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The police had arrived.

The coroner was the first to storm onto the balcony, and after giving her a thorough examination, he declared Cheryl dead.

They did not even have to resuscitate her.

The coroner summoned a few policemen who were bolder than the rest and instructed them to take care of Cheryl's dead body.

Just as they were about to take her body away, Joshua furrowed his brows and stopped them.

He gently hugged the corpse through the white cloth that had been draped over it and said, "Don't worry, Cheryl. I'll find the person who killed you."

He let out a small sigh and took off his jacket to drape over Cheryl's body. Then, he turned to instruct the coroner, "Please take care of her after performing the autopsy. The dress she's wearing is too revealing, so I'll use my jacket to keep her covered for now.

"In the morning, I'll send someone over with a set of new clothes for her."

The coroner nodded, then left with the body.

A twinge of sadness shot through Joshua's heart as he watched them leave.

Cheryl was a young, beautiful woman. Even though she had only recently joined his company, she was a highly efficient worker.

Apart from being overly self-assured about herself and getting jealous of Luna over him, she had never done anything to hurt anyone at all.

Because of this, Joshua could confirm that Cheryl's death had something to do with him.

Cheryl would never make enemies, but he would.

If it were not for the fact that rumors of him and Luna had been flying all over the place since the morning, he would not have brought Cheryl as his plus-one to mitigate the stories.

Who would have thought Cheryl would die on such an occasion?

When he found out who the murderer was...he would make them pay for this!

When Joshua turned around after watching Cheryl go, he saw that the police were putting handcuffs on Luna.

Her entire face was still as pale as a ghost, and no matter what the police asked her, she would only shake her head but did not reply.

Even when the cold, hard metal handcuffs snapped shut around her wrists, Luna did not say anything at all and instead just stared blankly at the light reflected from the metal.

Alas, the police still took her away.

She was the prime suspect of Cheryl's murder.

Joshua, Charles, Jim, and even the security guards that had shown up at the scene were all taken to the police station for interrogation.

During this time, Joshua instructed Lucas to contact Cheryl's family.

After investigating, Lucas found out that Cheryl was an only child, and both her parents were already old and sick.

However, it was already 11p.m., so after discussing with the police, they decided it would be better to contact Cheryl's parents in the morning instead.

It was already past midnight by the time they were all released from the police station.

Lucas and the Landry family's butler were both waiting outside the police station with their respective drivers.

Jim and Charles were the first to emerge.

After announcing the news of Luna's appointment as the new CEO of Landry Group, both Jim and Charles were beaming from ear to ear, but at this very hour, both their faces were as pale as ghosts.

After coming out of the police station, they did not get into the car and instead stood next to it, waiting.

Soon, Joshua came out.

After exchanging a glance, Jim and Charles strode over to Joshua. "I want to talk to you about what happened with Luna."

Joshua stuck his hand into his pocket and already knew what they wanted to talk about. "There's nothing to say."

Jim furrowed his brows. "This has everything to do with Luna's innocence!"

Joshua curled his lips into a knowing smirk. "Do you truly care about Luna's innocence, or do you only care about the innocence of the CEO of Landry Group?"

The color drained from Charles' face as soon as he heard this.

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Jim did not have much of a reaction at all. Instead, he just frowned, staring at Joshua. "What on earth are you talking about? She's my sister, so of course I care about her innocence!"

With that, he let out an exhale. "Even though neither Luna nor I was fond of your secretary, I know that Luna would never kill someone. I'm sure you know this better than I do.

"Besides, I heard from the police just now that they found a fingerprint on the murder weapon, but it didn't belong to Luna.

"There was no security camera on the balcony, and the only evidence they have is the witness statement from the security guards."

Jim let out another exhale before continuing, "Luna has just been appointed as the new CEO of Landry Group tonight, and she is now at the height of attention here in Merchant City, so we cannot let her go to jail.

"Those security guards' witness statements cannot prove that Luna was indeed the murderer.

"When Cheryl's parents arrive tomorrow, I hope that you, as Cheryl's boss, can communicate this clearly to them and let them deny that Luna was the murderer and not hold Luna responsible for this. Instead, they should request the police investigate the fingerprints of the murder weapon.

"As long as they make this request, we can bail Luna out even when the police are investigating this."

Joshua curled his lips into a smirk when he heard this. He lifted his head to stare coldly at Jim and said, "Does this mean that I have to let Cheryl die in vain?"

Jim rolled his eyes and said solemnly, "What do you mean, let her die in vain? The police, you, and we will all investigate this. The most important thing to do right now is to bail Luna out of jail!"

"As long as Luna is bailed out, Landry Group will not be as demotivated as they are right now, isn't it?" Joshua interrupted curtly.

He leaned against a pillar and lit himself a cigarette.

As the smoke rose to shroud his face, he shot Jim a cold glance, then Charles. "I can help you talk to Cheryl's parents, but on one condition."

Charles immediately lit up when he heard this.

Since Joshua was willing to list his conditions, this meant he would help them!

He was a little excited to hear this. "What condition?"

Joshua took a puff of his cigarette and exhaled a smoke ring. "I want Luna to resign as CEO of Landry Group, leave the Landry family, and return with me to Banyan City."

Everyone fell silent upon hearing this.

Charles glared at Joshua in frustration. "In your dreams! Luna has just been appointed as the new CEO and has just given her acceptance speech tonight, so how can she resign tomorrow?"

"As for asking her to leave the Landry family, that's impossible! She's my biological daughter, and I won't let her leave with you!"

"Alright, then I guess there's no deal." Joshua sneered, tossed his cigarette onto the ground, and put it out with his leather shoe. Then, he adjusted the cuff of his white shirt and added, "Truth be told, I'd rather you let Luna stay in jail instead of bailing her out to compete with me as CEO of Landry Group."

“At least this way, I won’t have to watch her being forced to stand in opposition against me.”

With that, he strode toward Lucas. “It seems that after Cheryl’s parents arrive tomorrow, I’ll have to talk to them.

” I’ll have to tell them not to give up so easily and instead insist on prosecuting Luna at all costs.”

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Joshua’s car peeled off into the distance.

Charles was so angry that he could not stop patting his chest in frustration as he watched the black Masevati disappear into the distance.

It turned out that Joshua Lynch was just as cruel as his late grandmother.

Luna was the woman that had loved him for many years and had borne four children for him, even though one had died at birth.

Truth be told, even as Luna’s family, they had to admit that they did not know Luna as well as Joshua did, but at this point, not only was he unwilling to help clear Luna’s name, he had even threatened to let her stay in jail because of her recent appointment as CEO!

“Father.” Jim immediately rushed over to gently pat Charles’ back. “Don’t be so upset; we can think of another plan.”

Charles gazed up at the sky and replied, “It’s now midnight, and there are only a few hours left until morning comes.

“The person who died was Joshua’s employee, so how can we get Luna out of jail before daylight comes without his help?”

What would happen at the shareholders’ meeting the next day if Luna was still in jail?

She was the CEO and chairman of the board of Landry Group!

If the news of her being imprisoned were to get out...the consequences would be dire!

"We have to take this a step at a time." Jim let out an exhale. "I will go by myself to the shareholders' meeting tomorrow.

"I'm familiar with all the members of the board, and truth be told, as vice president, I'm far more experienced than the new president of Landry Group.

"At the meeting tomorrow, I'll announce that Luna is sick and try to hide this from them.

"After the meeting ends, I'll come to find Luna and get her to sign the papers to transfer the rights of the money to me so that I can utilize it.

"After Landry Group's financial situation improves, none of the shareholders will care about why Luna didn't show up to the meeting anymore."

Charles let out a sigh upon hearing this. This was the best plan they had.

He let out a bitter smile and said, "I never thought that after so long, Landry Group would still end up in your hands."

Jim let out a sigh and said in a low voice as he helped Charles back to the car, "After Luna comes out of jail, I'll still have to help her run the company.

"My identity and relation to Joshua are too peculiar that I can't become the person to rise to his attacks."

Charles leaned against the leather backseat and let out another bitter chuckle. "Even though you have the Lynch family's blood coursing through your veins, you never met any one of them apart from Joshua...so why are you so unwilling to confront them?"

Jim, who was about to close the door, froze when he heard this.

He suddenly recalled what had happened when he had first met Granny Lynch.

"You must be a good person, just like your mother.

"I don't have much time left, and even though I'm your maternal grandmother, this might be the last time we ever see each other.

"The most terrible mistake I have ever committed in my life was when I meddled with your Uncle Colin's car just to teach him a lesson, and inadvertently caused his accident.

"If the Landry and Lynch families continue to be mortal enemies for the remainder of time, then I hope you can get away from all this vengeance..."

He still remembered every word that Granny Lynch had told him.

Jim let out a sigh and said, "Why are you so unwilling to let Luna go, even though she has only been with you for such a short time?"

With that, he closed the door behind him, and after instructing the butler to take good care of Charles, he turned and left.

The car engine started.

Inside the car, Charles could not help lamenting as he watched Jim leave.

This boy was growing to become more and more like Lucy.

Inside Quinn Mansion.

Malcolm and Heather kneeled in front of Granny Quinn. "Granny, we messed up everything."

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Granny Quinn took a sip from her tea, sneering. "I knew the two of you would be useless!"

She let out a scoff and continued, "Fortunately, I had been preparing for this day since a long time ago, and if I had relied on just the two of you, the Quinn family would have gone bankrupt by now!"

The Quinn family had already gone broke after their supply chain was attacked by Lynch Group, but in the end, Granny Quinn had placed all of her personal savings into Quinn Group's funds and had successfully saved Quinn Group from going bankrupt.

Granny Quinn let out an exhale and tossed a piece of paper in front of Malcolm and Heather. "Sign this."

Malcolm picked up the paper, trembling.

Just one glance at the paper was enough to make him almost faint.

This paper was a contract denouncing that he would resign his position as the CEO of Quinn Group and leave the Quinn family with his wife and child!

“Granny...” Malcolm bit his lip, and his form trembled like a leaf. “I had just committed a small mistake today, so...you don’t have to let me resign and leave the Quinn family, do you?”

Granny Quinn took another sip from her tea, smirking. “Just a small mistake? For the past six months, you had been committing one mistake after another when trying to defend Quinn Group against Joshua’s attacks. The only reason I hadn’t forced you to resign as CEO was that you and Heather were getting married soon.

“The Quinn family isn’t as powerful as it used to be anymore, and now, we have to rely on the Landry family to survive, but what did the two of you do?”

She scowled, staring at the two people who were on their knees before her. “The two of you were chased out of the Landry family after only minutes of getting married!

“Why do I need to keep you here if you no longer serve your purpose? Am I supposed to let you destroy us even more?”

Granny Quinn got angrier and angrier, so much so that she started snarling, pointing at them with one finger, “Heather has been fired from her position and kicked out of her family because of what she did wrong.

“How are you better than her? I have to kick you out, too, considering you also committed many mistakes!

“Oh, by the way, you did not just make mistakes, but you humiliated our entire family! Do you know what people are saying about us now?

“They’re saying that you’re a cuckold, and the entire Quinn family is raising cuckolds like you!”

Both Malcolm and Heather’s faces were as pale as ghosts, their heads lowered as they kneeled on the ground.

After scolding them for more than half an hour, Granny Quinn tossed Malcolm a set of keys and said, “These are the keys to your key and the new bungalow that I’ve arranged for you. Take your wife and child away and survive on your own; you’re no longer welcome in the Quinn family!”

Malcolm took the keys from her and lifted his head to stare at her somewhat disgruntledly. “Are you going to let Hunter take over?”

He knew that Hunter had returned to Merchant City from overseas just the night before.

Granny Quinn sneered. "Of course not; I'm going to take over everything from now on!"

She curled her lips into a smirk and added, "Neither you nor Hunter can be a match for an old lady like me!"

With that, she narrowed her eyes. "In the past, I was able to drive a wedge between the Landry and Lynch families, so much so that they were so busy fighting with each other, the Quinn family managed to get a head start in accumulating our wealth..."

"If I could do that in the past, I can do that now as well!"

"Granny." After Malcolm and Heather left, Hunter, who had been hiding in the corner of the room, emerged. "Granny, I heard from the police station that..."

"When I killed that woman, I...seemed to have left a fingerprint behind."

Granny Quinn narrowed her eyes. "Which finger?" "My right index finger..."

Granny Quinn glanced impassively at his right hand and said, "Butler, please find something to cut off Master Quinn's right index finger."