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Upon getting Luna's word, Nathan sighed once again before taking Celeste and left.

Once both of them entered the elevator, Anne sighed and helped Luna up, slowly taking Luna back to her room.

"They said that they didn't want to morally coerce you, but they still did it anyway."

Luna pursed her lips. "It's fine."

Even if Nathan did not say it, she still would not forget Theo when she paid a tribute to Neil. She would not even have a grand wedding, not when Neil's remains still could not be found.

Their request was also what she wanted to do.

Anne pursed her lips and sent Luna back to her room. She wanted to say something, but she noticed Joshua standing by the entrance when she looked back.

Anne paused for a while. In the end, she still got up, cautiously left, and shut the door behind her. The atmosphere in the room was so quiet that it was suffocating.

After a long while, Joshua smiled bitterly. He walked over to Luna's bed and sat down by the side.

"You really agreed to Malcolm's proposal?"

Luna did not look at Joshua, opting instead to look up ahead. "Yes."

Joshua lowered his head and asked with a low and hoarse voice, "Why?"

"What do you think?"

Luna turned her head and looked at Joshua coldly. Since Joshua already knew who she was, there was no need for her to hide anymore.

"Luna." Joshua looked at her, his gaze filled with deep pain.

"I don't know what misunderstanding happened between us, but I just want to tell you that I — "

"Misunderstanding?" Luna laughed out loud. "Since when have I misunderstood you? "No, you're right. I have misunderstood you. I once thought that you were a responsible and committed man, that you were someone who'd take responsibility for his marriage and relationships, but what happened in the end?"

Luna glared at Joshua coldly. "While you and I were married, you got together with my sister. You were even willing to hire Jason to kill me because of her! You asked me why I agree to Malcolm's marriage proposal. What do you think?"

Luna glared at Joshua angrily. The rage that she had suppressed for six years finally showed itself.

"I was pregnant with triplets. Jason crashed into me and, seeing how I was still alive, even called you.

What happened next? In the call, you told him to kill me. I was knocked off of Bay Bridge by him. If it weren't for Malcolm's yacht at sea at that time and him rescuing me from drowning, would I still be here now?

"My entire face was ruined because of that hit and- run, but for the three strong lives in my womb, I endured the pain of disfigurement for seven full months ! It was only when the children were born did Malcolm help me undergo cosmetic surgery $_{!}$ $^{\prime\prime}$

Luna clutched her face and sneered. "Do you know, because of this face, how much I've suffered to just be able to live like a normal person? When I was bringing my children up in suffering, what were you doing? You were with Aura. You announced that Aura was your fiancée. You both said that I had an affair, that I left a note and eloped. You said I had an accident.

"You even produced a will and said that before I left, I asked you to take care of Aura, that I asked you to be with Aura! "

Luna glared at Joshua fiercely. "Now, you have the cheek to ask me why I agreed to marry Malcolm? If it weren't for Malcolm, my children and I would've been long dead: "

"So..." Joshua closed his eyes. "Just because he rescued you and your children, you agreed to marry him?"

"What else, then?" Luna smiled mockingly and looked at Joshua. Her gaze was so cold, there was not an ounce of warmth in it. "If I don't marry Malcolm, who rescued me from the brink of death and treated my children like his own, should I marry you instead, the person who harmed me and my children back then and even killed a child of mine now?!

"Joshua, I was indeed blind to have fallen for you back then, but what makes you think that I'll be willing to look at you right now?"

Joshua, sitting in front of her, furrowed his brows hard.

"Whether it was six years ago, or now. I've never hurt you once."

Luna sneered.

"So, what's with Jason?"

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The room was in silence for a few seconds.

Joshua lifted his head and looked at Luna. "Jason has nothing to do with me."

Luna laughed. Did he still intend to keep up with the pretense, even at this stage?

Nothing to do with him, he said?

"If he had nothing to do with you, how did he get out of the mental asylum?"

Luna looked at Joshua coldly, her smile drenched in mockery.

"Don't tell me that a person whom you locked up could come out from the mental asylum without your approval! "

Joshua furrowed his brows. "He might've escaped." " It has been a month since that dark day.

Luna had been unconscious that whole time. Once Joshua made sure that Luna was no longer in danger, he started getting busy with the three children.

He dealt with Neil's funeral, helped Nellie get a psychologist for therapy sessions, then went to Malcolm to see Nigel and brought him back to Banyan City. He got all the best specialists in the world to treat Nigel.

He never cared to deal with an unimportant person like Jason, neither did he investigate how he came out of the mental asylum. Indeed, after the incident with Luna, Jason did appear at the airport. He even approached Luna, but he did nothing.

The bottle of water that Luna drank was prepared by Hailey.

That night, Hailey had bribed Luke's two men that sent Luna to the airport. They thought that it was just a bottle of water, that there should not be any problems with it, and that was why they let her drink it.

After his men investigated one round, they found out that after Luna passed out from her miscarriage, he used her blood and her fingerprint to sign the letters for Bonnie's discharge.

Because of that, even though it was infuriating that Jason did not help Luna find a doctor when she passed out, Joshua did not do anything to Jason.

As for what Luna said, the incident six years ago...

Joshua had no clue about it, let alone had anything to do with him.

"He escaped on his own?" Luna looked at Joshua in detest. She smiled mockingly. "Mr. Lynch, are you

hearing yourself? Do you even believe in what you've said?

"You're the one that locked him in. How could he escape himself? Jason isn't a combat fighter; he's only a brute from the countryside like Zach and Yuri! Your men have guarded the place so tightly, so how could he have escaped? What use is lying to me?"

Luna had determined that Jason and Joshua were connected. His explanations at that moment were pointless and futile.

Joshua pursed his lips. He knew that explaining things to Luna, who was deep set in her thoughts, was pointless.

He sighed, got up, and headed for the exit.

Luna furrowed her brows. "You have nothing to say anymore, and that's why you're choosing to run, is it? How useless are you, Joshua?"

Joshua paused a little.

He smiled bitterly. "Since I can't get through to you, I'll go find Jason myself."

Jason was still in Banyan City. Rather than arguing with Luna, who was still a sick patient, he should just find Jason to clear things up.

"Getting Jason to give a statement, are you?"

Luna sneered and closed her eyes in disappointment.

She should not have placed her hopes on this man. Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at Luna seriously.

"Luna, I know that you won't listen to my explanations, but I still need to say this. The first time I met Jason was when Zach and Yuri went to look for Neil and Nellie that night.

"I didn't know him six years ago. I also didn't collude with Aura to harm you. At that time, I was in Sea City on a business trip. I was also surprised to receive the news of you in an accident falling into the sea.

"Later on, I received a call from the doctors saying you were pregnant with triplets. I rushed back to Banyan City in the rain. I tried looking for your body in the sea for three days and three nights, only giving up when there was no news of you. "The will that you wrote, Aura gave it to me. I only planned to obey your will after I made sure that it was your handwriting, to take care of Aura on your behalf."

Joshua sighed. "There must be a misunderstanding somewhere. I'll send men overseas to bring Aura back."

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Then, Joshua strode away.

Luna leaned against the head of the bed, her eyes narrowed as she watched Joshua leave. She sneered.

She did not believe a single word he said.

At that moment, no one knew where Aura was. With no one to prove his words, he could naturally come up with nonsense and blame everything on Aura.

He said that he would find men to bring Aura back, and Luna would hold him to his word —she did not believe that Joshua could do it.

After all, if Aura came back and they failed to be on the same page, Joshua's lies would be easily exposed.

How would Joshua dare to bring Aura back?

Coming out of the hospital, Joshua immediately got in the car.

"Lucas, to the mental asylum."

Joshua also wanted to know how Jason escaped from such a tightly guarded mental asylum.

Lucas immediately drove away.

"By the way." Joshua, in the back seat, closed his eyes and rubbed the middle of his brows. "Is there any news on the men we sent to follow Aura?"

Lucas's hands which were holding onto the steering wheel trembled a little.

"Yes...we've just received the news."

Lucas was silent for a while before he took a deep breath. "We have...located the men that were following Aura, but... All of them are dead."

Joshua frowned deeply.

"Their cause of death was just as strange. They were locked up in a building, and all of them were hung dead on the beam of the building. There was even a note in the room, with only a single sentence written, (Stop following Ms. Aura.]"

Lucas gripped the steering wheel tightly. "After we buried those men, we searched

everywhere in the city. No one could find Aura; it was as if she vanished from the face of the earth. No one could find a single trace on her anywhere."

Joshua closed his eyes and was silent for a while.

After a while, he chuckled bitterly. "Dispatch more men, and continue the search."

He was in Sea City when Luna suffered from the accident six years ago.

Back then, because Luna loved Aura a lot, she got Aura to become his personal secretary.

That morning, Aura said that she was not feeling well, so she returned to Banyan City alone.

Later on, he received news about Luna's accident.

At that time, he did not know what happened, but since Luna had said that he colluded with Aura to harm her, that meant that this incident had something to do with Aura.

He had to find Aura to understand what happened that day.

Not long after, the car reached the mental asylum.

Seeing Joshua arriving, the staff in charge welcomed him with all smiles.

"Mr. Lynch, how may I assist you?"

Joshua furrowed his brows and looked at the person flatly. "I remembered that I've locked up a person called Jason Lane previously, and I got you all to keep a close eye on."

The staff was stunned for a while before immediately nodding. "Yes, yes, I remember him! You were the one who instructed me, how could I have forgotten? But..."

The staff frowned and continued, "Didn't Jason leave a long time ago?"

Joshua paused a little. "You were the one that let him go?"

"Yes. " The person in charge quickly took the records from the counter.

"A month ago, your father came here personally. He said that you instructed him to take Jason away. Back then, I even called you, but your wife was the one that picked up. She said that you gave the green light. Are there any problems?"

Joshua closed his eyes and glowered. "Lucas, back to Lynch Mansion."

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Lynch Mansion.

Granny Lynch was in the courtyard with a lollipop in one hand and a teddy bear in the other, trying to cheer Nellie up.

"Be happy, my precious darling. Come on, smile. Smile for Great-Granny! "

Nellie, dressed in a pink princess gown and sitting on the lawn, tried to squeeze out a smile but could not do it no matter what.

When she finally could, it looked worse compared to when she was crying.

Adrian furrowed his brows. "Mom, stop making it difficult for her. The doctors already said that her mental illness was due to the brain not secreting enough dopamine. You can't make her smile happily just by asking her to smile."

He glanced at Lily, who was waiting in the distance. "Take Nellie back. Remember to feed her her medication."

Lily nodded. She cautiously walked over, carried Nellie, and took her back into the mansion.

"How unfortunate." Granny Lynch sighed. "I never once liked that kid Neil, but who would've thought that he'd die at such a young age of six. My precious darling great-granddaughter had to witness the entire explosion, too. She's only six! How could she not be affected by the sight of her brother blasted into pieces? Sigh.

"Tell me: how could Alice bear to do such things? They're still young children and her own flesh and blood. How could she do it?"

Adrian sighed. He gently patted Granny Lynch's shoulder. "Things have already happened—it's pointless to say anything anymore. The thing we have to do now is to take good care of Nellie and cure Nigel, and..."

Adrian narrowed his eyes. "We can't let Joshua get too close to Luna. We can't let them get married."

Granny Lynch calmly took a deep breath. "Do you think we can really stop him?"

All this while, she understood clearly that the elderly could not meddle in Joshua's affairs.

Back then, they forced him to marry Hailey Walter, but he married Luna Gibson instead.

When Luna got into an accident, the family forbade Joshua to have anything to do with Aura, but he still made her his fiancée.

Once the family finally accepted Aura, however, he abandoned Aura and sent her overseas.

If Joshua wanted to be with Luna, even if the elderly were against him, was there any use?

"Even if we can't stop him, we still have to do it." Adrian narrowed his eyes. A hint of hatred flashed

across his eyes.

"Alice killed herself because of her, Neil perished because of her, and Nellie got depressed because of her. All these happened, even when Joshua hadn't got together with her. If they truly got together, our family would be in chaos! "

Granny Lynch sighed and shook her head helplessly. "Aren't we in enough chaos right now?"

She then stood up and slowly walked into the mansion with her walking stick.

Adrian sat on a bench in the yard, looking at Granny Lynch leaving. His gaze seemed to go past Granny Lynch further into the distance...

"Uncle Adrian, I'm actually Hailey. You have to help me! I only became like this all because of Joshua. I must be with Joshua—I don't want anything else in life. The only thing I want is to be with Joshua..."

The conversation between Alice and him when they reconciled kept ringing in his ears.

Back then, Adrian promised Alice that he would help her and protect her.

In the end, she still killed herself.

He was ashamed of his best friend's request as well as his promise to her.

There was nothing else he could do for the Walter family.

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The only thing Adrian could do was to prevent Luna from marrying into the Lynch family!

At that moment, a black Maseratee stopped at the entrance of the Lynch Mansion.

The huge gate was opened, and a man in black entered majestically.

Adrian came to his senses and gracefully got up, turning to look at the man behind him. "Why are you only back now? Nellie has just slept."

Joshua glowered as he sat down opposite of Adrian, flatly sweeping Adrian a glance.

"I'm not here to take Nellie away. I 'm here to look for you, Dad."

Joshua's tone and gaze were so cold, Adrian could not help but slightly furrowed his brows. He smiled and sat back on the bench once more.

"Is there anything?"

"Of course." Joshua took a picture from his pocket and placed it on the table. "Mr. Lynch, do you recognize this man?"

Adrian calmly swept a glance at the photo. It was a photo of a fierce-looking man.

He furrowed his brows and hesitated for a while.

"He looks familiar, but I don't remember where I saw him before."

"You don't remember?"

Joshua scowled. "Let me refresh your memory, Dad. This man is called Jason Lane. Previously, because he was a suspect attempting to assassinate Luna, I locked him up in the mental asylum. I wanted to deal with him at a later time, but a month or so ago, you went to the mental asylum and found the person in charge, saying that I was the one who instructed you to go there, to get him out. Do you still remember?"

Joshua's low voice was filled with coldness and rage. Adrian slightly furrowed his brows.

"So, you're here today to interrogate me?"

Adrian harrumphed coldly and placed the photo on the table once again. He crossed his arms across his chest. "Yes, a month or so ago, I let this man out upon Alice's request. Alice said that this person is her friend, but you and he didn't go along well, so she pleaded for me to go."

Adrian cleared his throat cockily.

"Why? Did he murder, steal, or commit any serious crimes?"

"None of those sorts. " Joshua harrumphed coldly and crossed his arms at his chest. "Only, Mr. Adrian Lynch, you seemed to be closer to Alice than me."

Adrian scoffed.

"Of course. Alice, in the end, still gave birth to three kids for the Lynch family. She suffered child labor, if nothing else."

"Since you know the woman that gave me three children suffered child labor..."

Joshua frowned deeply, his gaze frigid. "Why did you help Alice go up against Luna?"

Joshua's words made Adrian frown.

"I'm helping the actual daughter-in-law of the Lynch family go up against the mistress. Am I wrong in doing so?"

"Is that so?" Joshua harrumphed coldly. He slammed a stack of documents in front of Adrian.

"Back then when I married Luna Gibson, you left Banyan City in rage because I didn't get together with Hailey. You left for many years and had always hated Luna Gibson. Why then, when she had become Alice, did you and she became a team?

"Not only did you help her get Jason out, but you even helped her bribe the Lynch family bodyguards, letting them listen to her orders. Are you helping your real daughter-in-law go up against the mistress, or are you helping Hailey, who wants to become the mistress, go up against the real daughter-in-law?"

Adrian narrowed his eyes.

Joshua was always a careful person. He would never easily express his suspicions nor come to a conclusion easily. At that moment, the way he could so determinedly say such words proved that he had evidence of Alice's true identity.

Thus. Adrian looked at Joshua coldly. "What do you think?"

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