

Luna & Joshua 31

Chapter 31

Clap!

A tall figure appeared at the door.

As soon as Joshua opened the door, he saw the woman sitting on the ladder.

She was sitting on a chair with a photo album on her lap, looking at the contents of the photo album.

She was wearing a pale -yellow nightdress, and her long curly hair languidly spread out, hanging at her waist, making her look even more slender and petite.

Under the dim light, her freely hanging legs looked sexy and charming, but on her small, fair feet, she was wearing the same cartoon plush slippers as Nellie.

The man's roaming eyes paused.

This woman, she was still awake in the middle of the night, striking such a pose in his study, was she trying to seduce him?

She almost died during the day, and yet now that night had fallen, she still harbored such intentions!

Thinking of this, his expression turned cold. He walked over and asked, "What are you doing?"

Her position on the ladder was shaky and unstable, and she was looking at the photo album in a

trance. She was so shocked by his arrival that her hands shook and the photo album in her hands slipped out of her grip.

At that moment, she quickly reached out and grabbed the album, her body falling forward.

Joshua frowned, almost instinctively, he stretched out his arm to catch her.

“Boom! “

The two fell to the ground together.

Luna didn't expect Joshua to appear suddenly, let alone save her when she fell.

She looked at the man who was crushed under her in astonishment.

This was the first time she has observed Joshua from such a close range since she came back.

His facial features remained harsh and delicate, but he looked tougher and more manly compared to five years ago.

She stared at him, lost for a moment.

Joshua lay on the ground, the fragrance from her body attacked his nostrils, for a moment, he was inexplicably confused.

After a while, the man's low-pitched voice rang out indifferently, "You still don't want to get up?"

Luna was startled, scrambling off of him, blushing profusely.

Then, she hurriedly walked to the side and picked up the album.

Joshua sat up, watched her holding the photo album as if it was a precious treasure, and frowned

slightly, "What were you doing just now?"

At his question, Luna panicked, but quickly calmed down.

She held the photo album tightly in her hands before she smiled and looked at him, "Today the servant

said that there was a photo album of your wife in the attic. Nellie heard her and wanted to see it, so I

came to look for it."

Her excuse was valid and fool-proof.

Joshua frowned faintly, and reached out his hand towards her.

Luna handed him the photo album.

The man looked down and flipped through it. It turned out to be Luna Gibson's photo album.

"I never knew her photo album was still in the attic."

Luna smirked slightly, "Your ex-wife has been away for so many years. It is normal for you to forget

where her things are.”

With that, she raised her hand and grabbed the edge of the album, “Mr. Lynch, it’s getting late, I’m going to rest now.”

Joshua frowned and pulled her hand away, “ Tomorrow I will pass the album to Nellie myself. “

Since he already said so, Luna had no reason to insist on taking the album.

She respectfully bid him goodnight, and turned and left. Outside the door, she breathed a sigh of relief.

He ought not to have noticed anything out of the ordinary...

Standing in place, Joshua looked at the direction in which she left, his eyes dark.

That night, the lights in the study were lit throughout the night.

Joshua sat in a chair, looking at the woman in the photo page by page.

At times, she was young and beautiful, at times charming, and other times cool and arrogant.

Looking at Luna in the photos, Joshua discovered for the first time that she had so many different emotions.

But, in his impression, she had always been gentle and silent, conducting herself appropriately

according to the situation.

Even her death was quiet and silent...

He looked at the photos for a long, long time, and finally sighed deeply.

“Luna.”

The man rubbed his fingertips over the woman’s face in the photos, “If you were there, what would you

do with Aura today?”

Aura had always been Luna’s favorite family member, and the one she worried about the most.

Even if they were born to different mothers, for many years, Luna and Aura were even closer than

biological sisters.

When she moved from Bronze City to Banyan City after they got married, she purposely brought Aura

over with her, setting her down in Banyan City, and even arranging for Aura to be his personal

secretary.

The man closed his eyes.

Today’s affairs, all the clues led to Aura, he could see it clearly.

But...

Aura was, after all, Luna's sister that she cared about the most. When she left him back then, she didn't even mention him in her suicide note, but she explicitly told him to take good care of Aura.

In the darkness, the man opened his eyes, his pain and struggle clearly reflected within.

The next day.

"Aunty..."

The moment she woke up, Nellie quickly grabbed the corner of Luna's shirt, her watery eyes filled with expectation, "You promised me yesterday."

Luna paused. Just as she wanted to explain the whereabouts of the album, the door to Nellie's room was opened.

Joshua, dressed in smoky gray pajamas, stood at the door, "Nellie, come with me."

Nellie took a step back subconsciously and turned to look at Luna.

"Go ahead."

Luna squatted down and tidied the little girl's clothes, smoothening her messy hair, "Your mother's photo album is in your daddy's hands."

Nellie pursed her lips, raised her feet and followed Joshua to his study.

“Wow! “

On the sofa in the study, the little girl held the photo album that was even bigger than her face, and

flipped through it page by page.

Previously, she had only seen her parents’ wedding photos. In the photos, Luna wore the same

expression throughout, but this album was a completely different story!

The little girl couldn’t help but sigh, “So she used to look so good!”

What she said made Joshua frown slightly, “Doesn’t your mom look like this now?”

“No!”

Nellie replied excitedly, “Mommy always said she used to be beautiful, I didn’t believe her, but it’s true!

She was so beautiful! “

The man paused.

After a moment, his deep voice rang lowly, “Then what does your mommy look like now?”

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Nellie blinked, then realized she had misspoken.

She didn't dare to face her father, turning her face to the side, "Mommy, right now, she's..."

Before she could finish her sentence, she spotted Luna who was standing at the entrance to the study.

The little girl's voice cut off in her throat.

Joshua turned and glanced at the woman standing in the entrance, his displeasure apparent in his

voice, " You have something to say?"

"Yes."

Luna's face remained expressionless. "The servants downstairs said breakfast is ready and asked

when Nellie would go down and eat."

"You can eat first if you're hungry."

He glanced at her, irritated, "Once Nellie and I are done, we'll go downstairs by ourselves."

"Alright."

She smiled and nodded, then turned and left without a hint of hesitation.

After Luna left, Joshua shut the door to the study, turned and continued questioning Nellie. "You were

saying, what does your Mommy look like now?"

Nellie paused, raised her head and looked at him, " Mommy...she looks ugly now."

She tried her best to recall what Luna looked like originally, “Her face is terrible, full of scars, with bandages wrapped around her head all the time. All you can see was her eyes.

Sometimes when the bandages have been removed, you can see the various scars...”

As she was talking, she trembled unconsciously, “ Anyway, she looks so ugly...”

When she had just learned how to talk, Luna’s face wasn’t as perfect as it is now.

Every time she saw her mother’s face under the bandages, she would be so terrified she couldn’t sleep throughout the night.

Every time she lost sleep because she saw her mother’s face, her brother Nigel would hold her in his arms carefully, “Nellie, she’s our Mommy, the one who is the closest to us, who loves us the most, in this whole world.

No matter what she looks like, we can’t be disgusted at her, we can’t be afraid of her, do you understand?”

Back then, the confused and lost Nellie didn’t understand what Nigel was saying.

But later, after Neil told her about what Luna went through, she finally understood.

Back then, Daddy was the person Mommy was closest to. He was even more important to Mommy than Mommy was to Nellie.

But it was because of him that Mommy became like this...

With these thoughts in mind, Nellie raised her head, her gaze that was resting on Joshua turned cold and distant, "Daddy, now that Mommy is ugly, would you still want to find her?"

Joshua couldn't help it and sighed at her question, "No matter what she looks like, she is still my wife."

With that, he raised his hand and stroked Nellie's hair, "Your mother...did she send you back alone, because of her looks? Because she was afraid?"

Nellie nodded, "I think so. Mommy said, she doesn't want to see you. If it's not because of me, she had nothing to do with you anymore. "

Joshua's eyes gradually dimmed.

He knew that there must be a reason why Luna left him back then.

After three years of marriage, he admitted that he was never a loving husband. She married him because she loved him deeply, affectionately, but he never gave her any response, so her feelings for him finally wore off.

But, even so, he didn't believe that she would betray him, let alone that she would commit suicide in a

thunderstorm, leaving behind nothing but a single note, moreover while she was pregnant.

She loved children so much, she would not insist on driving to the bridge to commit suicide,

disregarding her child's health.

There must be some other reason.

But right now, Luna dared not show up because of her disfigured face, and Nellie was a six-year-old kid

who didn't understand anything. He wanted to

figure out what happened that year, but his task was similar to finding a needle in a haystack.

Thinking of this, he sighed in relief, raised his hand and patted Nellie's back, "If you can reach your

mommy, tell her that I have something important to tell her and ask her to contact me."

Nellie pursed her lips and didn't say any more.

Seeing her look of distress, her father decided to let her off the hook.

He picked her up and went downstairs to have breakfast.

In the dining room downstairs, Luna was sitting in a chair and sending a message to Neil.

Seeing Nellie come down, she quickly put away her mobile phone, sat next to Nellie, and carefully served her breakfast.

“Aunty, don’t just feed me, eat some yourself.”

Nellie picked up some salad and put it in Luna’s bowl, “You’ve lost weight recently.”

Luna smiled gently, and continued to spoon food into Nellie’s bowl, “You need to eat to grow, don’t worry about me.” The two ladies, young and old, took turns feeding and caring for each other, looking like a mother and daughter pair who were very close to each other.

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Looking at the scene in front of him, Joshua frowned slightly.

After breakfast, Nellie jumped down from her little chair, “I’m going back to my room! “

With that, the little girl hopped up the stairs.

Luna sat on her chair, looking at the little girl’s pony tail swaying from side to side as she mounted the stairs, and shook her head helplessly.

She was still a child after all, her emotions coming and going, like a storm.

Judging from her expression, she seemed to have forgotten the events of yesterday.

After a moment, she stood up and prepared to go upstairs. “Wait.”

The moment she stood up; Joshua called out to her.

Luna looked at him, "Mr. Lynch, do you have something to say?"

"Yes."

Joshua cleared his throat, "I want to cook for Nellie."

He still remembered the words the little boy said last night.

"If my real father would appear suddenly, I hope he'd cook me some delicious food, pick out my outfit and tell me bedtime stories."

Even though boys and girls were different, for Nellie, he had to at least try.

It had been almost a week since Nellie returned to him, and he had never given her a gift, nor had he done anything for her.

He ought to make it up for her, for the events that conspired yesterday.

Luna gave him a startled look, "You... want to cook for Nellie?"

The man nodded silently, "I can't?" "Of course, you can."

She stopped, turned and went into the kitchen, "I will teach you how to make tomato scrambled eggs."

Simple and delicious, Nellie loved it too.

With her knowledge of Joshua, she really couldn't expect him to learn how to cook complicated dishes.

"Of course."

The man got up and followed her into the kitchen. Joshua was too tall and broad for the small kitchen.

As soon as he came in, it became a little difficult for Luna to breathe.

She took a deep breath, calmed her mind and opened the refrigerator.

There were no tomatoes or eggs in the refrigerator.

Luna shrugged, "I'll go grocery shopping first, I'll teach you later."

With that, she turned and walked out the door.

When she stepped out the door, she realized that Joshua had followed her.

"Let's go together."

He took out his car keys and walked towards the car, "I have to buy something else for Nellie, you can give me some opinions."

Luna had no choice but to go with him.

The two went to the wet market to buy vegetables first.

Luna pushed the shopping cart and followed behind Joshua. The two of them had just taken a few steps before they ran into two people, an adult and a young child.

At that moment, Anne was pushing a shopping cart while Neil was sitting inside the shopping cart like a little adult.

The two of them were arguing, “We’ll be eating chicken for lunch! Your godmother, I, make the best chicken! “

“No! We’ve been eating chicken every day, no matter how delicious it is, I’ve had enough! And your chicken is not that delicious either! “

“I’ll cook it differently today...”

Anne was in the middle of persuading the boy when suddenly, she noticed that the little guy in the shopping cart had stopped talking.

She came back to her senses, and took a closer look—The woman standing next to Joshua... “Luna!?”

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“Miss Zimmer.”

Luna winked at Anne, deliberately greeting her as if they were merely acquaintances, “You’re out

shopping too?"

Anne frowned, just about to speak, when Joshua, who was standing opposite her, glanced at Neil

slightly, "We meet again."

In front of Luna, Neil didn't dare to say anything, and could only smile at him in embarrassment, " Yes,

we meet again."

Anne was shocked and speechless. What was going on?

Luna was so close with someone like Joshua Lynch?

And Neil knew Joshua too?

She smiled awkwardly, "Well, it looks like everyone knows each other..."

"Hello."

Joshua only noticed the woman pushing Neil in the shopping cart, "Are you this child's mother?"

Anne, "???"

The child's mother was right beside him! "She's not my mother, she is my godmother."

Neil spoke up and interrupted him, "My mother is busy working part-time and has no time to take care

of me, so I have been living with my godmother recently."

The little boy's words made Anne swallow back what she was about to say.

She coughed slightly, exchanged a few pleasantries with Luna, and then pushed Neil away in a hurry.

Joshua kept watching Anne and Neil until they disappeared out of sight before turning around.

"How did you meet such a young child?"

Luna pushed the shopping cart, faking casual nonchalance.

"That kid saved you and Nellie yesterday."

Joshua sighed faintly, "He's a brilliant and righteous child."

"I see..."

Luna breathed a sigh of relief in silence.

She was afraid that Neil would do something out of the ordinary.

He made Nellie reunite with Joshua, completely disrupting her plan.

If he did it again, she would have a heart attack. "He's quite pitiful, that kid."

Seeing that Luna seemed to be interested in that child, Joshua continued to speak lightly as he walked,

" He said that his father died when he was born, and he and his mother have depended on each other

ever since. I didn't expect his mother would actually entrust him to a friend, even if she herself was working."

He didn't even know why himself, but every time he thought of that little boy, he would be reminded of Nellie.

If he and Nellie weren't reunited, she would have lived a miserable life just like him, right?

"He..."

Luna's hand holding the shopping cart tightened slightly, "He said his father is dead?"

"Yeah."

Joshua recalled Neil's answer yesterday, it all made sense. "He said that when he was born, the grass on his father's grave was already two meters tall."

Luna, ".."

She turned her face away, to prevent him from seeing the flush on her face from holding in her smile, "We're done shopping, should we go home?"

After coming out of the market, Joshua did not take Luna home, instead he took her to the clothing department on the third floor of the mall.

“I want to buy some clothes for Nellie.”

Luna nodded, raised her feet and walked in the direction of the children’s clothing department.

He wanted to please Nellie, of course she had to help, after all, whether it was cooking or buying

clothes, Nellie was the one who benefitted in the end.

The woman flitted through the mall like a bird, looking all over the place, picking a piece from the left,

and another dress from the right.

Not only did she clearly know Nellie’s size, she could even clearly state the style that Nellie liked and

which suited her.

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Joshua was a little surprised.

If he remembered correctly, the woman had taken care of Nellie for less than a week.

How could she know so much about Nellie?

He sat on the sofa and watched her flipping through the children’s clothes, and Luna Gibson’s face

appeared in front of his eyes in a daze.

If she was by his side, she would be like Luna, buzzing here and there like a hardworking bee, busily

taking care of her daughter.

In other words, Luna's care for Nellie, both in the way she looked after her and the way she seemed to read her feelings, seemed to have far surpassed the relationship between a nanny and her employer's daughter.

He remembered how in the Ferris wheel yesterday, she was determined to protect Nellie even if her own life was at stake.

At that moment, he even felt that, even if she approached him with ill intentions, it wasn't a big deal after all.

At least, she was doing her best to take care of Nellie.

Nellie had extremely good taste. The moment she came back, she found the most competent maid.

"Sir."

Maybe because he had been sitting on the sofa for too long, the salesperson on the side approached him cautiously, "Is that your wife?

I can see that your wife has done her best for your daughter. Then would you like to buy your wife a gift?"

Joshua scrunched his eyebrows, turned his head and took a look.

The coldness in the man's eyes made the salesperson slightly nervous.

But the salesman chuckled and pointed to the women's clothing department behind him, "Your wife is in

good shape, she can wear those clothes."

Somehow, Joshua stood up and followed the salesman into the women's clothing department.

Under the salesperson's persuasion, Joshua bought two sets of branded clothes for Luna.

When he returned to the sofa, Luna had just finished choosing clothes for Nellie.

"These are for you."

On the way home, Joshua handed the two sets of clothes to Luna, the expression on his face as cold as ever.

The woman took a look and said, "Mr. Lynch, why are you giving me clothes all of a sudden?"

"On the one hand, it's a reward for saving Nellie yesterday. On the other hand, thank you for teaching me how to cook."

The man turned his head and looked out the car window, his tone indifferent, "You've done your

best for Nellie and I can see that, but I can't give you what you want. Take these in return."

Luna was startled, and it took a long time for her to understand what Joshua meant.

He still didn't trust her, he thought she was plotting against him.

Her lips lifted slightly, a contemptuous smile hanging from her lips, "Thank you then."

She admitted that when she came back this time, she was indeed conspiring against him, but not right now, and she would not be so straightforward.

From the beginning, she didn't intend to appear in his life as a servant.

If it wasn't for Neil's little trick, she wouldn't have to stay by his side for Nellie and be despised by him.

The two of them remained quiet for the rest of the journey.

The moment they returned home, Nellie looked at the pile of clothes Joshua had bought for her, and excitedly pulled Luna into the changing room to try on all the clothes.

She changed into one set after another, and every time she changed into a different set, she requested Luna had to praise her.

Luna leaned back on the sofa and looked at the little girl's excited expression and smiled helplessly.

It didn't take much for her to be happy.

When Nellie had changed into her sixth set of clothes, Luna's cell phone rang, it was a call from Anne.

"Luna, what is the relationship between you and Joshua?"

Luna rubbed her temples, "It'll take some time to explain, but all you need to know is I'm working as a servant at Joshua's house."

"I'm not asking you for an explanation."

On the other end of the phone, Anne paused, "Did you not watch the news? You went to the mall with Joshua, and Joshua bought you clothes. All these photos were taken and posted online!

Aura Lynch, Joshua's fiancé, is considered a celebrity, she is crying right now in the live broadcast, and netizens are scolding you, saying that you're a mistress! "

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After hanging up the phone call with Anne, Luna immediately went on Twitter.

Sure enough. The top trending topic was (Aura Gibson Crying Live].

She tapped on it. It was Aura Gibson's live stream.

At that moment, Aura was sitting on the chair crying. She pretended to be aggrieved and explained,

"Please don't trust the rumors. Joshua and I are very much in love. I choose to believe him. The truth is

not what you guys saw. Please stop spreading rumors. Joshua must have encountered some difficulties. He is not the type of person who would cheat.”

Seeing Aura’s fake tears, Luna’s heart turned ice- cold. No wonder this woman was an actor. Her acting skills were exceptional.

Joshua was not the type of person who would cheat? Then, how did he get together with Aura in the first place?

“Mommy, what are you looking at? “ When Nellie changed into the last set of clothes, she saw Luna sneering at her phone. Nellie curiously went closer to have a look.

Luna swiftly locked the screen of her phone. “ Nothing much.”

Then, she lowered her head and looked at Nellie in a yellow top and cartoon overalls. “That’s cute.”

Luna’s words instantly distracted Nellie. Nellie turned to look at herself in the mirror. She nodded excitedly, “It is cute! Daddy has good taste! “

Luna smiled faintly. Seeing how excited her daughter looked, she did not have the heart to tell her that actually, she was the one that picked those clothes.

When Luna and Nellie came out from the dressing room, Luna noticed the two sets of clothes that Joshua bought for her.

A bitterness suddenly overwhelmed her. She has loved Joshua deeply for three whole years.

During those three years, not once has Joshua paid her any attention. He has never even bought clothes for her.

At that moment, she was only a maid taking care of Nellie, yet she received many things that she did not dare to hope for back then. Turns out, it was not that Joshua did not know how to show his affection or treat women well, it was intentional toward her.

She cleared her mind and settled Nellie down. Then, she headed down to the kitchen.

On the way down, she received Anne's message, [Luna, have you thought of what you're going to do?

Common folk like us would be easily bullied by the internet!]

Luna calmly replied, (I have my ways to deal with it.

Don't worry.]

Then, Luna kept her phone in her pocket. She put on an apron and looked at Joshua, who was sitting on the sofa reading his documents, eagerly.

“Mr. Lynch, shall we start?”

Joshua furrowed his brows and walked over to Luna, standing next to her.

The kitchen was not huge, to begin with. Joshua’s tall figure loomed over Luna.

Luna gently chuckled and patiently taught Joshua how to cook.

Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at Luna’s side profile. Unknowingly, Luna Gibson’s face appeared in front of him.

He always knew that Luna the maid was a beautiful woman, but he never noticed that her face was so similar to Luna Gibson’s.

Luna Gibson, Luna.

Were the two of them related somehow? He looked at Luna’s side profile in a daze. “Mr. Lynch.”

Seeing how he was in a daze, Luna’s eyes turned cold. He never looked at Luna Gibson with eyes like

that back then. He was so aloof toward her that he would barely look at her, yet at that moment, he was looking at Luna so openly.

Joshua came to his senses. He cleared his throat. “

What is it?"

"Let's move on to the next step."

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She smiled tenderly at Joshua and passed him the porcelain bowl.

"Beat the eggs."

Joshua gently pursed his lips and accepted the eggs from her.

When he took the eggs over, his fingers touched the back of her hand. Luna immediately retracted her hand.

"Mr. Lynch. I think I should put the ingredients on the counter. Why don't you take them from there?"

Luna smiled. "After all, you have a fiancée. It's inappropriate that I should have too much body contact with you."

Joshua furrowed her brows and looked at her. What was going on with this woman today?

Body contact? They barely had any?

Facing his curious gaze, Luna remained smiling. Then, she continued teaching him the other steps, but she deliberately kept a distance from him.

An hour later, Nellie came downstairs in surprise. "Wow! Daddy cooked for me! I'll have more of it!"

Nellie's innocent smile made Joshua feel amazing. When he took some food for Nellie, he did the same for Luna too. "Have a taste."

Luna smiled a little. She put the food that Joshua gave her into Nellie's bowl, then she took some for herself once more.

Her actions made Joshua extremely uncomfortable. Nellie could vaguely feel that something was off with Luna too.

The atmosphere at the dining table suddenly turned awkward and strange.

Soon after, lunch was over. Nellie kept pestering Luna to accompany her for a nap while Joshua headed into the office.

"President! "

Once he alighted from the elevator, he was immediately flagged down by his secretary. "Granny Lynch and Ms. Gibson are here. They are waiting for you in your office. They look like they are not in a good mood. It should be because of the online incident today."

Joshua furrowed his brows. "The online incident?"

His secretary nodded. "Sir, don't you know about it? The videos of you and the maid shopping this morning have gone viral online. Everyone said that you cheated on Aura with the maid."

Joshua frowned and took over the secretary's phone, only then did he saw the news.

"Is that Joshua?" Hearing the commotion outside, Granny Lynch shouted, "What are you standing outside for?"

Joshua returned the phone back to the secretary and instructed him to make two cups of tea. Then, he entered his office.

In his office, Granny was sitting on the master seat while clutching onto her walking stick. She looked at him sternly.

Behind her, Aura was standing with reddened eyes.

Joshua smiled lightly. "Granny, what brings you by?" Although Joshua has always been aloof to outsiders, Granny Lynch was his own grandmother . She watched him grow up. He was always polite and respectful to his elderly.

"Don't think I come here willingly ! " Granny Lynch harrumphed. "After such an incident, if I don' t come looking for you, you will never admit your mistakes to me on your own! What on earth is going on online

and the video? Aura has been engaged to you for five whole years! She is a public figure ! Anything that has to do with her will be talked about! You're her fiance. It's one thing not helping her, but you boldly went shopping with another woman? Don't you know how badly this affects Aura?"

Joshua took over the cups of tea from his secretary and put them in front of Granny Lynch. "She is just a maid accompanying me for groceries."

Granny Lynch stomped her walking stick heavily on the ground. "Since when do you care about such matters? Stop giving me excuses ! Ever since Luna passed away, how long have you not had a young servant in your house? Why did she suddenly appear? You even went grocery shopping with her ! " Then, Granny Lynch harrumphed. "If she is just a maid, you fire her immediately! "

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"She did nothing wrong."

"She caused trouble for her masters. That is the biggest mistake! "

"She did not cause me any trouble," Joshua said flatly and furrowed his brow.

Granny Lynch angrily stomped her walking stick. " She caused Aura trouble! Aura is the future mistress

of the Blue Bay Villa, also her master! “

Joshua calmly turned to look at Aura with cold eyes, “

Do you think so too?” Aura’s face turned slightly pale at his words.

She pursed her lips and pretended to be aggrieved. She took a step back and lowered her head. “I’ve explained to Granny a lot of times, those are just speculations from the people online. We don’t have to do anything just because they speculate...”

“Speculations?” Granny Lynch glared angrily at Aura. “What? So I have to wait until the maid gets what she wants, wait until something happened with her and Joshua, then only you want to get rid of her?

What happens if she gets pregnant then?”

Then, Granny Lynch glared at Joshua coldly. “I ‘m going to ask you once more. Are you going to fire this maid or not?”

“No.”

“Heh. “ Granny Lynch looked at Joshua frigidly. “I’m not being unreasonable. Give me a reason why you want her to stay. If there is a need for her to stay, I won’t stop you. If not, then, you must have been

charmed and blinded by her! “

Joshua furrowed his brows. “I have my reason for wanting her to stay. I just can’t tell you now.”

He needed a suitable time for Nellie to be recognized in the family. To return to the family in a respectable manner , not like how she returned to him without any news.

Also, he wanted Nellie’s appearance to be a surprise for his family. Joshua decided to let Nellie make her appearance on Granny Lynch’s birthday a few days later, to give everyone a surprise, also to give Nellie a proper welcome as his daughter.

However, he could not tell Granny Lynch about Nellie at that moment. Granny Lynch was not one to keep secrets. If she knew about it, the entire family would have caught wind of it too. It would be even more troublesome then.

“Saying you have a reason but not stating them is the same as not having a reason! “

Granny Lynch violently stomped her walking stick. “ I don’ t care what the hell you are up to , but let me tell you. You either get rid of that woman or you immediately decide on a marriage date with Aura! Aura has been your fiancée for five years, you owe her after the scandal with the maid! ”

Joshua calmly raised his eyes and looked at Granny Lynch. His tone was ice- cold. “I won’t get rid of

the maid. I also won't decide on a marriage date with Aura. If you force me, I don't mind calling off the engagement right now."

Upon his words, the entire office was suddenly in silence.

Granny Lynch glared at Joshua with widened eyes, in shock. "How dare you! "

"There is nothing I do not dare to do."

"Fine, fine! You won't even listen to me anymore! " Granny Lynch's face lost all of its colors. "I'm

warning you. You either get rid of the maid or you get married to Aura! If not, don't ever come to see me. I don't need you attending my birthday banquet either! "

Then, Granny Lynch angrily left with the help of the butler.

"Joshua." After Granny Lynch left, Aura walked over, looking helpless. She carefully tugged at Joshua's sleeve. "I have really tried to talk to Granny, but she did not listen to me."

"Is that so?"

Joshua smiled a little. His eyes were cold. "She's an eighty-year-old woman. She doesn't even know how to go online. How come I only went to the mall with Luna in the morning and she already heard

about the news online by the afternoon?”

His words made Aura turn pale.

She pursed her lips. “Joshua, are you suspecting me “I only think that it’s too much of a coincidence.”

Joshua sat down aloofly and glared at Aura coldly. “I initially wanted to wait until Granny Lynch’s

birthday banquet to announce the calling off of the engagement, to make it more formal. There would

be more people at the banquet. We won’t need to explain too much, but...”

Joshua sneered. “It looks like I won’t be able to wait until that day. Why don’t I announce the calling off

of the engagement today?”

Aura panicked. She bit her lips and pretended to be calm, but she was trembling terribly inside.

“Joshua, now is not the time. The photos of you shopping with the maid just came out this morning, yet

you announce breaking off the engagement with me in the afternoon. People will think that you had

something going on with her. People will think that you called off the engagement because of her.”

Joshua found it comical. “What does that have to do with me?”

“How about my sister?”

Due to desperation, Aura could only mention Luna Gibson. “Don’t you care what Luna thinks?”

Joshua hesitated a little.

Seeing his reaction, Aura let out a sigh of relief. She said with a softer tone, “Joshua, you should know that it was Luna who left instructions in the will asking you to marry me and take care of me. Now that Nellie has appeared, that means that my sister is not dead.

“If she could let Nellie come back to you, she must be watching you from somewhere. If you call off the engagement with me now, from the outside, people would think that it’s because of the maid. If Luna knew that you called off the engagement with me because of a maid, would she come back to look for you?”

Her words made Joshua silent. He shut his eyes and Luna Gibson’s innocent eyes appeared in front of him.

Indeed. He could care less about anyone misunderstanding him, but he could not do that to Luna Gibson.

She was the only person in this world that he was sorry for. He wanted to protect and cherish her.

“So, Joshua.” Aura carefully poured tea for Joshua. “ Don’t worry. I won’t object to the calling off of the

engagement but now is not the time. What do you say?"

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Joshua never lifted his head one bit.

After a while, he said flatly, "Leave. I want to be alone."

"Okay." Aura let out a deep sigh and left the office. In a stairwell outside the President's office.

Zach and Yuri were on a break. They secretly dialed Neil.

"Boss, guess what we heard just now? Granny Lynch came to President Lynch's office and made a

huge fuss. I even said something about calling off the engagement..."

Neil, on the other end of the line, became excited. "

What else! "

"We didn't catch much of it, but after Granny Lynch left, Aura and President Lynch were discussing the

calling off of the engagement. I guess they are going to split sooner or later! "

"That's great! " Neil exhaled. After praising Zach and Yuri, Neil hung up.

He excitedly paced around the house. In the end, he could not help but take his phone and order a

huge meal.

An hour later, Anne was shocked to see a feast on the dining table. "Where did you get the money to

buy all this food?"

Neil shrugged his shoulders. "From being a spammer online."

Anne furrowed her brows, "You're a spammer?"

"Yes."

Neil smiled. "Nigel and I got a case for spreading rumors this morning." Then, Neil took his phone and transferred money to Luna.

(When I noticed that Aura was scheming at something, I got Nigel to create a spammers' syndicate and come up with a spammer program, so we could earn from her. This is the money we earned from her and the details of her hiring us. Have a look.

Luna looked at the price of the bill on her phone. There were other records of Aura hiring spammers too. She sighed helplessly.

(So you two rascals helped her spread rumors about me?)

[Mommy, you can't look at it in that way.]

Neil thought that Luna was really angry. He immediately put down his utensils and explained earnestly,

(Aura got someone to photograph you. She wanted to spread rumors online. Even if Nigel and I did nothing, she would still hire other hackers and spammers. Also, if she were to hire someone else, we won't be able to get all this information so easily. I know Mommy, you're not short on cash, but isn't it good to earn this money from Aura? A price must be paid to achieve our goals.)

Neil anxiously typed. (Mommy, if you're really uncomfortable with it, I'll get Nigel to stop right now!]

Luna was sitting by the balcony at Blue Bay Villa reading the messages, with the sun and gentle breeze blowing by.

After a while, she smiled.

(I'm not angry. I never expected that you two could be so smart.)

Luna did not care about the insulting news online. After all, they do not know the truth, it was easy for them to say that the maid was seducing her master.

Compared to six years ago, when Aura and Joshua came up with a rumor saying that she cheated and killed herself due to guilt, this rumor was nothing.

Luna Gibson's reputation has been utterly destroyed by them, so the comments online did not harm her.

Perhaps Neil and Nigel understood her, that was why they were so bold in doing that.

(Mommy, as long as you're fine with it.)

Neil's heart hanging in suspense was finally released.

(But, Mommy, Aura sent us money again. She wants us to continue to make sure the topic remains trending. Should we do it?)

[Do it.]

Luna slightly squinted her eyes. (Since she's not satisfied yet, do it until she's satisfied. If she wants to make a commotion, help her make a commotion.)

Joshua was not an idiot. She believed that soon, he would know the truth. By then, Aura's smug and pride will become cold, hard evidence against her.

She wanted to see whether Joshua would still continue loving Aura if he realized how terrible Aura was!

[Okay, Mommy.]

Neil typed quickly. (Nigel and I will be careful. If you feel the news online is making you uncomfortable, let us know at any time and we will stop it immediately.)

[Okay.]

When she finished chatting with Neil, Luna looked up at the trees blowing in the breeze. She let out a long sigh.

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Not long after, Luna's phone rang once more.

She looked at the screen. It said, (Malcolm Quinn). She furrowed her brows and answered.

"Luna. " Malcolm's low voice came from the other end of the line. "I saw the news in Banyan City."

Malcolm sighed. "Why did you become Joshua Lynch's maid?"

Luna shrugged. "It's a long story."

Before coming back to the country, she has made many preparations on ways to get close to Joshua.

However, before she could execute any of her plans, Neil has already sent Nellie to be with Joshua.

She had no choice but to become Joshua's maid.

Everything went off track from her initial plans. However, she could still handle them.

"I saw that Joshua's people have already started dealing with the rumors online." Malcolm sounded stern. "However, the party creating the rumors seems to be a tough character to deal with. Joshua's men are having difficulty dealing with them. Do you want my help?"

Luna let out a breath. "No need."

Back then, it was Malcolm who rescued her from the sea. He saved her life and the life of her three kids too. She has caused him too much trouble for the past six years.

She decided to seek revenge on her own.

Of course, Malcolm knew what she was thinking about. He was silent for a while. "I just don't want to see other people hurting you."

"I'm used to it, I'll be fine." Luna sighed and subtly changed the topic. "How has Nigel been recently?"

"Great." Malcolm chuckled helplessly. "I think he's addicted to being a hacker. He has been only facing computers every day. Don't worry. Nigel will be fine. I'm here."

Lynch Group Tower.

The atmosphere in the office was so overwhelming one could not breathe.

Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at the video which was being duplicated non-stop. He frowned hard.

This was the video of him and Luna shopping. He has used all his resources and manpower, but it still

could not stop the video from spreading online.

Lucas secretly wiped the cold sweat off his head. “ Sir, no matter how we tried, we can’t seem to delete the video. Someone has encrypted the video and embedded a virus into the coding of the video. We can’t crack it.”

Joshua narrowed his eyes. Unable to crack it?

The Lynch Group has many amazing programmers. None of them could crack the video?

Joshua furrowed his brows. He immediately pulled over the keyboard beside him and started decoding on his own. He quickly located the source and locked it onto the opposite party’s computer.

Back then, when he was together with Luna Gibson, there was a period where she was crazy for hacker movies. She always shared posters of hacker movies with her friends.

She thought that hackers were cool. They were skillful and charming. However, back then, Joshua scoffed at her ideas.

However, he still studied how to become a hacker during his free time. Before he could even show off his skills as a hacker to her, she left.

Joshua sighed. He has not been a hacker for six years already. His skills were a little rusty too.

However, he still swiftly managed to break through the other party's first layer of the firewall.

At that moment, across the ocean, in a patient's ward, a computer started blaring a loud warning sound.

Nigel, who was resting on his bed with his eyes shut, immediately jumped down from the bed and went to the computer.

His firewall has been hacked into?

He bit his lips and quickly typed on the keyboard. He started fortifying his second layer of firewall.

His opponent was a skillful one.

Nigel typed on his keyboard ferociously. Beads of sweat started forming on his forehead. This was the first time he has met a worthy opponent!

Joshua looked at the computer screen coldly. "Lucas, get me a cup of coffee."

Clearly, the other party has found out about his existence. He was defending with all his might.

Joshua wanted to see who this skilled hacker who spread rumors about him was!