

## **Luna & Joshua 771**

### Chapter 771

The crowd in the hall burst into a flurry of activity, as though someone had tossed a grenade right into the room.

Everyone gaped at this sudden turn of events, and some of the audience even screamed in horror.

Was Ms. Craig crazy? Her family had spent generations accumulating their wealth! Even though

Bonnie was the only heir to the Craig family wealth, she still should not have gifted it just like that!

This was tens of billion dollars, not a few hundred!

Shannon's legs gave out beneath her, causing her to almost fall. Was this the shocking news that

Bonnie had hinted to them about?

Well, it was shocking, alright...

Luna, still standing on the stage, felt her head ring. She could not believe her ears.

She watched Bonnie, who was explaining the reason behind her decision animatedly, and suddenly came to a realization.

This was why Bonnie wanted to make her the most charming woman in Banyan City.

Considering she was suddenly ten billion dollars richer, she had indeed become just as she said, but...

Luna furrowed her brows and interrupted Bonnie mid-sentence, "I reject this gift."

The audience burst into a hubbub of commotion upon this sight.

It was already shocking enough that Bonnie, the heiress to the Craig family fortune, would be giving out

her assets to the woman on the stage, but what was even more appalling was that...this woman

rejected it!

However, unlike the audience, Bonnie did not seem surprised by Luna's reaction. She lifted her head to

glance at Luna earnestly. "I know you think it's too extravagant, but I don't think it is at all."

She stared in the direction ahead of her, still clutching the microphone, and said, "All this money serves

no purpose to me at all. To me, what's more valuable is the loyalty my friend displayed toward me. She

tried to rescue me and warned me several times that Jason was a scumbag, but I was too naive to

listen. I didn't believe her at all and even suspected that she had ulterior motives for doing so.

"Yesterday, I finally realized that I had misunderstood her all along. Not only did she save my love life,

but she saved me as well. No matter how much money you have, it can never compare to one's life.

"I don't need all this money at all, but my friend does, so I've decided to gift all my assets to her!" With

that, Bonnie turned to glance at Luna and said in a low voice, "Don't you need money to pay your son's medical bills? Please accept my gift. I don't need all this money at all.

"Do you want to stay at Lynch Group and work yourself down to your bone? Are you willing to get bullied by Joshua's new girlfriend when you could've accepted my help?"

Luna felt her heart leap into her throat.

It turned out that...the reason Bonnie wanted to help her was that she had found out about Luna's financial struggles.

Luna let out an exhale and snatched the microphone from Bonnie's hand. "I'm happy to see Ms. Bonnie regain her freedom, but I reject her gift." She turned around to glance at Bonnie and continued, "Even though I need the money, but...I 'm only willing to accept one million dollars at most."

Luna had to admit that accepting Bonnie's help was a better choice than continuing to work for Joshua.

However, she could not accept such an expensive gift. The most she was willing to take was one million dollars.

Besides, she would not let Bonnie's kindness go to waste. Some of Bonnie's investments were placed in jewelry design companies. Therefore, Luna decided to give the proposal that she had initially drawn up for Joshua to Bonnie in return for her help.

As long as she put in hard work and effort, Luna believed that what she had to offer would make up for the money Bonnie gave her.

Luna did not want to reject Bonnie's offer because she wanted everyone to see what a grateful person Bonnie was. Apart from that, however, accepting Bonnie's help would also save her from working at Lynch Group, so she would not have to get bullied anymore.

Bonnie furrowed her brows and protested, "But..."

Luna shook her head and answered in a low voice, " Bonnie, if you insist, I won't accept your gift at all.

"

Bonnie had no choice but to relent. She bit down on her lip nervously.

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In reality...Bonnie wanted to transfer all her fortune over to Luna, then disappear from the face of this

earth entirely. However, Luna was a calm and level-headed person. Bonnie knew that if she did not agree to Luna's terms, Luna would definitely refuse to take the money.

Bonnie bit down on her lip and remained silent. After a long while, she finally let out an exhale and chuckled. "Well, since Luna thinks that accepting all of the Craig family's fortune is too much and insists on only taking one million dollars, I'll gladly do so.

"As for the rest...we'll discuss this again in the future." With that, she turned to glance at one of her lawyers, who had been waiting backstage all this while. "You don't have to draft the transfer contract anymore. Just get me a contract for a transfer of one million dollars for now."

The lawyer nodded, and after a while, the contract was printed and passed over to Bonnie.

Exhaling, Bonnie dragged Luna to a table on the stage and signed her name on the contract, right under the audience's watchful gazes.

After that, she handed the pen over to Luna. "Now, it's your turn."

Still clutching the pen in her hand, Luna stared at the contract before her and heaved a deep sigh.

The moment she signed this contract, she would receive one million dollars from Bonnie.

With this money, she could finally quit her job at Lynch Group and go back to taking care of Nigel and

Nellie while working as a designer at Bonnie's company.

As soon as she signed this contract, she would no longer have to see Joshua every day at work, nor would she have to subject herself to Fiona's manipulative tactics.

Everything was about to come to an end.

Luna let out an exhale and placed her pen at the signature column—

"Wait a minute," a low voice rang out through the room, just as Luna scrawled the first two letters of her

name.

Startled by the voice, Luna stopped right that

instant, causing her handwriting to transition into an indiscernible scribble.

Bonnie lifted her head in surprise. "Joshua Lynch?" She did not remember inviting Joshua to her party this night.

"Yes, it's me. " Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and stood up gracefully from his seat on the sofa. "

Ladies, before you sign this agreement for a one million-transferal, why don't you check to see if Ms.

Craig can even afford to pay this sum?"

Bonnie's brows furrowed as soon as she heard this. She gave Joshua a contemptuous look and said,

"Are you trying to make a joke, Mr. Lynch? I'm the only living kin of the Craig family and the sole

heiress of the Craig family fortune. I own more than ten billion dollars' worth of assets belonging to the

Craig Group. How dare you even suggest I can't afford to pay one million dollars? Are you trying to be

funny?"

Joshua did not seem fazed by Bonnie's taunting. Instead, he smirked and replied, "Ms. Craig, why don't

you check the Craig Group's shares right now, and we'll see who's laughing?"

Bonnie frowned and immediately took out her phone.

Although she was not very adept at buying and selling shares, she still understood what was

happening on her screen. The steep decline of the Craig Group's shares highlighted on the screen

made her freeze in shock.

At this moment, Lucas brought out a projector and displayed projections of the Craig Group's market

shares on the stage's backdrop.

Joshua gracefully sat back down and leaned against the seat, his legs crossed elegantly on top of one

another. "Ms. Craig, do you have any idea what this means?"

With that, he shifted his gaze from Bonnie's pale face onto Luna's. "Luna, do you know what this means?"

Luna clenched her hands into fists.

The projections were clear. The Craig Group's shares had dropped from their peak to an all-time low in only ten minutes.

Ten minutes ago was when Bonnie announced that she would be gifting all her assets to Luna.

This meant that as soon as Bonnie made her

announcement, someone had sold all their shares of Craig Group, causing the market shares to drop to an all-time low.

However, Craig Group was a large company. Whoever was behind this must have possessed an insurmountable amount of power and wealth, so much so that they could bankrupt Craig Group in only ten minutes.

There were only two people in Banyan City who possessed this kind of power: Joshua Lynch and Jude Smith.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna glanced at Jude, who was holding a glass of wine and chatting up a beautifully dressed woman below the stage.

It was clear that Jude was not the mastermind behind this. Therefore, there could only be one other person.

Luna shifted her gaze to look at Joshua, who was leaning against his seat triumphantly, looking like royalty, and felt as though someone had dunked her heart in ice-cold water.

It was obvious why he did this.

If Bonnie gave her one million dollars, Luna would not have to work at Lynch Group anymore and be subjected to his and Fiona's tormenting.

He was trying to force her to stay.

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"Luna..." Bonnie continued to watch the Craig Group's shares plummet and began to panic.

Even though she did not know much about finance, she could still figure out that Craig Group was on the brink of collapsing.

All of a sudden, Bonnie's phone rang. It was a call from the CEO that she had employed for Craig

Group. "Ms. Craig, we have a crisis. A mysterious person has been attacking our company for ten minutes now, but we have no idea who it is.

"Not only are Craig Group's shares plummeting, but the company's IT system has also experienced a crash. Our PR department has been receiving calls left and right from our vendors and suppliers, claiming that they don't want to work with us anymore..."

The CEO continued to spout explanations that sounded like gibberish to Bonnie's ears, but there was one final sentence that she could understand.

"If whoever is attacking us doesn't stop us, Craig Group will be bankrupt in five minutes' time."

Bonnie, her hand still clutching her phone, started to tremble in terror.

That afternoon, she had asked Jude about the specifics of transferring a company's assets. When Jude enquired her reason for asking this, she had told him her plans of transferring her entire fortune over to Luna.

"If you do that, Joshua will be furious. The consequences of offending Joshua Lynch will be dire."

At that time, however, Bonnie took no notice of Jude's warning at all. She thought since she had inherited the Craig family fortune, she had become the third richest person in Banyan City after Joshua and Jude, so Joshua could not possibly do any harm to her.

Alas...

After hearing what the CEO said, she finally realized the extent of Joshua Lynch's powers...

With that, she secretly shifted her gaze to Joshua.

Even though he was sitting beneath the stage, Bonnie felt like he was towering over her. There was an air of grandeur and solemnity about him that made her feel suffocated.

She bit down on her lip nervously.

Luna noticed the anxious expression on Bonnie's pale face, and her hands clenched, unclenched, and clenched as she tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, she slid in front of Bonnie, blocking her from Joshua's view, and stared straight at him. "Mr.

Lynch, the reason you're doing all this is that you don't want me to accept Bonnie's help, right? In that case, I promise you that I won't take a single penny from her anymore."

Joshua raised his eyebrows upon hearing this. Then, after a moment, he picked up his phone and

dialed a number. "It's time to stop."

As soon as he said this, the voice of Craig Group's CEO rang out from Bonnie's phone, "They stopped!

They finally stopped attacking us! Craig Group is saved! "

When she heard the CEO's exclamations, Bonnie lifted her head to glance at Luna, who was still

shielding her from Joshua's view and could not help feeling a little crestfallen.

Her original plan...was to help Luna out of her pinch.

Luna had helped her so many times in the past; all she wanted was to repay Luna's kindness once and

for all.

Unfortunately, Bonnie could not compete with Joshua at all—this was the first time she witnessed just

how powerful and influential this man was. She possessed a net worth of ten billion dollars, yet this

man could reduce her fortune to next to nothing in a little over ten minutes. This meant that Luna...

Luna turned around and glanced at the backdrop behind her, which was still displaying the Craig

Group's market shares.

As soon as Joshua gave his orders, the Craig Group's shares, which were hovering dangerously low,

immediately started to rise again, reaching their previous peak after a few minutes.

Luna sighed in relief.

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The entire room fell into pin-drop silence.

As they had witnessed the extent of Joshua Lynch's capabilities, no one in the audience even dared to gossip about him anymore. Instead, they all stared in silent admiration at the man who almost single-handedly bankrupted a company.

Meanwhile, Fiona, who was sitting next to Joshua, clenched her fists in fury.

She had witnessed firsthand just how powerful Joshua was. Not only was this man handsome and well-mannered, but most importantly, he possessed insurmountable wealth and resources.

This was a man she wanted to rely on for the rest of her life, but everything he did this night was for

Luna...

Fiona narrowed her eyes and glanced at Luna, a glint of malice flashing through her eyes.

Everything was settled for the time being.

The emcee let out an awkward cough and tried fervently to salvage the situation. "Hahahaha! What an exciting night, isn't it? Since we've moved on from what happened just now, let the festivities begin!

Please enjoy!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, mellow, joyous music started to play from the speakers within the hall. After that, everyone in the audience visibly relaxed and started having fun.

As soon as Luna and Bonnie alighted from the stage, Lucas stopped them. "Luna, Mr. Lynch wants to see you."

Bonnie bit down on her lip and grabbed hold of Luna's hand. However, Luna did not seem fazed by this and smiled at her instead. "Don't worry.

Nothing's going to happen."

Luna exhaled and turned to follow Lucas.

Joshua and Fiona were sitting on a sofa toward the left of the hall. After what happened back there, all the guests were intimidated by Joshua and did not dare come close to him. Instead, they huddled around the right half of the hall, eating, drinking, and dancing the night away.

The left half of the hall, where Joshua was sitting, was quiet and empty, as though it were in a different

dimension.

Luna followed Lucas to where Joshua and Fiona were sitting and plopped down on the sofa across from him. Joshua gracefully slid a cup of coffee toward her and said, "How do you like the gift I prepared for you?"

What he meant was his attacks on Craig Group.

Luna bit down on her lip and stared at him coldly. "Why did you have to do this to me, Mr. Lynch?"

"No particular reason," Joshua smirked and fiddled with the matching ring he had on. "I just didn't want Lynch Group to lose a talented designer like you."

With that, he lifted his head and fixated his dark, penetrating gaze on Luna. "Ms. Luna, this morning, you just finalized a contract worth ten million dollars with me, so how could I let you go so easily? How could I let such a good business opportunity slip by?"

Luna sucked in a deep breath.

She knew that this was just an excuse. Joshua probably thought Luna did not know this, but the amount of manpower he used to stage his attack on Craig Group was easily worth three to four times

more than their contract !

"Yes. Ms. Luna is such a talented designer. It'd be such a pity if you left Lynch Group." Fiona gave Luna

a gentle smile and said in a sweet voice, still lying in Joshua's arms, "Besides, I'm quite fond of Ms.

Luna. If you truly left Lynch Group, I'd be devastated."

Then, she lifted her gaze and stared at Luna, a hint of provocation in her glimmering eyes. "Ms. Luna,

please stay and continue working at Lynch Group. I was hoping I'd have the opportunity to learn from

you in the future."

She fixated her gentle gaze on Joshua and added, " Joshua, don't you think it's a good idea for me to

learn from Ms. Luna? Maybe if I managed to learn a lot from her, I might be able to work for Lynch

Group in the future, too!"

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly, then chuckled and patted Fiona's shoulder in reassurance. "There's

no need. You have a weak body, and I wouldn't want you to be too tired."

With that, he glanced at Luna coldly and said, "As long as I can keep such a gifted designer as Ms.

Luna

on board, that's enough for me."

## Chapter 775

Luna clenched her fists. As much as she wanted to hurl something at the couple sitting before her, she stifled her temptations and replied, "Thank you so much for your support and admiration, Mr. Lynch."

With that, she picked up a glass of wine that was sitting on the table and drained it under Joshua's watchful gaze, slamming the glass back down as she remarked, "Please enjoy the party."

"Oh, by the way..." She turned around and smiled at Fiona. "Ms. Blake, you mentioned that you wanted to learn from me. Well, let me tell you this: I don't think you'll ever have the opportunity to do so because I don't take apprentices like you. You don't have any talent whatsoever, and you're not even willing to work hard to make up for it. Goodbye."

With that, Luna turned around and strode away.

Joshua remained motionless and watched the hem of Luna's blue satin dress sway with her every step.

Then, he narrowed his eyes.

"Ms. Luna must really hate me..." Fiona suppressed the jealousy and hatred she harbored toward Luna and put on a pained expression instead. "Joshua, is she right? Am I untalented and lazy, too?"

She continued in a whiny voice, "I've been trying very hard now..."

Hearing that she was about to burst into tears, Joshua let out a sigh but did not know what to do apart from consoling her. "You're already good enough. Don't listen to her..."

Luna overheard what he said and recalled what Jude had told her. She could not help feeling stupid for ever trusting Jude's words and believing that Joshua had, at one point, been in love with her.

How could Joshua be as good as Jude described him to be?

Luna had known him for so many years; she should have known better.

She did not understand what had gotten into her and led her to believe everything Jude said.

After leaving Joshua and Fiona behind, Luna headed backstage in search of Bonnie.

At this moment, Bonnie was perched on a stool, reading some messages on her phone dazedly while

Shannon stood next to her, trying to comfort her, "I know you're trying to help Luna, but you were once a reporter, Bonnie. You should know better than to offend Joshua; he's the most terrifying man in Banyan City. I can't even imagine the consequences of offending him..."

“Even though you’re the third wealthiest person in Banyan City now, you still can’t compare to Joshua Lynch. The extent of his fortune and power are on a whole new level... Don’t overestimate yourself again in the future. I know you care about Luna, but there are just some things we can’t help her with...”

Bonnie closed her eyes and heaved a deep sigh. “Luna has helped me so many times, so I wanted to return her kindness with money, that’s all.”

That was her only intention. Unfortunately, she did not get to execute it at all, simply because Joshua did not allow it and forbade Luna from leaving Lynch Group.

Bonnie could not help but feel a little suffocated by this sudden thought. “How can Joshua Lynch be so selfish and self-centered?”

“He’s always been selfish and self-centered,” Luna chimed in, her lips curled into a smirk.

Hearing her voice, Bonnie and Shannon looked up at the same time.

They could smell the stench of alcohol wafting off Luna’s body.

Luna approached them and grabbed Bonnie’s hand. “I understand that you want to help me, but please don’t do stupid things like this in the future anymore. I had my own reasons for helping you in

the past. It wasn't entirely selfless at all, so you don't have to repay me."

With that, she let out an exhale and lowered her head to glance at the time. "It's getting late now, so I'm going to head home. My two children are still waiting for me to go home. They refuse to go to bed without me."

Bonnie let out a sigh. Even though she disagreed with Luna, there was still nothing she could do for the time being.

Tonight, she finally witnessed firsthand just how powerful and terrifying Joshua Lynch could be.

## Chapter 776

No matter how much she wanted to help Luna, Bonnie still had Craig Group as well as its employees to think about.

She could not afford to provoke Joshua even further.

After coming out of the hotel, Luna let out a sigh and headed to the roadside to hail a taxi.

However, she seemed down on her luck that night because not a single taxi passed even after waiting for almost ten minutes.

Finally, a black BMW pulled up in front of her. The passenger side window rolled down, revealing Jude's smiling face. "Need a ride?"

Luna glanced at the time. It was already past 9 p.m., and if she did not get home quickly, Nigel and Nellie would have waited past their bedtime for her.

She hesitated for a moment, then opened the door and got into the backseat.

"What an exciting night," lamented Jude, crossing his arms in front of his chest. "The richest man in Banyan City almost bankrupted Craig Group, the third wealthiest company, in a matter of ten minutes.

If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have had the pleasure of witnessing such an extraordinary event."

Luna forced out a smile, glancing at Jude through the rearview mirror as she replied, "If you feel like experiencing that, you should lend me money right now."

"No, no." Jude immediately waved his hand in dismissal. "I wouldn't want to become Joshua's target—that'd be terrifying."

He then stared up ahead and said, "Joshua was willing to attack the Craigs and force them to the brink of bankruptcy tonight. This proves that he won't let you leave him, no matter what."

With that, he shot Luna an earnest glance and added, "Please don't ever try to run away again, for both you and your friends' sake."

Luna sneered when she heard this. "Run away? What atrocious crime did I commit to deserve a punishment like this? Why do I have to stay by Joshua's side and watch live happily ever after with Ms. Blake?"

Jude was so shocked by her words that he choked on his own saliva. Then, finally, he let out a small cough and tried to explain, "The reason why Joshua wanted you to stay is not that he wants you to watch him and Fiona live happily ever after... Besides, the relationship he has with Fiona isn't at all what you think it is..."

Fiona was the only person in this world who was a perfect match with Nigel, bone marrow-wise. If it were not for this, Joshua would not have treated Fiona so kindly and stayed by her side.

Alas, Jude could not tell Luna this. He could only let out a sigh and give her a vague answer, "You'll understand in the future."

"What about now?"

"As for now..." Jude let out another sigh. "You'd better not upset Fiona. Fiona means the world to

Joshua as of you. No one, not even you, can hurt her or upset her.”

Because of Fiona’s condition, any psychological stress she encountered would also affect her physical health. If anything bad happened to her, the doctors would not be able to perform the bone marrow transplant.

Therefore, Fiona was the most important thing in the world to Joshua at that moment, or at least until the bone marrow transplant could be done.

“I know.” Luna tilted her head away to look at the scenery outside. A contemptuous smirk played on her lips as she commented, “It’s barely been three days since Joshua met her, right? It’s such a short time, yet he already treats her like the most valuable thing in the world. All I did tonight was get into a verbal disagreement with her outside the hall, but he’s already trying to keep me here against my will so she can continue to bully me...”

She turned around and gazed coldly at Jude. “Is this the Joshua Lynch that you told me about? The one who, as you claimed, loved me more than anything in the world?”

Luna's words sounded harsh and spiteful to Jude's ears.

He furrowed his brows and glanced at the stone-faced woman through the rearview mirror. He wanted to say something but could not seem to find the right words for it.

She and Joshua's relationship had become so complicated that Jude no longer knew how to help them maintain their peace anymore.

He let out a sigh and rubbed his brows in frustration. "I know that you think both Joshua and I are liars, but there are some things I can't explain to you just yet. You'll find out the truth when it's time. I never lied to you at all."

Luna scoffed when she heard this; she clearly did not believe him.

The car soon arrived at Blue Bay Villa.

Luna let out an exhale and, after thanking Jude, turned and got out of the car.

As soon as she opened the door, she spotted Lily cleaning the house while trying to persuade the two children sitting on the sofa to go to bed. "Young Master Nigel, Princess Nellie, Ms. Luna has informed me that she's out at a party and will be home late tonight..."

Nigel, who was brushing his sister's hair tenderly, replied, "If Nellie doesn't go to sleep, then I won't, too."

Nellie silently fiddled with her fingers, her head lowered as she did.

The first thing Luna saw when she entered the house was Lily sighing in exasperation, then disappearing into the bathroom to rinse her mop.

Luna sighed. She knew that her two children would be waiting for her; they refused to go to bed if she was not there to tuck them in.

"Nigel, Nellie." Luna entered the living room. She smiled while changing into her slippers. "Why aren't you two asleep yet?"

The two children perked up when they heard their mother's voice. Nigel immediately let go of Nellie and exclaimed, "Mommy, you're back!"

Meanwhile, Nellie immediately raced over to Luna and wrapped her arms around Luna's leg tightly, still refusing to say a word.

Luna sighed. She could tell Nellie was worried about her, so she reached down and pulled Nellie into her arms.

Nigel leaped off the sofa and approached Luna. Then, he sniffed and asked, "Did you drink?"

"Yes, just one glass." Luna strode toward the stairs, carrying Nellie in her arms. "Don't worry. It's fine.

Come on, let's go to bed now."

Nigel sighed. "Did you forget? You always need to have a bowl of soup after drinking alcohol.

Otherwise, you'll wake up the next day with a

headache. " He poked his head through the railing

and glanced at Lily, who was still busy cleaning. " Lily, please make a bowl of soup for my Mommy. "

"Okay! " Lily nodded, put down her mop, and disappeared into the kitchen.

After making sure that Lily obeyed his request, Nigel let out another sigh and caught up with Luna.

Luna witnessed everything that Nigel did and could not help feeling a surge of warmth spread through

her heart.

However, a moment later, the warmth she felt was replaced with a twinge of despair.

Nigel was such a thoughtful child... Who would have thought his father was a man like Joshua Lynch?

Luna suddenly recalled the way Joshua held Fiona tenderly in his arms.

Maybe Joshua, too, had a loving and thoughtful side to him. However, he never displayed this to her, whether she was Luna Gibson or just Luna.

Luna gently carried Nellie into their room and finally managed to put them to sleep after half an hour.

By the time she emerged from the room, Lily was already waiting outside the door, holding a bowl of soup.

As soon as she saw her coming out of the room, Lily handed her the bowl and said, "Ms. Luna, today...

Dr. Rowena told me she had to leave, and she gave me a list of instructions to take care of Young

Master Nigel. What's going on?

"She even informed me that her mentor will be

moving into Blue Bay Villa tomorrow and will be taking care of Young Master Nigel from now on. Why

are we changing doctors all of a sudden?"

Luna closed her eyes and recalled the way Joshua looked when he agreed to let Dr. Rowena take care

of Fiona instead of Nigel. "It doesn't matter." Luna took the bowl from her and chugged its contents.

"There's only two more weeks left until Nigel undergoes his operation."

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Lily nodded. "You're right. As soon as Young Master Nigel comes out of surgery, it doesn't matter which doctor is taking care of him anymore."

She lifted her head to glance at Luna. "By the way, Ms. Luna, I had a chat with Dr. Rowena today, and she told me that the person who will be donating their bone marrow to Nigel isn't from Banyan City at all. When they found out that Young Master Nigel was in Banyan City, they immediately came so that he wouldn't have to travel long distances.

"When I tried to ask Dr. Rowena who this donor was, she told me it's a secret, and she can't tell me anything. Ms. Luna, do you think we should try to find out who this donor is so we can visit them before Young Master Nigel's surgery? After all, not only did they not ask for anything in return, but they came all the way to Banyan City for the surgery, too."

Luna's hand, which was holding the bowl of soup, stiffened when she heard this. "I'll look into this."

She, too, was curious about the donor's identity, but none of the hospital staff nor the doctors were willing to reveal this to her.

The reason Luna wanted to find out was not that she wanted to get involved in their life. She just

wanted to do something for this person. After all... She felt guilty for not giving anything in return for this person's kindness.

After finishing her soup, Luna took a shower and was about to go to sleep when she discovered there were more than a hundred messages on her phone.

She clicked through the messages and realized they were all bank account transfer notifications from Gwen, Anne, Samson, even Zach, and Yuri.

Everyone who sent her money even attached messages of blessings for Nigel. However, Luna transferred all the money back to their respective account holders.

She knew that Bonnie was just trying to help her, but after what happened tonight... Everyone had found out how broke and desperate she was for money.

Luna replied to all their kind messages. Just as she was about to go to sleep, however, her phone vibrated with a new notification.

It was a video from Joshua.

Luna furrowed her brows and clicked the video.

The video seemed to be taken from someone's bed. Judging from the bedspread and the interior design, Luna knew that this was Joshua's bedroom.

What was Joshua doing, sending this to her?

Luna frowned and was about to click off the video when she spotted something.

A pair of slender, fair legs had appeared in the center of the frame.

"Joshua, are you done?" a soft, gentle voice rang out.

Luna recognized this voice. She could not help curling her lips into a sneer.

Did Fiona film this while sitting on Joshua's bed?

"I 'm done." Joshua's low voice rang out from the other side of the door. The door was pushed open a moment later, and Joshua entered, clutching a bowl that appeared to be hot to the touch.

He was wearing a khaki men's apron over his white shirt and trousers.

He set down the bowl on the table and shot Fiona a gentle but somewhat feeble smile. "I already told you, you shouldn't drink with you weak your body is, but you still insisted. This is my first time making soup, and I'm not sure how it tastes. Why don't you give it a try?"

The video stopped.

Luna played the video again and again, gripping her phone tightly. She spent the entire night replaying the video, over and over.

After countless watches, her heart ached so much that it started to turn numb.

It turned out that Nigel had taken after his father after all.

Joshua Lynch had always been tender and thoughtful. It was just a matter of who he was with.

## Chapter 779

Luna did not sleep well the entire night, so even though she had drunk soup before she went to bed, she still woke up the next morning with an ear-splitting headache.

Despite this, she forced herself to crawl out of bed and glanced at her phone.

There were two new messages from Joshua.

(Fiona was fiddling with my phone just now, and she sent you a message by mistake.)

(Just pretend like you never saw it.)

Luna felt like her headache grew even more severe. She felt as though someone continuously poked her scalp with a needle, and the pain was starting to irritate her.

She tossed her phone aside and closed her eyes, recalling Joshua's messages.

Fiona had sent the message to her by mistake and wanted her to pretend like she never saw it.

Joshua was a smart man, so Luna guessed that he probably knew what Fiona was actually trying to

do: showcasing her authority.

Despite that, he still tolerated her behavior, so what right did Luna have to object to this?

Luna lied in bed for a long time before she finally exhaled and crawled out of bed to get ready for work.

As soon as she stepped through the doors of the design department, she saw Shannon gesturing to

her.

Luna asked, puzzled, "What's wrong?"

Shannon pointed at Luna's office door, which was still closed, and mouthed, "Fiona is inside."

Luna's brows furrowed. What was Fiona doing in her office so early in the morning?

"How could you let her in?"

Even though Luna did not keep valuables in her office, it was still her workspace, and therefore

contained project proposals and drafts of her designs. These might not seem like valuable items to

some, but to Luna, the consequences would be dire if she lost any of them.

Shannon let out a feeble sigh and approached Luna, lowering her voice as she apologized, “She’s the CEO’s girlfriend. She insisted on entering your office, so we had no choice but to let her...”

Luna pursed her lips.

Shannon was right. She could not blame them for letting Fiona into her office.

Fiona had sent her a video using Joshua’s phone to demonstrate her authority. Even then, Joshua still managed to find an excuse for her actions, claiming that she had sent the message by mistake.

Even though Fiona had barged into her office without permission, Luna knew she would not face any repercussions for her actions. Even if Fiona somehow burned her entire office down, Joshua would still find a way to excuse her behavior.

Luna let out an exhale and regained her composure before she walked to her office and pushed the door open.

Inside the office, Fiona was standing with her body tilted slightly, pouring a sachet of white powder into Luna’s water.

The powder soon dissolved in the water and disappeared entirely from view.

While pouring the sachet, Fiona muttered under her breath, grinning, "She can't possibly tell."

Shannon, who had followed Luna into the room, spotted what Fiona was doing and immediately roared,

"Ms. Blake, what are you doing?"

Was she trying to poison Director Luna? How dare she?

Even if Joshua was rooting for her, she still should not have barged into Luna's office and tried to poison her in broad daylight.

Fiona's entire body stiffened when she heard Shannon's voice. She drew her hand back, but after a moment, she seemed to recall something and extended her hand to touch the glass again.

Before her fingers could even make contact with the glass, however, a hand reached out and took it away.

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The person who took the glass away was Zayne.

He glanced at the glass of water in his hand, which was still clear and uncloudy, and smirked. "What would happen if someone drank this, Ms. Blake?"

An expression of panic clouded Fiona's face. She bit down on her lip, her eyes turning red-rimmed.

"Give that glass back to me."

Shannon scoffed. "Give it back to you so you can destroy the evidence?"

With that, she picked up the phone and dialed the extension for Joshua's secretary. "Courtney, ask

President Lynch to come to the design department right now. His girlfriend Fiona got herself in trouble again! "

Yesterday, Fiona had deliberately poured coffee all over Arianna and claimed that Luna's assistants were trying to get rid of her. Today, she was caught red – handed trying to poison Luna. How was she planning to explain this? Was she going to claim that Luna's assistants were trying to frame her again?

"Shannon..." Seeing that Shannon had called Joshua's office, tears welled up in Fiona's eyes once more. "It's just a tiny matter. Why did you have to call Joshua..."

She turned and shot Luna a pitiful look. "Ms. Luna, I wasn't trying to poison you. Please listen to me..."

"You weren't trying to poison her?" Before Luna could even speak, Shannon immediately glared at

Fiona and yelled, "Director Luna has security cameras in her office ! Are you trying to lie your way out

of this? Even if you managed to avoid the cameras, you still couldn't hide from us. Every single one of us saw you pour some white powder into Luna's glass! "

The more she spoke, the more riled up Shannon got. "Ms. Blake, I don't understand what you're trying to achieve here. Yes, Director Luna was involved with President Lynch in the past, but that was so long ago. Why are you still holding this against her?

"If you don't like her, why don't you just ask President Lynch to fire her instead? That'd save you so much time and effort! On one end, you tried to force Director Luna to stay, but on the other hand, you're

doing this kind of stuff on the down-low.

Aren't you tired of leading this double life?"

Shannon had always been an impartial person. In the past, despite knowing Luna and Alice's rivalry, she had never taken a stand, nor had she ever stood up for Luna.

However, after witnessing everything that happened the last two days, Shannon could no longer tolerate any of this. Fiona's actions had angered her.

She knew that Fiona was out to get Luna, but she had never seen anyone as manipulative as Fiona.

She tried desperately to get rid of Luna, yet at the same time, pretended to be weak and sickly to gain sympathy.

"Shannon...." Fiona fixated her red -rimmed eyes on Shannon and whimpered, "How can you say that...? I was just... I was just trying to..."

All of a sudden, she broke out into fits of coughing. She clutched the front of her shirt tightly, coughing so hard that she could not even say another word.

Shannon rolled her eyes at Fiona. "Stop pretending."

Luna furrowed her brows. She could not help frowning as she watched the color gradually drain from Fiona's face. "You..."

She contemplated for a moment and finally strode toward Fiona's direction to help her.

She did not know whether Fiona was faking it, but judging from how hard Fiona was coughing, Luna was still worried that she might injure herself.

Before she could reach Fiona's side, however, someone slammed into her. Joshua had stormed into

Luna's office with such force that Luna's entire body was thrown askew, crashing into the easel next to her.

Joshua did not seem to notice that he had bumped into Luna. Instead, he rushed over to Fiona's side

and pulled the coughing woman into his arms. "Are you okay?"

"Joshua..." Tears trickled down Fiona's face. She sobbed and laid against his chest, her body still

shaking violently from her coughing fit. "They're mistaken. I didn't do it..."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and lifted his head to glare at Luna. "What did you and your troops do to

Fiona now?"