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The next morning, Lucas drove all the way to Cheryl's hometown to bring her parents to Merchant City.

The two elders were excited to be picked up by the personal assistant of Joshua Lynch, CEO of Lynch Group. "Assistant Lucas, a few days ago, Sherry told us that she and President Lynch were growing closer and closer...is that true?"

"You must be busy, working as President Lynch's assistant, too, aren't you? Is Sherry the first person President Lynch has ever sent his assistant to pick up her family before?"

"What is she doing right now? Why isn't she picking up her phone?"

"Why did President Lynch send you to bring us to Merchant City? What's going on?"

Cheryl's parents kept asking Lucas questions left and right.

Lucas could not bear to deliver the bad news himself to the two elders who took so much pride in their daughter.

He had no choice but to give them vague answers as he stepped on the gas.

Soon, the car arrived at the police station.

When Lucas asked them to get out of the car, the two of them suddenly realized something was wrong.

They could not help asking nervously as they held onto Lucas' arm. "Why did you bring us to the police station, Assistant Lucas? Where's Sherry? What happened to Sherry?"

Lucas bit his lip and did not dare meet their gaze. "We... You'll find out when we go inside."

However, the more reluctant he was to tell the truth, the more impatient the elders got. "What's going on, Assistant Lucas? Where's Sherry? Why are we here at the police station? We don't want to go in!"

"Sir, Madam." Just as the three of them were caught in their dispute, a cold, male voice rang out from inside the police station.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin immediately turned around.

They recognized the man standing at the entrance of the police station, dressed in black, from television.

This was Joshua Lynch, the CEO of Lynch Group!

Mr. and Mrs. Martin exchanged glances, and then both let go of Lucas.

Mr. Martin let out an exhale and walked over to Joshua after adjusting his clothes. "Nice to meet you, Mr. Lynch; I am Cheryl's father!

"Your assistant came to us early in the morning, saying that he had to bring us to Merchant City to find Cheryl immediately.

"However, he didn't bring us to Lynch Group nor did he take us to Cheryl's house and instead brought us here to the police station.

"Did anything happen to Cheryl?"

He let out an exhale and stared at Joshua earnestly. "Cheryl is just a young girl, and she has always been timid, so she'd never commit any crime. Even if she had done so, someone must've framed her! You have to trust her!"

Joshua lowered his head when faced with Mr. Martin's gaze.

He, too, had a daughter of his own, and he could not bear to break this bad news to Mr. Martin.

However...

Joshua let out a sigh and lifted his head to glance at the two elders before him. "Come with me.

"You'll find out what happened as soon as you see Cheryl."

The two of them exchanged a glance before finally

following Joshua into the police station.

The four of them passed through a long hallway before finally arriving at the room at the end of it.

“Sherry!”

“My darling Sherry!”

The two elders burst into heart-wrenching sobs as soon as they caught sight of Cheryl’s cold, dead body lying on the bed.

Joshua and Lucas stood next to them, silent.

The first thing Jim heard as soon as he parked the car and strode into the police station was the two elders’ sobs.

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Jim strode into the lobby and frowned, glancing at the hallway as he signed the visitation forms to visit Luna. “ Why are they crying so early in the morning?”

The policeman let out a sigh and replied in a low voice, “ They’re the family members of the murder victim which your sister is involved in, and they just got in this morning.

“I hear that she was the only child and had always been the pride of the family. Both her parents are old now and no longer in the best health. Who would’ve thought that...”

The policeman sighed again. “What a pity.”

Jim’s hand, which was holding the pen, stiffened when he heard this.

A split second later, he, too, let out a sigh and continued filling in the form.

When he finally finished, both of Cheryl’s parents had stopped crying.

When Jim left the room, he bumped into Joshua, bringing Cheryl’s parents to meet with the chief officer in charge of their cases.

The two elders had to be propped up by Joshua and Lucas as they walked.

Cheryl's father was clutching Joshua's arm tightly as he said, "President Lynch, Cheryl has been in love with you even when she was still alive, and now that she has died, can I tell everyone that she was your girlfriend? That way, she can rest in peace..."

"President Lynch, Cheryl had died while under your care, so you have to find out who did this and punish them for this!"

Joshua let out an exhale when he heard this. Just as he was about to say something, he caught sight of Jim walking toward him.

He curled his lips into a smirk and said, "Don't worry, Mr. Martin. I'll definitely punish the murderer, and I won't let them get away scot-free!"

With that, he even shot Jim a meaningful look.

Jim narrowed his eyes and ignored them. Instead, he circled past them and strode toward Luna's prison cell.

Joshua curled his lips into a sneer as he led Cheryl's parents to the office.

Jim, on the other hand, was led to the visitation room by one of the guards.

Luna was brought out of her cell by a female prison guard. She sat down across from him and squeezed out a forced smile.

Jim let out a sigh and lifted his head to stare at Luna intently. "Initially, Father and I had asked Joshua to help convince Cheryl's parents into letting you bail out.

"After all, there's a set of fingerprints on the murder weapon, but..."

He let out a deep sigh. "Joshua didn't agree to that.

"Not only did he refuse to help us, but he even wanted Cheryl's parents to insist that you were the murderer and keep you here, so I guess unfortunately, you'll have to stay here for a longer time.

"Don't you worry, though. Father and I will investigate this case, and the murderer won't be able to stay hidden for long."

Luna pursed her lips and fell silent for a long time before finally lifting her head. "Joshua..."

She let out an exhale. "Did he really say that?"

No matter what happened, she refused to believe that Joshua would want to keep her in jail.

“Yes.” Jim sighed and added, “He gave us two choices; the first was to let you come out of jail, but his condition was that you have to resign from the CEO of Landry Group’s position and return to Banyan City with him after leaving us, never to return afterward.

“The other choice was to let you stay in jail forever, bearing the name of a murderer.”

Luna’s heart sank when she heard this.

She closed her eyes, and a bitter smile crept onto her face.

This man had indeed placed much effort into trying to get her to return to Banyan City with him.

He knew for a fact that she was not the murderer, but in order to get her to return to his side, he would rather let her be framed for murder and be imprisoned forever. This man was just as selfish as he had been in the past.

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Seeing the glimmer in Luna’s eyes disappear, Jim sighed, took out a contract from his pocket, and placed it in front of Luna. “I didn’t manage to sleep even a wink last night.

After settling everything here, I returned to Landry Group to familiarize myself with everything that has happened and how the company’s situation is now.”

He lifted his head to stare at Luna. “The situation is far more complicated than I had expected.

“Heather was a total idiot. Under Malcolm’s influence, she had tied all of Landry Group’s supply chains together with Quinn Group’s to double their profits, but this also meant that if one of us were to go bankrupt, the other would go down with them.

“I’m sure you must still remember what happened to Quinn Group last night.”

Jim pushed the contract closer to Luna and said, "Because of this, Landry Group is on the verge of bankruptcy as well. I have to first help both Landry and Quinn Group tide over this before I can untie both of the corporation's bonds.

"Therefore, I need your help."

Luna furrowed her brows and lowered her head to glance at the contract.

It was almost identical to the one Malcolm had given her before, stating that if she signed this contract, it would allow Jim to unfreeze the money under her name and utilize it for Landry Group's funding.

Luna curled her lips into a smile and signed the contract without a second thought after borrowing a pen from the prison guard.

She handed the signed contract back to Jim and said, " Thank you, Jim."

She knew fully well that even if she could not be bailed out of jail, she would still have to sign this contract.

If the Landry and Quinn families were not on the verge of bankruptcy, Heather and Malcolm would not have been so desperate to get her to hand over the money.

Besides, even if she had not ended up in jail, Jim would have been the one to take care of all this anyway.

The situation she was in was not much different than if she had not been accused of murder.

As soon as she thought of this, she let out an exhale and lifted her head to stare intently at Jim. "If possible, help me find Joshua and tell him to come to visit me. I want to see him."

Jim fell silent for a moment, then nodded. "Alright."

He did not tell Luna that Joshua was just outside, accompanying Cheryl's parents.

Soon, visitation hours were over, and Jim got out of his seat.

When he arrived at the lobby entrance, he saw Cheryl's parents crying as they held onto an elderly police officer. " This Luna must have been the murderer; it must've been her!

"She is in love with President Lynch, just like our daughter! Every time they met, something unpleasant would happen, and one time, they even ended up in the police station because of a brawl!

“Isn’t this enough to be considered a motive? Why are you so fixated on the fingerprint to deduce that Luna only has a fifty-percent suspicion of being the culprit?”

“Is the fingerprint really that important?” Cheryl’s mother could not help grabbing the officer’s sleeve as she sobbed. “She’s our darling Sherry! She’s the pride of our family!”

She’s only twenty years old...

“I can’t believe she’s gone just like this! Can’t you just prosecute that woman for murder? How are the two of us even going to survive this?”

“If you even dare to release that woman from bail, then both of us will kill ourselves right here at your doorstep!” Mrs. Martin howled at the top of her lungs. Meanwhile, Mr. Martin cried as he held onto his wife and could not stop going on about how good of a daughter Cheryl had been.

Jim did not agree with them at all.

If Cheryl had indeed been such a good person, she would not have insulted Luna by saying she was a prostitute simply because she was jealous of Luna, nor would she have spent 20 times her salary on a dress so that she could stand out during the wedding ceremony.

However, he still had to respect the victim.

Even though Cheryl was a bad person, all these were minor wrongdoings, and she did not deserve to die like that.

Just as Jim was staring blankly at the sight before him, Joshua lifted his head.

Their eyes met.

Joshua raised his brows. “Are you looking for me?”

Jim nodded. He called Joshua over and said in a low voice, “Luna wants to see you.”

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Joshua curled his lips into a smirk. "What a change of heart.

Over the past year, every time Joshua and Luna met, whether at Tea Cottage or Luna's current residence, Joshua had approached her first.

However, since she was in jail, she was the one initiating their meeting instead.

"There's no change of heart." Jim glanced impassively at the elderly couple behind Joshua. "It's natural that Luna would want to see you, considering you were the one who persuaded Cheryl's parents into framing her for murder."

Jim had deliberately lowered his voice when he said this, but to his surprise, both of Cheryl's parents still overheard this.

Mrs. Martin widened her eyes in shock when she heard this. She immediately stormed over to Jim, dragging Mr. Martin behind her, and yelled, "What on earth are you talking about? How dare you say we're framing Luna?"

She pointed at the surveillance footage on the police officer's screen and said, sobbing, "Everything has been recorded through security footage! Every time Luna and our daughter met, they'd get into conflict!

"Even before attending the wedding yesterday, they had gotten into another dispute right at the hotel entrance! Who else would want to kill our daughter apart from her?

"Not to mention that according to the witness statement, our daughter's final words were asking Luna why she killed her! How dare you even say we're framing her based on so much evidence? Where is your conscience?"

In contrast to Mrs. Martin's outburst, Mr. Martin was far calmer.

He furrowed his brows and glanced first at the surveillance footage, then at Jim. He sneered and said, "My dear, don't be so upset. This is the man that was with Luna at the mall and the hotel entrance who had humiliated our daughter as well. He's Luna's elder brother!"

As soon as Mrs. Martin heard this, she cocked her arm and slapped Jim right across his face.

Jim did not see this coming at all, so he did not manage to dodge this.

Smack!

A loud slap echoed through the police station lobby, and everyone in the room widened their eyes in shock.

After all, this man was the heir of the Landry family.

However, the elderly woman that had just lost her daughter did not care about this. She glared at Jim and snapped, "Luna deserves to die, and so do you!

"Your entire family should rot in hell!"

With that, she cocked her arm once more.

However, before she could slap Jim again, Joshua grabbed hold of her arm mid-air. He said, frowning, "That's enough, Mrs. Martin."

Jim was not a person that anyone could insult just like this.

"I'm not going to hold you accountable for assaulting me like this." Jim sneered, turning around to glance at Mrs. Martin. "After all, I had embarrassed your daughter too, last night, and this is my punishment for making fun of her, but—

He narrowed his eyes and said in a stern voice, "If you touch me again, I won't let you get away with this without consequences.

"Also, when I say my sister is innocent, she is. She'll never kill someone."

With that, he sneered and glanced at Joshua. "What do you say, Mr. Lynch? "Do you think Luna could've been the murderer?"