

Luna & Joshua 2721

Chapter 2721 The man tumbled onto the ground and landed so hard that he could not get up. After a long time, he finally picked himself off the ground and lifted his head to reveal his bruised face. His face was so scarred one could barely make out his appearance. "Ms. Miller, I've already tried my best to choose the right person for the job. I never thought Steven would appear at the last minute and end up colliding with the truck..."

"I'm sure you think it's my fault, but you yourself have to admit that this was not part of your plan, too, right? I followed all the instructions you gave me..."

The man climbed up from the ground and plopped back onto the sofa. "I've already sent some people to keep an eye on Joshua and Thomas, and I even specifically picked a time when they wouldn't be around to do this.

"It's not my fault that things didn't go as planned..." Kate's rage slowly subsided when she heard this.

She rolled her eyes at him and said coldly, "Thankfully, Gwen didn't seem to realize that we tried to kill her, and Steven hasn't yet gotten the chance to tell her that he was trying to protect her.

"You, think of another plan to kill her." A glimmer of malice flashed through Kate's eyes." Gwen must

die.”

The only way for Steven to fall in love with her was to get rid of Gwen.

Initially, Kate had intended to replace Luke’s brain with Steven’s so that he would fall for her, but none of that worked. Even if she had not told Steven the truth, Joshua and Luna would eventually expose her.

This was why she had to risk everything and tell Steven the truth; she had hoped that Steven would be touched by her honesty and choose to be with her.

However, she had clearly underestimated him.

To her surprise, after knowing the truth, not only was Steven unmoved by her efforts to save him and her willingness to put other people at risk for him, but he even began to sympathize with Gwen.

Therefore, her only choice was to get rid of Gwen once and for all.

Should Gwen die, Steven would become her puppet, and she would no longer have to worry about him turning back into Luke.

At the thought of this, Kate turned to glance at the man next to her. “Do you understand?”

The man nodded fervently. A split second later, he shot Kate a timid glance and asked, “Ms. Miller...if I

help you accomplish this task...will you... Will you help me complete my surgery?"

Kate glanced coldly at the man's scarred face and smiled. "Of course. I never go back on my promises.

As long as you help me get rid of Gwen, I'll be sure to help you schedule your surgery

—it'll be as easy as ABC." "Thank you, thank you!" The man clasped his hands together in gratitude. "I

promise I'll do

my best!" "Alright." Kate pursed her lips and stood up, evidently in a better mood than she was just a

few minutes ago. "I'll be off now. Also, remember to do a clean job, and don't let anyone discover our

connection. You hear me?"

The man nodded. "Understood!" Kate finally let out a scoff before turning to leave.

Sitting on the sofa, the man finally let out a sigh of relief after hearing Kate's car pull away. He lowered

his head to take out his phone and dialed a number with shaking hands. At the exact same moment,

Thomas' assistant pushed open his office door. "Sir, I've found Malcolm! We detected a signal from his

phone just seconds ago! "We've traced the signal to a rural part of town on the outskirts of Saigen

City!"

Chapter 2722 Thomas narrowed his eyes. "Malcolm is here in Saigen City?" His men had been trying to track down Malcolm in Merchant City, and initially, they could still trace his phone signal. About a month ago, however, the phone signal disappeared without a trace.

No matter how hard he tried, he could not seem to locate Malcolm's whereabouts after that. It was as though he had disappeared into thin air.

Nonetheless, Thomas had no intention of letting him go.

Because of Malcolm's meddling, Thomas ended up misunderstanding Joshua and Luna for so long that he almost got into trouble. Not only that, but he almost had Bonnie killed, too!

Even though Thomas had not taken part in this directly, he still could not help feeling remorseful for his actions.

If he had not believed Malcolm and brought him back to Merchant City, Bonnie would not have gotten into that situation at all.

Therefore, he had to make Malcolm pay the price, and because of this, he had assigned some of his men to keep an eye on Malcolm whenever there was any trace of his whereabouts.

However, Thomas never thought Malcolm would dare step foot in Saigen City.

Did he not know that Saigen City was Thomas' territory?

At the thought of this, Thomas narrowed his eyes and glanced coldly at his assistant. "Are you sure that's where the signal is coming from?" "Yes." The assistant nodded. "However, we can't be sure of his exact location yet. The signal only appeared for a few minutes before disappearing—he could've turned on his phone just to make a quick call.

"Of course, we're a hundred percent certain that it was Malcolm."

"Good." Thomas narrowed his eyes and stared wistfully at the wall as though his thoughts had traveled far, far away. "Keep an eye on him, and assign more people to keep a look out at the airports, bus, and train stations. Be ready to capture him as soon as he appears."

As long as Malcolm was still in Saigen City, he would eventually be able to find him!

"Yes, Sir." The assistant nodded and left, closing the door behind him.

Thomas closed his eyes and shifted into a comfortable position in his chair, preparing for a quick snooze.

However, a few minutes later, his phone rang. It was a call from his mother, Tina. "Thomas, are you

coming home for lunch today? Your father wants to talk to you.”

Thomas curled his lips into a sneer. “Does he? What does he want now?”

He took a sip from his cup and added, “Is he going to beg me not to take away all of the family

inheritance again? Have you forgotten what happened in the past?

“The only reason Howard Group is doing so well now is because of my mother. Mother and Aunt

Rianna were the ones who had provided Father with the money to start the family business in the first

place. As her only son, I have the right to inherit all of these; I don’t think there’s any room for

negotiation.” The color drained from Tina’s face as she glanced at Denise, who was sitting next to her.

“I know that, Thomas, but the reason he wants to see you isn’t this...”

She narrowed her eyes and contemplated for a moment before finally saying, “The truth is, your father

wants to apologize to you. He’s realized his mistake, and not only that, he feels he owes your mother

an apology too... “Aren’t you going to hear what he has to say?”

Chapter 2723 Thomas narrowed his eyes when he heard this. “Is that true?”

This was new.

“Of course it is!” A glimmer of triumph flashed through Tina’s eyes when she sensed Thomas’ attitude

letting up. “Of course it’s true. I know I lied to you before, Thomas, but I wouldn’t dare to do it anymore.

“After all, you know how good that helper of yours, Joshua Lynch, is at his job—he’s already claimed

most of the family inheritance. Your father knows that if he doesn’t admit his mistake now, he won’t

have any way to fight back against you.

“At the same time, he’s still holding onto his ego, so he insisted I call you and persuade you to come

home. Then, he’ll apologize to you, and you can discuss everything together.”

Tina was trying her best to coax Thomas to come home.

Thomas narrowed his eyes at this.

A split second later, he curled his lips into a smirk and scoffed. “Well, he should’ve thought of this in the

first place.”

This was why he had enlisted Joshua’s help—to get back what was rightfully his mother’s!

Thomas narrowed his eyes at the thought of this and said, “I still have a meeting to attend, so I’ll

probably only be home around noon.” “Okay!” Tina was delighted to hear this. After getting Thomas’

confirmation, she hung up the phone.

“Are you sure this is going to work, Mrs. Howard?” Denise asked, frowning.

“Why not?” Tina scoffed and crossed her arms on her chest as she lay against the sofa comfortably. A

glimmer of malice flashed through her eyes as she stared into the distance.” You’re impatient too,

aren’t you? Well, if you don’t get your hands on Thomas right now, there won’t be any more

opportunities in the future!” Then, she opened the coffee table drawer and placed a small bottle on the

tabletop. She pushed the bottle toward Denise and said, “This is a special pill I acquired from the

hospital. It’s supposed to promote ovulation. If you take one now, it’ll take effect just in time for Thomas

to come home from work.”

Denise bit her lip, picked up the bottle, and hesitated for a moment before finally swallowing the pill

whole. The reason Thomas was treating Yannie so kindly was because they shared a child together,

Riley.

Well, if Yannie could do this, she could do the same, too. She would get Thomas to sleep with her and

bear his children, too!

“Good girl.” Tina smiled as she watched Denise swallow the pill. Then, she put on her usual kind,

understanding facade and clasped Denise’s hand gently. “We’ll definitely succeed together, but not only

that...I'm sure Dan will succeed too."

Dan Howard was the son of Tina and Senior Howard – Thomas' half-brother. Denise nodded. "Don't worry, Mrs. Howard. I...I'll try my best." Then, she lowered her head in feigned embarrassment, but a glimmer of spite flashed through her eyes. She wanted to see how Thomas' attitude toward that wretched Yannie would change after that night.

As soon as Thomas abandoned Yannie for her, the Hughes family would never have to worry about that bitch Gwen ever again!

Chapter 2724 Yannie was at the hospital with Luna and Rachel in the midst of comforting Gwen when she received Thomas' call.

From the moment she returned to the hotel, Gwen had been sitting in silence in front of the window, staring out at the view.

No matter what Luna and Rachel did, Gwen would stare out the window blankly as though she could not hear a single word they said until Yannie arrived. Yannie held her hand and patiently described everything that had happened—to Steven to her. This was when the familiar gleam in Gwen's eyes

began to return.

She lifted her head to stare at Yannie in puzzlement. "Are you saying that Steven and Luke were possibly brothers or even twins?"

Yannie nodded. "I overheard Thomas' spy saying this. Apparently, the Hughes family had been blessed with a set of twin boys, but for some reason, the boys had been ill since birth, and one of them even almost died.

"Therefore, they sought out the help of a fortune teller who foretold that..."

Yannie paused for a moment before continuing, "He said that one of the children would curse the entire family, and this was why his brother was so ill. "Unfortunately, they were superstitious people and thus abandoned the 'cursed' child." Gwen bit her lip and could not help thinking about Luke.

As the person closest to him, Gwen knew that Luke despised talking about his childhood and family.

After all, he had no family, and his upbringing had been a tragic one.

He was adopted and abandoned by families again and again, which was the reason he ended up joining a gang during his teenage years.

However, Luke probably never thought that he was the son of the Hughes family, one of the most

powerful and influential families in Saigen City.

He was not an orphan whose parents had died after his birth—he had been abandoned because of superstitious beliefs!

“If Steven and Luke are truly brothers, everything will make sense,” Rachel said. “Identical twins share the same genetic material, so if Luke’s heart was a match for Gwen, Steven’s would, too. —” guess the Hughes family had been planning this for a long time. Steven had gotten into his accident about five years ago, and they must’ve tried every other solution to no avail before finally considering using their abandoned son.”

Gwen bit her lip as a chill went down her spine. He had been abandoned as a baby by his own parents, and even before his death, he had been tricked by his own family to ‘replace’ his comatose brother. A twinge of pain shot through Gwen’s heart at the thought of this.

Luke.

Her beloved Luke. Why would God do this to him? Why did everyone Luke met end up abandoning, deceiving, or using him? All of a sudden, Yannie’s phone rang. It was Thomas.

She glanced at the phone and excused herself from the room before answering in the hallway. "Hello?"

"Yannie," Thomas' low voice rang out. "Will you be willing to accompany me to visit my parents at noon later?"

Chapter 2725 Yannie paused and instinctively glanced at the closed door. "I'm with Gwen-" "I need you,

Yannie," Thomas interrupted before she could even finish her sentence. There was a hint of excitement

in his tired voice as he said, "Because...this could turn out to be one of the most memorable days in my

life, so I want you to witness it with me."

Yannie bit her lip and fell silent upon hearing Thomas' earnest request, then finally agreed. "Alright, I'll

come with you."

She agreed to go with him not because she was fine with leaving Gwen but because...

Gwen had Luna and Rachel with her, but she was the only person Thomas had. Even though he was a

world-famous celebrity with good looks, wealth, and good family background, Yannie knew better than

anyone just how lonely he truly was.

Ever since his mother passed and his father remarried, Thomas had always felt abandoned and spent

most of his time alone.

She and Riley were the closest people he had to a family.

Thomas rarely told Yannie things like this, so after some careful contemplation, she decided to go with him.

“Alright, I’ll go pick you up at noon.” Thomas curled his lips into a smile and hung up the phone cheerily.

Yannie tucked her phone away, returned to the room, and explained what had just happened in Luna’s ear. “Luna, I... I have to go with Thomas.”

Luna was an understanding person, so when she heard this, she naturally smiled and reached out to pat Yannie’s shoulder. “Go ahead; don’t worry. With Rachel and I around, Gwen will be fine. You can go ahead and be there for Thomas in his time of need.”

Yannie murmured a response and bade Luna farewell before leaving. After coming out of the hotel, she stopped by the hospital to visit Riley.

Riley was sleeping soundly inside the specialized neonatal ward that Thomas had requested for her.

“Little Riley is getting stronger by the day,” the doctor said, smiling. “Judging by her progress, she’ll be able to play like a normal child in less than six months.”

Yannie continued watching Riley for a long time through the glass before eventually leaving.

Unbeknownst to her...

As soon as she left, the doctor removed her face mask and entered the stairwell. "Don't worry, Mrs.

Howard. Everything is going just as we planned."

11 a.m.

Yannie arrived at the lobby of Howard Group, dressed in a dainty-looking suit. Everyone that passed

by her on their way out of the building could not help sneaking glances at her.

She was stunning—even more so than Denise Hughes, the most beautiful woman in the city!

Yannie waited in the lobby for about half an hour before Howard eventually emerged, surrounded by

assistants. "We'll resume this discussion in the afternoon. I have something important to attend to now."

Then, he glanced at his personal assistant and ordered, "Send a car to pick up..."

Before he could even finish, however, he caught sight of Yannie, who was standing in the distance,

grinning at him. She was standing right in a patch of sunlight that illuminated her beautiful smile and

gleaming eyes. Thomas' heart leaped into his throat. He immediately strode towards her, leaving all the

assistants behind him. "When did you arrive?"

Chapter 2726

Yannie lifted her head to gaze at Thomas' handsome face, smiling. "Not too long ago."

"Liar." Thomas sighed, gently wiped the sweat off her forehead with his sleeve, and then helped her get into the car. "Let's go."

Sitting in the front passenger seat, Yannie buckled her seatbelt and turned to stare at Thomas. "What are we doing this afternoon?"

Thomas curled his lips into a smile and said, smiling, as he started the engine, "You'll find out soon enough; I've been waiting for this day since ages ago."

Even though Thomas knew that his wretched father was not apologizing out of genuine remorse, due to the situation at hand, the fact that he was willing to admit his mistake was enough.

When his mother's birthday rolled around, he could finally visit his mother's grave and declare to her that her son had finally helped avenge her death.

Yannie sighed when she saw Thomas smiling but did not ask further questions.

Since he was not willing to reveal anything yet, she would wait patiently. After all, it was about time, and

she would

find out soon enough.

Besides...

Since they were heading to Howard Mansion, Yannie could make an educated guess as to why

Thomas was so delighted.

The car soon arrived at its destination where Tina and Denise were both standing at the door, awaiting

their arrival.

As soon as Thomas' car pulled to a stop, Tina approached them with a giant smile. "You're right on

time, Thomas...

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However, both Tina and Denise's smiles froze on their faces when they saw Yannie getting out of the

passenger seat.

Tina first stared at Yannie in disbelief, then glanced at Denise.

Finally, she shot Thomas a disapproving glance. " Thomas, you knew full well why I called you here for

lunch today, so why did you have to bring an outsider along?"

The color drained from Yannie's face.

Thomas, on the other hand, put his arm around Yannie's shoulder and stared coldly at Tina and

Denise. "Who are you calling an outsider? Yannie is the mother of my daughter and my future wife. If

you consider her an

outsider..."

He curled his lips into a smirk and swept his icy gaze over Denise's face. "What about Ms. Hughes

here?"

Denise paled at this.

Tina paused, then chuckled and replied, "Denise is my goddaughter, so of course she's not an

outsider."

Then, she smiled and turned around, pulling Denise along with her. "We're all family!"

"I shouldn't have come, should I?" Yannie asked softly, biting her lip as she watched Tina and Denise

leave.

"Nonsense." Thomas pulled her closer to him. "If you don't think you should come, I shouldn't, too.

Since they've claimed me as their son, they'll also have to claim you as their daughter-in-law."

A surge of warmth spread into Yannie's heart when she heard this.

She bit her lip and murmured in response, then pried herself away from Thomas' grip and followed him into the house.

However, to Thomas' surprise

Tina had initially told her that Senior Howard was

supposed to apologize to him over lunch, but as soon as they entered the door, they realized that

Senior Howard was not even home.

Thomas furrowed his brow as he stared at Tina. "Where's that wretched man?"

Chapter 2727

Tina let out an awkward chuckle. "Your father had been waiting for you at home, but an urgent situation arose at the company branch, so he had to leave early..."

Tina could not help sighing as she added, "You of all people should know what's happening with our company right now. That friend of yours, Joshua Lynch, is so good that even after handing over the

company to you, he can't manage the branch all by himself either...

"Otherwise, he wouldn't have had to resort to inviting you here to apologize."

Thomas furrowed his brow dubiously.

He hesitated for a moment, then sent a quick message to Joshua before taking Yannie's hand and following Tina and Denise into the dining room.

The servants were busy setting the table, and Yannie could not help pursing her lips when she saw all the lavish food on the table.

This was her third time coming to Howard Mansion. The first time, she had come with Thomas, and the second time, Tina had forced her here without Thomas' knowledge to attack her alongside Denise.

This was her third time here and, arguably, the kindest treatment she had received.

She remembered that the first time she came here with Thomas, the food they served was simple and somewhat miserable, so much so that even her mother's cooking was better than this.

This time, she could sense how much the members of the Howard family began to value Thomas.

Perhaps this was the reward he deserved for all his hard

work.

At the thought of this, Yannie sighed and instinctively glanced at the man standing next to her.

There was a hint of gratification in Thomas' eyes.

He had probably been waiting for this day for a very long

time.

The two of them took their seats, and Tina smiled as she handed them their tableware. "Your father

should be

home very soon. We can eat first; there's no need to wait for him."

Thomas furrowed his brow as he took the first set of tableware from Tina and placed it in front of

Yannie. Then, he reached out to take the second pair for himself.

Denise gritted her teeth when she noticed this.

What the hell? Why was Thomas treating Yannie so kindly?

She was the one who had loved him for many years, yet he never once noticed her.

What was so good about this Yannie, anyway? What right did she have to receive Thomas' love and

affection? Was it just because she had given birth to Thomas' daughter?

Denise narrowed her eyes at this thought.

Well, she would get herself pregnant with Thomas' child, too!

The servants soon finished setting the table, and they began to eat.

Tina kept placing food on Thomas and Yannie's plates, but Thomas refused to eat a single bite.

Instead, he twiddled his phone in his hand and asked calmly, "When is that old geezer coming home?"

The truth was, he could sense that something was not right from the moment he realized Senior

Howard was not home. However, he was unwilling to believe that Tina and his father would pull a trick

on him at such a time, which was why he decided to go along with it.

Still, he could not help becoming more puzzled as he noticed the time ticking closer to their intended

meeting

time.

Therefore, he was cautious not to eat any of the food prepared.

"He's probably going to be home soon." Tina gave an awkward chuckle and continued ladling food onto

Yannie's plate. "Come eat, Yannie. Why aren't either of you eating? Do you think I poisoned the food?"

She quickly took a bite from every dish and turned to smile at Yannie. "See, Yannie? I didn't poison anything. Are you going to disrespect me too just because Thomas is doing so?"

Chapter 2728

Yannie never thought that Tina would suddenly target her. She bit her lip and instinctively glanced at Thomas.

Thomas furrowed his brow and turned to stare coldly at Tina. "Don't terrorize her."

"You think she's terrorizing her?" Denise was upset by the way Thomas defended Yannie. "Thomas, Godmom is just trying to be nice.

"It's already lunchtime, yet the two of you refuse to touch even a single bite. Do you somehow think that

Godmom and I have spiked the food?"

Denise picked up her fork and placed a bite of every dish onto her plate, then said, sneering, "Since you guys are convinced the food is poisoned, feel free to stay hungry."

Then, she lowered her head and began to eat.

Yannie bit her lip and glanced first at Thomas, then at Tina and Denise, who was sitting across from

her.

The atmosphere in the room was awkward.

Yannie sighed and contemplated for a long time, then finally picked up a spoonful of food.

Since she and Thomas had already shown up, it meant that they had already agreed to sit at the table

with Tina

and Denise for a meal. It was pointless to refuse to eat.

At the thought of this, she lowered her head and began eating too.

She could not taste any trace of poison inside the food, but she had to admit that the chef's cooking

was

exceptional.

She had not eaten something so good in a long time!

However, no matter how pleasantly delighted she was by every bite, Yannie still tried to suppress her

emotions to prevent anyone from seeing right through her.

After all, her mother had advised her that no matter how freely she behaved at home, she had to learn

to be ladylike and polite whenever she was with Thomas.

Therefore, even though she favored a few particular dishes, she still tried to eat every dish out of courtesy.

Thomas sighed when he noticed how careful Yannie was behaving and finally let his guard down. He put some more food onto her plate and said, "You don't have to be so nice to them. No matter how hard you try, they won't grow to like you anyway."

The color drained from all three women's faces.

Tina let out an awkward chuckle. "How can you say that, Thomas? What makes you think I won't grow to like Yannie? She's a good girl; of course I like her!"

"Is that so?" Thomas took a sip from his cup and stared coldly at Tina. "Yes, Yannie is a good girl, but I don't think you'll end up liking her."

Then, he glanced coldly at Denise and added, "If you truly like Yannie, you wouldn't even have allowed your goddaughter to be sitting here with us. Do you need me to recount what Denise had done to Yannie before?"

Tina and Denise's expressions darkened upon hearing

this.

Yannie pursed her lips when she sensed the atmosphere grow cold and quickly placed some food in front of Thomas. "Let's eat first."

Thomas fell silent and finally gave up pursuing this. Instead, he shut his mouth and continued eating.

A glimmer of triumph flashed through Denise's eyes when she saw Thomas eating, and she instinctively exchanged a knowing glance with Tina.

As long as Thomas ate something at this table, they succeeded!

Chapter 2729

"This cooking..." Thomas furrowed his brow after tasting all the dishes, then instinctively glanced in Tina's direction.

"Tastes familiar, doesn't it?" Tina curled her lips into a smile and stared back at Thomas with a triumphant look. "This is probably what your mother's cooking used to taste like."

She sighed and added, "I had spent a lot of time and effort sending people over to your mother's hometown to brush up their cooking skills."

“Not only that, but I even forced your father to taste–test multiple times before finally confirming that this is indeed how your mother’s cooking used to taste like.”

Thomas narrowed his eyes. “Why are you trying so hard to get on my good side?”

Tina chuckled. “Well, that’s because...’

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A look of helplessness washed over her as she explained, “ After all, the entire Howard family—even the entire

Saigen City—is now at your and Joshua’s beck and call, so of course I’d want to get on your good side.”

She was lying, of course.

The truth was, the chef who had prepared this impressive meal had already been working for the Howard family for many years.

Despite the façade that she and Senior Howard put on, showcasing their love for each other, Senior Howard had been struggling to move on after Eanne’s leaving.

Therefore, to win over Senior Howard’s heart, Tina had spent hours tracking down the chef that could

replicate Eanne's cooking.

She had done all this to please Senior Howard.

The truth was, the chef had been working for them and making their meals for many years, instead of what she claimed to Thomas. Thomas did not know this since he had not returned home for many years.

The last time he came over for dinner, Tina purposefully switched out the head chef for that day so that Thomas would not be able to taste his mother's cooking.

This time, she swapped the head chef back just to get on Thomas' good side and make him think she was genuine.

Thomas was silent for a long time before finally sighing and letting his guard down.

They finished the rest of their meal, but to their surprise, even after they were done, Senior Howard still had not shown up.

"Is he coming back or not?" Thomas asked coldly, glancing at Tina as he put down his tableware.

Tina curled her lips into a smile. "Be patient, Thomas. Your father must've gotten caught up in some

urgent business at the company. Why don't you...sit back and relax for a while first?"

Then, she shot Denise a meaningful glance and added, "Denise, bring Thomas up to his room."

Denise quickly leaped to her feet. "Let's go, Thomas."

Thomas furrowed his brow, all of sudden sensing that something was not right.

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He scoffed, grabbed hold of Yannie's hand, and stood up. There's no need for that anymore. Since that

old geezer doesn't really want to apologize, I don't have to keep on waiting. However..."

He let out a disdainful snort. "Don't you dare beg for Joshua and me for mercy in the future."

How could he have believed Tina when she claimed the old geezer wanted to apologize to him?

At the thought of this, Thomas turned around and strode away, pulling Yannie along.

"You want to leave, don't you?" After an hour of

pretending, Tina finally let her guard down and sneered." Thomas Howard, the fact that I had

summoned you willingly means I had prepared for this exact moment. Do you honestly think you'll be

able to walk out of here unscathed?

"Guards! Seize them!"

Chapter 2730

Almost 20 bodyguards surged forward at the sound of Tina's order and surrounded Thomas and Yannie.

Thomas narrowed his eyes, pulled Yannie close to him, and lifted his head to stare coldly at Tina. "That old geezer hadn't intended to apologize to me or my mother at all, right?"

This was all his fault.

With Joshua's help, Thomas had witnessed just how defeated his wretched father had become. Not only that, but since many years ago, he had already dreamed of the day that the old geezer would apologize to him and his mother, Eanne.

This was why he had been so delighted by Tina's call that he did not stop to consider the consequences.

He should not have believed Tina when she claimed that Senior Howard wanted to invite him to Howard Mansion for a formal apology!

"You guessed it," Tina said curtly as she stared at Thomas face. "I was lying to you; your father hadn't

intended to apologize to you at all. He even told me that you're a bastard son—you even brought an outsider in to confront him, so you don't deserve to be called his son at all.

“He vowed never to apologize to you, not even when he's on his deathbed!”

A glimmer of malice flashed through Tina's eyes as she added, “He even said that you're just as dirty as that wretched mother of yours!”

Rage seeped into Thomas' gaze when he heard this.

He did not care what other people said about him, and no matter what insults Tina and Senior Howard threw at him, he would not falter, but no one was allowed to insult his mother!

His mother was the kindest woman that ever lived. He would not allow anyone to taint her name, especially not this bitch Tina!

Thomas narrowed his eyes as he stared at Tina in fury. “I'll make you pay the price for this.”

“Is that so? Well, I can't wait to see what you have in store for us.” Tina turned to glance at the bodyguards standing in the distance. “What are you waiting for? Aren't you going to restrain them?”

The bodyguards froze for a moment, then surged forward and surrounded them.

Seeing they were about to be overpowered, Yannie bit her lip and shrunk timidly into Thomas' arms.

“What should

we do?!”

She had grown up in an ordinary family and had never experienced anything like this before, so

naturally, she was scared out of her wits.

“Don’t worry. I’m here with you.” Thomas narrowed his eyes, glancing at Yannie.

All of a sudden, his expression darkened. “Why do you look so ill?”

Yannie pursed her lips. “I’m fine, just feeling a little hot.”

Thomas narrowed his eyes and glanced coldly at Tina.

Tina crossed her arms in front of her chest, sneering. “Did you honestly think the food you ate was

fine? The only reason Denise and I were able to eat it was because we had taken antidotes before

this.”

Then, she shot Yannie a triumphant look and added, “However, I do have to thank you for this, Ms.

Yannie. If it weren’t for you, Thomas would never have willingly finished eating the food, and if he didn’t

do so, the rest of my plan would fail.”

Then, she pulled Denise toward her and declared, “Well, Thomas, you weren’t willing to marry Denise instead of that bitch Yannie, were you? Why don’t you and Denise do the deed right here and right now, in front of Yannie?” Then, she furrowed her brow and snapped, “Seize them!”