

Luna & Joshua 2771

Chapter 2771 Thomas' alluring, husky voice rang next to Yannie's ear, and her ear grew warm as his

breath fanned the side of her face. She bit her lip and shrank. Her mind drifted to how not long ago, she

was locked outside of the door while listening to his...and Denise's moans of pleasure.

Instinctively, she bit her lip and moved away, creating a gap between them.

Thomas's brow furrowed once more when he noticed this. He tried to pull her back to him by wounding

his arms around her. "Why are you moving away? Is there anything you're not telling me?"

That was the only reason why Yannie kept on distancing herself from him after he woke up from his

unconsciousness.

She bit her lip. After a moment of silence, she pushed Thomas away. "Nothing. I'm not hiding anything

from you. You think too much."

With that sentence, the elevator reached the first floor, and the door opened. Yannie hastily walked out

of the elevator, much to Thomas' confusion as he chased after her.

"Yannie!"

However, Yannie did not look back and just left.

Thomas thought Yannie was just having a tantrum and she would not walk too far before he could chase after her. Moreover, she knew better than anyone how weak he was that she would not just leave him alone.

She would always put him first, after all.

Little did he expect for Yannie to not wait for him like usual—not today. She walked straight to the street

and hailed a taxi, leaving without Thomas. She did not once look his way.

Thomas frowned helplessly as he watched the taxi leave. He took out his phone. After a moment of hesitation, he called Luna.

Yannie's behavior was far too odd. She had been purposely avoiding him after he woke up. Other people might not know the reason for the changes Yannie had, but Luna would surely know about it.

Shortly, the call got through. Luna had just sent Denise away and had not talked with Gwen before she received a call from Thomas. She looked at the name on the phone and hesitated to answer.

In the end, she accepted the call, knowing the reason before Thomas himself even spoke. Even so, she asked patiently, "Can I help you?" "Something's wrong." Thomas took a deep breath and said in a

deep voice, "Yannie's hiding something from me. I'm sure you know what it is." Luna said nothing as she grasped her phone tightly. With a hoarse voice, she replied, "What makes you think I know about it?"

"You're the one she trusts the most in the city other than her mother. She's a thoughtful girl. She'll never tell her mother about her relationship because she's afraid that her mother will be worried, so if anything is bothering her, you're the person she'll talk to." After that, Thomas furrowed his brow and spoke, "Luna, Yannie has been avoiding me ever since I woke up. Did something happen when I was unconscious? Does it have something to do with Denise? I hope you can tell me the truth."

Chapter 2772 As Luna grasped the phone tightly in her hand, her eyebrows were pressed into a firm line. She had assumed that Thomas would come find her because of Yannie but never expected it to be so soon.

It had been less than 24 hours after the incident happened, and she had been busy dealing with Denise and her family. There was no time for her to think about how to explain it to Thomas if he asked.

The moment was here, yet she could only bite her lip and made it up as it went. "Why do you think so?"

Yannie... Is there anything wrong with her?" Thomas furrowed his brow slightly upon hearing Luna

hesitating. He grasped his phone tighter and replied in a deep voice, "Something's wrong with her.

Luna, I know you and Yannie are best friends. The only one she trusted other than her mother is you.

So, I'd like to ask what's going on. Previously..."

He closed his eyes and thought back to the time when Tina and Denise had drugged him when they

were at Howard Mansion. "Was it..." He hesitated and said the thing he was unwilling to accept, "Was it

Denise who helped me detoxify the substance, and not Yannie?"

It shocked Luna to see how sensitive and clear Thomas' mind was. Her jaw hung open widely, yet not a

sound came out of her even though she thought of saying something.

Perhaps she had underestimated Thomas. He was Joshua's cousin, so he must have the same

alertness and sensitivity as Joshua did. He could presume the problem based on Yannie's attitude and

her words.

"I'm right, aren't I?" Thomas took a deep breath after not getting any response from Luna.

With his hoarse voice, he said, "I slept with Denise. Yannie wants me to remain calm and not be upset.

She wants to be in the best condition to handle the issue between my family and the Hughes family, so she pretends that nothing happened.

“That’s not all. She even pretended to be the person who helped me and told me she was by my side all the time. Am I right?”

As Luna listened to Thomas’ affirmative tone, she paused. After a moment of silence, she answered, “Yes.”

She knew it was impossible to hide it from Thomas, and with him guessing right, it was useless for her to continue lying. The smart man was never going to believe her just because she made up a story.

Thus, she tried to calm Thomas’ emotions after a deep breath. “Joshua said your father’s condition is quite severe. Before you are completely in control of the Howard Group and your family’s wealth, you shouldn’t be sidetracked on this issue, so-”

“So all of you asked Yannie to endure and asked her to admit that she was with me all the time? “he cut her off coldly. “Is this Joshua and your idea?”

Luna was at loss for words. After a while, she answered, “You can say that. We-”

“Do you really think of Yannie as your friend? As part of the family?” Thomas furrowed his brow as his voice raised. “Yannie cares a great deal about this! You know it tortured her, but you had her pretending that it didn’t. You even asked her to pretend she was the one who slept with me! “Have you ever thought how sad Yannie would be? Luna, I never thought that you’d be such a cruel person.” He closed his eyes. “If this happened to Joshua, would you have done the same as Yannie did?”

Chapter 2773 Luna held her phone as she fell silent for a good while. It was not long until she exhaled deeply and answered, “I would.”

She took another deep breath and said plainly, “Thomas, maybe you don’t know me that well yet. In the past, I hated Joshua so badly, but it was because of my son that I took it all in strides and went back to Joshua.

“The misunderstanding got cleared in the end and we knew that we fell into a trap, but even if it wasn’t a misunderstanding and Joshua was really a scumbag, I would still tolerate everything for the sake of my children.

“To me, being sad and uncomfortable because of someone important is just temporary, and it’ll pass.

“Maybe you’re right. Joshua and I were wrong on this matter; we shouldn’t have used our thoughts to

decide what Yannie should do. Nonetheless, she cares about you. She hopes that you can settle your matter peacefully and that incident will not affect you. She just can't get past the hurdle in her heart and pretend that nothing happened."

Thomas furrowed his brow vehemently. His fingers were turning white because of how hard he gripped his phone. Yannie's troubled expression appeared in his mind, and he recalled how Yannie blurted out that she would leave him in the future.

Suddenly, his vision turned black. His legs turned soft as he felt himself falling.

At that moment, a pair of hands reached out and grabbed onto him steadily. He furrowed his brow vehemently at the sudden support...and the familiar scent.

He looked back

Yannie was supporting him from behind with a helpless expression and furrowed eyebrows. "I thought you could take care of yourself."

To be frank, she did not go too far. After getting in the taxi, she was still worried about Thomas even though she was upset. Thomas was a patient with a weak body, after all, and she could not allow

herself to leave him like that.

Thus, she requested the driver to stop her at a corner, and she secretly sneaked back to the hospital.

To her amazement, Thomas was still there. He stood in the same spot she left him and called Luna.

Therefore, she heard the entire conversation he had with Luna.

She was sad and also touched at the same time. Originally, she wanted to leave, but she saw him

nearly falling down. Her body acted faster than her brain. Before she knew it, she dashed out to

support Thomas from falling. Thomas was thrilled to see Yannie appearing out of nowhere. He did not

even think about explaining it to Luna and hung up the phone immediately.

“Yannie!” He was overwhelmed with warmth upon seeing Yannie return. He embraced her so tightly

that he was about to stick her body to his. “I knew you wouldn’t leave me!”

As he held her tightly and dearly, he continued, “Did you come back because you decided not to leave

me? Please don’t ever leave me, okay? Denise, she...

“It’s my fault. I apologize. I’ll do anything you want, but just...”

It took him a good few seconds before he responded, his voice humble and husky, “Just don’t ever

leave me. Don’t leave Riley. Riley and I...need you in our lives. Promise me, okay?”

Listening to Thomas' pleas, Yannie's heart melted. She bit her lip and slowly struggled her way out of Thomas' arms. She stared right into his eyes.

Chapter 2774 "I can't promise you that now," Yannie replied. She took a deep breath, her eyes filled with despair and helplessness when she gazed into Thomas' eyes. "Perhaps you wouldn't be able to digest it all if you were in my stead. I'm sorry.

After a deep sigh, she curled up her lips into a bitter smile. "I can't lie to you nor lie to myself."

She thought Thomas would get mad, feel helpless, and despair with her after what she said. However, that was not what happened. Instead, Thomas curled up his lips and smiled, gazing into her eyes with his frail ones, "Alright, I respect your wishes. As long as..."

After a short pause, he continued looking at her with a smile. "As long as you stay with me, that's enough. If there comes a time you want to leave me and Riley, I hope you can tell me. Don't just go without saying goodbye. I won't force you to stay."

After all, he was a fool to have fallen into Tina and Denise's trap. Therefore, he had no right to stop Yannie, no matter what decision she made.

It was as she had said. Thinking from her perspective, Thomas could not possibly pretend nothing happened and continue to be with him. He could accept Yannie leaving him because of that incident, as long as she was not sad or upset. Clearly, Yannie did not expect to receive that answer from Thomas. She was stunned and did not know what to say.

“Let’s go.” Thomas curled up his lips and walked over to her to hold her hand. “Let’s head back to the hospital together with me. I’m feeling a little dizzy.” Yannie snapped out of her daze not long after as she quickly held Thomas’ hand. “Alright.” After that, they got into the car hand-in-hand to head back to the hospital where Thomas got treated.

Meanwhile, far away in the hospital, Dan was standing by the window looking at Thomas and Yannie leaving together hand-in-hand. He furrowed his brow vehemently.

“Mom.” He looked back angrily at Tina. “That guy manages to coax that woman. Is there any news from Denise?”

Tina sat on the chair as she scrolled through her call log on the phone with a frown. There were several call histories where she called Denise, but Denise did not pick up any of the calls.

‘Did something happen to her? The maids at home did tell me Denise managed to complete her task.

The maids even heard the voices of Denise and Thomas when they were in the room together. Yannie heard it too,' she thought.

After getting the maid's report, Tina was momentarily pleased. She thought that since Denise had succeeded, Thomas and Yannie were over for sure. As long as Denise was pregnant with Thomas' child, she would get more benefits when Denise became Thomas' wife. Her life would be secure, even if the old geezer could not defeat Thomas and let Thomas take the bigger proportion of the family's wealth. However, it had been nearly ten hours since the incident. Not only did they lose contact with Denise, but Thomas and Yannie miraculously got back together, much to Tina's chagrin. When Tina stayed quiet, Dan looked at the ward his father was staying in while feeling annoyed and anxious.

"Mom, do you think Denise betrayed us?"

His father was talking with Mr. Zink in the room. "Do you really think the old geezer will sue Thomas for causing intentional injury? Why am I getting a feeling that he's not doing that?" Tina stared at Dan coldly. "His imbecile son shot him. He won't let him off the hook." She furrowed her brow and walked toward Senior Howard's ward.

To be honest, she was not that certain herself. The old geezer was quite weird after waking up today.

“Senior Howard.” When Tina was just at the door, she heard Mr. Zink’s voice from the ward.” Are you

sure you want to transform everything under your name to your eldest son Thomas Howard, and not

leaving a dime to your wife, Tina Chevy, and your son, Dan Howard?” Tina’s eyelids blew wide open in

shock. ‘What? That old geezer—! Followingly, Senior Howard replied, despite being physically ailing,

“Yes, I’m sure. Just write that down.”

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Chapter 2780

The sun rose into the sky from the east and woke up the earth. It was a brand new day.

Denise woke up and looked at the ceiling when she opened her eyes. Everything that happened yesterday appeared right before her eyes like a movie. At that moment, someone knocked on her door.

Along with that came her mother's kind, tender voice. "Denise, are you awake? The first time we did after we woke up was to get you brother to bring you home. He told us you came back last night. How are you today?"

She had mixed feelings as she listened to her mother's soft and gentle voice. She could not help but remember the recording she heard from Luna and Gwen's hotel room.

They literally said to let her die. They said she was no longer useful to the family and that she was a disposable pawn. They even said they wanted to use her to beg for mercy with Joshua and Thomas and begged them not to stop the cooperation.

It was at this moment that she felt the dam breaking inside of her. She covered her mouth to stifle her sobs as tears formed.

Outside the door, her mother was still continuing to talk. Back in the past, she would often feel safe and

happy to hear that voice. However, it became so unfamiliar and so fake.

She bit her lips and closed her eyes. This time, she swore that she would not be soft-hearted and would show no mercy. She wanted to seek justice for herself and do one last thing for her brother—the right thing! “Denise?” Since there was no response from the room, Mrs. Hughes mumbled, “She hasn’t woken up? That can’t be... Her biological clock has always been very routine since she was a child.”

As she mumbled to herself, Mrs. Hughes left the place. When she was sure her mother had left, she pulled the blanket over her body and wept quietly.

For the 20 years living in the family, she had always thought she was the real young miss of the family and she was proud of her identity. She always bragged to the others that she had a kind and understanding mother, an upright father, and a gentle brother. All of them treated her like a princess and loved her.

This ended yesterday. After the recording, she finally knew the only person who treated her as a family was Steven. The others only thought of her as a pawn.

Suddenly, her laptop beeped. The turn-on sound stopped Denise from crying. She opened up the

blanket and looked at her monitor with amazement.

The laptop got turned on when no one else even touched it.

Not only was it turned on, but the mouse cursor was also moving. She got scared and nearly shrieked out of fear.

After a while, she managed to calm down. She climbed on her bed toward the laptop.

Suddenly, a chatting application was opened and logged in to an account. Subsequently, a chat room opened up.

Someone by the name of 'Nigel' was messaging her.

(Nigel: Don't worry. I'm not a bad person.)

(Nigel: Your phone is not with you, so this is the only way I can reach you.)

(Nigel: Let me introduce myself. I'm the eldest son of Joshua Lynch and Luna, and my name is Nigel.)

Denise looked at the message in bewilderment. She walked over there carefully and replied to Nigel.

(Denise: You...) (Denise: What do you want?)