

Luna & Joshua 2461

Chapter 2461

"What did you say?"

Luna managed to capture the seemingly minute yet significant piece of information in Sean's statement.

"What do you mean, Luke doesn't have much time left? What're you trying to say?"

Sean suddenly realized that he had misspoken. He quickly turned his head away and replied, "Nothing; you misheard me. What I was trying to say is that as a gang member, Luke could be killed at any minute.

"Besides, he doesn't like Kate anyway, so no matter how much Kate likes him, it won't change anything. In the end, she'll be enlightened to her situation and realize that Luke isn't a good match for her at all."

Luna furrowed her brows and stared at Sean dubiously.

"Are you sure that's what you said?"

She clearly heard Sean saying that Luke did not have much time left. However, Sean insisted that she

had misheard him, and she, too, was a little puzzled by his reaction. Could she have misheard him?

"You misheard me."

Sean curled his lips into a smile.

"Luna, could the stress of dealing with the Landry family and Riley's disease be getting to you and making you hallucinate?"

Luna furrowed her eyebrows when she heard this. To be honest, she did feel more exhausted than usual lately.

At the thought of this, she turned to glance meaningfully at Yannie.

"What did you hear, Yannie? Did you hear Sean say that Luke doesn't have much time left, or did he say that Luke could get killed any minute because of his occupation?"

Yannie fell silent for a moment, then smiled at Luna.

"Yes, Ms. Luna, you do look very tired as of late. What I heard was the same as Mr. Wheeler claimed...you're the one who misheard him."

When she heard this, Luna was finally convinced that it had been her mistake. She sighed and first apologized to Sean for misunderstanding him, then tried to convince him that he and Kate were not

suitable for each other.

Finally, she realized why Sean had been so devoted to Bonnie even after she rejected him time after time.

That was because Sean was extraordinarily stubborn; no matter what anyone said, it would not change his mind after it was made up.

Finally, Luna decided she could not continue this conversation any longer.

Instead, she sighed agreed to help Sean check on Kate. In exchange for her help, she wanted him to take care of Yannie while she was gone.

After coming to an agreement, Luna glanced meaningfully at Yannie before leaving the room. She hoped that Yannie's kindness and patience would change Sean's mind about her.

If the two of them were to get together, she, Joshua, and even Jim would be delighted.

"Thank you."

The room was silent for a long time after Luna left, and Sean was the one to finally break the silence.

"Thank you for covering up for me when Luna didn't believe me."

To be honest, Sean's first impression of Yannie had not been a good one because he knew why Luna had brought her here.

Even though this woman looked trustworthy and down-to-earth, the fact that she had agreed to come meant that she understood Luna's intentions.

If she did not have ulterior motives, she would not have agreed to come with Luna, nor would she have stayed silent when Luna accused him and Kate of being a bad match for each other.

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Sean could not help feeling that this woman was after him, and so he did not feel like entertaining her at all.

However, he never thought she would cover for him when Luna questioned him.

Even though he did not know whether she had done this just to get on his good side, he still had to thank her.

"There's no need to thank me."

Yannie smiled at him and sat down in a nearby chair.

"I know you must've blurted that out on purpose, and I know that Mr.Luke is Ms.Luna and Mr.Lynch's friend.

"If this secret between you and Mr.Luke were to get exposed, it wouldn't be good for any of you, whether it was him, you, or Ms.Luna and Mr.Lynch.

"Since a little white lie on my side is all it takes to hide this, why would I want to tell the truth that would hurt everyone?"

Then, she wiped the sweat from her forehead, which had accumulated from her lying, and added, "You don't have to be so hostile toward me, Mr.Wheeler...I can tell that you really like Ms.Kate.

"Before I came here, Ms.Luna had indeed hoped to matchmake us both, and the truth is, I had been looking forward to this, but for one reason: if you and I were to start dating, it'd allow me to become closer to Ms.Luna.

"However, since your heart belongs to someone else, I won't force you to choose me."

With that, Yannie lowered her head.The truth was, she had no right to force Sean to choose her at all.She was plain -looking with no talent and nothing exceptional to remember her by...so what right did she have to make Sean choose her over someone else? She did not even have the right to mingle with

people from the upper class, much less date one of them.

Sean's entire body froze when he heard this.

Yannie's honesty and earnestness made him realize how cruel he had been toward her. He let out an awkward smile and scrutinized the woman before him carefully.

She was wearing a pair of white-washed jeans with a white t-shirt that made her look clean and fresh. She was the kind of girl he used to like, and even he had to admit...

If it were not for the fact that he had fallen for outgoing, cheerful women like Bonnie Kate, he would have been interested in Yannie just based on her looks. He sighed and curled his lips into a smile.

"I can tell that you're a nice girl; I'm sure you'll be able to find your prince charming one day."

Yannie could not help letting out a self-deprecating chuckle.

"What right do I have to ask for that?"

She let out an exhale and stood up.

"Well, if there's nothing else, I think I should go now. I don't think it'd be appropriate for you and me to be together in the same room any longer.

"when Ms.Luna returns later, you should tell her that I had insisted on leaving; that way, she won't make things hard for you."

Then, she turned and strode toward the door.When she reached the door, however, she froze as though she had recalled something and turned to glance at Sean.

"By the way, you mentioned that...Mr.Luke doesn't have much time left.Is that true? Seeing how earnest she looked, Sean nodded and replied, "It's true, but please don't tell Luna."

Yannie nodded and finally left.

When she came out of the room, her head was lowered in deep thought as she walked, so she failed to notice that she had bumped into a tall man at the hospital entrance.

All of a sudden, she felt someone grab hold of her arm.

"Did you bump into me on purpose?"

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The man's low voice was unmistakable.

Yannie's entire body stiffened, and she bit her lip, keeping her head low to avoid the man's gaze.Her

hands fumbled as she tried to pry her arm free from his grasp.

However, the man tightened his grip on her as though he could sense her intention.

"What's wrong? Trying to escape after your plan is exposed?"

Thomas sneered as he kept one hand on Yannie's wrist while the other wrapped around her waist,

pressing her body tightly against his. Finally, he smirked at the helpless look on her face and said,

"Trying to play hard to get, huh? Yannie, if you didn't want to see me, you shouldn't have bumped into me in the first place.

"First, you bumped into me, and you then pretended it was an accident and tried to escape from me,

blushing. Plenty of women have tried this on me, but I manage to see through their tricks every time.

"There's no doubt that you're the best actress out of all of them, though."

This woman hailed from an ordinary background, and her looks were not particularly striking either.

However, the expression in her eyes always seemed to make him think she was different from all the other women out there.

At this moment, her head was lowered to avoid his gaze, but she could still see the dazed look in her eyes, which was slightly misty as though she was holding back tears. He could not help finding her a

little adorable.

Even though he had been in the entertainment industry for years and had come across many good actresses, she was arguably the best he had ever seen.

"It's such a pity that you're not an actress."

Thomas' cold voice made Yannie's heart sink. She bit her lip and remained silent for a few moments before finally lifting her head to meet his gaze.

"I didn't bump into you on purpose."

"I had something on my mind, and I didn't notice where I was going, so I'm sorry that I bumped into you by accident, but..."

She let out a sigh and tried to steady her beating heart.

"Mr. Howard, I'd like to remind you that we're in a hospital —a public property.

"You're an international superstar, whereas I'm just an assistant working for Luna's jewelry design company. If someone sees us takes pictures of us being like this

"It won't affect me much, and on the contrary, I might be able to use the rumors with you to get myself

into the entertainment industry, but [I'm sure this won't be good for your reputation."

Yannie had intended to make Thomas let go of herself when she said this. She naively thought that

Thomas, like all other celebrities, would think of his fans as his whole world, and if any rumors of him

seeing other women were to get out, it would severely affect the extent of his fanbase and,

subsequently, his income.

Therefore, she had deliberately brought this up in hopes that he would let go of her out of fear, but to

her surprise...

Thomas broke out into a cackle when she heard this.

"What did you say? You want to use these rumors with me to get yourself into the entertainment

industry? "Don't you know what happened to those women who did this, just to dip their toes into the

entertainment world?"

Yannie narrowed her eyes. She had been secretly keeping tabs on Thomas for the past year, so she

knew about all the women who had tried to get close to him for fame and glory.

However, she never found out what happened to these women.

When she looked back at it, however... She could not help shuddering.

If she remembered correctly, neither of these women...had ended up in a good position.

Some ended up being used by the directors and driven to insanity, whereas the others quickly gave up on trying to work in the entertainment field.

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Some of them even got involved in the dirty trade that went on behind the curtains.

Snapshots of the news Yannie had seen about these various women crossed her mind.

In the past, she used to think that this was what they deserved for being greedy and vain, but now that

Thomas brought it up...

Yannie's hand began to shake.

"They...They were ostracized and shunned from the entertainment world...Everything that happened to them...was your doing?"

Her words were barely audible. She was not willing to believe that Thomas could have done something so malicious.

"You're clever."

Thomas chuckled.

"I'm a bit of a clean freak, and so I'm very picky when it comes to choosing my mate. If I ever start dating someone in the future, I won't hide it from the world either, but if people were to ride on my head and start false rumors behind my back...I won't hesitate to silence them."

A triumphant smile spread across Thomas' face when he felt the woman in his arms start to tremble in fear.

"What's wrong? You scared? Didn't you just tell me that you wanted to get into the entertainment industry by association with me?"

Yannie's heart leaped into her throat.

"I...I'm not interested in the entertainment world anymore," she spat in a hoarse voice, then writhed herself out of Thomas' grasp.

"I apologize for accidentally bumping into you, Mr. Howard! I'm sorry, but I need to go now!"

Then, she circled past him and sprinted out of the hospital.

Thomas remained motionless, curling his lips into a small smile as he watched her leave. He could still

feel the lingering warmth of her body on his chest.

This girl...was far more interesting than he thought.

All of a sudden, Xander strode in through the doors.

Yannie was still spooked by her encounter with Thomas, so when she dashed out the door, she quickly

screached to a halt when she realized she was about to bump into another man.

"I'm so—sorry!" she stammered, bowing in apology.

Then, she lifted her head to meet the man's gaze.

Upon doing so, she realized that the person she had narrowly missed was none other than the man

she had seen at the end of the hallway on Riley's floor! This was Xander, the assistant who had been

fired from Thomas' ensemble but had secretly been helping him do his dirty work all this while.

"Keep your eyes on the road," said Xander curtly before he strode into the hospital.

Yannie remained motionless and watched as Xander walked toward where Thomas had been

standing. She was certain of what she saw this time.

The person standing outside Riley's room had been Xander!

"Sir."

Xander handed Thomas a folder when he reached him.

"You and this woman, Ms.Yannie Flores, met last year."

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"She and I met before this?"

Thomas furrowed his brows and flipped through the folder.

"Why don't I remember her at all? "

"Perhaps Ms.Yannie is so plain-looking that you never gave her much notice."

Xander sighed and continued, "According to my research, Ms.Yannie grew up here in Merchant City

and never once left, except for the time she flew to a small village in Europa last year to attend

someone's funeral in her mother's place.

"Coincidentally, you were shooting a movie in that same village, and you even stayed a night in the

church due to the heavy rain."

Thomas narrowed his eyes.

"I'll never forget that night."

That night, someone from the film crew had spiked his tea with a poison of some sort that enhanced his libido. To counter the drug's effects, he needed to sleep with someone, and there were plenty of women of his choosing among the film crew.

However, Thomas knew that the person who had spiked his tea was undoubtedly a woman from the film crew who had intended to sleep with him, so he refused to do so.

Even after the drug began to take effect and caused him to become increasingly disoriented, he insisted to his assistants and Father Samuel that no one was to be allowed in his room.

That night, more than ten women were forced to stare at his room door, waiting for it to open.

Everyone knew that international superstar Thomas Howard was on the other side of the door, and if they were to sleep with him, they would ascend to rising fame.

If they were lucky, they might be able to win over his heart and become a celebrity wife.

Despite this, no one was allowed to enter the room under the assistants' careful watch.

All but one.

Thomas remembered that as he drifted off to sleep that night, a woman had slipped through his window

from outside. She had wanted to search the room for something and did not even know he was there.

Therefore, when she entered the room and realized that someone was there, her eyes widened in shock, and she kept insisting to Thomas that she had no ill intentions —she was just there to retrieve something.

However, at that time, the poison had finally taken hold of his mind, he no longer cared about what she had to say.

Instead, he pulled her to his side and did what he had to. He knew that this thief could not possibly be one of the members of his film crew and, therefore, would be clean.

That night was one of the most intense nights he had ever experienced, but by the time he awoke, the woman had disappeared.

There were no security cameras in the church, so no one knew who the woman was.

Not even Thomas could recall what the woman had looked like; all he remembered was that her eyes were big and bright, framing her face beautifully. He could not help narrowing his eyes when he recalled the woman.

After what happened that night, he had put substantial effort and money into tracking her down, but it was as though she had disappeared into thin air.

No matter how hard he tried to persuade Father Samuel, he refused to give him any information regarding the woman who had broken into his room.

Therefore, Thomas had no choice but to embark on this search alone, but how could he achieve that on his own?

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As time gradually passed, Thomas eventually gave up...until a week ago. He received a call from Malcolm who said he found his daughter.

The first thought that appeared in his mind when he heard that news was Malcolm was a liar. He had bedded only one woman in his lifetime, and he could not possibly have had a child. However, when

Malcolm told him the baby's age and date of birth, Thomas fell silent.

As he recalled everything, he noted that the timeline of the baby's date of birth matched with the time he slept with the woman when he was drugged. That shameless woman took advantage of him when

he was at his weakest and left without saying anything.

Eventually, she secretly delivered his baby. That was not all, however. That woman even carelessly misplaced the baby! With these thoughts in mind, Thomas failed to find a place to vent his anger.

There were three things that he needed to do in Merchant City.

One, he was going to bring his daughter Riley back with him.

Secondly, he wanted to punish Luna and Joshua for putting his child through anguish.

Lastly, he needed to teach that shameless, irresponsible woman a lesson she would not forget!

"Sir?"

Xander, furrowing his brow, called out to Thomas upon noticing that he did not respond. Thomas quickly snapped out of it, furrowing his brow to look at the information and turning to look at Xander afterward.

"You said I met Yannie before? Last year? What other evidence do you have to prove it? For example, when did I see her?"

Hundreds of people were on the production team when he was filming in the village, not to mention the hundreds of villagers residing there as well.

If Yannie was at the village when he was there, he might not have noticed nor known her before.

After all, Yannie was just like any regular girl that Thomas could not bother to remember her.

"That night." Xander squinted.

"The night you were drugged, someone saw Yannie running out of a church, flustered and with clothes in disarray. Since the church is a religious place, people would normally dress up prudently, so the villager remembered this very clearly. Also, there was one thing your assistant missed out on while investigating that woman...

"If that opportunistic woman was an irresponsible person who escaped through the window, villagers who woke up early in the morning would've seen her. The investigation mainly investigated those women from the production team the villagers.

"In fact, there is another possibility. What if the girl you were with isn't someone living in the village? She could be there just to pay her last respect and bumped into you."

Thomas furrowed his brow tightly. He squinted and looked at Xander's face with his deep, dark, and cold eyes.

"What are you trying to say?" he demanded, voice huskily monotonous.

"Are you saying Yannie is that woman?"

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After a moment of silence, Xander nodded.

"Sir, I believe that could be the case. First of all, the timing and location of the woman appearing matched that woman from one year ago. We thought that the woman on your bed was a villager, so we investigated every woman in the village from ten until a hundred years old. None matched the requirements you said in the end. So—"

"Bullshit!" snapped Thomas, cutting off Xander coldly.

"Your assumption is getting outrageous. I know you have some complaints as I've been asking you to find the woman over the last year and more. I know this investigation must've taken a toll on you, and I understand that, but you shouldn't tell me that woman is Yannie."

To Thomas, the woman from that night liked him, and he believed she must have been head over heels for him.

Even if she walked into the wrong room because she was looking for something, he supposed she

liked him.

Otherwise, she would not leave so easily after how roughly he treated her, took away her virginity, and also confined her by his side for the entire night.

Moreover...

That woman had a pair of clear, translucent eyes that he could never forget ever since that night. She was cute and special, unlike any other woman.

Not Yannie.

Yannie was a person who coveted vanity and greed.

When he was at Joshua's house in the morning, his first impression of her was the same as any other person's. He thought her characteristics were the same as her appearance: humble, simple, and pure.

However, when he unexpectedly mentioned Yannie in his conversation with Joshua, Thomas knew he thought wrongly.

After all these years in the entertainment industry, he had seen many types of women, and he had seen one too many of Yannie. She strongly fought against him to please Joshua and Luna.

At one point, she wanted to let Joshua and Luna feel that her mother and she were loyal to Joshua.

That was why she deliberately said those things and rooted for Joshua and Luna when Thomas slandered them.

Another reason was that Yannie was a greedy person.

She could not possibly let such a huge chunk of meat be taken away so easily.

Thus, she tried to create a coincidental meeting in the hospital when she saw her from afar. GET#([kLM walked to him to seek sympathy.

Alas, he had anticipated all of her tricks and plans, and he did not fall for them at all.

A woman liked Yannie...did not deserve to be together with him, nor did she deserve to be his child's mother.

"Sir, I know you can't accept it."

Xander looked at Thomas' pale face and could not help but gulp while receding backward unconsciously.

"Sir, I didn't make up any of that. There is evidence to prove it..."

Then, he pointed at the information.

"On that morning, Yannie did leave your room.

Although there was no surveillance camera in the church, we did put a GPS tracker on you.

This woman, Yannie, did come out of your bedroom on the second day

. "Rolling his eyes, Thomas shot Xander a cold stare and sneered, "You're saying that I fucked that woman just because she came out of my room?"

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"So your assumption is based on this so-called evidence? Have you forgotten one of the dramas I had?"

Xander fell silent as Thomas snapped at him. He knew which drama Thomas was talking about.

In that drama, the female lead snuck out of the room upon realizing she had slept with the male lead.

After her departure, however, the supporting actress entered the room and someone saw her in a disordered manner.

Thus, the main actor and everyone else thought the woman from last night was the supporting actress.

It was a common plot that could be seen everywhere. However, Xander did not think the reality was like

a drama.

"But, Sir—"

"Shut up," hissed Thomas.

"She can't be Yannie. That's enough. Start all over again! "

"Don't forget that you only have six months, and it has been over two months. This means you only have three months more left. Work hard. You know what the consequences are if you don't finish the task I gave you."

Xander's shoulders stiffened.

"I...I know."

With that, he scurried away as though his life depended on it, but not long after, he suddenly remembered something and ran back to Thomas again, locking eyes with him.

"Sir, there's one more thing. When I was following Yannie, I noticed that she was going to the ICU with Luna. Do you think they're going to do something to Ms. Riley?" Thomas smirked.

"They won't. They don't even have the time to be fighting."

The truth was that Thomas had sneakily plastered a sticker that looked like a hickey, that was used in

movies, on her neck before she left.

At this moment, Yannie would look like she had a huge hickey on her neck. He wondered how Luna or Sean felt when they saw it. He knew the reason why Luna brought Yannie to the hospital. It was not as simple as visiting Riley.

Luna must have wanted to use this opportunity to pair up Yannie and Sean.

Oddly enough, a peculiar feeling rose in his heart at the thought.

Thomas waved his hand dismissively and turned to look at Xander, who was trying to hide from him.

"Leave now." I took a deep breath and bade Thomas goodbye once again before turning to leave.

At that time, Thomas' assistant, who had been beside him, piped up precariously, "Sir, I think Xander might be right. It didn't cross my mind before, but I now remember that I did see Ms.

Yannie before.

"It was that night from one year ago. I bumped into her when I went to your room. At first, I didn't recognize her and only thought she looked familiar. Now after what Xander said, I remember it now...

"She was the one who came out of your room the next morning after you were drugged!"

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Thomas visibly quaked at this. He furrowed his eyebrows and eyed his assistant suspiciously.

You said you don't remember that woman no matter how much I persisted with you.

Heck, you even remembered the wrong person and brought back another man's wife! If I didn't know I

took away that girl's virginity that night, I might have brought another man's wife back with me. Did you

forget that?

"And now you're telling me you saw Yannie that morning?"

At this point, a look of disgust and anger flashed across Thomas' eyes.

"Did you and Xander agree to disgust me on purpose?"

They knew how much he hated Yannie, yet they continued to tell him Yannie could be Riley's mother.

What fueled them to even be this audacious? Xander and the assistant turned pale as they saw how

furious Thomas was.

The assistant lowered his voice and said, "Sir, I don't want to lie to you. I'm just..."

"I'm just telling you the truth, that's all."

"Just what?"

Thomas glared at him coldly and entered the hospital to get on the lift.

"You think I'm not treating you and Xander nice enough, so you want to play me? Or..."

A thought crossed his mind as his voice darkened, just as his eyes did, "Or, you got attracted by that woman's look after seeing her, so you want to make up an opportunity for her to get close to me, just so you'll have the chance to be close to her? Is that so?"

With how prickly and spiteful Thomas' words were, it was obvious that he did not like Yannie. Xander and the assistant looked at each other and lowered their heads as they followed him into the lift.

"Since you think we're wrong, let's just go with that, then..."

The assistant sighed.

"Mr. Jobbs, since Sir has asked you to give up investigation Yannie...let's just leave it there."

Xander opened his mouth and looked at Thomas before he inhaled deeply and kept his silence.

Very soon, the lift arrived at the top floor where Riley's ICU ward was.

Before Thomas came, Xander had asked the doctor to clear the level.

There was no one else other than a few trusted nurses DGu'[wM] Riley at this level.

When the lift opened, something popped into Xander's mind. He turned to look at Thomas and said,

"Oh, Mr. Howard. Although you don't want to hear anything related to Yannie anymore, I still have to tell you this...

"Before you came, Luna brought Yannie here and visited Ms. Riley together, and I vaguely heard Luna saying that she was going to let Yannie be Ms. Riley's godmother when she recovers."

Thomas narrowed his eyes at Xander's words. He looked at Xander.

"That woman 'deserves! to be my daughter's godmother?"

He sneered and strode toward Riley's ward.

"Did the doctor say when Riley will recover?"

Xander solemnly answered, "The doctor said it'll take at least half a month for Ms. Riley to fully recover."

"Half a month?"

Thomas raised an eyebrow and looked at his assistant.

"How long will I stay here?"

The assistant lowered his head and answered, "A month."

Thomas squinted and coldly spoke, "A month is enough for me to destroy Luna and Joshua for hurting my daughter. It's enough for me to find the woman who birthed my daughter in secret, too."

The assistant quickly chimed in when he heard Thomas' confident voice.

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"That's right. We also have ample time to nurture feelings with Ms. Riley," said Thomas' assistant.

Thomas curled up his lips and glanced at his assistant.

"This is the best thing you've said today."

The assistant chuckled awkwardly and lowered his head. The fact was...he and Xander did not lie to

Thomas at all. The woman he saw that morning was Yannie! When he saw Yannie for the first time

since he was here in Merchant City, he thought she looked familiar.

It was when Xander mentioned that Yannie could be the woman who had slept with Thomas a year ago

that it sprung into his mind.

Yannie was that woman! However, since Thomas did not want to accept that fact, he could only keep

the truth to himself. On the way to Riley's ward, the three of them continued talking.

When they arrived, the nurse at the ICU requested them to put on clean gowns before entering. They did what they were told as they then entered the ICU, the door closing behind them.

Through the glass window, people from the outside could see the three men were carefully monitoring Riley and talking.

What they did not know was that a woman was hiding behind the door in the stairway of this level, eavesdropping on their conversation.

When she heard them entering the ICU, she carefully sneaked out of the stairway and looked at the ward.

When she saw how concentrated the three men were, she took out her phone to take a photo.

Unfortunately, she forgot to switch off the flashlight.

Flash! The sudden flash startled Thomas, and he quickly lifted his head.

As a superstar, he was very familiar with that kind of light.

"Someone took a photo," growled Thomas as he sharply scanned the corridor.

Xander and the assistant quickly shielded Thomas as if someone was attacking them.

"We'll go and take a look."

When the door to the ward opened, Kate quickly put away her phone and ran downstairs.

Xander picked up the sound of footsteps and gave chase, only to see a woman's back when he reached the stairway. He knew he was incapable of chasing the woman 10 minutes later, so he walked back to Thomas' side dejectedly.

"Sir, she's gone."

"Imbecile!"

Thomas gave him a cold look before he turned toward the other assistant.

"Monitor the news. If that person is a reporter, buy the photo regardless of the price. I will suppress it." The assistant nodded.

"What if she isn't a reporter?" Thomas squinted.

"Well, we could be in trouble."

"Where's Luna?"

Kate opened Sean's ward, panting.

"I have something important to tell her!"

Sean furrowed his eyebrows.

"She went looking for you. Why are you back here by yourself?"

"I don't have the time to explain to you."

Kate held the phone close to her chest as though it was an invaluable treasure.

"Stay here and take care of yourself, Sean. I need to go find Joshua."