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The entire room fell silent.

Luna stared at the woman before her, whom half of her face had been destroyed. "What are your conditions?"

All she wanted was to get out of jail.

However, Luna knew fully well that she would never be released unless Joshua changed his mind.

Even though she was in jail, she was still protected by the four female bodyguards whom he had sent in, and she could not have her freedom from him, even in prison.

If Charlotte's condition was not too outrageous, what was the harm of agreeing to it?

"My condition is that after you're released from jail and take over Landry Group as CEO, you have to hire me as your secretary or assistant. As for everything you do, including strategies of running the company, you'll have to listen to what I say."

Luna furrowed her brows and stared at Charlotte with a puzzled look. She had thought that... Charlotte would want her to help bring her and Jim together again.

However, it turned out her only request was this.

Charlotte smiled, seemingly understanding Luna's confusion. "Even though Jim and I have been separated for six years now, I still believe he's a loyal man and that his love toward me hasn't changed."

”Besides, what happens between two people should stay between them, and there’s no need to ask a third person for help.

”The reason I want to help you run Landry Group is that I want to challenge Joshua Lynch, and on the other hand...”

She curled her lips into a smirk that made her face look even more frightening than before. ”I think that if we don’t settle what’s going on with Landry Group right now, Jim would be exhausted both for you and Landry Group’s sake.

”Therefore, I want to help you, and after the challenges faced by Landry Group have been eliminated, Jim and I will overcome our differences together.”

Luna bit her lip upon hearing this.

For some reason, Bonnie’s face appeared in her mind.

Bonnie...

Initially, she had come to Merchant City to find her long-lost son, but in the end, she did not manage to track down her son at all and instead

accidentally got involved with Jim...

Truth be told, Bonnie’s identity in the public’s eye was still Jim’s girlfriend, and on top of that, she was still in Banyan City, helping Jim take care of Harvey and his one-month-old daughter...

Whether it was Bonnie or the two children’s existence made Luna believe that Jim was not entirely loyal at all, and he had not maintained his purity for Charlotte during the past six years as Charlotte had thought.

Therefore, Luna did not believe that Jim and Charlotte would be able to reignite their relationship once more, but he was still her

brother, after all, and she could not bring herself to say any words of criticism about him.

Luna had no choice but to sigh and gave Charlotte an earnest glance. "If the strategies and plans you help me come up with are truly beneficial to the company and will help revive Landry Group, then I'll definitely agree to them, but if they aren't, then I won't say yes to everything."

Charlotte curled her lips into a smirk. "Of course."

With that, she shifted into a comfortable position in her chair and said, a small smile playing on her lips, "Are you agreeing to my condition, then?"

Luna nodded.

The reason she had agreed to Charlotte's term was not simply because she wanted to get out of jail, but because she could tell that Charlotte was a competent person from the way she carried herself.

This woman emanated the aura of a high-flying, stubbornly intelligent woman.

On top of that, the vengeance between her and Jim and Heather...had to be resolved somehow.

Keeping Charlotte by her side to help manage Landry Group seemed like a reasonable decision.

Seeing that Luna had agreed, Charlotte smiled and stood up. "Alright then, please await my good news.

"I'll come to pick you up within three days."

With that, she turned and strode out of the room.

Sitting on her chair, Luna let out a deep sigh as she watched the woman leave.

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Maybe, as Bonnie's friend, Luna should not have let Charlotte stay at all, but...

There were just some things that could not be avoided at all.

She did not want Bonnie to avoid her problems just as she had done in the past, which ended up forcing both her relationships and marriage into deep trouble.

Because of Charlotte's sudden visit, Luna could not fall asleep at all and instead tossed and turned the entire night.

Luna only managed to take a short nap as dawn neared.

She was woken by the prison guard at 6 a.m. and sent to freshen up, eat breakfast, and let out into the exercise yard.

After running in circles on the field for a while, the prison guard stopped her, claiming that another woman had come to visit her.

Luna was sure it would be Gwen this time, but to

her surprise, it was the last person she wanted to see.

Heather.

"What are you doing here?" Luna narrowed her eyes, staring at the woman who was only a table apart from her, and said, sneering, "Are you here to jeer at me?"

She curled her lips into a smirk and added, "If you are, then you've achieved your goal, and you can leave now."

She did not have anything she wanted to say to Heather at all.

However, as soon as she finished her sentence, Heather shook her head furiously and replied, "What on earth are you talking about, Luna?"

"I was devastated after finding out you've been framed for murder, so how can I possibly be here to taunt you?"

With that, she lowered her head and started sobbing.

Luna furrowed her brows as she stared at Heather dubiously, not even bothering to say anything else. "Are you here just to tell me that, Ms. Landry? Well,

message received, so you can leave now."

With that, she stood up and strode toward the prison cell.

Heather quickly got up and stopped her. "Luna, I came all the way to visit you so early in the morning, so you can't dismiss me just like that, right?"

Luna could not help sneering when she heard this. She lifted her head to stare at Heather coldly. "If I remember correctly, your biological sister is Aura, isn't it? I'm the sole heiress of the Landry family, and now that you've been kicked out of the family, you're no longer my sister."

Luna's words were like a slap right across Heather's face.

The last thing she wanted to hear at a moment like this was the reality of her being kicked out of the Landry family!

Regardless, this was not the time to lose her temper. Heather narrowed her eyes and suppressed her rage, smiling at Luna even though she was secretly gritting her teeth. "You're always going to be my sister."

With that, she let out an exhale and fixated her intense gaze on Luna. "Actually, I'm here to fulfill my promise today.

"I previously promised you that if Malcolm and I's wedding were a success, I'd tell you who it was... that took away your baby's corpse from the

bottom of the cherry blossom tree."

Luna's entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She narrowed her eyes on Heather. "And who was it?"

Seeing that Luna was interested in this piece of information, Heather sighed and grinned at her. "You know this person."

Luna raised her brows and continued staring at her coldly, silently.

Heather leaned against her chair triumphantly and stared at Luna. "It was none other than the baby's father, Joshua Lynch."

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Luna immediately frowned when she heard this. She stared at Heather and asked in a hoarse voice, "What do you mean? Are you saying that the person who dug my child's grave...was Joshua?"

"Of course." Heather crossed her arms in front of her chest and gazed at Luna impassively. "Otherwise, who else would be interested in your dead child?"

Luna bit her lip and suddenly recalled the scene where she had been desperately digging in the dirt, trying to find her child's corpse that night.

At that time, Joshua did not seem as frantic as she did and had even calmly ordered Lucas to find a shovel for him.

At that time, Luna did not overthink this at all, but at this point, his behavior seemed...

Seeing that Luna had lapsed into silence, Heather knew she had fallen for her trick.

She curled her lips into a smirk, took out her phone, and found the security footage of Joshua heading to the DNA Diagnostic Center.

She had ordered someone to change the date displayed on the footage, of course, so instead of displaying its proper time, the footage showed the date of the morning after Luna and Joshua had buried their child.

The video showed Joshua entering the DNA Diagnostic Center to run a test.

Heather curled her lips into a smirk and said, "What do you think Joshua had gone to the DNA Diagnostic Center himself for?"

Luna bit her lip as she stared intently at the image of Joshua on the screen.

She watched him get out of his car at the entrance, enter the building, and sit down on the sofa in the lobby, waiting impatiently.

Her heart grew colder and colder as she watched.

Meanwhile, Heather was still going on, "Luna, you've always thought that the love between you and Joshua is indestructible and that the only reason you two can't be together is because of the vengeance between the Landry and Lynch families, but the reality is..."

”Are you really that important to him ?

”He doesn’t believe that your child truly belongs to him and doesn’t believe that you’ll never kill anyone.

”Not only that, but he’s willing to keep you imprisoned just to prevent you from taking over as CEO of Landry family.

”Maybe the dead secretary was killed by his men, after all. If his grandmother was so cruel as to kill Uncle Colin, who had gone to beg for her forgiveness, what makes you think Joshua Lynch can’t frame you for killing his secretary just to gain control over you ?”

With that, Heather let out a sigh and added, ”I heard that before the secretary died, she even choked you, demanding to know why you killed her.

”Don’t you think this is strange ? If the murderer hadn’t told her that you were the one who sent them to kill her...why would she even say something like that as her last words ?”

The more she talked, the more energized Heather got. ”Luna, maybe you and Joshua had indeed been in love in the past, but from the moment he made up his mind to defeat the Landry family to avenge his grandmother’s death and your return to our family, a wedge has already formed between the two of you.”

Luna clenched her fists next to her as she listened to Heather’s words.

Her brain was telling her not to believe anything Heather said.

She was not a good person! How could she be so kind as to tell her the truth all of a sudden ?

At the same time, Luna could not stop herself from doubting Joshua.

She did not understand why Joshua would dig up the child's corpse just to perform a DNA test on her after she was buried.

Not only that, but Luna also did not understand why even after discovering the true culprit, Joshua would allow the real murderer to get away with their crimes and let her take the fall for it, even though he had claimed over and over again that he loved her!

She did not understand any of this.

Did loving someone mean that he could control her and treat her as a puppet that obeyed every single one of his commands?

Was this what Joshua thought love was?

Could it be that...Heather was right?

Had the hatred Joshua bore toward the Landry family surpassed his love toward her?

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Was Joshua starting to treat her as his foe?

Seeing that Luna was about to break down, Heather let out a sigh and decided to tell her an even more shocking piece of news. "Still, you can't blame Joshua for not trusting you, Luna."

She took out a lab report from her pocket and placed it on the table between them. "Look, the child that you and Joshua had buried doesn't belong to him, after all."

Luna's entire body stiffened.

She picked up the lab report with shaking hands.

It was clearly written that the two DNA samples showed no blood relation to each other at all.

Luna's hands started to shake even harder.

She recalled the servant named Vivian that had died.

When Vivian died, she had told her that the child had been switched out. However, she was shot to death before she could tell her who did this and where Luna's child really was.

Luna bit her lip as her emotions battled among one another.

On the one hand, she was delighted to think that there was a possibility that her child was still alive.

There was hope!

On the other hand, she was worried about the child's whereabouts. Where was she? Was she still alive? Where would she even begin to search for the child?

What if, even after searching high and low, it turned out that her child had died after all?

As soon as she thought of this, Luna felt as though an invisible hand was squeezing her heart.

"Luna," Heather said, a small smile playing on her lips as she stared at Luna's face. "I should tell you my true intentions of visiting you here today.

"Do you honestly think I was just here to fulfill my promise? You should know that I never stick to my word."

Luna lifted her head to stare at Heather dazedly, her expression a little blank because of the confusing thoughts swirling in her head. "What are you here for, then?"

Heather let out an exhale and replied, "You probably don't know this, but after I was kicked out of the Landry family, Malcolm was kicked out of the Quinn family, too.

"Therefore, the two of us are homeless now, and we don't have any source of income."

With that, she curled her lips into a smirk and continued, "However, I know where your child is, so I want to talk terms with you.

"If Malcolm and I can find your child and return her to you, you have to segregate a small company out of Landry Group for Malcolm and me to run."

As she said this, she shifted into a comfortable position in her chair. "However, if you're unwilling to do this, it doesn't matter either, because when we find the child, we can bring her to Joshua and talk terms with him.

"When that happens, we'll become a part of Lynch Group."

She lowered her voice and gazed intently at Luna. "After all, Malcolm and I have run both Landry Group and Quinn Group for a long time now, and we're both more than familiar with the structure of the company and its employees, so if we were to work for Lynch Group, the damage this will cause to you will be insurmountable.

"Why don't you think this over, Luna?"

Luna narrowed her eyes when she heard this.

She knew what had happened to Heather, but she never expected the same fate to befall Malcolm.

”So the only reason you came to me today was to get me to take you back in?”

Luna lowered her voice and continued, ”Actually, I’m curious about one thing: Since the child has been switched out, it’s impossible that Joshua hasn’t investigated this.

”However, if even Joshua hasn’t managed to find anything, what makes you so confident that you and Malcolm would be able to find her and even use this to talk terms with me? Unless...

”You two were the ones that switched my child out in the first place.”

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The entire room fell silent.

Heather stared at Luna with a calm expression, but in truth, her heart was thumping in her chest.

What was going on with this woman? When did she become so clever?

Seeing that Heather did not reply, Luna curled her lips into a smirk. ”Why aren’t you saying anything? Am I right? Were you and Malcolm...the ones who had switched out my and Joshua’s baby?”

”No, no, no, how can that be...” Heather quickly denied it and added, letting out a self-deprecating laugh, ”How could we possibly have been capable of doing that?”

”Don’t forget that I had gone into labor at the same time you did, and both Malcolm and Father were at the hospital with me, either in the hallway waiting or in the operation room with me.

”How could we have switched out your child while I was in labor?”

Luna furrowed her brows when she heard this.

Heather was right; both of them had gone into labor at the same time.

On top of that, Luna herself had gone into labor only a few hours after hearing the news of Heather being admitted into the hospital.

According to this time frame, Malcolm had been together with Charles and Heather all the while and could not have had the time to deal with Luna.

Unbeknownst to Luna, however...Malcolm’s men had arranged for this to happen since the start.

First, they had admitted Heather into the hospital and then drugged Luna’s food with a labor-inducer medication so that she would give birth at the stipulated time.

The reason they had done this was so that if anyone were to ask, they would be able to say that Heather had gone into labor before Luna, and so the switching of Luna’s baby would have nothing to do with them.

Seeing that Luna’s attitude had changed, Heather let out a small sigh of relief and said, ”Luna, we have no other choices anymore, so we wanted to help you out while making some money of our own.

”On top of that, neither Malcolm nor I have any of the power and influence that we used to have in the past, and we’re not even sure if we can track down you and Joshua’s child at all...”

Luna furrowed her brows, shot Heather a cold glance, and chuckled. "I can't possibly offer you a branch of the Landry Group's business because every single penny that we make now was a product of my mother's blood, sweat, and tears.

"However, I can give you a small amount of money that would enable you to start your own business."

With that, she let out an exhale and stood up to leave. "I'm tired, so I'll be off now."

Heather narrowed her eyes as she watched Luna being taken away by the prison guard.

When she left the visitation room and entered the lobby, she bumped into a woman dressed entirely in black, wearing a mask, sunglasses, and cap.

When the woman caught sight of Heather, her entire body froze.

Heather, on the other hand, furrowed her brows in confusion.

Why was this woman wearing shades so early in the morning when the sun had not even come up yet?

She circled past the woman, pondering this, and was about to head out the door when the woman suddenly grabbed hold of her arm as she passed b

"Heather." The woman curled her lips into a smirk and said in a hoarse voice, "I came back because I heard you were kicked out of the Landry family."

The color drained from Heather's face when she heard this. She widened her eyes in shock. "You... Are you Charlotte?"

Charlotte smirked and took off her sunglasses to reveal her eyes, full of contempt and hatred. "Yes, it's me."

With that, she let go of Heather's wrist and said, "This time, I returned to take back what was rightfully mine.

"Also...I want to see you dead."

Heather's face was as pale as the wall behind her. Still, despite feeling fear, she still narrowed her eyes and sneered. "Do you think Jim would still fall for such an ugly creature like you ?

"What are you doing at the police station so early in the morning, anyway ? To report a crime ? Or are you here to find Luna and win her trust ?"

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Heather snickered. "Do you think that after I'm temporarily kicked out of the Landry family, you'll be able to make Jim take you back by sucking up to the new heiress of the Landry family ?

"Charlotte, you should go look at yourself in the mirror. Anyone who looks at you will be terrified at a single glance, so how dare you even think Jim would still like you ?

"Oh, by the way—" Heather suddenly inched closer to Charlotte's ear, grinning as though she had suddenly recalled something. "You probably don't know this, but Jim has a new girlfriend now, and she even bore him a daughter not too long ago."

Heather continued in a low voice filled with contempt as she stared at Charlotte's face, "Jim's current girlfriend is Luna's best friend, and Luna was the one who had introduced them."

A glimmer of malice shot through Charlotte's eyes when she heard this.

Heather patted her shoulder with a small smile and said, "If I were you, I wouldn't have returned to embarrass myself. You claim to love Jim so much,

but I know the reason you returned was to get your hands on the Landry family fortune.

"If you truly loved him, you wouldn't have hid for more than six years."

With that, she strode away, cackling. "Charlotte, do you honestly think you can be a match for me now, after what happened six years ago? In your dreams!

Charlotte remained motionless, her gaze filled with hatred as she watched Heather leave.

One day, she would destroy this woman!

When Heather disappeared from view, Charlotte finally let out an exhale, suppressed her rage, and entered the police station.

The policeman on duty still remembered her from the night before and handed her the visitation

form, thinking she was here to visit Luna again. "Same as yesterday; you'll have to fill this up before you can go in to see her."

However, Charlotte curled her lips into a small smile and replied, "I'm not here to visit Luna; I'm here to turn the culprit in."

The policeman raised his brows. "Turn the culprit in?"

Charlotte nodded and said in a loud voice, "I've found out who the real culprit of the murder at Starhill Hotel was."

All the police officers in the room exchanged nervous glances when they heard this.

Finally, one of them called his superior and said, "Sir, there seems to be...a significant breakthrough in the murder of Cheryl Martin."

Half an hour later, inside a meeting room in Lynch Group Tower, Joshua's room began to ring non-stop.

Joshua paused the meeting, frowning, and picked up the phone. "What's wrong?"

The chief of police sounded excited as he exclaimed, "Mr. Lynch, we have concrete evidence proving that Ms. Luna wasn't the one who had killed Cheryl Martin now! The real culprit was Hunter Quinn, the second heir of the Quinn family!"

Joshua furrowed his brows upon hearing this. He toyed with his pen as he asked, "What did you use to confirm this? The fingerprint?"

"No." the chief of police let out an exhale and explained, "Actually, apart from the news of the fingerprint, we had kept a vital piece of information to ourselves and didn't release it to the public out of concern for the victim's privacy, and this evidence is..."

"Before the victim died, the murderer had raped her, and there was tear wound on her body.

"This morning, a woman came in with a condom that she had found near the railing of the balcony that contained both the victim and murderer's bodily fluids."

Joshua's hand, which was holding the phone, stiffened when he heard this. He asked in a hoarse voice, "When are you guys going to arrest him?"

"We're already on our way, and after we capture him and confirm he was the real culprit, we'll release Ms. Luna from prison."

