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Despite knowing that Gwen had been saved, Luna and Theo were still worried about her.

Gwen's condition on top of the contract signing with Mr. Hanson were both factors that propelled Luna to get back to Merchant City as soon as she could.

Therefore, she had no choice but to suggest this to Jim.

Before leaving, the both of them went to Rosalyn's room to check on them once more.

Charles was still clutching Rosalyn's hand, muttering the same things as before.

He had never stopped, not even for a minute.

Despite the fact that he was starting to foam at the edges of his mouth, he still continued uttering the same words over and over.

One of the assistants handed him a glass of water, but he spilled it without even bothering to take a sip, accusing the assistant of wanting to drown Rosalyn.

Seeing this, Jim had no choice but to instruct Dr. Rachel to take meticulous care of his parents while they were gone.

"Don't worry." Dr. Rachel smiled. "You're Theo's friends, and not only that, but I also played a role in Rosalyn's condition deteriorating, so don't worry; I'll take good care of them."

Jim could not help raising his brows suggestively when he heard this.

He glanced teasingly at Theo, then at Dr. Rachel. "Dare I say the both of you would make a cute couple?"

Theo quickly waved his hands in dismissal. "Don't say things like this, Jim. How can I even match up to Dr. Liddell..."

A glimmer of disappointment flashed through Dr. Rachel's eyes when she heard this. She curled her lips into a self-deprecating smile and said, "Don't joke around at our expense, Jim.

"After all, I'm four years older than Theo, so how can I possibly date someone younger than me?"

With that, she closed the folder she was holding in her hands and added, "I still have some other patients I need to check on, so please excuse me."

Jim was a little embarrassed at being countered like this. He let out an awkward smile and said, "Alright then, we'll be off now, Dr. Liddell."

With that, the three of them left after saying goodbye to Dr. Rachel.

As they got into the car, Jim suddenly frowned and glanced around at his surroundings. "

Where's Joshua?"

Were the four of them not supposed to go back to Merchant City together? Where was Joshua?

Theo smiled and replied, "He said that since he was already in Lincoln City, he wanted to stop by and visit his old pal, Caleb."

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Crawford Mansion.

Caleb furrowed his brows as he read the stack of papers Joshua had handed him. "It might be a little difficult for me...to help you investigate something that has happened more than twenty years ago.

"After all, I am only in my early twenties, so it'd be challenging to find out what happened even before I was born."

Joshua curled his lips into a smile and replied, "I'm not even thirty yet, either, but you have to help me clear up what happened in the past. All of this means a lot to me."

Caleb let out a sigh. "If your aunt and Colin Landry's death were in fact of someone's doing, then the Landry and Lynch families wouldn't have become rivals for so long."

Even though he had not known about the vengeance between the Lynch and Landry families before this, after witnessing what happened in Merchant City over the past year, he had a clearer idea already.

"I don't think what you should be doing now is investigate something that happened in the past; it's to give up on Luna." He lifted his head to stare intently at Joshua and added, "The reason you would want to find an alternative outcome to what happened so many years ago is that you don't want to give up on her.

"She's just a woman; is she really that hard for you to let go?"

Joshua took a sip from his cup. "Well, the truth is, it is."

Caleb stared at Joshua dazedly for a long time.

Joshua was one of the most intelligent and charming men he knew, and according to what he knew about him, Joshua was never someone to admit his failure.

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However, Joshua said that he could not let go of Luna...

A split second later, Caleb let out a sigh. "Thank God I'm not interested in women."

Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and put down his cup gracefully. "Just think of me as a stubborn person if you'd like.

"All you have to do is help me investigate this man named Quentin Simms."

Why would this man claim to be Rosalyn's brother? How did he become Granny Quinn's godson?

Even after using all his connections, the only thing Lucas could find out about this man was that, like Rosalyn, he was originally from Lincoln City.

Therefore, finding out about his early life would maybe make things clearer.

"Alright, I'll help you."

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When Luna, Jim, and Theo arrived back at Merchant City, it was already noon.

Charlotte kept calling her repeatedly while Luna was in the car, and because she was with Jim, Luna did not dare to pick up at all. Instead, she had to get by by claiming this was a harassment call and text Charlotte back instead.

[You have no concept of time at all.]

Even through text, one could feel the frustration in Charlotte's tone.

[The signing is at 2 p.m., and it's already noon now. This signing is extremely important, so I arranged some makeup artists to help style you so that you can show up looking your best.

[It takes more than an hour to do your makeup and hairstyle, and not only that, you have to rehearse your lines so that nothing will go wrong at the ceremony, and this takes another hour.

[You're already running late now, and I can't believe you haven't arrived in Merchant City yet!]

Faced with Charlotte's scoldings, Luna had no choice but to patiently tell Charlotte that she had an urgent family matter to attend to.

Despite knowing this, Charlotte still did not empathize with her at all. [When you get back to Merchant City, come find me immediately. We don't have a second to lose!]

Luna let out a small sigh when she saw this.

She had just started working with Charlotte for two days, but for some reason, she did not

think she was the person in charge of this relationship, but Charlotte was.

Finally, the car arrived in Merchant City.

After finding out where Charlotte was, Luna quickly asked the driver to stop at the side of the road. "I need to find my friend."

Theo, thinking Luna was off to visit Gwen, wanted to get out of the car as well, but Luna stopped him. "I'll call you when I'm going to visit Gwen, but I just have some things I need to take care of now."

With that, she got out of the car without even explaining further to Theo.

Inside the car, Jim narrowed his eyes as he watched Luna leave, then turned to glance at his assistant. "You get out of the car too and follow her."

The assistant nodded and quickly got out of the car, calling for backup as she followed Luna.

Theo glanced first at Luna's retreating figure, then at Jim. "Are you..."

"Someone's using her for their personal gain." Jim narrowed his eyes.

Even though he was unsure what this person's intentions were, he would not allow anyone to use Luna on behalf of Landry Group and get her to do anything she did not want to.

Half an hour later, when Jim returned to his office at Landry Group Tower, his assistant had sent him a video of her following Luna.

"I can't make out who this woman in black is. She has been covering her face up, and I can't see her facial features clearly.

"However, I managed to photograph the woman next to her, and I'm trying to identify her now."

Jim clicked open the video after hearing this.

When he laid eyes on the two women in the video, his breath caught in his throat.

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The assistant was right; the woman who was talking to Luna in the video was wearing so many layers of clothes that her face could not be recognized at all.

However, Jim was more than familiar with her frame.

This was the woman he used to treasure with all his heart, so how could he possibly forget?

Not only that, but he also recognized the woman standing next to her, whom the assistant was trying to identify.

Roanne.

Charlotte's younger sister, who had been working for Charlotte as an assistant for many years.

The two of them were inseparable.

Jim could not help feeling outraged when he saw the obedient and meek look on Luna's face as she talked to Charlotte.

It was no wonder why Luna, a woman who was skilled in jewelry design but had absolutely no experience running a business, would suddenly become so daring and even ordered for her house to be demolished.

No wonder Luna had successfully won over Mr. Hanson's business.

It turned out Charlotte was the mastermind behind all this!

Jim narrowed his eyes.

It seemed that he had not been hallucinating at all when he thought he had seen Charlotte outside the hospital.

She had indeed returned.

Jim took out his phone and was about to call Luna when his phone rang.

It was a call from Heather.

Initially, Jim could not even be bothered to pick up her call. After all, ever since Heather was kicked out of the family, he did not want anything to do with her anymore, but...

Jim glanced first at the video of Charlotte and Luna on the screen, then at the caller ID on his phone.

Finally, he picked up.

"Congratulations to both you and Luna, Jim," Heather's disdainful voice rang out from the other end of the line. "This morning, when Malcolm went home to pack his things, he overheard Granny Quinn scolding and cursing Luna for successfully obtaining the rights to M

r. Hanson's mine in Afreeka."

Jim narrowed his eyes. "What is your point?"

If he remembered correctly, Heather used to always attend parties like Mr. Hanson's without their knowledge. Because of this, Mr. Hanson, as well as Harold and the rest of the guests at that party the night before, were all very familiar with Heather.

Jim guessed that Heather had called him not only to congratulate him, but she wanted something else.

"Luna bribed Harold into bringing her to the party, then placed a pinhole camera in her bag and successfully recorded everything that happened there.

"The only reason Mr. Hanson agreed to work with Landry Group is that Luna's assistants threatened to send copies of this video that Luna took to their wives.

"What a smart trick. Luna used herself as a lure to threaten everyone into doing what she wants, but unfortunately, she can only use this once."

Jim narrowed his eyes.

Heather was right. Even though Luna had successfully gotten Mr. Hanson to agree to do business with her, the news of her attending the party with a pinhole camera would soon get out.

Bringing a recording device or pinhole camera to parties and gatherings like these was strictly prohibited among businessmen and women alike.

Therefore, as soon as word got out, it would be difficult for Luna to get into any party—even ordinary ones, unlike Mr. Hanson's—in the future anymore.

Even though Charlotte's plan had successfully solved the biggest problem the Landry Group was facing at the moment, the consequences that it brought along were dire.

Therefore, Jim could tell that Charlotte's intentions were clear; she did not care about what would happen to Luna in the future and instead just wanted to help Luna accomplish her tasks and get what she wanted in the shortest time.

As soon as he thought of this, Jim let out an exhale. "Heather, I don't want to waste either of our time; just tell me what you want."

Initially, Heather had wanted to say something else to irk Jim, but as soon as she heard his tone, she settled down and said, "Charlotte has returned to Merchant City.

"The last time I saw her, she was at the police station to visit Luna."

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"The reason why Luna had been released from jail so quickly was Charlotte's doing too.

"She's just using Luna to get what she wants, and as for her ultimate goal, I'm sure you have a better idea than I do."

Jim gripped his phone tightly.

Many years ago, he was utterly disappointed in Charlotte's actions, but at the same time, he was the closest person to her and was even engaged to her at that time.

Because of this, he could not bring himself to break his promise to her and was stuck in a dilemma.

Finally, it was Charles who had stood up for him and exposed Charlotte's lies, and even sent Heather to chase Charlotte out of Merchant City.

However, at this moment, Charlotte had returned as soon as Heather was kicked out of the family.

It was clear what she wanted.

Charlotte had thought that as long as Heather was out of the picture, Jim would forgive her and get back together with her after she helped the Landry family through their rough patch.

"Jim, you and Father are both gentlemen and refuse to bully a woman. I knew that six years ago, so I think it's best that you let me take care of Charlotte this time too." Heather sneered and added, "After all, you wouldn't want to see her tricking your sister, do you?"

"I believe that what happened with Mr. Hanson is just an appetizer. She hasn't even started on her real plans yet, so are you willing to let her use Luna?"

"If you give me five hundred million dollars, I can help you."

Jim snickered when he heard this. "Five hundred million dollars? Are you insane?"

Heather curled her lips into a smirk and retorted, "Don't you think your sister's reputation and innocence is worth five hundred million? Who else would have the time to follow them every day and take care of Charlotte for you, apart from me?"

Jim curled his lips into a smirk. "Well, I can choose to tell Luna about this and save myself five hundred million."

With that, he hung up the phone.

Heather bit her lip when she heard the dial tone.

This man!

Jim had never been willing to talk about what had happened six years ago, but all of a sudden, he was willing to tell Luna the truth just to save money!

Heather slammed her phone onto the ground, angered that an initially foolproof plan to earn money had been foiled just like that. She turned to glare at Malcolm, who was playing with Riley next to her, and snapped, "If it were up to me, I would've revealed Riley's true identity and let Luna and Joshua take her in exchange for money!"

The two of them had been kicked out of their families for a few days, and they were about to run out of money!

Malcolm had initially been trying to threaten Hunter for money, but after Hunter was arrested, their plan had failed.

She could not believe that they were about to run out of cash soon, yet this man did not seem bothered by it and was instead playing with their baby!

Malcolm shot her a cold glance and smirked. "I knew from the start that Jim wouldn't agree to your terms. However, it's still too early to bring out Riley."

With that, he smirked at Heather and added, "Since Jim isn't willing to pay up, we should contact Charlotte."

"I refuse to believe that she won't cough up the money if you threaten to tell Luna what has happened."

Heather narrowed her eyes. "You're right. After all, she was also involved in trying to kill Luna all those years ago."