

Luna & Joshua 2481

Chapter 2481

Tuna's mind was initially filled with feelings of disapproval toward Kate, but as soon as she heard this.

she lifted her head in delight. "You found them?"

"Yes." Joshua curled his lips into a smile and pulled Luna close to him, laying her head gently on his

chest. He would always feel reassured by the feeling of her breath brushing against his chest.

"I've pretty much confirmed their identity, but I still need to wait for the DNA results.

"I need a little more time to obtain some DNA samples from Riley's parents, but after I get the results,

I'll reveal their true identities to you."

Luna bit her lip and nodded.

To be honest, she wanted Joshua to reveal the identity of Riley's parents to her instantly, but since he

had already made up his mind, she would respect his decision.

However... She closed her eyes and laid her head against his chest, listening to the steady beating of

his heart." Since Riley's parents have been found... What about our child?"

She sniffed, and a twinge of pain shot through her heart at the thought of the child who had been

separated from her since birth and was nowhere to be found.

“I don’t even know how she’s doing and whether she’ll eventually return to our side...”

The glimmer in Joshua’s eyes faltered when he heard Luna’s choking voice. He signed and squeezed

Luna’s arm.

“My men are already on it, and I’m sure we’ll know the answer soon.”

According to Hunter, the child had been abducted from him when his car was hijacked on the way back

from the hospital. The men who had ambushed him were all dressed in black.

After hearing this, Joshua immediately checked the surveillance tapes from that night, but the strange

thing was that all the surveillance footage had been wiped clean, leaving no trace behind.

The only people capable of accomplishing such a feat two months ago... were him, Malcolm, Luke, and

Jim.

At that time, Malcolm did not even know that the babies had been switched, and on top of that, he had

been with Heather that night.

Therefore, he could not possibly have been the one who did this.

The only two people left were Luke and Jim.

However, Joshua could not seem to find a reason why Luke and Jim could have done this. Besides,

there was no point in interrogating Jim since he had already lost his memories.

Therefore, his only remaining option was to question Luke, who denied his involvement in any of this.

There were only two possibilities left.

One, Jim had been the one who wiped the surveillance footage from that night.

Two, there was another, far more powerful force hidden in Merchant City, which he did not know of.

The second scenario was highly unlikely, but as for the first... The best way to answer this riddle would

be to restore Jim's memories as soon as possible, but this was an astoundingly difficult feat.

Christopher was the only person who could formulate the antidote to Jim's amnesia, but he had already

gone insane. Jim, on the other hand, had nothing on his mind except Bonnie... Therefore, the only way

to restore his memories would be to wake up Bonnie first.

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At the thought of this, Joshua let out a huge sigh and pulled Luna closer to him.

"What we have to do now is readjust ourselves in time for Bonnie and Jim's wedding."

Luna froze when she heard this, then finally nodded.

“You’re right.”

Bonnie was going to wake up soon, and all of them had tricked Jim into thinking that they were hosting a wedding in lieu of Bonnie’s passing, but the truth was...

They had planned it so that Bonnie would wake up during the wedding itself. There were only two more days till the predetermined wedding day.

Luna had handed over all her work and tasks over the upcoming two days to Joey while she used this break to help Yannie, Gwen, and the three children organize Bonnie and Jim’s wedding.

Sometimes, Rosalyn and Charles would join in on the arrangements too.

As the stars of the show, Jim and Harvey were both fixated on spending as much time with Bonnie as possible.

They were under the impression that she would die any minute and did not want to waste a single second by her side.

“Mommy, there are still two more hours until your wedding with Daddy; Aunt Luna and Granny made

you a beautiful dress!” Harvey chirped as he wiped the tears from his face. At this moment, he was perched in front of Bonnie’s bed, trying to force out a smile. “Since there are only two hours till the wedding, does this mean I have only two hours left with you?”

A tear slid silently down Harvey’s cheek, and he bit his lip nervously, trying to keep his voice from shaking. “I wanted to find you so bad that I forced Mr. Jim to take me to Banyan City...

“When I first saw you at the news conference in Banyan City, I noticed how pretty you were...and how nice it would be if you were my Mommy.

“At that time, I kept thinking to myself that if I couldn’t find my real Mommy, I wanted you to be my new

one...which was why I had given you Mr. Jim’s ring so that you’d find your way to each other.

“I finally understand the reason why I liked you the moment I laid eyes on you: it was because you were my real Mommy all along! And I don’t want you to leave...”

He broke into tears.

June, who was sitting silently next to him and clinging to his sleeve, also started crying at the sound of this.

She knew that there was nothing she could do apart from staying by Harvey's side.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the bed, Jim was holding Bonnie's hand tightly, his eyes red-rimmed, but his lips clamped shut. His gaze never left Bonnie's face even as he listened silently to his son's words.

One second with his eyes away from her was one second wasted. He hated the fact that he had lost his memories, including all of those with her. He hated himself for succumbing to Charlotte's tricks and hurting Bonnie so many times...

If it were not for him, she would still be the proud Ms. Bonnie Craig, heiress to the Craig family, instead of winding up in such a state. It was all his fault.

After sending her off, he would have to raise Harvey on his own, and as soon as Harvey was grown up, he would join her in heaven without a moment's hesitation.

The only way he could make it up to her was to join her in heaven.

Just as this thought crossed Jim's mind...

All of a sudden, one of Bonnie's slender fingers twitched.

"Mr. Jim, Mommy's finger moved!" Just as Jim lifted his head in sheer disbelief, Harvey, too, met his

gaze in surprise. "I felt it myself! Mommy's finger twitched! Do you think this means...she's going to wake up soon?"

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Jim lowered his head to glance at Bonnie, who was lying motionless on the bed with her eyes closed.

then turned to glance at Harvey, whose face was plastered with a grin.

"You... You felt it too?"

If this were just a fluke, he and Harvey would not have felt it at the same time, so... Jim's excited gaze fell on Bonnie's face.

Even though Rosalyn had told him before that Bonnie would only be able to make it to a week, she mentioned that miracles could happen! Was this a miracle? Was Bonnie waking up?

Jim fixated his gaze intently on Bonnie's face in an attempt to find traces of her impending wake from unconsciousness, but...

One minute passed, then three.

10, which then became 30.

Finally, an hour passed.

Even until half an hour before the wedding, when Luna, Gwen, and Yannie arrived to help change Bonnie into her wedding dress, there was still no sign of her awakening soon. Bonnie's eyes were closed, and her face expressionless.

The hope in Jim's eyes seemed to dissipate by the minute, and the gleam in his eyes was eventually replaced by despair.

He gazed longingly at Bonnie as Luna and Gwen wheeled her away.

Could this be the end of him and Bonnie?

A drop of tear slid down his cheek.

Jim always thought he would not cry since he had already mentally prepared himself for this day, but...

At this moment, he could hear his heart beating.

He did not want Bonnie to go.

She could not go.

He knew that no matter what, he would never be able to let go of Bonnie!

Jim let out an exhale and summoned all the strength in his body to chase after Luna and Gwen.

He stopped them and got down on one knee in front of the motionless woman in the wheelchair.

“Bonnie.”

He gently pressed a kiss onto her hand. “I’m sorry that I didn’t get to spend much time with you during your lifetime, and my heart is full of regret for this. I know you can hear me; you moved your finger when Harvey was talking to you just now, and if you can...”

He let out an exhale. “Bonnie, I want you to remember that I love you.

“I loved you even before I lost my memories, and I still love you after. And if...”

His voice broke off for a moment before he continued chokingly, “If you still want to be with me and want to give me another chance, please don’t go, will you? Please give me another chance.”

Tears slid down Jim’s face as he grasped Bonnie’s hand. “Please...”

This pain was nothing like he ever felt before.

At this moment, Jim finally realized just how much Bonnie meant to him.

At the thought of her leaving, he felt as though a knife had pierced his heart and was pulled out once more, leaving his heart bleeding.

A twinge of pain shot through Luna's heart when she saw this. She turned her head away to avoid

Jim's despaired gaze

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Luna was worried that she would blurt out the truth by accident and ruin Joshua's plan.

All of a sudden, Gwen noticed that Bonnie's eyebrows were scrunched into a frown, and her head was beginning to sag to one side. It seemed that she would wake up at any time!

There were only 30 minutes left until the stipulated time of her awakening, but it was possible that she would wake up early.

On top of that, she probably heard Jim's confession, too.

Gwen pursed her lips, tugged Jim away in determination, and wheeled Bonnie past him.

"Mr. Landry, it'll only take ten minutes to get changed, and if you want to pour your heart out to her, you

can do so at the wedding. Please change into your tuxedo now, and you can give any lovey-dovey,

disgusting confession you want at the wedding ceremony."

Then, she glanced at Luna and said, "Let's go, Luna."

Luna immediately came to and helped Gwen wheel Bonnie into the changing room.

"We almost gave it away." Luna slumped against the door as soon as she entered the room and heaved a deep sigh.

Gwen, on the other hand, curled her lips into a smile as she straightened Bonnie's dress. "I never knew how much your brother loved Bonnie."

Then, she hung the dress up and helped Luna take Bonnie's clothes off.

"Thank God Bonnie's death is just a lie. If it was true, I can't bear to see the pain that your brother has to go through."

With that, she let out a bitter smile and added, "I don't even know if Luke will be just as miserable as Jim is when I leave. Will he cry and beg me not to go?"

Luna, who was changing Bonnie into her dress, froze when she heard this. A split second later, she lifted her head to stare at Gwen. "You... Do you want Luke to be that upset, or you don't?"

Gwen hesitated for a moment, then chuckled. "I hope so, but at the same time, I don't.

"I want to see him so sad because I want to know that he loves me as much as I love you, but at the

same time, I don't want that. I know that even if he begged me to stay, I'll stand by my choice and leave."

Luna let out a sigh but did not reply.

Meanwhile, outside the room, Luke had reached out and was about to knock on the door when he overheard this conversation. A split second later, he drew his arm back and curled his lips into a bitter smile.

Gwen had said that even if he begged her, she would still leave. It was the same for him, was it not?

Even if she begged him not to, he still wanted to sacrifice his life in exchange for hers.

His job and background were such a burden to her that he was willing to give them up.

However, as soon as one entered the dark world of the mob, the only way to leave was...as a corpse.

Since dying could both save Gwen and release him from the environment she hated the most...he

would have no regrets.

Just as he fell into deep thought, the door was flung open from inside.

The person who opened the door was Gwen. She did not expect to see someone standing outside the

door, so she immediately erupted into a high pitched scream.

Luke was also startled by her voice, and after a split second, he gently patted her shoulder, frowning.

" Hey, it's me."

Gwen finally came to and shot him a disapproving glance.

"What're you doing here?"

As soon as she finished her sentence, she suddenly recalled the words she had spoken to Luna just

seconds before opening the door... She furrowed her eyebrows, "Did... Did you hear anything just

now?"

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Gwen's face was filled with doubt when she asked this.

Luke could not help curling his lips into a smile as he met her nervous, darting gaze.

"What is there for me to overhear?"

Then, he shifted into a comfortable position as he leaned against the doorframe and gently tilted

Gwen's chin up, forcing her to meet his gaze.

"Did you say something to Luna about me that you didn't want me to overhear?"

He was asking her this on purpose, but to Gwen, she thought this meant he had not heard anything at all. She let out a sigh of relief.

"Nothing; I was just talking to Luna about women's stuff and didn't want you to hear."

Luke curled his lips into a smirk and leaned forward to gently kiss her on the lips.

"It's about time. You guys should bring Bonnie to the hall now."

Then, he hovered close to her ear and said in a low, tantalizing voice, "If you want to talk about anything private, you can tell it to me in bed tonight."

Gwen's entire body stiffened when she heard this, and a split second later, her cheeks flushed scarlet. She shoved him away from her and said, "Alright, alright."

Then, she darted back into the room and emerged again with Luna, wheeling Bonnie in her wedding dress.

As soon as she came out of the room, Luna caught sight of Luke standing at the door.

Instantly, she remembered Kate and was reminded of how lenient Luke had been toward her.

At the thought of this, she rolled her eyes at Luke and proceeded to wheel Bonnie down the hall with

Gwen.

Luke sighed as he stared at their retreating figures, then leaned against the wall, took out a cigarette from his pocket, and lit it.

Through the puff of the cigarette smoke, he could see Kate's silhouette walking in his direction.

She stopped next to him, took out another cigarette from her pocket, and lit it as well. She leaned against the wall next to him and watched Luna and Gwen leave.

"Feeling sad now? It's not too late for you to change your mind; there's no telling she won't make it through..."

Luke sneered and turned to glance at her.

"Once I make up my mind, there's no changing it."

Then, he closed his eyes took a puff of his cigarette.

"You should probably go home soon, shouldn't you? I promised your family I'd take care of you until you decide to return home, but I don't have much time left now."

Kate glanced at him, frowning.

"What if I tell you I haven't had enough fun yet?"

"What's wrong? You want to stay and attend my funeral?"

Luke let out a self-deprecating smile.

"Don't bother; I just want to leave in peace." Kate stared at him, still frowning.

"I won't bother you."

Seeing that there was no point trying to persuade her otherwise, Luke shrugged and put out his cigarette.

"Suit yourself."

Then, he turned and strode in the direction Luna and Gwen had left.

Kate narrowed her eyes as she watched him leave, and after a long while, a small smile crept onto her face.

Kate Miller was a woman who always got what she wanted.

When Luna and Gwen wheeled Bonnie into the Landry family living room, Jim was already waiting, dressed in a white tuxedo with gold trimming.

Next to him stood Harvey, his eyes red-rimmed and dressed in a smaller but identical version of the

same suit.

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The sight of a father and son standing together at the altar would usually be an amusing one, but the solemn look on their faces made it hard for anyone to laugh.

The atmosphere in the room felt heavy and suffocating.

When he saw Bonnie coming, Jim let out an exhale and strode toward her, holding the bouquet in his hands.

Finally, he got down on one knee in front of her and said, "Bonnie, if I ever get the chance, I hope I can meet you again in my next life.

"If that opportunity arises, you can lose your memory and forget everything about me; you can do anything you want to me because this is what I owe you.

"I promise that no matter how you treat me, I'm going to stand by your side until the end of time."

With that, he placed the bouquet in Bonnie's lap, closed his eyes, and gently kissed her hand.

Watching this, Luna could not help laying against Joshua's chest in comfort, her eyes tearing at the

sight before her despite knowing that Bonnie would not die.

In the past, she used to think that Jim and Bonnie's relationship was very superficial, and in her opinion, the only reason she and Jim had started dating was by accident.

That night, Heather spiked both Luna and Jim's drinks with an aphrodisiac, causing her to fall back into Joshua's arms, whereas Jim hooked up with Bonnie.

It was only after this that Jim and Bonnie started seeing each other in secret, and in Luna's opinion, any relationship that began as a purely physical one would not last long due to the lack of a stable foundation.

A relationship based on physical attraction and not an emotional one would not be a healthy relationship.

Therefore, Luna had always doubted Jim and Bonnie's relationship, but...

Staring at the earnest look on Jim's face, a twinge of pain shot through her heart. She knew that Jim and Bonnie were perfect for each other, and she was the one who had been mistaken all along.

All of a sudden, the clock struck nine.

This was the time that Bonnie was supposed to awake from her coma, according to Rosalyn's calculations.

This was also the estimation of Bonnie's death, which they had given to Jim.

Luna clutched Joshua's and instinctively glanced in Rosalyn and Charles' direction.

The two of them, like Luna and Joshua, were also gazing in anticipation at Jim and Bonnie.

All of them were waiting for Bonnie to wake up, waiting for the flicker of delight on Jim's face, and waiting for their happily ever after.

A minute passed, then two, then three...

Even until 9:10 p.m., there was still no sign of Bonnie awakening.

Jim clutched her hand tightly as tears slid down his cheeks.

"Bonnie "

"Mommy! Mommy..."

Harvey, too, began to sob as he held Bonnie's hand.

A heavy feeling crept into Luna's heart as she glanced at the time.

A split second later, she turned to glance at Rosalyn.

Did Rosalyn not say that Bonnie would wake up at 9 p.m.

precisely? However, the look on Rosalyn's face was just as confused as hers.

What happened? The poison that Bonnie had been put under should have worn off at this point, so why

was she still unconscious with no sign of awakening at all? "Mommy's not breathing anymore!"

Harvey howled at the top of his lungs.

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This sentence seemed to put everyone on their toes.

All of a sudden, Luna felt as though an invisible hand was squeezing her heart.

How could this be? Did Rosalyn not say that Bonnie was not poisoned at all and could wake up

tonight? Why was Bonnie still unconscious and worse...had stopped breathing altogether?

"Bonnie..."

Jim, who had already prepared himself for this moment, tried to feel for Bonnie's breath.

After doing so, he remained silent and instead wrapped his arms around Bonnie's legs tightly.

Apart from Jim and Harvey, everyone else in the room had expressions of shock plastered across their

faces, including Rosalyn.

"No—this can't be!"

Rosalyn narrowed her eyes and stood up from her wheelchair. Her drug could never go wrong! Unless...

Unless Nikki had added something else into the syringe when poisoning Bonnie! However, Nikki had

always thought this was a real poison and could not possibly have added anything else into the

concoction.

At the thought of this, Rosalyn tried to sprint in Bonnie's direction, but she was so frail that after two

steps, her legs gave out beneath her.

Charles quickly picked her up when he saw her fall.

"Are you okay?"

"No..."

Rosalyn stared at Bonnie in the distance and said in a trembling voice, "Bring me over...I want to check

on Bonnie!"

Charles nodded and quickly shuffled over to Bonnie's side with Rosalyn in his arms.

"There's no need to waste your energy, Mother."

Jim let out a bitter chuckle when he saw the worry on Rosalyn's face.

"Didn't you already say that there was nothing you could do? I've already accepted this fact."

He failed to mention that his heart withered soon after.

"No, it's not that, Jim."

Rosalyn exhaled, strode forward, and felt for Bonnie's breath, furrowing her brows.

Bonnie's symptoms...did not seem right!

"Come help me."

Rosalyn glanced at Jim.

"I want to do CPR on her."

"Jim let out a calm, bitter chuckle.

"What use is it to do CPR now?"

The time had already come, and this was Bonnie's cue to leave, was it not? In the days after she had been poisoned, Jim had tried to find ways of curing her, but it all led him to disappointment.

Now that he had already prepared himself for this moment talked himself out of taking his life to join

Bonnie, why was everyone so agitated over this, as though none of them had accepted the truth? Was

it because he was too cold-hearted?

"I can't explain this to you now."

Rosalyn frowned and said urgently, "If you still want Bonnie to live, come help me right now. There was

a hint of solemnness in Rosalyn's urgent voice. Jim hesitated for a moment, then finally sighed.

"Alright."

He was probably the person who wanted Bonnie to live more than ever. Luna furrowed her brows,

glanced at Joshua, and asked in a low voice, "Aren't you going to help?"

"There's no need for so many people."

Joshua frowned, and a glimmer of malice flashed through his eyes as he gazed in Jim and Rosalyn's

direction. He had sent a team of outstanding medical doctors to check on Bonnie's condition every day,

and they would also give Rosalyn a copy of her medical report daily without fail.

Therefore, Rosalyn had always been in the loop about Bonnie's condition, and if anything were to go

wrong, she would be first to find out. It had been seven days, and all her parameters had been stable.

Because of this, Rosalyn was confident that Bonnie's immune system was recovering tremendously and she would wake up in time.

Why, then, did she stop breathing at the moment she was supposed to wake up? The fact that Rosalyn was trying to perform CPR on Bonnie meant that her condition was critical...

Joshua narrowed his eyes and let go of Luna's grasp.

"I'll go check on this."

Then, he strode out of the house and dialed Lucas' number.

"Sir, I'm in the hospital surveillance room right now, and the footage shows that..."

Lucas furrowed his eyebrows, staring at the screen before him, and said in a trembling voice, "Around midnight, Mr.Landry left Ms.Craig's room for about half an hour because Young Master Harvey wasn't feeling well, and he had to take him home.

"The surveillance footage of Ms.Craig's room during this half hour was wiped entirely, but..."

Lucas let out an exhale.One person was caught on the hospital entrance security camera during this time..."

Joshua narrowed his eyes.

"Who is it?"

"It's...Mr.Lucifer Howard, the former Malcolm Quinn..."

"The time he entered and left the hospital...lines up perfectly with the time Mr.Landry and Young Master

Harvey left Ms.Craig's room."

Joshua's hand, which was holding the phone, stiffened when he heard this.He fixed his gaze on a point in the distance, and a glimmer of malice flashed through his cold stare.

Malcolm Quinn.

Not only had he brainwashed Thomas, his biological cousin, to turn against him, but he even tried to hurt Bonnie so that Jim would fall into a pit of despair and be unable to run the family business! Even though Samuel kept praying for him and trying to help him redeem himself, Malcolm still had no ounce of regret at all! Joshua narrowed his eyes.

This time, he would not show Malcolm mercy no matter what.He still had not taken revenge on him for his past sins yet.

"Where is he now?"

Lucas fell silent for a moment before finally saying, "He...He's being well protected in Mr.Thomas

Howard's private residence."

Lucas sighed and asked tentatively, "Sir, I know you're probably irate right now, but you'd better

consider all your options before taking revenge on Mr.Quinn...

"If you don't handle this appropriately, it'll further strain your relationship with Mr.Thomas Howard.

"Mr.Howard is the son of your mother's twin sister, after all, and he— i "He doesn't even give a shit

about me,"

Joshua interrupted him curtly.

"I cherish all my friends and family, but..."

He narrowed his eyes.

"Thomas Howard doesn't deserve any of this."

Lucas did not dare to object any further upon hearing this.

"Sir...do you plan to..."

"Get my car ready."

Joshua let out a sharp exhale.

"I want to go to Thomas Howard's place right now and demand he hand over Malcolm."

Chapter 2488

"Where are you going?" a crisp, childish voice rang out from behind Joshua before he could hang up the call.

He immediately turned around and came face-to-face with Neil, dressed in a dashing suit.

"Daddy, don't you think it's a little inappropriate for you to leave at a time like this?"

Joshua furrowed his eyebrows before a small smile spread across his face. He ambled over to Neil and squatted so that they were at eye level with each other.

"What's inappropriate about that?"

Neil's breath caught in his throat when he met his father's cold gaze, but he still replied obediently,

"Daddy, Aunt Bonnie is in a life and death situation now, and Mommy's entire family is trying their best to save her...so it would come off rude if you were to leave now."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and glanced helplessly at the boy before him.

Out of the three children, Nigel was always the silent one, and even though he was a mature and trustworthy child, he never seemed to care about maintaining harmony in interpersonal relationships.

Nellie was the youngest and had been spoiled by Luna and her two elder brothers.

Therefore, even though she was still considered mature for her age, she was the most mischievous of the three.

Neil, on the other hand, did not appear to be as talented as his brother and sister in their respective fields, but he was still an intelligent child with good ideas constantly.

Because of this, he was always a considerate person and would frequently take other people's feelings into account before doing something.

Therefore, Joshua was not at all surprised that Neil would be the one to say this to him.

Joshua let out an exhale and gently stroked Neil's head, then replied, "Neil, you know better than anyone that I'm not a doctor nor a healthcare professional or any sort, much less someone who knows how to bring back the dead.

"Even if I stay here, I won't be of much use to your Aunt Bonnie at all.

"On the contrary, the person who tried to hurt her is waiting anxiously for news of her death right now,

FFm+AqIL because of this, he won't try to escape yet.

"If I don't seize the opportunity to ambush him right now, he'll surely escape when news of your Aunt Bonnie spreads."

Neil fell silent upon hearing this. He knew that logically speaking, Joshua was right, but...

He also knew that Luna was an emotional person, and if Joshua were to leave at such a critical time and Aunt Bonnie did not make it through, she would accuse him of being a coldhearted person...

At the thought of this, Neil sighed and lifted his head to meet Joshua's gaze.

"Daddy, can you tell me that...the person who tried to harm Aunt Bonnie..."

The glimmer in his eyes seemed to dim as he said, "Is it Uncle Malcolm?"

Joshua's entire body froze upon hearing this.

A split second later, he furrowed his eyebrows and shot Neil a puzzled look.

"How did you know?"

Joshua himself had only discovered Malcolm's appearance at the hospital after hearing Lucas' report, so how did Neil manage to guess it so accurately?

"Because..."

Neil sighed before explaining, "Last night, Harvey wasn't feeling very well, so June secretly made some soup for him and asked me to send it to the hospital for him.

"When I did this, I saw Uncle Malcolm coming out of the hospital and getting into his car..."

"I was confused when I saw this because I thought he had already left Merchant City. I even thought I had mistaken someone else for him."

Then, he bit his lip and said nervously, "Now that you mention someone tried to hurt Aunt Bonnie last night, I can't help but think of him..."

A glimmer of disappointment flashed through his eyes.

"Uncle Malcolm practically watched Nigel, Nellie, and I grow up, and I used to think he was a good person..."

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"I never thought that..."

When he saw the look of despair in Neil's eyes, Joshua was unsure of how to console his son.

He could understand Neil's disappointment and sorrow, considering that the three children had, at one point, thought Malcolm was going to be their new stepfather.

However, this was not the children's fault; it was Malcolm who had fooled everyone.

"How about this?"

Neil lifted his head to stare at Joshua.

"I'm familiar with Uncle Malcolm, so I think I'd better stall him while you stay by Mommy's side."

Neil tried to explain this calmly and clearly.

"I heard you say you wanted to go to Thomas' house and demand he hand Uncle Malcolm over, but I think this is a risky decision, Daddy.

"It's unlikely that he'll hand Uncle Malcolm over, and if you went, it'll only aggravate the tension between you and Mr.Thomas even more.

"Even though you don't care that he's your cousin, he's still Mommy's future business partner, and this added tension won't benefit anyone."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and gazed intently at the seven-year-old boy before him.

After a long time, a helpless smile appeared on his face.

"I guess you're right."

He had been so overcome by rage that he failed to consider the long-term effects of his actions.

After all, he had just sent Yannie to get close to Thomas and obtain his DNA sample a few days ago,

and if he and Thomas got into a dispute at this moment, it would be challenging for Yannie to carry out her task.

At the thought of this, Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and stared at the boy before him.

"You have any good ideas?"

"Leave this to me!"

Neil patted his chest in confidence.

"I'm the one who knows Uncle Malcolm best, so leave it to me, Nigel, and Nellie to lure him out of his hiding place.

"What you have to do right now, Daddy, is to remain by Mommy's side. If... If Aunt Bonnie never wakes up again, Mommy will be the most devastated person in the room, aside from Uncle Jim."

A surge of warmth spread through Joshua's heart when he realized how considerate Neil was toward

Luna's feelings. He reached out wrapped his arms around Neil's shoulders.

"Your mother is blessed to have you as her son."

The warmth of Joshua's embrace made Neil's heart quiver, and finally, he sighed.

"It's my blessing to have you and Mommy as my parents.

"I'm not as smart or talented as Nigel and Nellie, so I can't do much to help you and Mommy, but I try my best."

Joshua's arm stiffened upon hearing this.

"Neil."

He gently pulled Neil away from him and fixed his gaze on the boy's face.

"Please don't even think you don't match up to Nigel or Nellie, and don't you ever think of yourself as anything short of amazing.

"To me, you're the one with the most potential out of the three of you."

He did not mention the fact that, in his opinion, Neil was the one who was most equipped to take over Lynch Group in the future.

Neil sniffed.

"Okay!"

Then, he shoved Joshua away and said, "You'd better get back soon and take care of Mommy!"

"Alright, but promise me you'll take care of yourself too. Malcolm is a very dangerous man, so please watch out."

Joshua sighed, ordered Lucas to dismiss the men he had gathered, and returned to the living room.

At this moment, the entire room was in chaos.

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Rosalyn was in the midst of performing CPR on Bonnie with the help of Yannie and a few other servants.

A thin film of sweat coated Rosalyn's pale, feeble-looking face while Jim glared at Charles in the distance, his entire stance defensive.

"Father, Mother, what the hell is going on?" Jim demanded coldly. His hands were clenched into fists as he fixed his bloodshot eyes on Charles.

"Jim, don't blame Father and Mother for this; they didn't know this would happen..." Luna was holding

onto Jim in an attempt to calm him down. However, the more she tried to do so, the more agitated Jim became.

“What do you mean they didn’t know this would happen?” Jim narrowed his eyes, his face clouded with hatred. “All of you knew that Bonnie would awake from her coma tonight but decided not to tell me, didn’t you? And now that something terrible has happened, you finally decide to tell me the truth? If I had known...

“If I had known Bonnie wouldn’t die and would wake up eventually, I’d put even more care into looking after her so that this wouldn’t happen!

“You let Harvey and I wallow in our sorrow for so long, then finally decide to tell us that Bonnie wasn’t going to die all along. Now, because of your mistake, she’s probably not going to pull through! “Who the fuck do you think I am? How dare you treat Harvey and me like this, and not to mention Bonnie?”

When she heard this, another layer of sweat collected on Rosalyn’s already wet forehead.

Charles, on the other hand, was speechless as he stood there, gaping.

He did not know what to say.

Both he and Rosalyn had thought that hiding the truth about Bonnie’s condition would help Jim realize

his true feelings toward her.

On top of that, they thought that giving Jim a surprise amid his sorrow would make him appreciate and cherish Bonnie even more from that day onwards.

However, neither of them—not even Joshua or Luna—ever thought that something like this would happen without warning.

Now, when faced with Jim's anger, Charles did not know what else to say other than words of apology.

How did this happen?

"Jim, Joshua and I also played a part in all this. It wasn't all Father and Mother's responsibility, so please don't blame it solely on them," Luna whimpered as she clung to Jim's arm. "You should put the blame on me instead!" She was more than familiar with Charles and Rosalyn's condition, and she knew that they were already feeling guilty over this.

Jim were to continue blaming them for what happened to Bonnie and cause them to suffer even more guilt and regret...

She was worried that her parents would not be able to handle these emotions and that something

terrible would happen.

At the thought of this, Luna bit her lip and added, "If anything happens to Bonnie, you can punish me in any way you want, but please don't blame Father and Mother, okay?"

Jim could not help frowning when he heard this. He turned to stare at Luna coldly and sneered. "Why did you think I'd let you off the hook? "You—all of you—are murderers! You killed Bonnie!" "Weren't you the one who killed Bonnie?" Joshua interrupted him curtly.

He strode into the room, pulled Luna into his arms, and together, they shielded Charles from Jim's view. "Have you forgotten?"

He fixed his dark, penetrating stare on Jim's face. "The reason Bonnie had gotten hurt and became unconscious, which allowed Nikki to poison her in the first place..."