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"I'm sure Luna will be able to handle this." Charles sighed and glanced at Luna.

Finally, he turned to stare meaningfully at Butler Fred and Mickey, who were both restrained by the servants. "Send them to the police station and take care of this."

The servants nodded before bringing the two prisoners away.

Just as Butler Fred and Mickey reached the door, Luna hesitated for a moment before finally saying, "Wait."

She remained motionless and stared at them through narrowed eyes. "There's one more thing I need to say, not only to you but to my parents and Jim, too, and that is..."

She let out an exhale. "I'm not going to take over the family business. I never have, and I never will.

"The idea of taking over such a large-scale business has never once crossed my mind. I've always known that Jim would be the most suitable person to take up this responsibility. "Therefore, I had been lying to all of you when I admitted to being the future heir of the Landry family business."

As she said this, she turned to stare at Charles and Rosalyn. "I hope you won't force me into doing something I don't want, which is taking over Landry Group. All I want to do is spend time with Joshua as his wife and be a good mother to my children."

She let out an exhale. "Nonetheless, I will still continue my work at the jewelry design company that Landry Group and Lynch Group invested in. I'm a jewelry designer, after all, and this is the only thing I do best, so..."

She turned to glance at Jim, then smiled. "I'll leave the business to you."

Finally, she let out a sigh of relief and reached out to take Joshua's hand. "There's one more thing Joshua and I have to do, which is to track down our missing daughter. When we finally do, all of us will return to Banyan City together."

Butler Fred, who had been listening to this avidly, immediately slumped in defeat upon hearing this declaration.

He thought he had a fighting chance as long as Luna possessed the intent to take over the Landry family business.

However, Luna's announcement had extinguished the last remaining flame of hope in his heart.

"Luna…" Jim frowned at her. "You heard just now that I have my own businesses to run outside the Landry family, and I had always wanted to return Landry Group to you as well.

"After all, I'm not Mother's biological son, so I have no right-"

"You have every right as my son," Rosalyn interjected him before he could finish. She fixated her penetrating stare on Jim's face and continued, "I've always thought of you as my son. To me, it doesn't really matter whether we're truly related by blood or not, and what matters is the emotional bond between us."

Then, she turned to glance at Charles.

Charles nodded in agreement. "Rosalyn is right. Please don't turn us down this time, Jim. As for Lulu..."

He shot her a meaningful look. "As her father, I'd much rather see her living the life she truly wants."

Jim fell silent for a long time, and just as he was about to speak, his phone suddenly rang.

It was Luke.

Jim picked up the call, frowning. "Your brother has gone missing."

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Sean had gone missing?

Jim furrowed his brows and quickly strode away, clutching his phone. "What happened?"

"Just now, one of my men came to me saying that your brother, as well as my subordinate Kate, disappeared at the same time, but no one knew where they had gone.

Tve already sent some people to check your house, but none of them went to visit Bonnie, so I called to ask you whether you had any idea where they went."

A hint of cold malice crept into Luke's voice as he added, "It's one thing for your brother to go missing, but another thing entirely if Kate were to disappear too. It might not seem like it, but this girl hails from a rich and influential family, and the only reason she's come to work for me is that she wanted to experience life on her own without being dependent on her family.

"Therefore, if anything were to happen to her, not only will I have to take responsibility, but you'd have to pay the price too."

Jim narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. "I don't care about that girl. I want to know what happened to my brother."

He fell silent for a moment before asking, "What time did they go missing?"

"How the hell would I know?" Luke rolled his eyes and retorted,"

If I had known what time they went missing, don't you think I would've stopped this from happening?"

He paused for a moment and added, "My men came to me about half an hour ago with the news of their disappearance, so I'm guessing they must've gone missing around that time.

"I've already sent my men to scour the entire city, but I think you'd better get a move on as well. After all, there are still some places within the city that my power doesn't reach."

Jim furrowed his brows. "Alright, noted."

Then, he hung up the phone and turned to glance at Joshua and Luna. "Sean and one of Luke's female subordinates have gone missing at the same time. It's been about half an hour now."

Luna raised her brows questioningly. "Isn't Sean still recovering from his injury?"

Sean almost lost both his hands after that incident with Christopher and had undergone emergency surgery to salvage them, so he should probably be recovering at this point. Where on earth would he even go?

"That's precisely why I need to find them as soon as possible." Jim sighed. "That rascal. He probably didn't think his injury was a big deal, did he? I'm concerned about his wounds getting infected…"

If Sean's wounds were to get infected, the consequences would be dire.

"I'll send my men to search for them," Joshua replied with narrowed eyes, then excused himself to make a phone call.

Luna could not help sighing as she glanced at Joshua and Jim, who were both busying themselves by barking orders into the phone. She strode over to Rosalyn's wheelchair and then turned to shoot Charles a meaningful look. "There's nothing much we can do...so let's go inside."

Charles glanced first at his bandaged hand, then at Rosalyn. Finally, he nodded and followed behind Luna as she wheeled Rosalyn back into the living room.

The living room TV was blaring out the local news." International superstar Thomas Howard has graced Merchant City with his presence, and his arrival has the streets of the city absolutely flooded. We go live to the city center, where fans have gathered all around, cheering and screaming his name!

"This is the first time in many years that Merchant City has welcomed such an international idol, and the excitement of everyone at the scene is palpable!

"Fans of Thomas Howard aren't missing out on this opportunity either. Some of them have even arrived at the scene despite being sick, and the city center couldn't be livelier!"

Luna was sitting on the sofa and helping Rosalyn peel an apple when she heard this and frowned. For some reason, a strange thought popped into her mind.

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Could Sean and the girl working for Luke have gone to meet this celebrity?

Even though Luna knew that Sean's personality and upbringing made it highly unlikely that he would do something like this...she could not say the same for Luke's assistant.

After all, Thomas Howard was someone so handsome that even Anne, who came in contact with aesthetically perfect faces all the time, fawned over him so vividly.

With this in mind, it would make perfect sense that Luke's assistant was a fan of Thomas Howard!

Just as Luna was pondering this, her phone rang.

It was a call from Joey, an old pupil of hers. "Master Moon, have you seen the news? Thomas Howard has arrived in Merchant City, but the better news is, his assistant has gotten in touch with me!

"Thomas Howard wants to become an ambassador for your jewelry! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Didn't you say you wanted to restart your career in jewelry design?

"Thomas Howard's assistant told me on the phone that he has fallen in love with your designs and is willing to become an ambassador for your pieces no matter which brand you're working for-even if it's a nameless, newly launched company.

"Not only that, but he's offering an insanely cheap price for his

Joey was so excited by this news that his voice had turned raky "Master Moon, I know you've already retired and are no longer designing new pieces under the pseudonym Moon, I've already clarified this to Thomas Howard's assistant, but do you know what he said to me?

"He said that as long as it's you, they don't care whether you use your old pseudonym or which brand you're working with. As long as it's your design, they're willing to take it!"

Luna furrowed her brows, and despite how overjoyed Joey sounded, she did not seem to feel the same excitement. "And then what?"

The calmness in Luna's voice almost sent him leaping into the air in exasperation, "What do you mean, and then what? We should find a chance to meet this Thomas Howard in person!

"After all, it would cost hundreds of millions just getting a celebrity like him to work with us, and now, he's offering us his services at only a few million dollars-one-one-hundredth of the price! This is an offer that we cannot refuse. Aren't you seeing this, Master Moon?

"If you don't want to take him up on his offer, can ... Can I sell him my design with your name on it?"

Luna furrowed her brows upon hearing this. "Never mind. I'll take it."

She knew that if she did not agree to this business deal, Joey would surely snap it up.

She did not want this to happen, lest he get into trouble and her reputation be tainted.

Besides...

She narrowed her eyes as she glanced at the TV screen.

This man was indeed one of the hottest celebrities in this day and age, so if someone like this were to become her ambassador, her company would surely take off.

However...

She could not help recalling the photo she had seen on Anne's social media page that morning.

The man who had been helping Thomas Howard retrieve his luggage from the trunk...

Was that not Malcolm?

Luna could not help feeling that she was right and that it truly was Malcolm, but…

How would Malcolm and Thomas Howard even get to know each other?

Besides that, she had retired from jewelry design for such a long time, so how could Thomas Howard have gotten in contact with her pupil and requested an opportunity to collaborate?

There was no such thing as a free lunch.

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"Have you decided to go for it, Master Moon?" There was a newfound hint of joy in Joey's voice as he exclaimed, "Have you decided to come out of your retirement for this? If yes, I'll get in touch with Thomas Howard's assistant right now!"

With that, he hung up the phone.

Luna remained stunned as she clutched the phone in her hand, listening to the dial tone. A split second later, she sighed and tucked her phone away.

Just as she was about to lock her phone, however, she received a message from Joey.

(Thomas Howards wants to meet you this afternoon! 1 p.m. at Bamboo House, a restaurant on the west side of the city!]

Luna glanced at the time, frowning.

It was already past 11 a.m., so she would be meeting Thomas Howard in less than two hours.

How impatient was this man?

The rational voice in her mind was telling her that something was wrong-that Thomas Howard must have had ulterior motives for setting up this once-in-a-lifetime business opportunity.

Luna knew that she should have discussed this with Joshua at a time like this, but...

She glanced at the gazebo in the backyard, where Joshua and Jim were seated, frantically making phone calls to their subordinates.

They were already preoccupied with trying to track down Sean and Luke's assistant, so she did not feel like wasting their time with such an insignificant matter.

Therefore, she quickly found an excuse, bade Rosalyn and Charles farewell, then returned to Joshua's house.

While on the way home, she had talked to Neil on the phone about this prospective business venture, so by the time she arrived home, all three of the children were already seated on the sofa, waiting for her.

"Mommy!" Nellie immediately leaped from her seat and grabbed hold of Luna's hand as soon as she saw her walk in. "Is that superstar really going to work with you? This is fantastic news!

"I've done some research, and I found out that this man's bone structure, as well as the length of each of his individual fingers, are perfect for jewelry advertising! There's no one out there who'd be a better candidate than him!

"Mommy, we have to seize this opportunity to rebuild your career in jewelry design once more!"

Neil glanced at his sister as he poured Luna a cup of tea, then said calmly, "Nellie, have you ever heard of the phrase, 'There will always be a price for what fate bestows on you?"

Nellie furrowed her brows and stared dubiously at her brother. With her head tilted in slight confusion, she asked, "What does that mean?"

"What it means is that there is no such thing as a free lunch, and everything comes with a price," Nigel, who had been tapping at his laptop all this while, suddenly piped up. "Mommy asked us to help her investigate this man because she doesn't think something so good would happen without an ulterior motive."

Nellie pouted, then swiveled her eyes in deep thought, and finally exclaimed triumphantly, "Maybe this celebrity secretly admires Daddy and intends to build a relationship with Daddy by working together with Mommy, which will allow him the opportunity to work with Daddy's company in the future! After all, Daddy's company is world-renowned, so surely he would want to work with him!"

Nigel glanced at her and smiled. "If this celebrity needed the money that desperately, your theory would be right, but..."

He turned his laptop around to show the figures on the screen to Nellie and Luna. "I managed to track some of the money in Mr. Thomas Howard's bank account." "Tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousand, a hundred thousand..." Nellie recited as she counted the number of digits on the screen. The chain of digits was so long that finally, she gave up.

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"That's a lot of money!"

"You suck at math." Neil shot his sister a helpless glance, then turned to meet Luna's gaze. "According to Nigel's research, Thomas Howard does not need this money at all.

"On one hand, he's not desperate for money, and on the other hand, he's not desperate to get into business with Daddy either. Besides, he doesn't need you to fulfill any other terms besides agreeing to work with him...so why would he do this?"

He crossed his arms in front of his chest and declared confidently, "This is very suspicious."

Luna's chest tightened at the sight of this.

She could not help feeling that Neil was beginning to resemble Joshua more and more. Perhaps it was because the three children had gotten to know Joshua better over the past two years.

The way Neil looked, with his arms crossed and his brows furrowed in deep thought, made him a carbon copy of Joshua.

Just as Luna stared at Neil in slight appalment, Nigel turned the laptop back to face him and retrieved some of Thomas Howard's personal information. "I can't seem to find anything this man has in common with Daddy and Mommy, and he has never been to Banyan City or Merchant City.

"Not only that, but neither of his assistants and employees had

any connections with Banyan City or Merchant City.

"I even investigated Lynch Group, Landry Group, and the businesses that Uncle Jim owned outside of Landry Group.... Neither of these had any connections with Mr. Thomas Howard or anyone close to him at all."

He crossed his arms in front of his chest and stared at the screen, frowning. "This is strange. Could it be that...this man genuinely loves Mommy's jewelry pieces and specifically requested to work with her because of this, just as Uncle Joey claimed?

"It doesn't seem true because according to my research, not only is Mr. Thomas Howard not a fan of jewelry, but he even appears to be disgusted by it.

"On one occasion, he had gotten into a fight with his stylist because he didn't like the fact that the stylist had put too much jewelry on him. In his opinion, men shouldn't wear too much jewelry at all because it would make them look feminine."

Nigel's face when he was thinking was another carbon copy of Joshua's.

Luna could not help curling her lips into a smile as she stared at her two sons.

A surge of warmth spread into her heart at the thought of her three children trying to help her.

Even though her children had just turned seven, they were all as sharp and observant as their father.

However...

It would be better if their youngest sister could join them.

Luna was confident that her daughter would become just as mature and calm as the rest of the children. Not only that, but perhaps she would also prove to be a genius in another field distinct from her siblings...

"Mommy..." Nellie could sense from the look in Luna's eyes that her mind had gone to their lost sister, so she reached out to tug on Luna's sleeve gently. "We're going to find her someday, and besides, we still have Riley with us!"

Luna immediately snapped out of her stupor, sniffed, and cracked a bitter smile. "You're right."

"Mommy," Neil quickly changed the topic and tried to divert Luna's attention back to Thomas Howard. "In my opinion, since we can't accurately deduce this man's true motives for meeting you...why don't you go along with Uncle Joey's arrangement and meet him in person? Perhaps he'll tell you his terms and conditions in person." 'That's right." Nigel let out an exhale and fixated his penetrating stare on Luna's face. "If it turns out to be something you can fulfill, why not agree with him? After all, with the help of such an international idol, your career will be able to take off in no time."