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“Why are there so many cars chasing us, Smith?” The van driver glanced at the black cars that were fast approaching them and frowned. “They’re getting close. We have to slow down now.”

The man named Smith, who was sitting in the backseat, frowned as well. He snuck a glimpse outside through the semi-tinted windows. “I think that’s enough. Get off at the next intersection.”

He kicked the two children tied up at his feet and warned them, “Stay still!”

The two children were Neil and Nellie. The kidnapers had tied them up face-to-face, then placed them at Smith’s feet. Almost an hour had passed, but he had already kicked them countless times.

One of Neil’s pant legs had risen during the struggle, revealing a pair of shins covered in purple bruises. Meanwhile, Nellie’s legs were unscathed. It was obvious Neil had been protecting his sister.

Smith let out a snort, “Turns out you’re quite the gentleman. You even know how to protect girls.”

Neil clenched his teeth and glared at the man, but he did not say anything in response.

“You’re stubborn too.” With that, Smith gave the little boy another kick on his spine and positioned his foot on Neil’s back. Then, he took out his phone, snapped a photo, and sent it to his employer. (Look.

Doesn’t it feel good to see this?]

His employer replied almost immediately, (Be careful. Don't kill them yet. Even if you kill them, I want it to be as torturous as possible.)

[Understood!] Smith chortled and was about to type a reply when suddenly, a loud bang came from the front of the vehicle. The van was forced to come to a halt.

Smith lifted his head and was about to complain when the door slid open, and a knife was placed against his neck.

The man holding the knife gave him a steely look. " Get out of the car! "

Smith froze, but he knew he had no other options. He lifted his arms above his head and got out of the van.

"Neil! Nellie! " Anne's car did not manage to squeeze in between Joshua's troops, so they had no choice but to park it a few hundred meters away. As soon as the car stopped, Luna got out and ran toward the van like a mad woman.

She pushed past the crowd of bodyguards and sprinted towards her children. Joshua was crouched next to the van, untying the two children, and releasing them from their bonds.

Luna had been trying to put up a strong front, but when she saw how injured her two children were, she could not control herself anymore. Tears immediately slid down her cheeks.

She pulled Neil and Nellie into her arms and cried, “ Are you two okay? I was worried sick! If anything happened to you, I wouldn’t want to live anymore! “

Hearing Luna’s wails, Nellie stifled a sob and gently patted her mother’s back. “It’s okay, Mommy.

We’re fine.”

Neil struggled to free himself from Luna’s embrace. He lifted his hand to wipe away her tears gently. “

Don’t worry, Mommy. We’re still alive.”

Luna sniffed and gave her son a once-over. He was bruised and wounded all over, even his face.

Meanwhile, although Nellie looked just as disheveled as he did, her injuries were significantly lesser.

Luna knew that Neil had been protecting his sister. She bit down on her lip and sniffed. Then, she

picked up Nellie in one arm while the other reached out to grab hold of Neil. “Come on, Mommy’s

bringing you to the hospital...”

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“It’s just scratches. We don’t have to go to the hospital. Let’s just go home and put some ointment on

them." Neil brushed away a tear that was sliding down his cheek. "Don't worry."

Then, he turned around and glanced at Joshua, who was watching them. "Mr. Lynch."

Neil lifted his head and fixated his clear eyes on Joshua. "Nellie and I will be heading to Mommy's place now. Thank you for saving us."

Joshua shifted his gaze from Luna onto the boy in front of him. He crouched down and said, "Well, I'm your Daddy. You don't have to thank me."

"That's right, but I still wanted to thank you." Suddenly, Neil seemed to recall something. He glanced at Joshua and said, "The people who kidnapped us didn't want to kill us, nor did they want to hold us for ransom. It seemed like the only reason they kidnapped us was to beat us up in revenge. Did you happen to offend anyone lately?"

Joshua did not know whether to laugh or cry at this. "No, I didn't offend anyone lately."

"Hmm, that's strange..." Neil pursed his lips. After a moment, he sighed and reached out to hold onto Joshua's hand. "Nevertheless, thank you. I'll be off taking care of Miss Luna and Princess Nellie now. You stay here and take care of those scoundrels." With that, he skipped off towards Luna, grabbed

ahold of her hand, and they got into Anne's car together.

Joshua stood motionless, watching Anne's car get further and further away, until it became a small black dot in the distance.

"Someone... someone hired us and ordered us to beat these kids up..." After several rounds of beating by Lucas, Smith finally confessed. "The employer told us that these kids belong to his enemy.

We can't kill them, but we have to beat them up as hard as we can."

Smith kneeled on the ground and pleaded, his voice trembling, "He didn't tell us these kids belong to

Mr. Lynch... I beat them up, but I thought since they were spoiled little children, just a few kicks would be enough, I didn't really plan on beating them to death can you..."

Lucas scoffed and gave Smith another kick with all his might, "How old are you? You're bullying six-year-old children! You are heartless, just like your employer!"

Joshua frowned. He turned around and got into the van. After searching around for a while, he found Smith's phone wedged in a corner.

The chat history between Smith and the employer was still displayed on the screen. Joshua looked around for a while, before finally alighting the van and handing the phone over to Lucas. "Here.

Investigate this.”

Suddenly, Joshua’s phone rang. It was the same mysterious person who had informed him about the kidnapping.

“You don’t have to investigate the employer anymore.” This time, the mysterious caller had used a different voice. “I’ve already tracked him down. The kidnappers were employed by someone called Yvonne Walter. She was the one hosting the press conference this morning. I’ve managed to track down her address and send it to your inbox. If you go now, you can still find her.”

Joshua gripped his phone tightly. He turned around and walked a distance away, staring at the branches of the trees being blown about in the wind. “You’re a very advanced hacker. I have a feeling we’ve met before.”

Sitting in front of his computer, Nigel glanced at the laptop placed on a nearby desk. “You’re right. We have indeed met before.”

A long time ago, Nigel was trying to get back at Aura by spreading fake rumors about Luna on the internet. At that time, he and Joshua had met in a match between hackers. The laptop he was looking

at right now was the exact one which Joshua's hacking had managed to ruin. Joshua's brow furrowed.

"Who are you? Why do you care so much about Luna and my kids?"

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Joshua's interrogation made Nigel frown. His voice was low but his tone was sharp, and it seemed to penetrate right through the phone. Despite being miles apart, Nigel felt like he could picture Joshua sitting right in front of him, staring at him with those dark piercing eyes. This feeling was suffocating.

Nigel let out a sigh and tugged on his patient's gown. For the first time in his life, Nigel felt unsure of himself. "Mr. Lynch, my identity has nothing to do with Luna and the rest... When the time comes, I will reveal myself to you."

Joshua chuckled and gazed out at the bridge over the ocean. "You sound young."

Despite the enhanced voice, Joshua could still hear the unmistakable panic in the person's tone. "Let's meet up."

"No need." Nigel sighed and hung up the phone. As soon as he cut off the signal, Nigel leaned against the headboard, trying to catch his breath. It took a while before he finally felt his heart stop racing. He had not felt this nervous in a long time now. The last time he felt this way was when his laptop got

hacked by Joshua.

When he thought of this, Nigel slid off the bed and walked to the table. He flipped open the broken laptop.

(Wait till I get my hands on you. Joshua Lynch]

Looking at the row of green letters on his laptop screen, Nigel let out a sigh. He raised his hand to touch the two words "Joshua Lynch".

This was his father...

What kind of person was he?

Nigel used to detest Joshua with all his heart and never looked forward to meeting him, but now...

Nigel closed his eyes and recalled what his doctor had said, "Your mother doesn't know that your condition has worsened... and that you have less than a year to live now. If she doesn't find a match for you in time..."

Nigel let out a strained smile.

Mr. Joshua Lynch. Please try harder, so that I can meet you someday.

Banyan City.

After hanging up the phone, Joshua did not immediately try to track down the mysterious caller. He was certain that the caller was a very skilled hacker, and that it would not be easy trying to find out his location and identity.

All of a sudden, Joshua received an anonymous text. It was a GPS address for a location in the city center. He frowned and forwarded the text to Lucas. "Let's go to this place now."

Lucas went to start the car. After a while, he led Joshua and the rest of the bodyguards towards the address.

Inside a rented house in the city center.

Yvonne gazed at the photo that Smith had sent her. It was the picture he had taken while in the van.

She grinned, staring at the image of Neil and Nellie's faces underneath Smith's shoe. After a while, she realized she should have sent this to Alice.

At this moment, Alice was lying on the hospital bed, somewhat frustrated and worried. She was trying to think of a way to explain all this to Master Walter and elude Joshua's suspicion at the same time.

(Let me show you something that'll definitely lift your spirits, Alice!]

When she received the text from Yvonne, Alice frowned and replied, (Nothing will lift my spirits now, other than making Joshua fall in love with me.)

(No, this will definitely cheer you up! Look!] Yvonne replied, attaching the photo along with her text.

Alice furrowed her brows and clicked on the attachment in confusion. When she laid eyes on the two faces in the picture, her pupils contracted in shock.

(Yvonne, are you crazy?!] These two children were the apples of Joshua's eye! Alice had been plotting to get rid of them ever since she arrived at Blue Bay Villa.

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Alice did not dare to do anything bad to the children because she did not want to make the same mistake Aura had and expose herself. Besides, she did not know if Joshua trusted her yet.

How dare Yvonne try to kidnap the two children!

"What are you afraid of?" Yvonne pursed her lips. " The people I hired are all from Sea City. They're not locals, and the number I used to contact them is an encrypted one. It's impossible for anyone to track

me down. Besides, I didn't even order for them to be killed, all Smith did was give them a little beating."

"Hailey, why are you so cowardly, now that you've become Alice Gibson?"

Alice took in a deep breath. She was not cowardly; she was just being cautious!

"Get rid of everything you used to communicate with them and get out of there immediately! Go back to

Sea City. "Alice gripped the phone tightly. "Get out of there right this instant! "

Yvonne had been spoiled by Mr. Walter since young, and she did not know the danger of the situation

she was in. The Walters were a distinguished and well- respected family in Sea City, but this was not

Sea City. Joshua Lynch's power in Banyan City was not to be underestimated!

On the other end of the line, Yvonne pursed her lips again. "Alice, why are you so worried? Nothing's

going to happen..."Before she could finish, someone

knocked on her door frantically. "Sorry, Alice, I have to go now. Someone's here."

Yvonne put down the phone and went to open the door. She forgot to press the disconnect button, and

so Alice could clearly hear everything that was going on from her side.

Alice could hear Yvonne exclaim in shock, "Joshua... Joshua Lynch? What are you doing here?"

The door was slammed shut. After a long pause, Joshua's voice rang out, "Why do you think I'm here, Miss Walter?"

Alice immediately hung up the phone. She closed her eyes and clenched her fists in anger.

That idiot Yvonne!

Alice opened her eyes and furrowed her brows. Although she was furious, Alice knew that now was not the time to be angry. She had to find a way of breaking Yvonne out. No matter what happened, she could not let Yvonne fall into Joshua's hands.

Yvonne had led a comfortable life since young, and therefore she had never experienced life or death situations like this. If Joshua held her captive and interrogated her with violent means, there was no doubt she would confess immediately.

Alice bit down on her bottom lip. After a moment, a familiar face appeared in her mind. She picked up the phone again with trembling hands and dialed a number.

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Luna was busy applying ointment onto Neil's wounds. Nellie was standing to one side, holding her brother's hand with red-rimmed eyes. "Thank you, Neil."

Neil lifted his other hand and gently patted her head. "You're my sister. Of course I should protect you."

As soon as he said this, tears started welling up in Nellie's eyes.

Luna sighed and was about to say something when her phone rang. It was not a number she recognized.

She handed the ointment over to Nellie and turned around to pick up the phone. "Hello, who is this? "

"It's Alice."

Luna froze upon hearing this name. She snarled through gritted teeth, "Why are you calling? What do you want?" "Luna, there has been a misunderstanding." Alice let out a sigh. "I want to make a deal with you."

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Luna's hand stiffened. After a moment, she let out a chuckle. "Did I hear you correctly, Miss Gibson?

You hired people to kidnap my son and daughter. They're sitting in front of me right now, putting

ointment onto their wounds. Now you're telling me you want to make a deal? I don't think there's

anything to talk about."

Leaning against the hospital bed, Alice closed her eyes. "What if the thing I wanted to talk to you about is me and Joshua's divorce?"

Luna furrowed her brows. "What do you mean?"

"What I mean is," Alice answered. She took a deep breath and tried to make herself as clear as possible. "I wasn't the one who hired the people to kidnap Neil and Nellie. You should know by now that I'm not that stupid. If I wanted to punish Neil and Nellie, I have plenty of other ways of doing so. I didn't have to choose the dumbest method."

Luna paused. "What are you trying to say?"

"I'm sure you know by now that Joshua is planning to divorce me," Alice said as she curled her lips into a smile, sounding somewhat disheartened. "I'll make a deal with you right now. If you track Joshua down and ask him to let Yvonne go, then I won't file for Neil and Nellie's custody."

Luna chuckled upon hearing Alice's words. "Are you crazy, Alice?"

"You're trying to use my children's custody against me so that I would ask Joshua to release the person who harmed them? Do you think Joshua is stupid? What makes you think he can't put two and two together, and figure out your connection to

Yvonne? Besides, what makes you think that you will be able to win Neil and Nellie's custody rights in the first place?"

On the other end of the line, Alice's face began to lose its color. She knew that Luna was right, but she could not risk letting Joshua find out about her scheme, so she was willing to do anything to cover her tracks.

Alice bit down on her lip and said, "Well then, why don't you make me another deal? As long as Yvonne gets to walk off free, I'll agree to anything you want."

Luna let out a snort of laughter. "Why don't you stop impersonating me and go back to your true identity?"

"Impossible!" Alice interjected almost immediately. "I can agree to anything but this."

"Alright, then I guess we don't have a deal." Luna lowered her gaze and was about to hang up the phone when Alice's voice rang out again, "Wait!"

Alice seemed to recall something and said hastily, "I can help you get in contact with Joseph and Natasha Gibson!"

Luna paused. Seeing that Luna did not hang up the phone, Alice's face lit up. She knew that she had struck the jackpot.

"Luna, I'm sure you don't wish for you and your parents' relationship to remain like this forever. I'm sure you don't want to be compared to Aura for the rest of your life, right? Look. Joseph and Natasha are on my side this time because they think I'm you.

They're desperately trying their best to help me, and even stood up for me at the press conference, all because they think I'm Luna Gibson.

"I can help you take care of them, then change their opinions of you..."

Luna's grip on her phone tightened. She could still recall the last thing Aura said to her when they met up in the coffee shop. "We share the same father but we're born to different mothers. Dad quietly switched me and your biological sister, so I became the second daughter of the Gibson family, while your biological sister was sent to an orphanage." Luna closed her eyes and felt her chest tighten.

All this while, she had suspected that Alice was her long lost biological sister.

Luna let out a sigh.

Natasha's attitude towards her had led her to the decision of disowning the Gibsons and Natasha.

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But Natasha was her birth mother after all.

She was tricked by Joseph all these years, raising Aura as if she were her own daughter.

If Alice was really Natasha's youngest daughter...

Taking in a deep breath, Luna bit her lip. "I can help you. But I have a condition. First, you have to promise, Yvonne Walter won't appear in Banyan City ever again. Second, you have to treat Mom and Dad as if they were your birth parents, especially Mom."

"I promise! "

The moment the words left Luna's mouth; Alice immediately agreed.

All the two snobs Natasha and Joseph wanted were money.

Whether it was the Walter family or the Lynch family, both were equally rich!

"Alright then."

Luna paused. "But I can only promise that I will ask Joshua to forgive her, whether he actually does or

not

I can't promise you that."

"It's fine, as long as you ask him! "

Alice sounded distressed, "Ten minutes had passed since Yvonne was caught by Joshua. Do it now."

Luna hummed in reply.

Before hanging up the phone, she asked a final question. "Did you stay in an orphanage when you

were a kid?"

On the other end, Alice paused. "Yes, why?" "Nothing."

Ending the call, the woman sucked in a deep breath and turned.

From the sofa, the two children stared at her with their eyes wide open.

Three sets of eyes met in mid-air.

Finally, Neil pouted, crossing his arms over his chest. "Didn't we agree the matter with Aura was the

last time we would help Grandma?"

"Yes, we did."

Nellie lowered her head and studied her tiny little fingers, feeling wronged. "Won't Neil's injuries be in

vain, if we just let that bad woman go?"

Luna sighed, walked to her and ruffled the little girl's hair softly, "We just agreed to let her go, we didn't say she would leave unscathed. Whether she'll be injured, and how serious her injuries would be, that remains unknown. As long as she's alive, we would have held up our end of the bargain, right?"

Nellie blinked, looking confused.

"Stupid, what Mommy means is we'll beat her up, as payback for our hurt and injuries."

The slightly swollen boy changed into a comfortable position and leaned on the sofa, his gaze imperceptible. "The mastermind behind our kidnap never wanted us dead, she just wanted to give us a beating to vent her anger. For someone like this, Idiot Lynch would most probably give her a beating in return and report him to the police, or confine him for some time then beat him up and send her home. In other words, fulfilling Alice's request would just mean we would have to send her home immediately and cut the wait short."

Then, he held out his hand to Luna. "Give me the phone, I'll talk to him. In case he thinks you don't love me enough, Mommy."

Luna sighed and handed him the phone, "Does it still hurt?"

“It’s much better now after the ointment was applied.”

The little guy sucked in a deep breath, took Luna’s phone, and slipped into the master bedroom, closing the door behind him.

Nellie looked at her brother’s retreating back, resting her chin in her palms. “Why is Neil hiding the call from us?” Luna laughed, “Maybe he wants to discuss with your Daddy how to take care of Yvonne Walter. It might get graphic, so he doesn’t want us to hear him.”

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Neil remained in the bedroom for half an hour.

30 minutes later, the little guy walked out of the bedroom, and passed the phone elegantly back to his mother, “Alright, you can inform Alice to send someone to pick that woman up now.”

Luna frowned, took the phone and looked at Neil suspiciously. “Joshua agreed to release her so readily?”

Neil smiled cheekily and walked to the sofa and laid down on top of it, his short legs hanging in the air. “

How could he refuse when his cute son asked him for a favor?”

Luna sighed helplessly, turned and went to the balcony to call Alice.

After the call was answered, Neil closed his eyes and sighed, asking Nellie, "Say, do you think it's not too late for me to start learning hacking now?"

Nellie, who had her head lowered, focused on drawing a design for a necklace, raised her head and looked at Neil as if he was crazy. "Nigel's hacking skills and my design skills are both God-given talents. You're not talented at this, Neil, don't make it hard for yourself."

Neil opened his eyes, rolled them in her direction and said, "But Idiot Lynch is starting to suspect. Just now on the phone, he asked me whether I studied computer programming. I asked him what about it, he said he met a young hacker recently who should be connected to the three of us."

Neil's words made Nellie shudder slightly. She raised her head. "So what should we do?" Neil sighed, "I'm still thinking."

Even though Nigel and Joshua had only crossed paths a few times before, but since Joshua already noticed, he would start investigating this matter sooner or later.

But Nigel's identity was so obvious...

If Nigel's identity was exposed, then Luna's aim in returning to Banyan City with the children would be

revealed.

By then, for Nigel, they would have to agree to everything Joshua demanded, for Nigel.

Neil knew his brother very well. As the eldest of the three of them, after he fell sick, Nigel's ego grew very big and very fragile.

He would not allow his mother's hands to be tied by Joshua because of him.

If that happens...

He might give up on himself.

At this thought, Neil felt the metaphorical weight on his shoulders grow even heavier.

A short moment later, he looked at Nellie. "Why don't we tell him Nigel is the hacker who taught me hacking?"

Nellie frowned and paused to consider his suggestion. "But will Daddy believe you? You haven't displayed an ounce of hacking ability at all." Neil pouted. "I'll start learning right now! "

Then, the little guy returned to his room, took the modified necklace and called Nigel with the simple calling device, "Nigel, I need you to teach me some basic hacking skills! "

At that moment, Nigel lay on the hospital bed, a tube inserted into his arm, feeding medicine into his

bloodstream.

At Neil's words, he faintly. "Joshua Lynch was a hacker once. Even if you learn the basics, he can see through your trick immediately, it'd be useless."

Neil coughed awkwardly at being exposed by his sister, "I'm very smart, okay! "

"I know what you're worried about."

Nigel raised his eyes, looking at the scenery outside the window, his voice faint and expressionless. "I

watched the press conference today, from start to finish. After Joshua and Alice get divorced, will he fall for Mommy?"

Neil pursed his lips. "Maybe."

Nigel closed his eyes. "How nice it would be if Idiot Lynch wasn't an idiot."

Central Hospital.

Alice looked at the photo Yvonne sent to her, then looked at Yvonne who was lying on her death bed in front of her.

The bruises on her body were exactly the same as Neil's.

But deeper and darker and more excruciatingly painful than his.

The woman hooked her lips in a cold smile. "What a vengeful man." Joshua made Yvonne's bruises exactly the same as Neil's first to vent his anger and lastly as a warning.

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This man would seek revenge even for the smallest grievances.

"Alice, it hurts so much."

Her face wrapped in bandages like a mummy, Yvonne opened her mouth, sounding as if she was crying, "Joshua looks decent on the surface, how could he be so vicious! Alice, you have to avenge me

Alice rolled her eyes at her coldly. "Avenge... you're a If she was not afraid Yvonne would succumb to Joshua's torture and questioning, she would not dirty her hands with her life!

Her words made tears start to accumulate at the corners of Yvonne's eyes. "Everything I did, I did for you! Now Joshua Lynch did this to me and ordered me to leave Banyan City by today, otherwise he would call the police and have me arrested... Alice, we grew up together since we were children, I became like this because of you, you won't just leave me to die, would you..."

Alice rolled her eyes at her. "For me? Did I ask you to do that? You fool."

Yesterday, Yvonne stopped Joshua and Luna in the market behind her back, exposing her identity as

Alice's best friend.

She had not even reprimanded her for that and now she caused an even bigger mess!

"Mr. Walter spoiled you thoroughly. Asking you here to Banyan City to assist me was a mistake."

Yvonne sniffed, "Then was all of this for nothing?" "In the meantime, all you can do is put up with it."

Alice sucked in a deep breath. "The car is almost here, you should return to Sea City."

Mr. Walter was right, it was time for her to go home and suck up to the old geezer.

Otherwise, Joshua might really divorce her.

If he did, her time and effort these past six years to transform herself like this would be wasted.

To nurse the two little wounded soldiers, Luna prepared a sumptuous dinner.

The three of them sat at the dining table, and were just about to tuck in when the doorbell rang.

Nellie thought it was her father and jumped off her seat in a rush. "I'll get it!"

The little girl hopped to the door happily and opened it.

However, the man standing at the door was Theo Allen, surprise written clearly on his face.

Nellie knew him.

Not because he was once her mother's idol but because both Nellie and Neil watched the press conference in the afternoon from start to finish.

He was exceptionally nice to her mother!

The little princess had always tried to get her parents back together, so she felt instinctively irritated by the sight of Theo.

"Are you here to see Mommy because of something important? We're eating dinner."

Theo looked at the displeased expression on the little girl's face that was a mirror image of her father's and could not help but laugh, "If you're having dinner, doesn't that mean I came at just the right time?"

Nellie's face fell, she wanted to deny his question, but Luna was already standing behind her.

The woman laughed lightly and pulled open the door, "Since you're just in time, why not have dinner with us? Give my food a try."

Theo did not feel awkward at all, making his way into the house familiarly and sat down beside Neil. "

What a sumptuous meal."

Nellie rolled her eyes at him internally and returned to the dining table behind Luna.

The two women, one older and the other younger, sat at one side of the table, while the men sat at the other.

After taking a few bites unhappily, Nellie raised her phone and discreetly took a few pictures of Theo eating beside Neil and sent them to Joshua.

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The Lynch Mansion was brightly lit.

Joshua sat on the couch, quietly listening to his grandmother and his father as they reprimanded him.

“Why did you announce you’re getting a divorce all of a sudden! “

“Alice is the mother of your two children, did you get our blessing? Before you announce you’re getting a divorce?”

“And you’re divorcing Alice for Luna! “

Granny Lynch sat on the couch, rapping the cane in her hand hard against the floor producing loud clicks. “I told you Luna was bad news! For her, first, you chased Aura out, and now you’re divorcing

Alice! She chased away one woman after another, she's a homewrecker! "

The old lady's words made Adrian frown. "Joshua, what were you thinking? Even if it's just for the children, you shouldn't get divorced so easily."

Joshua lowered his head, playing with the phone in his hands.

A long while later, he raised his head and swept his eyes across his father's face faintly. "Father. Not long ago, didn't you keep asking me to marry Hailey Walter?"

Adrian's expression changed.

He frowned but before he could speak, Joshua's phone rang.

The photos Nellie sent to him. They were taken secretly.

In the photos, Theo sat at the dining table in Luna's apartment, right beside Neil, eating while smiling happily.

(I don't like him, come now!]

The man's face instantly darkened.

Not only did Luna invite Theo over for dinner, she even asked his two children to accompany him?!

He stood up, his expression dark as a raging storm. "I'm busy, I'll be leaving now."

“Come back! “

Seeing him turn and leave without a second’s hesitation, the old lady was furious.

She rapped her cane harshly on the floor. “How dare you! Leaving while your grandmother and father are talking to you?! “

Joshua continued walking, not even bothering to turn his head. “Since I was a kid, none of you have been able to influence my decisions, this time is no different.”

He only sat here listening to their nagging because he respected them, as his elders, nothing more than that.

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Theo smiled happily as he ate and conversed with Luna.

“Since you didn’t go to work today, would you have to work overtime tomorrow?”

He remembered the mission Joshua gave to Luna was time-sensitive.

Luna shrugged and nodded.

“Actually, I can help you. I am an artist after all.”

“Uhm uncle, even though designers and artists do share similarities, they’re very different jobs! “

Nellie pursed her lips as she ate. “I can help Mommy, with me here, she wouldn’t have to trouble you.”

Seated beside him, Neil nodded too. “I read from the internet that Master Theo Allen hasn’t produced anything new in more than six months. Laziness is a bad habit.”

Theo was silent.

Why did he feel a strong sense of animosity from the two little children?

Since the conversation surrounding work could not continue anymore, he changed the subject to the press conference.

“Will Joshua Lynch really divorce Alice Gibson?”

Outside the door, Joshua was just about to knock, when he heard Theo’s seemingly joking words.

The man’s raised fist paused in mid-air.

Inside, Luna smiled faintly. “Maybe.” “You don’t seem to care very much?”

She smiled faintly. “Whether they get divorced or not, what does that have to do with me?”

Theo raised his lips in a faint smile, placing a drumstick on his plate. “I thought you liked Joshua.”

“What made you think so?”

Luna shrugged, her tone flat and emotion less. “No matter who I like, I won’t choose Joshua Lynch.”

Her feelings for him back then ended in nothing but deep, heart-wrenching pain...

Maybe she would fall for many men throughout the rest of her life.

But Joshua was strictly out of consideration.

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The woman’s airy voice carried her words straight into Joshua’s ears.

His eyebrows screwed together tightly.

In the house, Nellie quietly sneaked a glance at the clock.

20 minutes had passed since she sent the photos to her father.

No matter how far away he was, he should’ve been here by now!

So the little girl pursed her lips, lifted her phone discreetly and sent another message to Joshua.

“Daddy, where are you?”

The notification ping from his phone rang loudly in the hallway outside.

The few people eating inside stiffened immediately. The sound... came from right outside their door!

Neil was the first to react, jumping down from his chair and walking to the door, opening it.

“Mr. Lynch?”

The little guy looked at the man at the door with confused eyes, then suddenly turned and looked at

Nellie, as if remembering something.

The little girl realized her actions had been seen through and bowed her head in shame.

Theo turned and looked at the man standing in the entrance, his eyes displaying a hint of shock but predominantly disdain.

The walls in the apartment building were fairly thin.

Joshua was standing right outside; they could even clearly hear the ringtone from his phone.

Then their conversation...

Judging from his darkened expression, he seemed to have overheard everything.

At the thought of this, Theo’s lips curled up in a slight smile. “Mr. Lynch, you’re here? You came just in time, we’re having dinner now, would you care to join us?”

His enthusiasm made it seem like he was the head of the family instead of Joshua.

Joshua’s expression darkened like an impending storm.

He raised his deep, bottomless eyes and glanced at Luna coldly.

Luna smiled awkwardly. "Come on in."

It would not look good if he stayed in the hallway for too long.

At her words, Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly, raised his foot and stepped inside.

Neil swiftly hefted an extra chair to the table. "Sit." Joshua frowned and sat down.

The table was only big enough to sit four people.

Sitting here now, he looked like an intruder. At the thought of Luna's words just now...

His frown deepened once again.

The atmosphere at the table was tense and depressing.

Finally, Nellie mustered up her courage and started the conversation.

"Daddy, you said, as long as Mommy can finalize the design scheme for that set of jewelry, then we

can go out and have fun with her?"

Joshua's hand that was holding his spoon paused slightly. "Yes."

The little girl blinked innocently. "Then... do you want to join us? Neil and I returned to your side a long

time ago, but you haven't truly spent time playing with us."

Joshua laughed lightly. "Okay." "No."

The moment the words left his mouth, Luna opened her mouth and rejected him coldly.

"If Mr. Lynch would like to spend time with the children, you can always choose another day.

Spending the day out with my children is the reward you promised me."

Joshua frowned, his eyes sweeping over her face coldly. "You hate spending time with me so much?"

Luna turned her face away from him, remaining silent.

Nellie bit her lip. "Did I... make a bad suggestion?" "Your suggestion is perfect."

Beside them, Theo laughed too, "Why not I come along too, and the five of us can all go together?"

Joshua scoffed, "I am their father, while Luna is their foster mother... You want to go with us, who do you think you are?"

Theo laughed, "I'm Luna's boyfriend, is that enough?"