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Mrs.Hughes frowned when she saw Thomas storm in, then instinctively hid behind her husband's back.

She peeked at him tentatively and asked, "What does Denise have to do with your daughter disappearing?"

Myr.Hughes furrowed his brow, glanced at the guards who stood behind

Thomas, then forced out a wry smile.

"That's right. There must've been a misunderstanding, Mr.Howard."

"Misunderstanding?"

Thomas scoffed, took out his phone, pulled up the news of Tina and Dan being arrested, and tossed his phone to Mr.and Mrs.Hughes.

"Tina's been arrested, and since Denise has always been her loyal partner-in-crime, there can't be a misunderstanding!"

The color drained from Mr.and Mrs.Hughes' faces.

The two of them exchanged glances and then picked up the phone.

A photo of Tina in handcuffs stared back at them.

Thomas was telling the truth; Tina and Dan had been arrested for murder.

Mrs.Hughes fell silent, her mind spinning at high speed.

More than 20 years ago, they had chosen to adopt a child out of their guilt for abandoning Luke.

When Denise grew up to be a charming little lady, they decided to marry her off for social relations to aid their family's rise to power.

The Howard family was the only people who were worth their time and effort in doing this.

Therefore, Denise's sole mission was to get married into the Howard family and become their daughter-in-law.

However, due to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes' distaste for Dan, they decided Thomas would be a better target and thus brainwashed Denise into thinking he was the love of her life and coerced her into plotting with Tina.

With Tina arrested and Denise gone without a trace, there was no point trying to protect her anymore, considering her and Tina's plan had failed miserably.

It was far more important to get on Thomas' good side in times like this.

At the thought of this, Mrs. Hughes curled her lips into a smile and batted her lashes innocently at Thomas.

"You probably don't know this, Mr. Howard, but Denise isn't our biological daughter at all—we adopted her many years ago, and thus, what she does outside of this house has nothing to do with our family at all, and even until now, we're looking for her as well.

"If you find her, please let us know—she's gotten into a lot of trouble that we want her to take accountability for."

Thomas could not help frowning when he heard this. He turned to glance at

Yannie with a look of disbelief.

Yannie, too, was surprised by this.

"Is that true? Denise isn't your biological daughter?"

Thomas asked solemnly.

"Of course it's true!"

Mrs. Hughes almost leaped out of her chair.

"We still keep the documents of her adoption upstairs! What she does has nothing to do with this family at all! If you don't believe me, I'll show you the adoption papers right now!"

Thomas furrowed his brow and waved his hand in dismissal.

"There's no need."

He did not need confirmation for this.

"Well, if Denise ever returns, please get in touch with me as soon as possible—it's urgent."

With that, he grabbed hold of Yannie's hand and left.

"The Hughes family is...certainly heartless,"

Yannie could not help lamenting as soon as they left the house.

Denise had lived with them for more than two decades.

Even if they had adopted her, this did not dismiss their relationship.

"I can't believe you're surprised by this." Thomas sneered.

"If they were heartless enough to abandon Luke when he was a baby, what's to say they wouldn't do the same for Denise?"

With that, he turned to glance at her and added, "By the way, what were you saying to Luna on the phone?"

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Yannie's brow furrowed upon hearing his question.

Only then did she recall and tell him that Luna had invited them over to meet with Joshua's cousin.

Thomas did not answer immediately.

After a while, he furrowed his brow and looked at the time.

"Where are we meeting them?"

Looking at the family tree, Sean was the son of Joshua's aunt.

Theoretically speaking, this 'nephew' was counted as Thomas' relative, too.

When Thomas was young, he remembered hearing about Joshua's aunt from his aunt that had mentally regressed.

Even after his aunt had gone crazy, she remembered that Joshua's aunt was a kind and gentle person who treated her very nicely.

Since they could not locate Riley and had no further information about Denise for the time being, it did not hurt for them to go to meet Sean.

“You...want to go?”

Yannie looked at Thomas with surprise, unable to believe her ears.

“I thought...”

She thought he would be angry and reject meeting Joshua’s cousin.

“Thought what?”

Thomas gave Yannie a helpless look.

He pulled her into his arms and pressed her head to his chest.

“You thought that I’d reject the meeting and blame you, right?”

Yannie bit her lip and remained silent.

In the end, she nodded.

She...did think so.

He sighed helplessly and patted her head.

“What’s in that little head of yours? Am I that fierce?”

She pursed her lips and nestled in his arms to feel the warmth from his chest.

“Yeah...”

“I guess I didn’t treat you well enough.”

Thomas smiled and cocked up his head to look at the far distance.

“When we find Riley back...I’ll make it up to you and her.”

At least, he would only let them leave when he had atoned for his sin.

“Okay...”

Yannie closed her eyes and listened to his breathing.

For some reason, she felt safe.

After a while, she pursed her lips and said, “Hey...Do you think Denise would treat Riley badly?”

“No,”

Thomas answered resolutely.

“You saw it too. When Denise and Tina were planning to kidnap Riley, they appeared together. However, until the very end, Tina is no longer associated with

Riley, so Denise must’ve kept her away somewhere properly.

“She knew how important Riley is to me. If she knew Tina was in prison, she’ll treat Riley nicely—if she’s capable of rational thinking, of course. Using Riley in exchange for my forgiveness is her last resort.”

It slightly comforted Yannie and gave her some security.

If things worked out as smoothly as Thomas said... Riley should be safe and in a good place for the time being.

“Let’s go meet Mr. Lynch’s cousin now, then we can focus on looking for Riley. We can also ask his men to aid us.”

“Okay.”

Thomas smiled.

He held Yannie’s hand while getting into the car.

“Give me the address. We’ll go over there now.”

In a private room in a five-star hotel in Saigen City.

Luna was surprised to see Denise entering the room together with Sean.

“Why are both of you together?”

“We’d been together for the whole day now.”

Denise smiled awkwardly as she sat down across from Luna.

“I’ve seen today’s news. Mr. Lynch, you’re very powerful and have good taste.”

Luna furrowed her brow vehemently.

This was not the time when she wanted to hear compliments.

“Denise, do you know Thomas is coming later? Why did you come here? Are you not concerned for your life?”

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Denise was shocked to see how nervous Luna felt for her, and tears slowly welled up in her eyes.

She did not expect the person who cared for her the most at this time...was actually Luna.

After she discovered the Hughes family's true colors, she thought that *no one* else would care or worry for her anymore apart from her brother. Frankly speaking, she was prepared for the worst when she decided to come.

She knew better than anyone else what awaited her upon seeing Thomas and Yannie.

Nonetheless, she did not want to escape anymore. If Thomas could kill her, it would be the best ending for her. She had helped Gwen to get what she wanted, and she believed Gwen would keep her promise and not bother Steven anymore.

Therefore...all that was left to do was to give Riley back to Thomas and Yannie together with Sean. She desired nothing else in life.

Her birth itself was a joke. She thought she was the princess of the Hughes family while all along, she was kept from the fact that she was adopted.

In the end, she was just a tool for her adoptive parents to atone for their sins when she was just a child. Once she grew up, she became her adoptive parents' tool to fawn over the Howard family and Tina.

On the surface, Tina was her godmother. Denise thought Tina cared for her and wanted the best for her, but... Tina merely wanted to use Denise because of her beauty. She wanted Denise to seduce and brainwash Thomas with Denise's virgin self to make Thomas their puppet.

Even if Denise already had sex with Thomas, her support had fallen. There was no meaning to her existence anymore.

Thus, it surprised her that Luna would care about her when she had given up on herself and had caused so much trouble to her.

She bit her lip and looked deep into Luna's eyes before a feeble smile appeared on her face. "It's not that I don't want to live anymore...but I know very well that there's no place for me to hide."

Even if she could hide, she could not possibly do so for the rest of her life. Thomas had great influence and power in this city, especially when Senior Howard was dead and Tina and Dan were in jail. An insignificant person like her would never be Thomas' match.

Hence, there was no place for her to hide. Since she had to face reality sooner or later, why not face it? At least she would not have to live in fear anymore.

Luna was startled when she saw Denise's despair-filled eyes and was speechless for a good while.

She sighed. "You're right."

"Where's Riley?" Joshua asked Sean as he lifted his face and looked at Sean. He was sitting beside Luna.

Sean paused for a while before pointing at the room across from them. "Sleeping." Luna's eyes widened the moment she heard Sean's response. "Riley is with you?!" Sean smiled. "Yes. Nigel asked me and Ms. Hughes here to go rescue her."

He stood up and raised an eyebrow at Luna. "Do you want to go take a look at her?" Luna quickly got on her feet and strode out of the room.

Just as Sean said, a plump lady was guarding carefully beside Riley when they entered the room opposite where they were.

Luna felt like she had seen this lady before. She...looked like one of Denise's socialite lackeys from when they were at the ski resort a few days ago.

The lady smiled when she saw the astonished look on Luna's face. "Mrs. Lynch, we meet again. Denise called me over to help look after Riley.

"Don't worry. Denise is my best friend, and I'll make sure to complete the task she requested me to do. You can go back to discuss the serious matter for now. Once you're all finished, Riley should be awake by then."

Luna was stunned. She curled up her lips into an awkward smile. "I thought...all of Denise's friends are..."

"Snobs?" Denise curled her lips. "You're right. Those socialites who knew about my matter refused to pick up my call, but not Eva. She's different."

She looked at the lady in front of her fondly. "When Eva was in trouble, I was the one who helped her. Now that I'm in trouble, she's willing to come to lend me a hand."

She wanted to say something else before another voice rang out.

"I'm here," announced Thomas.