

Luna & Joshua 2561

Chapter 2561

“Three days. Give me three days, and I’ll tell you who Riley’s father is.” Luna paused upon hearing

Joshua’s suggestion. Then, she nodded quietly. With that settled, Luna started to worry again.

“Looking at Riley now...I’m worried about our daughter. Do you think she’s alright? Did a nice family

adopt her, or...” Luna trailed off before she could continue, unable to stomach any other thought that

could lead to negativity. During this period, she was not in a hurry to search for her daughter because

she knew how fragile a newborn baby could be.

Since her baby went missing as soon as she gave birth, Luna had no idea about the child’s well-being.

She did not know whether her baby was kidnapped as Hunter said or if they were taken away. It had

been three months, so the perpetrators should have shown some signs or contacted either Luna or

Joshua. However, they did not receive any news or information regarding her baby for the past three

months.

In fact, Luna was prepared for the worst-case scenario, which was why she would care about Riley

more than her own daughter. She would rather brainwash and convince herself that her baby was alive

and being cared for by a nice family than make the effort to search. She was afraid that she would

instead come across something horrifying that would devastate her.

This was not the first time she experienced losing her child. The first time was when Neil nearly died during Aura's reign of terror, and this time, her baby was taken away from her after she delivered her.

Understanding her thoughts and feelings, Joshua held her and sighed.

"Our baby will be fine."

Contrary to the way Luna tried to convince herself, Joshua thought differently. His men were still on the search for the baby. He could not allow his baby to wander outside, whether the baby was alive or dead.

Meanwhile, at Jim's house, situated in the city center.

Jim was squatting beside the crib as a troubled expression was present on his face. He was trying to feed Shelly milk with the baby bottle. The baby looked at Jim's face with her shimmering eyes, but she refused to drink.

"Taking care of this baby is so hard." Jim furrowed his brow tried to trick Shelly to drink the milk while whining to Bonnie, "It's very hard, alright."

He had been trying to feed her for more than half an hour, yet Shelly had only drunk once.

“How can you expect her to drink it when she’s not hungry?”

Bonnie was at the side doing rehabilitation yoga. Chuckling, she added, “Why don’t you feed her only when she’s hungry?” Jim rolled his eyes. “She’ll be hungry only during midnight, and by then, she’ll wake you up.”

Shelly had been throwing tantrums for the past few nights, and because of that, Bonnie barely got a solid time to sleep.

“It’s alright.” Bonnie smiled.

“When did you care about me so much? If you’re that worried Shelly will affect me, you shouldn’t have brought her back home for me.”

She raised an eyebrow and looked at Jim.

“Tell me: what were you thinking?”

Jim curled up his lip. “I have no memory of the past. How would I know what I was thinking?”

Later, he put down the milk bottle and pinched Shelly’s cheek.

“Hey, little girl. Why don’t you tell me where your parents are?”

Chapter 2562

[Shocking Revelation! The rising star of the entertainment industry had a baby out of wedlock!]

[Thomas' new girlfriend was a baby mama!] [Finally, the reason behind Yannie's hospital admission resurfaced after three months!]

In the early morning, shocking entertainment news took Merchant City's entertainment industry by storm. News about Yannie's previous pregnancy made its way to every headline.

To many, Yannie was just a nobody. However, to the media and Thomas' fans, she was a sting in the eye. The reason was simple: Yannie had been pretending to be Thomas' screen couple for the past month.

Both of them took part in an advertisement shooting and also went on a romance variety show and a movie as a couple. The only person who managed to have this kind of privilege in the past was Wendy.

At this moment, it was Yannie who took this privilege—the poor, no-name woman. Fans were relentless with their dissatisfaction toward Yannie, while the media sided with Wendy and grieved her luck. Even Wendy herself hinted in several interviews that Thomas had deserted her because of his new date.

Thus, when someone leaked the news that Yannie once had a baby, it became the headlines for the day.

Wendy even posted on Tweeter early in the morning, [God is looking at you all the time. If you don't want other people to find out what you did, it's best that you don't do it.]

Meanwhile, in Thomas' mansion...

"What the hell is this?" hissed Hugo, Thomas' manager, as he threw the newspapers onto Yannie.

"Yannie, you've never told us you had a baby when you signed the contract with our company. Look at all this; they even found out the date of your labor! What else do you have to say about all this?"

Hugo stared at Yannie, who had curled up into a ball, and said with heartbreaking sadness, "If I had known you were a filthy woman, I would've never agreed with Mr. Howard and signed you to be a celebrity in our company. And, I won't even agree to let him pretend to be a screen couple with you, too!

"Look at all the mess you made. Not only are you the target of criticism, but even Mr. Howard has been dragged into this shitstorm, too!"

Hugo's temper sparked even more as he spoke. It took him all his strength to not point Yannie right at

her face.

“Why didn’t you tell us that you had a baby? At least we could build you an image as a sad mother who lost her baby! Look what you have gotten us into today. Those who know you would know that you have a baby with another man, but others will think Thomas is the baby’s father!”

The words that came out of Hugo’s mouth grew intense and provoking. Yannie, sitting on the sofa in her nightgown, curled up into a ball as she said nothing. With her head lowered, tears streamed down her eyes.

She never expected that Doctor Camila, the doctor that had cared for her and helped her way before this, would extort money from her at a time like this. All this began when she saw the advertisements and variety shows Yannie was in.

At first, Yannie was overjoyed to be hearing from her. However, as the conversation dragged on, it felt as though a bucket of cold water was poured down on Yannie, and she could feel her heart breaking.

“Yannie, now that you’re earning money with a superstar like Thomas Howard, shouldn’t you help your doctor, too?”

“Have you forgotten? If I didn’t help you to cover up the reason for your admission, your past won’t be clean like now.”

“Think about it. Do you think you could continue your career in the entertainment industry if people find out you had a baby out of wedlock? After all the help I provided, I don’t think it’s absurd that you give me a hundred and forty -eight thousand dollars.”

Yannie was so taken aback that she fell silent for a good few seconds. “Dr. Camila, I...I don’t have any money.”

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Yannie was not lying when she said that she did not have the money. She was actually forced to sign the contract with Thomas’ entertainment agency.

All she did was agree with Joshua to get close to Thomas because of the one 148000-dollar reward.

She thought only she and Joshua knew about their agreement.

She never thought things would take a turn for the worse.

There was one time Thomas had too many drinks. Seizing this opportunity, Yannie took his hair and fingernail and later brought them to Joshua. What was waiting for her on the other side were threats

from Thomas.

In fact, Thomas was never drunk; he merely pretended to see what Yannie would do. The camera captured everything Yannie did from pulling his hair and cutting his fingernail, much to her terror. She thought Thomas would go look for Joshua, so she begged Thomas to look past this incident.

Of course, Thomas did not care if Joshua was in possession of his DNA specimen -it barely concerned him. Nonetheless, he used that video to threaten Yannie into signing the contract with unequal terms.

Just like that, she became a celebrity under his agency, but she would not be receiving the money stated in the contract. Thomas had set a one-year duration for her. Within this one year, she had to stay and work for the agency, and only a year later would he give her the salary she was supposed to receive.

That was why Yannie had only the 148000 dollars that Joshua gave to her. Additionally, she had used that money to buy a new house in her hometown for her mother, Mrs. Flores, so she could enjoy her days in retirement.

Although Yannie looked like she was living a fabulous life, Thomas' agency was in charge of her daily

spending. She was still like before; poor without money.

Obviously, Doctor Camila did not believe this.

“Come on, Yannie. Are you kidding me? I bet you receive several hundred thousand dollars for that

commercial shooting. Since you’re rich, why can’t you help a person who helped you before?

“Well, if you’re going to be cold blooded, don’t blame me for responding in kind. I kept a copy of your

medical records when you were in the hospital, it’s stored nicely in my study in the house now. Do you

know what’s going to happen if I leak it out?”

Yannie was thunderstruck by the blackmail. “Dr. Camila, ...”

“Two hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars, not a single penny less. Otherwise, expect to see your

name in the news!”

With that, Dr. Camila hung up the phone, leaving only disconnected beeps. Yannie could only comfort

herself and think that this was one of Dr. Camila’s jokes. She bought a present to visit Dr. Camila at her

house, but she got kicked in the end.

Yannie begged for Dr. Camila to see reason behind all this, so much so that in the end, Dr. Camila

agreed not to disclose her medical record.

Yannie thought that everything was over...until it was not.

Shockingly, Dr. Camilar regretted her decision within just a week. She disclosed to the public that

Yannie have indeed had a baby before and falsified medical reports.

“What now, Hugo? What should I do? Shall I offer my life as penance?” whimpered Yannie.

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Hugo was stunned to hear Yannie blatantly offering to end her life to end the chaos.

“I can’t think of anything other than offering my life to repay the damage I caused.” Yannie smiled

bitterly as she looked at Hugo’s face with her hollow eyes.

“It’s true that I had a baby out of wedlock, I won’t run from the fact. My heart was broken when my baby

died. I...”

She sniffled as her voice grew hoarse.

“If I didn’t meet Luna a month ago, I wouldn’t be looking like this. She was the one who took the time to comfort me.

“I thought everything was in the past, that I could finally turn a new leaf in my life as I regained my lust

for life. Heck, I bought a new house for my mother for her retirement. I...I even found a better and more stable income.

"I thought everything will be alright." She closed her eyes as tears ran down her cheeks.

"I don't know why things would turn out this way."

Her past was published like a story, read by many. The wound she so desperately tried to hide was once more ripped open for people to mock and gossip about. She did not understand why it happened.

Did she do something wrong? Was she not humble enough? What should she do to become a normal person, not to be looked down on, teased, and laughed at? Hugo furrowed his brow when he saw Yannie crying miserably. Unable to prolong his anger and verbal rage, he sighed and sat in front of Yannie.

"Yannie, I know I hurt your feelings just now, but I'm really mad. When you started with me, you should've told me everything about your past. At least I'd be prepared, and the public relations department in the agency could have a backup plan. That way, we won't be so defenseless.

"Of course, there's nothing we can't fix. Based on standard procedure, we should take down all of the

news on the internet and think of a way to fix things. But you know, Mr. Howard is shooting important scenes in the mountains. He doesn't have a signal over there, and we can't get to him.

"Without his permission, the finance department of the agency will never release the money to help you take down the news."

He looked at his watch.

"It's seven in the morning now. Our boss, Thomas, will only leave the mountains this afternoon,

BgXd]*IJ we can't wait that long. Who knows how bad the news will become after he comes out."

Then, he checked his bank balance.

"I have seventy-four thousand dollars in my bank. That's still not enough to take down this type of shocking news. Yannie, how much...do you have?" Yannie bit her lip and looked at Hugo. Sadness crept into her heart.

In the end, she still needed to fork out the money...and she did not have that amount at all.

"I'll think of a way." Hugo guessed the answer just from Yannie's expression. Thus, he made the decision. He sat on the sofa and started to call his friends to borrow money.

Yannie was saddened to see how Hugo struggled just to help her. She held her phone tightly and

stared at Luna's name on the screen. In spite of that, she did not have the nerve to call Luna.

Luna had made arrangements for her to work in her studio, yet she resigned because she was unable to pick up the necessary skills. After that, she went behind Luna's back and started working in the entertainment industry.

She was ashamed to reach out to Luna for help after all the trouble she had caused.

Chapter 2565

Amid Yannie's hesitation, her phone rang.

Luna was calling, and the mere name on the screen sent Yannie's heart racing. For a moment, she thought she was seeing things.

Why would Luna be calling her at a time like this? Nonetheless, the called ID was real, and she was not hallucinating.

"Why are you not answering the phone?" Hugo furrowed his brow and asked when he heard Yannie's phone ringing. Yannie paused for a moment, her hands shivering as she did. After much struggle, she picked up the call.

“Luna.”

The instant she picked up the phone, her voice was hoarse. The emotions that had stilled after her conversation with Hugo roared to life upon hearing Luna’s voice on the other end. She bit her lip and tried to say a complete sentence. Despite that, her throat felt constricted, and she could not say anything.

“Yannie, don’t cry.” Luna, reading the news from her computer in the studio’s office, sighed.

“Did the doctor who helped you betray you?”

The information on the news was so complete that it looked exactly like the medical reports from the hospital. She remembered Yannie once told her that her medical report was withdrawn by a kind-hearted doctor who treated her with respect.

The doctor had told Yannie that she must not let anyone know she had a baby out of wedlock, knowing that Yannie was not married.

After that, Luna got inspired by Yannie.

She went back home and told Joshua that he needed to take into more consideration the search for Riley’s birth mother. Thus, when Luna saw the detailed information about Yannie’s delivery, her first

reaction told her that Yannie had been betrayed.

“You can say that,” croaked Yannie, sniffing.

“Dr. Camila contacted me. She blackmailed me and asked for two hundred eighty eight thousand dollars to keep her mouth shut...b-but I don’t have that much money. My contract with Thomas’ agency stated that I can only receive my salary a year later, so I...” Luna sighed. She gripped her phone tightly.

“Don’t cry, Yannie. I’ll get Joshua to help you take down the news. You should still go through this with Thomas’ agency about how to this, though. I don’t know anything about the entertainment industry, so it’s best that I don’t provide you with any advice. You need to calm down first and know that nothing is impossible.

“Call me anytime if you need help.”

Yannie’s sobs intensified upon hearing Luna’s heartfelt words.

“Luna, thank you

“Don’t thank me.” Luna smiled helplessly.

“Alright. Calm yourself for the time being. I’ll call Joshua now to take down the news.”

After that, she hung up the phone and made another call to Joshua, who was in his company looking at a contract. After listening to Luna, he furrowed his brow and switched on the computer.

As expected, all the headlines were about Yannie.

Clicking on one of the websites, the hospital name and the date Yannie gave birth appeared in his sight.

Joshua squinted.

“Luna, Yannie gave birth on the same day you did.”

Chapter 2566

Luna was startled by Joshua’s words. For a minute, she could not register what he truly meant and thought Joshua was grieving for their missing child.

“Is...that so?” Luna sighed. She clicked open the news website again. “Oh, wow... I wouldn’t have noticed it if you didn’t tell me.”

Luna knew Yannie had a baby out of wedlock, so when she saw the news, her first thought was that

Yannie got betrayed and did not pay attention to the information published in the news. It only came to her mind after Joshua mentioned it.

“What a coincidence for us to deliver on the same day,” remarked Luna.

“It’s not just that.” Joshua, on the other end of the line, inhaled deeply before he solemnly added, “The hospital Yannie was in was the same hospital Hunter said he stole Riley from. The day Yannie delivered her baby was the same day Riley and our daughter were born.”

This took Luna by complete surprise, so much so that her phone nearly dropped to the floor. “Joshua... Are you saying...”

“Yes,” said Joshua. “I’ve checked every pregnant woman in the hospital, and no one reported a missing child. So, I suspected as you said that the mother could’ve been pregnant out of wedlock and her medical record was taken away.

“Nonetheless, there were too many girls admitted to the hospital, and all of their medical records were complete. That’s why my men couldn’t find any lead. Now that I see...”

He took another deep breath as his emotions began to whirl. “I think Yannie is Riley’s birth mother.”

The statement dropped like a bomb, and Luna felt her body becoming tense. She leaned back on her executive chair as her voice became erratic.

“How can that be?”

If Riley was Yannie’s daughter...

Suddenly, Luna remembered the times Yannie visited Riley in the hospital. The first time Riley saw

Yannie, she smiled so happily. Luna even joked with

Yannie, saying that Riley must have adored Yannie.

When Luna knew Yannie also liked Riley, she even proposed to let Yannie become Riley’s godmother.

It never struck Luna that Yannie was Riley’s birth mother. However...

Luna bit her lip.

The father of Yannie’s baby was Thomas. Furthermore, Joshua said he knew who Riley’s father was,

DeRe_{\$J he had the paternity test to prove that person was Riley’s father.

With these thoughts in mind, Luna gripped her phone tightly and asked, “You said that you have found

Riley’s father. Her father...”

Luna sniffled. “Is it Thomas Howard?”

Joshua furrowed his brow lightly. “How did you know?”

Luna’s heart plummeted.

She could accept the fact that Yannie was Riley's birth mother and even felt fortunate to hear that.

However, when hearing that Riley's birth father was Thomas, her heart clenched in disconcertion.

Chapter 2567

Ever since the day Thomas arrived in Merchant City, he had been targeting Luna and Joshua, resulting

in Luna's hostility toward Thomas. It amazed her to find out Thomas was the father of the baby girl she wanted to adopt.

"Did Yannie tell you this?" asked Joshua when Luna did not answer his question. He furrowed his brow.

"Yes," Luna answered faintly, "and I don't like Thomas."

She did not think Thomas would treat Riley and Yannie kindly.

At this moment, Yannie was in a partnership with Thomas, and she was one of the celebrities under his agency. She was helping Thomas to earn income as well.

The news of Yannie's previous pregnancy was all over the city, yet Thomas did nothing. He did not even bother to take down the news after Yannie was that deep in trouble. If Luna did not think about letting Joshua take it down, who knew how this whole chaos would turn out?

If Thomas could not even guarantee to protect Yannie, who was earning income for him, how could

Luna believe Thomas could provide a good environment and future for Riley?

Luna bit her lip while thinking. "Could we... Could we not let Thomas know his relationship with Riley?"

Rather than letting Riley know about her father, she preferred to let Riley live

Joshua's chuckle was heard on the other end of the line. It seemed as though he did not need to hide

this anymore.

Thus, he shifted into a more comfortable position and, with a smile, gently spoke, "I know you're at

odds with Thomas, but maybe the truth isn't what you had in mind."

Joshua looked at the computer screen, trying to let Lucas handle Yannie's news as he explained to

Luna, "Maybe Thomas knew Riley is her daughter from the moment he was here in the city. Maybe

Riley is why he came."

Luna held her breath. She could not believe what she heard.

Thomas...was in Merchant City because of Riley?

Joshua nodded as though having guessed what Luna had in mind. "You don't have to be surprised.

He's really here for Riley. So, do you now know why Thomas wanted to take Malcolm in DfXc\\$_M give

him a new name, Lucifer Howard?”

Luna bit her lip, falling silent for a moment before she nodded vehemently.

She should have seen this coming. If there was no secret transaction, Thomas would never be so kind to take in Malcolm.

“So, Malcolm used Riley’s information to make a trade with Thomas, and Thomas took Malcolm in and came here, right?”

Joshua nodded. “Unfortunately, Riley was sick in the ICU when Thomas came. I bet Malcolm must’ve made false accusations about us to him. That, in turn, caused him to target you and me.”

Joshua smiled bitterly.

“Do you really think Thomas would attack us for no reason? Just because of our previous generation?

My mother and his mother have been dead for many years now.”

Luna did not know what to say. She really did think...that Thomas was targeting her and Joshua

because of the thing that happened between the past generations. She also thought Thomas was

inexplicable.

Everything he did, after all, was for Riley.

“The reason Thomas didn’t take care of Yannie’s problem is that he’s probably in a mountain with no connection to the outside world. He has no idea what happened.” Joshua laughed. “Do you still think he’s an inexplicable and irresponsible man?”

Chapter 2568

“Luna, I wanted to tell you about this after Thomas comes back, but...” Joshua paused for a while before he continued, “From the looks of it, maybe we can sit by the sidelines and watch for now. If Thomas can handle the matter this time, then we should trust that he has the ability to take care of Yannie and Riley.

“I know that you both aren’t on the best of terms due to your past conflict, but if he can handle it well this time, maybe we should give him a chance. After all...”

He sighed. “After all, Riley is his daughter. Maybe he and Yannie could give Riley something we can’t.”

Luna’s knuckles protruded as she gripped her phone tightly. She understood everything Joshua had said, but..

“Okay,” came Luna’s simple reply after a deep inhale before she hung up.

She closed her eyes and adjusted her sitting posture to feel more comfortable after putting the phone down.

Her feelings were tumultuous at the moment, and admittedly, she was a little sad.

They finally found Riley's parents...but they were not what she imagined.

Originally, Luna had a glimmer of hope. She selfishly thought that if Riley's parents were the irresponsible type and could not take good care of Riley, she could keep Riley by her side. With that, she at least had Riley with her if they failed to locate her daughter. She had a solid reason and consolation to continue with her life.

In spite of that, her selfish thoughts and hopes were shattered at this very hour.

Yannie and Thomas were Riley's parents.

Luna still remembered how Yannie cried in front of her and said how the trauma of losing her baby still haunted her. Thomas, on the other hand...

Originally, Luna did not think he was a responsible person. However, according to Joshua, Thomas came to Merchant City because of Riley, and he went after Luna and Joshua because of the infant.

No matter how much Luna disliked Thomas, she had a hard time convincing herself Thomas did not like Riley.

Thus..

Luna closed her eyes. Despite her helplessness and devastation, she had to give Riley back to her parents.

Riley was about to leave her.

Where was her birth daughter, then?

The news on the internet was dealt with swiftly. Within half an hour, Hugo discovered all the news about Yannie on the internet was deleted. There were still a few netizens discussing it, but they were not able to cause any detrimental damage.

Touched by this change, he looked at Yannie. "Yannie, who are your friends? How are they this capable? I could only think of two people who could take down that news in such a short period—Mr.

Howard EcYd_ "İL Joshua Lynch!"

Yannie bit her lip and stayed quiet for a moment. Then, she said, "Joshua Lynch was the one who helped me."

Hugo was silent

Seconds later, he slapped his forehead. "That's right. You had a rumor with him before." Then, he looked at Yannie curiously.

Chapter 2569

"You and Joshua... Is your baby..."

Yannie furrowed her brow unhappily. "Hugo, I respect you because you've been a kind, good manager to me, but if you continue to say such nonsense, I won't be nice to you anymore."

She took a deep breath and sternly declared, "I'm going to explain to you this once: Mr. Lynch helped me because I'm a friend of his wife, Ms. Luna. My mother is working in his house as a maid. That's why I was in and out of his house when someone took those photos. As for my baby..."

She raised her head and looked at Hugo sternly. "If you truly take the time to understand Mr. Lynch and his wife's information, you'll notice he was never here in Merchant City when I was pregnant."

She then closed her tired eyes and planted herself on the sofa. "That's all I want to say."

Hugo furrowed his brow as he looked at Yannie. Finally, he sighed. "Yannie, please don't be angry at

me. I was just talking crap. I won't say it again, knowing you'll get mad because of that."

He turned around and started to work with his laptop. "Take a rest. I'll make the announcement and suppress the rumor."

Yannie nodded. She closed her eyes and rested on the sofa.

Thomas left Merchant City to go to the mountain area to shoot his movie yesterday afternoon. Before he left, he had left homework for Yannie. He requested Yannie to stay at home and memorized the script.

The script was the next movie Thomas and Yannie would star in together. Even if Thomas did not request it, Yannie was ready to make an effort. As such, she did not sleep last night, having spent the whole night studying the script, understanding the characters, and also memorizing her lines.

She was about to take a rest when the sun was out when all of a sudden, her news took the city by storm.

It was only when Hugo said he could settle the rest of the matter did she finally feel at ease and slept.

"Wow. She managed to sleep after what happened?" she heard Thomas saying in her dream. "Such a heartless girl."

Following, Hugo sounded troubled. "She's not heartless. She's been reading the script the entire night.

When she was about to rest in the morning..."

Hugo sighed. "We need to thank Joshua Lynch for this time. If it weren't for him, who knows how much worse the situation will be when you return?"

Thomas sneered, "She should be the one thanking him, not me. Joshua didn't do it because of me."

"But...he did help us after all. Based on his personality, he must've known Yannie was a celebrity from our agency. After how we targeted him previously, he's still willing to help. It's exceptional," Hugo expressed his opinion.

Thomas merely scoffed CaTg^+1M said nothing. The compliments from Hugo about Joshua probably got to him.

After a while, Hugo continued to talk, "Sir, what about Yannie? What should we do? Now that everyone knows she was pregnant before being in a marriage, you

"For the sake of your reputation, it's best for you to make an announcement to

Otherwise...it'll affect your reputation and fame."

Thomas smiled. "My reputation will be affected just because she had a baby out of wedlock? What if the public found out I have a three-month-old baby? Will that affect her reputation?"

Chapter 2570

In her dream, Yannie vaguely heard Thomas saying he had a three-month-old baby, but she could not remember anything else. After all, she was dog-tired.

It was 8 p.m. when Yannie finally woke up from her sleep. The first thing that popped into her head was her dream about Thomas telling Hugo he was a father to a three-month-old baby.

She rubbed her throbbing head, but she could not tell if it was a dream or if she overheard it during her sleep when Thomas and Hugo were talking.

After much thinking, she decided to go ask Thomas.

When she got out of bed, she realized she had been sleeping on Thomas' bed. She clearly remembered falling asleep on the sofa in the mansion!

Did Hugo have someone else carry her upstairs after seeing how tired she was? Nonetheless, Thomas had arranged a room for her ever since he requested her to stay in the mansion. If Hugo wanted to send her to the room, he should have sent her back to her room instead.

Moreover, her room was on the first floor, and Thomas's room was on the second floor. There was no way to mix things up!

She stood in the room and looked at the familiar yet strange design. Her mind was a mess. It was impossible for her to end up in Thomas' bedroom!

After a while, Yannie took a deep breath. This was not the time to ponder about what happened, and she should leave the room before Thomas returned back. She did not want the egoistic man to think she was up to something and ended up sleeping in his room!

With that, she quickly walked to the door and wanted to leave, only to note in horror that the door was locked from the outside.

Worse still, when she was trying to open the door, she saw herself on the metal door handle's reflection. The only thing she was wearing were her lacy bra and panties. Her slender and fair legs and arms were exposed!

When she looked down, she saw the stretch marks on her belly. For a minute, she was bewildered before she stubbornly extended her hands, to touch the

stretch marks on her belly. Her heart was in pain.

If it were not for the news about the stretch marks on her belly, she would have forgotten she was once a mother. It had been three months, and she had used that three months to stop grieving the death of her baby.

All that...

All that effort, yet her past came back to haunt her. Her pregnancy news was all over the city, while the belly she fought hard to hide during the advertisement shooting was exposed.

She closed her eyes, and at this very moment, she felt lost at how uncertain her future seemed. After what happened this morning, she felt even more helpless about the days to come.

Although she did not know who brought her to the room, she swore she fell asleep on the sofa and was wearing clothes at that time. Someone must have brought her to Thomas' room, taken off her clothes to expose her stretch marks, and locked her inside the room.

It was as though...the perpetrator wanted to let Thomas see how embarrassed and disgusting she was when he returned to the room.

Amid her despair, Yannie heard footsteps coming from the end of the walkway, and there were two

different footsteps.

One sounded like the footsteps produced from leather shoes, possibly a male. The other sounded like the clicking of high heels.

The footsteps were getting closer and closer.

“Thomas, I did some investigation.

“The information published on the news is real. Yannie had delivered a baby before!” rang Wendy’s voice, evidently gloating.