

## **Luna & Joshua 991**

### Chapter 991

“Sure, let’s invite Luna over tonight, then.” Granny Lynch did not even give it any thought before agreeing to Fiona’s suggestion.

On one hand, she was really heartbroken for Nigel and Nellie. They had been living with Luna all this while before they were abruptly brought over to take care of Fiona, the ill woman.

On the other hand, Granny Lynch also wanted Fiona to see for herself, when Luna came over, what it took to be a woman worthy of helping Joshua take care of his children.

“But... “ At that moment, Nigel, who had been silent all this while, lifted his gaze and looked at Fiona.

“Aunty Fiona, although we miss Mommy, I don’t think she’ll want to come here to see you being together with Daddy.”

Nellie, by the side, also pursed her lips and nodded.

“If you really think that us being apart from our Mommy is terrible, why don’t you be charitable? Try talking to Daddy. Persuade him to send us back to live with Mommy.”

Fiona furrowed her brows at what the children said. She sighed and said with an aggrieved expression,

“ Joshua was the one that decided to let you all stay here. I can’t do anything if he doesn’t want you back with Luna.”

Nellie blinked her innocent huge eyes at Fiona. “

Aren’t you Daddy’s favorite woman right now, Aunty Fiona? When Daddy used to like Alice back then, he’d always listen to her. Why does he not listen to you now?”

Nigel sighed and looked at Nellie helplessly.

“Nellie, stop talking. We’re just kids. We don’t know what goes on between the adults.”

Nellie was resentful upon being lectured by Nigel.

“What do you mean, we don’t understand adult matters? It’s clearly because Aunty Fiona has no standing in Daddy’s heart. If Daddy truly likes Aunty Fiona, why won’t he listen to her?”

Nigel sighed. “It’s fine, Nellie. Maybe Aunty Fiona is just casually saying. She’s not truly sad about us leaving Mommy. Don’t take her too seriously.”

Fiona’s expressions alter between blushing and becoming pale upon what they said.

She gripped her utensils so tightly that her knuckles turned white.

These two kids said these intentionally! They definitely were doing it on purpose!

They went back and forth, one mocking her for being unimportant to Joshua, the other deriding her for being pretentious.

Granny Lynch's expression darkened when she heard what her great-grandchildren said.

Nigel and Nellie were only six years old; they were only immature kids. If they could even see how pretentious Fiona was, she must have been talking behind her back in front of the children often.

At that thought, Granny Lynch harrumphed coldly.

"Yes, if you're truly concerned for the kids, you should send them back to Luna and not get Luna to come here to make everyone feel more stressed."

Fiona bit her lip. She wanted to stand up for herself.

"Granny, it's not me who doesn't want Luna to be with her kids. It's because Luna has mental issues, and she was abusive to the kids..."

"Whether she has mental issues or not, well, the results are not out yet, right?" Granny Lynch slammed her utensils on the table.

"I have no more appetite. Nigel, Nellie, let's head upstairs and continue yesterday's design, shall we? "

“Oh, sure!”

Nellie smiled and jumped down from the chair. She reached out to grab Granny Lynch’s hand.

Nigel and Nellie held Granny Lynch’s hand on each side and went upstairs.

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Nigel only took a step when he suddenly thought of something and turned around.

“If you can’t let us go back to our Mommy, we’ll still be happy to see her for a while.”

Nigel, Nellie, and Granny Lynch then left, hand in hand.

Fiona was rooted where she stood as she watched the three of them leaving, gritting her teeth harshly

as she did.

Previously, she only wanted to go along with Aura’s plan to say that Luna was mentally ill and had her

children taken away from her.

However, she did not expect that Granny Lynch would come with the two kids!

Granny Lynch had a weird temper and was also rather passive-aggressive. Too bad she was Joshua’s

elder, whom Joshua had always respected.

It turned out, at that moment, Granny Lynch, Nigel, and Nellie joined forces and were on the same side.

She had become the one being bullied at home!

At that thought, resentment rose in Fiona's eyes.

She narrowed her eyes and clenched her fists tightly.

Thank goodness she was prepared! She was going to send Granny Lynch to the intensive care unit

that night!

The person that was going to bear this responsibility Fiona sneered.

The person that she was going to put the blame on would of course be Luna, whom Granny Lynch,

Nigel, and Nellie liked the best.

That night... Oh, how everything would come together!

"Forget about it."

In the study, when Joshua heard that Fiona was planning to invite Luna over, Joshua furrowed his

brows and shook his head.

"You just hurt her friend last night. Why would she accept our invitation today?"

Fiona pursed her lips. "But...there's Nigel and Nellie here. Also..." She sighed and said in a calm

voice, "I think I crossed the line last night, too. Anne only said a few words. I shouldn't have let emotions blind me, pick up the knife, and try to kill myself.

"Thankfully, John stopped me. If he didn't, I might've..."

Then, Fiona sniffled her nose. Her voice became a little croaky.

"Joshua, I want to see Luna tonight. I want to properly apologize to her as well as to her friend. If

John's injuries are serious, I can pay his medical bills, too."

Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at her.

"You really think that way?" "Mmh! "

Fiona took a deep breath as though zealously determined. "Joshua, I've made up my mind. I have to invite Luna to our house tonight! Not only do I want to apologize to her in person, but I'm also going to cook up a feast. On one hand, to apologize to Luna, and on the other hand, I want to use this feast to make Nigel, Nellie, and Granny Lynch happy."

Joshua furrowed his brows. He saw how confident Fiona looked, and he smiled gently.

"It's good that you thought this through, but..." Joshua smiled and said, "Can you cook?"

Fiona lowered her gaze, rather flustered. "Although I'm not too skilled, I'm sure I could do well.

Furthermore, we have Luna, right?"

She lifted her head and smiled at Joshua.

"Nigel and Nellie must surely miss Luna's cooking. I could get Luna to help me. We could reconcile and cook a feast for everyone together. After the meal, I'll seriously apologize. If she'd forgive me... "Even if

I die tonight, I'll have no more regrets!

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"What nonsense are you talking about?"

Joshua furrowed his brows and glared at Fiona. He also knew that Fiona did not have much time left, but it was for that very reason that he felt she should not say such ominous things.

After a while, Joshua sighed heavily.

"Since you want Luna to come over, I won't stop you."

Fiona bit her lip a little at Joshua's words. "But, Joshua, I need your help..."

Joshua could not help but furrowed his brows at Fiona's words.

“You want me to help?”

“Yes.” Fiona walked to Joshua’s side. She reached out and tugged on Joshua’s arms, gently swinging them.

“You know about our feud. If I’m to look for her and contact her on my own, she’d definitely think that I’m up to something and would flat out refuse.

“Also, I want to apologize to her after we meet. I want to give her a surprise. I’d seem more sincere, too. So...”

Fiona sighed and said, “I think it still should be you inviting Luna over.”

Then, Fiona blinked her innocent eyes at Joshua. “ I’m sure you won’t say no to my request, right?”

Joshua furrowed his brows. Luna’s hostile glare when he left the beach the night before suddenly appeared on his mind.

A trace of melancholy swept across his eyes. He truly did not want to take on such a tough job.

However, if he could get Luna to come over and forget about the past with Fiona, it was also considered a good thing.

After all, Luna’s condition had not been diagnosed. If it was that serious, the children might need to



stay in Orchard Manor for quite some time.

Throughout that time, it was not right to not Luna see her children. Rather than wait for the conflict between Luna and Fiona to turn worse, which made it harder for Luna to see her children in the future...

Joshua would rather get Luna and Fiona to quickly reconcile right after the injury incident.

That way, when Luna came to see the children in the future, whether it was she or Fiona, they would not feel awkward.

At that thought, Joshua nodded helplessly. "I'll try."

"Great!" Fiona excitedly hugged Joshua's arm. "I knew you'd say yes! You're amazing!"

Looking at how excited Fiona looked, Joshua could not help but smile. "It's rare to see you this happy."

"That's because I really look forward to resolving my conflicts with Luna." Fiona smiled and looked at

him. "That way, you and the children won't be stuck in between us."

Then, she lowered her head and buried herself in Joshua's arms.

"Although I know that I don't have a place in your heart, we're still a couple after all. I should look out

for you.”

What replied to her was Joshua’s silence. Fiona remained in Joshua’s arms, and her eyes narrowed dangerously.

She deliberately said that in front of him, those words that she did not have any standing in his heart.

After all, that came up when she was recounting her conflict between Anne and her the night before. It was one of the main statements.

At that time, Joshua was silent, too.

Being silent was just him tacitly agreeing to the statement.

He tacitly agreed that she had no place in his heart. Fiona was unwilling to admit defeat, and that was why she repeated it.

Turned out, Joshua remained silent.

That proved that while being together, Joshua still did not like her. He did not have her in his heart.

Fiona bit her lip. The gleam in her eyes turned resentful.

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It looked like Aura was right. All her hard work all this while has gone to waste.

No matter how hard she tried, she was no match for Luna in Joshua's heart. He only had Luna in his heart and eyes.

All the things he did were for Luna.

Why would such a good man like Joshua have a b\*tch like Luna in his heart?

Fiona was unwilling to accept the fact. She could not accept it.

She secretly clenched her fists.

That night, she wanted Joshua to see for himself how the woman he adored the most killed his grandmother, whom he respected the most!

By then, she wanted to see whose side Joshua would pick when the two most important women in his life went up against each other!

It was lo in the morning. The sun was bright.

Luna was in a good mood. She brought out her easel and paint supplies from the villa to the little gazebo i n the backyard garden. She was about to paint the scene of the garden when her phone rang.

It was from Shannon.

“Director Luna. “ Shannon, on the other end of the call, sounded a little troubled.

“I know you’ve already discussed with President Lynch that after the competition, you’ll no longer come to work...

“But you should know that many who saw the competition are waiting for the jewelry series to be in the market. President Lynch has also said that he wanted to profit from this series...”

Shannon took a deep breath. “Just now, President Lynch had a meeting with us. He wanted to know

more about the theme of this jewelry series. I’ve tried to explain to him with the information you left me,

but the questions he asked... I couldn’t even answer them, because I’m not you. I don’t know what you

were thinking when you were designing them.”

Luna was holding onto the phone. Upon hearing Shannon’s troubled voice, she suddenly understood

the intention of the call.

“You’re asking me to return to explain the things that you can’t explain to Joshua?”

“Mmh! “ Shannon immediately nodded. “That’s what I mean! Are...you willing to come back?”

Luna smiled. “Of course.” She kept her easel and paint supplies and smiled. “The theme of the jewelry

series is in the agreement between Joshua and me. I should've helped him get the jewelry to production.

"It's my fault for not thinking it through. I never thought that it'd cause more problems. I'll head over there now."

Then, Luna hung up and got up.

She entered the villa, changed her clothes while instructing Lily, "Keep the things in the back garden. I don't think I'll be back in time to paint today."

Lily immediately nodded. "Then, when are you coming back? What do you want to eat for dinner tonight?"

Lily also knew that Luna was not in a good mood after Nigel and Nellie left. She tried hard to make Luna feel better.

Looking at how concerned Lily looked, Luna chuckled a little.

"You don't have to prepare dinner for me. I'll be eating somewhere else."

Lily paused for a while. She could not help but pry carefully, "Are you going to have dinner with Ms.

Zimmer and her boyfriend? Ms. Luna, why don't you come home for dinner. Don't be their third wheel."

Luna was buttoning her coat up when she paused a little.

After a while, she laughed.

"You got half right. I am going to be a third wheel, but not for them. Tonight, Nigel, Nellie, and I are going to be Joshua and Fiona's third wheel."

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Luna gracefully picked her bag up and left, all while Lily watched her in shock.

Before she left, she did not forget to stuff the medication she bought the night before into her bag.

Half an hour later, Luna was already outside Joshua's office. She took a deep breath and adjusted her breathing before lifting her hand and knocking on Joshua's office door.

"Enter."

She only knocked a few times when Joshua's low voice came from inside. Luna smiled and walked in with a rather mocking expression.

"I heard Shannon say that you have a lot of places that you don't understand regarding our design this

time?”

Joshua looked at her calmly and responded. He pointed at the seat in front of him.

“Have a seat.”

Luna gracefully sat down. “I thought that a smart person like you would be able to understand a simple design of mine. It looks like I’ve overestimated you, Mr. Lynch.”

Joshua narrowed his eyes. He could hear the mockery in Luna’s tone.

He raised his eyebrows. “Every person has their specialties. I might be smart on business matters, but my design skills aren’t as good as yours.”

Then, Joshua seriously took out Luna’s past design proposal and logically placed his questions.

Luna could not help but furrowed her brows upon his questions.

Although Joshua said he did not understand design, every question he raised was extremely perceptive.

Luna had long expected that he would find a reason to look for her, then invite her to the Orchard Manor as a guest incidentally.

However, Luna did not expect that even if Joshua only looked for a reason to be in touch with her, his

questions were still focused and clear. It was straight to the point.

Shannon would really be unable to answer those questions.

Luna secretly lamented about how sharp-witted Joshua was, while seriously answering his questions.

Both of them conversed all the way until lunchtime.

Lucas knocked on the door and entered. "Sir, are you still planning to just do a simple takeaway for lunch again today..."

He was halfway through his question when he realized that Luna was also in the office besides Joshua.

Lucas widened his eyes. Since when did Luna come?

When she heard what Lucas said, Luna could not help but smile. "Didn't you always have your lunch with Ms. Blake, Mr. Lynch? Why have you stooped down to the level of simply ordering take away?"

Then, Luna pretended to come to a realization. "Oh, yes, because you can't bear to see her work, so you tricked and forced her into quitting. How rare of you, Mr. Lynch. When Ms. Blake was still working in the office, you were worried that Ms. Blake would be too exhausted. When she's not in the office



working, you could only eat take away alone for lunch.”

Every single word was prickly to Joshua. Lucas, by the side, was extremely uncomfortable.

”Luna, how could you say that of Mr. Lynch? He is clearly— ”

”Lucas, ” Joshua calmly interrupted Lucas, ”you don’t have to order lunch for me.”

Joshua stood up and picked his suit jacket up. ”I ’in treating Luna to a meal this afternoon.”

He had already walked to Luna’s side, smiling as he looked at her. ”Ms. Luna, may I have the pleasure?”

Luna pursed her lips. Although she was unwilling , she was indeed hungry.

Luna shrugged her shoulders. ”I’ll reluctantly agree to it, but I can’ t be brushed off with a simple meal.”

She sounded rather arrogant. Joshua was amused by her reaction. He could not help but reach out and pat Luna on the shoulder.

”How could I treat you badly?”

Then, he put on his coat and strode out.

Luna stood in the same spot and looked at his back, stunned. Those words that he spoke a moment ago in a dotting manner rang non-stop in Luna’s ears. ”How could I treat you badly?”

Luna had mixed feelings.

Was there not a time where Joshua did not treat her badly? Ever since she knew him, had he sincerely treated her well? Even once was good enough, but had he ever?

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Joshua was already by the door when he noticed that Luna was still standing in the same spot.

He could not help but furrowed his brows. "Why aren't you going?"

Luna came to her senses. She took a deep breath and immediately caught up with him.

"I'm coming."

Joshua took Luna to Bamboo Palace, which was one of Banyan City's best restaurants. It had an elegant environment and was famous for its dishes.

Luna thought that it was a little insulting and ironic that Joshua brought her there. The previous few times that she went to the restaurant were with

Theo. Theo even confessed his love to her there, too.

Joshua knew about that, too. Luna could not comprehend why he would bring her there. Was he trying

to get back for her mockery a moment ago, or did he really think that this was the suitable place?

“Didn’t you say not to simply brush you off?”

Once they entered the private room, Joshua immediately passed the menu from the waiter to Luna.

“The food in Bamboo Palace is no joke. I’m not brushing you off, right?”

Luna sneered. She did not continue focusing on his intention of bringing her here. After all, food at

Bamboo Palace was not cheap. Luna was not planning to let such a good opportunity to spend

Joshua’s money go away so easily.

At that thought, she immediately flipped to the last page of the menu and ordered starting from the

highest price dishes.

“I’d like a set of the Ausland Lobster. Also, give me a set of assorted seafood.”

“You’re going to have such a rich meal?” When Joshua heard what she ordered, he could not help but

smile. “Aren’t you afraid you’ll have a bad stomach?”

“Of course, not.” Luna rolled her eyes. “Nigel and Nellie haven’t been by my side recently. I’ve gotten

haggard and thinned down quite a lot, so I want to fatten up a little. Why, Mr. Lynch, are you not willing

to spend the money?”

Joshua smiled helplessly. “You should know that I won’t be stingy with this sort of money.”

Luna slowly pursed her lips at Joshua’s words. After a while, she laughed self-deprecatingly.

She was such a fool. How could she provoke Joshua with ordering expensive food?

The thing Joshua had most in excess was money.

Luna helplessly smiled. “Then, just consider me a person with a small world view.”

Joshua smiled and looked at her. He did not expose her for her small schemes.

Soon, Luna’s extra luxurious feast came.

All these years, as a top-notch designer, she had attended many elegant and luxurious dinners, but this was the first time she had such a feast.

Initially, Luna would still pretend to be polite. Later on, she felt that there was no need to. Why did she need to put on a pretense in front of Joshua? She did not need to please him, neither did she care about his feelings and thoughts about her.

At that thought, Luna started to wolf down the food.

Joshua sat opposite of her. Looking at how Luna ate without any reservations, he smiled dotingly.

If he could, he was willing to treat her to such a feast every day. Looking at her eating without any care relaxedly was also a type of enjoyment for him.

Soon, Luna was full, but there was more than half of the expensive meal on the table.

Joshua did not reprimand her for wasting food. "Are you happy now?"

Luna nodded and confessed honestly, "I'm not spending my money. Of course, I'm happy."

Joshua smiled. "I can still let you not spend a single cent and be happy during dinner."

Luna narrowed her eyes. She knew that Joshua was finally getting into the main topic, but she still smiled calmly.

"What? You want to treat me to a meal tonight too?" Joshua reached out his long fingers and knocked on the table. "You can consider so. I'm inviting you to Orchard Manor. Nigel and Nellie missed you."

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Luna inwardly sneered.

As expected, it was just like she had guessed. Joshua and Fiona, those two pretentious adults, would use Nigel and Nellie as an excuse to invite her over.

Luna smiled.

“What if I refuse? I spoke to them last night. I never heard that they missed me nor hoped that I ‘d visit them at Orchard Manor.”

Luna leaned back gracefully on the chair and crossed her legs elegantly. “So, is it the kids that want me there, or is it you and Ms. Blake?”

If Joshua could tell her the truth and told her that it was Fiona who wanted her there, Luna might still respect him for being an honest man.

However...Joshua still respected Fiona’s wishes, saying that she wanted it to be a surprise for Luna, to apologize to Luna in person.

Thus, he squinted. “Of course, I’m the one who wants you there.”

After all, in her eyes, he no longer had a good image. He did not care about this anymore.

Luna laughed out loud.

Joshua indeed loved Fiona a lot. As long as Fiona wanted something, no matter the condition or what it was, Joshua would agree to her without any further questions. Was that the case?

Fiona getting her to go there that night was clearly a setup!

At that thought, Luna sneered. "What if I don't want to go?" "Reason?"

"I don't want to see you and Ms. Blake showing off your love. I don't want to be a third wheel. Does this count?"

"The kids and Granny Lynch are there, too. You're not a third wheel."

Luna narrowed her eyes. "If I insist on not going, would there be any serious repercussions?"

Joshua crossed his arms around his chest. He looked at Luna condescendingly.

"I'll cut off all signals in Orchard Manor. You won't be able to contact Nigel and Nellie anymore."

Luna's pupils constricted.

Joshua's expression did not seem like he was joking. He was willing to do anything for Fiona.

Things were at that point already, and Luna could only agree to him. Moreover, she did want to go there, too.

Luna took a deep breath and stood up. "Mr. Lynch, you're just like Ms. Blake. You both know that the children are my weak spot. As long as you have a hold on my children, you have a hold on my life."

She turned to look at him coldly.

“How great would it be if you’re not the children’s father.”

Luna would not need to be disappointed for her children, disappointed that they had such a person as their father, a person who would always use them as bargaining chips.

Then, Luna turned around and strode away.

Joshua sat in his chair, looking at Luna leaving coldly.

It would be great if he was not their father, she said? Who did she want to be their father?

Theo? Christian?

Maybe even the man behind the boulder the night before?

At that thought, Joshua immediately took his phone out.

“Lucas, have you found out who that man is?”

Lucas, on the other end of the line, was slightly stunned. “N—No...not yet. There were too many

people at the fireworks celebration last night. It’s already quite hard to find someone, and on top of that,

there isn’t much surveillance.

“We’ve obtained all the surveillance footage near the beaches, even from the shops nearby. I don’t



know whether that man has been trying to avoid the surveillance cameras, but we couldn't find him at all.

"The only thing we could be sure of is that this man was in a janitor's uniform. However, last night's event...almost half of Banyan City was there. The event organizers hired a few extra janitors at the very last minute. Once the event ended, those part – time janitors took the money and left. They didn't leave any contact details."

Lucas sighed.

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"What I 'm trying to say is we can't find the person, but we could be sure that the organizers hired those part-time janitors at a...very, very low price. The people who would do such a dirty and messy job at such a low cost must be someone at the bottom rung of the social ladder."

Then, Lucas furrowed his brows and questioned, " Sir, why are you looking for such a person?"

"Nothing much." Joshua's expression darkened. A part-time janitor, from the bottom rung of the social ladder.

Even if Luna had a mental disorder, she would not hug and make out with someone like that.

Therefore, the person the night before would not be as simple as what Lucas described.

“Continue the search. How many part-time janitors the organizers hired, search each and every one of them.”

He had to find out who the person was the night before!

Lucas was silent for a while. Nonetheless, he eventually answered, “Yes, sir! “

Leaving the restaurant, Luna bought fruits and went to Anne’s house.

Guilt-ridden by John’s injured arm, Anne tried to figure out how to make some desserts for John.

When she saw Luna entering, she glared at her with rebuke.

“Why did you buy fruits? We’re not lacking any, “ said Anne while looking at John on the sofa, watching TV.

“Luna bought you fruits.” John immediately stood up. He was about to accept the fruit when Luna could not help but laugh out loud.

“Since when have I said that these fruits are for you all?”

Then, she looked at Anne's kitchen. "I remember that you have a juicer in your kitchen?"

Anne and John looked at each other, then they snickered awkwardly.

Anne scratched her head. "I knew it. With our close friendship, why would you have suddenly brought fruits over for us?"

Luna laughed and pinched Anne's nose. "I'm just pulling your leg."

She took two peaches, two oranges, and a lemon. Then, the rest, she washed them and placed them on the coffee table.

"Most of them are for you too, but I'm using these to make juice. I'm bringing them over for Nigel and Nellie tonight."

When she heard Luna mentioning Nigel and Nellie, Anne immediately came over.

"You're going to meet Nigel and Nellie tonight?"

Joshua agreed to it?"

Luna took Anne's juicer out to clean while nodding her head. "Joshua was the one who invited me."

She turned on the tap and smiled.

"This afternoon, he treated me to Ausland Lobsters and assorted seafood...all because he wanted to

invite me to the set up that Fiona prepared for me at Orchard Manor tonight.”

John leaned back on the sofa, peeling an orange with one hand for Anne.

He chuckled gently. “Since you know it’s a setup, you still agreed to it?”

Luna shrugged and laughed. “Of course. Joshua threatened me with the children, saying that he’ll stop them from contacting me, so I had to go. How could I refuse?”

Anne bit her lip. “Joshua is getting out of line!”

Luna was nonchalant about it. “But, I plan to turn the tables tonight. The setup will be for Fiona instead.”

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Dusk.

At six in the evening, Luna received Joshua’s call. He wanted to take her to Orchard Manor. Luna told him Anne’s address, and soon, Joshua’s car arrived.

When she got in the car, Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at the small tote bag in her hands.

“What have you got there?”

Luna smiled. "A gift."

Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at her so-called gifts. Luna got herself comfortable in the backseat. "It's just some juice I made."

Luna smiled. "John was injured, so I came to visit him. Anne was researching how to make iced tea and fruit juices, so I tagged along and did some."

Joshua relaxed a little. "Are there any for me?"

Luna smiled. "No. From what I know, I don't think you like things like this, Mr. Lynch, so I only prepared for Nigel, Nellie, Granny Lynch, and Ms. Blake."

Joshua raised his eyebrows. "You also made some for Fiona?"

"Why? Should I not prepare gifts for the mistress of the manor when going to Orchard Manor, Mr.

Lynch?"

Joshua's expression darkened at her words. After a while, he turned his head to look out of the window.

"Fiona isn't the mistress of Orchard Manor."

Orchard Manor was built from a design Luna made when she was bored once. Therefore, in Joshua's

perception, no matter how long Fiona stayed there, she was just a guest.

The mistress of Orchard Manor would only ever be...

“You’re right.” Luna laughed bitterly. “Ms. Blake isn’t the mistress of Orchard Manor yet. I misspoke. I should say she’s the future mistress of Orchard Manor.”

Joshua furrowed his brows. He did not continue arguing about this topic with her. The atmosphere in the car was eerily silent. It was so suffocating that Lucas could only slowly start the car and play some music.

The radio was playing an old love ballad. The singer was singing in a melancholic and depressed key.

“Listen to the oceans, are they laughing? “Laughing at those who are innocent as can be. “Laughing at them for stupidly waiting. “Waiting for happiness to slowly arrive, sadly.”

Luna turned around, looking at the ocean in the distance. She slowly closed her eyes. This song was once her favorite. When she received the brunt of Joshua’s coldness, she would play this song on repeat on her phone.

She thought that she was the one being laughed at. The stubborn fool. In the passenger’s seat in front,

Joshua looked at Luna in the backseat from the

rearview mirror. Although her eyes were closed, she could not hide the misery on her face.

Joshua furrowed his brows. "Lucas, change a different song."

Lucas was stunned before he frantically changed songs.

Luna sniffled her nose and forced herself to suppress her emotions. She almost forgot. Joshua hated this song. Every time he listened to that song, he would furrow his brows and ask her to change songs.

He said that this song was pretentious.

At that time, Luna did not understand why he hated the song. At that moment, she finally understood.

Back then, he could not even bear to listen to a pretentious song, yet at that moment, he could have the pretentious and sickly Fiona by his side every day.

It was not the pretentious song that he hated. He purely hated her.

Soon, the car reached Orchard Manor.

Lucas barely stopped the car when the door to the manor was opened. Nellie was the first one to rush out.

"Mommy, I've missed you terribly! "

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Behind Nellie was Nigel, who was striding toward them.

Behind him were Granny Lynch and Fiona, who loathed each other. Luna picked Nellie up while handing the small tote bag to Nigel.

“Nigel, I brought this for everyone. Go share with them. The peach juice is for Nellie, orange juice for you. The herbal tea is for Granny Lynch, and lemon iced tea for Aunty Fiona.”

Nigel nodded. He carried the small tote bag and walked over to Granny Lynch and Fiona.

Nellie pursed her lips in dissatisfaction being in Luna’s arms. “Why does the name of our beverages only have two words, yet Aunty Fiona’s has three? Unfair! “

Nellie got down from Luna’s arms and ran to Nigel. “ I think Granny Lynch is the most respected person at home, so the name of her beverage has to be the longest! “

Then, Nellie puffed up and lifted her head to look at Granny Lynch. “Great-Granny, don’t you think so? “

Granny Lynch was amused by how adorable Nellie looked. She immediately hoisted Nellie into her arms. “Okay, yes, yes, Great-Granny is the most respected person, so the name of my beverage has to



be the longest.”

Then, Granny Lynch ambiguously rolled her eyes at Fiona. “Even Nellie, who is only six, knows that I’m

the most respected person in the family. Some people are worse than a six-year-old! “

Fiona narrowed her eyes. A hint of resentment flashed across her eyes, but she immediately

suppressed it.

“Nellie is so mature.”

Fiona was not going to be petty with the old hag yet—only if she lived through the night!

“Then, why don’t we listen to Nellie and give the lemon iced tea to Great-Granny?”

Nigel opened the bag and found the cup of lemon iced tea. He was just going to pass it to Granny

Lynch when Luna stopped him.

Luna furrowed her brows. “I don’t think that’s appropriate. I made the tea according to Ms. Blake, a

young person’s taste.

“I specially brewed herbal tea for Granny Lynch.”

Nellie pursed her lips in displeasure at Luna’s actions once again. “I don’t care. I don’t care. Granny

Lynch has to drink the beverage with the longest name! “

Looking at how Nellie was reacting, Nigel helplessly laughed. "Mommy, why don't we give in to Nellie?"

Although Great-Granny is old, maybe she'd like the taste? Also, Aunty Fiona's health isn't that great.

The herbal tea might be good for her too." Luna still had a reluctant expression.

Joshua, by the side, could no longer take it. "It's just a beverage. Let Nellie do what she wants to do. If

Granny Lynch wants to taste the herbal tea and Fiona wants to try the lemon iced tea, we'll get the servants to do it."

Then, Joshua strode in. "Let's head in. Stop bickering at the entrance."

Hearing what Joshua said, Luna could only acquiesce to it.

Nellie accepted the lemon iced tea from Nigel, put in a straw, and passed it to Granny Lynch.

"Great-Granny, try this beverage which has the longest name! "

Granny Lynch drank some. She carried Nellie and held Nigel's hand, entering.

"Stop standing there by the entrance. Come in."

The moment Granny Lynch turned around, Nellie winked at Luna. Luna narrowed her eyes. She was amused.

Fiona did not notice the eye contact between Luna and Nellie. She only saw Nellie making trouble.

Thus, she harrumphed coldly with the cup of herbal tea in her hand. She did not even take a sip when

she turned to look at Luna.

“They say that daughters are the mirror of their mothers, yet your daughter is going against you. “