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When Luna finally came to, she discovered she was in a hospital. Anne sat next to her bedside, her face etched with worry and concern.

“What are you doing here?” Luna rubbed her brows and tried to prop herself up.

Anne immediately helped her up and gently laid Luna down against the headboard. “John and I just came back from our trip today. I received a call from Joshua saying you fainted and rushed over

immediately. I didn’t even have time to go home

yet!” With that, Anne glanced at Luna with a somewhat displeased look. “I thought it was just a

business trip to Sea City. What happened? Why did you faint?”

Luna gave her a wry smile. “It has nothing to do with the trip.”

Anne sighed. “I know.” She glanced at the door to make sure no one was eavesdropping, then lowered

her voice and said, “The doctor told me that you didn’t get much sleep last night and didn’t eat

breakfast this morning. That’s why you fainted.

What happened? Was it Joshua?”

Luna paused for a moment, then slowly nodded.

“D*mn! “ Anne rolled her eyes at that. “How could he let you come into work this morning?”

Luna rubbed her eyebrows again. “He was drunk last night, so he had no recollection at all of what happened. He blamed me for not getting enough sleep last night. I was so angry that I...”

“You were so angry at him that you decided to get back at him at your own expense?” Anne shot her a somewhat exasperated glance, then reached out to hold Luna’s hand. “Luna, no matter what, your health should be a priority. Don’t forget what made you return to Banyan City in the first place.”

Luna nodded; she did not forget. The only reason she had returned to Banyan City was so she could get pregnant with Joshua’s child...and save Nigel.

Therefore, it was important that she took care of her health so that the baby would be born healthy as well.

Luna let out a sigh. “Alright , I promise I won’t do this again.”

She was so agitated by how Joshua and Alice acted that morning that she could not think straight, which resulted in her rash behavior.

Anne sighed again. After a moment, she seemed to recall something and immediately took out her

phone to show Luna a picture. "Do you remember what I told you about someone coming to our hospital and asking for Hailey's whereabouts? Guess what? When I was on my trip, I ran into one of my colleagues who had resigned. We happened to bring up Hailey Walter, and she told me that Hailey underwent plastic surgery at our hospital two years ago!"

Anne passed the phone over to Luna and continued, "The surgery Hailey underwent was a small one, but it was successful. My colleague even took a photo of her!"

Luna frowned and was about to tell Anne about Hailey's death when she caught sight of the photo on the screen. Her eyes widened.

Luna picked up the phone and asked in disbelief, "Are you...sure this is Hailey?"

Anne rolled her eyes. "Yes, I'm sure. My ex-colleague remembered everything. She said that when Hailey underwent surgery, she kept talking about her family, the Walters... It's definitely her!"

Anne glanced at the photo again and remarked, "Although I must say, Hailey does look a little like Alice in this photo." Then, after a moment, she changed her mind. "No, no. I mean, she looks a little like what you used to look like."

Luna gripped the phone tightly and was speechless for a moment. The woman in the photo resembled

the Hailey Walter that Luna remembered from six years ago, but it was obvious that her facial features

had been altered. She resembled Hailey yet, at the same time, looked a lot like Alice, too.

One thing was certain: she looked nothing like the Hailey Walter who had supposedly passed away.

Luna bit down on her lip, and her hand started to tremble.

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Luna knew that plastic surgery could drastically change a person's appearance. However, the photo

she had at hand looked absolutely nothing like the Hailey Walter she had seen a few days ago.

Luna had undergone plastic surgery before, so she knew that it took a lot of time and effort to change

one's appearance into a totally different person, which meant that...

If the person in that photo was indeed Hailey Walter, then the woman who had died was an imposter.

Luna bit down on her lip and suddenly recalled what Joshua had said to her in the car.

"This might not be the real Hailey Walter."

"The person who died was just an imposter. The real Hailey Walter is still out there somewhere."

"This woman is totally different from the Hailey I knew, so much so that she seems like an entirely

different person altogether.”

Luna broke out in cold sweats as soon as she thought of that.

If the woman who died was not the real Hailey, then she could not have ended herself simply because

she did not want to leave Sea City. If that was the case, what then was the cause of her death?

This brought up another question: Why did the Walters get someone to impersonate Hailey? And

where did the real Hailey go?

Luna tried to remember everything she knew about Hailey.

If the Hailey she had met was fake, that meant the hatred Old Mr. Walter harbored for her was fake as

well.

Luna recalled the night she was kidnapped by Liam and what happened with Gwen, and could not stop

herself from feeling terrified.

Terror, panic, and confusion filled her entire mind. The color drained from Luna’s face.

“Are you okay, Luna?” asked the frowning Anne when she noticed the change in Luna’s face.

Luna bit down on her lip and stared at Anne. “Let me ask you something. Suppose a person finds

someone to impersonate herself and manages to convince her entire family to play along with her act,

and finally kill the impersonator. What do you think is her reason for doing all this?"

Anne shrugged in response. "I 'd say it's probably because she already has a new identity. Why are you asking this?"

Luna closed her eyes and let out a sigh. She wanted to tell Anne what she was thinking but finally decided against it.

Some things just were not meant to be shared.

Luna did not want to drag her friend into all this. She returned the phone to Anne and sighed. "Delete this photo, and pretend none of this ever happened."

Anne frowned and was about to say something when someone pushed the door open.

Joshua stood at the door to the ward and towered over them.

"I see you're awake now." He glanced at Luna and strode into the room. He set down a bag of fruits, as well as a nutritional meal packed in a lunchbox on the table and turned to glance at Anne. "What did the doctor say?"

Anne paused for a moment, then smiled at him. "The doctor said she's too tired. She didn't get much

sleep last night and didn't eat breakfast this morning. Plus, she overexerted herself this morning at work, so she fainted due to exhaustion."

Joshua snickered. "Too tired?"

Anne snorted in indignation. "Of course! Mr. Lynch, do I need to remind you what you did that caused her to be exhausted?"

Joshua was amused by that. He did not recall anything that Luna did which required her to exert herself, whether in Sea City or Banyan City.

However, he did not feel like arguing with Anne, so he sat down and opened the lunchbox instead. He handed the lunchbox over to Anne and said, "Feed her."

Anne furrowed her brows. "Mr. Lynch, don't you think you should feed her instead?"

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Joshua and Luna immediately froze as soon as they heard that. Luna frowned and was about to say something when Joshua scoffed, "Why should I feed her?"

Anne rolled her eyes at him. "Do you have short- term memory loss, Mr. Lynch? Why can't you remember what you did? You— "

“Anne, “ Luna interrupted her before she could finish. She leaned against the headboard and gave

Anne a feeble smile. “Didn’t you say you came here as soon as you could and didn’t even have time to go home? Well, I ’m fine now, so you should go home.”

Anne pursed her lips. She knew that Luna did not want her to bring up what Joshua had done. She sighed and glanced at Luna dejectedly. “Alright, take care, then.”

With that, she shot Joshua a glare before she turned and left the room, slamming the door behind her.

Joshua and Luna were left alone in the ward.

Luna sighed, picked up the lunchbox Anne had set down on the bedside table, and ate. She propped the lunchbox up with one hand and held the spoon in the other, blowing gently on the soup before taking a sip.

Joshua could not help but notice the way she ate bore a surprising resemblance to his ex-wife. Maybe

kind women just have a lot in common.

Luna was starving, so it did not take her long to finish the entire soup. She set down the empty

lunchbox on the table and glanced at Joshua somewhat disdainfully. “Why are you visiting me here, Mr.

Lynch? Don't you have work to do, or are you here to take me back and resume the meeting? "

Joshua looked at her meaningfully and chuckled. " What if I told you that's exactly why I'm here?"

"Well, in that case, I refuse to go with you." Luna yawned. "Anne was right. My health is my utmost priority right now. I shouldn't have tried to prove you wrong this morning by skipping breakfast and heading straight to work."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "You finally admit that you were trying to prove me wrong, huh?" He crossed his legs gracefully and fixated his deep gaze on Luna. "No matter what happens, the last thing I want is for you to disregard your health."

Luna chuckled. "That doesn't seem like something a boss should say to an employee."

Joshua paused. After a moment, he asked in a low voice, "You think our relationship is only that of a boss and employee?"

The meaningful look on Joshua's face and his tone made Luna's heart skip a beat. She had to admit that though years had passed, Joshua still managed to steal her heart sometimes.

Maybe loving him was not something she could not stop doing after all.

However, Luna was too naive when she was young.

Since she knew what kind of person Joshua truly was, she would not be fooled anymore.

Luna curled her lips into a sneer. "What do you think our relationship is, Mr. Lynch?"

The room fell into silence.

Finally, Joshua let out a sigh and replied, "I thought we were friends."

Luna could not help but chuckled at that. She desperately wanted to tell him, 'I refuse to be friends with scumbags like you.' However, she stopped herself from blurting it out and instead said, "Well, it's my honor to be your friend, Mr. Lynch."

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As soon as Luna said that, she heaved a deep sigh and tilted her head away from Joshua, signaling she did not want to continue the topic any further.

Instead, she said, "I remember when we were in Sea City, you said something about Hailey Walter. You suspect the woman who died isn't the real Hailey and, instead, was an imposter."

Joshua nodded. "Yes, I did say that to you."

He had also sent people to find evidence to support his suspicions. However, his men did not manage

to find anything. The Walters were the most influential family in Sea City, so it was natural they would have done anything to cover their tracks.

Luna let out a sigh and glanced at him. "I believe you now."

"What?" Joshua "Why are you bringing this up all of a sudden?"

Luna narrowed his eyes and was about to say something when she heard a knock on her door. A

moment later, Alice's voice rang out, "Luna, are you in there? I heard you passed out. I was so worried that I rushed over from Blue Bay Villa as soon as I heard. I made you some soup as well. Can I come in?"

A vein popped out on Luna's forehead as soon as she heard Alice's voice. Then, she glanced at

Joshua subconsciously.

Joshua stood up, his face expressionless, and flung the door open.

"Joshua?" Alice stared at the man before her in disbelief. "Did... Did you come here because you were worried about Luna as well? Joshua, you're the boss in the world! "

"Tsk! Why is he visiting that b*tch?" All of a sudden, a woman's voice laced with contempt rang out.

Luna was familiar with that voice. It belonged to her birth mother...Natasha.

“Joshua, your mother-in-law was harsh, but she means well. You’re an important person, so you should be working now. I know you’re a good boss, but she’s just an ordinary employee at your company. You shouldn’t have to visit her in the hospital...” Luna recognized that voice as well. It belonged to her father, Joseph.

Luna leaned against the headboard and closed her eyes.

She knew Alice had brought her parents along on purpose.

She also deliberately planned her visit so that she would run into Joshua at the hospital. As for her motives...

Luna guessed that Alice had probably wanted to make her feel weak and humiliated in front of her loved ones.

As soon as she reached that conclusion, Luna sighed and closed her eyes.

Meanwhile, Joshua stood still at the door. He glanced at Natasha and Joseph before asking, “Why are you here?”

Natasha rolled her eyes at him. “Why? Do you not want us to intrude on your alone time with this b*

tch?” With that, she glowered at Luna and added, “If we hadn’t come today, we wouldn’t have found out

how much that b*tch means to you!

“Joshua, please don’t forget everything our daughter Alice has done for you! She even bore you two beautiful children! If you so much as lay a finger on her, we won’t forgive you!”

Joshua smirked upon seeing how agitated Natasha was. “Well, then... The two of you came because you knew I’d be here, is that correct?” He shot Alice a glance before he added, “You brought your parents along... This isn’t just a regular visit, is it?”

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Tears welled up in Alice’s eyes. She bit down on her lip and shot Natasha and Joseph a disconcerted glance. “I already told you guys to let me come alone. Now, look at what you’ve done. Joshua has misinterpreted my intentions! “

Alice sniffed and handed the thermal food container to Joshua. “I made some soup for Luna. Since you think my parents and I have ulterior motives for visiting her, then we’ll leave right now! “

With that, Alice turned around. Just as she was about to leave, however, Joshua frowned and grabbed

her wrist.

“Since you don’t have any ulterior motives for visiting Luna, why are you leaving now? I ‘m sorry I

misinterpreted and misunderstood you, “ said Joshua, his gaze fixated on Alice.

Luna’s heart turned cold as soon as she heard that.

In all the years she had known Joshua, whether as his wife or as her new identity, she had never heard

him speak to anyone so tenderly.

Joshua had also misunderstood Luna this morning, but he never admitted his mistake, even though

Luna had fainted and was subsequently hospitalized because of it.

However, he was willing to apologize to Alice.

Joshua was willing to apologize to both Aura and Alice, but not to Luna.

“Alright, I’ll forgive you! “ Alice beamed at him, hooked her arm through his, and entered Luna’s ward

together.

Natasha and Joseph shared a glance before they entered the room behind them.

Alice walked over to Luna and opened the food container. “Luna, I made you some soup. Why don’t

you try it?”

Luna frowned. She was about to turn down Alice's offer, but the latter had placed the bowl in her hand.

Luna contemplated for a moment before she took it. Alice probably would not dare to spike her soup in front of so many people.

Besides, the only thing she had eaten for the whole day was the soup Joshua had brought earlier.

Therefore, Luna was still a little hungry.

Seeing that Luna had taken the bowl from her, Alice immediately added, "Luna, quick, eat it while it's still hot. I went to so much trouble just to make this for you! "

"Well, if that's the case, thank you, Mrs. Lynch." Luna picked up a spoon and took a small sip.

A familiar taste surrounded Luna's taste buds, and her mind immediately went blank.

This soup...

It was Natasha's cooking!

Growing up, Natasha would make her this exact bowl of soup every time Luna fell sick.

This was the taste that Luna had craved for many years. When she was abroad, Luna longed to taste her mother's cooking again one day.

Now that she had finally gotten that wish, Luna suddenly felt an urge to cry. However, she knew she could not cry in front of everyone like that, so she sniffed and lifted her head, stifling her tears.

As soon as she raised her head, Luna came face-to – face with Alice —the woman who looked exactly like how she used to look.

At that moment, Alice’s lips were curled into a triumphant smirk, laced with a hint of contempt. “ How is it? Does it taste good? I made it myself, you know.”

Luna bit down on her lip. She knew that Alice could not have made this herself.

Luna turned around and glanced at Natasha, who stood at the side. Natasha just so happened to be looking at her, and their eyes met.

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Natasha scoffed and tilted her head away, her eyes full of contempt. “What a waste of good soup! “

Alice sighed and grabbed Natasha’s hand. “Mom, please don’t say things like this. The whole reason why Luna is in the hospital right now is because of work. She put in too much effort into work and overexerted herself, so making her soup is the least I can do.”

With that, she shot Luna a disdainful glance. “Am I right, Luna?”

Luna bit down on her lip but did not say a word. She felt like someone churned her heart with a knife.

She finally got to taste her mother's cooking but could not display her delight for fear of exposing herself.

Her birth mother stood right before her. However, not only did she ignore her, but she was also showing her affection toward someone else—an imposter.

Alice caught sight of the anguish in Luna's eyes and smirked. She had planned all that on purpose.

Alice had visited Natasha in the morning and found out that Luna Gibson loved drinking Natasha's soup whenever she was sick. Therefore, Alice convinced Natasha to make the soup and brought her parents along to visit Luna.

She wanted to make Luna miserable. She longed to see the agony in Luna's face when she realized she had no one to turn to.

Since Luna had destroyed her home and landed her father in prison, Alice was determined to let Luna have a taste of her own medicine. She wanted Luna to feel the same pain she went through.

Not only that, but Alice planned to turn Natasha and Joseph, Luna's birth parents, against her!

The worst suffering a person could feel was the pain of having their loved ones turn against them.

Alice wanted Luna to realize that she should not have returned to Banyan City in the first place. Since she had given up being Luna Gibson, she should not have returned!

As soon as she thought of that, Alice could not help but smirked. "Luna, do you have anything you want to eat? I can make you some food. Although I'm not a good cook, my mom can help." She gently held Natasha's hand in hers before adding, "Isn't that right, Mom?"

Natasha smiled at Alice fondly, then shot Luna a cold glare. "I'll be glad to teach you how to cook, but I think it's a waste for her to be eating this... She doesn't deserve it!"

Joseph nodded in agreement. "That's right. Alice, you're too kind. This woman started out as a maid at Blue Bay Villa, then went to work at Lynch Group. Everyone knows what she's after! Only you would still want to be friends with her, despite knowing what her true motives are..."

Joshua could not help but frown when he heard that.

He glanced at Luna, who was still holding the unfinished soup, and said, "Finish it quick."

Luna sniffed, lowered her head, and continued drinking the rest of her soup. Beads of tears fell into the bowl, and Luna could taste the saltiness of her tears mixed into her soup.

Fortunately, no one paid attention to her at all, apart from Joshua. Therefore, no one noticed she had cried.

After Luna finished the soup, she grabbed a piece of tissue and wiped her tears away as she pretended to be dabbing some sweat on her face.

Meanwhile, Joshua gracefully picked the bowl up and placed it back inside the food container. He handed the container over to Alice and said, "Thank you for coining. I'm sure Luna appreciates it. She's finished the soup, and I think you all should go home now. She needs to rest."

Alice glanced at him. "Joshua, aren't you coining home with us? It's already noon. Shall we bring my parents out for a good meal?"

Joshua noticed that Luna was still surreptitiously wiping away her tears and smiled at Alice. "Maybe next time. Your parents are going to be staying in Banyan City for a while, aren't they? There's always next time. I have some work stuff that I need to go over with Luna, so you guys should go get lunch without me."

Alice pursed her lips in indignation. Then, after she tried to convince Joshua to no avail, she finally left

along with Natasha and Joseph.

As soon as the three of them left , Joshua closed the door and strode over to Luna. He handed the box of tissues on the table over to her and said, "What's wrong? Why are you so upset by what they said? It's not like their opinions matter anyway."

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Luna took the tissue from Joshua and wiped the tears from her face. "I don't care what they think, " she sobbed softly.

It was not the first time Natasha and Joseph had misunderstood her.

"I just... " Luna sniffed and tilted her head up to stop the tears from falling. "I just miss my mother."

Joshua's entire body stiffened. He frowned and turned around to look at her. "You miss your mother?"

"Yes." Luna nodded. "Whenever I got sick, my mother would always make me chicken soup. She said chicken soup is good for our body, so I'd get well quicker if I drank a lot of it. When I was a kid, I didn't like drinking chicken soup, and she'd always spend a long time convincing me to drink it. I ended up liking it as I grew up, but I couldn't drink it anymore." With that, she heaved a deep sigh and added,

"Drinking the soup that Mrs. Lynch cooked for me just now...reminded me of my past. I couldn't help

crying a little. I'm sorry you had to see that, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua frowned. He fixated his penetrating gaze on Luna's face as if trying to figure out if she was honest.

Luna sighed again and placed the tissue box aside, then lifted her head to look at Joshua. "That's okay.

We don't have to talk about this anymore. Mr. Lynch, you mentioned that you had some work stuff you wanted to go over with me, didn't you? Let's talk about it now."

Joshua's brows furrowed. He knew that Luna was trying to get rid of him.

Luna knew full well that he only used work as an excuse to reject Alice's invitation. That was why she said that to him to make him leave if there were no work-related issues to discuss with her.

However, there was indeed something he wanted to discuss with Luna. "Quinn Group, as well as the hacker, stopped attacking Lynch Group since yesterday. Does this have anything to do with you?"

Luna paused. She had forgotten about that matter, but since Joshua had brought it up, Luna realized there was something she had wanted to tell him but had not had a chance to do so.

Luna sighed and replied, "Do you mind coming with me to Swan Lake Residences? I have something I

need to tell you.”

The information that Malcolm had sent her was on her laptop. When she went home yesterday morning, she had left the laptop in her apartment. Therefore, she needed Joshua to come with her so she could show him the contents.

Joshua glanced at her pale face. “Can the hospital even discharge you in this state?”

“I’m fine.” Luna smiled at him. “I ate two bowls of soup, and they even gave me an IV drip. I won’t faint anymore.”

Luna’s eyes became crescent-shaped slits when she smiled, and it gave her face a soft and gentle look.

Joshua was temporarily mesmerized by her smile. He could not put his finger on it, but somehow, every time he caught sight of Luna’s smiling eyes, he would be reminded of Luna Gibson.

Luna Gibson had the same tender look in her eyes. Joshua’s heart always softened whenever he saw that, and it made him feel like pulling her into his arms.

However, there was no longer any trace of this soft glimmer in Alice’s eyes. Maybe it was because her personality had changed.

Luna noticed how Joshua stared at her blankly, so she frowned and repeated, “Mr. Lynch, can we go now?”

Joshua finally came to and nodded in response. Then, he strode over to the ward next door to summon a nurse.

The nurse sent Luna down to the hospital entrance and helped her into Joshua’s car. Lucas sat in the driver’s seat. He turned around to glance at Luna and took in her sickly look. “Are you sure you don’t want to rest a little longer?”

Luna shook her head and closed her eyes, leaning against the seat.

Joshua sat down next to her and cast her a glance. “

Let’s go.”

Lucas immediately started the car.

Swan Lake Residences was quite a distance away from the hospital, so Luna got to rest for a while.

Her head felt heavy, and when they pulled up in front of Swan Lake Residences, she had already fallen asleep.

“Sir...” said Lucas in a low voice. “Should we wake her?”

Joshua glanced at the thin, sallow woman next to him and sighed. “Let her sleep a little longer.” He

contemplated for a moment before he finally took off his jacket and draped it over her.

Time then trickled by.

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By the time Luna finally woke up, it was already evening.

She could smell the faint, distinctive scent that belonged to Joshua and hear the click-clack of

someone’s fingers on the keyboard.

Luna frowned and opened her eyes with some difficulty.

The first thing she saw was Joshua’s sharp and chiseled side profile. He was doing some work in the

car, his laptop propped up in front of him.

He had a pair of defined eyebrows, long lashes, and perfectly shaped lips. Luna had to admit that even

though Joshua was a scumbag, he was certainly a handsome one.

No wonder Alice was willing to give up her old identity and pretend to be Luna Gibson just to gain his

love and affection.

Luna stared blankly at Joshua, deep in thought, when he suddenly smirked. "What are you looking at?"

His low voice made Luna jolt in shock. When she finally came to, Joshua had already turned his head around and was looking at her. "Did you get enough sleep?"

Luna froze for a moment, then nodded. "Yes, I did. "

"Four hours, " Joshua remarked as he lowered his head to glance at his watch. He curled his lips into a smirk. "What a pig." With that, he closed his laptop and said, "Didn't you say you have something to talk to me about over here?"

Luna's mind went blank for a moment before she finally recalled that she had fallen asleep while they were on their way to Swan Lake Residences. She let out a sigh and sat up.

The jacket that was draped over her slid onto the floor. It was then she realized that Joshua had put his jacket over her while she slept.

Joshua glanced at the jacket on the floor and raised his eyebrows. Before he could say anything, however, Luna quickly picked up the jacket. "I'll return it to you as soon as I wash it." Then, she hastily got out of the car.

Joshua chuckled when he saw how frantic she was and got out of the car himself. Then, they got into the elevator and ascended to Luna's floor together.

Luna clutched Joshua's jacket tightly in her hands while Joshua stood slightly behind her. Even though her back was facing him, Luna could still feel his penetrating gaze on her. She immediately straightened up when she realized that.

The atmosphere in the elevator was so quiet that it bordered on suffocating. Fortunately, the silence did not last too long. The elevator soon arrived at Luna's floor.

"Luna?" a startled voice rang out as soon as the doors opened.

Luna immediately lifted her head. Theo stood in front of the elevator and stared at her in disbelief. "

Aren't you supposed to be in Sea City? Are you home already?"

Luna, too, seemed to be in shock. "When did you come back?"

It was Theo who had taken care of her the night she was kidnapped. She had wanted Theo to come

with them when they returned to Banyan City, but he told her that he still had some stuff to take care of,

so he had to remain in Sea City for a while longer.

That was only two days ago. When did he arrive in Banyan City?

“I came back this morning.” Theo let out a cough. “How about you? Why did you come home so soon?”

I heard something happened to Gwen, so I assumed you would stay in Sea City for a few more days.”

Luna paused, then glanced toward the elevator. Joshua was still there, his expression as cold and stony as always.

She smiled at Theo but did not say anything more. “Work has been busy lately, so I came back early.”

Theo suddenly noticed that Joshua was standing behind her. He paused and said, “Well, then, if you’re busy, we can talk next time.” With that, he circled her and entered the elevator.

The doors slid shut.

Joshua’s brows furrowed as he watched the elevator descend again. “You and Theo...haven’t stayed in touch ever since you left Sea City?”

Luna shot him a puzzled glance and fished around for her keys. “Didn’t you hear that?”

Joshua narrowed his eyes. That meant that she was not up all night talking to Theo.

Did he...misunderstand her?

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Luna opened the door. When she turned around and noticed that Joshua was staring blankly at her,

she frowned. "Come in."

Joshua fixated his steely gaze on her. "Last night..."

"Stop," Luna interrupted him. "Joshua, I don't care whether or not you remember what happened last night, but it doesn't matter anymore. I don't feel like talking about this with you any further." With that,

she sat down on the sofa and picked up her laptop. "I have something else to discuss with you."

Joshua narrowed his eyes, entered the apartment, and closed the door behind him.

"I'm assuming these are your men, right?" Luna pulled up all the information that Malcolm had sent her and showed the photos to Joshua.

Joshua's brows furrowed. "Yes, you're right."

However, Joshua had not seen these men in a while since Adrian had requested them to help him ever since he returned to Blue Bay Villa. Adrian's reason was that he needed them to help him take care of some stuff. Since he was his father, Joshua did not question him any further and instead appointed these men over to him almost immediately.

Joshua did not expect that Luna would get her hands on these men's photos, much less interrogate him about them. Nevertheless, he glanced at the screen once more to make sure he had identified the men in the pictures correctly. "What's wrong? What did they do?"

Luna let out a sigh, then lifted her head to stare at Joshua. "You should know by now that before I came back to Banyan City, I lived overseas with the children. I raised them all by myself. Malcolm is my friend, and he's close with Neil and Nellie as well.

Naturally, he found out that Aura had almost gotten them killed in the past."

Joshua gazed at her, his brows still furrowed, but did not say a word.

"The reason why Malcolm is targeting you is that he wants to avenge Neil and Nellie."

Joshua raised his eyebrows skeptically. "He's targeting me because he wants to avenge my children?"

Luna nodded. "Yes, that's right. He discovered that these men have been protecting and looking out for Aura in secret."

Joshua's entire body stiffened. He glanced at Luna incredulously and chuckled. "How is this possible?"

He had listened to Alice's suggestion and sent Aura abroad so that she would have to get by on her own. That woman had almost killed his children. Joshua did not care whether she was alive or dead.

“This is the truth.” Luna snickered, then showed him the photos of the bodyguards protecting Aura, as well as a few of them getting into a fight with Malcolm’s men.

“The country where you sent Aura to just so happened to be Malcolm’s territory. He wanted to punish her to avenge Neil and Nellie , but these men in the photos stopped him. Didn’t you admit these were your men just now, Mr. Lynch?” She swiped through the rest of the photos on the screen.

Joshua frowned. Adrian had told him that he needed the men to take care of some stuff... Was this what he meant?

Luna saw that Joshua’s expression had darkened and curled her lips into a contemptuous smirk. “I guess you don’ t care as much about your children as you claim to, Mr. Lynch.

”You said you had sent Aura abroad to get by on her own, but in reality, you assigned your men to guard her in secret so that she’d live a comfortable life. Do you call this a punishment? It seems more like a holiday to me.”

Luna shifted into a more comfortable position and stared at Joshua coldly. ”Malcolm was furious when he found out you were secretly protecting Aura. That’s why he’s been targeting you lately. He’s willing

to risk offending you to get revenge for Neil and Nellie. However, I don't think this is necessary at all."

Luna heaved a deep sigh, then raised her eyebrows and continued, "If you think your ex-fiancée is more important than Neil and Nellie's lives, Mr. Lynch, why don't you pass them back to me? I '11 take them back abroad and resume our lives as we lived in the past. From today onward, you and I won't have anything to do with each other anymore. How does that sound?"

Joshua paused for a moment, then chuckled.