

## **Luna & Joshua 2551**

### Chapter 2551

Kate brought the Miller family's medical team and left Merchant City, returning to where they came from. Moreover, she left in a hurry, not even bothering to explain what was happening to him properly.

As Luna's thoughts wandered, Sean stepped out, having changed out from his hospital gown into comfortable casual wear.

Seeing Luna looking at him in a daze, he smiled a little tensely.

"Is something wrong?" "Nothing." Luna paused for a while before coming to her senses.

She took Bonnie and Sean along, asking while leaving, "By the way, Sean, did you contact Kate this whole time?" Regardless, Kate was once someone he had interacted with before in Merchant City.

Alas, this was the same woman who had hurt Bonnie before, almost causing Bonnie to never wake up.

Moreover, she had spread the rumor about Joshua and Yannie's nonexistent affair to Thomas Howard, and the rumor took off instantaneously.

Luna remembered all the scores she needed to settle.

She had asked Joshua more than once that just because Kate had left, did not mean they were not going to finish what was started.

Joshua, however, replied that it was not the time.

Luna feared that that day might never come.

On top of Gwen and Bonnie's recovery as well as her work, Luna was busy as a bee.

She no longer had any time to deal with Kate.

It was only because she was meeting up with Sean that she recalled he once had feelings for

Kate, which was why she would ask casually.

"We...have contacted, sort of." At the mention of Kate, Sean's face could not help but pale a little.

"I...have contacted her once when I was bored. I didn't know that she had already left Merchant City. I

even asked her why she didn't come to see me, but..." Sean sighed and Kate's heartless voice rang in

his ears.

"Sean, stop contacting me. I've already left Merchant City. I'll never return to that godforsaken place for

the rest of my life! "Stop harassing me anymore.

Maybe I've treated you well back then and I led you on to think that you and I could be something.

If I caused you to misunderstand, I'm sorry, but I'm now back home.

My fiance had just proposed to me a few days ago, and we're soon getting married.

"Stop looking for me from now on!" Kate was ruthless in his words before she blocked Sean's contact.

Sean remembered how his head throbbed when he heard the disconnecting tone in a daze.

It was not because Kate told him that she had a fiance.

It was because when Kate talked to him, the disgust and smugness in her tone instantly made

Sean feel as if he had a problem in choosing women.

Her arrogant voice made Sean's feelings for her vanish completely.

How could he have harbored feelings for this kind of woman? "Perhaps this is her true colors."

After hearing Sean recounting his phone call with Kate, Luna smiled coldly.

Kate could scheme up despicable things, so it was not weird for her to say such words.

The person that Sean liked previously was not the real Kate.

It was just a fake persona she created.

"It's fine. Everyone gets their hearts broken when they are young." Bonnie raised her hand and patted

Sean on the shoulder.

"You'll meet someone much better in the future." Sean pursed his lips and looked at Bonnie.

Hearing that coming out of Bonnie's mouth, he felt even worse.

Thus, he could only change the topic.

He turned to look at Luna.

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Luna was taken aback by Sean's words. "You saw Yannie on television?" How could that be possible?

Yannie was her assistant, but after a while, she resigned.

After all, it was tough for her because she was not familiar with jewelry design.

Nonetheless, she found a job more suitable for her with good pay, too.

Luna had seen how Yannie struggled to work with Samson and the others in the studio before.

Working among a group of young talents was indeed tough for Yannie.

Every day after work, she was the last to leave.

Typical Yannie; ever the hardworking and serious one.

However, there were a lot of things that could not be achieved just by hard work.

Thus, when Yannie resigned, Luna did not stop her.

She even sincerely wished that she would be better in the future.

Later, Luna asked Mrs.Flores about how Yannie was doing a few times, having been fond of her.

Mrs.Flores always said that Yannie was doing well.

After a few times, Luna stopped asking.

She was afraid that Mrs.Flores and Yannie would mistake her for wanting Yannie to return to the studio

to work.

It had been a long time since then.

Hearing Sean bringing Yannie up, Luna was indeed stunned.

She had been so busy working that she did not have time to watch the television, after all.

“Yes.” Sean nodded seriously.

After getting in the car, he even took his phone out.

He found a certain advertisement video he took with his phone.

“Look. It’s Yannie, right?” Luna furrowed her brow and turned her head.

It was Yannie! Not only that, but it was an advertisement for a body wash! Yannie’s back was facing the

screen.

She turned around and smiled at the camera, showing off her beautiful back.

Her back was slathered with body wash, her fair skin revealing itself after the foam was washed off with water.

It was a gorgeous sight.

Luna looked at the phone in shock.

What was even more shocking was after Yannie's body had been washed off of the foam, a man's hand appeared on the screen.

The hand slowly approached her, wiping the water on her back with a towel, in the end getting in closer to hug her.

That person was no one other than Thomas Howard, who had been constantly causing trouble for Joshua! Luna was flabbergasted as she rewatched the advertisement repeatedly.

There was an inexplicable emotion rising in her heart that she could not release.

It was suffocating How could this happen? Luna remembered how Thomas mocked FcXf(!\L looked down on Yannie.

How could these two end up in a commercial together?! “Do you think this advertisement looks good too?” Seeing Luna rewatching repeatedly, Sean remarked, “This was Yannie’s first advertisement.

Within a month, due to the advertisement, the body wash went out of stock.

Later, many engaged Yannie and Thomas Howard together for an advertisement.

They had worked on a lot of advertisements!” Sean continued searching on his phone.

Sure enough, he found many of the advertisements that Yannie and Thomas worked on.

In every advertisement, Yannie and Thomas were a couple.

Their acts were getting more brazen, too.

The newest one was that Yannie and Thomas were already in bed.

They were filming an advertisement for products used...in bed! Luna’s eyes almost bugged out of their sockets.

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Previously, Luna thought that Yannie was a no-nonsense, hardworking girl. It was after she saw the ads Yannie was in that she realized how great of a body Yannie had and how multifaceted she was.

In her advertisements with Thomas, she had a versatile image. She was adorable, gentle, depressed,

flirtatious, arrogant...She was like a chameleon, changing her colors constantly.

Bonnie came over and nodded.

“So this is the Yannie you were talking about.I’ve seen her advertisements previously.She has quite a good relationship with Thomas Howard.Since they always worked together, many speculated that they had registered their marriage...” Luna pursed her lips and returned the phone to Sean.

“Impossible.” She felt that Yannie and Thomas’ relationship was at most monetary.

Because of the child that passed away, there was no more possibility between Yannie and Thomas.

At that thought, Luna closed her eyes and leaned back in the backseat of the car, no longer

entertaining the information about Yannie and Thomas.

Luke’s face appeared in her mind.Her mind was a mess at that moment.She had to get to the bottom of things, needing to know if Luke truly had died.She...was afraid that she was wrong for calling Luke a jerk all this while.

If Luke was truly like what Sean said and had died because he donated his organs to Gwen, she would feel terrible for Luke and Gwen.

After all, she had been persuading Gwen to leave and not wait for him to return...

Just when she was conflicted, the car had already arrived at Joshua's house.

"Let's get out." As her friend, Bonnie understood Luna's conflict and disappointment all too well.

She gently patted Luna on the shoulders.

"Let's go." Luna came to her senses, turned, and got out of the car.

In Joshua's house, Joshua and Jim were already sitting on the sofa.

Ever since Bonnie called Jim to head over to Joshua's house, Joshua and Jim had already predicted

what was about to happen next, so Joshua got Mrs.

Flores to take Nigel, Neil, and Nellie out to play. He did not want the children to know about this.

For one, he was afraid that the children would carelessly speak about this in front of Gwen.

Also, Luke donating his organs to Gwen and choosing to die was perhaps too huge of a blow for

seven-year-olds, what more with how they looked up to Luke.

Thus, at that moment, there were only Joshua and Jim in Joshua's house.

Once Luna, Bonnie, and Sean entered the house, Luna rushed over to Joshua.

She strode over to him and looked down at him sitting on the sofa.

“Joshua, tell me the truth. Where is Luke right now?” Looking at his wife getting angry, Joshua gently chuckled, his eyes twinkling with mirth and adoration.

“Didn’t you ask your old schoolmates? Isn’t he the gang leader of Sea City now?”

“Tell me the truth!” Luna was anxious.

She furrowed her brow and looked at Joshua sternly.

“Is...”

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“Yes,” answered Jim before Joshua could reply. He furrowed his brow and looked at Luna before averting his gaze to look at Bonnie.

“When we received your calls, Joshua had already guessed that you two were here for this matter.”

Jim shifted into a more comfortable position on the couch as he calmly glanced at Joshua.

“There is nothing to hide. Just tell them. Gwen...needs to know the truth, too.” Joshua, however, shook his head and looked at Luna solemnly.

“It should be between you and Bonnie only. You should still hide it from Gwen.” Joshua sighed and

rubbed the middle of his eyebrows, which were throbbing.

He said, "Before Luke died, he said that we can't let Gwen know about this, no matter what. He didn't want Gwen to live the rest of her life with guilt, missing him. He gave his life so that she could forget him and live a good life, not to reminisce about him for the rest of her life."

Then, he reached out and pulled Luna into his arms. He said in a low voice, "So, no matter what, don't tell Gwen."

"Luna, you and Bonnie, as Gwen's closest friends, need to do the same thing as before, keeping this from Gwen. Tell Gwen that Luke is a jerk and get her to leave Merchant City."

Joshua's tone was rather low and hoarse, something which was quite usual.

"This is Luke's dying wish. Can you both do it?"

Luna bit her lip.

Hearing Joshua's words, she could feel the grief coming from him. It felt like something was lodged in her throat.

She wanted to say something but found herself unable to. She looked at Joshua in silence. She could not tell Gwen. She could not let Gwen know of Luke's sacrifice. She had to continue calling Luke a jerk

and persuade Gwen to not wait for him, to ask her to leave.

This was what she had been doing before finding out the truth.

At this moment, however, she found herself struggling to do the same.

Her conscience would not allow her to speak ill of Luke, a man who sacrificed his life for his loved

one. Was this why Joshua and Jim had been hiding it from her all this while?

At that thought, Luna felt a pang of regret. She regretted visiting Sean with Bonnie that day. She

regretted that due to her carelessness, she tricked Sean and asked the truth.

Had she not done this, she could continue her life in the dark, not knowing what truly happened. She

could continue persuading Gwen to leave while cursing Luke's name.

"Try my best," Bonnie said with a sigh, seeing how Luna could not say anything. Luna and Gwen were

the closest to each other, so Bonnie could understand Luna's sadness.

After all, Luna and Gwen had known each other for more than 10 years. She only knew Gwen for about

a year or so.

Perhaps that was why she could be more heartless in this.

“Let me deal with this.” Bonnie looked at Luna once more.

“Don’t go looking for Gwen for the next few days, in case...you can’t control your emotions.Take it slow.Go there once you’ve collected yourself.” Luna paused for a while.

She could only nod.

Bonnie was no doubt the person that understood her the most.

“Where is...Mr.Jones buried?”

After a long silence, Sean finally could no longer hold back He pursed his lips.

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“North Hill Cemetery, lot three-one-one.” Jim sighed and drew the position of Luke’s grave with a pen and paper.

“If you’re going to visit him, you have to do it secretly.The grave has no name on it...” Sean nodded and kept the paper.

“There is no name on the grave? Is it because you’re waiting for Gwen to leave before announcing his death and carving his name?”Jim nodded.

“Not many people know about Luke’s passing right now.”

Only he, Joshua, and a few of Luke's special confidantes did.

Over at Sea City, it was those few confidantes that were constantly spreading news of Luke.

Many of Luke's gang members did not even know that their leader had passed away for more than a month.

Luke always said that he had no feelings for his subordinates. He claimed that he never cared for them or the gang.

However, seeing how his subordinates had been keeping up the original appearance for the past month, Jim didn't feel that Luke did not care for them.

After all, feelings went both ways. If Luke did not treat them well enough, they would not have been so loyal to him.

Perhaps, only to Luke, nothing was more important than Gwen.

"I still can't believe this." Luna, still encased in Joshua's arms, felt her head pounding.

It felt as if all of her strength had been depleted.

Luke's death was a huge blow to her. She found it hard to accept and believe.

"I, too, wish this wasn't so." Joshua hugged her tightly, burying his chin in her head as he sighed.

"But it is what it is. We can only look forward and try our best to fulfill Luke's wishes."

"Is Luke really dead?" Luna looked up at Joshua.

Her voice choked up a little.

"Could it be that he had used a fake double to escape death and went to live a new life?"

She knew that it was impossible. She used to hate Luke, constantly badmouthing him.

However, at that moment, once she knew the truth, she was rather Luke be a jerk. She found it hard to accept a person who had a living heartbeat just died that way.

"There are no miracles, Luna." Joshua hugged her and said, "Luke cared for Gwen very much. He adored her. More than a year ago, because some people had been spreading rumors about Gwen, he had even given her up and broke up with her so that she could have a better life. Later, Gwen found a fiancé. You know about it, too."

Luna nodded.

Of course, she knew about it.

Gwen previously hated Luke because of her fiancé.

Gwen always said that Luke killed her fiance, preventing her from having a new life.

Joshua looked Luna in the eyes.

“Gwen’s fiance’s death has to do with Luke, but the reason Luke went after him was that he was spreading rumors in Sea City about Gwen sleeping around with many men. That man even...took off

Gwen’s clothes while she was sleeping and took photos of her.

“He took those photos behind her back and edited them. He said that those were the photos when Gwen was being forced on. He even sold it to others for a profit.

“Gwen didn’t sleep with him, so he spread rumors that he didn’t pay her enough and that Gwen was a casual woman who slept around with men.” Joshua’s words made Luna subconsciously clench her fists tightly.

She had only heard of Gwen talking about her fiance previously. She never thought that he was a complete jerk! “Luke has taught him a lesson before, but he didn't learn anything from it.

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Luna felt like every muscle in her body grew taut. She finally understood the depths of how Luke cared

for Gwen...so much so that he could sacrifice his life for her.

In contrast, Gwen's former fiance was a complete asshole. He had some nerve to confront Luke and challenged him with Gwen's name! It made sense why Luke ended his life when he did.

"I'm telling you all this not because I want to tell you how innocent Luke was; I just wanted to speak on Luke's behalf. He never wanted to go against Gwen's will deliberately, and it was never his intention to stop Gwen from starting a new life." Joshua sighed.

"Later down the line, he found out Gwen was sick. He looked everywhere, high and low, for every possible treatment to cure her, but he failed. Luckily, his effort did not go to waste. He discovered that his organs matched Gwen's body.

"Mysteriously, the two of them weren't related by blood, but their organs matched so perfectly. Maybe this is their destiny." Joshua hugged Luna and looked to the far side.

"That's why he chose to pretend to show his over-possessiveness toward Gwen and didn't allow Gwen to leave him. He also pretended to be rude and domineering." Luna bit her lip and held Joshua's hand lightly.

"So you're saying...that he's been doing everything to save Gwen from a year ago? The time when he

insisted on keeping Gwen by his side all the time...?" Joshua nodded.

At that moment, Luna felt like her heart shattered into pieces.

All this while, Luke had been acting, pretending that he was a ruthless, oppressive man. He pretended

that his possessiveness over Gwen was so strong that he could not allow Gwen to leave his side. He

did all of that for a reason.

From the very beginning, he had decided to sacrifice himself to provide Gwen with a future and healthy

body.

"Luke...is a good man." Bonnie sighed.

She turned around to sit down on the sofa despondently.

The entire living room was filled with sadness.

Sean was the one who broke the silence, saying, "Luna, Bonnie, I wish to go to the cemetery to visit

Mr. Jones now. Do you two want to come with me?" Luna exchanged looks with Bonnie before she

nodded resolutely. She should go to Luke's last resting place to pay him respect, to apologize to him for

misunderstand him for such a long time.

Bonnie thought the same, too. She looked at Jim.

“Do you want to go together?” Jim nodded and extended his hand out to hold Bonnie’s hand.

“Let’s go.” Thus, the five of them left the house to go to North Hill Cemetery.

However, no one realized there was a small tapping device underneath the guarding rail on the second floor of the house.

On the other side of the tapping device, a woman was lying on a hospital bed.

Tears wetted her cheeks as they dribbled to her gown.

She never knew the tapping device that Neil gave her for fun would lead to a devastating recovery—a piece of information that would haunt her for days to come.

A month before her surgery, she did not know how severe her illness was.

She did not even know she was going for organ transplant surgery.

During the period she was recovering, Luna and Bonnie did not disclose any information to her, but she got to know that the surgery she had was a transplant surgery.

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Despite that, Gwen did not know who the organ donor was. She tried asking the doctor, but the doctor

told her the same answer every time; the information of the donor was confidential and he was not allowed to tell.

The way Gwen understood it was that it was a rule set by the organ donation association. Thus, she did not ask further and thought it was a kind anonymous person who donated the organs.

Never did Gwen imagine...that the person who donated the organs was not a terminally ill patient. It was Luke, a healthy man without any sickness. He wanted her to live so badly that he was willing to give up his life.

Her fingers clenched around the phone in a vice-like grip as tears sprung into her eyes once more.

Neil was the one who left the tapping device that was linked to her phone when he left.

When Joshua requested Mrs. Flores to bring Nigel, Neil, and Nellie out, Neil was video-calling Gwen in fear that she felt lonely being all by herself in the hospital. Mrs. Flores went upstairs to tell the three children that Joshua and Jim were downstairs and that they had some 'adult matters' to discuss with Luna and Bonnie. Gwen heard that too.

She even laughed during the video call.

“What sort of adult matter that you three aren’t allowed to hear?”

Neil pursed his lips. “I’m not an adult, so how would I know? Still...” The boy rolled his eyes.

“Aunt Gwen, you’re an adult. I can’t listen, but you can. Why don’t I put a tapping device for you? Then you can tell me what the adults are talking about.”

Gwen, despite finding Neil’s intelligence amusing, rejected Neil’s suggestion.

“If they wanted to let me know, they would’ve asked me to join the discussion. Since they didn’t invite me, it means they don’t want me to know. I’m not going to eavesdrop.”

Neil pursed his lips.

“Then no one is going to talk to you once I go out to play. Why don’t we do it this way? I’ll just put the tapping device in the corner. If you want to listen to it, you can. If you don’t, you can just sleep. Deal?”

Gwen turned down Neil’s offer, but Neil was adamant as he sent her the link to connect to the tapping device.

At first, Gwen did not want to listen in, but mankind had always been curious beings. Furthermore, she was bored out of her mind in her ward, so she linked up her phone to the tapping device. Guilt consumed her heart when she listened to their discussion.

The last thing she ever expected to hear was that Luke had died. It was wrong to eavesdrop, Gwen knew this, but she felt fortunate that she was a person who liked to gossip. That was how she was able to hear all that information. Otherwise, Luna, Joshua, the rest might have kept the truth from her forever.

Her tears continued to fall like running tap water when she remembered Luke was the one who requested to keep it from her.

Luke... She wondered how important she, a common girl, was to him. How could she possibly be so important that he would give up everything, including his life, to save him? Gwen did not dare to think further. The more she did, the more her heart would ache like it was squeezed by an invisible hand.

Lying down on the bed, she failed to suppress the tears that spilled every time she thought of Luke.

That evening, Luna and Bonnie returned from paying their last respects to Luke before going to visit her.

Luna tried to steel herself from showing unwanted emotions, but...

"What happened?" Luna gasped, startled to see Gwen's swollen eyes when she entered the ward.

## Chapter 2558

"I'm fine." Gwen sniffled. She raised her head to look at Luna with a faint smile on her face.

"The nurse accidentally hurt me when she came to give me an injection." Luna furrowed her brow warily. It was difficult for her to believe Gwen would cry like a baby just because she felt pain during an injection. She knew how strong Gwen was.

Over the past month, Gwen was required to have special medicine injected into her body after the transplant surgery. According to the doctor, many patients would rather kill themselves due to the pain they suffered when the medicine was injected into them. Luna was worried Gwen could not handle the pain, but surprisingly, Gwen silently took it all like a champ, not even emitting a groan upon the injection. She barely reacted when the needle pricked her skin. The doctor and nurse even wondered if they had given the wrong medicine to Gwen.

Luna remembered how when the injection was over, the doctor pulled Luna to the side and asked if something was wrong with Gwen's nerves. It worried Luna so much that she found several doctors to check on Gwen. In the end, they realized Gwen could feel the pain, but her pain tolerance was strong.

That was why Luna did not believe it when Gwen told her she cried so much that her eyes became

swollen because the injection from the morning was too painful.

Bonnie, on the other hand, sighed and walked over to hold Gwen's hand lightly." You... Were you thinking about Luke?"

Gwen's tears came rushing out of her once more when she heard Bonnie mention Luke's name. She had been trying hard to hold it in. She knew she should have acted calm by not crying and looking devastated so that Bonnie and Luna would not realize something was wrong.

Since Luke had requested everyone to keep the secret from her, she could not possibly let them know she knew the truth. After all, Luke wanted everyone to tell her, when she got better, that he was killed in an ambush during a fight for territory with another gang in Sea City. Hence, in her mind, she should wait for that day to come.

On that day, she would go to Luke's grave to bid him a proper farewell and tell him that his plan had worked.

She was lying to herself, sure, but she wanted everyone to think that Luke's plan went accordingly. Everything Luke planned to do was right, and it would succeed. Nonetheless, she

could not control herself when Bonnie mentioned Luke. She tried to stop crying and looked outside the window.

“Yes, I was thinking about him,” she spoke, her voice quivering.

“Hey, do you guys think he’s dead? Why hasn’t he come to visit me after all this time? He didn’t even call me once.”

Luna and Bonnie did not know how to answer. They exchanged looks with each other, and their gazes were filled with sorrow.

After a period of silence, Luna took a deep breath.

“Gwen, just forget about him; maybe he...doesn’t care about you anymore. Didn’t you plan to leave Merchant City and him? When your body recovers, you should travel and leave this place. Luke...

“That jerk isn’t worthy of your concern and tears,” spoke Luna, gazing at Gwen’s side profile as her heart ached.

Gwen was a resilient woman. No matter how painful the surgery and injection were, she could tolerate them without even a whimper. However...every time Luke crossed her mind, her tears could not stop

falling.

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Gwen was this grief stricken when she did not even know Luke had died. What would her reaction be

is...she knew? What if Gwen knew Luke died for her? She might just pass out from the news alone

With those thoughts in mind, Luna clenched her fists as she said, "Gwen, the doctor said you can be

discharged after one week, and all you need to do at home is to monitor your condition. The process is

about the same as when Neil had his bone marrow transplant surgery. You just need to take your

medicine and come back to the hospital routinely as you'll slowly recover."

"Why don't I...go travel with you a week from now? You don't have to stay in this city or wait for Luke.

He's not worth it."

The atmosphere was silent.

Gwen nodded and looked at Luna smilingly, though her eyes were still glossed with tears.

"Okay."

She could not help but tilt her head to look at Luna again.

"Will Joshua be angry if you travel with me?"

Luna pursed her lips.

“There’s nothing for him to be angry at. Going traveling with you...is also the chance for me to go search for our daughter’s information.” Gwen paused.

“Sounds like a plan, then. It’s about time you and Joshua start to search for your daughter. She’s about three months old now...”

Suddenly, she thought of something and looked at Luna.

“How’s Riley doing?” Luna’s smile froze when she heard Gwen asking about Riley. She sighed.

“Riley... isn’t doing well.”

For the past month, Joshua was caught up with Gwen and Luke’s matters, while Luna was busy with her studio. She had signed a contract with Thomas, after all, so she would be in deep trouble if she did not start the work on her studio.

Furthermore, Rosalyn and Charles were not doing quite well with their health too. Jim had been busy with Bonnie and Harvey.

Luna, with barely enough time for even her three children in the past month, could only free up a

certain limit of time to take care of Riley. In addition, Joshua said he knew who Riley's father was a month ago, but even then, her father never made an appearance, much to Luna's chagrin. On one hCbSd[, |L, she felt that since they had found Riley's father, she should not invest too much in caring for Riley anymore; she wanted to avoid feeling all ached and sorrowful when it was time to hand Riley back to her parents.

Then again, she felt pity for Riley. Riley had left her parents' care for more than three months, but her parent did not even look for her.

Luna even doubted that the infant's father would treat her with love and care when he took her back home. Her heart felt suffocated as if her veins were blocked by stones at these thoughts.

"Didn't you say that you've found Riley's parent, Joshua?" Luna asked. After dinner, Luna went into Joshua's study and sat beside him. While Joshua was reading the document he brought back from work, she asked, "When are you going to let Riley meet her father? I have to see if this man is capable of taking care of Riley. She's very frail now... If her family doesn't care about her, I want to proceed with adopting Riley."

Then, legally, Riley would be her daughter, and she could be at ease expressing her maternal love to

Riley.

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Silence blanketed the atmosphere in the study. Joshua's finger trembled as he was flipping the document. Looking to the side, a small smile was present on his handsome angular face." Why are you in a hurry?" He had yet to figure out what Thomas wanted to do.

Two weeks ago, Yannie had brought Thomas' nails and hair strands complete with hair follicles to him.

The first thing he did was that he had sent those specimens for the test. A day later, he received results from different DNA testing centers, and each result stated Thomas was Riley's biological father, with a 99.99 % probability of paternity. Only then did Joshua believe Thomas came to Merchant City because of Riley. Despite that, it shocked Joshua that Thomas did not visit Riley anymore after the day Kate took photos of Thomas visiting Riley.

Thomas had been very busy, it seemed—with work and making a fool out of Yannie. Sometimes, he would also cause trouble for Joshua and Luna, too. Other than that, Thomas did nothing else. The number of times Thomas visited Riley was lesser than Luna, Riley's adopted mother, and Yannie,

Riley's godmother. His men, meanwhile, were still searching for 'a woman' in the city.

Joshua guessed the woman Thomas was searching for was Riley's birth mother. He was curious about

what Thomas would do when he found Riley's birth mother. Thus, he did not confront Thomas nor let

other people know about the

relationship between Thomas and Riley all this time. He wanted to unravel whatever plans Thomas

had.

"I just think we shouldn't wait any longer," Luna sighed helplessly. She shifted to a more comfortable

position and leaned on Joshua's body.

"I promised Gwen that I'd go traveling with her once she feels better after a week. I'm planning to bring

her to a couple of places outside of the country. Depending on which place she likes, I'll buy her a

house for her to settle down and let her recover there. When she's finally all better and ready to move

on from Luke, I'll tell her then that Luke has died. Will that be better?"

Originally, Luna thought they should do according to Luke's plan Gbsd[{}K announced Luke passed

away in Sea City after Gwen was discharged. However, she could not bear to do it after seeing how

hard Gwen cried when she visited her

in the hospital this evening.

Gwen was allowed to discharge after one week. Based on Gwen's feelings toward Luke, Luna did not think it was appropriate to announce Luke's passing right after being discharged.

"Okay." Joshua wrapped an arm around Luna's waist as he then spoke, his voice husky and alluring,

"You are Gwen's best friend, and you know her situation more than I do. If she's not mentally prepared, then it's not the right time to tell her Luke has passed."

Luna bit her lip and nodded quietly.

"If I'm going to leave with Gwen, I need to handle everything there is, whether it's related to the company or Riley..."

She took a deep breath and looked at Joshua's face resolutely. "If Riley's father can take good care of Riley, as well as providing her the care and love she needs, I'm willing to give him money to help him if he cannot afford to give Riley the treatment she needs. But..."

Luna paused for a while. "If her father is reluctant to be responsible for her and thinks of Riley as a burden, then I won't give Riley back to him, even if he's wealthy."

“Saying all this, I hope I can meet him. If he can be a good father to Riley, it’ll ease my heart to give

Riley back to him and leave the country with Gwen. If he doesn’t...”

Luna pursed her lips. “I can make arrangements in advance. Maybe Bonnie, Sean, or even Yannie can

help to take care of Riley.” Joshua curled up his lips into a smile upon hearing what Luna said. He

raised his hand and softly poked the tip of Luna’s nose. “It’s very thoughtful of you. But...” He cuddled

her and kissed her cheeks. “I need to make arrangements if you want to meet with Riley’s father.” He

frowned and thought for a while.