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Joshua had never noticed anything out of the ordinary during these six years, so how could he have gathered so much evidence in just a few days?

Joshua seemed to notice Aura's confusion. He curled his lips into a smirk, leaned against the barrier, and gazed at her impassively. "The reason I never investigated your involvement in Luna's accident was that I never thought you had anything to do with it. I had always been under the impression that Luna's accident was just that: an accident.

"When I finally realized something was wrong, I investigated everything and collected all the evidence, but at that time, you had already left Banyan City, and your whereabouts were not known.

"That's why I only managed to bring out all this evidence now."

At that time, Joshua always thought Aura was only involved in Luna's attempted murder. Unbeknownst to him...Aura had used a voice editing software to fabricate a conversation between them and trick

Luna into thinking he was cheating on her with Aura.

Finally, she even asked Jason to make a phone call in front of Luna, letting her think that Joshua was the one who instructed him to crash into her.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua narrowed his eyes in malice. If not for Aura, he and Luna would not have experienced this misunderstanding for so long!

Aura lifted her head to stare dazedly at Joshua's chiseled face. "This means that...you've been pretending to be in love with me from the start, right?"

Joshua shot her a cold glance. "What else would it be? Do you honestly think I'd forget about all the times you tried to kill Luna and my children and fall in love with you?

"Aura, no normal human being would have this sort of fantasy."

Aura slumped onto the ground in defeat. At this moment, she finally realized that...the only reason Joshua had been treating her kindly was that he wanted to get his hands on the antidote for Granny.

He had never been in love with her.

His heart had belonged solely to Luna from the start!

As soon as she thought of this, Aura flew into a rage. She glared at Joshua and pointed at herself. "Why? I've been by your side for six years, Joshua! Why didn't you fall in love with me?

"You and Luna had known each other for only a few months before you got married! Luna had gotten into her accident only two years after that! How could six years of companionship not match up to two years?"

Luna could not help letting out a sigh when she saw Aura's deranged look. "Aura, you can't quantify relationships by time. I treated you like my own sister for more than ten years...but despite that, you still thought of me as a nemesis and tried to get rid of me."

Aura's entire body stiffened when she heard this. She turned to stare at Luna.

After a long pause, a crazed expression passed over her face as she screamed, "That's because you're revolting! You and I grew up in the same family and same environment, but you're always better than me at everything!

"Besides, you pretended to be kind to me and claimed that I'm your sister, but is this the way you treat a sister? Embarrass and outshine her at every moment?"

Luna could not help narrowing her eyes at this.

It was true. She was better than Aura at everything, but this was all due to her hard work and diligence, a s opposed to Aura's laziness!

"What nonsense! " Bonnie scoffed and lowered her head to glance at Aura. "Didn't you want to call the cops? Why aren't you doing it, then?"

With that, she raised her eyebrows and continued, "Oh, by the way, besides all this evidence, Luna and I have proof that you plotted to murder Nigel and Nellie with Michael by

instructing him to cut the brake cables. On top of that, we have all the information about your wrongdoings during this time.

"Who do you think the cops will take away when they arrive?"

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Aura's entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She stared at the documents strewn on the ground before her, then glanced at the three people standing in front of her. All of a sudden, she felt a chill go down her spine.

They had been prepared for this day.

This was their way of getting revenge on her. They were bullying, rebuking, and assaulting her, but she could not even call the cops on them!

Aura knew better than anyone that if she called the police...everything she did in the past would get exposed, and she would be lucky if she were subjected to a life sentence.

No...she could not die!

She was barely 30. She had only recently gotten in touch with her real sister and had yet to help her get rid of Luna.

She had not even gotten the chance to enjoy her life as the heiress of the Landry family!

However, the evidence was placed right in front of her already, and she could not deny nor escape.

As soon as she thought of this, Aura turned to stare at Luna.

Maybe, she still had one chance...

Aura let out an exhale, wiped away the tears on her face, and crawled to Luna's side. She grabbed hold of Luna's pant leg and burst into tears. "Luna... I made a mistake. I know I made a mistake!

I shouldn't have been jealous of you since we were kids, and I shouldn't have tried to get you killed six years ago... Can you... Can you show me mercy, just this once, seeing that we grew up together, and we've been sisters for more than ten years..."

Aura's bloodstained face was etched with earnestness. "Luna, if you let me go, I promise that I'll leave Banyan City right away! I won't disturb you ever again for the rest of my life! "

<u>Aura's tears were mixed with the blood oozing out of her lip, making her look extremely pitiful. "Please forgive me, just this once. I know I made a mistake!"</u>

<u>Luna lowered her head to stare at the woman lying on the ground before her and curled her lips into a smirk.</u>

She knew that Aura was not crying due to regret. Instead, it was because Aura was fully aware that she had no other choice.

If Aura was really capable of feeling guilt and remorse like a normal person, she would not have committed so many crimes.

Just three days ago, she caught sight of what Michael was about to do to Luna but still found an excuse to bring Joshua away from the scene.

If it were not for Luna's quick wit, which led her to shove all the medical equipment to the ground deliberately, she would not have survived what had happened. Even if she did not die, she would be crippled already.

"Aura." Luna crouched before her and stared at Aura impassively. "It's not that I don't want to forgive you, but everything was your fault. If you had considered the consequences of your actions, you wouldn't even be in the situation you're in right now. Everything was your choice, and thus, it's your wrong doing."

As she stared at Aura's tearful, bloodstained face, Luna could not help but recall how she would act in this situation six years ago. If this had happened in the past, she would have given in, pulled Aura into an embrace, and reassured her.

Luna had always been the protective one since she was young. To her, Aura was her closest family, apart from her father and mother, but at this point...

She felt nothing but contempt toward the woman before her.

It was this tearful face that tricked and fooled her over and over, all through the years, which almost cost her not only her life but her children's lives as well!

This was why she could not give in.

Aura deserved to receive punishment for the crimes she had committed!

Luna let out an exhale and raised her eyebrows. Then, she enunciated carefully, staring at Aura, "Actually, you're right. You and I grew up together, and we've shared more than ten years of good times. I can't be too cruel to you."

Aura's face lit up as soon as she heard this. She initially thought she was doomed, but she was reignited with hope.

Luna was just as stupid as before. As soon as she feigned regret and cried, Luna would give in immediately!

Aura's hand, which was still holding onto Luna's pants, started trembling as soon as she thought of this.

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Aura bit down on her lip and whimpered as tears streamed down her face, "You're the best, Luna... I knew you'd show me mercy... You've always been kind to me..."

Bonnie immediately furrowed her brows at this. "Luna, don't—"

Before she could even finish, however, Joshua waved his hand, indicating to her to stop.

Bonnie thought Luna's kindness would be taken advantage of, that she would be tricked by Aura again.

This was true. Luna would definitely get taken advantage of in the past, but after Aura's multiple attempts to kill the children, Joshua knew that Luna would not show her mercy again.

"You and I have been through thick and thin for more than ten years, so I won't be cruel to you, " said Luna as she stood up and glanced at the ocean below them.

The waters were more than to meters below the bridge.

Six years ago, when she fell off the bridge, Luna genuinely thought that this would be the end of her life.

The only reason she was alive was that Malcolm's cruise came across her, but...

Luna sucked in a deep breath of fresh ocean air and

lowered her face to gaze at Aura's pale face. "I'm giving you two choices now, Aura.

"The first is to jump off this bridge right now, from the exact spot where I fell off six years ago.

"The second is that you stay here while I call the cops."

Aura's face fell when she heard this.

She could not believe her ears. Luna said she would show her mercy, so why was she...

"I know you're afraid of heights and deep waters, but this was the choice you made for me six years ago, so as your sister, I should let you feel the terror and helplessness I felt."

Luna turned around, leaned against the hood of Bonnie's red Ferrare, and gazed impassively at Aura. "Of course, you have the option of not jumping at all. In that case, I'll call the cops right away. You'll be able to live a little longer, but I don't think it'll be an enjoyable experience. After all, you'll be locked up in prison alongside other death penalty prisoners."

Luna raised her eyebrows. "I'll let you make the choice."

Aura was so stunned by this that she could not utter a single word.

Her expression changed from a hopeful one to shock, then finally to fear and despair.

This time, Luna was not fooled...

Aura bit down on her lip. Her entire body quaked, and tears streamed down her face. "You want me to die, don't you? Do you know who I am? I'm the heiress of the Landry family ilf I die, the Landry family will get you for this."

Joshua could not help letting out a chuckle when he heard this. "In the past, when the Landry family was chased out of Banyan City, Granny Lynch told me not to dwell on what happened in the past. She said that the Landry family had already received the punishment they deserved, so we shouldn't harass them ever again, but now, they allowed you to return and not only hurt Granny, but my son as well...

"In that case, I'd love it if they came after me to seek revenge."

If they pursued him, this would give Joshua the opportunity to get back at them.

Aura's entire body started shaking like a leaf when she heard this. Joshua was not intimidated by the power of the Landry family anymore...

"Are you jumping off this bridge or not?" Bonnie frowned in frustration. She could not bear to watch Aura put on her show any longer, so she took out her phone and declared, "I'll give you three seconds. If you don't jump now, I'll call the police!"

"Please don't | " Aura cried out weakly. "I... I'll jump."

She knew that if she was caught, she would be subjected to a death sentence. If that happened, she would suffer endlessly before she could be killed.

Maybe Luna was right. Maybe jumping off this bridge was indeed the best option she had.

Aura let out an exhale, picked herself up off the ground, and climbed onto the barrier. She closed her eyes and said, "Luna, Joshua. If I get reborn, I swear that I'll...I'll kill you!"

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"You'll never be able to find happiness—never! " Aura screamed at the top of her lungs.

With that, she closed her eyes and released her grip on the barrier.

She was placing a very risky bet.

Six years ago, when Luna fell off the bridge, she did not die and instead was saved by Malcolm.

Therefore, instead of getting captured by the police, Aura would rather take this risk and jump off the bridge.

What if she, too, was fortunate enough to be saved? If she did not die...she vowed that she would return and kill all of them.

All of them!

Splash!

Aura's body crashed into the ocean, producing gigantic waves.

Luna closed her eyes and let out a sigh when she heard the sound of the water splashing.

Everything had finally come to an end.

Six years ago, Aura had attempted to kill her, so it seemed fitting that she received the same outcome in return.

Joshua furrowed his brows and glanced at the ocean. Then, he took out his phone and dialed a number. "I want you to seal off the sea near Bay Bridge and forbid any boats to enter within this twenty-four hours."

Bonnie gaped when she heard this. She guessed that Aura had probably been holding onto hope that she would get saved after falling into the ocean, like how Luna had, but Joshua's call...

Joshua had ordered for this stretch of ocean to be closed off for the next *it* hours, which meant that Aura had no chance of surviving at all.

Bonnie had been worried that Luna's method was too merciful and still gave Aura a chance of surviving, but Joshua had toppled this possibility altogether.

She could not help but be amazed by both Joshua's attention to detail and the ruthlessness he displayed to his enemies.

Just as Bonnie thought of this, both Joshua and Luna's phones rang at the same time.

They were both from the hospital.

"Mr. Lynch! " Dr. Janet's anxious voice rang out from the other end of the line. There was also a loud commotion from her end. "You'd better come quick. Something terrible has happened!

"The antidote has made its way to Granny Lynch, but now, your father's current wife, Celia, is stirring up chaos in Granny's room. She claims that her son Michael has also been poisoned, and since Granny won't be able to live long anyway, she demands that her son receive the antidote instead..."

Joshua's expression darkened when he heard this. He quickly turned to walk toward the car, frowning. "Where are the bodyguards?"

<u>Dr. Janet bit down on her lip. "The bodyguards don't dare to approach her! She had taken</u> <u>Neil hostage and claimed that if anyone dared to touch her, she'd stab Neil...</u>

"Even though the bodyguards you hired are extremely skilled, none of them dared to get closer to her..."

She let out an exhale and bit down on her lip once more. "Now, only Celia, the three children, and Granny Lynch are inside the room. The rest of us are locked outside. Please come here quickly! "

Joshua narrowed his eyes and got into the car. Meanwhile, Luna received a call from Theo.

An hour ago, Celia had pretended to be a nurse looking after Neil and claimed that she was taking Neil out for a walk.

Theo was not feeling well, and, thinking that everything would be fine since this was the hospital that Joshua had arranged, he did not get suspicious and allowed her to take Neil out of the room.

However, two minutes ago, he overheard some nurses talking about a child who was held hostage downstairs and realized that the child was Neil.

He thus called Luna immediately, hoping that she would come up with a plan.

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Seeing that Joshua had gotten into his car, Luna, too, hung up and got into the backseat.

Joshua narrowed his eyes, exchanged a glance with Luna, and said, "Take us to the hospital."

The driver nodded and started the engine.

The black Masevati peeled off into the distance.

Bonnie, who was left alone, watched the car grow smaller and smaller with a bewildered expression.

She furrowed her brows in exasperation, then turned and got into her Ferrare.

As soon as she started the engine, she caught sight of a speedboat parked next to the shore in the distance. It seemed about to set sail but was stopped from doing so by some men dressed in black.

Bonnie recognized the men as Joshua's subordinates. She curled her lips into a smile and started the car in good spirits, then chased after Joshua and Luna's car.

When Joshua and Luna made it to the hospital, Celia was still holding Neil hostage in Granny Lynch's room.

"You're already more than seventy years old. Do you honestly think you still have a long time to live?

How long do you think you have? Three years? Five?

You'll die eventually! "

Celia stood behind Neil's wheelchair and held a knife to his throat as she glowered at Granny Lynch. "On the other hand, Michael is your grandson, He's in his twenties, and he still has a bright future ahead of him.

"Instead of using this antidote to save your old life, why not use it to save Michael instead?"

Granny Lynch leaned against the headboard, her face pale, but she was still smiling. "I've already told you, the only reason I got this antidote is because of Luna, so only she has the right to dictate whom to administer it to. I can't make this choice on my own, considering the lengths she and Joshua went to

obtain this antidote for me. It's no use threatening in Nigel, who was holding Granny Lynch's hand, piped up in a calm voice, "Grandma Celia, I've already explained everything to you. Even though your son had accidentally ingested the poison, he won't fall ill, considering he only ingested trace amounts of it. You don't have to keep Neil hostage to snatch the antidote back from Granny. You're committing a crime! "

Celia sneered when she heard this. "The Landry family hasn't produced an antidote in more than twenty years now, so this is the only bottle in the entire world. Even if Michael is fine now, it doesn't mean he'll be fine in the future. What if he falls ill down the line? How can I save him if the antidote was used to save an old hag instead?"

With that, she narrowed her eyes. Keeping the knife at Neil's throat with one hand, she used the other to rummage around in Granny Lynch's nightstand. "The safest way would be to take the antidote away and let Michael drink it instead! That way, he won't be at risk of falling ill in the future!"

Celia tossed all the things on the nightstand onto the floor and yelled, her voice getting more and more aggressive, "Where did you hide the antidote, you useless hag? I know you didn't drink it, so where did you hide it?"

Nellie clutched her empty milk bottle tightly when she saw the crazed look in Celia's eyes.

Granny Lynch had given both her and Nigel a bottle each that morning, with juice for Nigel and milk for her. They had been happily enjoying their drink, and she had just finished her milk when all of a sudden, Celia barged into the room with Neil and demanded the antidote.

Just as Celia was distracted by the search for the antidote, her knife inched closer to Neil's neck until it was just a few centimeters away from piercing his skin.

Neil furrowed his brows at this and turned to exchange a glance with Nigel.

Nigel nodded, then said in a low voice, "Nellie, keep your eye on what's underneath the bed. We can't let her find it..." Even though he had deliberately lowered his voice, Celia could still hear it in the quiet room. She furrowed her brows and lowered herself down to glance underneath the bed—