

Luna & Joshua 341

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The air in the dining room immediately fell silent.

Joshua glanced at Theo with cold eyes then switched them over to look at Luna.

Finally, he raised his lips in a cold sneer, "Does anyone here agree with you being Luna's boyfriend?"

Theo narrowed his eyes but said nothing.

Luna frowned, raised her eyes and looked at Joshua's expression that was filled with disdain.

A moment later, she smiled faintly. "Theo is indeed my boyfriend. If Mr. Lynch insists on joining us when

I bring the children out, then I'll bring my boyfriend along. Five people vacationing together is not a bad

idea either."

Luna wanted to use this method to force him to retreat voluntarily.

Because she knew very well that Joshua hated Theo, he would not be willing to go on a trip with him.

But unexpectedly...

The moment the words left her mouth, both men said simultaneously.

"Sure."

"No problem." Luna was stunned.

Instinctively, she looked at Theo who was sitting beside her, then switched her gaze over to Joshua sitting on the other side.

One of them was smiling while the other's eyes were dark and brooding.

She opened her mouth, wanting to say something, but no words came out.

A long while later, she lowered her head, and started shoveling the food into her mouth.

"Take your time."

Theo gently placed some salad on her plate.

Noticing this, Joshua could not admit defeat either, spooning some potatoes onto her plate.

Theo continued placing more salad onto her plate. Joshua carried on with the potatoes.

Very soon, Luna's plate was piled sky-high with food.

But the two men continued their food-piling battle.

Seeing her favorite salad and roasted potatoes being swept clean, Nellie slammed her fork and spoon on the table furiously. "Can the two of you act more like gentlemen? Neil and I still need to eat! "

The moment the words left the little girl's mouth, Neil hurriedly lowered his fork and spoon, jumped

down from his chair, walked past Joshua and held his sister's hand, "Stop eating, stop eating, I'll bring you out for fried chicken. We shouldn't intervene in the adults' fight! "

Nellie pursed her lips and glared at Theo unhappily. " It's all your fault! "

If he did not insist on eating dinner with them, she would not call Daddy over.

If she did not call Daddy over, their dining table would not turn into a warzone!

The innocent Theo looked at Nellie in confusion, at a loss for what to do next.

He laughed wryly, "Little princess, I don't think I did anything wrong."

"Calling yourself Luna's boyfriend is your biggest mistake."

Joshua said faintly after the two kids put on their jackets and left. He lowered his fork and spoon and sent a message to Lucas, asking him to take good care of them.

Putting down his phone, he elegantly tugged open his shirt collar, exposing his neck, then laughed coldly, "I never heard Luna agree for you to be her boyfriend."

Theo frowned and opened his mouth in retort when he saw the flash of red on the man's neck.

It was a hickey. Theo stiffened.

Joshua purposely showed him this hickey...

It went without saying who planted in on him.

Seeing Theo remain silent, Luna frowned and instinctively raised her eyes to look at him.

He was staring at Joshua's neck.

Naturally, Luna's eyes followed in the direction of his stare.

And saw the hickey.

Instantly, her face turned pale. That hickey...

Was left by her last night when she couldn't his torture any further and bit him in a fury.

Back then, she was infuriated and did not have time to think, biting whichever spot she could reach.

Only after her mouth left his body did she realize it was a highly noticeable spot.

At the thought of this, the scene from last night couldn't help but appear in front of her eyes.

Gradually, a blush crept onto her cheeks again.

Theo's eyes fully captured the series of changes in her expression.

He sighed, placed his fork and spoon on the table, lifted the wine glass and emptied it.

To be honest, he knew Joshua had visited Luna here a few times before and also hid in her room, he

knew everything.

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Theo tried convincing himself nothing happened between them.

But now...

He placed the empty glass on the table, turned and smiled faintly at Luna.

"I have a sudden craving for fried chicken, I think I'll go join Neil and Nellie."

With that, he smiled wryly and turned to leave. With the bang, the door was closed once again. Luna

closed her eyes in despair.

Theo must think of her as an easy woman, as a liar.

She mentioned countless times before that she wasn't interested in Joshua.

But, not being interested in him was one thing. Saving Nigel was an entirely different matter.

But she could not tell the truth to everyone who misunderstood her.

"Feel bad?"

All of a sudden, Joshua's voice rang out beside her ear, full of contempt.

Luna frowned.

The moment she opened her eyes, Joshua immediately pressed her into her chair, leaning into her, his

gaze predatory, just like his actions. "How

long have you known him, and now it hurts to see him go?"

Fury colored his voice.

Luna frowned and turned her head, refusing to look at him.

He turned her head towards him.

He held up her jaw. "You feel I can't satisfy you, or you're that easy and flirtatious, sleeping with every

man you meet?"

His words infuriated her.

She furrowed her brows and glared at him, "Joshua Lynch! "

"You're pissed?"

He leaned down, pressing his thin lips beside her ear, his cold voice riding on his warm breath. " Before

I decide to let you go, don't you dare dream of letting other men touch you."

His voice was low and dominating. Luna laughed as she listened to him.

She raised her head, her eyes mocking him. "You can surround yourself with women, enjoying both my company and your wife's back home, and I can't?"

Joshua's eyes darkened.

A moment later, he sneered, "Are you jealous of Alice?"

Luna rolled her eyes at him. "I'm not."

"From the way you looked, it's obvious you were jealous."

His mood improved, locking her lips in a kiss.

He swallowed her explanatory words down into his stomach.

At last, he heaved her up into his arms, and threw her onto the big bed in the middle of the bedroom.

Looking at the man pressing into her, Luna frowned. "Shower..."

He had not showered yet!

Joshua laughed lightly, lifting her off of the bed again, "Together."

A few minutes later, Luna lay in the bathroom, struggling vehemently. "Didn't we agree on taking a shower?"

He laughed again, "I didn't say we wouldn't do anything else."

She rolled her eyes at him and sighed.

“Don’t torture me tonight, I need to wake up early tomorrow for work. There’s some designs I need to draw.”

She still remembered her deal with Joshua. “That can wait.”

He frowned. “Join me on a business trip tomorrow.” “Business trip?”

“Yes, to Sea City. I have some issues to discuss with

the Walter family, business and otherwise.” Luna’s body stiffened slightly.

The Walter family.

Joshua never used to mention the Walters, neither did he visit them.

Because of Hailey Walter, he did not have a good impression of them at all.

And now, he wanted to go visit them in Sea City of his own volition?

She remembered the press conference earlier in the day.

After he announced to the public he was divorcing Alice, he immediately rushed to the Walters whose daughter he was engaged to marry.

“Is it... to see Hailey Walter?”

“Yes.’

Luna’s heart fell into the pit of her stomach.

After Aura, Alice appeared, and now after Alice, it was Hailey Walter?

This man did not give himself any free time at all.

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Early the next morning, Luna got a call from Joshua the moment she woke up.

“Yuri is waiting for you downstairs, we’ll be spending a week in Sea City, pack your stuff.”

Luna ended the call in frustration.

When she lowered her phone, she glanced at the time, it was barely 7am.

He had tortured her for so long last night, how was he still so energetic?

After washing herself, Luna walked out of the bedroom and saw Nellie and Neil standing in the living room and the huge suitcase beside them.

Seeing her emerge from her room, the two kids grinned at her. “Have a nice trip! “

She laughed at the sight of them and walked toward them, opening the suitcase.

Inside was seven days' supply of her clothes and daily necessities. Her unfinished drawings were folded neatly into the compartment at the side.

Without even thinking, she knew this was definitely Nellie's handiwork.

Even though Neil was thoughtful, he was still a boy.

Luna raised her hand and ruffled her daughter's hair. "Thank you."

The little girl pursed her lips unhappily. "I wanted to go with you, but Daddy said you're there for business, and didn't let me and Neil come along."

At her words, Neil sighed, raised his hand and matted his mother's shoulder, "After my persuasion, Mr.

Lynch agreed to bring Zach and Yuri along as company. You can ask them for help if anything happens."

Then, the little guy sighed again, speaking to her as if he was the parent instead, "Mommy, this is the first time you're going on a long trip without us, you have to take good care of yourself."

Luna did not know whether to laugh or cry, she looked at the two children in front of her. "Just take care of yourselves. Mommy is an adult, I can take care of myself."

Nellie pouted. "Adults can make us worry too." Luna was silent.

She spoiled them too much, that's why they would belittle her so mercilessly right in front of her.

The woman sighed, reminded Neil to take care of his sister once again, and walked out dragging the suitcase behind her.

Downstairs, Yuri saw her approaching and hurriedly loaded her suitcase into the car as he said, "Mr.

Lynch said we should leave for Sea City directly, the journey will take around four to five hours. You're not prone to car-sickness, are you?"

Luna shook her head and raised her foot and boarded the car.

Joshua had already left, Yuri picked her up and immediately headed for the expressway.

On the journey, Luna was bored and listened mindlessly to Yuri's stories about his group of friends who all came from the mountains.

As she listened, she was suddenly reminded of the man Yuri mentioned previously, the one who was childhood friends with Bonnie.

"Oh him."

Yuri sighed, "A few days ago he mentioned, his boss from six years ago gave him another job. He'll be

back in Banyan City in a few days' time. It'll most likely be another assassination of some kind, I don't want to keep in touch with him anymore..."

Luna's heart sank gradually into the depths of her chest.

This man was the driver who knocked into her six years ago, the man who finally kicked her off the bridge.

Back then he was hired by Joshua and Aura.

Now, Aura was sent to study abroad, effectively cutting her off from the outside world.

But if it was not Aura who asked him to come back... Then it could only be Joshua.

Her thoughts linked to how Joshua immediately left to see Hailey the day after he announced he was divorcing Alice...

Wave after wave of chills enveloped her chest. Did this man plan to use the trick again and condemn

Alice to death?

Even though Alice was her enemy, undeniably, Alice was now hiding behind her identity.

He wanted to kill Luna Gibson again.

Closing her eyes, Luna felt the chill enveloping her heart was even colder than the harshest winter night.

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The love and affection accumulated over the past few months disappeared in an instant.

From beginning to the end, he was still the same cold and unfeeling Joshua Lynch.

Six years ago, he could tell her calmly before leaving on a business trip that he would accompany her to the doctor's once he came home.

And then kill her mercilessly after he returned.

Six years later, he could still parade his love for his wife as he divorced her and even planned her murder.

Her sleepiness evaporated immediately.

Luna sat in the car, Yuri's rambling floating into her right ear and immediately exiting through the left.

Joshua's cold, emotionless face was all she saw.

The four-to-five-hour journey was meant to be long.

But with her mixed bag of emotions, Luna felt the journey was exceptionally short.

At noon, the car left the expressway and drove into the city area of Sea City.

This was where Luna lived as a child.

She had not been back here since she married Joshua.

Returning to her hometown after years away, she should have been excited.

But instead, she did not feel an ounce of exhilaration.

Stepping out of the car once they reached the hotel, she immediately noticed Joshua standing at the entrance of the hotel.

He stood beside the engraved marble pillar, talking on the phone.

Under the hotel's luxurious décor, the man's side profile looked exceptionally handsome and breath – taking.

Just last night, they had been as intimate as physically-possible, but today, Luna felt as if he was miles and miles away from her.

Yuri handed her suitcase to her.

Sucking in a deep breath, the woman dragged the suitcase behind her and entered the hotel.

He ended the call right when she walked past him. He reached out and grabbed her wrist.

Luna stiffened.

She raised her eyes and took a glance at him. "Mr. Lynch, anything?"

He frowned and snatched the suitcase out of her hands and handed it to Lucas, who was standing beside him.

"The Walters called, they prepared a banquet to welcome us."

Luna shrugged his hand off. "The banquet is meant to welcome you alone, I won't come in."

With that, she raised her foot and headed into the hotel.

Joshua frowned and chased up to her again. "What's wrong with you?"

Everything was fine last night, how come today she looked like she did not even want him to touch her?

Luna rolled her eyes at him, saying coldly, "Mr. Lynch, I came here with you on a business trip. If the banquet is not business-related, I can reject the invitation, can't I?"

Her attitude, as if she wanted to draw the line between business and leisure with him, made him snort uncontrollably.

"And you think I would attend a private banquet with you on my arm? You overestimate yourself."

The man loosened his grip on her wrist, looking down at her. "The Walter family has expanded into the jewelry business for the past few years, now they're at the top of the food chain in this sector in Sea City. Why else do you think I would bring you to the Walter family banquet?"

Luna paused.

A moment later, she sucked in a deep breath, and was about to open her mouth when a woman's clear voice interrupted her.

"Joshua?"

Alice stood at the entrance to the hotel, looking at Joshua, confused. "Why are you in Sea City too? Are you here to see me?"

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Joshua looked at Alice indifferently, not a hint of emotion in his eyes, "I'm here on business."

"Oh, I see."

Alice did not look disappointed at all, instead, she smiled lightly. "What a coincidence, I'm staying in this hotel too. When you guys go home, can I join the ride?"

Joshua's eyes swept across her face faintly. "I can send you a car to drive you home."

He glanced at Luna. "Let's go." Then, he raised his foot and left.

Luna frowned and wanted to follow him, but Alice blocked her way.

She looked at Luna and snorted, "You and Joshua just left like that...Say, do you think the two children are safe without any protection?"

Luna turned and looked at her emotionlessly and laughed, "Didn't you see what happened to Hailey Walter?"

She looked at Alice's pale face, laughing lightly, "Joshua already announced that he's divorcing you.

And you choose to harm his children now, do you want to speed up the divorce?"

With that, she raised her foot and left coolly. She knew Alice was just trying to infuriate her.

If she really wanted to harm Neil and Nellie, she would not wait till now.

Standing at the hotel's entrance, Alice looked at Luna's retreating back, eyes narrowing evilly.

Lifting her phone, she dialed a number. "They left."

On the other end, the woman's voice trembled, "Ms. Hailey, are you sure we can do this? Even though

I look quite similar to you, Joshua is not an idiot! "

Alice snorted, “Why else do you think I would spread the rumor around town that I’m addicted to plastic surgery?”

In the eyes of the public, Hailey Walter is a woman who’s obsessed with plastic surgery and looks different every day. With such an identity, your features are enough to deceive him.

The Walter family mansion was grand and luxurious.

Luna stepped out of the car, raised her eyes and studied the mansion in front of her.

As a local of Sea City, born and raised, she knew the financial strength of the Walter family.

But only when she stood in front of their house did she finally understand why Adrian Lynch said Hailey

Walter was the only woman fit to marry Joshua.

The Walter family mansion was almost as luxurious as the Lynch family mansion.

“Mr. Lynch, Ms. Luna.”

The Walter family butler walked out, leading them into the mansion familiarly.

A fresh -faced woman stood in the entryway of the mansion.

Seeing them, the woman smiled and stepped forward. “Joshua.”

Joshua frowned. "You are?" "I'm Hailey. Hailey Walter."

The woman smiled slightly and touched her own face. "I changed a little over the past few years, it's not surprising that you don't recognize me."

Luna was so shocked she could not speak.

But upon closer inspection, you could still identify the original Hailey from the frame of her features.

But her eyes... were completely different.

Back then, Hailey's trademark feature was her aggressive eyes.

She was the daughter of the Walter family, spoiled in riches since childhood, arrogant and self-conceited.

But the eyes of the woman in front of her was meek and timid, as if she was a lowly servant who had suffered all her life.

Compared to Luna's shock, Joshua looked much calmer.

He shook Hailey's hand and introduced her to Luna then asked, "Where's the Old Mr. Walter?"

"Father is busy preparing the banquet for you."

Then, Hailey glanced at the clock. "It's 1 pm in the afternoon now, the banquet starts at 4pm. The two of

you can have a bite and take a short rest.”

Joshua paused in his steps. “But in the call just now, your family said the banquet will be held in the afternoon.”

“Yes.”

Hailey smiled faintly as she led Joshua and Luna in the direction of the dining room. “Father prepared the banquet late tonight, the one in the afternoon is organized by me. Didn’t you keep saying you wanted to see me?” Joshua’s expression darkened slightly, and he sat down in the dining room with her, remaining silent.

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“It seems Ms. Luna is an elite, as Mr. Lynch insists on bringing you along wherever he goes.”

The conversation suddenly turned toward her, Luna coughed slightly, “Mr. Lynch wanted to give me some exposure.”

“She’s a designer.”

Joshua said while he ate elegantly, “In terms of jewelry design, she is indeed an elite.”

Hailey lifted her lips in a smile. "It's easy to grow fond of the capable ones."

With that, she studied Luna from head to toe. "If there's a chance, I would like to introduce our designer to Ms. Luna, so they can discuss and exchange their opinions."

Luna frowned and was about to say something when she noticed the hatred in Hailey's eyes.

The glint of enmity in her eyes made Luna shudder.

If her memory served her right, this was her first time meeting Hailey as Luna.

Why did she hold such a big sense of hostility toward her?

It was even much stronger than the sense of hostility she displayed when she caused havoc at her and

Joshua's wedding all those years ago.

Soon, the meal was over.

After lunch, Luna and Joshua did not stay in the Walter family mansion. Joshua used business as an excuse and left.

Once they entered the car, Joshua lay on the backseat and closed his eyes, saying indifferently, "Drive her to the mall, and me back to the hotel."

Luna paused.

“Why am I going to the mall?”

He did not even bother opening his eyes, “Do you think your current ensemble is suitable to attend a banquet?”

Instinctively, Luna glanced down at her white suit trousers and white shirt.

Not... really.

“Buy an appropriate gown, tidy yourself up.”

Ten minutes later, Luna was dumped at the entrance of a mall.

Joshua threw her a black card. “There’s no limit on this card, remember to return it to me.”

Then, the man shut the car door, and the black Maserati drove off into the distance.

Standing in her spot, Luna looked in the direction in which he drove off, and rolled her eyes silently.

A moment later, she walked to the side of the road, hailed a taxi and headed to the mall.

At 4pm in the afternoon, the welcoming banquet the Walter family organized for Joshua was held in the biggest five-star hotel in Sea City.

Joshua attended the banquet with Luna on his arm.

The moment he entered the banquet hall, Joshua was led away by the old yet enthusiastic Mr. Walter to meet with their group of business partners.

Bored, Luna strode aimlessly around the banquet hall alone.

A few steps in, she spotted Alice.

At this moment, Alice was wearing a light purple gown, standing in the middle of the banquet hall, talking to Hailey.

From the way they conversed with each other, they seemed to be close.

Instinctively, Luna frowned.

Alice and Hailey knew each other?

One of them was a local of Banyan City who had just returned from a long stay overseas.

And the other was a woman from Sea City who was obsessed with plastic-surgery and rarely appeared in public.

The two of them were in contact?

Just when Luna looked in their direction and was secretly shocked, Alice suddenly raised her head and looked toward her too.

Their eyes met.

Luna was flustered and tried to avert her eyes.

But Alice smiled coldly in her direction. “Luna?! “

Immediately, a woman’s unfamiliar voice rang in her ears.

Luna frowned and instinctively glanced in the direction of the voice.

Standing before her was a woman dressed in a red ball gown, her high-school desk-mate, Gwen

Larson.

Luna was slightly dazed.

Even though they were close in high school, but now her name and looks were completely different,

how did she know it was her?

Right when Luna was hesitating whether to admit she knew her, Gwen raised her hand

Slap—!

With a resounding ring, Gwen’s palm landed on Luna’s cheek in a tight slap.

The sound of Gwen's slap rang across the banquet hall.

Luna covered her face in shock, turning to look at her.

Gwen crossed her arms across her chest and snorted coldly, "Who knew you still dared come here! "

She glared at Luna viciously, her eyes full of haughty derision. "In Banyan City, you dared seduce

another woman's husband, ruining her marriage until she's getting a divorce, and now you dare come

flaunting your claws in Sea City! "

Gwen's voice was loud and boisterous, attracting the attention of everyone around them. They crowded

around them instinctively.

As the crowd expanded, Gwen grew more aggressive. "And yet you dare come here? Do you know

Alice is from Sea City, the people of Sea City are supporting her! "

Even though Joshua was a family name in Banyan City, in Sea City, not many people knew him.

Most people had missed the news, but hearing Gwen's words, the crowd erupted into a sea of

discussion.

"She's so beautiful, who could guess she's just a mistress..."

"And she even ruined their marriage, the wife is getting a divorce..."

“She deserves to be slapped! “

The murmurs of the surrounding crowd made Luna frown.

Even though she and Gwen were desk-mates in high school, they lost touch once Luna moved to

Banyan City to attend university.

Why did Gwen suddenly care about her old friend whom she had not contacted in more than ten years?

Seeing Luna press her palm to her cheek and remain silent, Gwen grew even more aggressive.

She raised her hand and tried to slap her again.

In mid-air, her wrist was restrained by someone. It was not anyone else, but the target of her slap,

Luna herself.

Luna held onto her wrist tightly, her voice cold and distant. “Ms. Larson, mind your words. Did you forget how you got into a fight with the kids in the other class because you mindlessly believed some baseless rumors?”

For a second, Gwen was dazed.

In high school, she did get into a fight with students from another class because of a baseless rumor.

But... how did the woman in front of her know this?

Seeing her hesitation, Luna flicked her wrist away, and lifted her lips in a faint smile. "You should know never to judge before finding out the whole truth. I trust you understand this, Ms. Larson?"

The woman's eyes were sharp, her voice cold and proud.

Gwen was so shocked; she was at a loss for words.

A long while later, she blushed and tried defending herself. "You're right, I don't know what happened in Banyan City. But the invitation for the banquet tonight was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, who do you think you are, coming here like this?"

Gwen's words caused a ruckus amongst the crowd again.

Everyone started whispering in discussion. Since the Walters invited Mr. and Mrs. Lynch... Why was this woman here?

"You're so shameless after all, coming here thinking that you're Mrs. Lynch. Is there a problem with me slapping you and chasing you away?"

Looking at Gwen's arrogant expression, Luna raised her lips in an indifferent smile.

She produced an invitation. "Ms. Larson, maybe you didn't know, I'm a designer working for the Lynch Group. I attended the banquet for business purposes, and yet I have to endure your abuse and snide remarks?"

"That's impossible! "

Gwen scoffed coldly, dragged Luna behind her and strode toward the notice board at the entrance of the banquet hall.

She pointed to the notice board. "Look!

Only Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are invited! Your name is not on the board! How shameless can you be!"

Luna glanced at her side-eyed. It was true.

Only Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were on the list, her own name was nowhere to be seen.

The woman's expression shifted subtly.

If she remembered correctly, the list was finalized by Hailey.

During lunch, Hailey intentionally asked for her name, saying she wanted to include it in the guestlist.

But now...

“You have nothing to say, do you?! “

Gwen looked at her arrogantly and sneered, “You’re nothing but a mistress who wants to take the wife’s place! “

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“Not to mention the fact that they’re still married, even if they’re divorced, you don’t stand a chance! “

With that, she raised her hand and signaled the security guards. “Throw her out of here! “

“Wait.“

The moment the words left Gwen’s mouth; Luna laughed coldly.

She glanced at Gwen. “According to the rules, you’re right, I shouldn’t be here since my name is on the guestlist. But Ms. Larson, this is a banquet organized by the Walter family. Are you part of the Walter family?“

Gwen was rendered silent.

Luna continued. “Even if I am to be chased out, it should be done by the Walters, don’t you think so?“

Gwen’s expression turned ugly. Coincidentally, Hailey and Alice walked by.

Eagle-eyed Gwen noticed them immediately, rushed toward them and grabbed onto Hailey, “Miss

Walter, this woman barged into the banquet without an invitation! “

Hailey paused.

Beside her, Alice stopped too.

Dressed in her light purple gown, Alice raised her eyes, faking an astonished expression. “Ms. Luna?

Why are you...”

Before she could finish her sentence, her eyes turned red immediately. “I knew I shouldn’t have come

here. Even though Joshua and I are still legally husband and wife, he seems to have eyes for no one

but you now...”

She sniffed, set down the wine glass in her hand, and walked slowly toward Luna, giving her a shallow

bow, “I’m sorry. I only noticed that the Walters invited Mr. and Mrs. Lynch. Legally, I am still Joshua’s

wife, so I thought they invited me... I didn’t come here on purpose to make the two of you unhappy.”

With that, she wiped at her tears, raised her eyes and looked at Gwen who was standing beside her. “

Gwennie, don’t blame Ms. Luna, I’m the one who naively thought I was still Joshua’s wife... Don’t

chase her away, I’m the one who should leave! “

With that, she raised her foot and headed outside. Seeing her red and puffy eyes, Gwen felt sorry for Alice.

She grabbed onto her hand, turned around and glared furiously at Luna. "Is there even still law and order in society! Are all mistresses so arrogant and conceited now! "

The murmurs of the crowd rose in waves.

"She's so smug, nowadays, even mistresses are so full of themselves."

"I feel so bad for Mrs. Lynch, she lost all her pride, how could a wife apologize to her husband's mistress" The one who should leave is the mistress! "

Accompanying the murmurs of discussion was all sorts of intended grabs and pushes.

Luna stood in her spot, her hands clenched into fists.

She turned and looked at Hailey quietly. "Ms. Walter, how could this happen?"

Luna took the invitation out of her bag. "You gave this to me in the afternoon, you even asked for my name, you said you wanted to include it in the guestlist. How come I'm an unwanted intruder now?"

Hailey stiffened slightly.

A moment later, she smiled wryly, "Uhm... maybe something went wrong in the communication

between me and the printer...”

She sighed, “The list has been finalized, Ms. Luna, don’t take this to heart, just stay.”

“No.”

Luna lifted her lips in a cold smile.

She was certain, all of this was a trick planned by Alice and Hailey together.

To embarrass her.

Gwen was just their tool.

The woman sucked in a deep breath and took out the invitation, ripping it to shreds right in front of

Hailey.

“Since the Walters asked for my name and yet disrespected me. There’s no point in me staying here at

this banquet.”

She threw the ripped-up invitation into the air. “ Now I know this is how the biggest family in Sea City

treats their guests! “

The surrounding group sucked in a cold breath.

Ripping the invitation given by the Walter family in a banquet organized by the Walter family, even publicly humiliating them for mistreating their guests!

This woman had the courage of a lion! Luna scoffed and turned to leave.

She barely took a few steps before two bodyguards stopped her from leaving. Behind her, a cold and deep voice rang out, "Do you know the consequences of speaking to one of the Walters like this?"

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Luna frowned and turned around instinctively.

Behind her, a middle-aged man stood, supporting himself with a cane, glaring at her with eyes full of barely veiled contempt.

Beside him, Joshua stood, expressionless.

The middle-aged man was the one who spoke.

He held the authority in the Walter family, Hailey's father, Dennis Walter.

Seeing Luna turn her back, Dennis snorted coldly, "In these so plus years of my life, this is the first time someone has dared to dishonor the Walter family like this at a banquet organized by us! "

Luna raised her lips in a smile.

She lifted her eyes, meeting him fearlessly. “Mr. Walter, you merely witnessed how I disrespected your family, then did you see how your family disrespected me?”

With that, she raised her hand and pointed at the guestlist Gwen used to humiliate her. “This afternoon

Ms. Walter personally asked me for my name, and gave me an invitation card. I came here as a

designer for the Lynch Group. And now? Not only is my name not on the guestlist, but instead Mrs.

Lynch’s name appeared on the guestlist. I was accused of trying to take Mrs. Lynch’s place, but Ms.

Walter told me the guestlist can’t be edited any longer, and asked me to say. Requesting on purpose,

And then intentionally ignoring me, finally when I was attacked and questioned, brushing it off as a

simple mistake that can’t be changed. Is this the respect you mentioned?”

Her words shot at him like cannon-fire, every sentence strong and just.

The old Mr. Walter frowned and scoffed, “It’s just a wrong name, there’s no reason to cause such a

fuss! Don’t tell me you want us to apologize to you?”

“Uncle, don’t you think I deserve an apology?”

The moment her words left her mouth, Joshua, who was standing beside him, started laughing coldly.

He lifted his feet and walked toward Luna, cold eyes sweeping across the surrounding crowd. “The more solemn the occasion, the more important it is to pay attention to detail. If today Ms. Walter came to my house and was treated in this manner, can you remain as cool and calm as you are now, uncle?”

Dennis’ expression shifted subtly. “That’s because our Hailey is a woman of class and importance! This Luna is no one!”

Luna frowned and was about to open her mouth when Joshua took the lead and stood in front of her.

“this business trip, as the director, I should demand justice for my employee, don’t you think so?”

He glanced at Dennis coldly. “Since Uncle Walter can openly say such words knowing full well that she’s an employee of mine. I think there’s no need for us to continue working together.”

The man tugged Luna’s hand and turned. “Forget I came.”

With that, he raised his feet and left.

Her hand held in his, somehow, a flicker of warmth ignited in her chest.

Even though he had a million and one faults, at this moment, he was willing to defend her, willing to stand on her side when everyone was against her.

Even if it was just an act, she felt grateful to him. Seeing as Joshua was really about to leave, Dennis

panicked.

The public only knew of Joshua as the richest man in Banyan City, but very few knew he was the hidden boss of the biggest multinational corporation overseas!

The purpose of the banquet tonight was to build relations between the Walter Group and the Lynch Group, to lay the groundwork for the Walter Group's foray into the international business scene.

And now...

Joshua was about to leave because of a minor disagreement like this?!

He hurriedly hobbled on his cane and rushed to stand in Joshua's path, stopping him from leaving.

"My dear boy, I think you misunderstood me... It's not that I don't respect your employee, I just thought, even if an apology was in order, it could wait until the banquet was over, and we successfully locate the person in charge of the oversight, and then he can apologize to Ms. Luna."

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As he spoke, he even smiled and took a glance at Luna. "Ms. Luna, this is a banquet that I organized

intentionally for Mr. Lynch, you wouldn't want to spoil the atmosphere for a minor disagreement like this?"

Luna narrowed her eyes.

She let go of Joshua's hand and looked at Dennis expressionlessly. "Was I the one who spoiled the atmosphere, or did your family's disrespect spoil the atmosphere?"

The woman's unforgiving attitude caused a baleful glint to appear in the old man's views.

Sucking in a deep breath, he faked a smile and said, "Since both Ms. Luna and Mr. Lynch care so deeply about this issue, I'll get to the bottom of it right now! "

With that, Dennis gave Hailey who was standing beside him the side-eye. "Hailey, when you finalized the guest list, did you include Ms. Luna's name?"

Hailey smiled and nodded. "I passed it to Mr. Walter as soon as it was finalized."

The butler known as Mr. Walter was immediately located and brought to the hall.

After getting to know the situation at hand, he burst out laughing, "So Luna and Luna Gibson are two different people."

Dennis frowned. "What do you mean?"

“This is what happened.”

The old butler’s tone was calm. “The list Ms. Hailey gave me contained Mr. Joshua Lynch’s name, followed by Luna. Everyone knows Mr. Lynch’s wife is Alice Gibson, or Luna Gibson, as she used to be known. I thought Luna was a nickname, and her full name was Luna Gibson. And since Luna Gibson was Mr. Lynch’s wife, I took it upon myself and changed the name on the list to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch.”

The butler’s words caused another uproar amongst the crowd.

Luna, Luna Gibson.

Her name, the only difference was the removal of her family name!

Combined with Gwen Larson’s previous words, that Luna intentionally seduced Joshua...

“She’s so scary, this woman shares the same name that Mrs. Lynch used to go by! “

“I think she used that name on purpose, to seduce Mr. Lynch...”

The murmurs of the crowd drifted into her ears in countless waves.

Luna’s eyebrows screwed together tightly, instinctively lifting her eyes and looking toward Alice who was standing in the distance.

Coincidentally, Alice was looking at her too.

The moment their eyes met, Alice laughed lightly,

making a cheeky gesture in her direction. Luna sucked in a cold breath.

This was all part of Alice's plan.

She used the weakness in Luna's name and engineered this whole fiasco.

Because of the similarity between their names, she did not even have the chance to refute the Walter family's claim that it was all an accident.

"Mr. Lynch, Ms. Luna."

The butler smiled faintly, lowering his head in a bow. "I acted of my own volition, this has nothing to do with Master Walter or Ms. Hailey. I apologize for the inconvenience caused to you, Ms. Luna." When he finished, Dennis laughed lightly, "Ms. Luna, is this enough to relieve your anger? Now that Mr. Walter has apologized, is there anything else you're unhappy about?"