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However, as much as she dreaded it, Ben's key fit perfectly into the padlock, and the doorknob turned.

Ben could feel the resistance as soon as he pushed the door.

He burst into a sinister laugh. "I knew it-you've been hiding in here all along, Gwen!"

Gwen placed her entire weight against the door, trying to stop Ben from coming in, but it was no use.

The discrepancy between a man's and a woman's strength was already striking enough, not to mention the fact that Gwen was petite, whereas Ben was tall and muscular.

She was no match for him at all!

Although Ben did not manage to open the door initially, bit by bit, he was still able to inch it slowly open.

"Gwen!" finally, he caught sight of Gwen's face from the crack in the door. A glimmer of malice flashed through his eyes as his lips split open in a gleeful grin. "I knew I'd find you! Have you been hiding here

all along? Have you been eavesdropping on me the last time I was here with that woman?

"Is it exciting to eavesdrop on your ex-husband doing it with another woman? Is this the kind of thrill you've been seeking?" Ben's eyes were filled with lustful malice.

Gwen's body was still pressed against the door as she snapped, "You're an animal, Ben Zeller!

Bastard!"

"Why are you surprised?" Ben cackled. "This isn't even the worst side of me—I'll show you who's boss!

"My beautiful ex-wife, have you been feeling lonely ever since Luke died? I wonder how thirsty are you? Would you want me to be your first taste of masculinity after so long?"

His sleazy tone was evident as he stared intently at Gwen. "I wonder if you and Luke have done it as many times as we have when we were married? Who do you think is better in bed; me or Luke?"

Gwen bit her lip, her fingers digging into the door so hard that they were now beginning to bleed. She glared at him and snarled, "Get away from me!"

"What will happen to you if I do?" Ben snickered, then turned to stare at her lustfully. "Have you forgotten how much fun we had in the past? Do you want to kiss me and be reminded of all our fun times?"

"Come on. Let's have one last hurrah before I take you to Tyson. If you do a good job, I might consider letting you off easy and keep you to myself for a few more days before handing you in. That way, you'll live a few days longer! What do you say?"

With a thud, the door was flung open from the outside with such force that Gwen was slammed against the wall behind her.

An excruciating pain shot down her back, but this was not the worst-the next moment, Gwen felt a hard tug on her scalp as Ben grabbed hold of her hair.

She bit her lip and reached out to grab hold of the broom hidden behind the door-

"Ow!" a bloodcurdling wail echoed through the house as the broomstick made contact with Ben's head with a loud thump.

With no time to think, Gwen did the only thing she could think of doing at this moment; closing her eyes and bringing the broom down on him over and over.

She finally stopped, panting for breath, when the sound of Ben's cries died down.

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Gwen lowered the broom and slumped against the wall behind her, still clutching the handle tightly.

After a few moments of catching her breath, she finally glanced at the man before her.

Ben was sprawled across the ground in a grotesque position, bleeding from a wound in his head. She

could not tell whether he was dead or just rendered unconscious.

This sight shocked Gwen greatly, and she instinctively took a small step back. She was so preoccupied with defending herself against Ben that she never once stopped to see what was happening.

Now that he was unresponsive, she felt her chest tighten, and the broomstick clattered onto the ground.

Did she perhaps beat him to death?

At the thought of this, Gwen kneeled and reached out to feel for Ben's breathing.

As much as she wanted to escape from him, she never once intended to kill him!

However, the moment she reached out her fingers, Ben leaped up from the ground, grabbed hold of her arm, and tackled her to the ground.

By the time Gwen finally realized what was happening, she was already pinned to the ground.

"How dare you attack me, you bitch?" Ben did not seem to notice the blood spilling down his face and instead reached out to tug at Gwen's shirt. "How dare you do this to me?"

"You're going to pay the price for this!"

After a moment's stupor, Gwen started clinging desperately to her shirt. "Get away from me, bastard! I thought."

"You thought you killed me, so you put down your broom to come to check on me, didn't you?" Ben sneered but did not pause in his motion. "Do you think I'd be so easily killed, not to mention by someone like you? You've underestimated me, Gwen!"

"Not only am I as healthy as a horse, but I'm going to make you pay the price for hurting me!"

As he said this, he tugged even harder at her shirt, and with a loud rip, her shirt was torn open.

Gwen instinctively covered her chest, then glared at Ben with a murderous look. "Don't you dare lay a finger on me! I'll get you back for this!"

"Get me back for this? With what? You're barely able to cover for yourself!" Ben sneered. "There's no way you can escape now, Gwen! After having fun, I'm going to turn you into Tyson and get a nice, hefty reward! He's going to use you as leverage to climb to the top!"

"He said that he's just pretending to take revenge on you; the truth is, he's going to kill you and dispose of the heart Luke has given to you, that way, every last trace of Luke will be erased from this earth!"

Gwen froze when she heard this, staring at Ben with a dazed look.

It turned out.

It turned out that Tyson was not after her at all, but the heart that was beating in her chest.

Although Luke always treated Kurt better than Tyson, he was still a decent boss, and she never once thought that Tyson would go to such sickening lengths to climb to the top.

"You're just as beautiful as I remember." Ben narrowed his eyes and cackled as he stared at Gwen's partially shielded bosom. "I wonder if you taste the way you used to."

With that, he lowered his head.

"No-" Just as his lips were about to make contact with her skin, Gwen let out a bloodcurdling scream.

At the same time, the front door was flung open with a slam.

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"Gwen!" Luna's worried voice rang out through the empty house. "Are you okay?"

She and Joshua arrived just in time to hear Gwen's scream, and she immediately stormed into the house without even waiting for the rest to follow.

Gwen felt every last fiber of her being relaxed when she heard Luna's voice. As her vision started to

blur, she could only vaguely make out the sight of Joshua and Luna sprinting toward her.

"Luna!" Finally, she closed her eyes and passed out.

When she finally came to, Ben was already tied up and kneeling before her.

"Gwennie." Luna brought her a glass of water when she noticed Gwen waking up, "are you okay?"

The cool water soothed her hoarse, raspy throat greatly. Gwen closed her eyes and let out a sigh of

relief, then turned to glance at Luna. "You came just in time."

"We were still too late," Luna sighed and handed the empty glass to Joshua, who placed it on the table

next to him, "if we arrived sooner, you wouldn't have gotten injured."

With that, she glanced at the bruises around Gwen's neck from where Ben held her in a chokehold,

then sighed. "If only we didn't get caught in the jam. It never used to be so congested when I was here,

and none of us thought we would get so unlucky today. What a shame."

Gwen could not help frowning when she heard this. She paused, then lifted her head to glance at Luna.

"That traffic jam was no accident. Someone planned for it to happen!"

With a sigh, Gwen proceeded to explain everything to Luna and Joshua, including how Ben arrived with

another woman who was mistaken for her and was taken away. "Someone deliberately caused that traffic jam, knowing you'd get stuck in it on your way here."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "This Tyson fellow is far more powerful than I initially thought."

"Of course!" Ben, who knelt in silence until now, scoffed when he heard this. "Tyson is one of Luke's most powerful men! If it weren't for Luke's malice and ruthlessness, Tyson would be sitting on the throne by now!

"Initially, Tyson intended to steal the title away from Luke and become king himself, but after discovering that Luke was intending to sacrifice himself for this bitch, he decided to hold back on his plans, but to his surprise, even after Luke died, everyone in the gang was even more willing to bow down to that Sean guy than him.

"He thought things would finally change after Sean left, but those bastards still refused to listen to him, and this finally led him to come up with the idea of capturing Gwen to use as a hostage."

With that, Ben scoffed and added, "Tyson swore up and down that he would one day become the leader of this gang, and there's no way you can save Gwen from this fate, no matter how hard you try to protect her. Just because you saved her today doesn't mean you can protect her forever."

"What makes you think I can't?" Luna snorted, then shot Ben a murderous look. "Do you think I'm the same as you? I'm not some useless bastard who abandoned Gwen after swearing to protect her for the rest of her life, and I never once committed something so shameless as to bring my new girlfriend to the house I bought with my ex-wife! i "You're a disgusting animal, Ben Zeller!"

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"So what if I am?" Ben sneered at Luna and replied coldly, " What does being a kind person get you?

Look what Luke had to go through for this bitch?

"If I didn't break up with her, she would've forced me to give her my heart too! I'll never be as stupid as

Luke was. He's the leader of notorious gangs in two cities, for God's sake! How can he be so stupid as

to sacrifice his life for a

woman? What a joke!"

With that, he glanced at a pale-faced Gwen and said, "Luna, you said you'd be able to protect her

forever, but are you sure you can do that? Not even Luke could pull that off!

"You and Joshua are going to go back to your lives eventually, and you can't possibly spend the rest of

eternity trying to protect her! The only solution is for Luke to come back to life and revive his old gang so that they can bring down Tyson, but we all know that's impossible! As long as Tyson and Winson are around, they won't rest until they get their hands on Gwen!"

Joshua curled his lips into a smirk when he heard this. He shifted into a more comfortable position, leaning back against a pillar, then turned to look at Ben. "You say the only solution is for Luke to come back to life?"

Ben narrowed his eyes. "That's right!"

"Well, let's see what we can do," Joshua snickered, then turned to glance at Gwen, "You okay, Gwen?"

We should go now!"

Gwen still tried to piece together what Ben said, but at the mention of her name, she snapped out of her stupor and nodded at the mention of her name. "I'm okay."

Although her neck was still sore from where Ben grabbed her, she could still handle it. They could not afford to waste any more time.

"That's good." Joshua nodded and glanced at the guards standing a short distance away. "Put

something in this man's mouth and hang him from the chandelier."

Ben's entire body stiffened when he heard this, he widened his eyes in shock and gaped at Joshua.

"What? What are you doing?"

Joshua lowered his head to glance at the time and replied calmly, "This chandelier can barely just hold your weight. If you don't feel like dangling from there anymore and instead want to struggle, the chandelier with no doubt snap and bring you down with it."

A glimmer of rage flashed through Ben's eyes. "The chandelier will bring me down with it! So, I'll be crushed!"

"That's right!" Joshua nodded, "But don't worry, this chandelier isn't too heavy to the point you'll die from the weight. Some minor injuries may be unavoidable, but it's not too bad."

With that, he ignored Ben entirely and turned to stare at Luna and Gwen. "Are we ready to go now?"

Luna nodded, then strode over to Gwen's side to help her up.

Joshua, too, sauntered over to assist.

Gwen let out a huge sigh of relief when she took in the fresh air outside the house. After she got settled into her seat, she turned to stare at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, when you said you might be able to bring Luke

back to life, what did you mean by that?"

"I meant what I said," Joshua crossed his arms in front of his chest as he leaned back against his seat, then closed his eyes and ordered the driver to start the car, "you'll find out when the time comes."

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Gwen furrowed her brows and wanted to ask further, but Luna stopped her. She winked at Gwen and said, "Ignore him. He's always trying to appear mysterious."

With that, she tugged Gwen toward her and placed her head on her shoulder. "Are you tired? You want to take a nap?"

Gwen nodded and obediently leaned her head against Luna's shoulder. She was so exhausted from her physical fight against Ben just now that it did not take her long to drift off to sleep.

However, in her sleep, she still managed to overhear some snippets of Luna and Joshua's conversation.

"You can't get in touch with them?"

"That's right. They've lost all contact with the outside world. Wherever they've stowed Andy away is

surely secretive and difficult to locate."

"Does that mean all we can do is wait for them to get in touch with us?"

"Theoretically that's correct, but don't worry. Once we arrive there, Tara will arrange for the rest of the

Moore family to help, and I'm sure we can track them down in no time."

"I hope everything goes well! What's going to happen to Luke and Steven?"

"How do you expect me to figure out what's happening

between them if not even they can do so?" Joshua chuckled, then added, "Don't worry. I'm sure that

neither Luke nor Steven will want to hurt Gwen. They both love her too much to do that."

"You're technically right, but even in this modern day and age, I'm sure no one will be okay with the

idea of someone dating two brothers simultaneously."

"They both know that which is why they're trying their best to keep their distance from her!"

"Keep their distance from her? I see nothing of those sorts. They're hovering around her all day and all

night! All I can see is that they're lying continually to her face and disrespecting her feelings."

Gwen could no longer make out the rest of the conversation after this.

She recalled Luna's words in her sleepy, groggy mind.

What did she mean? Luke and Steven hovered around her all day and night?

What did she mean? They lied to her face and disrespected her feelings?

Luke and Steven were missing for a long time, so what did Luna mean by this?

However, before she could dwell on the meaning of Luna's words, sleep took her in its warm embrace,

and she drifted off once more.

By the time she woke up, they already arrived in Sharnwick

City.

Luna patted her head gently to wake her. "Wake up, Gwen! We're here!"

Gwen yawned and glanced out the window through hooded eyes.

Although Sharnwick City and Banyan City were just a short distance from each other, Sharnwick City

was considerably less developed than Banyan City.

Gwen did not know what to make of this as she stared out the window.

Was her father entrapped in this city?

He was a frail man and frequently suffered from lung problems. To live in such a place all by himself.

Gwen did not dare to imagine any further.

Just as she was lost in her thought, a woman's face appeared in front of the window without warning.

This was the face of a young woman she never met before. Not only was she charming and attractive,

but she even bore a resemblance to a younger Luna, so much so that her twinkling eyes were the

same as Luna's before she got plastic surgery.

Gwen could not help wondering if she somehow went back in time. She stared first at the woman

outside the window, then turned to glance at Luna with a frown. "Is she related to you?"

Luna pursed her lips. "No."

Someone rolled down the windows, and Tara looked in, glancing first at Luna, then at Gwen. "My

dearest Luna, is this your beautiful friend-the one that won the heart of a gang leader to the point he

was willing to sacrifice his own life for her?"

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Luna furrowed her brows when she heard this and nodded, albeit rather displeased. "Yes, this is she."

"Your name is Gwen, right?" Tara smiled and extended her hand toward Gwen. "Nice to meet you. My

name is Tara Moore, and I'm Joshua's cousin.

"However, he and I aren't truly related by blood. I was adopted."

For some reason, Gwen could not help finding Tara's smile fake and deceiving. She did not understand

why Tara had to deliberately mention the fact that she and Joshua were not actual blood relatives.

It was as though she was not saying this as a fact but as a means of bragging.

What was there to brag about?

Gwen could not wrap her head around this, however, despite her confusion, she still smiled and shook

Tara's hand. "Pleasure to meet you, Tara. I'm Luna's friend, Gwen Larson."

"I know your name's Gwen Larson." Tara grinned and swept her gaze over Luna's entire body. "You're

Luna's best friend, so I've heard everything about you!"

"I didn't realize I'm this famous," Gwen replied with a smile, then drew her hand back and turned to

glance at Luna.

She finally understood why Tara made it clear she and Joshua were not related by blood now.

This woman thought she was being exceptionally discreet, but the truth was, Gwen could see right

through her.

"Of course you are," Luna wrapped her arm around Gwen's shoulder, "Tara's such a huge fan of investigating people. Even before she came to Banyan City to find Joshua, she did an extensive background check on me to the point that she brought up Aura and Heather. So, of course, she'd do the same to you."

With that, Luna glanced at Tara with a smile. "I'm flattered that you're so invested in my life, Tara.

You're a friendly person, but I can't help wondering if you secretly have a crush on me?"

"Unfortunately, when Christian came to visit, he never once mentioned you, and if I knew Joshua had a cousin who loved me so much, I would've come to visit sooner."

Luna's tone was annoyingly perky when she said this. Tara did not expect this response at all, and so her smile froze on her face. A split second later, she let out an awkward cough and turned to stare at Joshua, who was sitting in the front passenger seat. "You must be tired from this long journey, aren't you, Joshua?"

"I've arranged for all of you to stay in the best hotel in town, and I've made a reservation for the best restaurant here. Shall we go eat now?"

Joshua curled his lips into a smile and turned to glance at

Luna. "Are you hungry?"

Luna shrugged. "Not really. Gwen and I want to go back to the hotel to rest. Are you hungry? If you are, you can go have lunch with Tara."

"That's splendid!" Before Luna could even finish, Tara interrupted her with a delighted chirrup. "That's settled then.

Joshua and I shall go for lunch, and you-

"I won't be going either." Joshua knew immediately what Luna was trying to do and could not help smiling at this." Luna wants to be with her friend, and I want to be with Luna. We can go out for a meal some other time."

With that, he raised his brows and glanced at Tara. "If you're hungry, you should go ahead. No need to wait for us."

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Tara's smile froze on her face. She glanced sheepishly at Joshua, then let out an awkward cough.

"Well, I'm not hungry at all. I just wanted to know if you guys were. Well, if none of us want to eat, we don't have to go anywhere. Shall I send you all to the hotel now?"

"There's no need for that." Gwen chuckled as she glanced at Tara. "We can find our way. Feel free to attend to your own duties, Ms. Moore."

Luna nodded in agreement, then turned to smile at Joshua. "Aren't you here to help Tara out with her business? The fact that she came as soon as we landed must mean there's something urgent that requires your help, why don't you follow her back to the office while Gwen and I go to the hotel ourselves?"

Tara's entire face lit up when she heard this. "That's a great idea!"

With that, she could not help adding, "You're such an open-minded person, Luna! If this had happened to someone else, she would misinterpret my intentions as trying to get close to her husband and would refuse to let Joshua come with me! I'm certainly impressed by how trusting and generous you are, Luna!"

"Are you implying that you work frequently with other people's husbands, Tara?" Gwen raised her

brows suggestively and snickered. "Why else would you be so

familiar with this situation, then?"

Everyone fell silent.

Tara widened her eyes in shock, clearly stunned that Gwen would dare to speak to her so rudely. "What

did you just say? w

"You heard me just fine, Ms. Moore." Gwen smiled. "I'm sure you don't need me to repeat myself."

With that, she stifled a yawn and added, "I also heard that the Moore family is one of the most powerful

and influential families in this city. I know you're adopted, Ms. Moore, but I refuse to believe that they'd

neglect to help cure you if you suffer from early-onset hearing impairment."

Tara was so infuriated by Gwen's snarky comment that she immediately whipped her head around to

stare at Joshua. "Joshua! Did you hear what she just said to me? Do something!"

Joshua could not help chuckling when he saw how red Tara's face was from her anger. "She's just

messing with you. Besides, she's Luna's friend, and I'm certainly in no place to reprimand her."

With that, he glanced at the time and stared at Tara solemnly. "Tara, I've already told you not to come

pick us up when we arrive, and yet you did so anyway.

"Is there truly a reason for you to be here, or are you just playing hooky again? Didn't I tell you before that the key to running a successful company is to treat it like your second home and show up, no matter rain or shine? Have you forgotten everything I taught you?"

Tara's heart sank when she heard this. She bit her lip nervously, then replied rather hesitantly, "Is that what you think of me, Joshua? Of course I remember everything you told me, but there's a reason I came all the way here to pick you guys up..."

"If you don't want Luna to be upset for leaving with me, you can just be upfront with me or even feel free to invite Luna along... Please don't think of me as such a despicable person

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The crocodile tears brimming in Tara's eyes were like cherries on top of her perfectly crafted lie.

Gwen could not help frowning in disapproval when she heard this.

Joshua was no doubt a handsome man, and as Luna's friend, she had witnessed throngs of women

practically throwing themselves at Joshua over the years. That being said, however, Tara was arguably

one of the most cunning and crafty women she had ever met.

Gwen instinctively glanced at Joshua, then at Luna.

To her surprise, Luna was also staring at Joshua with a funny expression.

Gwen paused momentarily, then inched closer to Luna and whispered in her ear, "This woman is clearly trying to steal your husband. Why are you so calm?"

Luna shrugged, smiling. "Well, if he falls right into her trap so easily, perhaps I'll be better off without him.

"Since Joshua promised me he'd be able to take care of all this, I shall let him do his work. If he truly managed to stick to his word and resolve everything, we will still be a happy little family, but if things don't go the way I want, Tara can have him, so long as I get the kids."

Gwen froze for a moment, then gave Luna a thumbs-up in admiration.

She admired Luna for her open-mindedness and her newfound optimism. It was clear that Luna had changed a lot since her time in jail.

However, on second thought, she knew Luna was right.

Joshua's job put him in a position where he would frequently meet plenty of attractive, charming women that wanted to bed him, and it would not be feasible for Luna to get jealous over every single one of them at all.

Instead of worrying endlessly about whether Joshua would cheat on her, it was wise of her to allow Joshua to take care of things himself.

The mark of a good husband is being able to say no to temptations and remain devoted to only one partner-his wife.

"Is that so?" Joshua curled his lips into a smile, glancing at Tara, and picked up his phone.

"Hello, is this the CEO office of Moore Group, Sharnwick City branch? Yes, hello, I'm Joshua Lynch."

Tara's eyes were as wide as saucers when she realized Joshua was speaking to her secretary. A glimmer of panic flashed through her eyes.

"Alright, thank you." A few minutes later, Joshua hung up and glanced at Tara. "Your secretary told me that not only is everything going fine, but you never showed up at work today."

His gaze turned solemn as he asked, "Why didn't you go to to work? Do you think this job is too difficult? If you don't want to do this, I can talk to Uncle Devon and he can free you of your

responsibilities here so you can go back to living your carefree, bratty life."

Tara looked as though she was about to burst into tears." Joshua... I... I just wanted to come see you guys...

"We're family, and since you've all come all the way from Banyan City, I had to show some respect by coming to pick you up myself, don't I?"

"I told you it wasn't necessary." Joshua's expression was stern. "Besides, you had just left Banyan City a few days ago. it's not like we hadn't seen each other in years, is it? I already told you it's not necessary for you to come, and yet you chose to play hooky from work and disregard my orders.

"Tara, I don't see any inkling of sincerity in wanting to take over Uncle Devon's business the right way.

"Or perhaps were you just trying to get close to me when you came to work as my secretary for two weeks? if that's the case, I have no choice but to be honest with Uncle Devon and tell him that I won't have anything to do with you anymore."

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Tara widened her eyes in shock, and tears began to slide down her cheeks. "Joshua, I... That's not

what I intended to do at all... I..."

"That's enough now." Luna, who had been watching in silence all this while, finally piped up. "Ms.

Moore, I think you should go back now. We'll have lunch or dinner with you someday after we've had some rest.

"However, I want you to take Joshua's advice seriously. Your work should always be your first priority."

Tara, who had been upset about Joshua's stern scolding up until now, could not help snickering when she heard this. "I know! Thanks for trying to teach me a lesson, Luna."

With that, she could not help adding rather snarkily, "However, I do hope that you can remain understanding when I ask Joshua for help in the future, Luna. I hope that our relationship won't be tainted by your jealousy."

Luna's smile was gentle and reassuring when she replied, "Why would I get jealous if you're meeting over work? All I should be worried about are people who hide their true intentions underneath a false facade of work."

With that, Luna yawned and turned to glance at the driver. "I'm getting tired now. we should go to the

hotel and get some rest."

The driver nodded, then rolled the windows up and started the car.

Tara stared daggers at the retreating car as it pulled away, then could not help stomping her foot in frustration.

Gwen could not help chuckling as she watched Tara from the rearview mirror. "I think you may have gone a little overboard, Luna."

Luna, too, smiled at this. "Well, she asked for it. All I did was fulfill her."

The two women burst into giggles at this.

Joshua could not help smiling when he heard their tinkling laughter.

The truth was, unbeknownst to her, Luna had changed ever since she got out of jail.

Neither Joshua nor their four children had managed to evoke her heartfelt laughter since she got out of jail. Her happiness was like mist; briefly clouding over them when they said or did something to make her laugh, but dissipating as soon as it had come.

Occasionally, she would feign laughter just to fulfill their wishes, but after so many years of marriage,

Joshua could easily tell between her feigned chuckles and heartfelt laughter.

He knew that she was just pretending to be happy for everyone's sake.

Joshua had even sought help from a psychiatrist for this, and despite sneaking her some of the doctor's prescription pills, nothing changed.

After that, the doctor mentioned to him that she needed something to help jerk her out of her traumatic experience or heal her inner wounds.

This was why Joshua had gotten in contact with the Moore family and requested their help in tracking John down.

She knew that Luna was still blaming herself for Anne's death, but at the same time, he knew that the last thing John wanted was to see her.

This was the reason Joshua had brought her to Sharnwick City and deliberately lure Tara out.

He needed something-or rather, someone-to distract Luna from her nervousness about seeing John again.

He wanted to let Luna observe John and Sammie from afar so she could be assured that they were doing just fine on their own.

Not only that, but he knew helping Gwen save her father would also hasten Luna's recovery from her psychological wounds.

After all...they still had the rest of their lives to spend together, and he wanted her to be happy again.

At the thought of this, Joshua curled his lips into a smile and texted Tara. [You did great.]

Tara sent him an emoji that was rolling its eyes. [I request some extra reward for my Oscar-winning performance!]

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They soon arrived at the hotel Lucas had booked for them.

Luna and Gwen hopped out of the car as soon as it screeched to a halt.

Joshua let out a weak chuckle as he followed the two chattering women into the hotel, dragging their suitcases behind him.

Even after settling in, Luna and Gwen were still chattering on and on.

They had spent so much time apart that they missed each other dearly. Although they had kept in touch consistently via the phone, nothing beat seeing each other in real life.

This was the truth about relationships between girl best friends; they could talk about everything and anything they set their mind to.

After a long conversation, Joshua finally found an excuse to drag Luna out of Gwen's room by pretending that he wanted to talk to her about their plans in Sharnwick City.

Gwen did not know Luna was here to see John, and Luna did not intend to tell her either.

After Luna left, Gwen let out a sigh of relief and texted Stefan. [Hey Stefan, have you guys arrived already?]

[How's everything going?]

[I'm already in Sharnwick City. Did you manage to find my dad? When are we meeting?]

However, all these messages were met with no reply.

Gwen waited for him to respond for a long, long time, and the more time passed, the more panicked she grew.

However, she did not dare to call Stefan to demand an update for fear that her call would foil his plans, so she had no choice but to wait.

Therefore, Gwen had no idea that Stefan's phone had been confiscated and tossed into the sewers by

Tyson's men since they arrived.

"You arrived just in time. We just got an update from Boss that we should stay put and wait."

Meanwhile, a man with a nasty scar across his face was seated in a dark underground garage, drinking his beer as he stared at Stefan and Kurt, who were both masked. "He's sending another person over to be locked up with the old bag of bones!"

Stefan and Kurt exchanged glances when they heard this, a split second later, Kurt furrowed his brows and asked, "Diablo, who's the person that's coming? Why is he being locked up with the old geezer?"

The old geezer he was referring to was none other than Gwen's father, Andy.

The fact that Tyson wanted to keep the two hostages together...meant that the newcomer was likely related to Gwen somehow, too.

"I heard it's the old geezer's daughter." Diablo sneered. "Boss wants them to be reunited."

The color drained from Stefan's face when he heard this. He frowned slightly, then stepped forward to pour Diablo another glass of beer. "Doesn't that old geezer have only one daughter?"

As Gwen's ex-boyfriend, Stefan was naturally familiar with Gwen's family. She was Andy's only

daughter, and they had always had a close relationship since she was young.

Did Andy have another daughter besides Gwen?

"Yes, that's her." Diablo took a swig from the beer Stefan poured. "It's that Gwen Larson girl that Boss has been searching high and low for. We've caught her now.

"Initially, we all wanted to kill her and avenge Luke's death, but Boss says it's not time yet. He wants to keep her imprisoned and reunite father and daughter first before sending her to hell where she belongs."

With that, Diablo could not help lamenting, "Well, I guess Boss does have some empathy in him, doesn't he?"