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"I've already told you that Sean saved my life, and on top of that, he's my brother. There's no way I can stay away from him, and I won't allow you to hurt him, either."

He shot Luna a cold glance. "So you'd better give up right now."

Luna narrowed her eyes, picked up a cup on the coffee table, and smashed it on the ground.

Crash!

The deafening clatter of smashed porcelain echoed through the entire house.

All the servants froze in the middle of their work and turned to stare at Luna and Jim.

"What're you all staring at, huh? Get back to work!" snapped Butler Fred as he glared at them.

The servants exchanged nervous glances and quickly resumed their work.

"Ms. Luna, Young Master Landry." The butler approached them, smiling, and glanced first at Luna, then at Jim. "Thank heavens that Master and Mrs. Landry have gone for their checkup because if they had been home, they wouldn't have allowed you to make such a racket. You..."

He let out a sigh and said courteously, "Please don't ruin your harmonious siblinghood because of an outsider."

"Outsider?" Jim raised his brows and shot Butler Fred a murderous look. "Sean is my brother! Besides, Mother has already declared that she'd take him in as her youngest son, so how dare you call him an outsider?"

Luna could not help snickering when she heard this." What's wrong with that? The Landry family was built by my father, Charles Landry, and my mother, Rosalyn Lawson! As someone who hails from the Wheeler and Hamilton family, you must be insane not to think of Sean as an outsider!"

Then, she smirked and plopped down on the sofa, crossing her arms in front of her chest indignantly." Based on this logic, I'm the true heir of the Landry family, and you,

Jim, can only be considered half a member of this family. If so, where do you think Sean stands, huh?”

Jim sneered. “I’m just half a member of this family? How dare you even say this, Luna?”

He shot her a murderous glare and stormed out of the room. “After more than twenty years of living in this house, this is the first time I’ve ever heard such bullshit! I don’t want to continue arguing with you anymore; I’ll ask Father and Mother to talk some sense into you when they get home!”

With that, he disappeared up the stairs and slammed his door shut with a deafening thud.

Luna glared in the direction Jim had left, sneering, and retorted, “Everything in Landry Mansion belongs to me! If you break anything, you’ll have to pay it back to me in full!”

The only response was the clatter of thrown objects coming out of Jim’s room.

Luna bit her lip, and as she turned to stare at Butler Fred, tears brimmed in her eyes. “How dare he even talk to me like that, Butler Fred?”

She wiped the tears from her face as she wailed, “I was just trying to help him stay away from that manipulative bastard, and I can’t believe this is how he repays me—by throwing a tantrum!”

The butler sighed, handed Luna a tissue, and said with a hint of relief, “You were right, Ms. Luna. Everything in Landry Mansion belongs to you, and even Jim is technically only half a part of this family, so of course Sean would be considered an outsider.

“You’re the true heir to this family.”

He reached out to gently pat Luna’s shoulder and added, “It’d be splendid if he could come to his senses and realize how right you are, but if he doesn’t...” He curled his lips into a smile. “Don’t you think you should fulfill your responsibility as the sole heir of the Landry family and weed out all the people with ill intentions within this family?”

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Luna’s entire body stiffened upon hearing this.

A split second later, she tucked away her surprise, let out an exhale, and turned to smile at Butler Fred. "You're right...I'm the only heir to the Landry family."

With that, she narrowed her eyes and curled her lips into a sneer as she stared in the direction Jim had left in." Butler Fred, if Jim and I come to a point where we can't resolve our differences anymore one day...whose side will you be on?"

Butler Fred froze upon hearing this.

He never thought Luna would ask him a question like this so directly.

After being silent for a long while, he gave her his answer. "Of course I'll be on your side, Ms. Luna.

"Even though Young Master Landry grew up alongside me and we've known each other for many years...I'm still the Landry family's butler, and I'll always choose to stand on the heir of the Landry family's side.

"You, Ms. Luna, are the rightful heir to the family, and even if Young Master Landry got into a conflict with you, I'll put aside my loyalty toward him and choose to stand by your side."

Luna immediately bit her lip, and a glimmer flashed through her eyes. "Are you saying that...your many years of friendship with Jim doesn't matter when compared to me?"

Butler Fred immediately froze upon hearing this.

After a split second, he realized that he had been a little too harsh and let out a slight cough before replying, "Of course, it'd be best if you and Young Master Landry manage to talk this out and resolve your differences.

"Even though he's not the true heir to the Landry family, he still grew up here and is certainly attached to each and every one of us. Not only that, but he never had ill intentions toward this family."

He let out a sigh. "If only he had not chosen to marry Bonnie and had not gotten involved with Sean..."

"Ms. Luna, you have to talk some sense into him. Despite knowing that Bonnie only has seven days left to live and that he'd never get to spend the rest of his life with her, he still insists on marrying her..."

"If he hadn't married her in the first place, none of this would've happened."

Luna could not help sighing when she heard this. "I didn't want Jim to marry Bonnie, either.

“Just like what you said , Butler Fred, she’s already got one foot in the grave, and yet Jim still insists on marrying her...”

Luna fell silent for a moment, then finally lifted her head to stare at Butler Fred, clinging onto his sleeve as though she was a drowning victim clutching onto a floating piece of plywood. “What do you think I should do now, Butler Fred? Should I kick Sean out of this place, or...”

She bit her lip and stared at Butler Fred with wide, innocent eyes. “Now that Jim refuses to listen to me, I can’t go to Father and Mother for help, either. They’re either going to force Jim and me to make up or stand on his side.

“Not only that, but they might even force me to accept Sean as a part of our family.”

She let out a sigh. “The only person in this family I can trust is you, Butler Fred.”

Butler Fred fell silent upon hearing this.

A split second later, he let out an exhale and replied, “I pity your situation, Ms. Luna...”

With that, he lifted his head to stare at the direction in front of him, his gaze seeming to penetrate the wall and fixate on someplace far away. “Master and Mrs. Landry are both kindhearted people, and even if they find out how manipulative Sean is, they’ll still try to protect him.

“Therefore , you can’t bring this up to Master and Mrs. Landry...”

He sighed and continued , “Ms. Luna , judging from the urgency of this situation , I think you’d better kick Sean out of this house to prevent him from brainwashing Young Master Landry any further.”

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“After Sean is gone, we’ll find a way to get Young Master Landry to give up on Bonnie. “It’d be best if he can willingly give up on Bonnie himself, but if he can’t, we’ll have to take action after Bonnie dies.”

Every word that came out of Butler Fred’s mouth made Luna’s heart lurch.

If she had not called him that morning to ask about Sean’s room, she would not have found out...that this was what the usually kind, amiable butler thought.

He had already planned this out for a very long time, down to every detail.

He and Mickey had planned to use Christopher to disrupt Jim and Bonnie's wedding, then placed all the blame on Sean and even tried to drive a wedge between her and Jim in hopes that she would kick both Sean and Jim out of the family!

The more she thought about it, the more spine-chilling it felt.

However, she still had to feign ignorance and express her admiration toward him. "You're right, Butler Fred. I'll go find Joshua right now and ask him to help me kick Sean out of Merchant City.

"After Sean leaves, I'll test Jim's attitude toward me."

The butler could not help smiling when he heard this, and even though that smile was as kind and jovial as always, Luna no longer felt familiar when looking at it.

She bit her lip, staring at Butler Fred, and said earnestly, "No matter what, thank you, Butler Fred.

"Thank you for your service toward the Landry family all these years, and for choosing to stand by my side and help me."

Even though it was terrifying to think of the butler's intentions, he never once thought of hurting her and even regarded her as the sole heir to the Landry family.

Because of this, Luna decided that she still had to thank him for this, but from this day onward, she could no longer let her personal bias cloud her judgment.

"You don't have to thank me." The butler was a little surprised to hear this. He grinned at her and replied, "I wish nothing but the best for you and the family, Ms. Luna. Nothing, or no one, can get in the way of the Landry family's success and glory." Then, he patted Luna's shoulder and added, "Alright, Ms. Luna. I think you'd better go find Mr. Joshua to talk about sending Sean away now. Otherwise, I'm worried that Young Master Landry might help him escape before you have a chance to do anything." Luna nodded, let out an exhale, then turned and left the house.

Butler Fred remained motionless, and a sinister smile crept across his face as he watched Luna leave.

It turned out Heather had been right; Ms. Luna was just as naive and gullible as she claimed.

He could not believe that he had managed to win over her trust so easily.

How could he possibly not love her? If he gained control of Luna, she would not be as difficult to deal with as Jim.

“How was it?”

Luna sprinted up to the second-floor study as soon as she returned to Joshua’s house.

Inside the room, Joshua was on a video call with Jim, and when Jim saw her bursting into the room, he could not help chuckling. “I never thought you’d be such a good actress . For a moment there, I really thought you were plotting to get rid of me alongside the butler.” Joshua curled his lips into a smile and took Luna’s hand in his. “Why would she go to the butler for help if she ever wanted to get rid of you? She can always come to me.

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Jim, on the other end of the call, rolled his eyes. “Don’t be so arrogant, will you, Joshua? Do you think you’ll be able to get rid of me just because you say so? How little do you think of me?”

Joshua curled his lips into a smile at the look on Jim’s face. “If you don’t believe me, we can try.”

With that, he turned to glance at Luna. “What do you say, Luna?”

Luna pursed her lips, let go of his hand, and sat next to him. The expression on her face was a little dark as she muttered, “I’m not in the mood for jokes right now.”

Seeing that she was acting a little strange, and there was a faint quiver in her voice, Joshua immediately furrowed his brows in concern. “What’s wrong?”

Luna bit her lip and closed her eyes.

The first image that appeared in her mind’s eye was Butler Fred’s kind, smiling face, as well as the way he looked when he told her he would help her get rid of Sean and Jim.

She remembered the respectful tone of his voice whenever he spoke to her, but at this moment, the memories of these were gradually replaced by the sinister undertone of his claims of loyalty.

Luna was finding this a little difficult to accept.

After all...she had always thought Butler Fred was a kindhearted and responsible butler.

Never in her wildest dreams had she imagined that he would have such sinister motives.

When did he even start thinking about helping her get rid of Jim? When did he start planning his elaborate scheme?

Luna's mind was a jumble of thoughts as she rubbed her temples in frustration.

"Perhaps she's finding it a little hard to accept, considering that the real Butler Fred is not at all who we think he is." Even Jim tucked his joking attitude away when he saw the devastation on Luna's face. He lit a cigarette, took a puff from it, then said with a bitter smile, "To be honest, I feel exactly the same way you do, Luna. I had never thought this would happen, either."

After all, Jim had grown up alongside Butler Fred, and he had always been grateful for how kindly Butler Fred had treated him.

So much so that sometimes, Jim could not help thinking that Butler Fred was one of the only people in the world who treated him well, apart from Charles and Rosalyn.

Butler Fred was like family to him, and he extended the same welcome to Mickey as well.

When the drug warehouse behind Landry Mansion was first built, Rosalyn had wanted Jim to keep the second pair of keys. However, because Mickey was Rosalyn's apprentice and Butler Fred's son, Jim had always treated him like a brother and thus decided it would be more appropriate to place the keys under his possession.

Looking back on this... he wanted nothing more than to slap himself.

Every memory of Butler Fred and Mickey felt like a hammer pounding against his heart.

Joshua sighed and pulled Luna into his comforting arms." Don't be too upset." Luna bit her lip and lifted her head to stare at Joshua.

That morning, she had accused Joshua of mistrusting Sean without evidence and even brought up how much it hurt to be betrayed by someone close to your heart. However, just a few hours later, she was again slapped by the same feeling of betrayal.

No matter how many times it happened, it did not make it easier.

Seeing the look of despair in Luna's eyes, Joshua sighed and pulled her close to him, then lifted his head to glance at the image of Jim on the screen. "Sean has already settled into Luke's place, but for the next few days, you and Luna will have to continue

putting up an act. The messier the fight, the better. It'd be even more perfect if you could somehow bring this argument to Charles and Rosalyn's notice."

Jim furrowed his brows upon hearing this. "Should I notify my parents and ask them to play along with our *act*?"

"No need." Joshua narrowed his eyes.