

Luna & Joshua 2731

Chapter 2731 "Who dares to touch me?"

Seeing that the bodyguards were closing in on them, Thomas narrowed his eyes, took something out of his pocket, and aimed it right at the leader's forehead.

When the leader caught sight of the object in Thomas' hand, he was so shocked that his entire body froze in place.

It was a shiny handgun, and its barrel was pointed straight at the center of his forehead.

"If you take even one step toward me, there's no guarantee what'll happen." Thomas' voice was steady and calm.

The look in his eyes was so cold and merciless that none of the guards dared to move.

Neither Denise nor Tina had expected Thomas to carry a handgun with him. The two of them exchanged a nervous glance, unsure of what to do at this moment.

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None of the guards dared to put themselves at risk, and neither did them.

Not only that, but Tina even surreptitiously shrunk behind Denise for protection.

Thomas had, at one point, been the champion of a gun shooting competition, and she was worried that he would point the barrel at her!

“Get away from me!” Thomas narrowed his eyes and began taking small steps backward, his arms still around Yannie, intending to leave Howard Mansion that way.

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However, to his surprise, the door behind him suddenly flung open.

It was Senior Howard.

The first thing he saw when he entered the door was the sight of his son pointing a gun in the direction of his wife while inching slowly backward with another woman.

He immediately furrowed his brow at this. “You bastard! What the hell do you think you’re doing?”

Thomas frowned when he heard this. He turned around and pointed the gun straight at Senior Howard.

“Finally decided to come home, huh? I thought you’d be hiding forever!”

Senior Howard was outraged by this. “What do you mean I’d be hiding forever?”

Why was Thomas accusing him of hiding when he had just popped out to the company to get some work done?

Did he come to kill him? Did he come all the way to Howard Mansion just to kill his own father?

At the thought of this, Senior Howard scoffed. "I must be a donkey's father! You and your mother are

two peas in a

pod!"

The reason he had sent Thomas out to live on his own was to avoid conflict between Thomas, Tina,

and Dan, while at the same time hoping that this would sharpen Thomas' independence.

However, he never thought Thomas would betray him and even bring Joshua Lynch home to steal his

inheritance!

Not only that, but this wretched son had snuck into Howard Mansion while he was out and even

pointed a gun at him and his wife!

He always thought that Thomas would inherit his mother's kindness and humility, but it turned out to be

the total opposite!

"You have no right to bring up my mother!" Thomas was already outraged by Tina's deceit, and at the

mention of his mother, he could not suppress his rage any longer.

Seeing that Thomas was now distracted by Senior Howard's appearance, Tina furrowed her brows and shot the leader of the guards a meaningful glance.

The leader understood immediately and began to charge toward Thomas

Chapter 2732 Just as Thomas pointed his gun toward Senior Howard, the guards lunged forward and grabbed him from behind.

Bang!

Thomas' gun discharged amid the scuffle.

All he wanted was to use the gun to scare the guards. After all, he knew he was outnumbered and had no other way of ensuring his and Yannie's safety, so the gun was the only way to leave Howard Mansion alive.

However, he never thought that just as he was about to let off a warning shot to keep the guards at bay, the leader grabbed hold of his arm and accidentally set off the gun, sending a bullet straight toward Senior Howard.

"Agh!" Senior Howard instinctively grabbed hold of his abdomen.

The bullet pierced into his belly.

“Senior Howard!” Tina let out a shriek and immediately

sprinted toward him. “Are you okay? Someone call a – doctor! Someone call an ambulance!” !

Thomas and the guards, who were engaged in a scuffle, froze when they heard this.

Thomas stared dazedly at his father, then lowered his

head to glance at the gun.

Did he...accidentally hurt that old geezer?

“Are you happy now?” Tina shot Thomas a murderous glare. “He’s your father, for God’s sake! Has he

ever mistreated you apart from sending you away from home and refusing to let you take over the

family business?

“From the moment you turned ten, we’ve given you money for your allowance every month, so what do

you even have against him? Why did you shoot him?”

Thomas furrowed his brow and opened his mouth, intending to say something, but no words came out.

Meanwhile, Yannie bit her lip and clasped his hand.

The warmth of her palm finally brought Thomas out of his daze.

He furrowed his brow and said coldly, "I never intended to shoot at him, much less kill him."

He was just trying to warn the guards to stay away from him and Yannie.

Tina bit her lip and glared first at Thomas, then at the guards behind him. "This bastard shot the man of the house, for God's sake! Why haven't you captured him yet?"

The guards immediately came to and finally pressed Thomas against the ground.

"He didn't mean to do it!" Yannie watched fearfully as Thomas' hands were restrained behind his back like a prisoner. She bit her lip and tried to push the guards away, all the while protesting, "He never intended to shoot at anyone! The reason the gun discharged was because you had caught him by surprise—".

"Shut up, you!" Denise snapped before Yannie could even finish her sentence. She sneered as she glanced at Thomas , then strode over to Yannie and lifted her arm.

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Smack!

A hard slap landed on Yannie's face as Denise snarled," Would this have happened if it weren't for

you? How dare you even speak? Who do you think you are?"

Despite being pressed against the ground, Thomas witnessed Yannie being slapped, and he

immediately

struggled against his bonds. "Don't you dare touch her!"

This was all his fault.

He should not have trusted Tina so easily, much less brought Yannie along with him to such a

dangerous place!

Chapter 2733 A red handprint immediately appeared on Yannie's swollen face. Yannie bit her lip and

held her swollen, painful cheek with one hand as she glanced at Thomas, who was pinned to the floor.

She opened her mouth, intending to say something, but could not help feeling that nothing she could

say would be right.

Finally, she bit her lip, slid her other hand into her pocket, and surreptitiously dialed her emergency

contact.

She had two emergency contacts; one was Thomas, and the other was her mother , Mrs. Flores. Since

she could not accurately dial Luna's number for help without looking at her phone, she had no choice but to call Mrs. Flores instead.

Soon, her phone vibrated in her pocket, indicating that Mrs. Flores had picked up the call.

Yannie bit her lip and got onto both knees. "Senior Howard, Mrs. Howard, Thomas hadn't meant to do

any of this! When he brought me along to Howard Mansion, all he intended to do was to have a

civilized conversation as a family, but he never thought that Mrs. Howard would try to threaten us under

the pretense of inviting us over for a

family lunch...

"We never meant to hurt Senior Howard. Please let Thomas go; he didn't mean to do this!"

Senior Howard furrowed his brow when he heard this. With his hand still on his abdomen, he glanced

dubiously at Thomas and Yannie, then at Tina. Finally, he said feebly, "What is going on?" Could Tina

have been the one who summoned Thomas and Yannie here to repair their broken relationship?

"Don't listen to her!" Tina narrowed her eyes, shot Yannie a murderous glare, then glanced at the

guards." Keep Thomas locked in the guest bedroom; we'll decide what to do with him as soon as

Senior Howard gets better!

Then, she gave Denise a meaningful look and added, "Keep an eye on them, Denise!"

As soon as she finished her sentence, the sound of sirens echoed from outside the house.

Tina and the servants quickly brought Senior Howard into the ambulance, and soon, the ambulance departed toward the hospital.

The only people who remained in the room were Denise, Thomas, Yannie, and a few of the bodyguards.

"Are you still going to defy me?" Denise crossed her arms in front of her chest, staring at Yannie, and sneered. "Did

you honestly think anyone would believe you? You're in Howard Mansion, for God's sake, and to everyone else, Thomas' future wife is me, not you, bitch!" Then, she waved dismissively at the guards and ordered, "Send Thomas into my room."

Both Thomas and Yannie widened their eyes in shock. "What are you going to do?"

"What do you think?" Denise sneered. "Did you think Godmom summoned me here just to watch? Well, let me tell you something; I've been preparing for this day for a long time."

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Then, she scoffed and gestured for the guards to follow her to her room.

“Denise Hughes, I have one piece of advice for you; you’d better watch your step,” Thomas said

frostily, narrowing his eyes as the guards dragged him along.

The poison that had been spiked in the food was beginning to take effect, and he was starting to feel

very uncomfortable.

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Despite this, he still tried to put on a strong front. “If you don’t, I won’t let you off the hook so easily

once I get out of here.”

“Don’t worry; you wouldn’t dare touch me as soon as I get pregnant with your child.” Denise chuckled.

“You started treating Yannie so nicely ever since she gave birth

to your child, so you won’t dare to lay a finger on me once I do the same!”

Chapter 2734 Inside a small house in the city center, Mrs. Flores stared blankly at the phone as the dial

tone repeated itself.

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Seconds later, she finally furrowed her brow in realization.

Yannie must have gotten in trouble—she and Thomas had probably run into some danger at Howard

Mansion, and she was calling for help!

At the thought of this, Mrs. Flores let out an exhale and dialed Luna’s number.

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At this moment, Luna and Rachel were busy coaxing Gwen to eat.

Gwen had already gone a day without eating anything , and if this persisted, she would eventually wind

up with stomach problems.

“Do you guys think... I should give up?” Gwen said, her voice shaking as she nibbled at her hamburger.

“If Steven doesn’t want to have anything to do with me...

“Every time I think of the fact that his body belongs to Luke, I can’t help wanting to give up. Even if

we’re not together and he no longer remembers me, I think I can live with that. As long as he’s still

alive, I’ll be content.

“Perhaps forgetting everything about me isn’t a bad

thing to him at all, is it?

“I can still pretend that Luke is still alive and pretend that he’s a version of Luke who lost all his memories of me...” Gwen murmured as tears slid down her cheeks.

After all, she had initially planned to leave Luke so that he would forget her and be able to start his new life afresh.

Even though things did not turn out the exact way she wanted them to, it was still a similar situation.

“Gwen.” Luna pursed her lips, suddenly unsure of how to console her best friend. Just as she contemplated this, however, Mrs. Flores’ call came.

Luna furrowed her brow as she took out her phone and glanced at the caller ID.

Why was Mrs. Flores calling at such a time?

Luna took a few steps back and went out onto the balcony. She picked up the phone and dubiously spoke, “Mrs. Flores?”

“Yes, it’s me,” Mrs. Flores’ shaking voice rang out. “Ms.

Luna, can you help Yannie and Mr. Howard? I think – they're in danger!"

Luna frowned when she heard this. "Mrs. Flores, please calm down first, and tell me what happened to them."

Had Yannie and Thomas not gone out together? How

could they have gotten in danger?

Mrs. Flores sighed and relayed everything that she had heard through the phone to Luna. "Ms. Luna,

Yannie has always been a good child, and she'd never come to me for help unless it's something she

has no solution to!

"She knows full well that I'm all alone here in Saigen City and that I won't have any way of helping

her...so I had no choice but to call you..."

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"Mrs. Flores." Luna let out an exhale when she heard this. "Don't worry; I'll do my best to help Yannie.

Please don't overthink this. I'm going to tell Joshua right now, and we'll leave immediately for Howard

Mansion. I'll be back with good news!"

Then, she hung up and immediately called Joshua.

Joshua picked up after the first ring. "What's wrong?"

Luna pursed her lips and gave him a brief description of what had happened. "Are we going to Howard Mansion now?"

"I'm already on the way." Joshua furrowed his brow as he explained, "When Thomas first arrived at

Howard Mansion, he texted me saying that if I don't receive a call

from him in half an hour, it means something bad has happened, and I'm supposed to go rescue him.

"Lucas and I are already on our way to Howard Mansion."

Chapter 2735 Luna finally began to relax when she heard this. She let out a sigh of relief and asked,

"Where are you now? Where can I meet you?"

Even though Joshua was already on his way to rescue Thomas and Yannie, Luna still felt that it would

be better if she went as well since she had already promised Mrs. Flores to help Yannie.

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Besides, even if she had not made that promise, she and Yannie were friends, so she had to check on

her.

Joshua hesitated for a moment before replying, "I have some men stationed outside your hotel room to protect you. You can go out and request them to bring you here.

"Howard Mansion is closer to you than it is to me, so you might even make it there before I do."

Luna paused for a moment, returned to the room, and flung open the front door.

A few bodyguards dressed in black were standing outside, and all of them froze as though they had not expected her to suddenly check in on them. "Ma'am..."

A surge of warmth spread into Luna's heart when she saw this. She pursed her lips and said into the phone, "Have you...been keeping an eye on me this whole time?"

She thought Joshua had been so busy that he would not have the time to check on her.

"That's right." Joshua nodded. "These men have been watching over you all this while, but unfortunately, the last batch of guards weren't responsible enough and didn't notice Gwen sneaking out on the day she got drunk, so I switched all of them out. Since they're new, I'm guessing they wouldn't dare to commit such a mistake."

Then, he curled his lips into a smile and added, "Lucas was the one who hand-picked them, so I'm

sure they're trustworthy enough." Luna pursed her lips when she heard this. "Thank you."

With that, she hung up the phone.

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Rachel and Gwen had come up behind her when they noticed Luna opening the door all of a sudden.

They had that foreboding feeling that something was wrong.

Luna glanced at them and hesitated for a moment before grabbing their hands. "Let's go. I'll explain everything on the way."

Then, she glanced at the guards and said, "Bring us to Howard Mansion."

The guards froze for a moment, then led the three

women downstairs and into the car.

As soon as they got into the car, Luna finally sighed and explained everything to Gwen and Rachel.

Finally, she furrowed her brow and added, "I hadn't wanted to bring you along, but..." After all, she could not be sure if it was truly safe to bring them there.

"I can't help feeling that ..." She glanced at Gwen. "You need something to distract you from thinking

about Steven. Not only that..."

She turned to glance at Rachel. "You're a doctor, and according to what I heard from Mrs. Flores,

Thomas and Yannie had probably been poisoned. "I'm guessing that Joshua probably hadn't thought of

this possibility yet, so he probably wouldn't have thought of bringing a doctor with him."

"Don't worry," Rachel piped up. "Even though I'm not as good of a chemist as your mother, I'm still far

better than most doctors when it comes to toxicology."

The car soon arrived at Howard Mansion.

Joshua was right; their hotel was so close to Howard Mansion that Joshua's car was still nowhere in

sight when they arrived.

Luna immediately got out of the car and instructed her men to kick down the front door without waiting

for

Joshua.

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With a loud slam, Luna's bodyguard kicked open the door to Howard Mansion, and Luna rushed into

the mansion with Gwen and Rachel. The moment they did, they saw a few maids rushing around to clean and do their duties.

The maids were astonished to see people barging into the mansion. Subsequently, they understood the purpose of why they were here. The head house-maid thus pointed to the upper floor as she lowered her voice, saying, “Ms. Hughes, Young Master, and Ms. Yannie are all in the guest room at the end of the hallway. If...you guys are here to save them, then you should hurry. It’s been ten minutes...and you’re probably too late.”

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Luna was shocked to have heard this. Not wasting a second, she dashed up the stairs to the second floor and immediately spotted Yannie, her hands and legs tied to the guard rail of the hallway and a towel stuffed into her mouth.

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She was evidently struggling against her restraints to loosen the ropes that tied her. As she was struggling, she heard footsteps coming from the stairs, and she instinctively looked up.

She spotted Luna running toward her from the staircase while Gwen, Rachel, and several bodyguards followed suit. Yannie could no longer hold back as she burst into

tears at the sight. She tried to open her mouth widely to say something out of relief but could not.

Luna quickly took out the towel that was stuffed in Yannie's mouth the moment she reached her.

"Yannie."

"Luna..." Yannie's tears were ceaseless. She looked to the side as she tearfully begged, "Forget me.

Go save Thomas! Denise brought him to the room. He's,"

She could not bear to finish her words.

When she was brought upstairs by Denise, she did not know what she was about to do to her until she

sent someone to tie her up at the guardrail.

'Yannie, I'm going to sleep with Thomas. Godmom and I had taken the antidote before lunch. In fact,

this poison affects men more than women. You thought you suffered more seriously, but that's not true.

Thomas has been holding hard and pretending, but he's actually all hot and bothered now! 'Me? Well,

to successfully bear Thomas' child, I've taken a fertility drug that stimulates ovulation. Today is the most

suitable day.'

Denise's voice echoed in Yannie's ear.

'I'm gonna let you listen to how Thomas and I have sex! This is the price for you to pay to snatch my man from me!'

Yannie cried even harder at the memory. "Save Thomas!

Quick!"

Luna paused for a while and quickly looked at the bodyguards behind her. The bodyguards saw her look and understood what she wanted them to do. They rushed to the door of the room at the end of the hallway.

Slam! They kicked open the door.

At that moment, Luna and Gwen gasped in horror at the sight that greeted them.

Thomas was already unconscious with his eyes shut tight, his body flushed red and naked. Denise, on the other hand, sat on top of him and was naked, too. Both of them looked like they were...

Denise furrowed her brow when she heard the door being kicked open. She did not scream or look angry. Instead, she pulled the blanket beside her and wrapped her body elegantly. After that, she

looked at the people at the door. "You're all too late. It's over."

She raised her brow and looked at Yannie coldly. "You heard everything, didn't you?"

Chapter 2737 It finally dawned on Luna why Denise had Yannie's hands and legs tied to the guardrail

outside of the door. That vicious woman wanted Yannie to hear the sound of her having sex with

Thomas!

"Thomas..." Yannie bit her lip and ran in like a deranged woman. She pushed Denise away and hugged

Thomas' body.

At that moment, the sound of cars arriving at the mansion was heard. Joshua and the others had

arrived.

Luna felt conflicted when she looked at the unconscious Thomas and Yannie, who held Thomas tightly.

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"You bitch!" Gwen stormed forward, pulled Denise to her feet, and sharply slapped her. "You know

Thomas has a girlfriend, yet you dare do such a thing! Are you going to die if you don't be a slut?!"

It all happened too suddenly when Gwen slapped Denise. She was slightly zoned out after that. Her

hands lost power and dropped the blanket. As the blanket dropped to the floor, her naked body was revealed again.

At that time, Joshua was already at the stairs with Theo and Lucas. Rachel quickly stood in front of them with her arms wide open to stop them from going further.” Gentlemen, there’s a shameless naked woman in the room. I think it’s better that you don’t go in.”

Based on what Rachel said, Joshua could tell what happened. “Is Thomas alright?”

“He’s unconscious.” Rachel looked at Yannie and Thomas from afar. “I think it didn’t happen.”

When she arrived, the maid said it had been 10 minutes since Thomas, Denise , and Yannie went upstairs. From Thomas’s condition, he must have passed out for several minutes already. Rachel did not believe Thomas could only last for less than 10 minutes. He was a young, vigorous and healthy man, after all.

That was why Denise acted so pompously and emphasized that Yannie had heard everything. Her plan must have failed, so this was her trying to make everyone believe.

However...

Rachel glanced at Yannie.

Yes, Thomas did not have his release , contrary to what Denise said. However, it did not mean Thomas did not do it with Denise. No one could tell when they entered the room.

What if they did? What about Yannie? Could she accept her boyfriend had sex with another woman?

“Put on your clothes!” Gwen snorted when she heard Rachel’s voice. She picked up Denise’s clothes from the

floor and threw them at her. “You’re the young miss of the Hughes family. Do you want everyone to see how shameful you are?”

Denise felt slight pain when Gwen threw her clothes at her.

She squinted and looked at Gwen’s face. “You know I’m from the Hughes family? Then you should know my brother.”

Gwen snorted, “What do you think?”

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“So you know my brother.” Denise sneered and picked up her clothes to put them on. While at it, she

glanced at Gwen's face coldly. "Do you know how difficult is it for my brother to get rid of you? He's already engaged to my sister-in-law, and they're going to have their wedding soon. Halfway through, you—the whore you are —came.

"If you said I'm a whore, how are you any better than me? You know that my brother and my sister-in-law are about to get married, but that doesn't stop you from bothering my brother too, don't you?!"

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Gwen paled at Denise's words.

Luna looked at Yannie , who was helping Thomas to put his clothes on. She then turned and stood in front of Denise, blocking her view as she met Denise in a cold stare —down.

"Your family knows the best whether Gwen or Kate is the whore. Oh, that's right. Kate isn't married to Steven yet, right? Are you that eager to call her your sister-in-law?"

She crossed her arms and looked from a condescending angle to judge Denise's naked body in contempt. "Look at your body and compare it to Yannie; you're so far off from her! Do you really think you can win Thomas's heart with that body?"

This quickly triggered Denise. She took her clothes and put them on, all while viciously glaring at Luna.

“How is my body any less than Yannie’s? She delivered a baby! How is my body not better than that?”

Luna smirked. “Everywhere. Yannie’s body is so much better than yours. If you want to be a whore,

why don’t you learn it from Kate, your sister-in-law? Ah, I bet you won’t be able to, though. Thomas

doesn’t have a twin brother.”

This baffled Denise. ‘What nonsense is she talking about?

Twin brother?’

Not far from them, Yannie had finished putting on clothes for Thomas and looked at Denise. Once she

confirmed Denise had put on her clothes, she shouted out in the direction of the door, “Mr. Lynch, can

you get your man to give me a hand? I can’t get Thomas on his feet.”

Joshua furrowed his brows and walked inside the room. With Yannie’s help, he piggybacked the

unconscious

Thomas on his back and left the room. Luna, Gwen, and Rachel quickly followed behind. Before Luna

went downstairs, she instructed the bodyguards to tie up Denise and bring her downstairs.

Rachel gave Thomas a simple check-up on the sofa in the living room

“I can confirm that he’s drugged, and with a powerful one too. But...” She paused for a while and looked at Yannie. “He hasn’t released, and that’s why his body is still very tense. There’s probably not enough time if we bring him to the hospital now...”

She gave Yannie a meaningful look. “He’s your boyfriend. You make the decision.”

– Frankly speaking, Rachel was already very clear. Since

there was not enough time for them to send Thomas to the hospital, it was best to solve the problem at this moment. Obviously, the one who was going to help me could not be Yannie and not Denise, who

had been eyeing

Thomas.

However...

If Yannie could not accept Thomas had been ridden under a woman or she thought Thomas was dirty, they could only send Thomas to the hospital.

The right to decide lay in Yannie’s hand.

Yannie bit her lip as she felt herself rooted where she stood. She looked at Thomas, and then at Denise.

After being quiet for a while, she bit her lip and said, "I... I think it's better to send him to the hospital."

With that, she turned and walked outside.

It was cold, so much so that it also made Yannie's tears feel like they were ice droplets. Even as she closed her eyes, she could still hear how Denise moaned happily while she was tied in the hallway a few minutes ago.

She could not accept it. Even if Thomas was drugged and was held against his will...

Even if Thomas did not have a choice... She could not accept it.

Chapter 2739 As the rest remained in the living room, Rachel watched as Yannie left before she turned and looked at Joshua helplessly. Joshua understood and whispered something in Theo's ear. After that, Theo quickly got someone to carry Thomas out.

When he was at the door, he turned and looked at Rachel. "Aren't you going to go with us? If anything happens on the way to the hospital, none of us know how to handle it."

Rachel thought for a while and went out of the door with Theo. As she walked outside, she saw Yannie standing at the side, crying

“Crying doesn’t solve anything.” Rachel patted Yannie’s shoulder. “We’re going to send him to the hospital now. Do you want to come along?”

Yannie took a look at Thomas, who was carried by Theo and bodyguards as they tried to put him in the car. A slight discomfort appeared in her heart. “I...don’t feel like going.”

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She did not know how to face Thomas who had slept with another woman.

“But...” Rachel sighed. “He didn’t know what happened after he passed out. However, he knew both of you were

in danger beforehand. If you don’t come with us, I’m afraid he won’t believe us when we tell him you’re safe. It’s going to be tedious.” Rachel added, “Of course, I’m only suggesting that you go with us. I

mean, you’re his girlfriend. If you truly don’t feel like going, I’ll respect that too.” Yannie’s tears started falling down from her eyes again as stifled. After a moment of silence, she nodded. “Let’s go, then.”

When Yannie finally agreed to come along, Rachel sighed in relief. She patted Yannie’s shoulder as

they both got into the car.

“You know, it’s just human nature. In reality, he doesn’t want to do anything with that woman.” Rachel pulled Yannie and said while they were getting into the car. “He didn’t betray you emotionally. His body didn’t have any choice... It’s not something that you can’t forgive.

“For me, I take body contact very lightly. I mean, it’s just human instinct.” Theo was startled by what Rachel said. After a while, he said in a small voice, “If you really treat it very lightly... then why can’t you forgive me?”

He felt very guilty when Roanne passed away and, in his storm of guilt and momentary craze, wanted to compensate Roanne. He never even had any body contact with Roanne!

If Rachel could advise Yannie to let it go when Thomas and Denise had sexual intercourse, how could Rachel not forgive his recklessness? “That’s different.” Rachel was first stunned when Theo asked this question at such a time. After a while, she gave him her answer. “I said maybe you didn’t have a choice when it comes to body contact. But...”

She looked at Theo through the rearview mirror. “Did you think you were the same? Your whole heart

was filled with Roanne. You made me feel like you and her were meant to be together and you wanted to be loyal to her by being alone for the rest of your life.

“Now that you think you’re over it, you come and bother me again. Should I make way for you again when the next time the same thing happens again? Theo, I’m not the first in your heart, so I choose to back out. Stop bothering me. You’re the one who decided for us to end this way.”

After that, she ignored Theo and comforted Yannie.” Yannie, don’t let us affect you...”

Being in the front passenger seat, Theo looked at Rachel who had given Yannie all of her gentleness and attention. His lips curled up into a bitter smile. He knew Rachel was a tough and stubborn woman.

He made a mistake. Was it that serious that she could not forgive him for the rest of her life?

Chapter 2740 After Rachel and the others left Howard Mansion, the living room was awfully quiet.

Luna sighed and looked at Gwen, who happened to meet her gaze. The two best friends simultaneously looked helpless.

Based on Yannie’s reaction, a rift had formed between her and Thomas, and they were powerless to mend it. Thinking from Yannie’s perspective, they probably would not be able to accept it, too.

Gwen stood up angrily as she stalked toward Denise and, upon reaching her, kicked her harshly. "Don't you know whether or not Thomas likes you? Do you have to be so disgusting? Are you happy for being a slut and wrecking their relationship?" She did not go easy on the kick, and it caused Denise to fall to the floor. However, she looked up at Gwen and smiled haughtily. "Of course. I'm very happy! If I can't get him, then no one can!" After that, she gave Gwen a cold look. "If you know so much, know that being a slut to wreck a relationship is to insult yourself... What about you? Aren't you a whore, too? How are you any better than me?"

Gwen could not tolerate it and kicked Denise a few more times. "I told you, I'm not the whore!"

Kate was the one who broke Luke and her up. The Hughes family was the one who used Steven's mind and memory to take over Luke's body. Why did they accuse her of being the other woman who spoiled Steven and Kate's relationship? She was not going to bear the name of being the other woman!

"If you aren't, then who is? Kate?" Denise sneered. "She's been with my brother for five years and did everything she could to cure my brother. Everyone knows

it!

“It was just a short time since you arrived in Saigen City and you’re already wrecking their relationship!

Don’t you dare deny being a whore!”

“You—!” Gwen furrowed her brow and wanted to say something, but Joshua stood up indifferently.

He walked slowly to Denise and squatted, staring at Denise with a pitiful look. “You probably don’t know it yet, but your brother isn’t the same man anymore.”

“What... What do you mean?” Denise was no longer arrogant and proud when she faced Joshua’s strong breath. She furrowed her brow and confusedly replied, “ Joshua Lynch, I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

“Based on your reaction , I think your family never told you that they had changed Steven with another person.” Joshua sighed and gave Denise a look of sympathy. “I

guess they never treated you as part of the family all these years. They didn’t tell you the truth.”

This startled Denise as she gaped at him. “You...” she wavered. “What does that mean?”

What did Joshua mean when he said her family did not treat her as part of the family? “Don’t tell you that you’re still in the dark now.” Joshua narrowed his eyes and turned to look at Lucas. Immediately ,

Lucas threw the information he prepared earlier on to Denise.

“You’re not a member of the Hughes family by blood.” Joshua looked at Denise coldly. “In the past, your family threw away a son because of that absurd curse. A few years later, they wanted to atone for the sin of giving away their own son, so they adopted a baby girl from a children’s home.

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“You, Miss Hughes, have always been a tool for the Hughes family to compensate and atone for their sin. They never treated you as a real family. They wanted to marry you off to Thomas because they wanted to get some benefits after raising you for so many years.”