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Even after Gwen and Luke's surgery, they would not be able to escape.

Jim Landry...would never let her off the hook! Kate bit her lip and, not daring to spare another glance at

Jim, fled and entered the airport.

The driver, in the driver's seat, looked at Jim exasperatedly. "That was a good chance, Sir! How could

you let her run away?"

Jim narrowed his eyes and looked in the direction in which Kate was leaving. He took a deep breath. "I

know that. Still..."

He closed his eyes. "Gwen's and Luke's life are now in Kate's hands."

He could not ruin the plan Luke had set up for almost more than a year just because of his grudge.

"But..." The driver sighed. "She'll leave Merchant City after the surgery is done, right? By then, are you

not going to avenge Ma'am?"

When he heard the driver calling Bonnie 'Ma'am', Jim smiled a little.

"I still need to avenge her; they can't escape from this." He narrowed his eyes." Even if she leaves

Merchant City, I'll still look for her. I'll head to the Miller family if I have to. For that whole thing about Bonnie, I'll never let those responsible go." They paused for a while before chuckling. "It's not just for Bonnie, of course; it's also for my sister and her husband." If it were not for Luna and Joshua having a strong enough relationship, trusting each other enough, the news that Kate exposed that day regarding Joshua and Yannie... It would surely create a rift between Luna and Joshua. In the hospital. Gwen feebly leaned against the head of the bed as she was fed oatmeal porridge. The oats were not hot nor tasteless, but somehow, Gwen struggled to eat a spoonful. The doctor told her that she had a long surgery to undergo the next day and that she had to eat more to preserve her energy since she would be on the surgery table for long hours. Gwen knew that she had to eat something, but no matter how hard she tried, she could not swallow at all. In fact, she felt nausea, much to her bewilderment. She understood that she was just physically weak, but how could it go to this extent?

"Let me do it." Luke pushed open the door EfSc),{N saw the scene before him. He sighed and accepted the bowl from the caretaker. "Why don't you leave?"

The caretaker handed Luke the bowl as if he was his savior, turned around, and left the room.

After shutting the door, Luke sat by the bed and blew on the oatmeal porridge while feeding Gwen.

"You can't eat?" "Yes." Gwen, who was sickly pale, nodded. "Luke, can you...make some time to be

with me tomorrow? The doctor said that I have a huge surgery that'll take a long time. I'm afraid."

Gwen looked at him with hope in her eyes. "Can you ask the doctor to enter the surgery room with me?

I'm sure you know that the thing I'm most afraid of is surgery. I—"

"I can't be with you," Luke coldly interrupted her. "An hour later, I have to take my men to another city to

deal with something. We might take a few days."

He calmly lifted his head up and fed her some porridge. "Get Luna and Bonnie to be with you."

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Upon hearing Luke's words, the light in Gwen's eyes vanished. She bit her lip and looked at Luke

hesitantly. "You... Must you go today? Can't you get your men to

"No," Luke coldly interrupted her once more. He sounded so aloof that it did not seem like him. "It's only

a surgery. You've gone through many surgeries in the past year. Be good."

Upon hearing his words, Gwen subconsciously looked up at him.

Something was wrong with Luke, and she could feel it. He was hiding something.

Luke never talked to her like that before. Any given time she expressed her fear about a coming

surgery, even if he could not be with him, he would patiently hug her and reassure her.

Despite his possessive nature toward her, he always tried ways to make her stay by his side. In the

past year, he treated her quite gently. His sudden change in character baffled her. "Did...something

serious happen in Sea City?"

Gwen, who did not even know about her condition at that moment, did not know the struggle Luke was

battling on his own. She even did not know Luke's plan. All she thought was that the gang in Sea City

must have been in serious trouble; so much trouble that Luke had no time to be with her.

Gwen's worried gaze made Luke's heart sink.

He took a deep breath and fed her some oatmeal porridge.

"It's very serious, so..." Luke did not dare to look at her. "You take care. I...might be going for a long time this time."

Gwen paused for a while before nodding seriously after a while.

"Okay."

Was this possibly God giving her another chance? Initially, she planned to recuperate and, once she had the chance, would disappear from Luke's life.

At that moment, she was about to undergo a huge surgery, and with how the doctor told her a lot of words she did not understand, she was clueless and had no strong grasp of what surgery she was undergoing the next day.

However, she knew that the doctor guaranteed that after the surgery the next

day, all she needed to do was rest for a week, and her body would be much better. At that thought, she swallowed her mouthful of oatmeal porridge. After eating with much difficulty, she looked up at Luke's face. "Well... You take care, then." She sniffled, trying to gain control over her voice from sounding

choked up. "You have to take care of yourself. Don't smoke too much. Eat on time, CcRb\%{I rest well.

He knew why she said those words. This silly girl thought of secretly leaving while he was not by her side. Did she really think that as long as she left, his life would turn for the better?

In fact, it would not.

Without her, his life was equally dark. Even if he became the gang leader of Sea City and Merchant City, what use was there?

No one truly understood him. No one could enter his heart. Gwen, on the other hand...

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Without him, Gwen could start a new life. She would not need to become the gang leader's woman. No one would pay her any attention or criticize her, mentioning her past repeatedly to the point it haunted

her daily.

With all that in mind, Luke was willing to vanish from this earth. He was willing to sacrifice his all for

Gwen. All that mattered was that she was happy and blissful.

She was worth it.

At that thought, Luke sighed and placed the bowl on the short drawer by the side. He walked over to

Gwen's side once more, reached out, and hugged her tightly.

"I'll take care of myself. You have to get well. Listen to the doctor, and recover soon."

As Luke's aura and body warmth enveloped Gwen, she bit her lip and bore through her tears. "I will."

Gwen lifted her head and looked out of the window, trying not to let her tears fall.

"Luke, I... I'm really happy that I met you."

"Me too." Luke closed his eyes and sighed. He reached out his large hand, held Gwen's chin, and

kissed her passionately. His kiss was fierce and domineering. Gwen, in the past, would have

instinctively resisted every time he kissed like this. Although every time it would only result in a longer

and deeper kiss, she already had the habit.

However, at that moment of farewell, she no longer struggled. She brought her arms around Luke's neck and reeled him closer to her. Her hands crossed behind his neck, pulling herself closer to her. She hugged him tightly, welcoming him.

They kissed each other, lips on lips, as their bodies pressed close.

Time ticked by. Even if they were reluctant to part, Luke gently released Gwen when his assistant knocked on the door.

He looked at her, who was sitting on the bed with teary eyes, deeply.

"I'm leaving." He sighed, lifted her chin, and planted a kiss on her forehead." Take care."

Then, he turned and left the ward without any hint of reminiscence.

Seeing Luke leaving, Gwen felt as though the place where her heart was supposed to be felt oddly

hollow. This goodbye...felt permanent.

Powered by a sudden burst of strength, she took a deep breath AaYb\'IN immediately pulled out the

assorted needles and tubes connected to her before she got down from the bed, barefoot, and ran.

"Luke!" Just when Luke was about to enter the lift, a woman's cry rang out in the corridors.

Luke suddenly stopped in his tracks. He furrowed his brow and turned to see the emaciated woman



Because of that, she always found excuses for herself, telling herself that it was because he kept caring for her too much, so she did not have a chance to leave.

However, at that moment, if Luke truly left, she no longer had any more excuses to lie to herself!

Gwen shut her eyes. Her tears seeped into Luke's clothes, burning his body.

"Can you not leave? "Luke, I... I've been by your side for so long. Not once was I capricious, but this

time, let me be demanding this time!

"I don't want you to leave! No!" Gwen's tears and cries made Luke's heart constrict tightly. He lowered

his head and gazed at how her arms clung to his waist and her tear-stricken side profile.

He took a deep breath, reached his huge palm out, and gently caressed her hair.

"Good girl. I know you were never capricious, so...don't be this time. Maybe next time."

Then, he reached out and gently pried her hands away from his waist.

"I really need to leave." Luke hinted at his men with a look before shrugging Gwen off. How could

Gwen, whose body was frail, be able to withstand such a torment? She stumbled backward, losing her

balance, and almost fell.

Thankfully, one of Luke's men reacted quickly and held onto Gwen. Luke furrowed his brow and strode into the lift without looking back. Gwen slumped to the floor and watched as the elevator door slammed shut. At that moment, she felt that the doors had closed on her relationship with Luke and her heart. Was this...the end of them? Luke was not willing to stay for her. What other reason did she have to not leave him? In fact, Luke never liked her that much, did he? If he said that he loved her and adored her, he would not have chosen that moment to leave when she had such an important surgery the next day. She had begged him many times, pleaded with tears, yet he did not choose to forgo his initial plan. He was not willing to give up any gang mission. He still chose to leave. Gwen closed her eyes as tears fell silently. Perhaps it was all unrequited love. It was all her fault. Perhaps, in Luke's heart, she was just a dispensable woman. Thus, why did she have to miss him?

"Mrs. Larson, let me help you back to your room." Seeing Gwen on the floor crying, Luke's subordinate



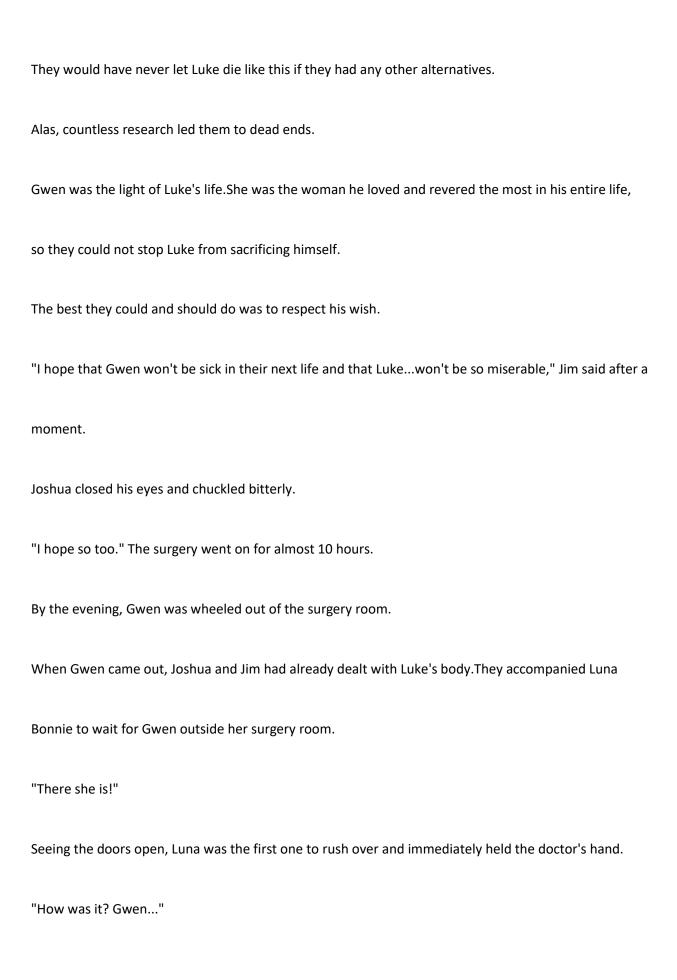
Whichever it was, Gwen did not rest well for the entire night and looked worn out.







The only thing they could do was wait for his lifeless body to be wheeled out and give him a proper
burial.
"If only Luke had a twin brother," muttered Jim while leaning against the chair.
If Luke had a twin brother, would his twin brother's organ be a successful match with Gwen's, too?
Could it be
Joshua turned and swept him a cold gaze.
"What does it matter if he has a twin brother? Are you planning to get Luke to convince his twin brother
to die for the woman that he loves, just so that he could be with her?"
Jim was taken aback by Joshua's words.
After a while, he lowered his head.
"I'm sorry.I was overthinking things."
It was because he missed Luke that he spoke out of line.
Joshua sighed and said nothing as he stared at the door to the surgery room.He knew Jim bore no ill
intent with his words.He, too, was heartbroken for Luke.



The doctor took off his mask as if a heavy burden had been lifted.He smiled and looked at Luna.
"Everything went smoothly."
"It's a success. All she needs to do is rest and recuperate."
At the same time, Gwen was pushed out of the room by a few medical officers.
"Gwen!" Bonnie excitedly got Jim to push her wheelchair over.
" How are you feeling now?"
Gwen was already conscious at this point.
Still, she was so frail as if she was made of paper.
Hearing Bonnie's voice, Gwen feebly looked up and forced a smile at Bonnie.
"I feel alright"
Then, she scanned her surroundings with difficulty as if looking for someone.
After a while, she finally realized that outside the surgery room, there was only Luna, Joshua, Bonnie,
and Jim.
Luke did not return.

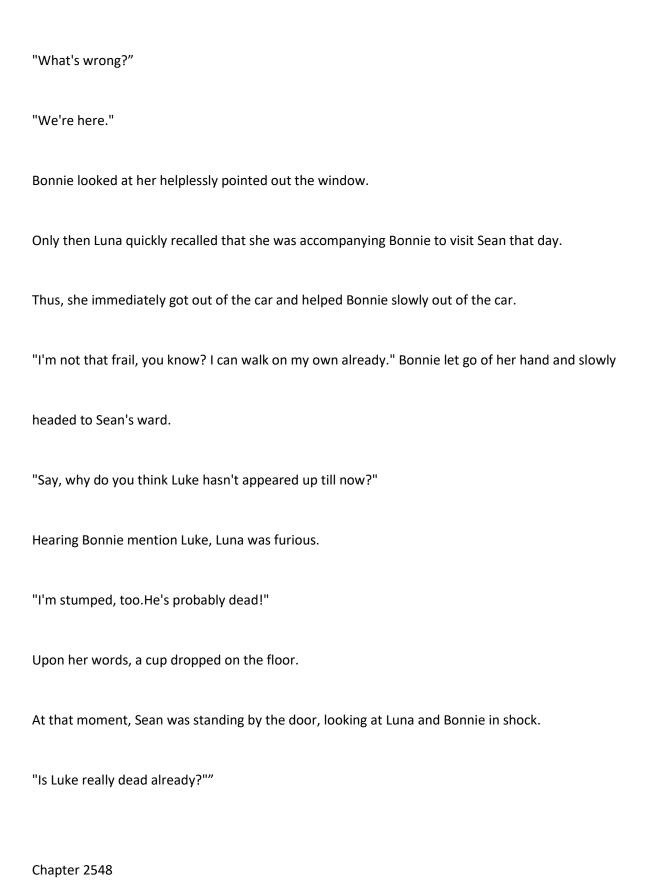
Neither did Kate nor his men. A sense of despair enveloped her. However, she refused to believe this...She bit her lip and looked at Luna. Chapter 2547 "Lulu, is there...any news?" Before undergoing her surgery, Gwen passed her phone to Luna, asking her to keep an eye on it. She was worried that she would not be able to answer Luke's call, fearing that he would be worried about her. Looking at Gwen's hopeful gaze, Luna could not help but look away, not daring to look her in the eye. "No.Luke...is probably busy." He did not call nor send a message. Little did Luna know.....Luke was already buried, alone in a grave. She thought that Luke had simply gone to Sea City to deal with his business and wanted to give Gwen a chance to leave, so he did not contact her. She did not want to disappoint Gwen, so she could not help but add, "He should contact

you after he finishes his business."



Bonnie and she had secretly gone through Joshua's and Jim's phones, but they did not find any
messages from Luke.
Luna even got Nigel to go and check to see if Joshua and Jim had deleted any records of contact with
Luke, but there were none.
Nigel had checked many times.
The results he got were that Luke had never contacted Joshua or Jim.
Due to helplessness, Luna could only look for her old schoolmate in Sea City to ask about the Sea City
gang.Her schoolmate told her that Luke was doing well in Sea City.
The gang was flourishing, even.
Although he never saw Luke in person, Luna's classmate heard that ever since Luke returned to Sea
City, because he was ruling over the city, most of the gangs in Sea City had submitted to him.
Hearing that, Luna was even more furious. Luke was practically thriving in Sea City. Why did he not
contact any of them here in Merchant City?

"Luna?" Bonnie's voice pulled her back to reality.



Sean's words made Luna and Bonnie furrow their brow tightly. Sean had asked her if Luke was already dead instead of questioning why Luna would say Luke was 'probably dead'. From his question, it meant that he seemed to know a thing or two about Luke's odd disappearance, which was why he asked them. Luna narrowed her eyes at Sean suspiciously. "Yes, Luke is dead.Didn't you realize that Luke hasn't returned to Merchant City for more than a month?" Sean had been recuperating in Merchant City all the while. He had no channels to learn about news in Sea City. Luna only said that to lie to him. She wanted to know why his response was that straightforward as though he knew a different reality. However, she did not expect that Sean would sigh and lament regretfully, "I kept thinking that the transplant agreement was fake because I never thought that someone would choose to die just when their life took off.I never would've thought..."

Then, he looked at Luna seriously.

"Do you know where Luke is buried? I...I... want to visit him."

A transplant agreement? Choosing to die when his life was taking off? Bonnie leaned against the wall

as her nails dug into the wall. She already understood something from Sean's words.

It was true after all that Luke adored Gwen.

Why else would he rather let Gwen hate him than let her know about her condition? Why else did he

keep Gwen by his side? Why had he never appeared during such an important moment, such as

Gwen's organ transplant surgery? According to Luke, he could let Gwen do this surgery because he

owed Kate and the Miller family a huge favor.

The favor was so huge that he kept Kate by his side for more than a year.

If Luke did not care about the surgery, he could have chosen not to do that.

Of course, the transplant surgery could be done in any hospital apart from the hospital that the Miller

family sponsored.

However, their hospital was indisputably better. For Gwen's sake, he endured the humiliation and would

rather she misunderstood him.
He stooped down went to look for the Miller family personally on Gwen's behalf, even becoming the
Miller family's heiress' bodyguard for a year.
Would such a man heartlessly leave during Gwen's surgery and not even return once? This was
illogical.
Bonnie had questioned this matter before, but Luna kept saying that she contacted her old
schoolmates in Sea City.
All her schoolmates said that they knew of Luke's news.
They knew that Luke was flourishing in Sea City, so Luna was sure that Luke did not like Gwen at
all.He was just a jerk.
Bonnie, at one point, began to believe in this.
However, when Sean mentioned the transplant agreement, Bonnie thought that her instincts were right
once again.
None of Luna's old schoolmates in Sea City were in a gang.
The news that ordinary people hear was most likely spread by others deliberately, too.

At that thought, Bonnie went forward and grabbed Sean's arm.
'Sean, you said that you saw the transplant agreement between Luke and Gwen.Is that true?"
una was taken aback by Bonnie's words.She furrowed her brow and subconsciously sputtered, ''H—
How could this be possible?"
'Yes."
Sean nodded and lamented helplessly, "Back then, Luke didn't let me tell anyone."
He looked up into the distance.
As he did, Luke's gentle yet intimidating face appeared in his mind.
'I admired him.He, like me, was from a poor family, yet he rose to become the gang leader for two
cities.He's amazing.
'I've thought before of becoming a person like Luke, but I'm not that talented."
Sean continued, "Previously, I even thought that once I got better, I wanted to follow Luke and start
rom scratch.I want to properly be in a gang"

"I don't have anything going on for me, and my education level isn't high either. I can't belike my brother Jim or Joshua, a genius in business, but I have the strength to fight. Still..." Sean sighed. "Too bad Luke is gone. He's still so young..." Then, he looked up at Luna seriously. "Has Gwen recovered? She's not too depressed and self-blaming herself after Luke's heart transplant, right?" Sean innocently thought that whenLuna said that Luke was dead and Bonnie mentioned that Luke transferred his heart to Gwen, they would have already known about the contents of the agreement. Even though Luke made him swear to secrecy, Sean felt that since Luke had already died and that Luna and Bonnie already knew about it, he had no reasonto keep it a secret. However, he did not know that Luna and Bonnie were tricking him. "Gwen is...doing well." Luna clutched her chest. She suppressed the raging emotions in her heart. "Did...Did Luke really show you the agreement before his death?" Sean nodded. "I stumbled upon it unintentionally, and he told me not to tell anyone.

I never thought much of it." After all, things like sacrificing one's life to save the person that one loved
would not happen to a personlike Luke, though such a thing was not entirely impossible to happen.
Luke was a gang leader.
He had witnessed death much more than anyone else.
He would not be such a person.
However, at that moment, when he heard that Luna and Bonnie mentioned that he was dead, he
realized that Luke was truly different from other gang leaders.
At that, he said, blaming himself, "I should've told my brother or Joshua. They were so close to Luke.
Heck, they could've found a way to stop him! What if there was another way to cure Gwen-" "If there
was another way, they would'velong tried it," Bonnie coldly interrupted Sean before he could finish his
sentence.
She closed her eyes.
Her voice dropped an octave as she added, "Joshua and Jim should've long known about Luke and his
decision.
Otherwise, they would've long gone to Sea City to look for him, right?" Luna bit her lip EaYb]& K

clenchedher fists tightly.
For the past month, she had asked Joshua why he did not head to Sea Cityto look for Luke.
To this, Joshua replied that since Luke was a jerk and had disappointed Gwen, he did not need to
lookfor him.
Back then, Luna thought that Joshua was becoming a more emotional person and that he, too,
resented Luke like she did.
However, at that moment, it seemed like
Luna shut her eyes.
It was most likely that Joshua long knew about the truth, which was why he replied to her that way.
After all, more than a month ago, when Gwen was undergoing the surgery, Joshua and Jim were on
the other side, outside the organ donor's surgery room.
Thinking of this, Luna's heart burned with pain as if someone had stabbed her.
She had misunderstood Luke for the past month, had she not? Gwen had misunderstood him, too.
At the thought that he was still misunderstood by others even after his death and no one speaking on

his behalf, Lunafound it hard to breathe.
She bit her lip and took a deep breath.
"Bonnie, you stay here and chat with Sean.
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Seeing Luna about to leave, Bonnie furrowed her brow and grabbed Luna's arm." I'll come with you. "I'll
get Jim to go to Joshua's house.
Well have a proper talk." Luna paused for a while before finally nodding.
"Okay." Seeing the women about to leave when they had just arrived, Sean was a littlelost.
"I- Is something going on?" He was silent for a while, pondering his conversation with Luna and Bonnie.
"You twoDon't tell me that you didn't know anything about Luke?"
Otherwise, why were they so anxious to look for Joshua and Jim after hearing him talkabout Luke? The
more he thought, the more he felt that this was the reason. He panicked a little.
"You two said you want to come to visit me, but it's just to trick me into telling you all this?" Bonnie
stopped in her tracks andturned back to look at Sean.
"No, Sean. We're here to see you, it's true. After all, you've been recuperating here for more than a

month.
We thank you for telling us the truth. Weonly want to go back to look for Joshua and Jim to confirm
whether Luke is dead or alive. Don't you wish he was still alive, too?" Sean was silent for a while
before turning around.
"Let me change. I'll come with you two." Then, he went into his ward.
Looking at his back, Luna sighed.
"Bonnie, do you feel that Sean seemed to have matured a lot in this past month?" The old Sean would
not willingly interact with themor partake in any of their matters.
One was because he had liked Bonnie before, and his non-blood-related sister Nikki had once hurt
Bonnie because of him.
Also, he always said that he was from a poor family, that he was not of the sameworld as them.
He was not willing to touch or be involved in the things of their world.
However, at that moment, Sean himself suggested that he wanted to follow them to Joshua's house to
listen to Luke's matter.

Hearing what Luna said, Bonnie paused for a while.
She also sighed and lamented, "Perhaps he really wanted to know about Luke. He does quite admire
Luke."
Luna nodded.
She could remember the last time she came there looking for Sean, she even brought Yannie along.
Back then, Yannie's hAbXb_ *}JS were hurt too, and so were Sean's.
Luna felt that they two had the same affliction, so she wanted Yannie to get to know Sean.
She was under the impression that something could happen between them.
However, she did not expect Sean to not even cast a single glance at Yannie.
His mind was filled with Kate instead.
Even Kate was a little jealous when Luna brought Yannie over, and Sean even wanted to head out to
lookfor her.
If Luna did not stop him, he would have rushed out to chase after her.
At that thought, Luna felt a little sympathy for Sean for having harbored unrequited feelings for two
women.

One was Bonnie, who married his elder brother and became his sister-in-law instead.
The other was Kate.
Ever since Gwen's surgery a month ago, she vanished entirely.