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Chapter 2751 The door swung open at the same time Luna put down her phone.

A few bodyguards entered the rooin, and the leader shot Luna a respectful glance. "Yes, Ma'am."

Then, he glanced coldly at Steven and said, "Let's go, Mr. Hughes."

Steven furrowed his brow upon hearing this. "Is there no room for further discussion, Mrs. Lynch?"

He knew how much his parents adored Denise. If he were to go home without her, they would grow concerned and would not

cease to find her. This was why he had rushed over as soon as he received Joshua's call without a single regard for his injury.

Despite this, he knew he could not simply agree to help Luna and Gwen plot against the Hughes and Miller families. He did not want to choose any of the options Luna gave him. He did not want to leave without Denise, but neither was he willing to betray his family. "No," Luna said curtly as she handed Gwen a glass of water." You've used up all your chances." She glanced at the guards and ordered, "Send Mr. Hughes out!" Seeing how adamant Luna was, the guards had no choice but to approach Steven once more. "Mr. Hughes, please don't make this any more difficult than it has to be."

Steven stared at Luna, frowning.

Finally, he sighed and stood up from his seat. As he did so, he glanced meaningfully at Luna, then at Gwen.

Finally, he bowed at Gwen and said, "Ms. Larson, I've never

known you or Luke personally before this, so I had no idea that bringing up Luke would be so emotionally traumatizing for you. I'm so sorry if I caused you any pain.

"I will do my best to make things up to you, but at the same time... if you intend to sue the Hughes and Miller families for this, I will not cease to stop you."

Then, he turned and strode out of the room. Gwen lifted her head to stare at his retreating figure.

Even though this man was not Luke, the way he walked and the way he swung his arms were identical to Luke. A twinge of pain shot through her heart once more.

Gwen bit her lip as she tried to suppress the urge to hug him. Finally, after Steven's silhouette disappeared from view, she finally slumped against Luna's shoulder and sobbed, "Luna... I can't face him. I thought I could, but I had overestimated myself.

"Sometimes, I long for him to admit that he is Luke pretending to be someone else...but at other times, I know full well that this man isn't Luke, and I have the urge to kill him for taking everything away from Luke. "However, I know that I can't do either of those. This body belongs to Steven now, and I have no right to take someone's life away, but I'm just so, so heartbroken..." When she heard Gwen's hoarse, sobbing voice and felt the tears dripping onto her shoulder, Luna suddenly did not know how to comfort her best friend. Instead, she gently patted Gwen's back for comfort. After a long time, Luna's phone rang.

It was Neil.

"Mommy, have you tried using the listening device that Nigel prepared for you? We've begun to receive some signals and voices from our end now. Do you need Nigel to connect you to this frequency?

"I overheard some...strange conversations between that man and his parents, but neither Nigel, Nellie, nor I could figure out what was going on."

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Chapter 2752". Luna paused for a moment, then nodded. "Alright. Send me an email with the audio recordings, and I'll listen to them right now." She then hung up the phone. As she did this, Luna glanced out the window and realized that the sun had already set.

She and Gwen had been sitting there for more than five hours. "Did they find out anything through the recording device?" Gwen asked, frowning Luna nodded. "When did you even place it on Steven, anyway?" Gwen sniffed, picked up a tissue from the table, and wiped her tear

-stained face. "I planted it there when I was hugging him." Even though Gwen had temporarily lost all her rationality that moment, she still remembered her task, so she slipped the recording device into Steven's back pocket while embracing him.

Even though she was unsure of Steven's habits, she still remembered that Luke never used to check his back pockets. Therefore, she gambled her chances and assumed that Steven was **the same**.

It seemed that she had guessed correctly.

"I've asked Nigel and Neil to send the audio clips over." Luna stood up. "Do you want to listen to them together?"

Gwen nodded. She wanted to stand up as well, but because she had remained seated for too long, her legs had fallen asleep, and she could not even move.

"Look at you." Luna sighed and reached out to help Gwen up, and the two of them shuffled into Luna's bedroom.

When they entered the door, however, they both froze in surprise when they caught sight of the restrained woman on the bed. Luna and Gwen exchanged a glance, then smiled wryly in unison.

They forgot about Denise.

At this moment, Denise's hands and feet were tied, and her mouth was gagged, but her eyes were closed...as though she were asleep.

Gwen strode over and gently placed her finger under Denise's nostrils. "She's still breathing. She probably just fell asleep."

Luna froze for a moment, initially intending to summon the guards to take Denise away. On second thought, she decided it was better to keep Denise here. Steven would never have given up on Denise so easily, and so he was probably already plotting to break her out. What if he was already waiting outside the doors, ready to ambush them? If she allowed the guards to take Denise out of the room, would it not be the perfect chance for Steven to rescue her?

At the thought of this, Luna put down her phone and glanced at the sleeping woman on the bed. Gwen knew what Luna was thinking about and did not pursue it any further. Instead, she dragged a chair over to Luna's desk, and the both of them turned on the laptop.

Nigel's email was waiting for them.

Even though Neil had mentioned on the phone that neither of them managed to understand the conversation between Steven and his parents, Luna could not help thinking that Nigel must have pieced it together somehow.

Otherwise, Nigel would not have split the recording into segments labeled with tags that briefly highlighted the contents of the audio clip.

Luna glanced at the tags, then at Gwen. "Which one do you feel like listening to first?"

Gwen was silent for a while, then turned to look at Denise. Finally, she pointed **at** the audio clip labeled [What to do about the daughter] and said, "Let's start with this."

Luna nodded and clicked on the recording.

Mr. Hughes' cold voice rang out from the speaker, "Let Denise die, then."

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Chapter 2753 Luna and Gwen fell silent upon hearing this. The entire room was quiet except for the sound of Denise's slow reathing.

Luna was a little caught off guard by this.

The audio clip continued to play out an argument between Steven and his parents.

"How can you say this, Father? She's my sister!"

"Steven, you know very well that your mother and I had adopted Denise. If it weren't for us, she would've been in a far worse place than she is now. The only reason we had adopted her–provided her with a comfortable life and took care of her like she was our own–was that we wanted her to contribute to this family.

"The only thing we asked of her in return was to marry Thomas so our family can become even more powerful and aid your career in the future.

"However, after so many years, not only did she fail in this, but she even allowed Thomas to bring home another woman and even a baby...

"She's lost all her value to our family, whereas we've done all we can to help her. If Joshua wants her to get out of Saigen City, then we have no choice but to follow."

Steven was shocked to hear this. "Father! How can you say that? Didn't we choose to adopt Denise because we love her? Besides, I never thought this was what you and Mother truly thought, considering how well you've treated Denise over the years!"

Mr. Hughes sneered. "You're right. We had adopted her because we love her, but she's still not our child, after all. Now that she's

gotten herself into trouble, how do you expect us to put our livelihood at risk to save her-a daughter who can't even get her job done?

"Steven, you have to remember to always think about yourself first. It's only after ensuring our individual livelihood that we have the capability to help others and gain a good reputation in return. Otherwise, it'll all be for naught!"

Steven was rendered speechless by this. After a long time, he asked in a hoarse voice, "How about you, Mother? Denise is your favorite, and you love her more than anything. Do–"

"I agree with your father, Mrs. Hughes cut him off curtly before he could even finish."Steven, you've been in a coma for five years, so we don't blame you for the fact that your thoughts remain in a state of the past, but even considering this, you can't continue to be blind to reality."

"Blind to reality, you say?" Steven let out a bitter chuckle and said with a hint of helplessness, "Does everything you do have to be measured by the degree of contribution to this family?" "Why would you think otherwise?" Mr. Hughes continued frostily, "Steven, your mother is right: Your thoughts remain in a state of the past, but you can't choose to be blind to the truth. You have to grow up now and leave those naive thoughts behind.

"Denise has nothing to do with this family anymore, and I'll let Joshua know that he can choose to do anything he wants to Denise; we will no longer care. "At the same time, he'll have to promise us that he won't cut off business with Hughes Group."

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Chapter 2754 Luna instinctively glanced at Gwen after the recording ended.

Gwen, too, turned to stare at her.

Both their faces were etched with utter disbelief.

How...could this be?

Did the Hughes family not adore Denise beyond anyone else? Did Steven not say that Mr. and Mrs. Hughes practically treated Denise like their own?

How could they have chosen to give up on Denise so easily after knowing she had offended Thomas?

"Although I must say, this seems pretty consistent with their style. Gwen was the first one to break out of her stupor. She curled her lips into a smirk and added, "More than two decades ago, they had abandoned a one-year-old baby just because of their superstitious beliefs, so we shouldn't be surprised that they'd choose to give up on their daughter just to get on Thomas and Joshua's good sides. Regardless..."

"TGwen sneered and turned to glance at Denise. "I can't help feeling bad for her. According to Steven, Denise hadn't truly loved Thomas at all—she just chose to because she knew that this was the man her parents wanted her to marry."

Luna glanced at Denise, frowning.

Even though this woman was deceitful and cunning, she was still beautiful, and one could easily tell that she had grown up in a comfortable and luxurious home. However,

whenever she recalled the conversation between Steven and his parents, Luna could not help feeling bad for her.

One would have developed attachments to a pet dog, much less a living, breathing human they had raised for 20 years.

Even Steven, who had been in a coma for five years, was outwardly resistant when he learned of his parents' plans to abandon Denise, yet Mr. and Mrs. Hughes did not seem at all hesitant to do so.

At the thought of this, Luna furrowed her brow and asked, "Can one even fall in love with a stranger just to live up to other people's expectations?" Gwen curled her lips into a smile. "Perhaps she had never liked Thomas at all, but because her parents and Mrs. Howard had been' advertizing' Thomas to her for so many years, she fell into the trap of believing she loved him."

Finally, she sighed and added, "None of this matters anymore, though. The fact that Denise and Mrs. Howard had driven a wedge between Thomas and Yannie... is not something we should forgive easily. "Or, to better put it, neither of us, apart from Thomas and Yannie, have the right to forgive her, so the best thing we can do is to keep her here for a while until Thomas and Yannie patch things up, then we can hand her over to them for punishment." Luna nodded.

Gwen was right. Neither of them had the right to punish Denise on behalf of Thomas and Yannie, so she had never intended to torture Denise at all.

Therefore, the only thing they could do was to keep Denise hostage and, while they were at it, make her suffer a little before finally handing her over to Thomas and Yannie.

"What a pity." Luna sighed. "I had hoped that by keeping her hostage, we'd be able to threaten Steven into providing us evidence of the Hughes and Miller families' crimes..."

"It's okay." Gwen curled her lips into a smirk. "We can still obtain evidence on our own without his help."

"I can help you," all of a sudden, a woman's voice rang out from behind them. Gwen turned around in disbelief.