Riley was not their daughter, neither Joshua nor Luna changed their

minds about her and instead loved and cherished her even more. Not only that, but even after Riley fell sick, they were willing to pour money and effort into ensuring her recovery. Because of Mrs.Flores' description, Yannie always had a good impression of Luna, and since Luna was going to visit Riley, Yannie could not help thinking that Luna was the kindest, most gentle woman she had ever met. Luna was sensitive to her emotions—she had helped her escape an awkward situation at Joshua's house—and even consoled her when crying about her past. At this point, Yannie could not help thinking...how amazing would it be if Luna was her sister? If, as Luna suggested, she and Joshua's cousin hit it off and became a couple, did this mean that she and Luna would become family? This was the reason Yannie had requested Luna to bring her to meet Sean. She did not care what kind of person Sean was, nor did she care about his looks.

All she wanted was to find a reason to become Luna's friend or, better yet, family.

"Come on."

Luna furrowed her brows when she saw Yannie staring dazedly at her toes waved her hand in front of Yannie's face. Then, she grabbed hold of Yannie's arm and dragged her into the elevator. After getting into the elevator, Yannie finally snapped out of her stupor. "What happened to Riley, anyway?" "She's malnourished from her previous parents' negligence, leading to health problems now." Luna sighed and stared at the elevator doors as she explained, "Initially, I thought that as long as Joshua and I treated Riley well—treated her like she was our daughter—everything would be okay, but Joshua reminded me that we still need to track down Riley's parents as soon as we can. "After all, this is their child, and it'll be one thing if they didn't care for her, but another thing entirely if they had been searching for her all this while." Then, she let out a bitter chuckle and said, "However, I'm guessing that Riley's birth parents must've given up on her already. Even after an extensive search, we can't seem to find any trace of them at all.

"The person who switched out the babies that night had told us where he found Riley, but strangely

enough, according to the hospital records, there hadn't been a single labor that night."



Yannie's entire body stiffened when she heard this, and she turned to stare at Luna in shock. "Ms.Luna, are you saying that...Riley was born at Ample Hospital?" When she heard this, Luna realized that she had accidentally muttered her thoughts, so she gave Yannie an awkward smile and said, "That's right. The person who switched out me and Joshua's baby admitted to us that he had simply grabbed a baby from Ample Hospital to take our daughter's place." Luna could not help shuddering every time she thought about Hunter. This was the man who had called her 'Lulu' so affectionately for the six years she had been living in Merchant City. Luna could not help recalling that at one point, she had been so close to Hunter that she wanted to matchmake him with one of her friends. At that time, Luna had genuinely thought Hunter was a nice person, but little did she know... Six years later, after she and Malcolm broke off their engagement, Hunter had stolen her newborn child from right under her nose without even batting an eyelid. Not only that, but even when Joshua went to interrogate him in prison, he still did not appear to regret

his choice.

Hunter did not think it was wrong of him to switch out their child, nor did he think it was a crime to stea
someone else's baby to take their daughter's place.

Yannie bit her lip upon hearing this and, after long consideration, finally sighed and admitted, "The truth is...[had also given birth at Ample Hospital.

"At that time, the doctor had told me that my case was a special circumstance; he'd never allow anyone else to disguise their childbirth as a routine gynecologic surgery after me.

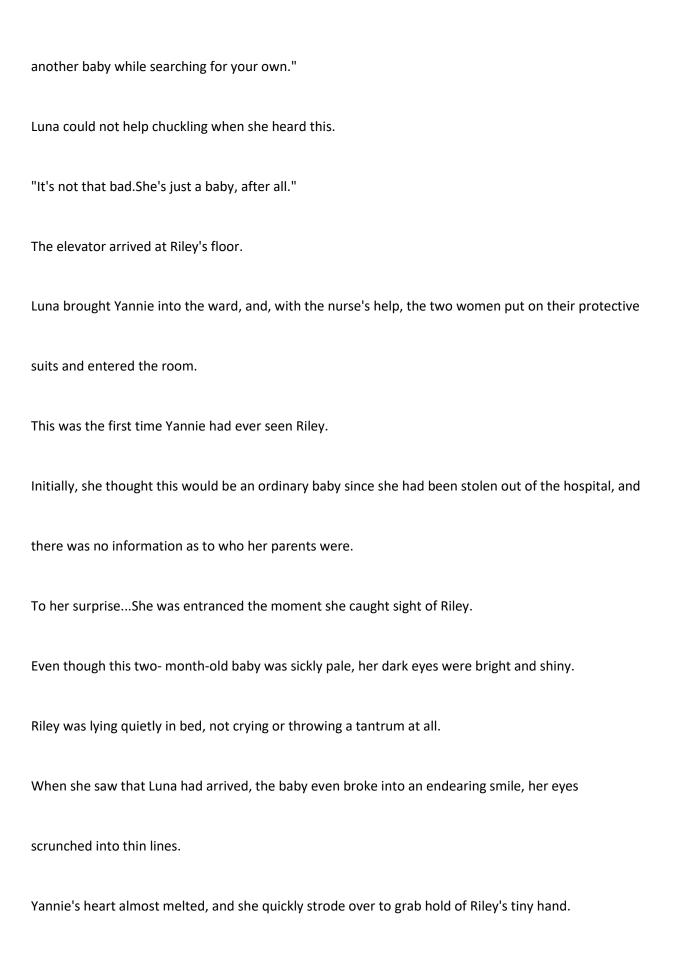
"However, I can't help thinking that if they were willing to do this for me, there's no guarantee that they won't help out another woman the way they did for me."

Yannie lifted her head to stare brightly at Luna.

"Ms.Luna, I'm sure that with Mr.Lynch's power DEw*[oJK influence, you'll be able to find Riley's birth parents eventually, but..."

She lowered her head and continued, "No one can be sure whether Riley's parents still want her back or not..."

Luna could not help feeling a little saddened by Yannie's words. She, too, had thought of this outcome before, but she had to hold onto a sliver of hope. Perhaps Riley's parents were still looking for her, but



Even through the fabric of the protective suit, she could feel the softness and silkiness of the child's
skin.
She felt as though her entire body would melt into a puddle!
"Ms.Luna, Riley isshe's absolutely adorable!" erupted Yannie with excitement.
This was how cute she had envisioned her child to be! If the child had survived, he would be as
adorable, beautiful, obedient, and calm as Riley was! At the thought of this, Yannie sniffed and gently
pinched Riley's cheek in endearment.
"Please get well soon.After you recover, I'm going to bring you outside to play!"
Yannie had said this just for fun, since Riley was just two months old, and she did not expect the child
to understand what she had just said.
Riley broke out into another gleeful smile, much to Yannie's surprise, as though the infant was saying,
"Please stick to your word!"
Yannie was shocked by this scene. Her eyes were as wide as saucers, she remained stunned for a long

time. She could not help feeling that this child had understood exactly what she had said and even



lips into a smile when she saw the look of self-doubt in Yannie's eyes. She gently patted her shoulder and said, "She won't. You'd be perfect as Riley's godmother."

The two of them played with Riley for a while, and it was until the nurse knocked on the door, indicating that visitation hours were over, that they finally left somewhat reluctantly.

When the two of them came out of the ward, having changed out of their protective suits, they immediately caught sight of a man standing at the end of the hallway, dressed in black.

Yannie recognized this man; he was another one of Thomas' assistants. Ever since she accidentally slept with Thomas last year, she could not seem to take her mind off this man.

After finding out that she had gotten pregnant with his child, she could not help finding out more information about him, to a point where she disguised herself as one of his fans to join several of his fan clubs.

Because of this, she knew all of the people working for him—his manager, assistants, secretaries, driver, and so on—down to their looks and their respective job scopes.

This man, who was standing at the end of the hallway, was named Xander Jobbs.

Half a year ago, he had been fired from the position of Thomas' assistant because of a mistake he

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However, according to some rumors circulating in the fan clubs, Xander had always been an exceptional assistant, so he could not have been fired for a minor mistake.

It was more likely that Thomas wanted Xander to do some highly sensitive underground work, so he

fired him beforehand to reduce his association with him should be exposed in the future.

In the past, Yannie would never believe rumors like this because she had thought Thomas was a

handsome, kind, and honest man who would never send his assistant on illegal, dangerous missions.

However...

After being exposed to Thomas' true colors that morning, Yannie could not help thinking that this rumor was true.

Xander must have been helping Thomas do his dirty work all this while.

Otherwise, why would Xander appear in Merchant City at the same time Thomas had? However...

Yannie furrowed her brows as she glanced at the man. Since Xander was still working for Thomas

secretly, what was he doing here at the hospital? Not only that, but he had appeared at the ICU, where

the inflow and outflow of visitors were strictly monitored.
Was one of Xander's family hospitalized here, or perhaps Thomas'? Or perhapsThomas had sent him
here to follow her and Luna?
"What're you looking at?"
Luna caught sight of Yannie staring at the end of the hallway blankly. She furrowed her brows and
glanced rather quizzically at the now empty hallway.
"What's wrong?"
Yannie immediately snapped out of her stupor. She glanced at the spot where Xander had been
standing, frowning.
No one was there anymore. The man had disappeared. For a split second, Yannie could not help
wondering if the man had existed at all or had she simply mistaken someone else for him.
"What's wrong?" Luna asked again, growing slightly concerned by the dumbfounded look on Yannie's
face.
Yannie shook her head.
"Nothing.I was just zoning out."

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Luna nodded and proceeded to get into the elevator with Yannie. She did not think anything peculiar of
Yannie's sudden change of emotions.
After all, this girl had just confided her most dreaded memory of the past in her, and she would not be
surprised if Yannie behaved a little strangely after that.
Luna brought Yannie back to Sean's room.
When they arrived, Sean and Kate had already returned. Sean smiled and waved when he caught sight
of Luna.
"Hey, Luna."
Kate's eyes were red and swollen, and it was clear she had been crying. However, when she saw Luna,
she still greeted her politely.
"Nice to see you again, Luna.And this is"
She gave Yannie a once-over, a guarded expression on her face.
Finally, her gaze landed on Yannie's hands, which were wrapped in bandages.





He narrowed his eyes.

"Luke doesn't have much time left either."