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Perhaps Joshua was right; he should probably leave.

Staying in Merchant City would not only allow his ungrateful son Malcolm to continue pestering him... but he even had to worry about Thomas, too.

He could not help feeling that Thomas would not let him off the hook so easily after what happened just minutes ago.

Samuel sighed and glanced at the boarding time on the ticket.

This was a flight ticket for the next day, so he had a day to say a proper farewell to everyone else.

At the thought of this, Samuel rubbed his brows and contemplated this for a long time. Finally, he picked up his phone and dialed a number.

Joshua's house.

At this moment, Mrs. Flores was helping Nellie organize her design sketches. "These sketches are absolutely stunning! You have such a natural talent at this, Princess Nellie!"

Nellie glanced at her, grinning when she heard the compliment. "Mrs. Flores, do you want me to design some jewelry for you? I'm really good at this!"

Mrs. Flores could not help smiling upon hearing Nellie's enthusiastic offer. "Thank you, Princess Nellie, but I'm old now, and I haven't worn jewelry in a long time!

"Besides, why would a lowly servant like me be wearing jewelry pieces designed by Princess Nellie herself?"

As soon as she finished her sentence, Mrs. Flores' phone rang.

At this moment, her phone was placed on Nellie's table, whereas she had her back turned.

When the phone rang, Nellie instinctively glanced at the screen, which read, [Samuel Quinn].

Nellie's eyes widened in shock after registering this familiar name.

She knew who this was—it was Father Samuel, Malcolm Quinn's father!

She could not believe that Mrs. Flores and Father Samuel knew each other!

At this moment, Mrs. Flores heard the phone ring and quickly picked it up. "Hello, long time no see... Huh? You're leaving soon? Alright then...

"I'll see you tonight."

Mrs. Flores strode away while talking on the phone while Nellie remained seated at her little table, straining hard to listen as Mrs. Flores' voice grew further C;]xj5TU further away.

Her eyes were still as wide as saucers.

According to their conversation, Mrs. Flores was not only friends with Father Samuel, but they seemed to be close, too!

What a small world!

Just as she pondered this unexpected connection, Nellie's phone rang, too.

It was a call from Luna.

She and Joshua were on their way to the hospital to visit Sean and Kate, but she was worried that their encounter with Thomas Howard would still be affecting Nellie, so she called to check in on the little girl.

"I'm fine!" Nellie pouted slightly as she munched on the jellies on the table. "Mrs. Flores is here with me, and she even said I'm really talented at this! oh, speaking of this—"

Nellie glanced at the door, then continued in a low voice, "I made a discovery!"

Luna chuckled as she leaned against Joshua's shoulder. "And what is that?"

"I discovered that Mrs. Flores is friends with Uncle Malcolm's father, Samuel! Not only that, but they seem to be very close to each other! Father Samuel called Mrs. Flores just now to say goodbye to her!" 1

Joshua narrowed his eyes upon hearing this.

Samuel and Mrs. Flores knew each other?

Samuel was supposed to leave Merchant city the next day, yet the first people he decided to bid farewell to were neither Charles nor Rosalyn but Mrs. Flores instead.

His instinct was telling him that...there was much more to this than he did not know.

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Luna could not help chuckling as she listened to her daughter's 'report'.

At the restaurant, she had told Nellie that Mrs. Flores and her daughter, Yannie, were both kindhearted people.

Not only did Nellie remember this, but she even began to place more attention on Mrs. Flores, so much so that she had watched and observed her every move.

A surge of warmth spread into Luna's heart when she realized how kind and thoughtful her daughter was.

At the thought of this, Luna's voice grew even more gentle and tender than before, and she finally hung up after reassuring Nellie some more.

After she tucked her phone away, Luna leaned her head against Joshua's shoulder and said with a hint of pride, "Did you hear what Nellie said just now? She's such a good girl; she listens and pays attention to every word we say."

Joshua nodded impassively and took her hand in his. However, his eyes were narrowed as he stared straight ahead, his gaze seeming to penetrate to some place far, far away. "Don't you think it's a little strange? Why would Father Samuel and Mrs. Flores know each other? why was Mrs. Flores the first person he contacted after finding out he's going to leave tomorrow?"

Luna pursed her lips slightly, turned to stare out the window, and replied, "That's because Mrs. Flores is a religious person. 1

"She once told me that she used to pray at the church on the outskirts of the city all the time. She's been going there for more than ten years, and so she's grown close to some of the priests there.

"When one of the priests passed away, she even sent her daughter Yannie to attend his funeral."

Then, Luna sighed and added, "That's probably why she and Father Samuel are so close. The fact that she even sent her daughter to attend a late priest's funeral despite having left the city for so long...means that she's a kind person who grows easily attached to people."

Then, she turned to stare at Joshua. "Isn't that so?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes but did not reply.

Soon, the car arrived at Central Hospital.

As soon as the car came to a stop, Luna flung open the car door A?_tL6PY leaped out.

Joshua narrowed his eyes as he watched Luna leave, then picked up his phone to call Lucas. "Send some men to keep an eye on Mrs. Flores and Father Samuel. II

Lucas froze for a moment, then asked in confusion, "Isn't Mrs. Flores the servant working for US? Why do we need to follow her?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes and said curtly, "Is there something wrong?"

Lucas, having worked for Joshua for so many years, was more than familiar with Joshua's mood swings at this point. As soon as he heard the change in Joshua's tone, he quickly shook his head and stammered, "No —nothing!"

Then, he hung up the phone.

Joshua tucked his phone away, opened the door, and was about to step out of the car when Luna grabbed hold of his wrist.

She was staring at him with slight fury, "what's taking you so long?"

She had thought Joshua would be as anxious to see Sean and Kate as her, which was why she had stormed out of the car as soon as they stopped.

However, to her surprise, Joshua had taken his time and even decided to make a phone call before getting out!

Joshua curled his lips into a smile when he sensed Luna's rage, then gently clasped her hand. "Let's go."

His hand was warm and dry and made her feel strangely reassured.

Luna's heart sank, and for some reason, she could not bring herself to nag at him anymore.

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Luna thus sighed, squeezed Joshua's hand, and said gently, "We've already wasted plenty of precious time, and I'm worried that Sean and Jim might be angry at US for this."

An hour ago, they had been notified of the news that Sean was found, and even then, they had promised to rush to the hospital as soon as possible.

More than an hour had passed since this happened, yet they had not shown up at Sean's hospital room. Even if Sean was courteous enough not to mention it, Luna was sure he would be displeased about this delay.

This was why she had been so impatient to get out of the car.

"They won't be." Joshua chuckled and walked into the hospital hand-in-hand with Luna.

Inside the room, Sean was still describing to Jim—in animosity and great detail—how he had been kidnapped.

"Kate told me she was tired and needed a nap, so I agreed to let her sleep. After all, I had only gotten my hands injured, whereas the rest of my body was fine, so I didn't need someone to keep an eye on me 24/7.

"Therefore, after Kate fell asleep, I placed a jacket on top of her and went to sleep myself.

"While I was asleep, I dreamt that a few men had broken into the house and were taking Kate and me away. I tried to open my eyes because, for some reason, this dream felt strangely real, but no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't pry my eyelids open. It was as though they had been filled with lead...

"After God knows how long, I finally managed to open my eyes and realized that it hadn't been a dream after all."

He sighed and glanced down at his hands, which were still wrapped in thick layers of bandage. "When I woke up, I found that Kate and I had been trapped in a dark, moldy dungeon. I was tied onto a chair, whereas Kate was tied onto a pillar. There was only one light source in the room, and after observing the surroundings, I discovered we were kept in a dungeon.

"I woke Kate up, then told her we had been kidnapped. Initially, she hadn't believed me and instead thought that Luke's men, who were also her friends, were playing a prank on her.

"However, after some time, she finally believed that we had been kidnapped. Because of this, she kept cursing D=\wJ7VS scolding them, hoping we'd irritate whoever was keeping watch on US.

"If they got mad and snapped back at US, we'd perhaps be able to get some valuable information about who they were, but to our surprise..."

Sean sighed before continuing, "The people who had captured and were keeping guard of US didn't seem to hear US, nor did they care what we had to say at all. Not one person came to check on US—much less talk to us—from the start till end."

Finally, he let out a defeated sigh. "Perhaps it's because we mattered too little to them."

"That's where you're wrong," Joshua's calm voice rang out as soon as he finished his sentence.

Joshua strode into the room, still holding Luna's hand, and explained, "The men who had captured you were elite soldiers trained to do this, so it's understandable why you and Kate could not seem to anger them at all." 1

Thomas was a celebrity and thus needed to keep his background clean.

Therefore, he could not possibly let his men do such dirty work and instead had to hire outsiders to do it for him.

"I guess you found out who kidnapped them, huh?" Luke curled his lips into a smirk.

He shifted into a comfortable position, placed his long, slender legs on the seat in front of him, and said, "Come on, tell US.

"I'm curious to know who could've possibly snatched these two away from right under my nose."

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Luna furrowed herbrows in surprise. "Those people... kidnapped Sean and Kate while they were under your watch?"

Luke's expression darkened upon hearing this.

He shifted into a comfortable position in his chair, placed his arm elegantly on the back of the chair, then shot Luna a cold glance. "Why are you so shocked?"

He glanced at the glass window, which offered a full view of Kate in the next room, being examined by the doctors, and said calmly, "I've already told Jim and Joshua about Kate's true identity, so surely you must know, too?"

Luna paused for a moment, then nodded.

She had indeed heard Joshua and the rest mention Kate's background before.

Kate had hailed from a rich and noble family from Europa, and even though she had left her home country, her family had secretly been keeping tabs on her.

If they found out that she had gone missing or had been kidnapped, they would fly to Merchant city and would not cease to turn the entire place upside down in search of her.

This was why Jim and Joshua had been so anxious about finding her after Luke revealed her true identity to them.

"Since you know her identity, you should know that rd never let my guard down when it comes to protecting her."

A year ago, Luke had been forced to buy illegal firearms from Kate's family to win his territorial fight against the gangsters of Merchant city. Because of this, he owed them a favor and was forced to take Kate in when she needed his help.

Despite her small stature, she was a woman with strong opinions.

Initially, Luke thought she had come to Merchant City out of curiosity and would return home after a while, but to his surprise, she had chosen to remain by his side even a year later.

In two more months, she would have been with him for a full year, and he had planned to send her home to Europa then. Clearly, the universe had other ideas.

"Your men had been protecting Kate and Sean all this while?" Jim narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. He was staring at Luke, but his gaze seemed to penetrate past Luke C:[kJ5TY was lost to a different place. "Whoever did this must've been someone powerful to be able to kidnap them from right under your nose."

Then, he turned to glance at Joshua. "Do you know who this person is?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes and fell silent for a long time before finally meeting Jim's gaze. "I know who it is, but I don't plan on telling either of you for the time being." 1

Jim narrowed his eyes in displeasure.

Luke's expression darkened, and with this, the entire room seemed to turn a few degrees colder.

Jim wanted to seek revenge for his brother's kidnapping, whereas Luke wanted to regain his dignity.

Joshua knew this, and he could not help smiling when he glanced at them. "I know what you two want, but... He sighed, lowered his head, and fiddled with the lighter in his hand. "I have my plans to deal with this person."

Then, he glanced at Jim and Luke out of the corner of his eye and added, "If the two of you were to get involved, it might alert him to my intentions."

Jim was silent for a long time, then finally lifted his head to smile at Joshua. "Alright, but you have to promise me that you'd let me know after you're done with him. I'm going to beat the shit out of whoever this person is."

"Me too." Luke glanced impassively at Joshua, then stood up. "Since you want to take care of him first, I won't interfere, but if this person offends me once more, or worse, shows up at my face..."