

Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy

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Central Hospital.

Nellie sat on a bench and swung her legs as she sucked on a lollipop.

She looked through the glass window with her huge black eyes. Joshua was struggling to pin a young child down to let the doctor take blood.

"Uncle Lucas, is Daddy in a bad mood today?"

It was the weekend. Nellie and Neil finally did not need to go to kindergarten. They planned to sleep in, but Joshua rushed into their rooms early in the morning and dragged them to the hospital for a body checkup.

That went especially for Neil.

He went through more tests than she did.

Lucas did not know how to explain to Nellie. He could only wipe off his sweat. "Uh...perhaps President Lynch thinks that it's time for both of you to have a body checkup..."

In truth, Lucas also did not know what Joshua was up to.

When he arrived at Lynch Group that morning, he saw Alice gathering with a few other men by the entrance, talking among themselves.

Lucas thought that Alice was checking up on him. After all, Joshua was not home nor was he working late the night before, so Lucas anxiously called Joshua and told him that Alice was looking for him at his office. He asked Joshua whether he should fetch him to the office.

When he picked Joshua up, Joshua insisted on being brought back home. He was not in a rush to head to the office.

They then arrived at the hospital, starting this long process of body checkup.

"Why does Neil have more tests than me?"

Nellie sucked on her lollipop as she watched the father-and-son pair almost in a brawl inside.

"Neil hates body checkups the most. I'm a little better. Why is Daddy trying to make things difficult for him?"

Lucas wiped the sweat off his forehead once again. "Uh..."

He was just as clueless.

Joshua got Neil to do all tests for all sicknesses, including leukemia and even cancer.

Neil was always active. How could Joshua think he would be sick?

"I'm not doing it!" In the sample room, when he heard that the

doctor still had another test to do, Neil was infuriated.

“Joshua Lynch, what are you trying to do? I’m still in good health. Why are you doing so many tests on me?”

Even his brother, Nigel never did that many tests. Was Joshua crazy? He could have slept in during the weekend, yet he just had to drag him for these tests. Two whole hours, yet he was not done at all!

Joshua looked at him coldly. “You, in good health? “

“Of course! ” Neil helplessly rolled his eyes at him. “I rarely have had the flu since I was young!”

Joshua chuckled. He took his phone out and showed Neil a photo of a boy in a striped hospital gown lying on the bed.

“Care to explain?”

Neil took the phone over and had a look. The moment he saw the photo, he finally understood

what the hell Joshua was up to. He saw Nigel’s photo.

Nigel and Neil were identical twins. They looked the same, so Joshua mistook him for Nigel.

Neil took a deep breath. “Yes, it is me. So?”

Joshua sneered. “Didn’t you say that you rarely have the flu?”

“Because I rarely have the flu, that is why when I have it, it’s always severe and I need to be admitted into the hospital.”

He pouted. “Why do you have a picture of me when I’m sick? It’s hideous.”

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Neil immediately deleted the photo.

Although he looked exactly like Nigel, there were subtle differences if one were to look closely.

Joshua was a meticulous person, and Neil feared he might notice them.

After deleting the photo, he returned the phone to Joshua. “What other tests are there? Let me do them, but you can’t disturb us anymore for the rest of the day.”

Joshua furrowed his brows. “Why are you suddenly so cooperative?”

Neil put up great resistance ever since he brought them to the hospital. Otherwise, Joshua would not have had to keep a close eye on them.

Who knew Neil would turn so obedient after looking at the photo?

Neil rolled his eyes. “I thought that you were afraid that we weren’t sick, so you hoped for us to die earlier. After seeing the photo, I now know that you’re concerned for me. I’ll reluctantly cooperate then.”

Then, Neil ignored Joshua and rolled up his sleeves, letting the nurse take his blood.

At the sight of him finally cooperating, Joshua let out a long sigh and exited.

Outside in the corridors, Nellie was already on her third lollipop. Upon seeing Joshua, Nellie pursed her lips and remained silent. Joshua took a deep breath and sat down next to Nellie.

“I heard that your stomach was uncomfortable last night?”

Nellie pursed her lips. She rolled her eyes rather aggrievedly. “If someone were to ask you to drink a couple bottles of milk within an hour, your stomach would be uncomfortable, too.”

Joshua sighed. “How many bottles did you drink?” “Three. Neil drank five.”

Nellie pouted as she sat on the bench with a dissatisfied expression. “That crazy lady said that we have to finish ten bottles of milk, and only then would she not lock us up in the little dark house. She also said that since we’d complain about things like not having snacks and drinks to drink, she’d let us drink until we had enough.”

At the thought of that crazy lady’s fierce expression, Nellie was extremely unhappy. “We tried our very best for a long time, but we still couldn’t finish ten bottles. If it weren’t for Lily secretly helping us with two and a half bottles, she would’ve locked us up for real! “

Joshua was heartbroken and angry at his daughter’s words.

Joshua took a deep breath. “The things you told me, do you have any proof?”

“No.” Nellie pursed her lips. “Neil previously had a few recording devices, but after scolding us last night, she got people to search our room. She took away all our recording devices and electronic equipment.”

Nellie sighed. “We could only suffer in silence! “

Joshua furrowed his brows. He could still understand that day when Alice forbade the kids to have any snacks and waited for him to have dinner together. She wanted to raise her children with the rules and habits of an upper-class family.

Although what she did was way too much, it was out of deep love for her children.

However, the night before, when she confiscated their electronic devices and forced the kids to drink milk and have snacks, that was clearly just taking it out on them.

It was because he said a few words about her that she took it out on her children. She forced her growing children to drink ten bottles of milk.

It seemed like he needed some time to have a proper talk with Alice.

At that thought, Joshua turned to look at Lucas who was behind

him. "When you called this morning, you said that Alice was at the office?"

"Mmh."

Lucas was silent for a while. "I just received a video from someone anonymous. Do you want to have a look at it?"

Joshua furrowed his brows and took the phone.

The video was Alice kneeling on the ground as she gazed at Luna sincerely.

"Ms. Luna, can you forgive me? I promise I won't come in between you and Joshua's work. No matter how late Joshua goes to look for you, I won't make any noise. I won't try to hurt you anymore."

Joshua's expressions gradually turned from calm into raging anger.

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Joshua put the phone down and took his phone out to call Alice.

The moment the call got through, a familiar ring tone came from the entrance of the elevator at the end of the corridor.

Joshua subconsciously turned to look.

A tear-streaked Alice looked panicked as she rushed over frantically. "Is Neil and Nellie alright? Why did they have to come for a body checkup?"

Seeing Alice's tear-streaked and worried look, a layer of detest washed over Joshua.

When he went back home to pick up Neil and Nellie, he even deliberately asked Lily whether Alice knew that the kids suffered the night before.

"After you left last night, Mrs. Lynch entered the room and never came out again. This morning, once she got up, she headed straight down for breakfast and left straight away."

Lily's voice still rang in Joshua's ears. "After making Neil and Nellie drink milk, she never stepped foot in the children's room anymore."

Joshua looked at Alice walking over with teary eyes, and he suddenly felt miserable.

She was someone whom he loved deeply; he waited six whole years for her to return to him. However, when she finally did, he realized she had changed tremendously. She was much different than the Luna Gibson he remembered.

Even at that moment, when he looked at her tears, he could not differentiate if they were real tears or fake ones.

Alice kept saying that she was Neil and Nellie's biological mother and how the loss of her children for the past six years almost cost her her life.

At that moment, it was her time to spend quality time with her

children, but it was only a week yet he already saw her aloofness and impatience toward them.

That was not how a mother who missed their children should act.

“Joshua.”

When he saw her, Alice ran up to him and stood before him.

“Joshua, how are the kids? I just reached home when Lily said that you and Lucas took the kids to the hospital.”

Then, she raised her hand to wipe her tears. “I came as fast as I could,” she wept. “What happened?”

Before Joshua could say anything, Nellie rolled her eyes at Alice and said, “We’re fine. Daddy was worried we might get sick from drinking too much milk. He only gave us a body checkup.”

Upon hearing Nellie’s words, the worry on Alice’s face receded a little.

As long as it was not a DNA test.

Alice coming to the hospital so anxiously was obviously not because she was worried for the kids, but she dreaded that Joshua might find out that something was wrong.

Neil and Nellie promised her that they would not encourage Joshua to take her for a DNA test, but that did not mean Joshua would suddenly have the idea on his own.

At that thought, Alice let out a sigh of relief. She looked at Nellie reproachfully. “I’ve already said to not have so many snacks. Look at you both. Not only have you drank so much milk that you couldn’t have your meal, but you also got your body in trouble. You have to listen to me next time. Eat on time and snack less, do you hear me?”

Then, Alice looked at Joshua smugly, vying for credit. “See, Joshua? You told me to let them have snacks before, and this is what happens. I think you shouldn’t bother with them in the future. Let me—”

“Let you continue torturing them?” Joshua coldly interrupted her before she finished.

Joshua glared at Alice coldly with his deep, endless gaze. “Alice, has Luna been taking care of your children for the past six years that caring for the kids is a troublesome matter? If that’s the case...”

Joshua sneered, “I’d rather let Luna look after the kids.”

“Yay!” Nellie applauded excitedly. “Nellie can be with Mommy again!”

Alice’s face turned pale. She grabbed Joshua’s hand. “Joshua, what do you mean by this?”

“What do I mean?” Joshua could no longer hold back the anger in his heart. “Alice, what did you say when you first

came back? You said you loved your children, that even if they don't like you, you'd try to win their hearts with your sincerity. You said that you'd take great care of them with all your might, to let them forget about Luna. What happened then?"

Joshua took out Nellie and Neil's test report. "The doctor said that if it weren't because of the medication, the two of them would've ended up in the hospital last night already! When Luna told me that you forced the children to consume stuff so that they wouldn't have the appetite for dinner, I didn't believe her! I thought you, being the mother of these two kids, would never go to such an extent! "

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"The report is here with me. Should I still lie to myself about you?"

Alice's face grew pale as she listened to Joshua's words. In the end, her face lost all of its colors.

She clutched onto the report as she gnawed on her lip.

She got someone to confiscate all of the electronic equipment in the children's rooms the night before she forced them to drink ten bottles of milk.

She wanted to discipline them for disobeying her.

From what she knew, drinking milk would not kill someone. At most, they would be too bloated to move, but that was it.

Without any recording device, she could retort by saying that the two of them disliked her, so they colluded to accuse her.

However, she did not expect that six-year-old children's stomachs would be so weak. Drinking too much milk would leave signs of harm on their body!

Alice clutched the report and was silent for a very long time.

After a while, she looked up at Joshua's face and broke out into loud sobs.

"Joshua, let me explain..." She wiped her tears as she continued to sob, "I'll admit that I wasn't a good mother, but I have my reasons..."

Alice reached out and grabbed Joshua's sleeve. "I thought that everything would be the same as I imagined it when I came back this time: You and I, in love, and we'll live happily ever after with the kids. But, ever since I came back, everything has changed

Alice looked at Joshua with teary eyes. "You've never slept with me before. You've never even kissed me. You always said that you're busy, that you're working late, but I'd look for you in your office every night because I can't sleep, and you're not there.

"Previously, when you spent the whole night guarding Luna's friend's house, I was watching you from afar. Also, last night..."

Alice sniffled her nose aggrievedly. "Do you truly think I didn't know where you were?"

Joshua looked at her, and his gaze slowly softened. Alice was right; he was indeed avoiding some issues.

"My mind is getting more and more in a daze. I don't know how things turned into this. You once treated me so well back then. Because of my mental health, I don't dare to visit the kids and take care of them. I'm afraid I might affect them."

Then, Alice lowered her eyes. "It seems like it already did." She turned around and sat next to Nellie with tears in her eyes. "Nellie, I was wrong. Will you forgive your Mommy? I only treated you this way because I care too much for your Daddy..."

Joshua stood on the spot, looking at her tear-streaked face. His heart broke.

At that point, he did a little too much. Her actions toward the kids were understandable due to her mental health.

It was all his fault. Joshua took a deep breath and wiped her tears away. "I apologize to you. Try to get better. I'll get other people to take care of the children so you don't have to bother with them."

Alice wiped her tears. "Okay."

Although she looked sad, she was elated inside. Did they truly think she was willing to be together with the two kids? Best if she had nothing to do with them.

She was apprehensive of the children all this while because she feared Joshua would suspect her if anything were to happen to the children.

At that moment, if they were handed over to someone else and died due to an accident, no one would blame her!

"Nellie." Joshua turned around and gently patted on Nellie's head.

"Talk with your brother what type of Nanny do you two want."

Lily would not be able to handle two kids on her own.

Upon his words, Nellie looked up and smiled brightly. "There's no need for discussion. There is someone whom Neil would definitely agree to!"

Alice immediately pretended to ask concernedly, "Who is it? As long as you like it, I'll make sure your Daddy—" "Of course, it's our Mommy, Luna!"

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Upon Nellie's words, Alice's face, which finally regained a little color, rapidly lost all shades as she turned paler than the wall.

The corridors were in pin-drop silence.

At that moment, the testing room door opened. Neil came walking out as he wore his clothes.

The first person he saw was the teary-eyed Alice, and he unconsciously broke out into a smirk. The crazy lady did not have much range in her acting: they merely consisted of tears falling, crying, and yelling.

At that moment, she had just returned to Joshua, and he still liked her, so her tears were still useful. Once Joshua was sick of her, not only would her tears have no effect on him, but Joshua would be also annoyed at it.

Tsk.

They were adults, yet they still did not understand that simple fact. Using tears on any matter would render it useless sooner or later!

Neil mused to himself as he walked to Nellie's side. He sat on the bench and held her sister's hand. "Why did Ms. Alice cry?" Joshua furrowed his brows. Before he could say anything, Nellie opened her mouth.

"She said that she's in a bad mood because Daddy always looks for Mommy. That's why she's taking it out on us." Nellie immediately continued, "Daddy said just now that she doesn't have to look after us for the time being. He let us choose our own Nanny, so I picked our Mommy, Luna. What do you think?"

Upon Nellie's words, Neil understood why the two adults had ugly expressions on their faces.

"I think this suggestion is just so-so."

Nellie's eyes widened. "Don't you want to live with Mommy?"

"Of course, I do." Neil lowered his head. He continued to tidy himself up. "Although we're not willing to admit, this Luna Gibson is our biological Mommy. To let the mistress, in our own Mommy's eyes, take care of us while she's suspecting Daddy and arguing with him, isn't right."

Neil deliberately played word games. He inferred that his biological mother was Luna Gibson, not Alice Gibson.

Alice's face turned pale. She could hear it. Neil was rebuking her indirectly. On the surface, he said that she was his biological Mommy, but he used Luna Gibson's name.

The mistress he meant was actually herself!

Even if Alice understood what Neil was saying, she did not dare expose him immediately. She could only forcefully suppress her anger and smiled at Neil. "You're right. Getting Luna to take care of you two isn't that appropriate."

Neil yawned and looked at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch. I don't think it's right of you to let someone else take care of us. After all, we're the love product of you and Luna Gibson. When she's in a bad mood and has no confidence in you, look at us. Then, you have something to look forward to."

Then, Neil looked at Alice. "Am I right?"

Alice's face turned from a miserable pale color to blue. She looked at Neil coldly before she nodded reluctantly. "Yes."

"Since both of you think that way..." Joshua paused for a while before he spoke, "Lily and Alice will still take care of you both." Then, Joshua lowered his gaze to look at the time. "Lucas, send them back. I still need to have a talk with Alice."

Lucas nodded. "Young Master, Little Princess, let's go."

Nellie looked at Neil unhappily. She flung his hand away, jumped down from the bench, and stormed off.

Neil cheekily made a face at Alice. "Ms. Alice, have a good time with Mr. Lynch!"

At that, Neil immediately ran and chased after Nellie. "Wait for me..." Seeing the two of them running, Lucas could only chase after them. "Neil, wait!"

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Alice remained in the same spot in the corridor as she glanced at the leaving Neil. A hint of hatred flashed in her eyes.

That kid was no fool. He knew she would do something to them if she was no longer their main caretaker, so he forcefully turned Joshua's decision around. The reasons he gave made it irrefutable!

At the thought that she still has to pretend to look after the two of them in the future, Alice was inexplicably angry.

As she eyed Neil in a dazed state, Joshua furrowed his brows and flatly called her, "Alice."

Alice jolted a little and immediately came to her senses. "Let's go."

Joshua took Alice to a cafe near the hospital.

It was the only time he had ever taken her there after their marriage.

Before marriage, he did not understand her enough. He only knew that she was a lady madly in love with him. Because of how his family urged him to marry and coupled with pressure from work, there was a time where he was depressed for most of the day.

She was like a little sun that came next to him, brightening up his life.

She drew for him, gave him little gifts, and sang unfamiliar tunes to him.

Later down the road, he treated her as a friend and started confiding in her.

When they talked about their views on marriage, she thought for a very long time. Then, she grabbed his arm and looked at him with her huge watery eyes.

“You think that marriage is a burden to you, but I think that marriage is blissful. If I could marry you, I’d be elated.”

Her naivety amused him. “If I say that I wouldn’t fall in love with you, will you still be willing to marry me?”

“Of course.”

Joshua could still clearly remember the way she blinked at him. They sat down in the cafe. Looking at the woman in front of him, she was still as gorgeous and charming as before. Her voice was still equally gentle.

However, her eyes were completely different from before.

“Joshua. “ Her gentle voice pulled him back to the present.

Joshua took a deep breath as he gazed at Alice. “I heard that you went to the office just now.”

Alice’s hand that held onto the coffee cup trembled a little. She looked up with reddened eyes. “I went to look for Luna because—“

“Because you think she’s the mistress, coming in Joshua picked up the coffee cup and took a sip. “Just now at the hospital, you said that when Luna stayed at Anne’s house, you saw me from afar downstairs. If you have seen me, then you should know that I

didn’t look for Luna once for those few nights. I was only smoking downstairs. Yet, when you were at the office, you tried to muddle the truth. You said that those few nights I was with Luna discussing design sketches.”

Then, Joshua looked at her coldly. “I can understand your intuition as your woman, and I also admit that a lot of it is my fault, but you can communicate with me.”

Alice’s fingernails dug into her palms. She looked up and continued pretending to be pitiful.

“I...don’t dare. I ‘m afraid that if I were to tell you, you’d be unhappy.”

“Do I look like I ‘m happy now with you being like that?” Joshua sneered. “You and I have issues to work out between us. This has nothing to do with Luna. She didn’t even know that I stopped by her place, yet you casually create lies and rumors. You accuse and slander.”

Then, Joshua looked at her. “I don’t know whether you were always like that, or that you’ve changed in these six years.”

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The atmosphere around them turned cold, too.

Alice lifted her eyes and looked at Joshua seriously. “ Joshua, I did all this because of you.”

“Because of me?”

Joshua sneered. “You deliberately pushed Luna and ruined Master

Allen's work because of me? Because of me, you found a PR company to put the video of that day on the internet? Also, because of me, you went to my office and knelt in front of Luna, giving a false impression that Luna seduced me and we had an affair?"

Joshua took a sip of coffee and placed the cup down heavily. The sound of the ceramic mug that clanked against the marble table reverberated in Alice's heart.

She sniffled and tried her best to force out some tears. "Joshua, I know what I did wasn't right, but don't all women of upper-class society do that to protect the integrity and harmony of their family?"

Joshua felt suffocated.

The Luna Gibson six years ago was never like that!

Alice, on the other hand, kept emphasizing the greatness of the family's status when educating the children.

Once she made a mistake, she spouted things like women of the upper class.

Joshua tugged on his sleeve in annoyance. "It looks like you truly have changed during these six years." He never liked a woman who constantly emphasized their status.

Alice bit her lip.

She reached out and grabbed Joshua's hand. "Joshua, please forgive me. I genuinely don't have a sense of security."

Joshua was so infuriated that he chuckled.

"I waited for you for six years, and I've looked for you for six years. I thought you'd understand how I feel, yet now you're telling me that you have no sense of security?"

Joshua glared at her. "Will you only feel that sense of security when I take you to the office and never let you leave, twenty-four-seven?"

At that moment, Joshua's phone rang.

He did not even look at it and immediately rejected the call.

"Perhaps it's my problem." He rubbed the center of his brows.

"We need time apart to cool down."

Alice was stunned. "Cool down?"

"Mmh." Joshua leaned back on the sofa rather miserably.

"Perhaps I thought too highly of you. I thought that you were different from other manipulative women. We've both changed so much in the past six years, and we have to rethink our relationship, be it as husband and wife, or ex-husband and ex-wife. From today onward, you take the master bedroom. I'll sleep in the guest room."

Then, Joshua stood up tiredly. "I still have work to do. I'll make a move."

Alice sat on the same spot as her nails dug into her palms.

“Joshua.” She looked at him. “Are we truly...splitting up?”

“Mmh.” “How long?”

“We’ll see about it.” Hearing her aggrieved voice, Joshua could not bear to do that to her, but at the thought of all the things that she had done...

“I’ll investigate who posted the video today.”

Upon his mention of the video, Alice was immediately spirited.

“Luna posted it! Didn’t you say yesterday that she has the video? If I didn’t take it down in time, she would post the video.”

Alice said with more and more vigor, “After I took down the news last night, she posted the video around ten at night. The anonymous account must be hers! You don’t have to investigate it!”

Joshua looked at her coldly. “It’s not her.”

“How is it not her? “ Alice bit her lip. “Only she and Theo knew about the video.”

“Then, it might be Theo, but it’s definitely not her.”

Joshua sighed. He straightened his tie with his large hands. “I’ll continue investigating it.”

Then, he got up and strode out of the cafe.

Alice gnawed on her lip. “You trust Luna that much?”

Joshua turned around and smiled. “It’s not that I trust her. I know what she was up to last night at ten.”

Then, he turned and left.

Alice remained in her seat, her face blushing and turning pale at the same time.

She knew clearly what he meant!

The night before, the two of them were...

(Mrs. Lynch, I’ve checked. Mr. Lynch is in an apartment at Swan Lake Residences. That’s where Luna moved into today.)

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That was the news Mr. Walter gave to Alice the other night, and it inexplicably appeared before her eyes.

She gnashed her teeth harshly. Luna must go! So long as Luna remained, Joshua would never be with her!

It was that way a few years back, and it would continue to be that, too!

Luna spent the entire morning to re-sketch the set of design sketches Granny Lynch had destroyed. She even changed some details.

By noon, she stretched lazily and was about to head down to grab some lunch.

She did not expect to be surrounded by reporters the moment she walked out of the building.

“Ms. Luna, the internet is saying you were the one that posted

the video of Mrs. Lynch pushing you to fight back the rumors yesterday. Is that true?"

"Ms. Luna, someone saw a video online of Mrs. Lynch kneeling before you at the office lobby, asking for your forgiveness. Is that true?"

"How do you explain yourself of openly being the mistress and coming between Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Lynch?"

"Don't you feel shameful, stepping into other people's relationships?"

The reporters seemed to have come prepared. Every question they asked was insufferable.

Luna furrowed her brows. She wanted to get Zach and Yuri to come and help her when a mellow male voice came through from behind, "We'll hold a press conference tomorrow to announce this matter briefly."

Luna, who was surrounded by the reporters, was stunned. She subconsciously turned back to look.

The person who spoke on her behalf was no other than her own father, Joseph Gibson.

Luna looked at him in shock. "Why are you here?"

Joseph did not look at her. He flatly looked at the reporters.

"Hello, everyone. I'm Mrs. Lynch's father. As for the relationship between Ms. Luna and my daughter, we'll hold a press conference tomorrow to briefly explain to everyone."

Then, under the stunned gaze of the reporters, Joseph pulled Luna to a place far away.

With her sleeves tugged at, Luna felt as if she time-traveled.

The man in front of her was her father. Although he had already aged and was hunching, he was still like when she was little: pulling on her sleeves as he led her somewhere.

They walked for a long time.

In the end, Joseph brought Luna to a broken-down place. The moldy smell of the room filled her nose.

"Ms. Luna." Joseph cleared his throat.

Luna came to her senses. In front of her was a broken-down rented house. The sun shone through the dirty windows, making one suffocate.

"Ms. Luna, have some tea." Natasha carefully carried a teacup and placed it in front of Luna.

Luna furrowed her brows. "Why are the two of you living here?"

Although the Gibsons were not as rich as the Lynches, Natasha and Joseph were not that poor that they had to stay in a place like this.

Natasha and Joseph looked at each other.

"We sold off our house and company at Sea City."

Natasha sighed. "Joshua put it nicely, saying that he sent Aura overseas to further her studies while it was, in fact, a closed-off school—no different than being in prison.

"We got in touch with the Walter family at Sea City. They said that as long as we're willing to come up with five million dollars, they could get Aura out, and she would then be free. Other than coming back to Banyan City, she could do anything."

Luna felt suffocated.

"So, for Aura's freedom, you spent all of your life savings?"

"Mmh." Natasha sighed. "There's nothing more important than the freedom of our child."

Luna smiled bitterly. Natasha still did not know that Aura Gibson was not her daughter.

At that thought, Luna lifted her eyes and looked at Joseph. "So, why did you bring me here? What are you trying to tell me?"

"We want to help you hold a press conference with Alice. To prove Alice's innocence."

Natasha looked at her. "Alice is Joshua's wife now. As long as she's willing to give us some of her money, we won't have to live so miserably."

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Luna paused for a while.

She did not realize her nails dug so deeply into her palms.

"So, the two of you got me here to persuade me to hold a news conference, just to prove that Alice is a good woman. Then, you want to use that to get closer to her and ask her for money?"

Natasha sighed. "I know you must be looking down on us, but as parents, if we could find a way for our children to be free, who'd want to watch their children stay in prison? We're only living like this now because we love our children too much."

Then, Natasha lifted her head and looked at Luna. "Ms. Luna, you should know that I misunderstood Luna Gibson, now Alice Gibson, in the past. She hates me, so it wasn't appropriate for us to find her directly. I hope you'll cooperate with us and hold a press conference tomorrow. Clear her name so that the people on the internet would stop bullying her. This way, she'll remember how uneasy it is for us as parents, and only then would we be able to get money from her." Luna's heart turned cold.

Joseph and Natasha took so much effort to get her to come, just so they could use her to appease Alice, then squeeze some money out of her.

In her eyes, Aura would always be the most important one — selling off all of their belongings. They only wanted to repair their relationship with Luna Gibson because she was Joshua's wife.

"I'm sorry," sneered Luna as she gazed at the steam that rose from the teacup.

"I won't be able to help you. First, this incident is obviously Alice trying to make things difficult for me. Also, I don't have a reason to help you. Lastly, " Luna swept a cold glance at Joseph and Natasha. "I '11 say this much. Since if you only have Aura Gibson in your hearts at all times, you should treat it as if you only have one daughter. Since young, none of you have given Luna Gibson any parental love, so don't bother her now. Leave yourself some dignity."

Then, she turned and left.

Looking at her back, Natasha gritted and immediately chased after her.

"Ms. Luna."

She caught up with Luna. "I know, you can't stand us being nice to Aura and treating Luna indifferently, but you also don't know that Aura had a difficult birth. She almost died in my womb. She wasn't always as great as Luna. Stupid, even. People say that she became stupid while stuck in my womb, so I treat her with a little more love. After all, she's my blood and flesh..."

Upon her words, Luna stopped in her tracks. She turned around and looked at Natasha seriously. "Are you sure that Aura came from you?"

Natasha was in a daze. "O-Of...course..."

If Aura was not her, where did she come from?

Luna took a deep breath. "When Aura was young, one of the kids from the orphanage was taken by mistake instead of her. Do you remember?"

Natasha paused for a while. "Yes, I do."

That was when Aura was just one month old and was transported back home.

After Luna and Natasha got in the car, Joseph was in charge of putting baby Aura into the car, yet once they got in the car, he realized he took the wrong baby. He immediately swapped the babies back.

"How did you know Aura was wrongly picked up before?"

Luna chuckled a little. "Not only do I know that you mistook her for some other baby before, but I also know that Aura doesn't seem to be your biological daughter."

"Impossible." Natasha laughed out loud with mockery in her eyes.

"Aura looks so much like my husband. We don't need a DNA test to know that they are father and daughter! "

Luna sneered. "What about you and her?"

A mocking smile was plastered on her face. "Go and think about it."

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Luna took a deep breath and walked away.

Natasha went home dejectedly after a long while after Luna left.

"How was it?" Joseph immediately approached her as she walked through the door.

Natasha shook her head. "She said she wouldn't agree to us, and neither would she attend the press conference."

Joseph furrowed his brows hard. "Did she say anything else?"

"She also said... " Natasha sighed. "She asked me to check properly, saying that Aura might not be my daughter."

Upon her words, Joseph's face suddenly turned pale.

"I told her that's impossible." Natasha shrugged. "Luna isn't reliable, so we shouldn't pin our hopes on her."

"Yes. What nonsense! How could Aura not be your daughter?"

Joseph furrowed his brows. He lifted his head and looked into the distance.

"If she doesn't want to help us, I could only go and find Alice."

"Ma'am, there are people outside looking for you." Ever since coming back to Blue Bay Villa from the café, Alice laid in bed as she gazed up at the ceiling in a daze.

Upon hearing the servant's voice, her brows furrowed tightly.

"Don't you know I'm resting? I don't care who they are. Let them wait!"

Other than Joshua, she did not want to see anybody!

"But, Ma'am, the persons –said that he... he's your father, Joseph Gibson."

Alice immediately sat up from the bed. "He's my father. Prepare the good tea! I'll come down now!"

"Yes"

Alice got up from bed and went to the cupboard to pick out some clothes, sneering as she changed.

She was just thinking of ways to deal with Luna when her own father sent himself to her doorstep.

Coming out from Natasha and Joseph's home, Luna had a simple lunch and returned to the office to continue her work.

She barely finished a sketch when her office door was knocked on once more.

"Director Luna, someone is looking for you. A middle-aged woman called Natasha. She said that she has an urgent matter and needs to see you."

Luna's hand was sketching paused a little.

She knew Natasha must be looking for her because of Alice.

"I'm not seeing anyone."

"She said that if you won't see her, she'll wait until you finish work. You'll still have to go out no matter what."

Luna rubbed the middle of her brows. "Let her in, then."

She still could not get rid of her habit of being the person with a soft heart.

"Ms. Luna." Upon entering the door, Natasha immediately knelt on the floor. She looked at Luna with teary eyes. "Please help us!"

Luna did not expect that this was the act Natasha would go with upon entering her office.

She furrowed her brows and immediately helped her up. "What happened?" "My husband had a stroke! He has been hospitalized!" Natasha kept crying. "We don't even have the money to cure him! Please help us!"

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Luna helped Natasha up and let her sit on the sofa. "You're asking me to help you. How should I help?"

You still want me to hold the press conference and tell everyone that I'm the mistress, that it was alright for Alice to push me. Is that it?"

Upon her words, Natasha could not help but bite her lips.

"Ms. Luna, I know this is a little hard for you, but we really have no other choice."

Luna took a deep breath. She got up and headed to her desk.

She opened the drawer and took a bank card out.

She passed the card to Natasha. "There are five hundred thousand dollars here. Treat it as my loan to you. Asking me to hold a press conference to admit those false things would be impossible."

Natasha held onto the card. Her face kept changing between blushing and turning pale.

Finally, she put the card back in Luna's hands.

"I cannot take your money. My eldest daughter has money. As long as you are willing to help us..."

"Then you can just forget about it." Luna kept the card back. "I will not help you. Aunty Natasha, please go back."

Ever since they begged her to let Aura go at the police station the last time, Luna swore that she would not have anything to do with the Gibson family anymore.

She was no longer family with them. They were strangers to her. Lending money to Natasha was her limit.

To get her to admit that she was the mistress and clear Alice's name when Alice was the one who hurt her... they can dream on.

"Ms. Luna..." Natasha looked at Luna with teary eyes. "I'm not lying to you. My husband really had a stroke. He is at Central Hospital currently. He said that if he could not survive this, his biggest regret would be that he could not properly apologize and

say sorry to our eldest daughter..."

Sorry.

This word was like a hammer, painfully crushing Luna's hard.

She looked away. "There is nothing to be sorry about."

She could barely bother about the Gibson family now, why would she care about the unfairness they encountered?

"Ms. Luna, as long as you say something during the press conference, I will agree to do anything for you."

Then, Natasha knelt once again. "I beg you! Please!" "What is going on?"

The first thing Theo noticed when he pushed the door open was Natasha crying and kneeling on the floor.

He immediately helped Natasha up. "Aunty, tell me about it."

Natasha sniffled her nose. She immediately told Theo about the press conference.

"You're Luna's friend, could you help me persuade her? Treat it as doing charity..."

Theo paused for a while. "Okay, I'll promise you. I will bring Luna to the press conference tomorrow. Can you stop worrying now?"

Natasha was stunned, then she was elated. "Thank you, thank you!"

"Don't mention it."

Theo smiled and sent her off. "Don't you worry. We will attend the press conference tomorrow."

"How are you planning to persuade me?"

When Theo sent Natasha off and returned back to Luna's office, Luna had already picked up from where she left off and continued sketching.

"I'm not planning to clear Alice's name, because she's in the wrong. It's pointless trying to clear her name."

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Theo smiled. "I wasn't planning on letting you go help her clear her name."

He yawned and turned to sit on the sofa. He looked at Luna calmly. "Just now you called to talk about Natasha and Joseph's problem. I went to their place to have a look. Initially, I wanted to help them, according to what you say, to get a better place to stay in the name of charity. Guess what I saw?"

Luna furrowed her brows. She stopped what she was doing and looked at Theo.

"I saw Joseph going to Blue Bay Villa. Not long after coming back from Blue Bay Villa, he was taken away by the ambulance. I casually followed them to Central Hospital. After a few rounds of socializing, the nurse secretly told me the truth."

Luna paused for a while. "How is he?"

“He’s faking it,” Theo chuckled, “he is still doing great. He was faking the stroke.”

Luna shut her eyes and laughed bitterly.

She knew it. In the end, Natasha and Joseph were still only thinking about themselves.

“So why did you still promise Natasha?”

“Of course, I had to.” Theo winked at Luna. “Since Joseph has been to Blue Bay Villa, Alice would know about the press conference too. I agreed that I would go to the press conference, but I never said that I

was going to clear Alice’s name or Luna’s name. Isn’t it exciting to let Alice be hopeful, waiting for you to clear your own name? Isn’t it interesting?”

Luna looked at him helplessly.

“The mind of an artist sure is active.” Luna never intended to clear her name. If she had to clear her name every time someone spread rumors about her, she would be exhausted to death sooner or later.

“I ‘m also just trying to help you.” Theo picked up the teacup and took a sip. “See, how much I love you.”

Upon his words, the office door was suddenly opened from outside.

The person standing by the door was Joshua, with a darkened expression.

He swept a frigid glance at Theo, then at Luna.

“Director Luna. The rules and regulations of the company clearly state that chatting with people unrelated to work is not allowed during working hours.”

Then, he looked at Theo coldly and enunciated, “ Please leave.”

Theo shrugged. He continued sipping his tea calmly. “If I’m a family member of the staff, I’m not unrelated anymore, right?”

“Whose family member are you?”

“I ‘m her boyfriend.” Theo smiled at Joshua’s cold gaze. “Mr. Lynch, didn’t you know?”

Joshua smiled. “A boyfriend who has never once held hands?”

“How did you know I’ve never held her hand?” Theo rolled his eyes at Joshua. He downed the remaining tea. “I’m pursuing Luna because she is single and I a m single too. I’m different from you, Mr. Lynch. I don’t have someone waiting for me back home while still pursuing other women.”

Theo put the teacup down and looked at Luna tenderly. “I’ll pick you up after work.”

Then, he turned and left elegantly.

Joshua glared at Theo leaving. It was until Theo completely vanished from the entrance of the design department, only then

did Joshua harrumphed coldly and sat down on the sofa.

“If I find out that he still comes to look for you during working hours, I won’t let Neil and Nellie see you.” Luna rolled her eyes.

She put the pen down. “Mr. Lynch, you kept saying that my friend is an unrelated person and that he is here disturbing me from working. I wonder what you are here for then, Mr. Lynch?”

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Joshua looked at Luna’s nervous face. He could not help but think back to her look the night before.

He calmed himself down and smiled. “Don’t worry, the incident last night won’t happen.”

Luna glared at him. “You’re not welcome.”

Joshua leaned back on the sofa confidently. “What if I take Neil and Nellie over?”

Neil and Nellie.

Luna has not seen them for almost a week. Although the two of them would secretly call them every night, hearing their voice and meeting them were two different things. Furthermore, they almost fell sick the night before...

At that thought, Luna glared at Joshua coldly. “Because of Neil and Nellie, I’ll reluctantly welcome you.”

After making an appointment with Joshua to have dinner at home in the evening, Luna accelerated her work.

As soon as it was the end of the day, she packed up her things and left work straight away.

When she exited the office, she bumped into Shannon, who was also leaving. “Director Luna, so early today?”

Luna nodded. “I have something back home.”

Then, she strode out of the door.

Looking at her leaving, Shannon suddenly had a thought. She immediately took her bag and chased after her. “Are you going straight home?”

Luna pressed the elevator button and entered it. “Is there anything?”

“Nothing.”

Shannon smiled and entered the elevator. She helpfully pressed the close door button on the elevator. “I was blind previously. I didn’t expect that a master of jewelry design would be just by my side. Now that I know that you are a world-renowned jewelry designer, I must learn from you.”

Luna furrowed her brows. She ignored Shannon’s sycophantic praises. “If you gossip less, you would be much better than me.” Shannon’s face turned pale, but she still followed Luna closely. Initially, Luna would still ask her to leave in annoyance, but in the end, she could not be bothered with her. If Shannon wanted to

follow her, so be it.

Coming out from Lynch Group Tower, Luna headed immediately to a supermarket near the office.

She has not seen those two kids for almost a week. She planned to make a good meal to reward them.

There was a crowd in the supermarket.

“Director Luna, you even know how to cook. How amazing!

“Are you having guests tonight, Director Luna?

“Director Luna...”

Shannon kept yapping next to Luna.

Luna quickly picked out two huge bags of groceries and carried them to the cashier.

There was a queue at the cashier with a lot of people. “Are you the Luna that was on the news recently?”

Suddenly, a woman approached her and looked at Luna. “You’re the mistress that even the wife had to kneel in front of you today, right?”

Luna furrowed her brows. She wanted to deny it when Shannon suddenly opened her mouth.

“You’re lying! Our Director Luna is no mistress! Did you even see the news properly! It’s the wife that was being paranoid! She could not even control her man. How could she blame someone else?”

Shannon’s voice was very loud, it attracted the entire supermarket’s attention.

On the surface, she was trying to stand up for Luna, but in fact, she was detonating a bomb in the supermarket.

Most of the people shopping at the supermarket were against Luna.

At that instant, a heated discussion erupted. Luna groaned secretly, but it was too late.

The women surrounded her and Shannon.

“It really is you! “

The previous woman who approached Luna took her phone out and pointed it closely at Luna’s face.

”You’re the mistress! “

”All mistresses should just die! ”

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“You cheating mistress! How dare you pretend to be all motherly grocery shopping?”

“Leave! “

The crowd started insulting her and kicking her. Some even threw rotten vegetables at her.

Shannon immediately raised both her hands. “I ‘m innocent! “

Then, she looked at Luna coldly. “Director Luna, I’ll make a move

first. You... deal with this on your own."

At that, Shannon immediately went past through the crowd and left.

Luna was the sole target of the crowd.

She bent down, trying to protect the groceries that she just bought while taking her phone out, planning to call the police.

Before she could call, her phone rang.

She was being pushed around, so she could not stand properly.

Her fingers lost control too, she immediately picked the call up.

"Where are you?" Joshua was standing outside Luna's house together with Neil and Nellie. He calmly asked on the phone.

What replied to him was the sounds of people pushing and yelling insults.

"A mistress should be killed! "

"Breaking other families apart, she should be arrested! "

"Just because you look pretty, why do you have to become a mistress! "

Joshua frowned hard at those ugly words.

He suppressed his voice. The aura on him turned ice- cold.

"Where are you?"

Luna hesitated for a while. "At the supermarket near the office, on Quinoa Avenue."

"I'll be there shortly."

Joshua hung up the phone and took a deep breath. He immediately pressed the button of the elevator. "Luna is being ganged up on at the supermarket."

Upon his words, Nellie and Neil looked at each other, then they quickly followed him behind into the elevator.

Once the elevator reached the ground floor, Joshua carried Nellie walking in front, while Neil took his phone to make a call and ran along.

Once they all got in the car, Joshua took a deep breath. "Put on your seatbelts."

Nellie nodded and strapped on her seatbelt. Then, she checked on Neil's. "We're ready! "

Upon her words, the black Maserati shot forth like a rocket.

From Swan Lake Residences to the supermarket usually takes about more than 10 minutes. Joshua only took five minutes to reach.

When he got down from the car, Zach and Yuri also just arrived from the office, panting.

The three men looked at each other and quickly ran upstairs.

There were people everywhere at the cashier. Luna was being surrounded by a group of people.

Once the three of them arrived, Zach and Yuri split the group up while Joshua immediately rushed over and buried Luna in his arms.

“It’s fine. You’re fine.”

He hugged her skinny body tightly and comforted her in a low voice.

“Who are you?”

“The scumbag that got together with the mistress?” “Shameless!”

They started attacking manically once more.

Joshua hugged Luna and coldly lifted his head up. “Everyone, just shut up!”

His aura was as cold as his gaze. “Whoever says another word, I ’11 make sure they won’t live to see another day!”

Upon his words, the entire supermarket was in dead silence.

A few women wanted to continue insulting, but they were pulled back by others.

“That is Joshua Lynch, the President of the Lynch Group.”

Joshua Lynch.

His name was enough to silence all the women there.

“You’re safe.” Joshua furrowed his brows. He lowered his eyes and looked at Luna tenderly. “Let’s go.”

Luna’s hair was in a mess. Her clothes were torn. She looked extremely haggard.

Under the protection of Joshua, they walked past through the crowd and slowly headed outside. Before they could exit, a woman boldly rushed over. She opened her arms and blocked their path. “Mr. Lynch, you so openly protect your mistress, aren’t you afraid your wife would be angry?”

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Her words made the entire supermarket silent once again.

Everyone was looking at Joshua.

He slightly narrowed his eyes.

He was letting off a frigidly cold aura, it was cold enough to freeze the entire supermarket.

After a while, he looked at the woman in front of him, then at everybody there.

“First, Luna is not my mistress. She is an exceptional staff member of my company and a dear friend.

“Next, my wife will not believe these baseless rumors. I also do not need to explain myself.”

Then, he looked at the woman in front of him coldly. “Move aside.”

The woman was determined to continue blocking Joshua and Luna in their path. “But from what I saw in the video online, it

was Mrs. Lynch who first spread the rumor that Luna is the mistress. Before Mrs. Lynch returned back to you, you had a public image of a deeply loving husband. Now that there are rumors of you having a mistress, what you should do is draw a clear line and not protect this woman and not let your wife continue misunderstanding you.” Then, the woman took a deep breath. “Or should I say that Mr. Lynch you are admitting to it that your wife’s judgment is right? You are the scumbag having an affair with your mistress?” Joshua’s gaze turned coldly. He narrowed his eyes and the woman in front. He said coldly, “Are you lecturing me?” The woman subconsciously took a step back because of his glares. “I’m just stating my opinion.” “Why the hell should I listen to your opinion?” Joshua sneered. He lifted up and looked at the surrounding women. “Just because of some baseless rumor, you suspect and attack someone, and I’m supposed to listen to your opinions? Who the hell do you all think you are?” After spitting these words out coldly, he immediately picked Luna up. His actions were too sudden. Luna instinctively reached out to hug around his neck when he carried her up. A split moment later, she felt that her actions seemed inappropriate. She immediately let her hands go. “Joshua, put me down! “ At that moment, everyone was accusing them of having an affair, yet he still carried her like that. Was that not the same as telling everyone that they were a pair together? Joshua ignored Luna. He sneered and carried Luna, walking toward the woman in front of them. “You just want to see this right? I’ll put on a show for you.” Then, he carried Luna and walked past the woman, letting Zach and Yuri open up a path. He strode out of the supermarket. He only took a few steps before he stopped in his tracks and turned back to look at the woman. “Go and tell Alice Gibson. The next time she finds someone to do things like this, find someone whom I’ve not seen before.” Joshua has seen this woman before. The last time he saw her, she was chatting with Alice outside Blue Bay Villa. The woman’s face instantly turned pale. “Sir, sorry I’m late.” Lucas came running in from outside, sweating profusely. He was busy with his work at the office when he got Joshua’s call. He immediately rushed over, but it seemed that he was still a little late. “It’s fine.”

Joshua flatly swept a glance at everyone behind. “ Deal with all the surveillance and those that took videos with their handphones, then call the cops on them for disturbing the peace.” Then, he carried Luna and left the supermarket.

Lucas wiped off the sweat on his forehead. He contacted more men while getting Zach, Yuri and the bodyguards to seal the scene up.

“Let me down.”

Once they were out of the supermarket, Luna kept struggling while glaring at Joshua, who was still carrying her.

“Joshua, are you nuts?”

The main reason those people attacked her was that they thought that they were having an affair, yet Joshua openly carried her in public. Was he not just meddling it even more?

Joshua furrowed his brows in somewhat displeasure. He tightened his grip on her. “Stay still.”

Luna continued squirming while glaring at him.

Joshua was forced to quicken his steps. In the end, he opened the car door and threw Luna onto the backseat.

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“Mommy! “

Once she got in the car, Nellie immediately buried herself in Luna's arms. “Are you alright?”

Neil, on the other hand, was carefully placing the groceries in Luna's hands properly. Then, he checked her for any injuries.

“That woman just now was Alice's friend, “ Joshua said coldly while sitting at the driver's seat. He started the car.

Luna shuddered a little.

Before Joshua came, that woman was the one who led the attack and bullied her. The scratches on her face were made by that woman too.

Joshua said that she was Alice's friend, but that woman had a fluent Banyan City accent. She was local.

What about Alice? Alice was not from Banyan City. She has never even stepped foot in Banyan City before.

The chances of them being friends were extremely slim. It was more like a client and the employed.

Luna dug her fingernails deep into her palm.

First, she slandered Luna for ruining Theo's artwork, then she used the power of the internet,

releasing the surveillance footage herself. Then, she knelt in front of her at the office, putting on an act as

if the wife was begging the mistress for forgiveness.

She used Joseph and Natasha to force her to attend the news conference to admit that she was the mistress, admitting that she

broke other people's families up. Finally, she also hired a local person to bully and attack her in the supermarket.

Alice was trying to get rid of her in extreme ways.

At that thought, Luna took her phone out and secretly sent Theo a text.

[I'll attend the press conference tomorrow.]

Previously, she felt that there was no need for her to attend, but at that moment...

She wanted Alice to have a taste of the insults and humiliation she received at the supermarket that night, and pay her back a hundred times over!

Soon, Theo replied, [I have already started preparing. Do you know someone called Nigel?]

Luna paused for a while.

[Why?]

[After coming out from your office this afternoon, an online friend called Nigel added me. He wanted to discuss the press conference tomorrow. The information he got is much more detailed than mine. I'm guessing he is your friend?]

Luna's heart was inexplicably warm reading the text. She took a deep breath and replied to Theo, [Not friend. Family.]

Theo replied with a huge smiley face. (Great. Since he is a trustworthy person, I'll work with him on the things to clear your name tomorrow. Are you at home now?)

Luna pursed her lips. She lifted her eyes and had a glance at Joshua in the driver's seat.

(I'll contact you later.)

After sending the message, the car has reached Swan Lake Residences.

"Mommy! Let's get down!" Nellie tugged on Luna's sleeves. She subconsciously glanced at the contact person on her phone.

"Who's Theo Allen?" Nellie's voice was crisp.

Upon hearing that name, Joshua, who was about to get down, suddenly paused.

After a while, he coldly looked at Luna and sneered cruelly, "No wonder you have been on your phone ever since you got in the car."

Luna chuckled lightly and kept her phone. "I was just saying hello."

Her words made Joshua's eyes darkened.

"Is Theo Allen Mommy's new boyfriend?" Nellie rushed over and grabbed Luna's hand. She pulled her toward the apartment. "Is he handsome? Do you like him?"

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Looking at Luna and Nellie's back, Joshua pursed his lips tight.

His gaze was deep and cold.

“Mr. Lynch.”

Neil, behind him, passed the groceries and stuffed them into Joshua’s hands. Then, he intentionally laughed. “What a joyous occasion. Mr. Lynch, you have Ms. Alice the pretty lady while my Mommy has the good-looking Theo! It’s great that the both of you are happily in love! “

Joshua’s face turned blue.

He swept Neil a cold glance and walked away with the groceries and a displeased face.

Leaning against the car, Neil smiled and looked at Joshua’s back.

‘Scumbag, you’re suffering, aren’t you?’ Neil thought.

“Mommy, where is the first aid kit?”

Once Luna brought Nellie in, she started rummaging around the house for a first aid kit.

“I’m not injured.” Luna looked at Nellie helplessly. She took off her torn jacket and went to the washroom to wash her face. She smiled. “I’ll prepare lots of good food for you tonight.”

Nellie pursed her lips and continued searching through the living room.

In the end, she found a first aid kit at the corner behind the sofa.

“Mommy! “ Nellie placed the first aid kit on the coffee table and insisted on pulling Luna over to apply medication on her.

Joshua and Neil entered and immediately saw Nellie seriously applying medication on Luna.

Her long eyelashes blinked like a butterfly flapping its wings.

Joshua looked at Nellie, then turned to look at Luna, who was sitting opposite of Nellie.

At that moment, he was surprised to see that Nellie’s eyelashes looked a lot like Luna’s.

“Ouch! “

Suddenly, Nellie accidentally poked a little harder on Luna’s injuries. Luna could not help but gasp in pain.

“Mommy, I didn’t mean to do it...”

Nellie bit her lips and carefully apologized. She did not dare to continue.

“Let me do it.” Joshua sighed and walked over. He took over the cotton swab from Nellie. “Luna bought some fruits for you two. Go wash them with Neil and have some.”

“Oh.” Nellie pursed her lips before turning around and taking Neil’s hand. “Neil, let’s go to the kitchen! “

Neil furrowed his brows and swept Nellie a glance. He said in hushed tones, “When have you become so stupid that you don’t even know how to dress a wound? Did you do it on purpose?”

Nellie blushed. She immediately looked away. “We’ll go have

some fruits! “

Neil rolled his eyes at her. Then, he looked at the two adults in the living room. He sighed helplessly.

When would Nellie understand that Joshua, that scumbag, was not worthy for their Mommy?

“Before clearing up your name, don’t go to places like the supermarket these few days.”

In the living room, Joshua said with a darkened expression while dressing Luna’s injuries. “Your looks are too attention-grabbing.”

She was too beautiful. Her perfect, exquisite face stood out among the crowd. It was hard for her to not get noticed.

Sometimes, Joshua would even suspect whether Luna’s perfect face was natural or human- engineered.

She was so gorgeous it was absurd.

Although their auras were similar, Luna was much more beautiful than Luna Gibson six years ago.

At the thought of Luna Gibson six years ago, he felt miserable.

Alice might be the same person as Luna Gibson six years ago, but her aura has changed completely.

Not only her aura, her entire person...

“I’m planning to clear my name tomorrow.” Luna’s voice pulled Joshua back to reality.

He came to his senses. “Clear your name?”

“Hmm.”

Luna smiled thoughtlessly. “Joseph and Natasha Gibson came to look for me today.”

Joshua stopped what he was doing for a while. “What do they want from you?”

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“Of course it is because of their daughter.”

Luna smiled. “They announced on my behalf that they will be holding a press conference to properly explain the incidents today.

“But.” Luna smiled and looked at Joshua. “They want me to admit during the press conference that I seduced you and had an affair with you. They also want me to explain that I was the one that released the surveillance footage, instigating the bully against Alice online.”

Joshua furrowed his brows. He continued disinfecting her injuries.

“What nonsense.”

It did not matter whether Luna did those things that they claimed or not, she has no obligation to help Alice clear her name.

Were they nuts or did they think that Luna was crazy?

“I’m planning to go.” Luna lifted her head and looked at Joshua.

“Since they want me to go, I ‘ll go.

“But, I plan to clear my name.”

Joshua furrowed his brows. He grabbed her arm and continued the disinfection of her injuries. “Clear what?”

“To clarify that I did not seduce you nor did I post the surveillance footage. I also want to tell them all the things that Mrs. Lynch did to me.”

Then, Luna changed into a more comfortable position on the sofa.

“Mr. Lynch, are you planning to stop me?”

Even if he tried to stop her, she would not give up.

“Stop moving around.” Joshua grabbed her arm tighter. He lowered his gaze and dressed her wounds seriously. “I’m not getting involved in the affairs between you two women.”

If this incident could make Alice learn her lesson that when she is being unreasonable he would not be there to help her, it would be a good thing too.

Luna furrowed her brows at Joshua’s reactions. “Are you not planning to tell me otherwise?”

Joshua remained a lowered gaze and continued dressing her injuries. “If I were to persuade you, would you not go?”

Luna was silent. It was true. Even if he persuaded her not to go, Luna would not heed his words.

Alice had treated her terribly, Luna did not need to show her any mercy. However, she did not expect that Joshua did not plan to help Alice on this matter.

Although she was surprised, upon a closer thought, it was quite explainable too.

After all, Joshua might have pretended that he was deeply in love in public, he had no feelings for Luna Gibson back then.

He was always cold and heartless. It made sense for him to not help Alice too.

At that thought, she immediately retreated her arm, which was being gripped tightly by Joshua.

Joshua was rather stunned. The alcohol and cotton swab was still in his hands.

“I’m not that weak.” Luna coldly stood up and entered the kitchen.

In the kitchen, Neil and Nellie had aprons on. One was bending down plucking vegetables on the floor while the other was standing on a stool carefully washing the vegetables by the sink. Looking at this scene, Luna could not help but smile.

She walked over and lifted Nellie, who was on the stool and placed her on the floor. “Let me do it.”

Nellie still had some vegetables in her wet hands.

She stood on the floor and was stunned for a while before tiptoeing and putting the vegetables in her hands back into the

basket.

While putting the vegetables back into the basket, Nellie said in a low voice, "Mommy, why don't you chat with Daddy a little longer?"

She took such a huge effort to create a chance for them to be together alone.

Luna smiled and patted Nellie on the head. "Because we have nothing else to talk about."

Then, she took over the vegetables from Neil. "I can do it alone. Why don't you two head out first?"

Nellie pursed her lips. She wanted to say something but Neil had already pulled her out of the kitchen.

Joshua has his head lowered on the sofa in the living room. He was looking at the message Lucas sent.

"Mr. Lynch." Neil took a deep breath and sat next to Joshua. "Are you and Ms. Alice separated?"

Joshua looked up and flatly looked at him. "How did you know about this?"

"The servants at home told me."

Neil pursed his lips. "Because you split up with Ms. Alice, she is in a bad mood. She even slapped Lily." Then, he turned around and looked at Joshua with his huge watery eyes. "Why did you split up with her? Don't you love her anymore?"

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Joshua lowered his head. He looked at Neil's face, which was barely bigger than his palm, with a flat gaze. "What answer are you expecting by asking me this question?"

Joshua's gaze was so sharp it felt extremely dangerous.

Even if he was a scumbag, Neil could not help but admit that Joshua's gaze seemed to be able to see through someone.

He looked away. He did not dare to meet Joshua's eyes. "I'm just casually asking."

"If you're casually asking, I'll casually answer."

Joshua changed into a more comfortable position on the sofa.

Joshua smiled flatly. "I'm still in love with her."

He closed his eyes and said flatly, "I'm still in love with the old her."

Neil's eyes widened. He loved the old her?

The old Alice Gibson was his Mommy, Luna, right? Neil immediately turned around and looked at Joshua seriously. "What about her present?"

The present?

Joshua changed into another posture. His eyes were still closed.

He said nothing.

Some questions, even he had no clear answer for them.

On one hand, he felt that he should not have a change of heart that fast. After all, he has loved and waited for her for six years. On the other hand, he truly could not accept that the woman he once loved so deeply has become the type of person that he hated.

He did not know whether he still loved her or not.

Even when Luna asked him a moment ago whether he was going to stop her from exposing Alice's wrongdoings at the press conference, Joshua did not have an answer.

Neil noticed how Joshua was quiet. He pursed his lips and rolled his eyes at him.

"Neil." Nellie furrowed her brows and pulled Neil aside. "Don't bother Daddy. He is in a bad mood."

Then, Nellie winked at him. "I found something fun in Mommy's room. Let's go!"

Neil looked at Joshua once more before letting Nellie pull him into Luna's room.

Hearing their footsteps leaving, Joshua smiled helplessly.

Those two brats called him Daddy while they called Luna Mommy. If someone else were to overhear them, they might mistake him and Luna as a couple.

At that thought, he turned to look in the direction of the kitchen.

The kitchen door was made of glass. From where he was sitting, he could see Luna being busy.

Sounds of cooking came from the kitchen while the sounds of the children playing came from the bedroom. Joshua was rather in a daze by the sounds.

Compared to the cold and empty Blue Bay Villa, this was the family that he had always wanted.

Lively, heartwarming, and bustling. Only that it was not the correct people.

If the woman busy in the kitchen was not Luna, but Luna Gibson, everything would be just perfect.

As he was deep in his thoughts, Luna had already turned off the fire in the kitchen.

She swiftly placed the food onto a plate from the pan. She held the plate with one hand while trying to slide the door open with her other hand.

Perhaps because her hand was too wet, she could not get the glass door to slide open.

She tried another, but her hand still slipped.

Luna turned around. She thought of putting the plate on the counter before opening it again when the kitchen door was opened by someone outside.

Joshua calmly opened the door and accepted the dishes from her

before turning around to place them on the dining table.

Then, Joshua turned back to look at Luna who was in a daze. "Is there anything I can help with?"

Luna paused for a while before shaking her head. Joshua furrowed his brows and had a look at the kitchen.

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There were still a few dishes on the counter which had not been placed on the dining table.

Luna came to her senses, turned around, and entered the kitchen. She carefully carried each dish out.

In a blink of an eye, the small dining table was full of dishes.

There were four dishes and one soup. It was a feast.

Joshua stood in the same spot, looking at the dishes on the table and Luna being busy setting the table up. His heart tightened a little.

Back then, when he and Luna Gibson were still together, she would cook a feast for him almost daily and wait for him to come home.

Sometimes, she would even wait until the middle of the night.

When he came home, she would either be falling asleep by the dining table or lying on the sofa.

That time, although he kept saying that he did not like her, seeing her this way, he would be incredibly moved.

Then, he would carry her upstairs. He would get the butler to reheat the food, then he would eat the food alone at the dining table.

Although the dishes were common, it was filled with her love.

Six years later, Luna Gibson has changed her name to Alice Gibson, but Joshua no longer felt the gentleness from before.

Ever since Alice came back, she has not made a single meal for him, like Luna at that moment.

Luna Gibson back then was gentle and obedient. She always hoped for them to be like a normal married couple. Loving and peaceful.

Alice, at that moment, would always emphasize social status. She even has learned how to be as manipulative as her so-called upper-class women.

"Daddy, time to eat!" Nellie's voice suddenly pulled Joshua back to the present.

He came to his senses.

In front of him, Neil, Nellie, and Luna were already seated by the dining table. Nellie and Luna sat on one side while Neil was sitting on the other side.

Joshua smiled and sat down next to Neil.

"Today is the first time our family of four is having a meal

together. Let's celebrate! "

Nellie lifted her tiny hands and poured orange juice into everyone's cups. When she was pouring for Joshua, Nellie suddenly furrowed her brows. She jumped down from her chair and walked toward the drawer beneath Luna's TV. She found a bottle of wine.

"Daddy, drink this! "

Joshua shook his head. "I still have to drive tonight." Nellie pursed her lips. "Get Uncle Lucas to drive." Then, Nellie took the bottle opener and skillfully opened the bottle of wine.

Seeing her swift movements, Joshua furrowed his brows. "How do you know how to do that?"

Nellie poured the wine while she smiled and said, "I learned it from godfather. He likes to drink wine and I like to see him drink, so I learned how to do it!"

This was the first time Joshua heard her mention her godfather. He vaguely remembered that Luna's best friend Anne was their godmother.

Thus, Joshua smiled and accepted the wine. "Why is it you who is accompanying your godfather? What about your godmother?"

Nellie paused for a while. "Godfather and godmother don't know each other. Godfather is godfather, while godmother is another person."

Neil, by the side, swept a cold glance at Joshua. "It's just like how Daddy and Mommy are not necessarily a family, so godfather and godmother do not have to know each other."

Then, he picked up the orange juice and took a sip. "Our godfather is Malcolm Quinn. I'm sure you know who he is, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua's hand that was holding the wine glass trembled a little. Malcolm Quinn.

This was the person who kept going up against him in businesses. He once even thought that he sent Luna over as a spy.

Joshua's expressions turned cold. "How did he become your godfather?"

Neil shrugged. "Because we're close to each other. Mr. Lynch, you might not know this, this woman in front of you, Ms. Luna, was almost a Mrs. Quinn.

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Joshua paused for a while holding the glass.

He did not expect that Luna and Malcolm had such a relationship. He looked up at Luna, his gaze deep and endless. "How popular you are, Ms. Luna."

Luna slightly furrowed her brows. She smiled. "Thank you, Mr. Lynch."

She did not deny her relationship with Malcolm Quinn. This made Joshua slightly more annoyed.

Overseas, there was Malcolm Quinn who was missing her, yet here next door, there was Theo.

At that thought, Joshua was even more annoyed. He picked up the wine glass and downed it all in one go.

Seeing how fast he drank, Nellie was stunned. Before she could pour more for him, Joshua immediately took over the wine bottle. He drank it straight from the bottle.

Luna and the two kids were stunned, looking at Joshua finishing the bottle in one go.

Thud!

He placed the empty wine bottle on the dining table. "Is there more?"

Neil and Nellie looked at each other. "Yes! "

"I 'll go get it!" Neil immediately got down from the chair and went to take two more bottles.

Luna furrowed her brows and glanced at Neil sternly. "Stop playing around."

"I'm not. Mr. Lynch wants to drink, right?"

Neil opened two more bottles of wine and placed them right in front of Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, please."

He wanted to see what the man looked like when he was drunk! Joshua did not hesitate. Perhaps he was too annoyed the entire day. There was nothing more annoying than finding out the wife that you loved had become the type of person that you hated. He waited for her for six years, and what came back was a completely different Alice Gibson. He even had planned for a divorce.

He felt suffocated and helpless. He felt that his passion had been doused by cold water.

Perhaps he was too heartless, perhaps she has changed too much.

No matter what, everything was different from what he imagined it to be.

One bottle after the other. By the third bottle, Joshua was leaning back on the chair rather listlessly. "Is there more?"

"There is." Neil furrowed his brows. He wanted to jump down to get more when he was stopped by Luna.

Luna glared at Neil coldly. "Are you trying to get him to end up in the hospital?"

Joshua has already gone to the hospital once because of his stomach problem.

Neil stopped, then obediently returned to the dining table.

Luna took a deep breath. In the end, she stood up and helped

Joshua to her bedroom.

She should have placed him on the sofa. She did not feel that Joshua had the right to sleep in her bed, but she was afraid that he might run out drunk and something might happen to him, so putting him in her bedroom would be safer.

However, Luna did not expect that once she put him on her bed, he immediately pulled her over and pinned her to the bed.

The bedroom door was secretly closed by a small hand.

Before Luna could react, Joshua kissed her, reeking of alcohol.

She could barely gasp for air.

After a long while, Joshua let her go. His eyes were in a drunken daze. "You were almost Mrs. Quinn?

Where did it go wrong?"

Luna furrowed her brows. She lifted her hands and wanted to push him away, but he held her tightly, she could not even push away.

Kisses from Joshua rained down on her.

After a long while, she could hear his low, muffled voice ringing next to her ears.

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"You're so nice. I almost..." He did not finish his sentence.

Facing Luna's inquisitive gaze, Joshua drunkenly chuckled. He hugged her tight in his arms. "Let's go to sleep."

It was a night of infatuation.

The next morning, Luna was woken up by the ringing of her phone.

It was no one else but her own mother, Natasha.

"Ms. Luna." Natasha sounded somewhat agitated. "This morning at nine. I have already gotten people to set up the venue of the press conference. Nine o'clock at City Sports Center. You have to be there. You promised me."

Luna furrowed her brows. She had a little headache. "

Yes."

"Don't forget about it! Don't be late and don't miss it!"

Natasha reminded her. "I recorded the conversation between you and Theo at your office yesterday! If you don't attend today, I could only release the recording to the media!"

Luna's hand clutching the phone trembled a little.

Her heart turned cold. "You recorded our conversation?"

"Of course." Natasha took a deep breath. "I don't trust you. Only with the recording will I be more comfortable."

Luna shut her eyes. She wanted to laugh but could not laugh.

At the other end of the phone call was her own mother. Luna knew what kind of person Natasha was. She was not the type that would simply secretly record other people's conversations,

yet at that moment, for Aura and for Alice's money, she actually did it.

After a long silence, Luna chuckled, "Ok. Aunty Natasha, don't worry. I will be there."

Then, before she could wait for Natasha's reaction, she immediately hung up.

Thud!

Luna threw her phone by the nightstand. She closed her eyes and slowly stretched lazily.

The moment she stretched her hands out, she touched another hand.

To put it more accurately, that hand grabbed her arm.

Luna was stunned and immediately opened her eyes. The person that grabbed her arm was Joshua.

At that moment, he was lying sideways on one hand, while the other hand was grabbing her arm. He looked at her flatly.

Her mind was blank for a moment. After a few seconds, Luna recalled. Last night... they had a night together once again.

Luna took a deep breath and she pried herself off from his grip.

"Why are you still not leaving?"

Joshua changed into a more comfortable position, leaning against the head of the bed. His eyes were calm. "Why should I leave?"

Luna rolled her eyes. "You did what you wanted to do, are you still not satisfied?"

Joshua was taken aback by her attitude.

After a while, his expressions darkened. He did not want to continue this topic with her.

"Are you really going to the press conference today?"

Luna raised her eyebrows. "Of course. Didn't you hear that just now? Natasha has recorded Theo and me agreeing to attend the press conference yesterday. If I don't attend today, she will release the recording. By then, we will be deemed as untrustworthy villains."

Then, she took some clothes next to her and put them on. She swept a cold glance at Joshua on the bed. "What? Are you planning to stop me, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua smiled. He raised his hands and took Luna's photo album by her bed. He said while flipping through them. "No. I only want to know the exact time, so I could hide."

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Luna rolled her eyes at Joshua. She snatched the photo album back and put them back on her nightstand. "It's nine this morning. Mr. Lynch, you can choose to hide, but not in my house."

Then, she strode to the door and opened it. "Please."

Joshua furrowed his brows a little. "Are you trying to chase me off?"

Luna sneered, "Am I not making myself obvious enough?"

Joshua was silent for a while. Then, he grabbed his clothes and put them on before walking out of the door.

When he walked past Luna, he stopped in his tracks. "You're a changed woman once you put on your pants."

Luna was stunned for a moment. When she came to her senses, Joshua was already washing up in the washroom.

She glared at him fiercely before turning around and headed to the other room.

The apartment has a two-bedroom one-hall setup. She knew that Nellie and Neil were coming, so she simply made up the room next door for them to sleep in.

She did not leave her bedroom because of Joshua last night. She did not know how the two of them slept.

She pushed open the door. The two beds were empty. Although the sheets were folded neatly, she could still see that someone had slept in them the night before.

There was a note on Neil's little desk by the bed. She walked over and picked it up.

(Mommy, Nellie and I went to kindergarten. We did not want to disturb you since you were not up yet. Prepared breakfast for you in the kitchen. Good luck at the press conference today!]

Neil added two huge smiley faces at the end of the last sentence. Luna felt a warmth in her heart.

When she came out from the room, before she could even head to the kitchen, she saw Joshua sitting by her dining table, generously helping himself to the breakfast which the kids prepared for her.

Luna furrowed her brows. "Mr. Lynch, the kids prepared those for me."

Joshua looked at her and offered her some of the food.

Luna furrowed her brows. She wanted to say something when the doorbell rang.

Accompanying the doorbell was Theo's gentle voice. "Are you up yet?"

Luna paused for a while. She walked over to the door.

"I'm up."

"Then pack up a little and head over to my house. I waited for you last night, but I guessed you must have fallen asleep due to exhaustion. We still have to discuss a little about the press conference today."

Luna nodded. "Okay. I'll be there soon."

Then, she turned around and was about to go wash up when she

knocked into Joshua.

He was still eating by the dining table a moment ago, at that moment, he was standing in front of her fully suited up.

She furrowed her brows and took a step back. She asked in a hushed tone, "What are you trying to do?"

Joshua smiled a little. "I'm going out."

Then, he went closer toward her ear and said mischievously in a suppressed voice, "Weren't you trying to chase me out just now, Ms. Luna?"

Upon his words, Theo's phone rang outside. He picked up the call. He was just standing outside Luna's door. It was only a piece of wood in between them.

Luna's heart was about to pop out because she clearly heard Theo mention Nigel.

Joshua, standing in front of Luna, looked at her miserably pale face in satisfaction. He placed his hand on the handle.

The more she did not want Theo to know about them, the more he wanted Theo to know!

The moment he turned the doorknob, Luna grabbed his arm and frantically closed the door once more.

She grabbed her arm and raised her head. She looked at him pleadingly. "Don't."

Luna was not sure if the door was opened and Joshua heard Nigel's name, whether he would think of Neil instead!

Previously with the photo album, she had a hard time brushing Joshua off by saying Nigel and Neil were the same person.

If he knew that there was another kid called Nigel on this earth... With his intelligence, he would not doubt it!

Moreover, Luna did not want Theo to see her inappropriate relationships with Joshua...

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She bit her lips and looked at Joshua's face seriously. "Please. Please don't open the door."

At that moment, she had no other choice.

Her pleas were insulting in Joshua's eyes. Did she care so much about Theo? Did she not want other men to know about them? Was she so afraid that Theo would know about them?

The more she did not want to, the more he wanted to let Theo know that she belonged to him!

At that thought, Joshua immediately opened the door.

Air from the outside corridor rushed in. Luna felt the cold air slicing her face. She should not have expected much from a person like Joshua.

Luckily, Theo has ended the call.

"Lu..."

He raised his eyes and was about to call out for Luna when he saw a tall man standing by the door.

Theo was stunned for a while. Then, he smiled. "Mr. Lynch, are you homeless?"

Joshua gave a fake smile. "My home is wherever I want it to be."

"Does Mrs. Lynch know about this?" Theo raised his eyebrows. He looked at Luna in the distance, with her stiffened back facing him.

"Luna, go pack up. I'll casually have a chat with Mr. Lynch. I'll wait for you."

Luna's face was pale. She bit her lips. "Hmm."

Then, Luna walked to the washroom and slammed the door shut.

Joshua crossed his arms around his chest. He sneered, "She really listens to you."

"Of course." Theo smiled. He met Joshua's gaze fearlessly.

"Because I respect her. I would not pursue her if I still have not ended my previous relationship. I would never sleep with her either. Also, when she is rumored to be a mistress, not only will I not defend her, but I also won't carry her and have close contact with her in public. Neither would I show her off as a trophy without caring about her feelings when another man is pursuing her."

Then, Theo looked at Joshua mockingly. "I could do all these, Mr. Lynch, could you?"

Joshua's face darkened at Theo's words. Seeing how unhappy he looked, Theo could not help but laugh.

"Mr. Lynch, I hope you could understand something. Climbing into a woman's bed is nothing. The real deal is how you get into her heart."

Joshua sneered, "Can you get into her heart?"

"Perhaps not yet, but at least I have the right to. As someone else's husband, you don't even have the right."

Then, he took a huge step into Luna's apartment and slammed the door shut.

Joshua was still standing in the same spot. Looking at the closed door. He clenched his fists tightly.

At that moment, his phone rang.

It was a call from Alice. He furrowed his brows and walked to the staircase. "What is it?"

"Joshua." Alice's voice was demure. "I just remembered that Granny just had her birthday not long ago. I did not give her any presents. I asked Granny Lynch out to shop together, but she said that she wants you to be with her. Joshua, we have not gone shopping together for a long time. We also have not seen Granny Lynch for a long time. We're at the mall right now waiting for you. Can you come over?"

Joshua furrowed his brows. After a moment of hesitation, he replied, "Okay."

"Then it's set! "

On the other end of the call, Alice took a deep breath and hung up in delight.

Natasha was holding a press conference for Luna that day. It would be shown live on the huge screen at the city center at nine that morning.

By then, she would bring Granny Lynch and Joshua to watch the live broadcast.

She wanted Joshua to apologize on the spot to her in front of Granny Lynch!

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9 am.

The City Sports Center was filled with people.

When Luna and Theo arrived, the reporters at the venue had already set up their cameras and equipment facing the main stage.

Upon seeing her, Natasha immediately smiled and welcomed her.

"Ms. Luna, you came after all."

Then, she took out a recording device from her pocket. "I was still thinking if you did not come, I'll release the recording."

Then, she passed the recording device to Luna. "Since you're here, I have no use for the recording device anymore. I'll return this to you."

Luna looked at her flatly. She accepted the recording device and threw it into the trash can. Then, she turned to look at the time.

"It's almost time. Let's start."

Natasha's expression was somewhat ugly. She cleared her throat before turning to the host. "We can start."

"Okay." The host gently laughed.

Upon hearing the woman's crisp voice, Luna furrowed her brows. The voice sounded a little familiar to her.

She subconsciously turned around to meet the woman's gaze.

It was the woman who led the attack on her at the supermarket the night before.

Upon seeing Luna looking at her, the woman smiled. "Hello, Yvonne Walter. We met yesterday."

Luna frowned hard.

This woman openly blocked Joshua and her the night before. At that moment, she boldly assumed the role of the host of the press conference Natasha held.

All she forgot to do was to stick a label saying, (I was hired by Alice Gibson).

It was absurd.

Seeing how Luna ignored her, Yvonne did not feel awkward at all. She took a deep breath, stood up with the microphone, and looked at the venue full of reporters.

“Hello everyone, welcome to Ms. Luna’s press conference.”

On the huge screen at the City Center Mall, a woman’s gentle voice rang through. “Ms. Luna would like to clarify regarding the viral video on the internet recently, about the rumors of Ms. Alice Gibson, the wife of Joshua Lynch.”

Granny Lynch who was shopping accurately caught wind of the name Joshua Lynch being mentioned. She immediately furrowed her brows and looked.

The moment she looked up, she saw the face which she despised the most!

“Joshua! “ Granny Lynch frowned hard. “What is going on?”

Joshua had one hand in his pocket. He looked at the host on the huge screen coolly.

“Granny, don’t get angry.” Alice pursed her lips and immediately helped Granny Lynch, supporting her. “ Perhaps Luna might feel aggrieved due to the incidents recently, so she decided to hold this press conference.”

Then, she carefully looked at Joshua. “Joshua, do you know about this? I went to apologize to Luna already yesterday. Why would she still want to hold a press conference... ”

Alice’s eyes were slightly reddened. “Although I have already knelt and apologized to her, I know she and I still have some misunderstandings. I initially wanted to apologize to her again today... ”

Her pitiful looks instantly aggravated Granny Lynch.

She sat on the bench by the side and angrily stomped her walking stick. “You’ve already knelt and asked for forgiveness.

What else does she want? Are you wrong? If she is truly a world-famous figure like Moon, why not continue her career in Europa?

Why does she have to condescend herself to stay in Banyan City?

Her deliberately staying in the Lynch Group is just to seduce Joshua, isn’t it!”

Then, Granny Lynch looked at Joshua coldly. “ Joshua, she is already bullying your wife. Are you still planning to protect her?” Joshua furrowed his brows. He subconsciously swept a glance at Alice.

Alice’s eyes remained lowered. She said nothing. Her hands were wiping her tears, looking aggrieved.

In front of him, Granny Lynch harrumphed coldly while sitting on the bench. She coldly glared at the huge screen. “I want to see what this b*tch says during the press conference. See how much more she plans to slander the Lynch family! “

Standing in between the two women, Joshua flatly smiled.

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So that was the case.

No wonder Natasha insisted Luna on having the press conference that day. No wonder Alice intentionally took Granny out shopping. Alice had planned everything.

She had guessed that Luna would not clear her name during the press conference, so she purposely looked for Granny Lynch. Having Luna holding the press conference was just a cover. Using that, Alice forced him to draw a clear line between him and Luna in front of Granny Lynch. That was her real intention.

How thoughtful of Alice.

Previously, when he saw Luna Gibson crying, he would be heartbroken.

At that moment, seeing Alice crying, he only wanted to sneer. Joshua turned around and sat next to Granny Lynch. "Great, I also want to see how this unfolds."

Then, Joshua raised his brow and looked at Alice. He said in a cold tone, "Sit."

Alice bit her lips and cautiously sat next to Joshua.

"Joshua." She wiped her tears. "I never thought for this matter to blow up. I wanted to apologize to Luna today..."

Joshua leaned back on the bench. He said flatly, "The host is your friend right?"

Alice shuddered a little. She looked at Yvonne on the huge screen. "We... have some acquaintances, but this should be her occupation..."

Then, Alice secretly swore in her heart. That idiot Mr. Walter ! How could he get Yvonne to be the host? That was equivalent to letting Joshua know that she had a hand in the matter!

"You two are not just acquaintances." Joshua turned around and swept Alice a cold glance. "She led an attack last night and bullied Luna in the supermarket. She scratched Luna's face and tore her clothes."

Alice trembled violently. "I... I didn't know."

She truly did not know. After arranging everything for that day the evening before, she got Mr. Walter to check up on Joshua and the kids.

Once she made sure Joshua and the kids were at his office, she went to bed.

She did not know what Yvonne did to Luna at the supermarket. However...

Alice turned to look at Joshua. "Joshua, how did you know about that? Last night you were..."

Was he not at the office working late?

Joshua looked at her. His gaze darkened. "If you can get someone to spy on me, why can't I get someone to put on an act?"

Seeing how her face turned pale. Joshua smiled. "The kids and I were not at the office last night."

Alice clenched both of her fists tightly. Although he did not say where he and the kids were, he implied.

"Everyone."

At that moment, on the huge screen, Luna smiled and said, "About the rumors online, I have to admit that some of them are true."

She smiled at the shocked reporters. "I did have my intentions toward Mr. Lynch."

Her words caused an uproar.

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Luna's words on the huge screen made Alice and Granny Lynch frown at the same time.

Was this not a press conference for Luna to clear her name? Why did she... admit on the spot?

Granny Lynch looked at Alice. Alice immediately lowered her head and clasped her hands together.

At that moment, the atmosphere at the press venue conference was at its boiling point.

The reporters were pressing to ask questions.

"Ms. Luna, you said you have your intentions toward Mr. Lynch, what does that mean?"

"Are you admitting that you wanted to seduce Mr. Lynch? Are you admitting that you are the mistress?"

"Ms. Luna, you so boldly announce that you are the mistress, are you sure that's appropriate?"

The uncomfortable questions came hurling over like cannonballs.

Luna, being in the eye of the storm, remained calm. She smiled.

"Since when did I say I was a mistress? Could I not just eye Joshua for his money?"

The entire venue was silent.

Luna chuckled, "The internet said that I stayed at Lynch Group because I wanted to seduce Mr. Lynch. Let me ask everybody, why would I like a man like Joshua who has been with so many women?"

Her question silenced the entire crowd. It was pin-drop silence.

In the mall, Joshua was looking at Luna's face on the huge screen with darkened eyes.

Luna was still smiling at the camera. She projected the analysis chart onto the huge screen.

"Three days ago, Mrs. Lynch felt that Mr. Lynch and I had been

working late together, so she deliberately pushed me over and ruined Master Allen's artwork. Then, let us see what I was doing a few days before she pushed me."

Luna took a deep breath and projected her schedule on the huge screen.

"A few days before the art gallery incident, due to some personal matters, I was sent to jail. I was in jail for a few days, then I went to my friend's."

She played one of the surveillance footage. "This is the footage of my friend's house's staircase. This video proves that only me, her, and her boyfriend have been to her house. Mr. Lynch has never been there."

Then, Luna took a deep breath and looked at the camera. "First, Mr. Lynch would not secretly sneak into jail to meet with me. He also does not have the superpowers to get past surveillance, so why would Mrs. Lynch use me working late with Mr. Lynch as a reason to push me and hurt me?"

Luna's words were logical and clear. The reporters were in a daze.

That was true. If Luna did not have any inappropriate relationships with Joshua before the art gallery incident, Alice's reasons for harming Luna due to jealousy would not be valid at all.

Luna was no mistress!

After a moment of stillness, the people in the venue started discussing among themselves.

Over at the mall, Granny Lynch furrowed her brows and looked at Alice coldly. "Alice, what is going on? "

Alice bit her lips hard.

That day when she pushed Luna, she did not even think that far ahead. Later on, she claimed that Luna was a mistress due to the convenience of the situation at that moment. She did not even think of the chain of events leading up to that.

Presently, Luna was refuting the claims by showing evidence from the beginning, Alice could... not explain herself.

"This proves nothing."

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Suddenly, a crisp woman's voice rang through.

Yvonne harrumphed coldly and stood up. "Who said that you and Joshua Lynch only could have the affair at night?"

Seeing her arrogant look, Theo furrowed his brows and smiled.

"Alice was the one that said that."

"Perhaps she was just giving you an excuse." Yvonne pursed her lips. "After all, a male boss having an affair with his female staff would be bad for their image too."

Then, she sighed, "Ms. Luna, if you and Mr. Lynch were truly innocent, why would Mrs. Lynch only suspect you but not the other women?"

"Yes, yes," Natasha immediately chimed in at Natasha's words.

"My daughter has always been kind, obedient, gentle, and motherly. She would never accuse someone blindly."

Then, Natasha seemed to have thought of something. She stood up and said, "When my daughter was with Joshua Lynch six years ago, Joshua also had been working with other women, but my daughter has never simply suspected anyone before! Why would she suspect you now? The problem lies with you."

Luna remained in the same spot looking at Natasha spouting nonsense. She suddenly felt miserable.

It was because she trusted Joshua too much six years ago, that was why she ended up like this at that moment.

Her grievances that she suffered back then have become irrefutable evidence for another woman's character.

How comical and sad it was.

"Ms. Luna."

After a while, the reporters stood up. "Since you can prove that you and Mr. Lynch never spent the night, can you prove that you have spent other time with Mr. Lynch?"

"Also, Mr. Lynch and you were rumored to be together previously. Although both of you split up after a day, are you two truly innocent?"

"Did you have an affair with Mr. Lynch even though you knew he was in a relationship with someone else?"

"Why are you still not admitting that you are the mistress?"

"Ms. Luna..."

The reporters' questions were getting more and more inappropriate.

Luna grabbed hold of the table tightly with both hands. She looked at everyone below and gradually sneered determinedly. No one cared about the truth. They only wanted the news that they came for.

Wanting her to prove what she and Joshua did every time they met was extremely challenging.

"Everyone."

At that moment, Theo stood up and protected Luna, placing her behind him.

"Mrs. Lynch suspects that Ms. Luna and Joshua are having an affair. She should be the one to prove it herself. Hunting Luna down for evidence is just bullying her."

"I don't think we're bullying her." Yvonne mocked, "Didn't Luna attend this press conference to clear her name? If she could not

prove her innocence, we could only believe what we think is the truth. How is this bullying?”

Joshua fiercely narrowed his eyes at the woman behind Theo on the huge screen.

He took his phone out and wanted to dial, but a hand stopped him.

Alice bit her lips and looked at him aggrievedly. “Joshua, are you planning to help Luna? If it were not for Yvonne’s quick response, the person who would be scolded and slandered by everyone would be me already.

“She had it coming, don’t...”

Joshua furrowed his brows and flung her hand aside. His voice was cold. “If I do not send someone to explain it clearly, am I just going to let them say that I’m the scumbag having an affair with Luna!” Alice squinted her eyes. She looked at the lipstick stain under Joshua’s collar. She sneered, “Aren’t you?”

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Her words made Joshua silent. He could not retort.

Although he was not willing to admit it, in fact, before Alice came back, he had feelings toward Luna that were different compared to other women.

When he realized that Alice was completely different from six years ago, his feelings for Luna got deeper, so much so that while intoxicated, he recklessly...

Joshua’s silence only made the hatred in Alice’s eyes thicken. She bit her lips.

“Joshua, have you forgotten? Before I came back, what did you say to the public? You said that as long as I am back, you were willing to do anything. You said that no matter when I came back, I would always be the most important person to you.”

Alice said while lowering her head and wiping away her tears.

“Joshua, have you forgotten what you said?”

Looking at her tears falling, a hint of guilt rose in Joshua’s heart.

However, he felt even more annoyed.

He did not know where the problem was, why would Alice and he become this way six years later?

“What nonsense is this!” Looking at Alice crying, Granny Lynch fiercely stomped her walking stick. “Joshua, Alice is your wife. How could you treat her this way?”

Then, Granny Lynch snatched the phone from Joshua. “Let me tell you, Luna deserved to be scolded today! She had always been plotting against you. It was one thing last time, now that Alice is back, she should have stopped! If she doesn’t know how to stop, then no matter how ugly other people’s words are, she deserved

them! You're not allowed to defend her. Do you hear me?"

"Granny, don't get so worked up," Alice said with reddened eyes. She wiped her tears while holding onto Granny Lynch's arm.

"You're not young anymore. Don't spoil your health. After the press conference, I'll release a statement on behalf of Joshua saying that Luna was the one..."

"Yes!" Granny Lynch harrumphed coldly. "We also need to fire her! No matter how capable she is, we cannot let this type of woman stay at Lynch Group! Furthermore," Granny Lynch pursed her lips. "It's just jewelry design. Alice, did you say that you're also learning? If Luna could be the Design Director, so can you!"

"Granny..."

Listening to the conversation of the two women, Joshua frowned hard.

He looked at his phone in Granny Lynch's hand. "Return the phone to me."

Granny Lynch glared at him. She gripped the phone tighter. "I'll return it after the press conference, in case you want to try to help that woman!"

Joshua furrowed his brows. There were people everywhere in the mall. He did not want to have a conflict with an elderly woman in public.

Alice looked at Joshua's green face. She bit her lips and held his hand. "Joshua, don't worry."

Then, she looked at the huge screen. "The press conference should be over soon, right?"

Joshua coldly retreated his hand. He looked at and saw Luna's pale face on the huge screen. He felt as if someone was squeezing his heart tightly. It was insufferable.

Luna should not have to go through this. This matter was an unwarranted disaster for Luna from the beginning.

After a long while, Joshua took a deep breath and immediately stood up.

Alice was stunned. She immediately realized what Joshua was trying to do. She grabbed onto him. "Joshua, you cannot go! If you go, you will never be able to clear your relationship with her!"

Granny Lynch, by the side, also furrowed her brows. She kept hitting her walking stick on the ground. "What are you doing? Sit down! After the press conference, release a statement that you and Alice are still a loving couple. What are you planning to do if you go there now?"

Joshua slowly pulled his hand back from Alice.

His glares turned cold. He looked at Alice's face frigidly. "Loving couple? You and I?"

He laughed mockingly, "Yesterday, I said I needed time to think whether we should remain as husband and wife or ex-spouses."

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"Now, I have my answer."

Joshua walked over to the front of Granny Lynch and took his phone back. "No matter how deeply I love someone, I would not let her distort the truth nor let her harm another innocent woman."

Then, he swept a cold glance at Alice. "Moreover, I don't seem to love her that much anymore now."

At that, Joshua stormed off.

Alice gritted her teeth. She wanted to chase after him, but Granny Lynch threw the walking stick on the floor. "He is rebelling! What a rebellious child!"

Alice turned around and returned to Granny Lynch. "Granny, don't be angry..."

Coming out from the mall, Joshua immediately drove to the City Sports Center.

When he arrived, the press conference was still going on. The reporters were still bombarding Luna with humiliating questions.

"Everyone."

Suddenly, a child's voice came from the loudspeaker.

The reporters who were still asking questions after questions stopped. Why was there a child's voice at a press conference?

"I have heard all of your questions."

Across the ocean, in a patient's ward, the skies were already dark there. Nigel was sitting in front of the computer with his pale face, but his tone was firm. "Before Luna answers those questions, I would like everyone to listen to a recording."

Then, he found the recording on his computer and he pressed play.

"I know that they are innocent, but I have to get rid of Luna.

"Mr. Walter, post the video that Theo gave me. Change it to Luna's IP address. Let it seem like it was her that posted the video.

"Use the international spammers' syndicate too. Create a surge of rumors, pointing fingers at Luna.

"Mr. Walter, go and help Natasha set up the press conference. Buy a few reporters to get them to attack Luna.

"This time, I'll make sure that she won't be able to survive in Banyan City.

"Only when I get rid of her can I have the time and energy to deal with those two brats."

The recording silenced the entire venue. It was pin-drop silence.

“I guess, some might still be unable to recognize whose voice is this. Let us hear it one more time.”

Theo gently chuckled and played the viral video of Alice kneeling in front of Luna.

“Please forgive me. The incident that day, I was wrong.”

It was exactly the same. They did not even need to have a voice expert to match the voices.

The crowd was silent for a very long time.

In the end, a reporter boldly asked, “So... everything was deliberately set up by Mrs. Lynch?”

It was silent once again.

On the main stage, Yvonne felt the muscles on her face stiffened. How?

How did someone get hold of the conversation between Alice and her father?

After a while, she took a deep breath. “I think that the voice is made up. After all...”

Yvonne furrowed her brows and said rather sheepishly, “After all, Mrs. Lynch has no reason to be jealous of Luna. She and Mr. Lynch are such a loving couple...”

“Is that so?”

Upon Yvonne’s words, a cold voice came from the direction of the venue’s entrance.

A tall man slowly walked in among the gasps of the crowd.

“Alice and I were once a loving couple.”

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The appearance of Joshua not only shocked the reporters but also Luna and Theo on stage.

The two of them looked at each other. Luna said with a suppressed tone, “Did you get him to come?”

Theo innocently raised both his heads. “I swear to God that it was not me.”

While the two were conversing, Joshua had already walked to Luna’s side.

He picked up the microphone in front of Luna and said in a cold and low voice, “If everybody wants to accuse Luna and I of having an affair, how could I be absent?”

Joshua calmly took a seat next to Luna. He looked down at the reporters below stage like an emperor looking at his subjects. “If any of you have any questions, you can ask me. Don’t make things difficult for Luna.”

His aura was so cold that everyone there could not help but take a gasp.

Those reporters that were attacking Luna previously shut their

mouths.

A few wanted to sneak away too, but they were stopped by Lucas, Zach, and Yuri by the entrance.

The venue was silent for a long time.

Seeing nobody saying anything, Joshua smiled a little. "Then, let me give a simple explanation to everyone.

"Luna is an exceptional jewelry designer. She is close to both of my kids too. We are employers and staff, as well as friends. Perhaps, if I were to get a divorce in the future, we might become the relationship that you imagine us to be, who's to say?"

Then, Joshua's gaze turned cold. "But, Luna is not my mistress." The venue was in silence.

After a long time, Yvonne could finally no longer take it. She stood up angrily.

"Joshua Lynch, do you have any regard for Alice for saying such things? She has liked you for so many years and made so many changes for you! She has suffered so much for you! Now you're defending your mistress?"

Joshua swept Yvonne a cold glance. "I have already said that Luna is not my mistress! "

His tone was as cold as his glares.

Yvonne furrowed her brows. She pursed her lips angrily. "You came to prove that Luna is not your mistress, that means you're saying that the recording just now was real. It was Alice who was trying to harm Luna. Making things difficult for your wife in public, I wonder what sort of husband you are."

Upon mentioning the recording, Joshua frowned hard.

He heard it clearly. The last words Alice said were, " Only when I get rid of her can I have the time and energy to deal with those two brats."

He never knew that jealousy would push a person to become so crazy.

Neil and Nellie were her own children!

Just because Luna had been taking care of them since young and they were closer to Luna, so she has to get rid of her kids too?

At that thought, Joshua's heart turned colder.

He lifted his gaze and said in a cold tone, "Since everyone is so concerned about my family affairs, let me announce one more thing."

He took a deep breath and stood up. "I used to say that I hope my wife comes back to me and I would do anything for her to be back.

"Now that she's back, I realized that time could completely change a person to become someone you could no longer recognize."

“Her face, voice, and habits were hers, but it was completely different already.”

He looked at the reporters, but his gaze seemed to pierce through them into the distance. “The Luna Gibson back then would trust me. She would believe that whether I have a meal or a meeting with another woman, that it is just me working. However, now, she has completely changed. Thus, I have decided to get a divorce.”

Joshua’s words were like a bomb detonating at the venue! Because Mrs. Lynch was so jealous of Luna and tried to hurt her, that was why Joshua decided to get a divorce!

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This news came too suddenly.

Not only could the reporters not react in time, but Luna too. The first to react was Natasha, who had been sitting by the corner.

She rushed over manically and grabbed Joshua’s collar. “How dare you divorce my daughter! How many things has she done for you back then! How dare you abandon her now! “

Joshua pried Natasha’s hand off him, finger by finger. “You also said that it was back then.

Furthermore, the person who is most unqualified to stand up for Luna is you.”

His voice was cold. “Don’t you think I don’t know how unfairly you treated Luna back then?”

Natasha was stunned. She looked at Joshua in a daze. “What are you talking about...”

Joshua ignored her. He only calmly gave Lucas a look. Lucas immediately got people to send Natasha away.

The discussions in the venue got more and more heated.

“Everyone.” Theo furrowed his brows. He took over the microphone to control the crowd. “We have explained all we needed to explain today. We even announced a piece of huge news. The press conference today ends here.”

Upon his words, the live broadcast of the press conference was immediately cut off.

Sitting in the mall, Alice was staring at the black huge screen. She was clenching her fists tightly.

Joshua actually dared to announce a divorce.

He said he wanted a divorce with her at Luna’s press conference. She gritted her teeth. The grudge in her got deeper and more intense.

Why!

Since when she was young, why has Joshua not seen how much she sacrificed!

She should be the one that Joshua should marry!
Suddenly, her phone rang. Alice furrowed her brows and picked the call up.

“Ms. Alice, we checked. Someone hacked into the telecommunications company and retrieved our conversations. Not many people could do this.”

The middle-aged man on the phone call sounded exhausted.

“We’re checking the list of world-famous hackers.”

Then, Mr. Walter sighed, “Master saw the press conference. He is flaring up at home. Do you want to find some time to come home?”

Alice was annoyed. “We’ll see about that. I’m in no mood to go home.”

Mr. Walter was silent for a while, then he spoke quietly, “I think you should come back. Now that Joshua has announced his divorce with you, even if you won’t sign it, he could be with Luna openly. Now what you can do is to give Joshua pressure. Force him to reconcile with you and give up the idea of divorce.

Although the Walters never always had an arranged marriage with the Lynch family, at least we’re family friends. Getting Adrian Lynch to help you apply some pressure would be a good thing too, what do you think?”

Alice furrowed her brows upon his words.

After a while, she rolled her eyes in annoyance. “I’ll find some time to go back.”

After hanging up the phone, Alice walked out of the mall irritatedly.

Once she exited a black Maserati stopped in front of her.

The car door opened and Lucas flashed a smile. “Ma’am, Mr. Lynch got me to fetch you to the Civil Affairs Bureau.”

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Alice furrowed her brows hard. She walked around the car.

Lucas smiled. He drove the car, following her. “Ma’am, avoiding won’t solve the problem. Mr. Lynch said that I have to bring you to the Civil Affairs Bureau no matter what.”

Alice stopped in her tracks. She turned to look at Lucas coldly.

“Tell Joshua that I won’t agree to the divorce. If there are any problems between us, we can talk it out, but I will never agree to divorce even if it is for the kids! “

Lucas was determined. He kept following her with his car. Alice rolled her eyes. While walking and her back facing Lucas, she took a pill out and popped it into her mouth.

10 minutes later.

Joshua, who was at a cafe, received Lucas’ call.

“Sir, Ma’am passed out! She is in the hospital now undergoing

resuscitation!”

Joshua’s pupils constricted. “What else?”

After all the previous incidents, he no longer trusts Alice.

Lucas, on the other end of the call, paused for a while. “The doctor said that it seems to be caused by the aftermath of a car accident. Do you want to come over?”

Joshua’s expressions changed suddenly. The aftermath of the accident.

He remembered that rainy day.

Back then, when he rushed back to Banyan City from Sea City, it was already five hours from Luna’s accident.

They were fishing in the sea and testing.

He stood under the rain and accompanied the people who were searching for Luna for the entire night.

In the end, he fell sick, yet there was still no news about Luna.

Experts said that the chances of her surviving were slim. Because of that, he even beat the expert up.

Six years have passed. He almost forgot how sad he was back then.

At that moment, when Lucas mentioned it, he finally remembered how hard it was for them to be together back then.

After a moment of silence, Joshua sighed. “I’ll be there right away.”

Once he hung up, Joshua lifted his gaze and looked at that woman in front of him rather guiltily. “Alice passed out. She’s at the hospital.”

Luna smiled and took a sip from her coffee cup. “I think you better not get a divorce, Mr. Lynch.”

After announcing the divorce, here he was being anxious at the news of Alice passing out.

Who was he putting an act for?

Joshua furrowed his brows. “Divorce is one matter, being concerned for her is a whole other matter.

Indeed, I don’t like the present version of her, but after all, she has once been the person that loved me the most. She sacrificed everything for me.”

He stood up and put on his coat while furrowing his brows. “As for your resignation, I won’t agree to it. If you dare to leave, I’ll make sure you won’t be able to survive in Banyan City. You should know that I have the ability to do so.” Then, he turned and left.

Luna sneered and called after him, “Mr. Lynch, you said that you don’t like this version of Alice Gibson six years later. What about Luna Gibson six years before? Did you like her?”

Joshua paused a while. He smiled. “What do you think?” Then, he

left.

Looking at him leaving, Luna closed her eyes and smiled bitterly.

Of course, she knew. He loved himself the most, but...

A moment ago at the press conference, when she was under attack and being humiliated and he shifted the focus all onto him, she had to admit that she was moved by his actions.

There was even a moment where she thought that if he were less of a womanizer and a scumbag, she could even forget about his past actions and choose to be with him once again, but...

It was only just a thought. After all, old habits die hard.

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Back then, he could cheat on her with Aura Gibson.

At that moment, when he was with Alice, he had an ambiguous relationship with her.

Even if they would be together, sooner or later, another Aura would appear.

When Joshua reached the hospital, Alice had just been pushed out of the emergency room.

"What happened?"

"Sir." Lucas was silent for a while.

Thud!

He knelt to the ground with his head lowered. "You got me to pick Alice up to go back home, saying that you have things you want to discuss with her.

Because she has been constantly spying on you and doubting you, so I told her that you want me to fetch her to the Civil Affairs Bureau to get a divorce. I thought that since you already announced a divorce, I wanted to scare her a little. Who knew that she would pass out..."

Joshua helplessly rubbed his brows.

He turned around and sat on the bench. He looked at Lucas flatly.

"I do not like other people deciding on my behalf."

Lucas' body stiffened. He lowered his head even more. "I know, but I just can't stand her treating you like a criminal, spying on you."

"This mistake will not be repeated." Joshua leaned back on the bench exhaustedly. "What did the doctor say?"

"The doctor said that it might have been the car accident years ago that caused nerve damage to the brain. She was too agitated just now, so she passed out..."

Joshua closed his eyes and exhaled. He stood up and walked toward Alice's ward.

In the patient's ward, she was lying in bed with an IV drip connected to her.

Her face was pale, her lips had no color at all.

Upon hearing the door open, Alice slightly furrowed her brows and raised her head.

When she saw that it was Joshua, she smiled with difficulty. "Who knew that you'd still be willing to visit me."

Joshua furrowed his brows. He sat on a chair next to her and said in a gentle voice, "Does your head still hurt?"

"A little."

She looked at him feebly. "I won't be able to get a divorce today. Wait for me to be discharged..."

It was noon at the moment. The bright sun shone on her smiling face. There was a kind of fragility to her beauty.

Joshua's heart constricted tightly. In the end, this was still the face that he loved.

Although her character has completely changed but seeing her smile, his heart would still break.

Thus, Joshua was silent for a while. "We don't have to rush the divorce matter. You get well first."

Back then, she met in an accident because of him. At that moment, she had relapsed, so naturally, he could not divorce her.

"I'm sorry." Alice lowered her gaze. Her voice was tender and weak. "I never would have thought that things would become this way..."

"I have not been by your side for six years. I really do not have any sense of security."

She lowered her head and wiped away her tears. "Luna is too amazing. I feel that I cannot compete with her, that is why I..."

"It's all in the past." Joshua passed her a tissue. His low voice was rather helpless. "I'll compensate her."

Upon his words, Alice lowered her gaze. A hint of coldness flashed in her eyes, but she still pretended to cry and nod.

"You... you should compensate her. If she needs me to apologize to her, I will do it too."

Seeing her crying, Joshua sighed heavily.

"Alice. Initially, I thought that after you came back, we could be happy together, but perhaps we have been apart for too long.

You and I have both changed."

Alice's hand trembled a little.

She looked up and wiped away her tears. "Joshua, what if I change? What if... I try my best to turn back into Luna Gibson in the past. Would you still want to divorce me?"

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Alice's words turned the room silent.

Joshua furrowed his brows. He picked up the tissue on the table and passed it to Alice. "I do love Luna Gibson in the past more than the present you. It's a good thing if you're willing to change,

but if it's too painful, just forget about it."

In Joshua's opinion, it would be extremely challenging for Alice to change back to the gentle and kind Luna Gibson six years ago. He did not feel that Alice should change because of him. On the contrary, she has done so many things for him already. He did not want her to suffer just to appease him when their relationship was already coming to an end.

"It won't be painful! "

Just when Joshua was about to retreat his hand, Alice grabbed onto his hand. Her eyes and tone were equally anxious. "Joshua, believe me, I could do it! I could change into whatever you like. Whatever you want me to be, I'll become that person. Is that good?"

Joshua furrowed her brows slightly.

Alice's gaze and her close to manic tone made him rather uncomfortable.

The last time a woman that made him so uncomfortable was the Walters' Hailey Walter in Sea City. The woman that he had an arranged marriage with since young.

"Joshua, don't leave me, please?"

Alice grabbed onto his hand tightly. Her tone and gaze were getting more and more manic. "I have wanted to marry you since I was young. I could finally be together with you. I cannot..."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. He lowered his head and looked at her closely, grabbing his arm. "You said you wanted to marry me since you were young?"

When Luna Gibson knew him, he was almost 17 years old.

She always said that knowing him was the best thing that happened during her teenage years.

Why, at that moment, did she say that she wanted to marry him since young?

Alice tensed at Joshua's questions. She was in a daze for two seconds because raising her eyes and awkwardly letting him go.

"I... got too excited and said wrongly."

Joshua smiled. He lifted his hand and wiped away her tears at the corner of her eyes. "The agitated way you were just now looked like someone I used to know."

Alice's heart was about to pop out. She bit her lips and did not dare to meet his eyes.

"W—Who is it?"

"Hailey Walter."

Joshua looked at her face. He said with a low voice, "I've mentioned her to you before, she's a lunatic."

When he mentioned this word, Alice tried her very best to suppress her reaction, but her face still went pale.

The man that she likes called her a lunatic.

She turned around to clear her throat, then she chuckled self-deprecatingly. "Yes, she is a lunatic."

Joshua looked at her miserably pale face. "Alice. I hope you don't become as crazy as her."

Then, Joshua turned and left.

Alice laid on the bed, looking at Joshua leaving. Her fists were clenched tightly.

Lunatic.

Joshua Lynch called her a lunatic!

She would show him what a lunatic she could be!

She had to stay by his side and get rid of Luna and the two brats!

She has to become his only one in his entire life!

"Sir." The moment Joshua came out of the room, Lucas immediately approached him. "Is the missus alright?"

"She's fine." Joshua walked forward for a few steps before suddenly remembering something. He took his phone out and called Jude Smith.

"You said that Hailey went missing?"

Jude perhaps did not expect that Joshua would suddenly ask about Hailey. He was silent for a moment before chuckling.

"Yes. She has been addicted to plastic surgery recently. She has gone all over the world visiting plastic surgery clinics. The Walters got me to locate her recently. I even searched for her in all the plastic surgery clinics in Banyan City."

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"But, later on, Old Mr. Walter told me that he found her. He told me to stop looking for her."

Then, Jude teased, "Why? Are you looking for your next candidate after announcing the divorce? Even if you are looking for your next wife, you can't possibly be thinking of Hailey Walter, right?"

Joshua chuckled. He continued walking forward. "Since Hailey has been found..."

"I'm having a business trip at Sea City next week. Please help me to get in touch with Old Mr. Walter. Tell him I want to see Hailey and treat her to a meal."

Jude furrowed his brows. "Is the sun going to rise from the west? Please don't tell me you're serious? Haven't you always been..."

"There are things I need to confirm with Hailey."

Joshua took a deep breath and said in a low voice, "Please, as a favor."

Upon hearing his serious tone, Jude could no longer tease him.

After a moment of silence. "Ok. I'll arrange it for you."

They hung up. Joshua just came out from the hospital when

Lucas chased after him from behind.

“Sir. Did you mention the Walter family from Sea City?”

Joshua furrowed his brows. He turned to look at him.

“Why?”

Lucas immediately passed some documents to him. “The things that you’ve asked me to check, I’ve got some results. I’ve found out who was paying and controlling the PR company and spammers’ syndicate. It was a man called Richard Walter. It was the same Mr. Walter that spoke with Mrs. Lynch.”

Lucas flipped the documents open and pointed to a line of words.

“He is the Walters’ butler in Sea City.”

Holding the documents in his hands, a vein violently popped out on Joshua’s forehead.

The person in the background was Mr. Walter, who had close contact with Alice.

Turned out he was the butler of the Walter family. That meant Alice and the Walters...

He took a deep breath and closed the documents. “Please get me Banyan City’s best plastic surgeon.”

Lucas nodded furiously. “I’ll do it now!”

Half an hour later, Lucas brought Anne Zimmer carefully into Joshua’s office.

“Mr. Lynch.”

This was Anne’s first time in Joshua’s office. His office was like his personality, empty and cold.

She walked in and sat down on the sofa. “Why did you call me over so anxiously? Did anything happen to Luna?”

Ann had been busy with a scar-repairing surgery the entire day. She did not have the time to watch the news.

She only just came out of the operation theater and barely had time to eat when she was hauled over to Joshua’s office by Lucas.

“This has nothing to do with Luna.”

Joshua leaned back on his chair. He looked at Anne’s face calmly.

“Can you tell me in detail how advanced plastic surgery has become?”

Anne was stunned. She looked at Joshua, rather lost. “W-What do you mean?”

Joshua lightly furrowed his brows. He took a picture of Jude and placed it on the table. “Lucas, pass this to Ms. Anne.”

Lucas nodded and passed the photo to Anne.

“What I want to know is.” Joshua looked at her. “If I wanted to turn Lucas into this man, is that possible?”

Lucas and Anne trembled a little at his words.

After a moment, Anne responded. She furrowed her brows and sized Lucas’ face up. Then, she looked at the photo in her hands.

“Theoretically, it is possible.

“But besides the huge amount of money, the most important thing is you need time.”

Joshua supported his jaw with one hand and looked at Anne lazily. “Is six years long enough?”

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Anne paused a little.

“Of course, six years is enough. Mr. Lynch, why do you suddenly want to change your assistant...”

She was halfway through her sentence when she suddenly stopped midway. She remembered that Luna also left Joshua six years ago.

Luna also had plastic surgery. She was a masterpiece of cosmetic surgery by foreign experts.

Anne knew Luna because of her face. The work on Luna’s face was the pride of Anne’s teacher.

At that thought, Anne’s face turned a little pale. She immediately tried to save the situation. “Of course, different people will encounter different problems. It does not mean that everyone would be able to do it successfully...”

Then, she lowered her head and looked at the photo in her hand.

“For example, the photo that you showed me. Although this man looks good, his facial features are not exquisite enough. It is quite simple to turn into him...”

Outside, Jude just pushed the door and entered when he saw Anne sitting on the sofa, holding his photo, and claiming that his facial features were not exquisite enough.

“Who are you saying that their facial features are not exquisite enough?”

Anne paused for a while. She subconsciously looked up. The man in front of her looked exactly like the person in the photo!

She subconsciously furrowed her brows. “You.”

“You! “ Jude walked over in displeasure. He snatched the photo from Anne. “Who gave you the permission to discuss my looks?”

Anne pursed her lips. She realized that perhaps the man in the photo would be someone that she could not afford to offend.

She pursed her lips and carefully pointed at Joshua sitting on the chair. “Mr. Lynch.”

Jude rolled his eyes and looked at Joshua. “You got me to bring food over. I even brought you the best dishes and this is how you treat me in return?”

Joshua smiled and stood up. He took over the photo and food from Jude. Then, he slowly placed them in Anne’s hands.

“I know you haven’t had your lunch. This is for you. As for the photo...”

Joshua smiled. He took out another photo of Lucas. "If I wanted to change my staff into Jude's face, please find some time and write me a complete process and plan. I'll pay you generously." Then, he took a check from his pocket. 500,000 dollars was written on it.

"This is the deposit."

Anne's eyes almost popped out. It was not that she had never seen so much money before, but the process and planning of cosmetic surgery were not as detailed as a surgery proposal, yet his deposit was 500,000 dollars?

She excitedly kept the check and photos in her back. "I'll finish it up as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Lynch!"

Then, she immediately took her lunch with her and left.

"Lucas, send her off."

Joshua stood in his office and looked at Anne's back.

He smiled.

When the office door was once again shut, Jude sat on the sofa rather speechlessly. "What the hell are you trying to do? You want to change your assistant's face into mine?"

"Do you feel..."

Joshua smiled a little. He sat back on his chair once more. "The shape of Lucas' face looked like Hailey, while yours looks like Alice? If bone structure could be changed, then it would be possible to change one woman into another completely different woman."

Jude paused a little.

After a while, he understood what Joshua meant.

"Are you suspecting that Alice is not Luna Gibson, but Hailey?"

Joshua closed his eyes. He did not answer the question directly.

"Have you arranged the meeting with Hailey?"

"Yes." Jude took a deep breath. "This is why I'm here. To tell you about this."

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Jude straightened his body and looked at Joshua seriously.

"Hailey refused to meet with you."

Joshua raised his eyebrows a little, saying nothing.

"This was the first time that you actively asked to meet with Hailey. She shouldn't have refused, but she did it anyway."

Joshua smiled. "What was the reason she gave?"

"She said because your wife was back already. She said there was no need for it."

"Tell her that I have to meet her, if not, I'll represent the Lynch family and stop our relationship with the Walters."

Jude furrowed his brows hard at Joshua's words. "Joshua, don't you think that you're currently being... a little crazy? What if

Hailey is not Alice? What if this had nothing to do with them? Do you want to..."

"I want to clear this matter up."

Joshua took a deep breath and walked over to the French window. He looked at his reflection against the window and smiled faintly.

"I would rather believe that Alice is being impersonated by someone else."

He would rather believe that than believe that the perfect, gorgeous woman in his heart has become such a manipulative person after six years.

"Luna, I have something to tell you."

Coming out from the Lynch Group Tower, Anne immediately hailed a taxi to Swan Lake Residences.

When she got to Luna's house, Luna had just finished taking a shower and was about to take a nap.

Anne immediately plopped herself down on Luna's rug. She put her lunch on the coffee table and chatted with Luna while eating.

"I think Joshua is on to you."

Luna was leaning on the chaise lounge, wiping off the remaining bits of wetness in her hair.

She lifted her head and looked at Anne confusedly. "On to me, how?"

"He took a photo of another man and his assistant. Then, he asked me whether I could change his assistant's face into his friend's face in six years' time! "

Anne ate while looking at Luna carefully. "Did you accidentally expose yourself recently?"

Luna's body stiffened.

She... could not remember what she did wrong.

"You better keep your distance from him for the time being."

Anne pursed her lips. "He even wanted me to write out the process of changing his assistant's face into his friend's face."

Luna paused for a while. She lifted her eyes and looked at her.

"Are you going to write it for him? "

"Of course, there's money to earn. Why say no to money? Also, major cosmetic surgeries like this kind have to undergo dozens of operations, and it involves different professional experts.

"I guess he wants the process, then he could start with the steps of plastic surgery and investigate the doctors who can do the surgery at a professional level so that it is a little easier for him to find someone."

Then, Anne snickered, "But Luna, I don't think he will be able to investigate you from just to process alone. After all, back then you had to reconstruct your entire face after it was destroyed. It

has completely different steps from the traditional plastic surgery."

Luna paused for a while before laughing, "Are you trying to say that you are going to give him the process to confuse him even more?"

"You can consider it so." Anne ate while shrugging her shoulders.

"But before I finish the process for him, you better stay further away from him. Don't let him find out about your flaws."

Luna nodded. "I will."

After chatting about Joshua, Luna and Anne roughly chatted about the press conference that morning.

They sat next to each other on the sofa and watched dramas while lamenting about life every now and then.

When they finished two episodes, Luna's phone rang. It was from Lily.

"Ms. Luna!"

Lily, on the other end of the call, was crying, "The kindergarten teacher just called to say that Nellie and Neil have been kidnapped!"

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Luna immediately got up from the sofa. "They have been kidnapped?"

"Yes."

Lily sounded like she was crying. "I had already called Mr. Lynch. He should be on his way over. Do you want to come too? The kindergarten teacher said that the two of them were playing with their friends when a car suddenly appeared and a few men in black rushed out and took them away. It all happened too quickly. The teachers could not even react in time."

Luna bit her lips. "I'll come over now!"

Then, Luna immediately jumped down from the sofa, put on a coat, and was about to leave.

Anne hesitated. "Where are you going?"

"Nellie and Neil have been taken by unknown people," Luna replied while anxiously putting on her shoes.

Anne was stunned. She immediately grabbed her coat and followed her out of the door. "What on earth is going on?"

Luna was in a mess. She did not know how to explain, so she could only rush downstairs.

"Hold up, I'll drive you there." Anne sighed, "It's not easy to get a taxi. It'll be much faster with me driving."

Luna took a deep breath and entered the car. Sitting in the backseat, her mind was in a mess.

"Mommy." Suddenly, Nigel's voice came from her necklace. Luna paused for a while. She immediately grabbed her necklace.

“Nigel, do you have news on them?”

“Yes.”

Nigel took a deep breath. His tone was extremely calm and stable. “Once they were taken from the kindergarten, Neil immediately contacted me through the necklace. I have pinned the location of the car. They are making rounds on the outer ring of Banyan City, but when I wanted to listen to the situation on the ground, the signal was cut off.”

On the other end of the call, Nigel’s fingers were flying on the keyboard. “But according to surveillance on the outer ring, I found the car. It is a white van.”

Luna’s heart was about to pop up. “Are they still in the outer ring?”

“Yes.” Nigel took a deep breath. “I also checked the origin of the car. Although the number plate is from Banyan City, the car came over from Sea City. Did Joshua offend anyone in Sea City?”

Luna’s hand that was holding onto the necklace trembled a little. Sea City was where she grew up. It was also how she accidentally met Joshua when he was there to expand the market.

It was also because of that, she was more familiar with the industries that Joshua had a hand in, in Sea City.

According to her memory, Joshua has never offended anyone in Sea City.

He was only offended...

Because she married her, the Walters were unhappy about it.

However, it was impossible that it was the Walters, right?

“They took another round at the outer ring.” Luna came to her senses. “Are they near me?”

Nigel hesitated a little. “They are... very close to you.”

Luna immediately made the decision. “Anne, take the Ring Road!
“

Anne was slightly stunned. Then, she immediately took a turn to the highway.

“Mommy, calm down!” Nigel gasped at Luna’s decision. “You are going up against men in black. You two women, don’t go chasing their car! Even if you manage to catch up with them you can’t rescue them either!”

Luna bit her lips hard. She noticed that the car was already at the Ring Road. She took a deep breath.

“I’ll contact Zach and Yuri.”

Nigel closed his eyes helplessly. Zach and Yuri.

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Although Nigel had to admit that his brother’s right— hand men were quite strong.

Even if they were brutes, there were only two of them.

The two brutes could not do anything to stop the group of people speeding on the outer ring road.

If they could not stop them on the first try, it would be challenging for them to continue taking action!

At that moment, the only person he could think of that had the ability, strength, and courage to do this was that man.

He closed his eyes.

Luna's actions were clear. She would rather get Zach and Yuri, but not Joshua.

However, his sibling's lives were at stake.

Nigel took a deep breath. He took out the USB stick with the external IP address and plugged it into his computer. With the incognito mode on, he called Joshua.

At that moment, Joshua was still leading a group of people at the entrance of the kindergarten, trying to analyze the direction in which the car left.

"Sir, if deduced correctly, they should be at Ring Road on the outer ring of the city. However, they have been on Ring Road for half an hour already. We don't really know where they are right now."

Joshua rubbed the middle of his brows rather depressingly. He has always wanted to plant a tracker on Neil and Nellie, but he was afraid that the kids would think that he was spying on them and that they would feel trapped, so he never did it.

At that moment, when such a situation happened, he regretted his decision.

If there was a tracker, at least he would not be so helpless.

Just when Joshua was at a loss, his phone rang. It was a virtual number from the internet.

Looking at the foreign numbers, Joshua hesitated a little, but he still picked it up.

"Who is it?"

"Mr. Lynch." It was an altered voice on the other end of the call.

"Your children are in a white van, they are making rounds on Ring Road. Anne and Luna were already chasing after them, but I don't think that they would be able to rescue them, they might even make it worse. There is still hope if you head there now..."

Joshua furrowed his brows upon that person's words.

He clenched his phone tightly. "Why should I trust you?"

"You have to trust me. " Although the voice on the other end of the call has been altered, it still sounded determined. "Other than me, what other choices do you have now? You can't pinpoint their location, but I already did it."

Joshua frowned hard. He was still on the call while gesturing at Lucas. Then, he immediately got in the car.

“Who are you?”

“We will meet when we have to meet.” The voice was still calm.

“Please remain contactable at all times. I will contact you whenever.”

Then, he hung up the call.

Joshua took a deep breath. He threw his phone to the passenger seat by the side and immediately started the car.

Lucas frantically led people and chased after Joshua.

After following the instructions from the mysterious caller. Sure enough, when Joshua was at Ring Road, he saw the white van making rounds.

The car following the white van was Anne’s car! “Sir, how did Doctor Anne know before us?”

In another car behind Joshua, Lucas asked through the walkie-talkie.

Joshua narrowed his eyes. He wanted to know as well!

When the mysterious caller called him, Anne and Luna were already chasing after the car.

That meant that Luna and the mysterious caller were in close contact.

Luna would definitely know who the mysterious caller was.

However, that was not the time to think about it.

Joshua took a deep breath and said seriously to the walkie-talkie. “Lucas, prepare to chase after that car. At the next exit, for the van to go down Ring Road!”

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“Why are there so many cars chasing us, Smith? “ The van driver glanced at the black cars that were fast approaching them and frowned. “They’re getting close. We have to slow down now.”

The man named Smith, who was sitting in the backseat, frowned as well. He snuck a glimpse outside through the semi-tinted windows. “I think that’s enough. Get off at the next intersection.”

He kicked the two children tied up at his feet and warned them, “Stay still! “

The two children were Neil and Nellie. The kidnappers had tied them up face-to-face, then placed them at Smith’s feet. Almost an hour had passed, but he had already kicked them countless times.

One of Neil’s pant legs had risen during the struggle, revealing a pair of shins covered in purple bruises. Meanwhile, Nellie’s legs were unscathed. It was obvious Neil had been protecting his sister.

Smith let out a snort, “Turns out you’re quite the gentleman. You even know how to protect girls.”

Neil clenched his teeth and glared at the man, but he did not say anything in response.

“You’re stubborn too.” With that, Smith gave the little boy another kick on his spine and positioned his foot on Neil’s back. Then, he took out his phone, snapped a photo, and sent it to his employer. (Look. Doesn’t it feel good to see this?)

His employer replied almost immediately, (Be careful. Don’t kill them yet. Even if you kill them, I want it to be as torturous as possible.)

[Understood!] Smith chortled and was about to type a reply when suddenly, a loud bang came from the front of the vehicle. The van was forced to come to a halt.

Smith lifted his head and was about to complain when the door slid open, and a knife was placed against his neck.

The man holding the knife gave him a steely look. “ Get out of the car! “

Smith froze, but he knew he had no other options. He lifted his arms above his head and got out of the van.

“Neil! Nellie! “ Anne’s car did not manage to squeeze in between Joshua’s troops, so they had no choice but to park it a few hundred meters away. As soon as the car stopped, Luna got out and ran toward the van like a mad woman.

She pushed past the crowd of bodyguards and sprinted towards her children. Joshua was crouched next to the van, untying the two children, and releasing them from their bonds.

Luna had been trying to put up a strong front, but when she saw how injured her two children were, she could not control herself anymore. Tears immediately slid down her cheeks.

She pulled Neil and Nellie into her arms and cried, “ Are you two okay? I was worried sick! If anything happened to you, I wouldn’t want to live anymore! “

Hearing Luna’s wails, Nellie stifled a sob and gently patted her mother’s back. “It’s okay, Mommy. We’re fine.”

Neil struggled to free himself from Luna’s embrace. He lifted his hand to wipe away her tears gently. “ Don’t worry, Mommy. We’re still alive.”

Luna sniffed and gave her son a once-over. He was bruised and wounded all over, even his face.

Meanwhile, although Nellie looked just as disheveled as he did, her injuries were significantly lesser.

Luna knew that Neil had been protecting his sister. She bit down on her lip and sniffed. Then, she picked up Nellie in one arm while the other reached out to grab hold of Neil. “Come on, Mommy’s bringing you to the hospital...”

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“It’s just scratches. We don’t have to go to the hospital. Let’s just go home and put some ointment on them.” Neil brushed away a

tear that was sliding down his cheek. "Don't worry."

Then, he turned around and glanced at Joshua, who was watching them. "Mr. Lynch."

Neil lifted his head and fixated his clear eyes on Joshua. "Nellie and I will be heading to Mommy's place now. Thank you for saving us."

Joshua shifted his gaze from Luna onto the boy in front of him. He crouched down and said, "Well, I'm your Daddy. You don't have to thank me."

"That's right, but I still wanted to thank you." Suddenly, Neil seemed to recall something. He glanced at Joshua and said, "The people who kidnapped us didn't want to kill us, nor did they want to hold us for ransom. It seemed like the only reason they kidnapped us was to beat us up in revenge. Did you happen to offend anyone lately?"

Joshua did not know whether to laugh or cry at this. "No, I didn't offend anyone lately."

"Hmm, that's strange..." Neil pursed his lips. After a moment, he sighed and reached out to hold onto Joshua's hand.

"Nevertheless, thank you. I'll be off taking care of Miss Luna and Princess Nellie now.

You stay here and take care of those scoundrels." With that, he skipped off towards Luna, grabbed ahold of her hand, and they got into Anne's car together.

Joshua stood motionless, watching Anne's car get further and further away, until it became a small black dot in the distance.

"Someone... someone hired us and ordered us to beat these kids up..." After several rounds of beating by Lucas, Smith finally confessed. "The employer told us that these kids belong to his enemy. We can't kill them, but we have to beat them up as hard as we can."

Smith knelt on the ground and pleaded, his voice trembling, "He didn't tell us these kids belong to Mr. Lynch... I beat them up, but I thought since they were spoiled little children, just a few kicks would be enough, I didn't really plan on beating them to death can you..."

Lucas scoffed and gave Smith another kick with all his might, "How old are you? You're bullying six-year-old children! You are heartless, just like your employer!"

Joshua frowned. He turned around and got into the van. After searching around for a while, he found Smith's phone wedged in a corner.

The chat history between Smith and the employer was still displayed on the screen. Joshua looked around for a while, before finally alighting the van and handing the phone over to Lucas.

“Here.

Investigate this.”

Suddenly, Joshua’s phone rang. It was the same mysterious person who had informed him about the kidnapping.

“You don’t have to investigate the employer anymore.” This time, the mysterious caller had used a different voice. “I’ve already tracked him down. The kidnappers were employed by someone called Yvonne Walter. She was the one hosting the press conference this morning. I’ve managed to track down her address and send it to your inbox. If you go now, you can still find her.”

Joshua gripped his phone tightly. He turned around and walked a distance away, staring at the branches of the trees being blown about in the wind. “You’re a very advanced hacker. I have a feeling we’ve met before.”

Sitting in front of his computer, Nigel glanced at the laptop placed on a nearby desk. “You’re right. We have indeed met before.”

A long time ago, Nigel was trying to get back at Aura by spreading fake rumors about Luna on the internet. At that time, he and Joshua had met in a match between hackers. The laptop he was looking at right now was the exact one which Joshua’s hacking had managed to ruin. Joshua’s brow furrowed. “Who are you? Why do you care so much about Luna and my kids?”

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Joshua’s interrogation made Nigel frown. His voice was low but his tone was sharp, and it seemed to penetrate right through the phone. Despite being miles apart, Nigel felt like he could picture Joshua sitting right in front of him, staring at him with those dark piercing eyes. This feeling was suffocating.

Nigel let out a sigh and tugged on his patient’s gown. For the first time in his life, Nigel felt unsure of himself. “Mr. Lynch, my identity has nothing to do with Luna and the rest... When the time comes, I will reveal myself to you.”

Joshua chuckled and gazed out at the bridge over the ocean. “You sound young.”

Despite the enhanced voice, Joshua could still hear the unmistakable panic in the person’s tone. “Let’s meet up.”

“No need.” Nigel sighed and hung up the phone. As soon as he cut off the signal, Nigel leaned against the headboard, trying to catch his breath. It took a while before he finally felt his heart stop racing. He had not felt this nervous in a long time now. The last time he felt this way was when his laptop got hacked by Joshua.

When he thought of this, Nigel slid off the bed and walked to the table. He flipped open the broken laptop.

(Wait till I get my hands on you. Joshua Lynch]

Looking at the row of green letters on his laptop screen, Nigel let out a sigh. He raised his hand to touch the two words “Joshua Lynch”.

This was his father...

What kind of person was he?

Nigel used to detest Joshua with all his heart and never looked forward to meeting him, but now...

Nigel closed his eyes and recalled what his doctor had said, “Your mother doesn’t know that your condition has worsened... and that you have less than a year to live now. If she doesn’t find a match for you in time...”

Nigel let out a strained smile.

Mr. Joshua Lynch. Please try harder, so that I can meet you someday.

Banyan City.

After hanging up the phone, Joshua did not immediately try to track down the mysterious caller. He was certain that the caller was a very skilled hacker, and that it would not be easy trying to find out his location and identity.

All of a sudden, Joshua received an anonymous text. It was a GPS address for a location in the city center. He frowned and forwarded the text to Lucas. “Let’s go to this place now.”

Lucas went to start the car. After a while, he led Joshua and the rest of the bodyguards towards the address.

Inside a rented house in the city center.

Yvonne gazed at the photo that Smith had sent her. It was the picture he had taken while in the van. She grinned, staring at the image of Neil and Nellie’s faces underneath Smith’s shoe. After a while, she realized she should have sent this to Alice.

At this moment, Alice was lying on the hospital bed, somewhat frustrated and worried. She was trying to think of a way to explain all this to Master Walter and elude Joshua’s suspicion at the same time.

(Let me show you something that’ll definitely lift your spirits, Alice!]

When she received the text from Yvonne, Alice frowned and replied, (Nothing will lift my spirits now, other than making Joshua fall in love with me.)

(No, this will definitely cheer you up! Look!] Yvonne replied, attaching the photo along with her text.

Alice furrowed her brows and clicked on the attachment in confusion. When she laid eyes on the two faces in the picture, her pupils contracted in shock.

(Yvonne, are you crazy?!] These two children were the apples of Joshua’s eye! Alice had been plotting to get rid of them ever since

she arrived at Blue Bay Villa.

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Alice did not dare to do anything bad to the children because she did not want to make the same mistake Aura had and expose herself. Besides, she did not know if Joshua trusted her yet.

How dare Yvonne try to kidnap the two children!

“What are you afraid of?” Yvonne pursed her lips. “The people I hired are all from Sea City. They're not locals, and the number I used to contact them is an encrypted one. It's impossible for anyone to track me down. Besides, I didn't even order for them to be killed, all Smith did was give them a little beating.”

“Hailey, why are you so cowardly, now that you've become Alice Gibson?”

Alice took in a deep breath. She was not cowardly; she was just being cautious!

“Get rid of everything you used to communicate with them and get out of there immediately! Go back to Sea City. “Alice gripped the phone tightly. “Get out of there right this instant! “

Yvonne had been spoiled by Mr. Walter since young, and she did not know the danger of the situation she was in. The Walters were a distinguished and well-respected family in Sea City, but this was not Sea City. Joshua Lynch's power in Banyan City was not to be underestimated!

On the other end of the line, Yvonne pursed her lips again. “Alice, why are you so worried? Nothing's going to happen...” “Before she could finish, someone

knocked on her door frantically. “Sorry, Alice, I have to go now. Someone's here.”

Yvonne put down the phone and went to open the door. She forgot to press the disconnect button, and so Alice could clearly hear everything that was going on from her side.

Alice could hear Yvonne exclaim in shock, “Joshua... Joshua Lynch? What are you doing here?”

The door was slammed shut. After a long pause, Joshua's voice rang out, “Why do you think I'm here, Miss Walter?”

Alice immediately hung up the phone. She closed her eyes and clenched her fists in anger.

That idiot Yvonne!

Alice opened her eyes and furrowed her brows. Although she was furious, Alice knew that now was not the time to be angry. She had to find a way of breaking Yvonne out. No matter what happened, she could not let Yvonne fall into Joshua's hands.

Yvonne had led a comfortable life since young, and therefore she had never experienced life or death situations like this. If Joshua held her captive and interrogated her with violent means, there

was no doubt she would confess immediately.

Alice bit down on her bottom lip. After a moment, a familiar face appeared in her mind. She picked up the phone again with trembling hands and dialed a number.

Swan Lake Residences.

Luna was busy applying ointment onto Neil's wounds. Nellie was standing to one side, holding her brother's hand with red-rimmed eyes. "Thank you, Neil."

Neil lifted his other hand and gently patted her head. "You're my sister. Of course I should protect you." As soon as he said this, tears started welling up in Nellie's eyes.

Luna sighed and was about to say something when her phone rang. It was not a number she recognized.

She handed the ointment over to Nellie and turned around to pick up the phone. "Hello, who is this?"

"It's Alice."

Luna froze upon hearing this name. She snarled through gritted teeth, "Why are you calling? What do you want?" "Luna, there has been a misunderstanding." Alice let out a sigh. "I want to make a deal with you."

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Luna's hand stiffened. After a moment, she let out a chuckle. "Did I hear you correctly, Miss Gibson? You hired people to kidnap my son and daughter. They're sitting in front of me right now, putting ointment onto their wounds. Now you're telling me you want to make a deal? I don't think there's anything to talk about."

Leaning against the hospital bed, Alice closed her eyes. "What if the thing I wanted to talk to you about is me and Joshua's divorce?"

Luna furrowed her brows. "What do you mean?"

"What I mean is," Alice answered. She took a deep breath and tried to make herself as clear as possible. "I wasn't the one who hired the people to kidnap Neil and Nellie. You should know by now that I'm not that stupid. If I wanted to punish Neil and Nellie, I have plenty of other ways of doing so. I didn't have to choose the dumbest method."

Luna paused. "What are you trying to say?"

"I'm sure you know by now that Joshua is planning to divorce me," Alice said as she curled her lips into a smile, sounding somewhat disheartened. "I'll make a deal with you right now. If you track Joshua down and ask him to let Yvonne go, then I won't file for Neil and Nellie's custody."

Luna chuckled upon hearing Alice's words. "Are you crazy, Alice?"

"You're trying to use my children's custody against me so that I would ask Joshua to release the person who harmed

them? Do you think Joshua is stupid? What makes you think he can't put two and two together, and figure out your connection to Yvonne? Besides, what makes you think that you will be able to win Neil and Nellie's custody rights in the first place?"

On the other end of the line, Alice's face began to lose its color. She knew that Luna was right, but she could not risk letting Joshua find out about her scheme, so she was willing to do anything to cover her tracks.

Alice bit down on her lip and said, "Well then, why don't you make me another deal? As long as Yvonne gets to walk off free, I'll agree to anything you want."

Luna let out a snort of laughter. "Why don't you stop impersonating me and go back to your true identity?"

"Impossible!" Alice interjected almost immediately. "I can agree to anything but this."

"Alright, then I guess we don't have a deal." Luna lowered her gaze and was about to hang up the phone when Alice's voice rang out again, "Wait!"

Alice seemed to recall something and said hastily, "I can help you get in contact with Joseph and Natasha Gibson!"

Luna paused. Seeing that Luna did not hang up the phone, Alice's face lit up. She knew that she had struck the jackpot.

"Luna, I'm sure you don't wish for you and your parents' relationship to remain like this forever. I'm sure you don't want to be compared to Aura for the rest of your life, right? Look. Joseph and Natasha are on my side this time because they think I'm you. They're desperately trying their best to help me, and even stood up for me at the press conference, all because they think I'm Luna Gibson.

"I can help you take care of them, then change their opinions of you..."

Luna's grip on her phone tightened. She could still recall the last thing Aura said to her when they met up in the coffee shop. "We share the same father but we're born to different mothers. Dad quietly switched me and your biological sister, so I became the second daughter of the Gibson family, while your biological sister was sent to an orphanage." Luna closed her eyes and felt her chest tighten.

All this while, she had suspected that Alice was her long lost biological sister.

Luna let out a sigh.

Natasha's attitude towards her had led her to the decision of disowning the Gibsons and Natasha.

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But Natasha was her birth mother after all.

She was tricked by Joseph all these years, raising Aura as if she were her own daughter.

If Alice was really Natasha's youngest daughter...

Taking in a deep breath, Luna bit her lip. "I can help you. But I have a condition. First, you have to promise, Yvonne Walter won't appear in Banyan City ever again. Second, you have to treat Mom and Dad as if they were your birth parents, especially Mom."

"I promise!"

The moment the words left Luna's mouth; Alice immediately agreed.

All the two snobs Natasha and Joseph wanted were money. Whether it was the Walter family or the Lynch family, both were equally rich!

"Alright then."

Luna paused. "But I can only promise that I will ask Joshua to forgive her, whether he actually does or not

I can't promise you that."

"It's fine, as long as you ask him!"

Alice sounded distressed, "Ten minutes had passed since Yvonne was caught by Joshua. Do it now."

Luna hummed in reply.

Before hanging up the phone, she asked a final question. "Did you stay in an orphanage when you were a kid?"

On the other end, Alice paused. "Yes, why?" "Nothing."

Ending the call, the woman sucked in a deep breath and turned. From the sofa, the two children stared at her with their eyes wide open.

Three sets of eyes met in mid-air.

Finally, Neil pouted, crossing his arms over his chest. "Didn't we agree the matter with Aura was the last time we would help Grandma?"

"Yes, we did."

Nellie lowered her head and studied her tiny little fingers, feeling wronged. "Won't Neil's injuries be in vain, if we just let that bad woman go?"

Luna sighed, walked to her and ruffled the little girl's hair softly, "We just agreed to let her go, we didn't say she would leave unscathed. Whether she'll be injured, and how serious her injuries would be, that remains unknown. As long as she's alive, we would have held up our end of the bargain, right?"

Nellie blinked, looking confused.

"Stupid, what Mommy means is we'll beat her up, as payback for our hurt and injuries."

The slightly swollen boy changed into a comfortable position and

leaned on the sofa, his gaze imperceptible. "The mastermind behind our kidnap never wanted us dead, she just wanted to give us a beating to vent her anger. For someone like this, Idiot Lynch would most probably give her a beating in return and report him to the police, or confine him for some time then beat him up and send her home. In other words, fulfilling Alice's request would just mean we would have to send her home immediately and cut the wait short."

Then, he held out his hand to Luna. "Give me the phone, I'll talk to him. In case he thinks you don't love me enough, Mommy."

Luna sighed and handed him the phone, "Does it still hurt?"

"It's much better now after the ointment was applied."

The little guy sucked in a deep breath, took Luna's phone, and slipped into the master bedroom, closing the door behind him.

Nellie looked at her brother's retreating back, resting her chin in her palms. "Why is Neil hiding the call from us?" Luna laughed, "Maybe he wants to discuss with your Daddy how to take care of Yvonne Walter. It might get graphic, so he doesn't want us to hear him."

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Neil remained in the bedroom for half an hour.

30 minutes later, the little guy walked out of the bedroom, and passed the phone elegantly back to his mother, "Alright, you can inform Alice to send someone to pick that woman up now."

Luna frowned, took the phone and looked at Neil suspiciously.

"Joshua agreed to release her so readily?"

Neil smiled cheekily and walked to the sofa and laid down on top of it, his short legs hanging in the air. "How could he refuse when his cute son asked him for a favor?"

Luna sighed helplessly, turned and went to the balcony to call Alice.

After the call was answered, Neil closed his eyes and sighed, asking Nellie, "Say, do you think it's not too late for me to start learning hacking now?"

Nellie, who had her head lowered, focused on drawing a design for a necklace, raised her head and looked at Neil as if he was crazy. "Nigel's hacking skills and my design skills are both God-given talents. You're not talented at this, Neil, don't make it hard for yourself."

Neil opened his eyes, rolled them in her direction and said, "But Idiot Lynch is starting to suspect. Just now on the phone, he asked me whether I studied computer programming. I asked him what about it, he said he met a young hacker recently who should be connected to the three of us."

Neil's words made Nellie shudder slightly. She raised her head.

“So what should we do?” Neil sighed, “I’m still thinking.”

Even though Nigel and Joshua had only crossed paths a few times before, but since Joshua already noticed, he would start investigating this matter sooner or later.

But Nigel’s identity was so obvious...

If Nigel’s identity was exposed, then Luna’s aim in returning to Banyan City with the children would be revealed.

By then, for Nigel, they would have to agree to everything Joshua demanded, for Nigel.

Neil knew his brother very well. As the eldest of the three of them, after he fell sick, Nigel’s ego grew very big and very fragile.

He would not allow his mother’s hands to be tied by Joshua because of him.

If that happens...

He might give up on himself.

At this thought, Neil felt the metaphorical weight on his shoulders grow even heavier.

A short moment later, he looked at Nellie. “Why don’t we tell him Nigel is the hacker who taught me hacking?”

Nellie frowned and paused to consider his suggestion. “But will Daddy believe you? You haven’t displayed an ounce of hacking ability at all.” Neil pouted. “I’ll start learning right now! “

Then, the little guy returned to his room, took the modified necklace and called Nigel with the simple calling device, “Nigel, I need you to teach me some basic hacking skills! “

At that moment, Nigel lay on the hospital bed, a tube inserted into his arm, feeding medicine into his bloodstream.

At Neil’s words, he faintly. “Joshua Lynch was a hacker once. Even if you learn the basics, he can see through your trick immediately, it’d be useless.”

Neil coughed awkwardly at being exposed by his sister, “I’m very smart, okay! “

“I know what you’re worried about.”

Nigel raised his eyes, looking at the scenery outside the window, his voice faint and expressionless. “I watched the press conference today, from start to finish. After Joshua and Alice get divorced, will he fall for Mommy?”

Neil pursed his lips. “Maybe.”

Nigel closed his eyes. “How nice it would be if Idiot Lynch wasn’t an idiot.”

Central Hospital.

Alice looked at the photo Yvonne sent to her, then looked at Yvonne who was lying on her death bed in front of her.

The bruises on her body were exactly the same as Neil's. But deeper and darker and more excruciatingly painful than his. The woman hooked her lips in a cold smile. "What a vengeful man." Joshua made Yvonne's bruises exactly the same as Neil's first to vent his anger and lastly as a warning.

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This man would seek revenge even for the smallest grievances.

"Alice, it hurts so much."

Her face wrapped in bandages like a mummy, Yvonne opened her mouth, sounding as if she was crying, "Joshua looks decent on the surface, how could he be so vicious! Alice, you have to avenge me

Alice rolled her eyes at her coldly. "Avenge... you're a If she was not afraid Yvonne would succumb to Joshua's torture and questioning, she would not dirty her hands with her life!

Her words made tears start to accumulate at the corners of Yvonne's eyes. "Everything I did, I did for you! Now Joshua Lynch did this to me and ordered me to leave Banyan City by today, otherwise he would call the police and have me arrested... Alice, we grew up together since we were children, I became like this because of you, you won't just leave me to die, would you..."

Alice rolled her eyes at her. "For me? Did I ask you to do that? You fool."

Yesterday, Yvonne stopped Joshua and Luna in the market behind her back, exposing her identity as Alice's best friend.

She had not even reprimanded her for that and now she caused an even bigger mess!

"Mr. Walter spoiled you thoroughly. Asking you here to Banyan City to assist me was a mistake."

Yvonne sniffed, "Then was all of this for nothing?" "In the meantime, all you can do is put up with it."

Alice sucked in a deep breath. "The car is almost here, you should return to Sea City."

Mr. Walter was right, it was time for her to go home and suck up to the old geezer.

Otherwise, Joshua might really divorce her.

If he did, her time and effort these past six years to transform herself like this would be wasted.

To nurse the two little wounded soldiers, Luna prepared a sumptuous dinner.

The three of them sat at the dining table, and were just about to tuck in when the doorbell rang.

Nellie thought it was her father and jumped off her seat in a rush. "I'll get it!"

The little girl hopped to the door happily and opened it.

However, the man standing at the door was Theo Allen, surprise written clearly on his face.

Nellie knew him.

Not because he was once her mother's idol but because both Nellie and Neil watched the press conference in the afternoon from start to finish.

He was exceptionally nice to her mother!

The little princess had always tried to get her parents back together, so she felt instinctively irritated by the sight of Theo.

"Are you here to see Mommy because of something important? We're eating dinner."

Theo looked at the displeased expression on the little girl's face that was a mirror image of her father's and could not help but laugh, "If you're

having dinner, doesn't that mean I came at just the right time?"

Nellie's face fell, she wanted to deny his question, but Luna was already standing behind her.

The woman laughed lightly and pulled open the door, "Since you're just in time, why not have dinner with us? Give my food a try."

Theo did not feel awkward at all, making his way into the house familiarly and sat down beside Neil. "What a sumptuous meal."

Nellie rolled her eyes at him internally and returned to the dining table behind Luna.

The two women, one older and the other younger, sat at one side of the table, while the men sat at the other.

After taking a few bites unhappily, Nellie raised her phone and discreetly took a few pictures of Theo eating beside Neil and sent them to Joshua.

(I don't like him, come now!]

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The Lynch Mansion was brightly lit.

Joshua sat on the couch, quietly listening to his grandmother and his father as they reprimanded him.

"Why did you announce you're getting a divorce all of a sudden! "

"Alice is the mother of your two children, did you get our blessing? Before you announce you're getting a divorce?"

"And you're divorcing Alice for Luna! "

Granny Lynch sat on the couch, rapping the cane in her hand hard against the floor producing loud clicks. "I told you Luna was bad news! For her, first, you chased Aura out, and now you're divorcing Alice! She chased away one woman after another, she's a homewrecker! "

The old lady's words made Adrian frown. "Joshua, what were you thinking? Even if it's just for the children, you shouldn't get

divorced so easily.”

Joshua lowered his head, playing with the phone in his hands. A long while later, he raised his head and swept his eyes across his father’s face faintly. “Father. Not long ago, didn’t you keep asking me to marry Hailey Walter?”

Adrian’s expression changed.

He frowned but before he could speak, Joshua’s phone rang.

The photos Nellie sent to him. They were taken secretly.

In the photos, Theo sat at the dining table in Luna’s apartment, right beside Neil, eating while smiling happily.

(I don’t like him, come now!]

The man’s face instantly darkened.

Not only did Luna invite Theo over for dinner, she even asked his two children to accompany him?!

He stood up, his expression dark as a raging storm. “ I’m busy, I’ll be leaving now.”

“Come back! “

Seeing him turn and leave without a second’s hesitation, the old lady was furious.

She rapped her cane harshly on the floor. “How dare you!

Leaving while your grandmother and father are talking to you?! “

Joshua continued walking, not even bothering to turn his head.

“Since I was a kid, none of you have been able to influence my decisions, this time is no different.”

He only sat here listening to their nagging because he respected them, as his elders, nothing more than that.

Swan Lake Residences.

Theo smiled happily as he ate and conversed with Luna.

“Since you didn’t go to work today, would you have to work overtime tomorrow?”

He remembered the mission Joshua gave to Luna was time?ensitive.

Luna shrugged and nodded.

“Actually, I can help you. I am an artist after all.”

“Uhm uncle, even though designers and artists do share similarities, they’re very different jobs! “

Nellie pursed her lips as she ate. “I can help Mommy, with me here, she wouldn’t have to trouble you.”

Seated beside him, Neil nodded too. “I read from the internet that Master Theo Allen hasn’t produced anything new in more than six months. Laziness is a bad habit.”

Theo was silent.

Why did he feel a strong sense of animosity from the two little children?

Since the conversation surrounding work could not continue anymore, he changed the subject to the press conference.

“Will Joshua Lynch really divorce Alice Gibson?”

Outside the door, Joshua was just about to knock, when he heard Theo’s seemingly joking words.

The man’s raised first paused in mid-air.

Inside, Luna smiled faintly. “Maybe.” “You don’t seem to care very much?”

She smiled faintly. “Whether they get divorced or not, what does that have to do with me?”

Theo raised his lips in a faint smile, placing a drumstick on his plate. “I thought you liked Joshua.”

“What made you think so?”

Luna shrugged, her tone flat and emotion less. “No matter who I like, I won’t choose Joshua Lynch.”

Her feelings for him back then ended in nothing but deep, heart-wrenching pain... Maybe she would fall for many men throughout the rest of her life.

But Joshua was strictly out of consideration.

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The woman’s airy voice carried her words straight into Joshua’s ears.

His eyebrows screwed together tightly.

In the house, Nellie quietly sneaked a glance at the clock.

20 minutes had passed since she sent the photos to her father.

No matter how far away he was, he should’ve been here by now!

So the little girl pursed her lips, lifted her phone discreetly and sent another message to Joshua.

“Daddy, where are you?”

The notification ping from his phone rang loudly in the hallway outside.

The few people eating inside stiffened immediately. The sound... came from right outside their door!

Neil was the first to react, jumping down from his chair and walking to the door, opening it.

“Mr. Lynch?”

The little guy looked at the man at the door with confused eyes, then suddenly turned and looked at Nellie, as if remembering something.

The little girl realized her actions had been seen through and bowed her head in shame.

Theo turned and looked at the man standing in the entrance, his eyes displaying a hint of shock but predominantly disdain.

The walls in the apartment building were fairly thin.

Joshua was standing right outside; they could even clearly hear the ringtone from his phone.

Then their conversation...

Judging from his darkened expression, he seemed to have overheard everything.

At the thought of this, Theo's lips curled up in a slight smile. "Mr. Lynch, you're here? You came just in time, we're having dinner now, would you care to join us?"

His enthusiasm made it seem like he was the head of the family instead of Joshua.

Joshua's expression darkened like an impending storm.

He raised his deep, bottomless eyes and glanced at Luna coldly.

Luna smiled awkwardly. "Come on in."

It would not look good if he stayed in the hallway for too long.

At her words, Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly, raised his foot and stepped inside.

Neil swiftly hefted an extra chair to the table. "Sit." Joshua frowned and sat down.

The table was only big enough to sit four people.

Sitting here now, he looked like an intruder. At the thought of Luna's words just now...

His frown deepened once again.

The atmosphere at the table was tense and depressing.

Finally, Nellie mustered up her courage and started the conversation.

"Daddy, you said, as long as Mommy can finalize the design scheme for that set of jewelry, then we can go out and have fun with her?"

Joshua's hand that was holding his spoon paused slightly. "Yes."

The little girl blinked innocently. "Then... do you want to join us?"

Neil and I returned to your side a long time ago, but you haven't truly spent time playing with us."

Joshua laughed lightly. "Okay." "No."

The moment the words left his mouth, Luna opened her mouth and rejected him coldly.

"If Mr. Lynch would like to spend time with the children, you can always choose another day.

Spending the day out with my children is the reward you promised me."

Joshua frowned, his eyes sweeping over her face coldly. "You hate spending time with me so much?"

Luna turned her face away from him, remaining silent.

Nellie bit her lip. "Did I... make a bad suggestion?" "Your suggestion is perfect."

Beside them, Theo laughed too, "Why not I come along too, and the five of us can all go together?"

Joshua scoffed, "I am their father, while Luna is their foster mother... You want to go with us, who do you think you are?"

Theo laughed, "I'm Luna's boyfriend, is that enough?"

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The air in the dining room immediately fell silent.

Joshua glanced at Theo with cold eyes then switched them over to look at Luna.

Finally, he raised his lips in a cold sneer, "Does anyone here agree with you being Luna's boyfriend?"

Theo narrowed his eyes but said nothing.

Luna frowned, raised her eyes and looked at Joshua's expression that was filled with disdain.

A moment later, she smiled faintly. "Theo is indeed my boyfriend.

If Mr. Lynch insists on joining us when I bring the children out, then I'll bring my boyfriend along. Five people vacationing together is not a bad idea either."

Luna wanted to use this method to force him to retreat voluntarily.

Because she knew very well that Joshua hated Theo, he would not be willing to go on a trip with him.

But unexpectedly...

The moment the words left her mouth, both men said simultaneously.

"Sure."

"No problem." Luna was stunned.

Instinctively, she looked at Theo who was sitting beside her, then switched her gaze over to Joshua sitting on the other side.

One of them was smiling while the other's eyes were dark and brooding.

She opened her mouth, wanting to say something, but no words came out.

A long while later, she lowered her head, and started shoveling the food into her mouth.

"Take your time."

Theo gently placed some salad on her plate.

Noticing this, Joshua could not admit defeat either, spooning some potatoes onto her plate.

Theo continued placing more salad onto her plate. Joshua carried on with the potatoes.

Very soon, Luna's plate was piled sky-high with food.

But the two men continued their food-piling battle.

Seeing her favorite salad and roasted potatoes being swept clean, Nellie slammed her fork and spoon on the table furiously. "Can the two of you act more like gentlemen? Neil and I still need to eat! "

The moment the words left the little girl's mouth, Neil hurriedly

lowered his fork and spoon, jumped down from his chair, walked past Joshua and held his sister's hand, "Stop eating, stop eating, I'll bring you out for fried chicken. We shouldn't intervene in the adults' fight! "

Nellie pursed her lips and glared at Theo unhappily. " It's all your fault! "

If he did not insist on eating dinner with them, she would not call Daddy over.

If she did not call Daddy over, their dining table would not turn into a warzone!

The innocent Theo looked at Nellie in confusion, at a loss for what to do next.

He laughed wryly, "Little princess, I don't think I did anything wrong."

"Calling yourself Luna's boyfriend is your biggest mistake."

Joshua said faintly after the two kids put on their jackets and left.

He lowered his fork and spoon and sent a message to Lucas, asking him to take good care of them.

Putting down his phone, he elegantly tugged open his shirt collar, exposing his neck, then laughed coldly, "I never heard Luna agree for you to be her boyfriend."

Theo frowned and opened his mouth in retort when he saw the flash of red on the man's neck.

It was a hickey. Theo stiffened.

Joshua purposely showed him this hickey...

It went without saying who planted in on him.

Seeing Theo remain silent, Luna frowned and instinctively raised her eyes to look at him.

He was staring at Joshua's neck.

Naturally, Luna's eyes followed in the direction of his stare.

And saw the hickey.

Instantly, her face turned pale. That hickey...

Was left by her last night when she couldn't his torture any further and bit him in a fury.

Back then, she was infuriated and did not have time to think, biting whichever spot she could reach.

Only after her mouth left his body did she realize it was a highly noticeable spot.

At the thought of this, the scene from last night couldn't help but appear in front of her eyes.

Gradually, a blush crept onto her cheeks again.

Theo's eyes fully captured the series of changes in her expression.

He sighed, placed his fork and spoon on the table, lifted the wine glass and emptied it.

To be honest, he knew Joshua had visited Luna here a few times before and also hid in her room, he knew everything.

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Theo tried convincing himself nothing happened between them.

But now...

He placed the empty glass on the table, turned and smiled faintly at Luna.

"I have a sudden craving for fried chicken, I think I'll go join Neil and Nellie."

With that, he smiled wryly and turned to leave. With the bang, the door was closed once again. Luna closed her eyes in despair.

Theo must think of her as an easy woman, as a liar.

She mentioned countless times before that she wasn't interested in Joshua.

But, not being interested in him was one thing. Saving Nigel was an entirely different matter.

But she could not tell the truth to everyone who misunderstood her.

"Feel bad?"

All of a sudden, Joshua's voice rang out beside her ear, full of contempt.

Luna frowned.

The moment she opened her eyes, Joshua immediately pressed her into her chair, leaning into her, his gaze predatory, just like his actions. "How

long have you known him, and now it hurts to see him go?"

Fury colored his voice.

Luna frowned and turned her head, refusing to look at him.

He turned her head towards him.

He held up her jaw. "You feel I can't satisfy you, or you're that easy and flirtatious, sleeping with every man you meet?"

His words infuriated her.

She furrowed her brows and glared at him, "Joshua Lynch! "

"You're pissed?"

He leaned down, pressing his thin lips beside her ear, his cold voice riding on his warm breath. " Before I decide to let you go, don't you dare dream of letting other men touch you."

His voice was low and dominating. Luna laughed as she listened to him.

She raised her head, her eyes mocking him. "You can surround yourself with women, enjoying both my company and your wife's back home, and I can't?"

Joshua's eyes darkened.

A moment later, he sneered, "Are you jealous of Alice?"

Luna rolled her eyes at him. "I'm not."

“From the way you looked, it’s obvious you were jealous.”

His mood improved, locking her lips in a kiss.

He swallowed her explanatory words down into his stomach.

At last, he heaved her up into his arms, and threw her onto the big bed in the middle of the bedroom.

Looking at the man pressing into her, Luna frowned. “Shower...”

He had not showered yet!

Joshua laughed lightly, lifting her off of the bed again,

“Together.”

A few minutes later, Luna lay in the bathroom, struggling

vehemently. “Didn’t we agree on taking a shower?”

He laughed again, “I didn’t say we wouldn’t do anything else.”

She rolled her eyes at him and sighed.

“Don’t torture me tonight, I need to wake up early tomorrow for work. There’s some designs I need to draw.”

She still remembered her deal with Joshua. “That can wait.”

He frowned. “Join me on a business trip tomorrow.” “Business trip?”

“Yes, to Sea City. I have some issues to discuss with the Walter family, business and otherwise.” Luna’s body stiffened slightly.

The Walter family.

Joshua never used to mention the Walters, neither did he visit them.

Because of Hailey Walter, he did not have a good impression of them at all.

And now, he wanted to go visit them in Sea City of his own volition?

She remembered the press conference earlier in the day.

After he announced to the public he was divorcing Alice, he immediately rushed to the Walters whose daughter he was engaged to marry.

“Is it... to see Hailey Walter?”

“Yes.’

Luna’s heart fell into the pit of her stomach.

After Aura, Alice appeared, and now after Alice, it was Hailey Walter?

This man did not give himself any free time at all.

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Early the next morning, Luna got a call from Joshua the moment she woke up.

“Yuri is waiting for you downstairs, we’ll be spending a week in Sea City, pack your stuff.”

Luna ended the call in frustration.

When she lowered her phone, she glanced at the time, it was

barely 7am.

He had tortured her for so long last night, how was he still so energetic?

After washing herself, Luna walked out of the bedroom and saw Nellie and Neil standing in the living room and the huge suitcase beside them.

Seeing her emerge from her room, the two kids grinned at her.

“Have a nice trip! “

She laughed at the sight of them and walked toward them, opening the suitcase.

Inside was seven days’ supply of her clothes and daily necessities. Her unfinished drawings were folded neatly into the compartment at the side.

Without even thinking, she knew this was definitely Nellie’s handiwork.

Even though Neil was thoughtful, he was still a boy.

Luna raised her hand and ruffled her daughter’s hair. “Thank you.”

The little girl pursed her lips unhappily. “I wanted to go with you, but Daddy said you’re there for business, and didn’t let me and Neil come along.”

At her words, Neil sighed, raised his hand and matted his mother’s shoulder, “After my persuasion, Mr. Lynch agreed to bring Zach and Yuri along as company. You can ask them for help if anything happens.”

Then, the little guy sighed again, speaking to her as if he was the parent instead, “Mommy, this is the first time you’re going on a long trip without us, you have to take good care of yourself.”

Luna did not know whether to laugh or cry, she looked at the two children in front of her. “Just take care of yourselves. Mommy is an adult, I can take care of myself.”

Nellie pouted. “Adults can make us worry too.” Luna was silent. She spoiled them too much, that’s why they would belittle her so mercilessly right in front of her.

The woman sighed, reminded Neil to take care of his sister once again, and walked out dragging the suitcase behind her.

Downstairs, Yuri saw her approaching and hurriedly loaded her suitcase into the car as he said, “Mr. Lynch said we should leave for Sea City directly, the journey will take around four to five hours. You’re not prone to car-sickness, are you?”

Luna shook her head and raised her foot and boarded the car. Joshua had already left, Yuri picked her up and immediately headed for the expressway.

On the journey, Luna was bored and listened mindlessly to Yuri’s

stories about his group of friends who all came from the mountains.

As she listened, she was suddenly reminded of the man Yuri mentioned previously, the one who was childhood friends with Bonnie.

“Oh him.”

Yuri sighed, “A few days ago he mentioned, his boss from six years ago gave him another job. He’ll be back in Banyan City in a few days’ time. It’ll most likely be another assassination of some kind, I don’t want to keep in touch with him anymore...”

Luna’s heart sank gradually into the depths of her chest.

This man was the driver who knocked into her six years ago, the man who finally kicked her off the bridge.

Back then he was hired by Joshua and Aura.

Now, Aura was sent to study abroad, effectively cutting her off from the outside world.

But if it was not Aura who asked him to come back... Then it could only be Joshua.

Her thoughts linked to how Joshua immediately left to see Hailey the day after he announced he was divorcing Alice...

Wave after wave of chills enveloped her chest. Did this man plan to use the trick again and condemn Alice to death?

Even though Alice was her enemy, undeniably, Alice was now hiding behind her identity.

He wanted to kill Luna Gibson again.

Closing her eyes, Luna felt the chill enveloping her heart was even colder than the harshest winter night.

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The love and affection accumulated over the past few months disappeared in an instant.

From beginning to the end, he was still the same cold and unfeeling Joshua Lynch.

Six years ago, he could tell her calmly before leaving on a business trip that he would accompany her to the doctor’s once he came home.

And then kill her mercilessly after he returned.

Six years later, he could still parade his love for his wife as he divorced her and even planned her murder.

Her sleepiness evaporated immediately.

Luna sat in the car, Yuri’s rambling floating into her right ear and immediately exiting through the left.

Joshua’s cold, emotionless face was all she saw.

The four-to-five-hour journey was meant to be long.

But with her mixed bag of emotions, Luna felt the journey was exceptionally short.

At noon, the car left the expressway and drove into the city area of Sea City.

This was where Luna lived as a child.

She had not been back here since she married Joshua.

Returning to her hometown after years away, she should have been excited.

But instead, she did not feel an ounce of exhilaration.

Stepping out of the car once they reached the hotel, she immediately noticed Joshua standing at the entrance of the hotel.

He stood beside the engraved marble pillar, talking on the phone.

Under the hotel's luxurious décor, the man's side profile looked exceptionally handsome and breath – taking.

Just last night, they had been as intimate as physically-possible, but today, Luna felt as if he was miles and miles away from her.

Yuri handed her suitcase to her.

Sucking in a deep breath, the woman dragged the suitcase behind her and entered the hotel.

He ended the call right when she walked past him. He reached out and grabbed her wrist.

Luna stiffened.

She raised her eyes and took a glance at him. "Mr. Lynch, anything?"

He frowned and snatched the suitcase out of her hands and handed it to Lucas, who was standing beside him.

"The Walters called, they prepared a banquet to welcome us."

Luna shrugged his hand off. "The banquet is meant to welcome you alone, I won't come in."

With that, she raised her foot and headed into the hotel.

Joshua frowned and chased up to her again. "What's wrong with you?"

Everything was fine last night, how come today she looked like she did not even want him to touch her?

Luna rolled her eyes at him, saying coldly, "Mr. Lynch, I came here with you on a business trip. If the banquet is not business?related, I can reject the invitation, can't I?"

Her attitude, as if she wanted to draw the line between business and leisure with him, made him snort uncontrollably.

"And you think I would attend a private banquet with you on my arm? You overestimate yourself."

The man loosened his grip on her wrist, looking down at her. "The Walter family has expanded into the jewelry business for the past few years, now they're at the top of the food chain in this sector in Sea City. Why else do you think I would bring you to the Walter family banquet?"

Luna paused.

A moment later, she sucked in a deep breath, and was about to open her mouth when a woman's clear voice interrupted her.

"Joshua?"

Alice stood at the entrance to the hotel, looking at Joshua, confused. "Why are you in Sea City too? Are you here to see me?"

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Joshua looked at Alice indifferently, not a hint of emotion in his eyes, "I'm here on business."

"Oh, I see."

Alice did not look disappointed at all, instead, she smiled lightly.

"What a coincidence, I'm staying in this hotel too. When you guys go home, can I join the ride?"

Joshua's eyes swept across her face faintly. "I can send you a car to drive you home."

He glanced at Luna. "Let's go." Then, he raised his foot and left. Luna frowned and wanted to follow him, but Alice blocked her way.

She looked at Luna and snorted, "You and Joshua just left like that...Say, do you think the two children are safe without any protection?"

Luna turned and looked at her emotionlessly and laughed, "Didn't you see what happened to Hailey Walter?"

She looked at Alice's pale face, laughing lightly, "Joshua already announced that he's divorcing you. And you choose to harm his children now, do you want to speed up the divorce?"

With that, she raised her foot and left coolly. She knew Alice was just trying to infuriate her.

If she really wanted to harm Neil and Nellie, she would not wait till now.

Standing at the hotel's entrance, Alice looked at Luna's retreating back, eyes narrowing evilly.

Lifting her phone, she dialed a number. "They left."

On the other end, the woman's voice trembled, "Ms. Hailey, are you sure we can do this? Even though I look quite similar to you, Joshua is not an idiot!"

Alice snorted, "Why else do you think I would spread the rumor around town that I'm addicted to plastic surgery?"

In the eyes of the public, Hailey Walter is a woman who's obsessed with plastic surgery and looks different every day. With such an identity, your features are enough to deceive him.

The Walter family mansion was grand and luxurious.

Luna stepped out of the car, raised her eyes and studied the mansion in front of her.

As a local of Sea City, born and raised, she knew the financial

strength of the Walter family.

But only when she stood in front of their house did she finally understand why Adrian Lynch said Hailey Walter was the only woman fit to marry Joshua.

The Walter family mansion was almost as luxurious as the Lynch family mansion.

“Mr. Lynch, Ms. Luna.”

The Walter family butler walked out, leading them into the mansion familiarly.

A fresh -faced woman stood in the entryway of the mansion.

Seeing them, the woman smiled and stepped forward. “Joshua.”

Joshua frowned. “You are?” “I’m Hailey. Hailey Walter.”

The woman smiled slightly and touched her own face. “I changed a little over the past few years, it’s not surprising that you don’t recognize me.”

Luna was so shocked she could not speak.

But upon closer inspection, you could still identify the original Hailey from the frame of her features.

But her eyes... were completely different.

Back then, Hailey’s trademark feature was her aggressive eyes.

She was the daughter of the Walter family, spoiled in riches since childhood, arrogant and self-conceited.

But the eyes of the woman in front of her was meek and timid, as if she was a lowly servant who had suffered all her life.

Compared to Luna’s shock, Joshua looked much calmer.

He shook Hailey’s hand and introduced her to Luna then asked, “Where’s the Old Mr. Walter?”

“Father is busy preparing the banquet for you.”

Then, Hailey glanced at the clock. “It’s 1 pm in the afternoon now, the banquet starts at 4pm. The two of you can have a bite and take a short rest.”

Joshua paused in his steps. “But in the call just now, your family said the banquet will be held in the afternoon.”

“Yes.”

Hailey smiled faintly as she led Joshua and Luna in the direction of the dining room. “Father prepared the banquet late tonight, the one in the afternoon is organized by me. Didn’t you keep saying you wanted to see me?” Joshua’s expression darkened slightly, and he sat down in the dining room with her, remaining silent.

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“It seems Ms. Luna is an elite, as Mr. Lynch insists on bringing you along wherever he goes.”

The conversation suddenly turned toward her, Luna coughed slightly, “Mr. Lynch wanted to give me some exposure.”

“She’s a designer.”

Joshua said while he ate elegantly, “In terms of jewelry design, she is indeed an elite.”

Hailey lifted her lips in a smile. “It’s easy to grow fond of the capable ones.”

With that, she studied Luna from head to toe. “If there’s a chance, I would like to introduce our designer to Ms. Luna, so they can discuss and exchange their opinions.”

Luna frowned and was about to say something when she noticed the hatred in Hailey’s eyes.

The glint of enmity in her eyes made Luna shudder.

If her memory served her right, this was her first time meeting Hailey as Luna.

Why did she hold such a big sense of hostility toward her?

It was even much stronger than the sense of hostility she displayed when she caused havoc at her and Joshua’s wedding all those years ago.

Soon, the meal was over.

After lunch, Luna and Joshua did not stay in the Walter family mansion. Joshua used business as an excuse and left.

Once they entered the car, Joshua lay on the backseat and closed his eyes, saying indifferently, “Drive her to the mall, and me back to the hotel.”

Luna paused.

“Why am I going to the mall?”

He did not even bother opening his eyes, “Do you think your current ensemble is suitable to attend a banquet?”

Instinctively, Luna glanced down at her white suit trousers and white shirt.

Not... really.

“Buy an appropriate gown, tidy yourself up.”

Ten minutes later, Luna was dumped at the entrance of a mall.

Joshua threw her a black card. “There’s no limit on this card, remember to return it to me.”

Then, the man shut the car door, and the black Maserati drove off into the distance.

Standing in her spot, Luna looked in the direction in which he drove off, and rolled her eyes silently.

A moment later, she walked to the side of the road, hailed a taxi and headed to the mall.

At 4pm in the afternoon, the welcoming banquet the Walter family organized for Joshua was held in the biggest five-star hotel in Sea City.

Joshua attended the banquet with Luna on his arm.

The moment he entered the banquet hall, Joshua was led away

by the old yet enthusiastic Mr. Walter to meet with their group of business partners.

Bored, Luna strode aimlessly around the banquet hall alone.

A few steps in, she spotted Alice.

At this moment, Alice was wearing a light purple gown, standing in the middle of the banquet hall, talking to Hailey.

From the way they conversed with each other, they seemed to be close.

Instinctively, Luna frowned.

Alice and Hailey knew each other?

One of them was a local of Banyan City who had just returned from a long stay overseas.

And the other was a woman from Sea City who was obsessed with plastic-surgery and rarely appeared in public.

The two of them were in contact?

Just when Luna looked in their direction and was secretly shocked, Alice suddenly raised her head and looked toward her too.

Their eyes met.

Luna was flustered and tried to avert her eyes.

But Alice smiled coldly in her direction. "Luna?!"

Immediately, a woman's unfamiliar voice rang in her ears.

Luna frowned and instinctively glanced in the direction of the voice.

Standing before her was a woman dressed in a red ball gown, her high-school desk-mate, Gwen Larson.

Luna was slightly dazed.

Even though they were close in high school, but now her name and looks were completely different, how did she know it was her?

Right when Luna was hesitating whether to admit she knew her, Gwen raised her hand

Slap——!

With a resounding ring, Gwen's palm landed on Luna's cheek in a tight slap.

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The sound of Gwen's slap rang across the banquet hall.

Luna covered her face in shock, turning to look at her.

Gwen crossed her arms across her chest and snorted coldly, "Who knew you still dared come here!"

She glared at Luna viciously, her eyes full of haughty derision. "In Banyan City, you dared seduce another woman's husband, ruining her marriage until she's getting a divorce, and now you dare come flaunting your claws in Sea City!"

Gwen's voice was loud and boisterous, attracting the attention of

everyone around them. They crowded around them instinctively. As the crowd expanded, Gwen grew more aggressive. "And yet you dare come here? Do you know Alice is from Sea City, the people of Sea City are supporting her!"

Even though Joshua was a family name in Banyan City, in Sea City, not many people knew him.

Most people had missed the news, but hearing Gwen's words, the crowd erupted into a sea of discussion.

"She's so beautiful, who could guess she's just a mistress..."

"And she even ruined their marriage, the wife is getting a divorce..."

"She deserves to be slapped!"

The murmurs of the surrounding crowd made Luna frown.

Even though she and Gwen were desk-mates in high school, they lost touch once Luna moved to Banyan City to attend university.

Why did Gwen suddenly care about her old friend whom she had not contacted in more than ten years?

Seeing Luna press her palm to her cheek and remain silent, Gwen grew even more aggressive.

She raised her hand and tried to slap her again.

In mid-air, her wrist was restrained by someone. It was not anyone else, but the target of her slap,

Luna herself.

Luna held onto her wrist tightly, her voice cold and distant. "Ms. Larson, mind your words. Did you forget how you got into a fight with the kids in the other class because you mindlessly believed some baseless rumors?"

For a second, Gwen was dazed.

In high school, she did get into a fight with students from another class because of a baseless rumor.

But... how did the woman in front of her know this?

Seeing her hesitation, Luna flicked her wrist away, and lifted her lips in a faint smile. "You should know never to judge before finding out the whole truth. I trust you understand this, Ms. Larson?"

The woman's eyes were sharp, her voice cold and proud.

Gwen was so shocked; she was at a loss for words.

A long while later, she blushed and tried defending herself.

"You're right, I don't know what happened in Banyan City. But the invitation for the banquet tonight was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, who do you think you are, coming here like this?"

Gwen's words caused a ruckus amongst the crowd again.

Everyone started whispering in discussion. Since the Walters invited Mr. and Mrs. Lynch... Why was this woman here?

"You're so shameless after all, coming here thinking that you're

Mrs. Lynch. Is there a problem with me slapping you and chasing you away?”

Looking at Gwen’s arrogant expression, Luna raised her lips in an indifferent smile.

She produced an invitation. “Ms. Larson, maybe you didn’t know, I’m a designer working for the Lynch Group. I attended the banquet for business purposes, and yet I have to endure your abuse and snide remarks?”

“That’s impossible! “

Gwen scoffed coldly, dragged Luna behind her and strode toward the notice board at the entrance of the banquet hall.

She pointed to the notice board. “Look!

Only Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are invited! Your name is not on the board! How shameless can you be!”

Luna glanced at her side-eyed. It was true.

Only Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were on the list, her own name was nowhere to be seen.

The woman’s expression shifted subtly.

If she remembered correctly, the list was finalized by Hailey.

During lunch, Hailey intentionally asked for her name, saying she wanted to include it in the guestlist.

But now...

“You have nothing to say, do you?! “

Gwen looked at her arrogantly and sneered, “You’re nothing but a mistress who wants to take the wife’s place! “

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“Not to mention the fact that they’re still married, even if they’re divorced, you don’t stand a chance! “

With that, she raised her hand and signaled the security guards.

“Throw her out of here! “

“Wait.”

The moment the words left Gwen’s mouth; Luna laughed coldly.

She glanced at Gwen. “According to the rules, you’re right, I shouldn’t be here since my name is on the guestlist. But Ms.

Larson, this is a banquet organized by the Walter family. Are you part of the Walter family?”

Gwen was rendered silent.

Luna continued. “Even if I am to be chased out, it should be done by the Walters, don’t you think so?”

Gwen’s expression turned ugly. Coincidentally, Hailey and Alice walked by.

Eagle-eyed Gwen noticed them immediately, rushed toward them and grabbed onto Hailey, “Miss Walter, this woman barged into the banquet without an invitation! “

Hailey paused.

Beside her, Alice stopped too.

Dressed in her light purple gown, Alice raised her eyes, faking an astonished expression. "Ms. Luna?

Why are you..."

Before she could finish her sentence, her eyes turned red immediately. "I knew I shouldn't have come here. Even though Joshua and I are still legally husband and wife, he seems to have eyes for no one but you now..."

She sniffed, set down the wine glass in her hand, and walked slowly toward Luna, giving her a shallow bow, "I'm sorry. I only noticed that the Walters invited Mr. and Mrs. Lynch. Legally, I am still Joshua's wife, so I thought they invited me... I didn't come here on purpose to make the two of you unhappy."

With that, she wiped at her tears, raised her eyes and looked at Gwen who was standing beside her. "Gwennie, don't blame Ms. Luna, I'm the one who naively thought I was still Joshua's wife... Don't chase her away, I'm the one who should leave!"

With that, she raised her foot and headed outside. Seeing her red and puffy eyes, Gwen felt sorry for Alice.

She grabbed onto her hand, turned around and glared furiously at Luna. "Is there even still law and order in society! Are all mistresses so arrogant and conceited now!"

The murmurs of the crowd rose in waves.

"She's so smug, nowadays, even mistresses are so full of themselves."

"I feel so bad for Mrs. Lynch, she lost all her pride, how could a wife apologize to her husband's mistress" The one who should leave is the mistress!"

Accompanying the murmurs of discussion was all sorts of intended grabs and pushes.

Luna stood in her spot, her hands clenched into fists.

She turned and looked at Hailey quietly. "Ms. Walter, how could this happen?"

Luna took the invitation out of her bag. "You gave this to me in the afternoon, you even asked for my name, you said you wanted to include it in the guestlist. How come I'm an unwanted intruder now?"

Hailey stiffened slightly.

A moment later, she smiled wryly, "Uhm... maybe something went wrong in the communication between me and the printer..."

She sighed, "The list has been finalized, Ms. Luna, don't take this to heart, just stay."

"No."

Luna lifted her lips in a cold smile.

She was certain, all of this was a trick planned by Alice and Hailey

together.

To embarrass her.

Gwen was just their tool.

The woman sucked in a deep breath and took out the invitation, ripping it to shreds right in front of Hailey.

“Since the Walters asked for my name and yet disrespected me.

There’s no point in me staying here at this banquet.”

She threw the ripped-up invitation into the air. “ Now I know this is how the biggest family in Sea City treats their guests! “

The surrounding group sucked in a cold breath.

Ripping the invitation given by the Walter family in a banquet organized by the Walter family, even publicly humiliating them for mistreating their guests!

This woman had the courage of a lion! Luna scoffed and turned to leave.

She barely took a few steps before two bodyguards stopped her from leaving. Behind her, a cold and deep voice rang out, “Do you know the consequences of speaking to one of the Walters like this?”

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Luna frowned and turned around instinctively.

Behind her, a middle -aged man stood, supporting himself with a cane, glaring at her with eyes full of barely veiled contempt.

Beside him, Joshua stood, expressionless.

The middle-aged man was the one who spoke.

He held the authority in the Walter family, Hailey’s father, Dennis Walter.

Seeing Luna turn her back, Dennis snorted coldly, “In these so plus years of my life, this is the first time someone has dared to dishonor the Walter family like this at a banquet organized by us! “

Luna raised her lips in a smile.

She lifted her eyes, meeting him fearlessly. “Mr. Walter, you merely witnessed how I disrespected your family, then did you see how your family disrespected me?”

With that, she raised her hand and pointed at the guestlist Gwen used to humiliate her. “This afternoon Ms. Walter personally asked me for my name, and gave me an invitation card. I came here as a designer for the Lynch Group. And now? Not only is my name not on the guestlist, but instead Mrs. Lynch’s name appeared on the guestlist. I was accused of trying to take Mrs. Lynch’s place, but Ms. Walter told me the guestlist can’t be edited any longer, and asked me to say. Requesting on purpose, And then intentionally ignoring me, finally when I was attacked and questioned, brushing it off as a simple mistake that can’t be

changed. Is this the respect you mentioned?"

Her words shot at him like cannon-fire, every sentence strong and just.

The old Mr. Walter frowned and scoffed, "It's just a wrong name, there's no reason to cause such a fuss! Don't tell me you want us to apologize to you?"

"Uncle, don't you think I deserve an apology?"

The moment her words left her mouth, Joshua, who was standing beside him, started laughing coldly.

He lifted his feet and walked toward Luna, cold eyes sweeping across the surrounding crowd. "The more solemn the occasion, the more important it is to pay attention to detail. If today Ms. Walter came to my house and was treated in this manner, can you remain as cool and calm as you are now, uncle?"

Dennis' expression shifted subtly. "That's because our Hailey is a woman of class and importance! This Luna is no one!"

Luna frowned and was about to open her mouth when Joshua took the lead and stood in front of her.

"this business trip, as the director, I should demand justice for my employee, don't you think so?"

He glanced at Dennis coldly. "Since Uncle Walter can openly say such words knowing full well that she's an employee of mine. I think there's no need for us to continue working together."

The man tugged Luna's hand and turned. "Forget I came."

With that, he raised his feet and left.

Her hand held in his, somehow, a flicker of warmth ignited in her chest.

Even though he had a million and one faults, at this moment, he was willing to defend her, willing to stand on her side when everyone was against her.

Even if it was just an act, she felt grateful to him. Seeing as Joshua was really about to leave, Dennis panicked.

The public only knew of Joshua as the richest man in Banyan City, but very few knew he was the hidden boss of the biggest multinational corporation overseas!

The purpose of the banquet tonight was to build relations between the Walter Group and the Lynch Group, to lay the groundwork for the Walter Group's foray into the international business scene.

And now...

Joshua was about to leave because of a minor disagreement like this?!

He hurriedly hobbled on his cane and rushed to stand in Joshua's path, stopping him from leaving.

"My dear boy, I think you misunderstood me... It's not that I don't

respect your employee, I just thought, even if an apology was in order, it could wait until the banquet was over, and we successfully locate the person in charge of the oversight, and then he can apologize to Ms. Luna.”

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As he spoke, he even smiled and took a glance at Luna. “Ms. Luna, this is a banquet that I organized intentionally for Mr. Lynch, you wouldn't want to spoil the atmosphere for a minor disagreement like this?”

Luna narrowed her eyes.

She let go of Joshua's hand and looked at Dennis expressionlessly. “Was I the one who spoiled the atmosphere, or did your family's disrespect spoil the atmosphere?”

The woman's unforgiving attitude caused a baleful glint to appear in the old man's views.

Sucking in a deep breath, he faked a smile and said, “ Since both Ms. Luna and Mr. Lynch care so deeply about this issue, I'll get to the bottom of it right now! “

With that, Dennis gave Hailey who was standing beside him the side-eye. “Hailey, when you finalized the guest list, did you include Ms. Luna's name?”

Hailey smiled and nodded. “I passed it to Mr. Walter as soon as it was finalized.”

The butler known as Mr. Walter was immediately located and brought to the hall.

After getting to know the situation at hand, he burst out laughing, “So Luna and Luna Gibson are two different people.”

Dennis frowned. “What do you mean?”

“This is what happened.”

The old butler's tone was calm. “The list Ms. Hailey gave me contained Mr. Joshua Lynch's name, followed by Luna. Everyone knows Mr. Lynch's wife is Alice Gibson, or Luna Gibson, as she used to be known. I thought Luna was a nickname, and her full name was Luna Gibson. And since Luna Gibson was Mr. Lynch's wife, I took it upon myself and changed the name on the list to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch.”

The butler's words caused another uproar amongst the crowd. Luna, Luna Gibson.

Her name, the only difference was the removal of her family name!

Combined with Gwen Larson's previous words, that Luna intentionally seduced Joshua...

“She's so scary, this woman shares the same name that Mrs. Lynch used to go by! “

“I think she used that name on purpose, to seduce Mr. Lynch...”

The murmurs of the crowd drifted into her ears in countless waves.

Luna’s eyebrows screwed together tightly, instinctively lifting her eyes and looking toward Alice who was standing in the distance.

Coincidentally, Alice was looking at her too.

The moment their eyes met, Alice laughed lightly, making a cheeky gesture in her direction. Luna sucked in a cold breath.

This was all part of Alice’s plan.

She used the weakness in Luna’s name and engineered this whole fiasco.

Because of the similarity between their names, she did not even have the chance to refute the Walter family’s claim that it was all an accident.

“Mr. Lynch, Ms. Luna.”

The butler smiled faintly, lowering his head in a bow. “I acted of my own volition, this has nothing to do with Master Walter or Ms. Hailey. I apologize for the inconvenience caused to you, Ms. Luna.” When he finished, Dennis laughed lightly, “Ms. Luna, is this enough to relieve your anger? Now that Mr. Walter has apologized, is there anything else you’re unhappy about?”

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