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"What did you say?" Luna managed to capture the seemingly minute yet significant piece of information in Sean's statement. "What do you mean, Luke doesn't have much time left? What're you trying to say?"

Sean suddenly realized that he had misspoken. He quickly turned his head away and replied, "Nothina: you misheard me. What I was trying to say is that as a gang member, Luke could be killed at any minute.

"Besides, he doesn't like Kate anyway, so no matter how much Kate likes him, it won't change anything. In the end, she'll be enlightened to her situation and realize that Luke isn't a good match for her at all."

Luna furrowed her brows and stared at Sean dubiously. "Are you sure that's what you said?"

She clearly heard Sean saying that Luke did not have much time left.

However, Sean insisted that she had misheard him, and she, too, was a little puzzled by his reaction.

Could she have misheard him?

"You misheard me." Sean curled his lips into a smile. "Luna, could the stress of dealing with the Landry family and Riley's disease be getting to you and making you hallucinate?"

Luna furrowed her eyebrows when she heard this.

To be honest, she did feel more exhausted than usual lately.

At the thought of this, she turned to glance meaningfully at Yannie. "What did you hear, Yannie? Did you hear Sean say that Luke doesn't have much time left, or did he say that Luke could get killed any minute because of his occupation?"

Yannie fell silent for a moment, then smiled at Luna. "Yes, Ms. Luna, you do look very tired as of late. What I heard was the same as Mr. Wheeler claimed...you're the one who misheard him."

When she heard this, Luna was finally convinced that it had been her mistake. She sighed and first apologized to Sean for misunderstanding him, then tried to convince him that he and Kate were not suitable for each other.

Finally, she realized why Sean had been so devoted to Bonnie even after she rejected him time after time.

That was because Sean was extraordinarily stubborn; no matter what anyone said, it would not change his mind after it was made up.

Finally, Luna decided she could not continue this conversation any longer. Instead, she sighed and agreed to help Sean check on Kate. In exchange for her help, she wanted him to take care of Yannie while she was gone.

After coming to an agreement, Luna glanced meaningfully at Yannie before leaving the room.

She hoped that Yannie's kindness and patience would change Sean's mind about her.

If the two of them were to get together, she, Joshua, and even Jim would be delighted.

"Thank you."

The room was silent for a long time after Luna left, and Sean was the one to finally break the silence." Thank you for covering up for me when Luna didn't believe me."

To be honest, Sean's first impression of Yannie had not been a good one because he knew why Luna had brought her here.

Even though this woman looked trustworthy and down-to-earth, the fact that she had agreed to come meant that she understood Luna's intentions.

If she did not have ulterior motives, she would not have agreed to come with Luna, nor would she have stayed silent when Luna accused him and Kate of being a bad match for each other.

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Sean could not help feeling that this woman was after him, and so he did not feel like entertaining her at

all.

However, he never thought she would cover for him when Luna questioned him.

Even though he did not know whether she had done this just to get on his good side, he still had to thank

her.

"There's no need to thank me." Yannie smiled at him and sat down in a nearby chair. "I know you must've blurted that out on purpose, and I know that Mr. Luke is Ms. Luna and Mr. Lynch's friend.

“If this secret between you and Mr. Luke were to get exposed, it wouldn’t be good for any of you, whether it was him, you, or Ms. Luna and Mr. Lynch.

“Since a little white lie on my side is all it takes to hide this, why would I want to tell the truth that would hurt everyone?”

Then, she wiped the sweat from her forehead, which had accumulated from her lying, and added, “You don’t have to be so hostile toward me, Mr. Wheeler...I can tell that you really like Ms. Kate.

“Before I came here, Ms. Luna had indeed hoped to matchmake us both, and the truth is, I had been looking forward to this, but for one reason: if you and I were to start dating, it’d allow me to become closer to Ms. Luna.

“However, since your heart belongs to someone else, I won’t force you to choose me.”

With that, Yannie lowered her head.

The truth was, she had no right to force Sean to choose her at all.

She was plain-looking with no talent and nothing exceptional to remember her by...so what right did she have to make Sean choose her over someone else?

She did not even have the right to mingle with people from the upper class, much less date one of them.

Sean’s entire body froze when he heard this.

Yannie’s honesty and earnestness made him realize how cruel he had been toward her.

He let out an awkward smile and scrutinized the woman before him carefully.

She was wearing a pair of white-washed jeans with a white t-shirt that made her look clean and fresh.

She was the kind of girl he used to like, and even he had to admit...

If it were not for the fact that he had fallen for outgoing, cheerful women like Bonnie and Kate, he would have been interested in Yannie just based on her looks,

He sighed and curled his lips into a smile. “I can tell that you’re a nice girl; I’m sure you’ll be able to find your prince charming one day.”

Yannie could not help letting out a self-deprecating chuckle. “What right do I have to ask for that?”

She let out an exhale and stood up. "Well, if there's nothing else, I think I should go now. I don't think it'd be appropriate for you and me to be together in the same room any longer.

"When Ms. Luna returns later, you should tell her that I had insisted on leaving; that way, she won't make things hard for you."

Then, she turned and strode toward the door.

When she reached the door, however, she froze as though she had recalled something and turned to glance at Sean. "By the way, you mentioned that... Mr. Luke doesn't have much time left. Is that true?"

Seeing how earnest she looked, Sean nodded and replied, "It's true, but please don't tell Luna"

Yannie nodded and finally left.

When she came out of the room, her head was lowered in deep thought as she walked, so she failed to notice that she had bumped into a tall man at the hospital entrance. All of a sudden, she felt someone grab hold of her arm. "Did you bump into me on purpose?"

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The man's low voice was unmistakable.

Yannie's entire body stiffened, and she bit her lip, keeping her head low to avoid the man's gaze. Her hands fumbled as she tried to pry her arm free from his grasp.

However, the man tightened his grip on her as though he could sense her intention. "What's wrong? Trying to escape after your plan is exposed?"

Thomas sneered as he kept one hand on Yannie's wrist while the other wrapped around her waist, pressing her body tightly against his. Finally, he smirked at the helpless look on her face and said, "Trying to play hard to get, huh? Yannie, if you didn't want to see me, you shouldn't have bumped into me in the first place.

"First, you bumped into me, and you then pretended it was an accident and tried to escape from me, blushing. Plenty of women have tried this on me, but I manage to see through their tricks every time.

"There's no doubt that you're the best actress out of all of them, though."

This woman hailed from an ordinary background, and her looks were not particularly striking either.

However, the expression in her eyes always seemed to make him think she was different from all the other women out there.

At this moment, her head was lowered to avoid his gaze, but she could still see the dazed look in her eyes, which was slightly misty as though she was holding back tears.

He could not help finding her a little adorable. Even though he had been in the entertainment industry for years and had come across many good actresses, she was arguably the best he had ever seen.

“It’s such a pity that you’re not an actress.” Thomas’ cold voice made Yannie’s heart sink.

She bit her lip and remained silent for a few moments before finally lifting her head to meet his gaze. “I didn’t bump into you on purpose.

“I had something on my mind, and I didn’t notice where I was going, so I’m sorry that I bumped into you by accident, but...”

She let out a sigh and tried to steady her beating heart. “Mr. Howard, I’d like to remind you that we’re in a hospital—a public property.

“You’re an international superstar, whereas I’m just an assistant working for Luna’s jewelry design company. If someone sees us and takes pictures of us being like this

“It won’t affect me much, and on the contrary, I might be able to use the rumors with you to get myself into the entertainment industry, but I’m sure this won’t be good for your reputation.”

Yannie had intended to make Thomas let go of herself when she said this.

She naively thought that Thomas, like all other celebrities, would think of his fans as his whole world, and if any rumors of him seeing other women were to get out, it would severely affect the extent of his fanbase and, subsequently, his income.

mererore, she had deliberately brought this up in hopes that he would let go of her out of fear, but to her surprise...

Thomas broke out into a cackle when she heard this. “What did you say? You want to use these rumors with me to get yourself into the entertainment industry?”

“Don’t you know what happened to those women who did this, just to dip their toes into the entertainment world?”

Yannie narrowed her eyes.

She had been secretly keeping tabs on Thomas for the past year, so she knew about all the women who had tried to get close to him for fame and glory.

However, she never found out what happened to these women.

When she looked back at it, however...

She could not help shuddering. If she remembered correctly, neither of these women...had ended up in a good position. Some ended up being used by the directors and driven to insanity, whereas the others quickly gave up on trying to work in the entertainment field.

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Some of them even got involved in the dirty trade that went on behind the curtains.

Snapshots of the news Yannie had seen about these various women crossed her mind.

In the past, she used to think that this was what they deserved for being greedy and vain, but now that Thomas brought it up...

Yannie's hand began to shake. "They... They were ostracized and shunned from the entertainment world... Everything that happened to them...was your doing?"

Her words were barely audible. She was not willing to believe that Thomas could have done something so malicious

"You're clever." Thomas chuckled. "I'm a bit of a clean freak, and so I'm very picky when it comes to choosing my mate. If I ever start dating someone in the future, I won't hide it from the world either, but if people were to ride on my head and start false rumors behind my back...I won't hesitate to silence them."

A triumphant smile spread across Thomas' face when he felt the woman in his arms start to tremble in fear. "What's wrong? You scared? Didn't you just tell me that you wanted to get into the entertainment industry by association with me?"

Yannie's heart leaped into her throat.

"I...I'm not interested in the entertainment world anymore," she spat in a hoarse voice, then writhed herself out of Thomas' grasp. "I apologize for accidentally bumping into you, Mr. Howard! I'm sorry, but I need to go now!"

Then, she circled past him and sprinted out of the hospital.

Thomas remained motionless, curling his lips into a small smile as he watched her leave.

He could still feel the lingering warmth of her body on his chest.

This girl...was far more interesting than he thought.

All of a sudden, Xander strode in through the doors.

Yannie was still spooked by her encounter with Thomas, so when she dashed out the door, she quickly screeched to a halt when she realized she was about to bump into another man,

“I’m so—sorry!” she stammered, bowing in apology. Then, she lifted her head to meet the man’s gaze.

Upon doing so, she realized that the person she had narrowly missed was none other than the man she had seen standing at the end of the hallway on Riley’s floor!

This was Xander, the assistant who had been fired from Thomas’ ensemble but had secretly been helping him do his dirty work all this while.

“Keep your eyes on the road,” said Xander curtly before he strode into the hospital.

Yannie remained motionless and watched as Xander walked toward where Thomas had been standing.

She was certain of what she saw this time.

The person standing outside Riley’s room had been Xander!

“Sir.” Xander handed Thomas a folder when he reached him. “You and this woman, Ms. Yannie Flores, met last year.”

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“She and I met before this?” Thomas furrowed his brows and flipped through the folder. “Why don’t remember her at all?”

“Perhaps Ms. Yannie is so plain-looking that you never gave her much notice.” Xander sighed and continued, “According to my research, Ms. Yannie grew up here in Merchant City and never once left, except for the time she flew to a small village in Europa last year to attend someone’s funeral in her mother’s place.

“Coincidentally, you were shooting a movie in that same village, and you even stayed a night in the church due to the heavy rain.”

Thomas narrowed his eyes. “I’ll never forget that night.”

That night, someone from the film crew had spiked his tea with a poison of some sort that enhanced his libido.

To counter the drug's effects, he needed to sleep with someone, and there were plenty of women of his choosing among the film crew.

However, Thomas knew that the person who had spiked his tea was undoubtedly a woman from the film crew who had intended to sleep with him, so he refused to do so.

Even after the drug began to take effect and caused him to become increasingly disoriented, he insisted to his assistants and Father Samuel that no one was to be allowed in his room.

That night, more than ten women were forced to stare at his room door, waiting for it to open.

Everyone knew that international superstar Thomas Howard was on the other side of the door, and if they were to sleep with him, they would ascend to rising fame.

If they were lucky, they might be able to win over his heart and become a celebrity wife.

Despite this, no one was allowed to enter the room under the assistants' careful watch.

All but one.

Thomas remembered that as he drifted off to sleep that night, a woman had slipped through his window from outside.

She had wanted to search the room for something and did not even know he was there.

Therefore, when she entered the room and realized that someone was there, her eyes widened in shock, and she kept insisting to Thomas that she had no ill intentions—she was just there to retrieve something.

However, at that time, the poison had finally taken hold of his mind, and he no longer cared about what she had to say. Instead, he pulled her to his side and did what he had to.

He knew that this thief could not possibly be one of the members of his film crew and, therefore, would be clean.

That night was one of the most intense nights he had ever experienced, but by the time he awoke, the woman had disappeared.

There were no security cameras in the church, so no one knew who the woman was.

Not even Thomas could recall what the woman had looked like: all he remembered was that her eyes were big and bright, framing her face beautifully.

He could not help narrowing his eyes when he recalled the woman.

After what happened that night, he had put substantial effort and money into tracking her down, but it was as though she had disappeared into thin air.

No matter how hard he tried to persuade Father Samuel, he refused to give him any information regarding the woman who had broken into his room.

Therefore, Thomas had no choice but to embark on this search alone, but how could he achieve that on his own?