

Luna & Joshua 651

Chapter 651

Alice searched Joshua's hotel room for an hour and even sifted through every single piece of paper in his briefcase, but still could not find anything.

The divorce agreement papers seemingly vanished into thin air without even a single trace.

An hour later, she heard someone knock on the door, followed by Lucas' low voice. "Sir, it's time to go to Larson Group for your meeting."

"Sir?" After waiting for a long time but heard no response, Lucas frowned and fished out the backup keys in his pocket. Then, he shoved it in the keyhole, about to open the door.

Alice immediately panicked when she heard the sound of keys jangling outside and exclaimed, " Don't come in! Joshua and I are in the room together! "

Lucas immediately stopped in his tracks. "Ma'am, it's time for Sir to attend his meeting. Everyone from Larson Group is waiting for him."

Alice frantically put everything back in their place. " Alright! " With that, she quickly walked over to

Joshua and rocked him awake, calling his name in a gentle voice, "Joshua? Joshua? Why did you fall asleep?"

It took a while for Joshua to wake up, slowly opening his eyes at last. "What happened?"

Alice gave him a faint smile. "It's time for your meeting at Larson Group. Lucas has been waiting for you for a long time now."

Joshua yawned and immediately stood up, grabbing his jacket before he strode out the door.

Seeing how Joshua did not seem suspicious, Alice sighed in relief and slumped onto the sofa.

Outside the hotel room.

Joshua strolled into the elevator, still clutching his jacket. As soon as the elevator doors closed, he narrowed his eyes and said, "Lucas, prepare some medicine for me."

Lucas froze. "What medicine?" "Alice is trying to drug me."

Lucas' eyes widened upon hearing this. "Why would Ma'am want to drug you?"

"I don't know yet." Joshua stared straight in front of him with a steely gaze. "From its effects, I'm guessing that it's a kind of sedative. Prepare some antidotes for me."

Joshua was curious to see what Alice was up to, seeing that she had come all the way to Sea City just to drug him...

“Oh, and also...” Joshua furrowed his brows as he watched the numbers above the elevator door

decrease. “Help me track down all the girls in Sea City that are the same age as Gwen and played

‘Lost’ the same time she did.”

As soon as she got back to her hotel, Luna fell into a deep slumber, not bothering to eat even as the

sun began to set.

When evening rolled around, she heard someone knock on her room door.

Luna crawled out of bed in a daze and asked, “Who is it?”

“It’s me...” Gwen’s timid voice rang out from the other side of the door. “Luna, are you still angry at me?

Can you let me in?”

The confused Luna opened the door.

Gwen was in her wheelchair, and the nurse from the hospital stood behind her.

“Luna. “ Gwen’s face was a little red, and tears still clung on the edge of her eyes. “I thought you

wouldn’t want to see me again...”

Luna felt a little puzzled by this. She let out a yawn and opened the door wider so Gwen could enter the

room.

As soon as she closed the room door, Luna turned around and disappeared into the bathroom to wash

her face. Once she wiped her face dry, she asked, “ Why would I be angry at you?”

Gwen’s jaw dropped open. “But... I called and texted you so many times in the afternoon, and you

didn’t reply to me at all... I had no choice but to ask Luke for permission to come out and visit you with

a nurse.”

Luna paused before she glanced at her phone on the nightstand. There were more than ten missed

calls and messages.

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Luna put her towel back in the bathroom and gave Gwen a sheepish smile. “I was sleeping so soundly

that I didn’t hear my phone at all.”

Gwen pursed her lip and let out a sigh. “So...you’re not mad at me for what happened today, right?”

Gwen knew fully well that the wedding she was invited to was Ben and Clover’s.

She had been in love with Ben for so long that she had to see him marrying another woman with her

own eyes to give up and move on from him.

However, Luke banned her from attending the wedding altogether, refusing to let her go in fear she would feel humiliated.

Therefore, she had no choice but to ask Luna to go on her behalf.

Luna shrugged. "I'm fine with it."

Gwen lowered her head and said, "Luna, sometimes I really admire you... You moved on from Joshua entirely, and even though you spend a lot of time with him now, you can still maintain indifference..."

She sighed and lifted her head to gaze at Luna. "Don't you even feel agitated whenever you look at Joshua? Don't you feel like getting back together with him?"

Luna shrugged again. "Why would I feel agitated? Why would I want to get back together with him?"

She still remembered how Joshua plotted to kill her.

No one understood her because none of them had ever gone through the pain that she had. If one had experienced such heartbreak and anguish like hers, they would know why she was able to forget about that man entirely.

"But..." Gwen pursed her lips. "Sometimes, when I see you looking at Joshua, I can tell that you still love him. You—"

“You must’ve been mistaken,” Luna interjected coldly. “Every time I think of him, I feel like vomiting.”

As soon as she said this, she felt her stomach churn, as if it had somehow sensed what she had said.

Luna felt nauseated, and all of a sudden, a bitter taste arose in her mouth.

She could not even say another word and instead stormed toward the bathroom. The next second, she

was already holding onto the toilet bowl, retching. She had not eaten anything the whole day, thus

nothing came out even though she tried to vomit.

All that, yet she could still feel her stomach turning.

Gwen pursed her lips when she heard Luna retching in the bathroom and wheeled herself over to the

bathroom door. “Luna, are you...pregnant?”

Pregnant.

Luna felt as though a grenade had exploded in the back of her mind.

Her hands that gripped the rim of the toilet bowl started to tremble. “Could it... Could it be?”

She had longed to get pregnant and give birth to Joshua’s child so she could save Nigel.

The symptoms she was experiencing did seem a lot like morning sickness.

As soon as Gwen said that, Luna felt her blood rushing to her head. In the morning, she still felt dejected, trying to find other ways to get close to Joshua, but then...

This was exceptionally good news.

"You seem like you're having morning sickness." There was a hint of excitement in Gwen's eyes. "Why don't you come with me to the hospital now and get it checked?" Then, she paused and fixated her gaze on Luna. "The baby belongs to Joshua, right?"

Luna pursed her lips slightly and nodded.

She still was not certain if she was pregnant yet, but if she was... It was Joshua's, no doubt.

"That's great news!" Gwen seemed ecstatic to hear that. "Come on now, let's not waste any more time. Get ready, and we'll go to the hospital right now, shall we? If you're really pregnant, then Nigel can be saved!"

Luna, too, felt overjoyed by this sudden news. She shot up and quickly changed into a fresh set of clothes before leaving the hotel room, pushing Gwen's wheelchair in front of her.

Just as they were waiting for the elevator, the doors slid open, and out strode Joshua.

"Are you going out?" He glanced at Luna, then at Gwen. "It seems that I came at the wrong time."

He handed Luna the document that he was holding and grabbed hold of Gwen's wheelchair. "Where are you guys going? I'll give you a ride."

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"We're...going to the hospital." Gwen turned around and glanced at Luna. "Luna's sending me back to the hospital..."

Joshua nodded and strode into the elevator, pushing Gwen along in front of him as he lifted his head to glance at Luna. "This is the information that the supplier in Sea City gave me. I think there's something wrong with the data, so I wanted you to have a look at it."

Luna frowned and followed the two of them, skimming through the document Joshua had handed her.

Joshua was right. According to this document, the mineral content within the gemstones did not match up with the previous data.

Luna furrowed her brows, took out her phone, and started calculating the financial losses these discrepancies would cost the company. Then, she asked coldly, "Is this the only supplier list with problems? What about the previous ones?"

“Lucas is still comparing them. I don’t think we should collaborate with this vendor again in the future, and I want to sue them for the losses that have incurred.”

“Yes, I agree.”

Just as they were engrossed in their discussion, the elevator stopped at the first floor, giving a lurch.

Luna was too focused on their conversation that she did not notice the elevator had arrived at their destination. When the elevator jolted violently to a halt, she could not help retching again.

She immediately grabbed hold of Joshua’s arm for support.

Seeing that she did not look well, Joshua gripped her arm and asked, “Are you not feeling well?”

This was the second time in a day he saw her vomiting.

“We’re headed to the hospital, anyway. We can get you checked by a doctor.”

Luna’s entire body stiffened at his words. She tried to suppress the nauseous feeling in her stomach and stood straight, smiling at Joshua. “There’s no need. It’s nothing to worry about.”

Just as she spoke, however, her stomach gave another heave. This time, her gags were so intense that she almost stumbled and fell. Fortunately, Joshua caught her just in time.

He frowned, looking down at the pale-faced woman in his arms. “Nothing to worry about, you say?”

With that, he hoisted Luna into his arms and strode out of the elevator, leaving the speechless Gwen — who was baffled at the sudden change—behind.

She slowly wheeled herself out of the elevator, but due to her weak strength, she did not manage to get far before her entire body broke out in a sweat.

She exhaled before she continued to wheel herself toward the hotel lobby.

Just as she was about to stop and regain her strength, a stern voice rang out from behind her, “I insisted on sending some of my men to follow you, but you refused.”

At the same time, Gwen felt someone grabbing her wheelchair handles. Luke pushed her toward the lobby with an air of indifference, scolding her albeit gently, “When are you ever going to listen to me?”

Gwen pouted slightly, then extended a finger to scratch the armrest somewhat sheepishly. “I’m sorry

Joshua carried Luna into his car and ordered, “Lucas, let’s go.”

Joshua’s actions were so brisk that Luna did not even have time to react. By the time she finally came to, Lucas had already started the engine.

She furrowed her brows and said frantically, “

Where's Gwen?"

Suddenly, Joshua's phone chimed with a message. It was from Luke. (What a simp.)

Joshua let out a small sigh and answered, "She's fine. She's with Luke."

Luna shot him a somewhat exasperated glare, then snuck a glance through the rearview mirror. When she caught sight of Luke wheeling Gwen out of the hotel entrance, she felt as though a weight had been lifted off her shoulders.

She frowned and glanced at Joshua. "I already told you I'm fine."

Joshua's gaze was cold and hard. "That's up to the doctors to decide, not you. Lucas, step on it."

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Luna gripped the hem of her shirt tightly.

Although she was not certain if she was pregnant

yet, what if she really was? What would Joshua think if he found out that she got pregnant with his child?

Luna gritted her teeth.

If he found out that Luna had gotten pregnant with his child, would he...

Luna did not even dare to imagine what would happen.

She watched the scenery outside the window pass by and felt inexplicably anxious and agitated.

She could not let Joshua know about the baby...

Luna knew she had no way of convincing Joshua she was fine and that she did not have to go to the hospital. On the contrary, he might even grow suspicious if she continued to persuade him.

However, she did not dare jump out of the car for fear of hurting the fetus inside her...

Luna let out an exhale and closed her eyes. She had no choice but to take things as they came.

The car soon arrived at the hospital.

Joshua got out of the car and quickly dashed over to Luna's side. As soon as he opened her door, he put his arms around her and carried her out of her seat.

Luna let out a shriek when she felt her body suspend in mid-air. She lifted her head to gaze at Joshua, frowning. "I can walk by myself."

"Really? Or are you going to retch so hard again that you almost fell, like in the elevator? If you don't care about your own body, I care. " With that, he strode into the hospital, carrying Luna in his arms.

Luna felt a little dazed. Without even thinking twice, she immediately blurted, "What did you just say? "

Joshua furrowed his brows. "If you don't care about your own body, I care."

He then seemed to realize something was wrong, as he awkwardly coughed and added, "You're one of my most important employees ; it's only natural your health is of utmost importance."

He gently placed her down on a bed in one of the hospital's consultation rooms as he said, "She's been retching a lot the whole day. I'm concerned it might be stomach problems," he told the doctor.

The doctor nodded and scribbled something on his prescription notes. Then, she turned to look at

Joshua. "Any other symptoms besides retching?"

"There's a lot more, " Luna interjected from her spot on the hospital bed.

The doctor frowned and turned around to gaze at her. "Tell me about them."

Luna let out an exhale and lifted her head to glance at Joshua. "Can you excuse us? I...want to talk to the doctor alone."

Joshua furrowed his brows when he heard this, and confusion flashed through his eyes. "What's there to talk about that I'm not allowed to hear?"

He was Luna's immediate superior and the one who had sent her to the hospital to get checked. Why

did she want to talk to the doctor in private? What other symptoms could she possibly have to hide from him?

She had been reluctant to see the doctor ever since they got into the car, and she was unwilling to let him know the rest of her symptoms...

What was she trying to hide?

The doctor could tell that Luna was uncomfortable, so she smiled. "This is doctor-patient confidentiality." She shoved Joshua out of the room and said, "Don't worry, I'll take good care of her. "

Having been forced out of the room against his will, Joshua stared at the closed door before him and narrowed his eyes. Meanwhile, the doctor leaned against the door impassively and swept a deadpan glance across Luna. "You're pregnant, right? And the baby belongs to the man that I just kicked out, yes?"

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Luna paused, then let out a sigh and glanced at the doctor. "I'm not sure yet. It's just a suspicion."

"Are you planning to abort the fetus if you're pregnant?"

Luna shook her head. "I want to...give birth to it without him knowing."

The doctor nodded, then scribbled something else on her notes, her brows furrowed. "So I take it that you want to do a blood test and test your hormone levels? If you don't want him to find out, I suggest we do some other checkups just to throw him off the scent."

Luna nodded and smiled at the doctor before her. "

Thank you."

The doctor beamed at her. "It's no big deal." Then, she glanced at Luna and asked, "Are you friends with Gwen Larson?"

Luna froze, then nodded. "Yes, I am."

"You two are an interesting pair. One can't afford to have an abortion but still insists on it, and the other can but chooses to keep the baby instead. It'd be perfect if you two could switch." The doctor tore the prescription note out and could not help adding, "She's a lucky woman to have someone like Luke Jones be at her beck and call all day."

Luna gave her a bitter smile and took the prescription note from her. "She's had it rough, too."

“All women have it rough, “ the doctor said with a wink before leaving the room.

A few moments later, a nurse entered the room to draw Luna’s blood and conduct a series of tests.

It did not take long for the blood test results to come out. When the nurse finished the final body

checkup, she had already received the results and handed Luna the lab report.

Luna took the report from her and, seeing that no one was around, snuck into the bathroom to have a look.

Luna sat down on the toilet bowl in one of the cubicles and flipped open the report.

She was pregnant.

The blood test showed that her hormone levels were indicative of early stages of pregnancy. According to the hormonal assay, this fetus...was almost three months old now.

Luna’s hand that held the report started to tremble at what she read.

She recalled the last time she had been with Joshua, which was when they were staying in the hotel next to the amusement park.

The timing matched up!

It turned out that she had gotten knocked up at that time.

Surprise, euphoria, and relief filled Luna's heart. She was so delighted by this news that she could not stop herself from crying tears of joy.

Finally... She could finally cure Nigel! Nigel was saved!

Luna could not stop her tears from falling as soon as she thought of her son she had not seen in a long time.

She would never have left him alone if it were not for the fact that she had to get pregnant with Joshua's child to cure Nigel.

Even though he was mature and wise beyond his age, Nigel was still a six-year-old child...

This was good news. She was pregnant.

Everything finally came to an end.

Luna could finally get away from Joshua and Alice the moment everything that happened to Gwen blew over.

Fortunately, Theo was with Neil and Nellie. When she was ready to leave, she could ask Malcolm's men to contact Theo so he could bring her two children home.

In the future, when Nigel had recovered, the four of them... No, the five of them could live happily ever after.

Luna would do everything in her power to give this new baby a good home, considering it had saved its eldest brother.

Still sitting on the toilet bowl, Luna immediately took out her phone. She wanted to call her two children,

but Luna guessed they were probably already asleep, considering the time difference.

She wanted to call Anne to tell her this good news, but she did not want to intrude on her, in case she was on a date with John.

Luna contemplated for a while, then finally decided to share this good news with Gwen. She let out an exhale and walked out of the bathroom.

Because she had left her backpack and jacket in the consultation room, Luna had to go back to retrieve them.

Before the nurse had come in to conduct the tests, Joshua was still standing outside the room, talking on his phone.

Half an hour later, by the time she finished doing all the necessary checkups, Joshua was nowhere to be found. The only person left standing outside the room was Lucas.

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Seeing that Luna had come out of the room, Lucas immediately stood up and asked, "Are you okay? "

"I 'm fine, " said Luna impassively as she put on her jacket. "The results are coming out in a while more."

Luna had already discussed with the doctor and knew her blood test results would not be coming out with the rest of the checkups she had done.

She glanced at Lucas and asked, "Where's Joshua?"

Lucas gave her a faint smile in response. "Mrs. Lynch called just now, saying that she needed him, so

Sir went back to check on her."

Luna paused. This explained everything.

Joshua was so worried when he brought her to the hospital and even insisted on listening in while she told the doctor her symptoms. However, when she came out, he was nowhere to be found.

The only possible explanation to this was that Alice had summoned him.

After finding out that she was pregnant, Luna no longer felt bothered by things like this. She smiled and glanced at Lucas. "Alright then. It's good that Mr. Lynch is spending more time with Mrs. Lynch. They're such a good match. They should be together forever."

With that, she ignored Lucas' surprised expression and strode into the elevator. "I'm off to find Gwen now."

Lucas stared at her retreating figure, baffled, for a long time before he finally came to. He let out an exhale and took out his phone to call Joshua. "Sir, Luna came back from her checkup. She...seems to be very agitated."

Lucas pursed his lips and continued, "I followed your orders and told her that you went back to find Ma'am. She seemed to be delighted and said you and

Mrs. Lynch were a good match and that you should be together forever..."

Then, he could not help adding, "Did Luna receive some shocking news or something..."

Although Joshua and Alice were indeed a good couple, according to Luna's past experience and attitude toward Alice, she would never have said something like that.

Luna even tried to compete with Alice for Joshua's affection. When they came on their business trip to

Sea City, Luna also seized every opportunity she could to see Joshua and get closer to him.

How could she have...changed into an entirely different person altogether after her checkup?

Lucas could not believe that she even thought Joshua and Alice were a good match and wished for

them to have a long marriage.

He was puzzled by the sudden turn of events. "Alright, " said Joshua coldly and hung up the phone.

At this moment, he and Luke were in an office on the hospital's top floor, reading Luna's report on a

computer screen.

"It seems that she's thrilled by this baby's arrival, " Luke remarked, glancing at the screen.

Luna was pregnant. She was about three weeks behind Gwen's pregnancy.

Luke glanced at Joshua and asked, "Is the baby yours?"

Joshua put down his phone and clenched his fists.

It was Theo's.

Ever since Luna had become Theo's girlfriend, Joshua never touched so much as a single hair on her

head.

According to the time of the pregnancy...

This baby had been conceived on the day they were in the hotel next to the amusement park, the day

that Neil and Nellie had left Banyan City.

Joshua still remembered everything that happened that day...

He and Luna were drinking together, and under the influence of alcohol, they had even kissed.

However, the next morning when he woke up, it was Alice in his arms, not Luna. After that, they had

barged in on Luna and Theo together in bed.

Luna then announced that she and Theo were in a relationship...

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "No, the baby isn't mine."

"Not yours?" Luke raised his voice when he heard this. "Then whose child is it? The artist who sent her

flowers that day?"

"Yes." Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly. "Maybe, she wouldn't be so happy at all if the child had been

mine."

Luna seemed overjoyed when she found out about this baby, so much so that she even wished him

and Alice a lifetime of happiness together.

Did she like Theo that much?

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“Things are getting interesting now.” Luke crossed his legs on top of each other and glanced at Joshua.

“ You asked me to keep your divorce papers safe just for her, and now she’s pregnant with another man’s child. On top of that, she seems to be delighted by this baby. This is interesting.”

Joshua shot him a cold glance and said, “My decision to divorce Alice has nothing to do with Luna.”

Luke curled his lips into a smirk. “Do you even believe yourself when you say this?”

Joshua did not answer.

Seeing how Joshua still refused to believe that his divorce had everything to do with Luna, Luke

sneered and said, “There’s no point lying to yourself anymore.”

All of a sudden, Joshua’s phone rang.

“You’re a little talkative today,” he snapped as he glared at Luke before taking out his phone, eyeing the screen.

It was Alice.

Joshua furrowed his brows and cast Luke a murderous glare, signaling for him to shut up before he picked up the call. “What’s wrong?”

Alice’s sugary voice rang out from the other end of the line, “Joshua, it’s getting late now. What time are you coming home? Have you eaten? Are you working late tonight?”

Joshua might have felt a tingle of warmth in his heart when he heard Alice’s concerned tone back then, but at this moment...

He felt nothing but irritation.

He frowned slightly and asked, “Are you waiting for me?”

“Yes,” Alice replied, smiling. “I made you some crème brûlée for dessert. If you’re going to come back in an hour, then I’ll wait for you, but if you can’t make it, I’ll keep it refrigerated and bring it out for you when you come back—”

“There’s no need,” Joshua interrupted coldly. “I’m coming home now.”

Alice froze when she heard this. Before she could reply, however, Joshua had already hung up the phone.

“You’re leaving now?”

“Yes, “ Joshua said curtly before turning around and leaving.

When the door closed, Luke lowered his head to glance at the divorce papers placed on the table

behind him. He could not help letting out a feeble smile.

Gwen’s ward.

Gwen leaned against her headboard and was so excited when she heard Luna’s news that her hands

trembled. “Are you really pregnant?”

Luna grabbed Gwen’s hands and nodded earnestly. “ As soon as you’ve finished your surgery and I’ve

made sure you’re safe, I’ll find a chance to leave.”

Gwen paused for a while, then gripped Luna’s hands tightly in return. “Don’t wait any longer. Why don’t

you leave now? You mentioned that Alice is here in Sea City now and that Jason... It’ll only get more

complicated the longer you stay here. I can’t imagine what would happen if Joshua found out about

everything.

“Why don’t I ask Luke to book your flight tickets and create an alibi for you here in Sea City, and you

leave immediately?”

Luna felt a surge of warmth pass through her heart when she heard this.

Gwen had still not recovered yet, but when she heard Luna’s good news, she was even more excited than Luna herself.

“I’ll call Luke right now.” Gwen picked up her phone and was about to dial Luke’s number when Luna stopped her.

“It’s okay. Waiting for a day or two won’t change things.”

Besides, everything that happened to Gwen, even the baby in her belly, was all because of Luna.

She had just arrived in Sea City and had not even started helping Gwen convince Luke to let her abort the baby. If she left...what would happen to Gwen’s baby?

If she vanished without a trace, Joshua would not be willing to help Gwen either.

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If that happened, then even if Luna managed to give birth to her new baby and save Nigel, she and her child would still be forever indebted to Gwen.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out a sigh and lowered her voice. “Have you forgotten that

Luke's men are protecting me? You don't have to worry about Jason. As for Alice, I haven't seen her in a long time now. Besides, she's after Joshua, not me. I just have to keep my distance from him for the time being.

"I'll try to convince Luke to let you do the surgery as soon as possible... I 'll leave this country as soon as you've undergone the abortion."

Gwen paused for a moment, then nodded in agreement. She sighed and grabbed hold of Luna's hand.

"You and your child will be fine."

As soon as Joshua got back to the hotel, Alice immediately went up to him. First, she took his jacket and hung it on the coat rack, then retrieved his slippers for him like an obedient wife. She led him to the dining table and offered him a bowl of the crème brûlée she had made.

Joshua sat down at the dining table, gracefully

picked up a spoon, and took a bite. "It tastes good. "

"Really? You've been busy at work and away from home a lot lately, so I specially researched what desserts to make and decided to enroll in a cooking class," Alice lied.

She was right about enrolling in a cooking class. However, contrary to what she claimed, the cooking class was just an activity for her to pass the time. The crème brûlée that she claimed to have made herself actually came from the restaurant downstairs.

Alice thought she had concocted the perfect lie, but she forgot that she had left the takeout box in the trash can next to the hotel room door.

Joshua had noticed the takeout box as soon as he entered the room, though he did not feel like exposing Alice's lies.

"That's so sweet of you." Joshua smiled as he took another bite. "It's delicious. You can probably sell this if you want."

Alice blushed when she heard this and feigned modesty. "I'm happy that you like it." With that, she brought out another bowl of crème brûlée for Joshua.

After Joshua finished both of them, he yawned and propped his head in his hand, leaning against the dining table. "Maybe I'm just too tired today."

When she saw this, Alice knew that her drug was already starting to take effect. She immediately went over to help Joshua up. "If you're tired, you should go to bed and rest."

Then, propping Joshua against her body, she strode into the bedroom and laid him on the bed. She

gently removed his clothes and helped him get changed into a fresh set of pajamas.

“Get some rest, “ she said, clutching Joshua’s clothes.

However, the man seemed to have fallen asleep already. Joshua said nothing in response as Alice

instead heard only his breathing.

It seemed the drug had exerted its effects.

Alice curled her lips into a sneer and tiptoed out of the room, still holding Joshua’s clothes to her form.

She left the door slightly ajar behind her, so Joshua could still see her. He watched as she laid his

clothes down one by one on the living room carpet and rummaged through every article of clothing.

After combing through his clothes for a while to no avail, Alice still did not give up and instead went

through everything once again. Her search was so detailed that when she found a piece of tissue in

Joshua’s pocket, she even laid it out and scrutinized it.

“How can this be...” Even after her second search yielded no results, Alice conducted a third one,

frowning in bafflement.

This could not be. She had looked through the entire house and even Joshua's office after he had left for Sea City.

She even scoured the hotel room while he was out during the day, but she could not find the divorce papers. Therefore, she was certain that Joshua had taken the papers out with him, but...why could she not find them?

Amid her confusion, Alice suddenly heard a cold voice ringing out from the direction of the bedroom, "Need any help?"

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Alice immediately stiffened when she heard Joshua's voice suddenly echoing through the silent room.

She must have misheard it; Joshua had eaten the crème brûlée that she spiked with sedatives. How could he possibly have awoken?

This was impossible...

Alice shook her head and continued rifling through Joshua's clothes.

Alice could no longer convince herself she was mishearing things.

She slowly turned around, feeling as though the joints in her entire body were stiff and rigid. She finally

took in the scene behind her.

Joshua, dressed in a pair of gray pajamas, was leaning gracefully against the doorframe. He fixated his gaze on her, a smirk playing on his lips.

Alice felt as though her blood had run cold and her entire body had stiffened.

She opened her mouth but did not manage to say a single word. After a long while, she finally stammered, "Josh...Joshua."

"Yes. " Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and strode over, then slowly squatted down in front of her.

He grabbed his shirt out of Alice's hands and sternly uttered, "What are you looking for behind my back? Why don't you just tell me what it is, and I'll look for it together with you."

Alice was so nervous that she could not even form a single sentence. Her mind went blank.

This was not possible... How could this be?

She had put plenty of sleeping pills in the crème brûlée Joshua had eaten. The doctor had told her that this dosage would not harm Joshua but would surely put him in a deep sleep for a while.

She had ground the pills into powder and sprinkled it all over Joshua's crème brûlée. He had eaten not

one but two bowls of it, so how could he still be awake?

"Let me guess." Joshua picked up his clothes, set them on the coffee table, then sat down gracefully on the sofa.

He laid his arms on both sides of the sofa and leaned against the backrest, much like a dignified and majestic king. His gaze never wavered from Alice , who was still frozen in shock, and asked, "You're looking for the divorce agreement papers, right? "

This afternoon, after he realized that Alice had spiked his food and rummaged through his hotel room while he was out cold, he immediately ordered Lucas to investigate everything that had happened in Banyan City.

According to one of his servants at Blue Bay Villa, Alice had searched through his entire study while he was gone, and she refused to let anyone else do it for her for fear of missing out on any clues.

When he asked his employees at Lynch Group Tower, they said the same thing.

As soon as he heard this, Joshua passed the divorce papers to Luke to safeguard them for him.

Joshua thought that Alice would back off after what happened this afternoon, but contrary to his belief,

she became even more outrageous.

Alice shook her head furiously. "I... I'm not."

"You're not?" Joshua raised his eyebrows and glanced at the clothes Alice clutched behind her back, trying to hide them from his view. "What are you doing with my clothes then if you're not looking for something? Are you trying to smell them?"

Alice bit down on her lip. "Joshua, you've misunderstood. Actually, I..."

She let out an exhale, and suddenly, an idea popped into her head. "I'm actually looking for women's hair. Yes..."

Alice thought that this was the perfect excuse. "I'm looking for women's hair. Some of my friends that I met through the cooking class taught me how to determine if our husbands are cheating on us. One of the things they taught me is to look for hairs on our husbands' clothing that belonged to other women..."

Alice thought she had come up with a perfect reply, though it only served as Joshua's amusement.

"Alice. Did you forget what I told you when we were drafting the divorce agreement contract?"

The color drained from Alice's face. Her lips started to tremble in fear. "You said...you're giving me one last chance... If I... If I ever suspected you of cheating on me ever again, we would... We would..."

No matter how hard she tried, Alice could not seem to utter the last word.

"We would divorce."

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Joshua spoke impassively, face devoid of emotions.

He crossed his legs and leaned back against the sofa gracefully. "I'll give you one last chance to tell me what you're looking for. Are you really looking for other women's hair?"

Alice slumped onto the floor as soon as she heard this. She lifted her head and shot Joshua a somewhat helpless look. "Joshua..." she trembled. "Can you pretend you didn't see any of that?"

She did not dare tell him the truth.

"If you don't want to be honest with me, then I'll make my guess." Joshua looked down at Alice from his seat on the sofa and continued, "You've been very quiet and obedient for a while now. I naturally thought you had changed, but you didn't at all. You were just afraid that I'd divorce you, so you didn't dare do anything bad to Luna."

Joshua propped his chin up with one hand and glanced at Alice, whose face was as white as the wall behind her. “While I was here in Sea City, you searched my study and my office at Lynch Group Tower, but you couldn’t find the divorce papers at all, so you assumed that I brought them along with me on my trip.

“You came all the way to Sea City because you knew that as soon as I returned to Banyan City, I’d put the divorce papers back into my study or office, and you wouldn’t be able to look for them without me noticing. Now that I’m in Sea City, it’s much easier for you to search for them because if they’re not in the hotel, they’d be with me.

“That’s why you came all the way here and spiked my food twice, just so you can find the divorce papers without me knowing, right?”

The color drained from Alice’s face as soon as she heard this. She never expected to get exposed on her first day arriving in Sea City.

Alice closed her eyes in despair.

It turned out that the money she had given the butler and Joshua’s secretary did not manage to bribe

them after all. Otherwise, Joshua would not have found out if it were not for them.

Emotions of despair and hopelessness clouded Alice like spider webs.

She knew that this time...Joshua would not give her another chance. She had experienced firsthand

just how cold and heartless this man could be.

Despite that, however, she still wanted to try her luck. "No, that's not it..." She clung onto the hem of

Joshua's pants and pleaded, "Joshua, listen to me..."

"Alice," said Joshua as he rubbed his eyebrows in exhaustion. "Let's get a divorce."

Joshua did not want to continue this any longer.

He gave her chance after chance and picked up after the messes she had made. He was willing to do

this because he knew this was the woman he used to love and that she had borne him two adorable

children, but everything had changed.

This woman was willing to spike his food so she could get ahold of the divorce papers. What other

lengths would she go to in the future?

Was he just a tool for her to use out of spite and jealousy?

Luna Gibson was never this type of person before. She loved him with all her heart, but she had

boundaries.

Alice had none.

Joshua did not think Alice loved him at all. If anything, her feelings toward him were just that of possession and control.

Joshua could no longer tolerate this anymore. He did not want to lie to himself anymore.

“I’ll be getting custody of the children after the divorce. If there’s anything you want, just let me know, and I’ll try to fulfill you. I hope this will be an amicable breakup.”

Joshua glanced at Alice’s pale face and added, “I hope we can still be friends in the future.”

This was the last straw.

Alice lifted her head in despair. “Are you really going to divorce me? You’re divorcing me because of that b*tch, Luna, right? I knew it! I knew that the only reason she came to Sea City with you was to seduce you! “

Alice’s face was etched with hatred and resentment. “It’s her fault! Everything’s her fault! Things were fine between us when you kept a distance from her,

but as soon as you got in contact with her again, you'd always change! "

Joshua furrowed his brows when he heard this.

How did Alice know there was a period of time that he and Luna kept a distance from each other?

"Alice, you've been following me, haven't you?"