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## Neil could not help laughing when he saw how frightened Nellie looked.

He was just about to say something when Nigel, too, shot him a cold glare. "You, too. Some things are meant to be joked about!

"I know that Daddy and Mommy are in love with each other and won't be affected by your jokes, but what will happen if an outsider overhears this? What will other people think of Daddy and Mommy?

"What if Aunt Yannie found out about this? Do you think she'll be able to work for Daddy and Mommy in peace after she finds out? Not only that, but have you considered Mrs. Flores' feelings?

"If Aunt Yannie were to quit her job because of your 'harmless' joke, Mrs. Flores would do the same. Is that what the two of you want?"

Nigel's words were sharp but struck like a hammer on a nail.

Neil and Nellie instinctively exchanged glances, then sighed and clamped their mouths shut in unison.

A split second later, Neil put down his cutlery and declared, "I'm sorry, Mommy, Daddy."

Then, he turned and darted up the stairs.

Nellie followed in her brother's footsteps and excused herself from the table.

Luna sighed as she watched the children leave. She turned to glance at Nigel, intending to say something, but no words came out.

She knew that Nigel meant well. He was the most mature and thoughtful out of the three children, but Nellie and Neil were obedient children, and they meant no ill harm when joking about this.

"Nigel," Joshua said calmly and lifted his head to meet Nigel's gaze. "How do you even know that Nellie and Neil weren't telling the truth?"

Nigel let out a sigh. He knew that Joshua was not curious to know his ans *w*er; he just wanted to make things clear to Luna without utilizing his own words.

Nigel was silent for a long time before finally deciding to help his father. "Firstly, I know that you'll never fall for Aunt Yannie, Daddy, and you must have other intentions for wanting her to work as Mommy's assistant

## "Secondly, I know that Mr. Howard can't be in love with Mommy."

Luna was perplexed by this. "How do you know?"

Nigel pursed his lips and explained, "That's because...I've been investigating him even after you and Nellie went to your meeting with him, and I discovered that shortly after he landed in Merchant City, a new

group of people had begun searching for young, single mothers.

"These men are in search of single women who had given birth to children about the same time as you, Mommy. The strange thing is, they're looking for a woman who had lost her child!"

Nigel lifted his head to stare at Joshua. "Therefore, according to my speculation, these men must be working for Mr. Howard, and he must be searching for his ex–girlfriend. In that case, he can't be looking for Mommy."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and leaned back against his chair.

Thomas Howard was looking for a single mother who had just given birth two months ago but lost the child...

"Now that you mention it..." Joshua squinted. "I've also been looking for a woman who had just lost her two–month–old baby."

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Luna was still a little puzzled by this. "Why have you been searching for a woman who lost her two–month old child?"

As soon as she finished her sentence, however, her mind connected the dots. She lifted her head to gaze intently at Joshua. "Are you...searching for Riley's mother?"

Joshua nodded. "I've been investigating this for a while now. Malcolm and Heather must've planned to take our daughter away from us a long time ago so they could use her to threaten us.

"However, something unexpected must've happened in this process, which led to Riley winding up in Malcolm and Heather's hands.

"The day you went into labor, Malcolm and Heather chose to pretend that Heather had done the same to make the story more believable. Therefore, on the day our daughter got kidnapped, both Heather and Malcolm had been in the hospital. "I managed to get my hands on the surveillance tape, which showed that Heather had been in the delivery suite the moment your water broke, while Malcolm, on the other hand, had been waiting outside the operation room with Charles for Heather."

Luna's expression darkened upon hearing this. "That's right."

Luna would never be able to forget this day-one of the most miserable days of her life.

Her husband had become her enemy and could not be there with her while she delivered their baby.

Not only that, but he had been absent for the entire 9 months of her pregnancy.

Her mother had been in a coma, unable to move or even speak. Her father, on the other hand, only cared about Heather, who was not even his daughter by blood.

Even though Luna and Heather had gone into labor at the same time, he had chosen to remain by Heather's side.

Luna had known this would happen the minute she found out about Heather going into labor the same time as her, but to her surprise, not even Jim had come to visit her.

The only people who were with her were the servants.

Her delivery had been a difficult one, complicated by a massive hemorrhage, but none of her family members was there with her, not even to hold her hand.

It was only after this that she discovered her baby had died.'

Luna would never forget the despair and devastation that was brought upon her that day.

Joshua quickly sighed and reached out to hold Luna's hand when he sensed her mood change. "It's all in the past now."

He sighed and tried to coax Luna out of her gradual descent into despair. "I've been thinking about this, and the only conclusion I got is that the only person who could've helped Malcolm and Heather during this time was Hunter, so I went to the prison to visit him.

"Hunter told me everything that had happened that day: he had been ordered to obtain a dead baby to pass off as our child, whereas the real baby was to be transported to Malcolm and Heather's side. "However, a group of men hijacked his car on the way and stole the baby from him. Therefore, he had no choice but to go to the nearest hospital and grab a random baby girl to fool Malcolm and Heather."

Then, Joshua sighed and gently pulled Luna into his arms. "I'm guessing Riley's parents must be as desperate to find her as we are to find our daughter. After all, I'm hoping that whoever got their hands on our daughter will be as willing to send her back to our side as we are." Luna bit her lip upon hearing this. She sighed and clasped Joshua's hand tightly. "You're right."