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Jim closed his eyes as regret weighed upon his heart heavily. 'Would...everything be different had I chosen not to believe in Charlotte, believing in Bonnie a little bit more instead? Bonnie has only six days left, and she's still in a coma. Are six days enough for me to repent and make up for all my sins toward her?'

"Jim." Looking at how sorrowful Jim seemed, Rachel could not help but walk up to him and pat his

shoulder. "There's a slight chance with Ms. Craig's condition-"

"Just a very small tiny chance," Joshua interrupted before Rachel could finish. He furrowed his brows and looked at Jim. "Although you only have six days left, you shouldn't spend it wallowing in regret. You should plan out nicely how you want to spend it with her. Even if she's not going to wake up, you should at least do whatever you could for her."

All the while, the laptop was playing the video when Jim asked for Bonnie's hand in marriage during their video call. "These are enough to prove that Bonnie's willing to marry you."

Jim finally regained his senses. He nodded and took the laptop from Nigel. "I know what to do."

After that, Jim left with the laptop.

As he watched Jim walking away, Sean hesitated for a while before he caved. "I have something to talk to him about." With that, he instantly chased after Jim.

When both brothers were out of sight, Luna looked at Joshua helplessly. "Didn't Dr. Liddell say that there's a slight chance of saving Bonnie? Why didn't you let her finish? Even if there's not a chance to save her, you shouldn't have interrupted Dr. Liddell's thought of comforting Jim."

Joshua chuckled and pulled Luna into his arms tightly. "Difficult times often bring out the best in people. If Jim didn't think that Bonnie only has seven days to live, do you think he'd be so frank with his heart?"

In truth, Jim had already fallen in love at first sight with Bonnie, but he had been holding back. He had only gotten together with Bonnie because he accidentally consumed the medicine that Heather was meant to give to Luna.

However, during a chat with Joshua, he said...that even if it was not for the medicine, he wanted to be together with Bonnie. That night was just a push to make him understD?]mM8SX more about what his heart truly wanted.

Jim never dared to face his feelings. If no one was there to give him a little push, there would be a long road ahead between him and Bonnie before both of them got together.

"You're saying that you'd deny my medical skills openly just to motivate Jim. Is that it?" Rachel sneered and glanced at Joshua's face remotely. "I don't know if this is your idea or your mother-in- law's, but as a doctor, I never like to lie to the patient. This is against my work ethic, and I never like lying to others.

"Mr. Lynch, I'll tell you now that I'll be telling anyone the truth if they ask about Ms. Craig's condition from now onward."

With that, she grabbed Caleb and left the study.

However, just after walking a few steps down the stairs, a man blocked their path. He opened his arms widely in front of Rachel. "Dr. Liddell, did you just say you hate people who tell lies?"

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The familiar voice had Rachel lift her head, only to realize Theo was blocking their way with his arms spread out.

He looked at Rachel coldly. "Dr. Liddell, since you've said that you hate people who lie, then I'm sure you won't lie either. Am I right?"

Rachel furrowed her brows and looked at Theo helplessly. "Just say whatever you're thinking of. There's no need to twist and turn."

Theo suddenly was speechless because of what Rachel said. He had imagined what reaction Rachel would have if he asked her, but he never expected her to be so direct.

He took a deep breath and squinted, asking, "I just want to ask you… You said you were thrilled to be engaged with Caleb. Is that true?"

This question had been like a curse that lingered in his mind after he eavesdropped on Rachel and Caleb talking about their engagement. He wanted to know what he and Caleb meant to Rachel respectively.'

Could she be so thrilled that she made mistakes in her work just because she got engaged with Caleb?'

Rachel was caught off guard by Theo's question. She lifted her head and looked into Theo's eyes with her clear eyes. She detected a vague hopeful glint, underlined by sadness and worry, and to this, she could not help but sneer inwardly. 'He was so determined to reject me and chose to marry a dead body. What's all this, asking me this question now?¹

"Of course she didn't lie." Caleb wrapped his arm around Rachel's shoulder and looked at Theo warningly. "Mr. Allen, what answer are you waiting for? What are you speculating, and what assumption did you make?

"Rachel is now my fiancee, and you were the one who pushed her to my side. What's the meaning of you asking this now?

"Are you going to chase after her now? Mr. Allen, I wonder if you've heard of this saying, but it's no use crying over spilled milk. Rach is now my fiancee, and we're going to live together starting today. Stop bothering her!"

Theo's eyes gradually became darker as Caleb continued talking. He took a look at Rachel and then Caleb, who was holding Rachel's shoulder tightly. He sneered with a sarcastic smile. "Rach? How sweet."

He then looked at Rachel again B;_wliXT said indifferently, "I'm asking you a question, not him. I just want to ask you: are you truly thrilled to marry him?"

Rachel looked into Theo's eyes without answering the question.

She was not good at lying. Very often in her daily work, she would not say any white lies like any other doctor when a patient had a chronic illness. To her, death was just the rule of the universe, and there was nothing to hide.

However...

She hesitated as she looked at Theo. If she followed her heart, then perhaps Theo would think that they still had a chance. If she lied, on the other hand, she would single-handedly break her principle.

Theo could tell that Rachel was hesitating, and his lips curled upward.

Honestly speaking, even if Rachel did not answer the question, her silence explained everything. He took another deep breath and grabbed Rachel's hand. "You can't lie, can't you?"

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"Admit it, Rachel. You still have feelings for me, don't you?"

'She's not a heartless person; I'm still in her heart! Even if she's engaged to Caleb now, even if she is Caleb's fiancee, that's just a measure of expediency because I hurt her. She still has feelings for me!'

With that thought, Theo's eyes brightened. T still have a chance, don't I? I have a chance to ask for forgiveness and be with her again!'

The warmth from his hand and his passionate eyes got Rachel furrowing her brow. She remotely withdrew her hand and replied apathetically, "Theo, I admit that I'm not over you, and I'm not truly elated being with Caleb, but this doesn't mean anything. It only proves that I'm a very sentimental person, or perhaps, I'm a very loyal person when it comes to relationships."

She lifted her head to stare at the man in front of her coldly. "You know me. Once I make a decision, I won't easily regret it. Marrying Caleb is a choice that I make after deep thought, and since I've agreed on it, I'll keep my promise."

Rachel thus grabbed Caleb's arm and said, "He's right. We're engaged, and we'll get married one month later, so we're going to stay together tonight.

"Theo, you were the one who gave up on me first. I had asked you if you'd regret this, and do you remember what you said?"

The cold, indifferent tone scared Theo, and he stepped backward unconsciously. He clenched his hands into fists as his face flushed white.

Rachel had indeed asked him that question before, but at that time...all he could feel was the guilt he had for Roanne. All he could think of was to marry Roanne so her soul could be at ease.

Things had changed.

Charlotte was arrested, and Sirius got thrown into jail. Everything was settled, and he finally understood how stupid his choice was, especially today, when Luna used Jim and Bonnie as an example to compare Roanne and him.

He finally realized how absurd he was.

What Jim did was so very extraordinary that no one could understand, and he was even less sane than Jim. Theo gravely regretted his decisions, but he did not know what he should say to make Rachel return to him.

Looking at the way Rachel was looking at him, Theo's heart slowly sunk deeper C<_mLyRP deeper. He knew the possibility of them getting back together...was almost zero.

"Can't answer it, huh?" Rachel sneered as she looked at his pale-white face. She stared at his handsome- looking face and said, enunciating every word, "When I asked you, you said that you won't regret it—never in your life. So, Theo, when you said you won't regret it, I also made a decision that I won't regret forever in my life.

"Maybe you don't know this, but before dating you, Caleb's family tried to match me and Caleb. We had known each other. When you were throwing a tantrum with the employee of the Civil Affairs

Bureau, I was the one who contacted Caleb. I asked him to pick me up, and I was the one who wanted to be with him.

"So, although I'm not happy to be engaged with him, I won't regret it or break my promise."

Then, Rachel lifted her head and smiled at the pale- faced Theo. "Theo, everyone has to pay the price for the decision they made. Even if I still have feelings for you, we'll never get back together. Never."

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Theo receded as though his body was out of strength after hearing what Rachel said. While he did, Caleb quickly grabbed Rachel and walked past him before leaving altogether.

All the time, Theo's eyes had been focused on Rachel, but she never once turned to look at him...not even once.

His heart felt so crushed like it had been slammed by a heavy hammer.

Looking at how dreadful Theo was, Joshua and Luna looked at each other. Just when they were about to walk over, a small figure dashed over before them.

It was Neil.

The boy reached out and grabbed Theo's hand. "Don't be sad, Uncle Theo. You still have me."

The young-sounding voice startled Theo, making him look down unconsciously. Neil, in return, looked at him with clear doe eyes.

"Uncle Theo, Mommy had told me what happened between you and Aunt Rachel. I know you were wrong, but you still have a chance to save your relationship before Aunt Rachel gets married. Don't give up so easily," he spoke, all while he grabbed Theo's hand tightly. "All of us will help you, just like when you helped me when I lost my memory."

When Neil lost his memory, Theo believed wholeheartedly that Neil would get better. That was why he endured being with Aura, endured all the whippings she gave him.

It had been more than a year since the incident, but every time Neil thought of it, his heart still ached. He felt sorry for Theo—sorry that Theo had to endure the pain. At the same time, he respected his determination and persistence.

A man like Theo should not be defeated easily. He was just lost at the moment.

"Uncle Theo, be as hell-bent and persistent as when we had to endure everything Aura hurled at us. I believe that sooner or later, Aunt Rachel will come back to your side," added Neil.

Theo was silent for a moment after hearing what Neil said. After a while, he finally composed his emotions and kneeled to give Neil a hug. "Alright...! won't give up easily."

After all, it was his fault. He should not have ignored Luna and Bonnie's advice and hard-headedly wanted to marry Roanne. There were many other ways to help bring justice back for Roanne, F=_II7WT he chose the most idiotic way.

He had only himself to blame as Rachel was disappointed with him. It was important to acknowledge one's mistake and change it. He should not run away.

Looking at how Neil and Theo cuddled together, Luna felt touched by the sight. She unconsciously grabbed Joshua's hand and smiled at him.

It had been a while since Neil was with them that she almost forgot the relationship between Neil and Theo. They shared a bond stronger than what Luna and Theo had. Despite the large age gap, Theo and Neil had endured even life and death together.

Joshua pulled Luna into his arms and whispered in a volume that only Luna could hear, "I think Neil just made a promise on our behalf."

Luna paused and recapped back what Neil told Theo.

"All of us will help you."

She looked at Neil helplessly, and coincidentally, Neil, too, was looking at her with his watery eyes. It was as if he would cry if Luna disagreed.

However, the thing with helping Theo get Rachel back

Luna, in truth, was reluctant to help. She and Bonnie had tried talking Theo out of this mistake many times, but he persisted willfully, causing him the consequences he was facing at this moment.

She really did not feel like helping Theo anymore, but her three children were too fond of Theo.