Luna & Joshua 2601

Chapter 2601 Luna did not know whether to laugh or cry. She immediately got out of Joshua's arms.

"Nigel..." "You two continue." He opened the door to the study. "My siblings will care for me." He thought

for a while before saying, "Aunt Yannie will take care of me too." Then, he shut the door and left. Luna

blushed a little. Before she could say anything, Joshua hugged her waist from behind." The boy is very

understanding. We can't disappoint him now, can we?"

Then, he gently kissed her cheeks.

Feeling his warmth, Luna's heart constricted tightly. She turned to look at his angular face." Joshua."

"Hmm?"

"We've found Riley's parents." Luna sniffled. In the end, she still could not help but bring up this topic.

"When... When will we be able to find our daughter?"

She only dared to bring up this topic when she was alone with Joshua at that moment.

That day, when she saw Thomas and Yannie appearing together at the hospital, she felt inexplicably

sad although she looked calm outwardly.

She knew that she should not be sad. Riley found her parents, after all, and she should be happy for

Riley. Still, she could not help but feel sad too. Previously, when she could not find her daughter, she could still lie to herself that even if she could not find her daughter, she still had Riley. However, at that moment, Riley's identity had been made known, and she no longer had reasons to lie to herself. Riley was not her child. She could not find her child. Every time she thought about this, she felt as though her heart was pierced. "We'll find her." Joshua sighed. He hugged her arm tightly and said in a low voice, "Don't worry. Whatever happens, we'll still bring her home. We must." Receiving Joshua's response, Luna was not cheered up either. After all, she knew better than anyone else how challenging this matter was. She knew...the chances of a three-month-old's survival. After a while, she adjusted her breathing. She turned to look at Joshua. "Let's not talk about the child. As for..."

Luna paused for a while. "As for the matter of your mother Bq- }bpts Thomas, what do you plan to do?"

She knew that Joshua would not let Adrian go.	. However, if they wanted to get Adrian to admit to his
crimes, they needed Thomas' cooperation.	

After all, Rianna's last five years on earth were spent with the mother—and—son pair, Eanne and Thomas.

Eanne had already passed away, and only Thomas was left.

At the thought of that, Luna could not help but furrowed her brow. "Thomas still has a deep misunderstanding toward you. I think we should properly talk to him." Joshua could not help but smile at Luna's words. "I also think I should properly talk to him, which is why I brought him back."

Chapter 2602 Luna was taken aback as she stared at Joshua in disbelief. "Y-You...brought Thomas back?"

"Mhm. He was drunk at a bar, and I bumped into him."

Joshua held Luna tighter to his form as he placed his chin on her head and gently kissed her fragrant hair. "He's downstairs right now. Yannie is taking care of him."

Luna paused for a while before remembering that Yannie initially wanted to leave but Nellie kept

holding her back, wanting her to look at her designs.

Did that mean... Yannie stumbled upon Joshua bringing Thomas back? That was too much of a coincidence.

"This isn't a coincidence." Joshua seemed to have guessed what Luna was thinking and could not help but smile. He gently reached his hand out and ruffled Luna's hair. "I got Nellie to make Yannie stay."

Joshua's deep voice came from the top of Luna's head. "If Yannie was telling you the truth, Thomas' misunderstanding toward me might be more than I imagined. If Yannie isn't there, even if Thomas comes around, he wouldn't be willing to talk to us."

Luna could not help but sigh at Joshua. "So you got Nellie to make Yannie stay by making her look at her designs?" That explained it all.

Nellie, who always said that Neil did not understand design and refused to let him see her designs, would show her designs to Yannie, who was just as clueless.

This was all part of Joshua's plan.

However, she furrowed her brow and pried his hands off her. She turned around and looked at him seriously. "Since you needed someone to make Yannie stay, why did you look for Nellie and not me?"

She was the one who brought Yannie home. Furthermore, she was an adult. If she said she wanted

Yannie to stay for a little longer, she believed that Yannie would not refuse her. 1

Why did Joshua make Nellie, a child, do it?

Joshua could not help but smile at the grumbling Luna. He raised his hand and gently pinched her puffed—up cheeks. "Nellie was the one who contacted me, so I got her to help."

Then, he took his phone out of his pocket and passed it to her. "I have proof," he said while fishing out his chat with Nellie.

Sure enough, it was Nellie who contacted him first. Nellie did not message him about anything important. She only told him that 'Aunt Yannie' was at their place Ds.} avw: that her 'Mommy' was seriously talking to her, so much so that she even forgot to make her cookies. Looking at Nellie grumbling to Joshua over the phone, Luna could not help but chuckle. Nellie contacted Joshua not because she missed him, not because something had happened to

her Mommy, but because she did not get to eat her favorite cookies!

At that thought. Luna shook her head. "I think I should head downstairs and continue making them for

Nellie liked to snack. If she did not get her cookies that day, she might not sleep well that night.

"Okay." Joshua reached out and gently caressed her head. "Make some for me too." He was curious what Luna's cookies would taste like. More accurately, he had been curious since she returned to his side a year ago. Back then, he did not know about Luna's identity and only treated her as a stranger with ill intentions. However, he long knew about Nellie's love for her cookies. He had tried to see what Nellie's cookies taste like, but that petty child never shared anything with him.

Looking at the smile on Joshua's face, Luna laughed. "Okay." Then, she left the study, all while Joshua watched on with a small smile on his face.

Chapter 2603 It was until the door to the study door closed that Joshua finally let out a sigh. He slumped to the chair by the side as if his energy was depleted. He closed his eyes. Luna's words to him kept ringing in his ears. 'Thomas always had a prejudice toward you. The truth is, it's because of your mother.' "Joshua, your mother didn't die in childbirth. She was killed by your father.' 'As for the things that happened when you were five...it's not your fault. You don't need to blame yourself.' Joshua smiled

self-deprecatingly. How was that not his fault? How was he not to be blamed? Although he could not clearly remember his memories when he was five, he did remember a crazy woman rushing toward him, asking him to call her his mother.

Back then, he was mature for a five—year—old. He also knew that his mother had passed away and would never return. However, everyone in the Lynch family has never shown him his mother's photo.

His father said that it was unnecessary. His grandmother said that she was afraid that he would be sad.

Before he was 18, Joshua did not even know what his mother looked like. When he did reach that age, he had already begun to get busy with the company. He did not connect his beautiful mother to the mad woman he met when he was five.

He had never cared about the incident that happened when he was five. From how he saw it, it was just a mad woman who wanted to become Adrian Lynch's wife, which was why she deliberately said those words to try to trick him.

He never would have thought...

He never thought that the woman he met when he was five was his mother, and he sent his mother, who had already escaped Adrian, back to him.

Thus, it was right that his aunt, Eanne would hate him.

Thomas was right in hating him right from the beginning, too.

It was all his fault-all of it.

Joshua shut his eyes and tried to recall the incident when he was five years old. He tried his best to find a connection between the incident and his mother, but no matter how he tried, he could not recall any heartwarming conversation he had with his mother back then.

There was only him being on guard, as well as his mother's lunacy. He reached out Cq!|hup< balled up the paper on his desk. It was as if only through that he could release the pent—up emotions in his heart.

Right at this moment, his phone rang.

He opened his eyes in annoyance and swept a glance at the name on his screen. When he did, he was taken aback.

Adrian Lynch was calling. As far as he could remember, this was the first time Adrian called him after leaving Banyan City for more than a year. Joshua hesitated for a while and furrowed his brow before picking the call up.

"Joshua," came Adrian's voice, sounding tired and helpless. "I'm out of cash. Can you help me out?"
Chapter 2604 "Joshua, I know that you don't like me. You even hate me, but if I had any other choice. I
wouldn't have looked for you."
Adrian began to complain, "Some time back, a group called Orming Tech came to Banyan City to do
business. They were looking for a partner and found me. "You know how careful I am. Initially, I never
thought of working with them, but I had no choice. They were great at brainwashing people. After your
aunt was brainwashed, she forced me to invest with her.
"I had a momentary lapse of judgment, so I agreed to it and even invested all of my money in
1. it.
"I initially thought I could earn from that and have a good life with your aunt, but"
Hearing Adrian's words, Joshua narrowed his gaze. He swiftly typed in his computer to search for
Banyan City's recent news

He had not paid attention to things in Banyan City for a long time, but his home base was still in Banyan City, which was why anything that happened to the malls in Banyan City, someone would

compile a document and send it to him at first notice. Thus, Joshua could simply look through it and find information on Orming Tech. Sure enough, the boss behind Orming Tech was none other than the person who was drunk, unconscious, and under the care of Yannie – Thomas Howard. Joshua narrowed his eyes. In fact, since Luna told him about his mother's true cause of death and the reason why Thomas hated him, Joshua had seen this coming. Due to his mother, since Thomas felt that none of the family members of the Lynch family were good people when he came to Merchant City to go up against him, he would have gone after Adrian, too. It was just what he thought. Thomas used Orming Tech as bait to lure Adrian and his wife in and successfully conned them of their money. "Joshua, help me out." Seeing Joshua not saying anything, Adrian sighed and continued lamenting, "If Michael wasn't in

prison, I'd still have someone to rely on. But Michael is terrible. He did such a thing... "Joshua, I can

only count on you right now. You don't have to give me much; one Fo&{evx< a half million dollars is
enough! One and a half million dollars, and I'll never come looking for you anymore. Please!"
Adrian knew that Joshua had been doing quite well in Merchant City for the past year, which was why
he had asked for this amount.

"You have a happy family and are earning lots right now. Just treat it as if you're sympathizing with your old man, please?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes. Listening to his father's pretentious voice, he smiled icily. "Sure." Hearing him agreeing to it, Adrian was so excited he almost jumped in joy. "Are you certain Joshua? That's amazing! i knew you'd be as kind as your mother. I knew you'd care for me!" Upon hearing Adrian mention his mother, Joshua narrowed his eyes. "I've never met my mother before."

All thanks to Adrian, might he add. Adrian, on the other end of the line, did not understand the meaning of Joshua's words. He thought that Joshua was just lamenting casually, so he pretended to be sad and sighed.

"Your mother was a good person. Back then, when I was down on my luck, she was the one who

helped me. Without her..."

Halfway through, Adrian was suddenly at a loss for words. After all, he had no feelings for Rianna at all.

He merely used her for his benefit.

Chapter 2605 That was why at that moment, even after Rianna had passed for almost 30 years, Adrian could barely remember what she looked like. He had almost forgotten everything about her, too.

Thus, after being silent for a while, in the end, he could only say once more, "She truly was a great person. It's a pity that she had such a short life." Joshua sneered listening to Adrian talking. His heart turned cold. "I have other things to do, so I'm going to end this call."

Joshua took a deep breath and calmly added, "I'll get Lucas to transfer fifteen thousand to you.

"Fifteen thousand?!" Adrian was instantly infuriated. "How is fifteen thousand enough for anyone? Are you joking, Joshua? You have assets worth billions, yet you're only giving your father fifteen thousand?

Don't you think other people would laugh at you when they hear that?

Joshua sneered. "Mr. Adrian Lynch, if I remember correctly, the family gave you at least three million after Granny passed away. It's enough for you to live.

"Yet, in one short year, you finished spending all that money. That doesn't seem to faze you, but me giving you fifteen thousand dollars is embarrassing?

"I remember when Granny passed away and I gave you the money. I've told you loud and clear that from that moment onward, you no longer have any connections with the Lynch Group or Lynch family. "I'm giving you fifteen thousand dollars only because I pity you. You were begging me like a beggar, which is why I'm giving you this amount. My pity for you is only worth this much." Then, Joshua coldly hung up. He placed the phone on the desk and chuckled bitterly, shifting into a more comfortable position on the chair. He shut his eyes and recalled how Adrian literally stuttered in talking about his mother on the phone call just a moment ago. Adrian had always said he loved Joshua's mother the most, that she was his life.

Even since Joshua was young, Adrian had always complained that his birth was the cause of his mother's death, that Joshua had caused Adrian to lose the woman he loved the most. Joshua believed it. He had believed that his birth was the one that killed his mother. However, at that moment, he finally saw Adrian for who he was. It was not that he believed whatever Thomas told him. It was that if Adrian had truly liked his mother, why, when he brought his mother up, could Adrian not say anything else

other than that she was a great person? If a loved one passed away, one should have kept their
memories of them Col fvo- cherished them. How could Adrian have forgotten his mother so easily?
Luna had left him for six years. In those six years, his feelings for her grew stronger each day,
so much so that her smile and voice were imprinted on his mind, However, Adrian was not like that.
The person he loved the most was himself.
"Joshua?" At that moment, Luna brought cookies in. Seeing him with his eyes closed sadly. she sighed,

walked over, and placed the plate down. She gently held his hand. "I know that you must be sad." Luna grabbed his hand with both her hands. "Once Thomas is up, we'll go and talk to him. We'll make time and visit your Granny's grave together, alright?"

Chapter 2606 Thomas slept for the entire night. When he woke up, it was already the next afternoon.

The moment he openedhis eyes, he was greeted with the sight of the unfamiliar room he was in, and his mind

was instantly blank.

He reached his hand and massaged his throbbing glabella.

He could not, for the life of him, remember where he was or how he gotthere.
He pushed himself to sit up and realized that he was in a guest room with simple decorations.
There was a painting on the wall, and the signature at the bottom of the painting was Theo Allen.
Thomas furrowed his brow.
Theo Allen? Was that not the artist who was close to Luna and Joshua?
Where was this place? Why was Theo'spainting here? At that moment, he registered that something was
pressing against his legs.
He lowered his head to see Yannie, lying next to his legs and sleeping soundly.
It was her arm that was pressing against his leg.
Her hair was rather messy.
She looked weary too as if she had been caring for him the entire night without sleeping.
Thomas furrowed his brow as a peculiar feeling rose in him.
If he remembered correctly, they were both bitter when they split ways yesterday.
He thought that Yannie would ignore him for quite some time.

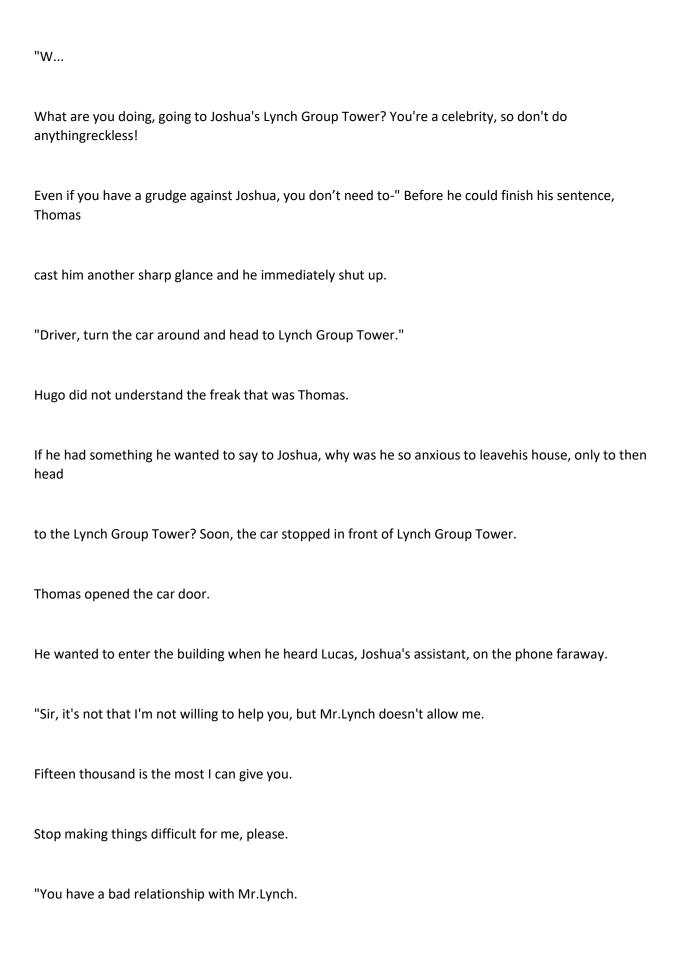
He never thought that she would be caring for him after he got drunk last night.
"You're up?" Sensing his gaze, Yannie.yawned and slowly got up, looking at him groggily.
Thomas furrowed his brow.
"You were taking care of me last night? Where is this place?" Yannie sighed and got up to pour himsome
water.
She passed him the glass of water and looked at him before saying in a low voice,"This is Joshua's house,
where Joshua and Luna stay in Merchant City." Thomas could barely hold his glass properly when he heard
what she said.
He furrowed his brow.
"Joshua Lynch's house? Did you take me here?"
"Mr.Lynch was the one who took you here." Seeing how detested he looked upon the mention of Joshua,
Yannie helplessly rubbed the middle ofher eyebrows.
"You were drinking last night, Gx% eyl; Mr.Lynch coincidentally bumped into you.
If it weren't for him, after you got drunk last night, Wendy would've taken you away, and you'd probably be

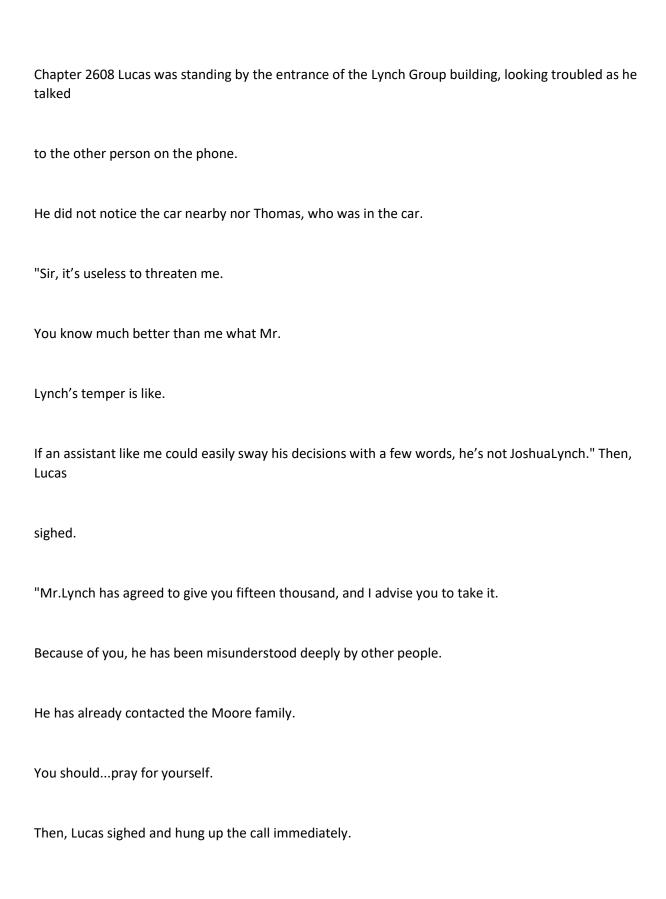
waking up in her bed instead rightnow." Yannie's words instantly darkened Thomas' expression.
He was indeed drinking the night before.
Also, even if he did not remember much about the night before, he vaguely remembered seeing Wendy when
he was drunk.
Thus, Yannie was not lying.
At the thought of him almost falling into Wendy's setup and Joshua witnessing, even taking him back home
Thomas felt uneasy.
Although he hated Wendy and did not want to have anything to do with her, he hated owing Joshua a favor
even more.
When he came to Merchant City, he thought that Joshua and Luna were abusing Riley, so with hatred in
hisheart, he went there to seek revenge.
However, for the past month of being in touch with them, he realized that the truth was not as Malcolm put it to
be.

At least, although Joshua and Luna were a little negligent with Riley, they did not mistreat her.
Due to that, Thomas was already quite annoyed.
On top of that, Joshua helped him out when he was drunk and brought him home.
Chapter 2607 That meant Thomas owed Joshua even more. At the thought of all that, Thomas' mind was a
mess. He didnot want to get further involved with Joshua nor did he want to see his hypocrisy.
"You don't have to feel uncomfortable about this.", As if she could read his mind, Yannie sighed.
"Mr.Lynch didn't want me to tell you all these.
He said that you have high self-esteem, so you surely would reject any help.
Thus, he and Luna left early in the morning, leaving only us both and their three children at home.
"Mr.Lynch got me to let you leave after you woke up.
You can pretend that this incident has never happened before." Then, Yannie placed Thomas' clean clothes in
front of him.
"You can put on your clothes and leave.

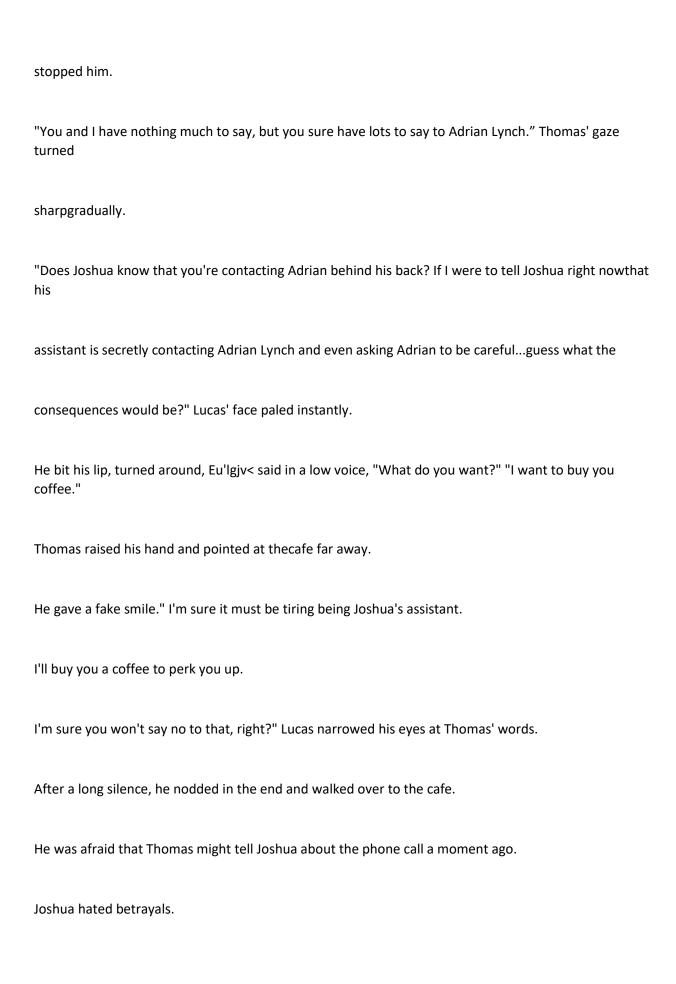
I'll wait for you outside." Then, without waiting for a response from him, Yannie turned and left.
Thomas was leaning on the head of the bed.
He looked at Yannie leaving and furrowed his brow tightly.
A long time later, he lowered his gaze to see the clothes placed by the side and sighed heavily.
10 minutes later, after washing up, Thomas was in the car, leaving Joshua's house.
Hugo, who came to pick him up, saw how tired and wretched he looked.
He could not help but say, "Are we just leaving like that?" "Any comments?" Thomas curtly rolled his eyes at
Hugo.
"Am I going to stay and thank Joshua and Luna?" he sneered before closing his eyes andleaning back on the
back seat.
"What is Wendy doing today?" Hugo, who was sitting in the passenger seat in front, was silent for a while.
"She isprobably in prison right now." Thomas furrowed his brow and suddenly opened his eyes.

I think it was Joshua's doing.
He reported her violating your and Yannie's privacy.
On top of that, last night, she sneakily escaped going to the bar.
Right now, the police are watching over her tightly." Then, Hugo could not help but sigh.
"What do you think Joshua is after? For the past month, you kept going up against him, but he still helped you
to dealwith Wendy.
Last night, he even brought you home.
If I didn't know your relationship with him, I'd think that he was your relative.
He cares about you Bm- }bjt< gives in to you so much."
At that very moment, Hugo clearly sensed Thomas' darkened expression.
He immediately shut up and said nothing else.
Thomas leaned at the backseat when a few moments later, he suddenly opened his eyes.
"Don't take me home yet.
Head to Lynch Group Tower." Huge could not help but furrow his brow at what he said.









He hated the betrayals of the people he trusted the most.
Previously, during the incident with the doctor, Lucas had already betrayed Joshua once and was caught.
This time, if Joshua found out that he had been secretly in touch with Adrian all this while
Lucas did not dare to imagine if he would still have the chance to work for Joshua.
Soon, they were seated at the corner of the cafe.
"Mr.
Chapter 2609 Lucas looked up at Thomas seriously. "If there is anything you need my help with, tell me." Of
course, he knew that Thomas had takensuch a huge effort to see him.
It was not purely to chat with him.
He did not have the time to chat with him either.
Looking at Lucas' serious face, Thomas narrowed his eyes and said slowly, "I overheard some of your
conversation with Adrian Lynch a moment ago." He loweredhis head and stirred the cup of coffee, calmly
adding, "Does Joshua have a bad relationship with Adrian?" Before seeing Lucas that day, he did not know

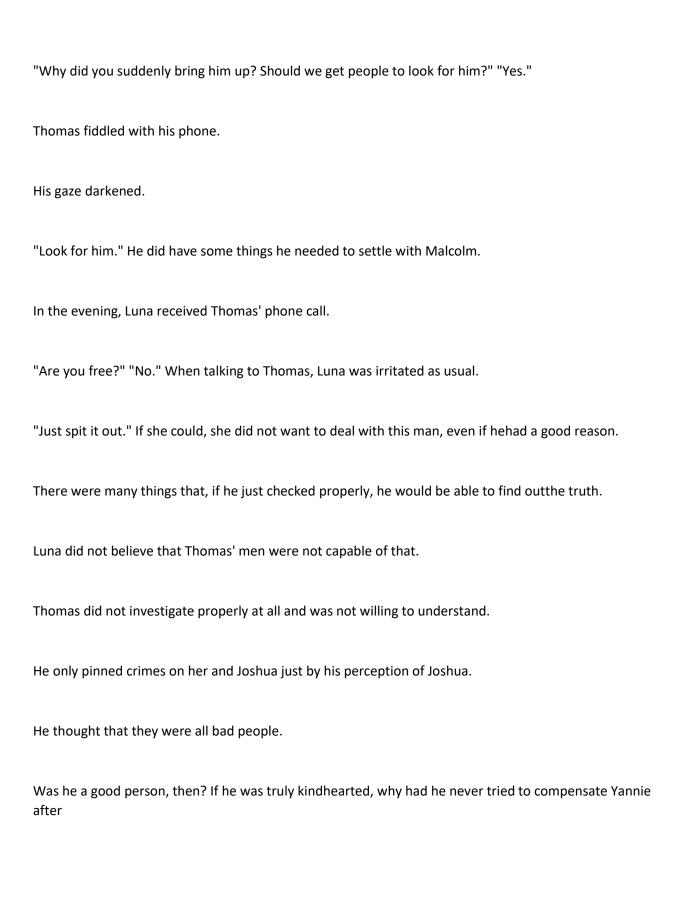
that Joshua had such a terrible relationship with his father.
He did research it before, of course.
The outside world has always said that Joshua and Adrian did not have a good relationship.
He also found out that Joshua has publicly condemned Adrian before.
However, when he asked Malcolm about this, Malcolm said a different story.
"What we see is what Joshua wants us to see.
He always told the public that he didn't have a good relationship with his father, but it's not important tolisten to
what they say.
We have to see what they did.
"Look, you have conflicts with your father, which is why you never live together, but Joshua and Adrian had
always been under the same roof.
A year ago, Joshua even gave Adrian a few million dollars to live out his old age.
How could that be a' bad relationship'?".

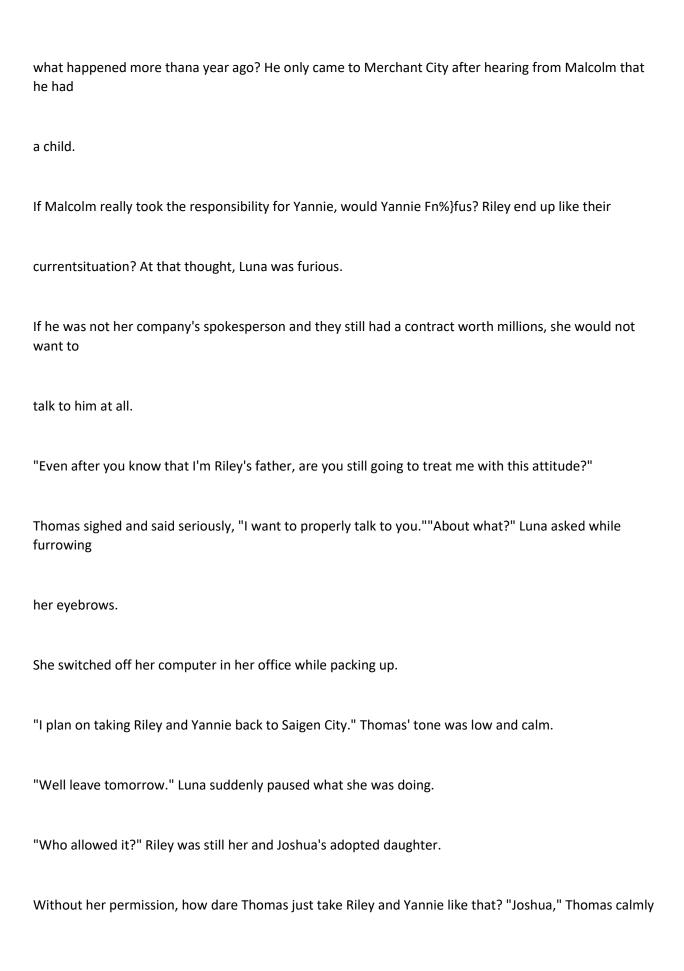
Back then, Thomas thought it made sense.
After all, he did not get along well with his father.
Any father-son relationship which turned sour should be the same way.
Joshua, on the other hand, said that he did not have a good relationship with Adrian, but he still stayed under
the same roof with Adrian while giving him money.
Thus, Thomas lumped Joshua on the same team as Adrian.
However, the words that Lucas spoke were different from what he thought.
"Their relationship can't be defined as bad." Lucas furrowed his brow, picked up his cup of coffee, and took
asip.
"Their relationship is terrible.
Mr.Lynch's mother died in labor.
Ever since then, his father disliked him An%}hxl> thought that"
=""> his birth was the cause of his mother's death.Lynch grew up with the hatred of his father.
Later on" Lucas sighed and told Thomas everything he knew in a low voice, including about MichaelLynch



Chapter 2610 "What is Lucifer doing recently?" said Thomas into the phone as he walked out of the cafe. Lucifer Howard was the new name he gave Malcolm when theymade a deal. After all, back then, Malcolm had been kicked out of Merchant City by the Quinn family, and he could possiblystay in Merchant City with his original identity. Thus, Thomas gave him a name and a fake identity. Lucifer thus followed him and his management company team to Merchant City. That was why Thomas' subordinates had never heard of Malcolm Quinn. They only knew that he was Lucifer Howard. "He hasn't returned in a long time." The driver sitting at the driver's seat drove while furrowing his brow. "Didn't you instruct us not to care about him anymore? He was initially living with us, but a month or so ago, he accepted a call, and he suddenly becamerich. He treated us to a meal and said that he was going to do great things, so he left our team." Then, the driver could nothelp but lament, "Later on, I heard that he was working for a rich man, but he







replied.