

## **Luna & Joshua 671**

### Chapter 671

Luna glared at Joshua and could no longer suppress her rage. "How dare you! "

"That's enough. Stop messing with her." Luke glanced at Joshua and added, "The reason I came over is to tell you that Alice is here. She's standing outside Gwen's ward, demanding to see you. She made so much racket that she woke Gwen up. Please go take care of this."

Joshua furrowed his brows in irritation. "Alright." With that, he let go of Luna and strode out of the stairwell.

The two people watched as Joshua's retreating figure disappeared from view. Then, Luke shrugged and tucked his hands in his pockets, glancing at Luna simultaneously. "He's really in love with you. Last night, when he found out you were pregnant with another man's child, he was so upset that he came to find me and spent the whole night drinking.

"As for what he said about the abortion... He's just saying it out of spite. Why are you taking him so seriously? He's not that cruel and heartless."

Luna scoffed and retorted coldly, "That's because you don't know him as well as I do. Many years ago, he had an affair with Luna Gibson's sister, Aura. He was willing to kill Luna Gibson just to please Aura."

She shot Luke a cold glance before continuing, "He's willing to hurt his own children. What makes you think he won't do that to me?"

Luke stared at Luna, his eyes wide with shock, but Luna did not seem to notice this. Instead, she wiped the blood that trickled out of the corner of her mouth and said, "I have three more hours until my flight. I better go now."

With that, she descended the flight of stairs.

Luke frowned and watched Luna leave, limping slightly. "Aren't you going to say goodbye to Joshua?"

Luna closed her eyes. "There's no need." With that, she left without a second glance.

Luke remained motionless and could not help letting out a deep sigh.

Luna went down to the floor below and managed to find an elevator.

"Joshua, how dare you lie to me and say it's not because of Luna?"

"Where is she? You'd better ask her to come out right this instant! "

"Stop trying to lie! The reason you're divorcing me is because of her! "

"I want to find Luna right this instant so she can talk some sense into you! "

Even though she was on the floor below Gwen's ward, Luna could still hear Alice's shouts. She let out an exasperated sigh and closed her eyes.

No wonder Alice was trying to get rid of Neil and Nellie. It was because Joshua had officially filed for divorce, and so Alice —thinking it was Luna's fault— tried to get her revenge.

The elevator descended two more floors. When the doors opened, two men dressed entirely in black boarded the elevator and said in a low voice, "You're Ms. Luna, right?"

"We're Luke's men. We've been ordered to escort you to the airport."

Luna lifted her head to glance at the two men before her. They were speaking in a distinct local accent, and although she did not recognize them, she could tell they were Luke's men from the way they dressed.

"Bring me to the hotel first. " Her belongings were still at the hotel.

The two men did not say a single word throughout the car ride from the hospital to Luna's hotel. One of them was focused on driving, while the other gazed out the window in silence.

The car soon arrived at the hotel. Luna quickly packed her suitcase, checked out of her hotel room,

then returned to the car, with the two men escorting her throughout.

When they got into the car, one of the men handed Luna an unopened bottle of mineral water. "Here. In case you get thirsty on the way."

"Thank you." Luna nodded in appreciation. She did start to feel thirsty.

She did not expect Luke's men to be exactly like him: thoughtful and kind beneath a hard exterior.

She twisted the bottle cap open and drank the water without thinking twice.

The streets were considerably emptier at night than during the day, so it did not take long for them to arrive at the airport.

Luna got out of the car after a half hour's car ride. She walked into the airport and made her way past the security clearance. The two men kept their eyes on her all this while and, after making sure she had successfully passed security clearance, finally turned around and left.

Luna sat down in the airport waiting lounge and felt a little worried about Theo, so she picked up her phone and dialed his number.

However, no matter how many times she tried, she could not get through to him at all.

Luna had no choice but to call Nigel for help instead. She knew that Nigel had kept in touch with Luke,

Neil, and Nellie all this while, so he could probably help.

To her surprise, she could not get through to Nigel either.

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Luna was starting to feel anxious.

She exhaled and tried to dial both Theo and Nigel again, but none of them picked up their phones.

Finally, Luna had no choice but to call Malcolm instead.

“Hello?” Malcolm’s voice rang out through the phone, sounding a little weary.

“Nigel’s getting emergency surgery, “ Malcolm’s voice sounded exhausted. “Luna, I can’t do this

anymore. Nigel...can’t do this anymore.”

Luna’s eyes widened when she heard this. “What... What do you mean?”

Malcolm let out a sigh. Every syllable he uttered after that felt like they were pounding against Luna’s

chest, “Nigel’s condition has been worsening for the past two months. He told me not to let you know,

and he also ordered the doctor to lie to you, saying he was getting better... Didn’t you notice he was

contacting you less and less now?”

Luna almost dropped her phone.

Malcolm was right. Nigel did contact her less frequently than before, but he told her that he had learned a new type of hacking technology and was spending a lot of time trying to perfect it.

Besides, Nigel had always been a quiet child, so naturally, Luna did not overthink his progressive lack of communication, but...

“He wasn’t learning some new hacking technology. He didn’t contact you as often because he’s so sick that he can’t even talk normally anymore. This morning, he even vomited blood, and the doctors sent him into the operating theater immediately. It’s been almost eight hours now...

“The doctor said if he doesn’t undergo bone marrow transplant soon... He won’t even have a year to live.” Malcolm closed his eyes and continued, “Nigel made me promise not to tell you any of this, but I don’t think I can do that anymore. Luna... Why don’t you give up on your plan and come back instead, to be by Nigel’s side? It’s been almost six months since you left, and if you haven’t gotten pregnant by now... “

“I have.” Luna clenched her teeth and said in a choked voice, “Malcolm, I’m at the airport right now. I’ll be back very soon. Take good care of Nigel for me—I’ll be home soon. Neil and Nellie are on their way,

too. We'll be fine..."

She clutched her phone tightly and could no longer keep her tears at bay. "Malcolm, I'm pregnant. Nigel can be saved..."

Malcolm remained silent. Finally, after a pause, he, too, said in a choked voice, "That's great. When Nigel comes out of surgery later, I'll tell him the good news."

Luna bit down on her lip and nodded. "Alright. We'll be fine. Please don't give up just yet, and please tell Nigel not to give up either. I..."

However, before she could finish her sentence, Luna felt a twinge of pain shoot up from her stomach.

The pain was so excruciating that she could not help bending over in agony.

Luna gripped her phone tightly but could not say a single word.

Malcolm seemed to sense that something was wrong. "Luna...? Luna?"

Luna bit down on her lip and opened her mouth to say something, but nothing came out. She was in so much pain that tears brimmed in her eyes.

Suddenly, she felt something warm trickle out from beneath her.

She knew what that was.

Despair and hopelessness engulfed Luna's entire being, and she could not even hold onto her phone anymore. Her phone fell onto the ground with a thud.

Luna saw a man make his way over to her, then bend down to pick up her phone.

The man ignored Malcolm's worried cries coming from the other end of the line and hung up the call.

Then, he reached out his hand toward her. "Ms.

Luna."

Luna looked up and, despite having tears in her eyes, made out the man's face.

Jason gave her a sinister smile and said, "Mr. Lynch asked me to check on you and see if the miscarriage was successful. From the looks of things, it was."

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Luna stared at Jason's face in shock. "Are you saying.. that Joshua sent you here...?" she uttered through clenched teeth.

"Of course." Jason kneeled and stared back at her impassively. "If not for Mr. Lynch, how did Luke's men manage to spike your drink with abortion pills? If not for Mr. Lynch, would I even be standing here

in front of you?”

Luna clung onto the hem of her shirt tightly, partly out of weakness due to blood loss and partly out of despair. “How dare he... Did he know...”

“Mr. Lynch knows the baby belongs to him, so he asked us to get rid of the baby. He said that if you want to leave Sea City, it’s fine, but not with his child.”

‘Joshua. Did you know that by causing my miscarriage, you’d lose two children...?’

Nigel...

Tears streamed down Luna’s face uncontrollably, and she closed her eyes feebly. “Joshua Lynch... I won’t forgive you for this...”

The color drained from Luna’s face, and she slumped onto the floor, unconscious.

Jason narrowed his eyes and chuckled. Then, he took out the hospital discharge form from his pocket, dipped Luna’s finger into a pool of blood on the floor, and pressed it onto the paper. After making sure he had gotten a clean imprint of Luna’s fingerprint, he turned around and left the scene.

It was a long time until one of the airport’s cleaners stumbled upon an unconscious Luna. “Help!

Someone has passed out—“

On the top floor of the hospital.

Alice stood at the edge of the rooftop, clutching a fruit knife against her neck. She took a few steps

back, her wary gaze remaining fixed on the man before her.

“Joshua, I’m giving you two choices right now. Either you give me the divorce agreement papers right

now, or I kill myself right here! “

Joshua was standing at the entrance of the stairwell and furrowed his brows when he heard this. “What

use will the divorce papers do you?” His penetrating stare aimed straight at her as he said the next

sentence, “You’re not Luna Gibson.”

Alice immediately froze when she heard this. Then, after a moment, she curled her lips into a smirk. “

You knew?”

Joshua sneered at her. “How long did you think you could hide it from me?”

Alice’s personality was entirely different from the Luna Gibson he knew six years ago. Joshua had

always thought that being away from him had changed her, which was why Luna Gibson was acting so

differently than before.

However, time and time again, she continued to do things that were beyond his imagination, without any regard for boundaries at all.

Yesterday, after discovering that she spiked his food, Joshua could not help but suspect that this woman before him was not Luna Gibson at all.

The Luna Gibson he knew would cherish and protect him with her own life. How could a person like this be willing to hurt him just to get her hands on their divorce papers?

Therefore, last night, Joshua ordered Lily to collect some of Neil, Nellie, and Alice's hairs and nail clippings from Blue Bay Villa and sent them for a DNA matching test.

He received the DNA report the moment he walked out of the stairwell where he had kissed Luna.

Neil and Nellie had no blood relation to this woman, who called herself Alice, at all.

This woman was either someone who happened to look identical to Luna Gibson or...someone who deliberately changed her appearance to assume Luna Gibson's identity.

"Well, it's no use now, even if you found out, " Alice interjected him coldly. "Luna Gibson is someone else now, and now, legally, I'm Luna Gibson! "

She glared at Joshua and ordered, "Give me the divorce papers right now! "

Alice was fully aware that as soon as Joshua found out she was an imposter, nothing could be salvaged anymore. Nothing would be the same anymore.

However, she did not mind that as long as she was able to stall Joshua. That was her true intention.

The longer he stayed here arguing with her, the better.

Soon... He would receive news of his children's passing—all three of them!

Since she could not win Joshua's affection, Alice decided Luna could not, either.

She wanted to use Neil and Nellie's lives, as well as the baby in Luna's womb, to drive a wedge between Luna and Joshua, one that would last the rest of their lives.

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If all three of their children were dead, Luna and Joshua could not possibly get back together ever again.

As soon as she thought of this, Alice lifted her head to stare at the night sky above her and could not help letting out an evil cackle.

Six years.

She spent six years trying to turn herself into Luna Gibson, but in the process, both her father and Liam were in jail, while Richard and Yvonne were just barely getting by.

Alice was tired of trying. Even though she and Joshua were not meant to be, she would still use her last ounce of strength to break up Luna and Joshua!

As soon as she thought of this, she raised her head to gaze at him. "Joshua, tell me, what's so special about Luna Gibson? I loved you for so many years, yet I became the person you hated the most in the end. Tell me, why are you so dull-witted?"

Joshua's entire body stiffened when he heard this. He paused for a long while, then finally narrowed his eyes at Alice and spat out her real name slowly, "Hailey Walter."

He clenched his teeth. "It's you. I should've known."

"I didn't think you'd remember me." Alice laughed so hard that tears started to form in her eyes. "

Joshua, you know better than anyone how much I love you, right? I love you more than any other woman in the world."

She flung the knife away and clawed at her face. "I turned myself into this just for you. I can't even

remember what my real face used to look like anymore. I did so much for you. What else do you want from me?"

Alice stood at the edge of the balcony, tears streaming down her face, though it was unclear whether it was from sorrow or all her laughing. "Joshua, I love you so much, but it doesn't matter anymore. You and Luna's two children will be dead soon, and Luna's baby is dying, too. You'll lose everything you've ever known."

She stared at Joshua with a deranged expression. "You're going to lose everything you have with her very soon."

Joshua's brows furrowed when he heard this, and he immediately glared at her. "What are you talking about?"

"You still have no idea?" Alice cackled again and said, "The baby in Luna's womb doesn't belong to Theo. It's yours! Theo has never even touched her! "

Joshua stared at her incredulously. "What do you mean?"

"Oh my god. You still have no idea, do you? " Alice crowed. "Luna is Luna Gibson, your wife. She's the woman whose face and identity I stole. She loved you

so much that she returned to your side after six years, along with your two children, so how could she possibly have slept with another man?

"Her and Theo's so -called scandal was all part of my plan. You investigated what happened and discovered that the person who had sent Theo to Luna's room that day was my subordinate, one of the Walters' men. Did you forget that?"

Alice let out a sigh and slumped onto the ground, still laughing sinisterly. "Although I've always wanted to sleep with you, somehow, even if you were drunk, you still refused to touch me at all. All you wanted was Luna.

"But every time you slept with her, you'd always treat me very kindly afterward... And so I came up with a new plan. I'd let you sleep with her and send her off afterward, taking her place instead." The night breeze picked up Alice's fits of laughter and made it sound eerie and disturbing. "Luna was the woman you've been sleeping with all this while, and vice versa.

"Now that she's gotten pregnant with your child, she's leaving you... And then..." Alice lifted her head and took out a small pill from her pocket. "I asked someone to grind this pill up and put it into her drink,

so now... ”

Suddenly, she got up and leaped into the air in excitement. ”Boom! Your baby is gone now! “

She cocked her head at Joshua and continued, ”Do you know? I planted a bomb in Neil and Nellie’s car, and then, boom— ”

Alice’s face twisted in a grotesque grin. ”Your two children will die, just like that!”

With that, she broke out in fits of laughter that echoed through the night.

#### Chapter 675

Alice continued to cackle, even when Joshua stared at her incredulously. He glared at her as he picked up his phone, ordering with an unstable voice, ”Lucas, locate Luna immediately, and contact those abroad to check on Neil and Nellie! Quick! “

Suddenly, Alice’s phone rang.

”It’s too late.“ Alice’s lips twisted smirk as she brandished her phone at Joshua. ”This phone call means my plan has already succeeded. “ With that, she picked up the call.

Joshua could not hear what the other person was saying, but he could see Alice’s smile growing wider and wider.

“Even if the outcome wasn’t what I expected, but... it’s good enough for me! Since I killed your children, you probably won’t let me get out of here alive either.”

With that, she let out an exhale and swung the blade toward her neck.

However, to her surprise, Joshua turned around coldly, not even giving her a second glance.

Alice’s hand started to tremble at the sight. She watched Joshua leave, feeling as though someone had stabbed her right at her heart.

Joshua walked away from her while talking into his phone at the same time, asking for Luna and the children’s whereabouts.

He did not even bother turning around to check if she was alright.

Alice could hear the voice of one of Luke’s bodyguards ring out in the distance, “What about the lady who’s attempting suicide on the rooftop — “

“Let her die.”

These three syllables penetrated right through Alice’s body and engulfed her entire being in despair.

Nothing in the world hurt more than witnessing the cruelty the person one loved most harbored toward

them.

She gave up everything she ever had for this man, yet he never loved her back.

Never!

Alice pierced the knife into her skin, staining the blade bright red.

The next moment, she slumped onto the ground in her own pool of blood.

Meanwhile, one of Luke's men had taken Dennis out of his prison cell just a short while ago and escorted him onto the rooftop. They arrived just in time to watch Alice collapsing onto the floor.

"Hailey— " Dennis shrieked, eyes widening as the blood seemingly drained from his face.

Luke frowned, then ordered his men to let go of Dennis. Immediately, Dennis rushed over to Alice's side and held onto her.

Luke waved his hands dismissively. "Get a doctor. Maybe we can still save her somehow." Then, he glanced at the subordinate standing next to him and asked, "Where's Joshua?"

Joshua had ordered him to bail Dennis out of jail and escort him to the hospital, but with them already here, where did Joshua go?

His subordinate answered in a low voice, "Ms. Walter said... she killed all three of Mr. Lynch's children,

so he's now trying to track them down."

Luke sucked in a deep breath. When he finally opened his mouth to speak again, his voice quavered slightly, "What are you waiting for? Go help him! "

The last place where Luna's phone signal appeared was the airport.

Joshua came out of the hospital and found his car. Immediately, he kicked the driver out of the vehicle and got into the driver's seat himself, speeding toward the airport without a second thought.

It was all his fault!

He should have known.

He should have known Luna was Luna Gibson all along!

Joshua had had his suspicions about her in the past, but she always managed to find a perfectly logical explanation for her behavior.

Before Alice appeared in their lives, Joshua had already seen Luna's handwriting and guessed she was related to Luna Gibson somehow, but as soon as Alice arrived, all his suspicions flew out the window.

Alice's face was identical to Luna Gibson's, so he could no longer think that Luna was his wife

anymore. That was how Alice had managed to fool him for so long.

Joshua clutched the steering wheel so tightly that his knuckles turned white. It was all his fault.

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It turned out the child in Luna's womb was his all along.

She had not slept with Theo at all!

Joshua could not believe that Alice had managed to trick him into believing the father of Luna's baby

was Theo.

Joshua would never forgive himself if he ended up losing his unborn child!

It was already late at night, so the streets were empty, apart from Joshua's car. He whizzed through the

open roads, heading straight toward the airport, with Luke following closely behind.

Luke was worried about Joshua, so he immediately followed as soon as he saw him leaving the

hospital.

"This man has gone crazy! " Luke flung his cigarette away and stepped on the gas pedal, trying to

catch up with Joshua.

However, no matter how fast his car went, he could not keep up with Joshua at all.

Suddenly, Joshua's phone rang.

It was Lucas.

Joshua slowed his car down slightly and picked up the phone. "How's Neil and Nellie?"

Lucas lowered his voice, "I managed to get in touch with Zach and Yuri. It... doesn't seem good."

Joshua immediately furrowed his brows. "What do you mean, 'it doesn't seem good'? Are Neil and

Nellie safe?"

"Nellie... is safe and sound." Joshua could tell that Lucas was mincing his words as though there was

something he wanted to say yet, at the same time, did not dare to.

Finally, Lucas let out an exhale and said, "Theo was there with them. Initially, he wanted to bring Neil

and Nellie away, but he discovered that their bodyguards were Alice's men, so they decided to split up

instead. Zach and Yuri took Nellie along with them and pretended to leave the country, but in reality,

they had been hiding in a house across from Neil and Nellie's summer camp all this while.

"Alice's men found Theo and Neil, but... They couldn't escape and instead got trapped inside the

summer house. They... ”

Lucas paused for a moment, then continued in a choked voice, ”They poured gasoline all over the house and set it on fire. The fire caused a gigantic explosion... The firefighters couldn’t even get in at all. Theo and Neil... don’ t have much of a fighting chance.

”Just now, Zach and Yuri told me that the firefighters have sealed off the scene entirely. Since none of them could get into the house, they’re forbidding anyone else to enter either. Nellie... watched everything unfold with her own eyes, and she was so traumatized that she passed out. Zach and Yuri are sending her to the hospital right now... ”

Lucas finished his sentence and waited but did not hear any response from the other end of the line. “

Sir?”

The next moment, a deafening crash rang out through the phone. The next thing Lucas could hear was

Luke’s worried voice calling out, “Joshua!

Joshua! “

Fortunately, because there were not many vehicles on the street at this hour, Joshua’s car only

collided with the road divider, even though he lost control of the steering wheel.

He regained consciousness after a short while.

Joshua opened his bloodshot eyes and muttered in a hoarse voice, "Neil... Luna..."

"They've found Luna." Luke closed his eyes and sighed. "She passed out at the airport, and one of the cleaning staff found her. She's already in the hospital."

Joshua opened his mouth slightly. "What about the baby..."

"She miscarried."

The glimmer of hope in Joshua's eyes dimmed when he heard this. "Then, Neil..."

"The firefighters managed to put out the fire. They couldn't find Theo or Neil's bodies, but they discovered some human remains at the scene.

Unfortunately, the DNA from the remains was so badly damaged that the scientists can't even confirm if the remains belong to them.

"But they've confirmed that the blood at the crime scene belongs to Theo and Neil. The police suspect that when the fire started, Theo and Neil didn't want to stay put and burn to death, so they opened the window to escape. However, someone planted explosives outside the window, and as soon as they

opened it, the bomb went off— “

Joshua leaned against his headboard, his usually towering silhouette looking small and frail. He closed

his eyes, and tears trickled out of the corner of his eyes. “Then, what about Nellie?”

“Nellie’s traumatized by everything that has happened, and she’s receiving counseling right now.” Luke

let out an exhale. “But, Joshua, now’s not the time to be sad. You...”

He tried to keep his voice steady as he delivered the most shocking news, “You have another son, but

he’s been diagnosed with leukemia. His condition worsened today, and the doctors managed to save

him, although just barely.

“You can’t give up.”

## Chapter 677

Luna was unconscious for a long time.

During this period, her condition did not stabilize at all. Instead, she ran a high fever recurrently and

dreamed all sorts of nightmares.

There was a huge fire in her dream, and she could see Neil and Theo trapped in it. They were shouting

at her for help, but she could not go in to save them at all. No matter how hard she tried, she could not

get closer to them at all. It was as though there was a layer of transparent glass separating her from them.

Luna could only watch helplessly as the fire and explosion blew Neil and Theo apart.

Finally, she sat down in front of the burning house, crying and crying.

The dream played out the same way many times after that. However, each time, the people trapped in the fire were different. Sometimes it was Nellie, and sometimes Nigel...

Luna was stuck in her nightmares and could not wake up from them.

By the time she finally regained consciousness, a month had passed.

When she opened her eyes and found herself staring up at the hospital's white ceiling, Luna no longer recognized the world she was in.

Why did she have to wake up?

Her baby was gone, and she could not save Nigel either.

Luna would rather die herself than go through the pain of watching Nigel die before her.

Gwen sat by her bedside, her eyes red and swollen from all her crying.

“Luna.” Gwen could not stop the tears from rolling down her face when she saw Luna wake up. She reached out to hold Luna’s hand. “You’re finally awake. I thought... I thought you had gone to heaven with Neil...”

Luna’s entire body stiffened when she heard this. She struggled to prop herself up before frowning at Gwen. “What are you talking about? What do you mean, ‘go to heaven with Neil’? Did you make a mistake? Neil is my second son. The baby that Joshua got rid of doesn’t even have a name yet.”

Luna still recalled all the dreams she had while she was still unconscious. She glared at Gwen and snapped, “Don’t you dare curse my son! I know you’re my friend, but that doesn’t mean you can spout nonsense like this!”

Gwen must have been mistaken!

Neil was the healthiest, happiest child of the three. He was Nigel and Nellie’s happy pill. How could he possibly have...

Gwen lowered her head and wiped her tears away. “

Luna...” she sobbed in a choked voice. “Everyone said we shouldn’t tell you the truth, but I don’t want to keep it from you anymore.”

She lifted her head to gaze at Luna, her eyes as red and swollen as ripe peaches. "Luna, Neil is... gone."

Luna felt as though someone had hit her right in the back of her head. There was a buzzing in her ear, and she could no longer hear what Gwen was saying.

The only thing in her mind right now was the three syllables Gwen had uttered.

Neil was gone. Neil...was gone. Impossible!

How could such a healthy, cheerful, and intelligent child be gone?

"You're lying to me! You're lying to me!" Luna covered her ears and howled, "That's impossible !

Impossible! "

She ripped the IV line out of her hand and crawled out of her bed, not caring that blood was trickling down from her hand and staining her gown bright red.

She leaped off her bed and stormed out of the room like a crazy woman, shrieking, "Neil is still at summer camp abroad! I 'm going to find him! I 'm going to find him and prove you wrong ! Gwennie, you haven't seen my Neil before, have you? He's such a handsome little boy! "

“Luna...” Gwen tore out of the room after Luna, trying to catch up with her.

However, to her surprise, she could not keep up with Luna at all. How could a well-rested woman like her be unable to keep up with someone who had been unconscious for a month?

Luna made her way to the elevators.

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Luna pressed the elevator buttons furiously, gritting her teeth at the same time. “Come on, elevator, come on. I want to see Neil, my Neil...”

She continued to mutter Neil’s name over and over again as if besieged by a spell.

Finally, the elevator arrived.

As soon as the doors slid open, Joshua caught sight of a deranged-looking Luna standing outside the elevator.

“Joshua Lynch!” she yelled like a lunatic and could not stop her tears from falling anymore. “Neil...”

Joshua’s expression darkened. After a moment, he let out a sigh and pulled her into his arms.

His embrace felt warm and protective, with a hint of his distinctive scent lingering about.

Luna froze at the sudden turn of events, then immediately furrowed her brows. She struggled against

his grip, screaming, "Let go of me! What are you doing, hugging me like that? I want to find Neil! Let me go, so I can go find Neil! "

Joshua closed his eyes and clung to her even tighter. No matter how hard she struggled, he refused to let go of her at all.

After a long while, he let out another sigh and said in a low voice, "Go get yourself ready. I'll bring you to see Neil."

Luna lifted her head to gaze at him, a glimmer of anticipation and excitement in her eyes. She removed herself from his embrace and asked, "So that means Neil isn't dead, right?"

She added in a choked voice, "Gwen was lying to me, wasn't she?"

Joshua paused for a moment when he met her fragile yet somehow determined gaze, then finally said,

"You'll know when you see him."

"Okay! " Luna nodded obediently like a child who had gotten herself into trouble. "I 'll go get ready right now. Please tell Neil to wait for me. Tell him to wait for me! "

With that, she wiped her tears and ran out of the elevator.

Gwen, who had been standing outside all this while, first shot Joshua a quizzical look, then glanced at

Luna. "Luna..."

"He's bringing me to see Neil! " Luna sniffed and grabbed hold of Gwen's arm with her bony hand. "

Come on, help me get ready and do my makeup! Neil wouldn't want to see me like this. I look horrible!

"

Gwen wiped her tears away and nodded. "Alright !"

Luna had been unconscious for a month, and the only nutritional support she got was through her IV line, causing her to lose a ton of weight. She was so skinny at this point that even a gust of wind could sweep her off her feet.

Gwen had to use half a bottle of foundation to cover up Luna's dark circles and the weariness on her face. She also helped Luna draw her eyebrows, put on eyeliner and lipstick.

An hour later, when Luna reappeared in front of Joshua, she was wearing a beautiful white dress.

There was a glimmer of anticipation in her eyes. " Come on, let's go visit Neil. He must've missed me so much! "

Neil must have been waiting for her all this while. He must still be alive.

Everything that happened in her dream... was just a dream!

Joshua sighed, then approached Luna and picked her up in his arms.

Luna furrowed her brows and struggled against his grip, but Gwen stopped her. "You're weak now, so you can't walk very far. Let him carry you. It's not like he's a stranger."

Luna paused, then nodded obediently. "Okay." Gwen was right. She was indeed too weak.

It was nice having Joshua carry her, too.

Maybe this would let her see Neil sooner.

## Chapter 679

Joshua carried Luna into the car.

Luna sat in the back seat in silence throughout the car ride, gazing at the scenery outside the window.

The car pulled further and further away from the city center, heading toward the outskirts.

Luna could not help frowning as she watched the trees go past. "Why would Neil be at such a faraway place?"

Joshua reached out to hold her hand but paused. His hand hung mid-air for a moment, then finally

drew it back.

He let out a sigh and said, "So that he can be at peace, with no one disturbing him."

Luna nodded, thinking that Joshua's explanation did not seem right yet made sense at the same time. "

Hmm, I guess you're right! Neil definitely needs some alone time by himself. This child is far too

talkative... Even though he's only six, he acts like a grown-up. Sometimes, I even think he might be

older than me.

"He'd always tell me not to stay up too late and forbid me from pulling an all-nighter, like a nagging

grown-up. He'd always tell Nellie not to disturb me and ask us all to sleep in and get plenty of rest, but

he'd always wake up early to make us breakfast.

"He constantly nags us to take care of our bodies... Nellie always teased him and told him he was

acting like an old man. He's only six, but he's so talkative all the time. It's like he's afraid if he doesn't

talk, he won't have a chance to do so in the future..."

As soon as she realized what she had said, Luna pursed her lips and did not say anything more.

Everyone grew silent.

The atmosphere in the car was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

Lucas, who was driving the car, stifled his tears and focused on the road ahead.

Throughout the entire car ride, Luna was bubbling with anticipation and excitement. She was looking forward to seeing Neil again. She believed that everything was like Joshua had described—that the reason Neil was so far away from the city center was that he needed some alone time.

When the car finally pulled up next to a cemetery, Luna could no longer keep herself together anymore.

As soon as she stepped out of the car, her legs gave out beneath her, and she slumped onto the ground.

She could not accept this.

Lucas took out a wheelchair from the trunk and assembled it. Then, Joshua and Gwen helped Luna into the wheelchair.

Luna closed her eyes, her entire body trembling. “ Why? Why? Joshua Lynch, I entrusted Neil in your care. You told me you’d take good care of Neil and

Nellie. You promised me you’d fulfill your responsibility as a father! Why... Why did my Neil...”

At this point, Luna was so choked up by tears that she could not say another word.

Sorrow and despair engulfed her entire being like an invisible net. She had no way of escaping.

Tears streamed down her face, and Luna clung to the hem of her shirt desperately. She was so overcome by grief that she had trouble breathing.

It was her fault.

She should not have put her hope on Joshua. She should not have thought Joshua would be able to save Nigel.

It was her fault for being stupid.

She should have listened to Nigel and stayed with him. She should not have brought Neil and Nellie along with her when she returned to Banyan City.

With her baby gone and Nigel could not be saved, even Neil was...

Luna sniffed and sobbed but could not say a single word.

Gwen walked slowly into the cemetery, pushing Luna's wheelchair before her.

Joshua walked next to them and said in a low voice, "It's all my fault."

If only he had discovered Alice's true identity earlier.

If only he had trusted Luna and believed she and Theo were never together, things would not have

turned out like this.

“What use is it for you to admit your mistake now?” Luna could not stop her tears from falling.

At the same time, it started drizzling, as though even the skies were weeping for her loss, weeping for

Neil.

The cemetery was a large one, but they soon made their way to the end of it.

At the end of the cemetery was a small, fenced -in yard standing all by itself. The yard was covered

with all kinds of plants, flourishing and blooming beautifully, as though symbolizing Neil’s short but

prosperous life.

At the center of the yard was a big tombstone. Joshua pushed the gate open while Gwen wheeled

Luna into the yard.

This was where Neil laid.

In the black-and-white photo on the tombstone, Neil was grinning at the camera, as if the next moment,

he was going to pop out and nag Luna about not taking care of herself.

“Neil...” Luna stood up from her wheelchair, stumbling. It was as though every cell in her body was

trembling and shaking in grief.

Despite that, Luna still made her way toward Neil's tombstone and wrapped her arms around it.

"Mommy is sorry..."

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"Mommy is sorry! It's all my fault. I shouldn't have brought you back to Banyan City with me..." Luna's

weeps echoed through the cemetery.

Staring at Luna's scrawny build, Gwen helplessly sniffed and turned around to wipe away her tears.

To present such bad news to Luna as soon as she woke up from her coma was too cruel.

However... Gwen knew that if they did not tell her, it would complicate things in the future, since...

After all, Nigel and Nellie were not doing too well either.

The rain started to grow heavier, so Joshua opened his umbrella and held it above Luna's head,

continuing to watch her weep in silence.

Luna cried from afternoon till evening until she eventually got tired, her voice hoarse in the aftermath.

She finally slumped onto the ground, totally and utterly exhausted.

Despite that, however, she still clung to Neil's tombstone in desperation, as though holding onto it

would prevent Neil from actually leaving this world.

“Luna.” Joshua sighed and threw his umbrella aside. He squatted and pulled Luna into his arms.

She was so skinny that he could feel her bones pressing against his body.

“Listen to me,” said Joshua in a slightly hoarse but gentle voice. “Neil was a hero. He used the last of his strength to protect his sister. Listen.”

Joshua let out an exhale and took out a necklace from his shirt pocket.

Luna lifted her head and fixated her gaze on the necklace.

She recognized it. This necklace belonged to Neil.

When they returned to Banyan City, Nigel had prepared three necklaces for each of them so that they could communicate with each other. The necklaces even had a voice recording function.

However, all three necklaces looked distinct from each other, so Luna could recognize that the one

Joshua was holding was Neil’s.

“The police found this a distance away from the explosion site. Although it’s a little damaged, it didn’t get burned. What I’m guessing is that Neil used the last of his strength to toss it out of the fire.” Joshua

let out another sigh, then pressed the small button on the necklace.

After a small click, Neil's voice rang out of the necklace, "Mommy, Nigel, Nellie. By the time you hear this recording, Uncle Theo and I are probably gone now. If by the time you hear this, you've already received news of my death, please don't be too sad—this is what Uncle Theo and I wanted."

Neil let out an exhale and continued with a hint of a smile in his voice as if he had already braced himself for the worst, "Zach and Yuri took Nellie with them and pretended to escape, but in reality, they hid themselves. We know that whoever's coming after us won't be fooled by the empty car, so if Uncle Theo and I left as well, they'd shift their target and search the nearby houses to find Nellie."

"Uncle Theo and I are willing to wait for them to come after us so that they won't hurt Nellie. If we manage to escape, then hopefully, they'll chase us, and we can lead them away from Nellie. If we don't manage to get out of here... then it's not our fault either. It's not that Uncle Theo and I were too weak to fight them back; it's simply because there were too many of them."

Finally, Neil let out a sigh and said, "Mommy, I know that you'll be devastated, but if I really died, there's no turning back time either. I can't come back to life anymore, so can you promise me you'll take good care of yourself?"

“Don’t stay up too late for work all the time, and always remember to take your meals on time. If there’s some way to save Nigel, please try your best, but if there’s not, please know that you’ve already done enough.”

“In the future... you have to take good care of Nellie. Nigel and I have spoiled her, so Mommy, you have to be more patient with her and look after her well...”

“I don’t want you to forget me.”

Neil’s voice started to choke as he said, “But if it’s too hard, then please forget about me. I’ll be okay with that.”

The recording ended after that.

Luna sobbed so fiercely throughout the entire recording that she passed out right in Joshua’s arms.

Joshua sighed, then picked her up, walked slowly out of the cemetery, and got into the car.

The heavens still wept.

After Joshua’s car pulled away, a woman holding a transparent umbrella strode into the cemetery.

She stared at the intricate, beautiful little yard and curled her lips into a smirk.

All of a sudden, her phone rang.

“Miss, what are we supposed to do with the man and the little boy?”

The woman curled her red lips into a sneer and replied, “I’ll take care of them.”