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The color drained from Luna's face, who was being shielded behind Jim 's back. She wrung her hands together and lif ted her head to stare at Granny

Quinn. " Granny Quinn, I think this wedding can 't go on anymore."

"What do you mean, this wedding can 't go on anymore? " Granny Quinn sneered and stared at Luna. "Are you unaware of the amount of eff ort we put in to save you six years ago? "

As she said this, she sneered at Luna contemptuously, " 1 never liked you f rom the start, but Malcolm was willing to call off his engagement f or you and insisted on taking care of you and even the three little rascals of yours!

"Now that you 've become the second daughter of the Landry family, you want to get rid of our Malcolm with a lame excuse just like that? In your dreams!"

"A lame excuse? " Jim narrowed his eyes and stared at Granny Quinn coldly. "Your previous grandson came to our house in the middle of the night and slept with my other sister. How dare you call this a lame excuse?"

Granny Quinn let out a scoff . " It's not like they haven't slept together before! They had already been together six years ago, so what 's wrong with

sleeping together another time? Prudes. "

With that , she turned to contine staring at Luna. "

Well, we ref use to call of f the engagement since you 've had the privilege of Malcolm treating you well six years ago , so you now have to marry him in return! There 's no negotiating this!"

With that, she turned around and was about to leave.

<u>Charles furrowed his brows and ordered one of his servants to stop her f rom leaving. "Mad</u> <u>am Quinn, you must 've misunderstood my intention of calling you here today.</u> "Six years ago, the Quinn family saved Luna, and we indeed owe you a huge favor for this. No matter what you want, as long as we can afford it, we will give it to you.

"However, since the Qu inn family doesn't like the fact that Luna is pregnant, and Luna can't stomach the fact that Mako]m betrayed her before their wedding ...then I guess it 's best to call of f this engagement. But..."

<u>Charles raised his eyes and continued, " I still think that both our families need to have a</u> <u>marriage together to sustain both of us against the Lynch</u>

family is attacks."

With that , he pointed at a tearful -looking Heather and said, "I've decided to marry Heather off to Malcolm."

"I refuse to." Malcolm lifted his head and stared at him coldly as soon as Charles finished his sentence. " I don 't want to marry her. "

Tears started to fall down Heather 's face as soon as she heard this.

<u>Charles narrowed his eyes. "You ref use to marry her? Since you don 't wan t to marry her ,</u> <u>then why did you insist on kicking down her room door even though you were fully</u> <u>conscious last night?"</u>

Malcolm froze. " I..."

Jim immediately played the recording of the security footage of the night before. "Why don 't you explain this, Master Quinn? "

Malcolm f ell silent immediately. He could not possibly tell the truth that he, too, had lost all rationality and consciousness the night before due to the libido -enhancing drugs he had taken.

"Malcolm." Heather stared at him with red -rimmed eyes as she sat on the sofa in the distance. "I know you don't like me, but..."

To others, the look on her face as she gazed at Malcolm was sympathetic and pitiful, but to Malcolm, it was filled with threat and menace.

His fingers, which were placed on the armrests of his wheelchair, tightened.

He and Heather had been working together on too many things.

From the threatening look in her eyes, she was telling him that if he did not do as she said, she would expose the truth immediately!

Malcolm bit his lip.

He never expected that the drugs he had taken the night before for Luna's sake would land him in so much trouble!

Heather had betrayed him!

Hatred and resentment brewed in his heart, but he could not show it at all. Instead, he let out a small sigh and said, "Actually, last night, I conf used

Luna's room with Heather 's...but since the mistake has already been made ...and I 1m not willing to lose such a valu able collaborator as the Landry family..."

With that, he glanced at Luna with an apologetic look and said, "I guess we' re not meant to be , Luna."

Finally, he turned around and glanced impassively at Heather , then turned to look at Charles. "I' II do as you say, Mr. Landry. "

"Malcolm! "

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As soon as Malcolm said this, Granny Quinn frowned. "Are you really willing to marry this good for-nothing woman? Do you know that -"

Bef ore she could finish her sentence, Malcolm shot her a murderous glare that made her shut up immediately.

<u>"Let's just leave it at that." Malcolm lifted his head to glance at Charles. "However, Mr.</u> Landry, my mind is a little conf used right now, so it 's difficult for me to accept this news...

"I think it 's best to postpone my and Heather 1s wedding for now."

Granny Quinn quickly added, "Yes, yes, let 's postpone the wedding for as long as we can.

"Maybe sometime soon, your precious Heather will also become pregnant with some unknown man 's baby ...and maybe then we 'll have to call off the wedding once more! "

The entire room f ell into silence upon hearing this.

Jim narrowed his eyes. "What are you implying?

Who are you saying is pregnant with an unknown man 's baby?"

Granny Qu inn pretended to have accidentally blurted something out and quickly placed her hand over her mouth. "Oh no, I 'm so old now that I can 't even

control what I say anymore. Let 's just pretend I never said that! "

With that, she glanced at Charles, grinning. "Well, I guess that 's that, Mr. Landry.

"Even though this time, it 's Malcolm 's fault for not being able to control his urges, you still have to keep an eye out on your Heather so that she won 't commit the same mistake as he did! "

Finally, she wheeled Malcolm away, with Charles glaring at them as they left.

As she walked away, Granny Quinn continued complaining , "I hat e the smell of morning glories. When Samuel used to plan t this all the time in the past, the smell made me sick..."

As soon as her voice disappeared out of earshot, Charles picked up his teacup and smashed it on the ground in anger.

Granny Quinn had always been such an arrogant woman!

If it were not for Joshua, who had invaded Merchant City to compet e f or their resou rces, Charles would not have to collaborate with the Quinn family through marriage and force himself to suffer through this nonsense!

"Father..." Heather quickly approached him and tried to soothe him. "Please don 1t be too angry. It1s all my fault..."

Charles let out an exhale and closed his eyes. "Bring me back to my room, Heather."

Heather murmured in approval and helped Charles back to his room.

As soon as they entered the door, she kneeled on the ground with a thud , her head lowered. "Father , it 's all my fault. If I hadn't ..."

<u>Charles let out a sigh and helped her up from the floor. " I don 't blame you ... I know you did this for our family..."</u>

Heather bit her lip and replied , "I had indeed wanted to help you get rid of Joshua Lynch 's child , but..."

"Just don 1t do this anymore in the future." Charles closed his eyes as he leaned against the headboard. " Children are innocent. "

After Charles and Heather disappeared upstairs,

Luna let out a sigh of relief and sat down on the sofa.

Jim shrugged and poured her a cup of tea. " I guess some good did come out of this; you finally managed to wiggle your way out of your engagement with Malcolm."

Luna murmured in agreement as she took the cup from him.

Truth be told , she had been prepared to marry Malcolm, but she never expected that this engagement ...would be called of just like that.

"Oh, by the way." Jim glanced at her and said, "Just now, while we were quarreling with the Quinn family, I heard your phone chiming and wan ted to let you know about that, but I was so angered by that old hag that I forgot about it."

Luna froze for a moment, then quickly opened her bag, which she had left in the foyer.

Her phone was bombarded with missed calls and text messages.

They were all from Nigel.

The last message was from half an hour ago.

[Mom my, we 're at the airport now, and we 're about to leave. Are you sure you don 't want to come to see us off ? It 's fine if you want to sneak a peek at us without us knowing There 's no knowing when we'll see each other again after today.] Luna's chest tightened when she saw this.

She stormed out of the door and got into the car. "Mr. Driver, head to the airport!"

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The airport.

Nigel leaned feebly against the seat of his wheelchair as he gazed intently in the direction of the entrance.

Neil let out a sigh as he clutch ed his hand. "Nigel , let 's not wait anymore. We should get on the plane now."

With that , he glanced at the entrance and added, "If Mommy could come, she wouldn 't have not shown up at Uncle Christopher 's place last night. Maybe she... has her own problems to deal with. "

Nigel bit his lip when he heard this, but his gaze was still fixated on the entrance in the distance.

He hoped to see Mommy, even if it was just a glimpse of her.

She u sed to care so much about them in the past, so how could she let them leave without even saying goodbye?

This time , if everything went smoothly, the three children would return to Banyan City and never come back to Merchant City.

On top of that, the Landry family would never allow Luna to go to Banyan City either.

Therefore, if they did not manage to meet up, then the next time they saw each other would be when Joshua brought Luna home, but...

If worst came to worst , and Daddy and Mommy did not man age to reconcile, then it would not be known when the three of them could see their Mommy again.

"Mr. Driver, go faster, faster!" sobbed Luna as she clutched her phone in her hand all the way to the airport.

She never though t that Joshua would still send them home today after how weak Ni gel looked the night before!

She had been so busy with the Landry family this morning, so preoccupied with the engagement cancellation ...

She did not expect that the children would be at the airport already!

Nigel must have been utterly disappointed in her.

Luna dialed Nigel 1s number over and over again , but every time, it showed that his phone had been turned off .

She bit her lip and bombard ed Nigel 's phone with messages.

[Nigel , Mommy 's on the way, please wait for me!]

[Nigel, it is not that Idid n 't wan t to see you , just had some things to deal with in the morning and didn 't manage to check my phone!]

[Please don't leave. Mommy 's already on the way...]

The driver stepped on the gas as much as he could when he heard the sobs of the woman in the backseat.

However , no matter how fast he drove, by the time Luna arrived at the airport , pan ting, the only thing she saw was Neil and Nellie , wheeling Nigel in front of them, following Jude into the boarding gate.

"Nigel! Neil! Nellie! " she screamed like a madwoman as she sprinted in their direction.

However, it was too far.

The airport entrance was too far away from the boarding gate.

On top of that, the airport was crowded , and her voice was drowned in the sea of noises of chattering passengers.

The children could not hear her at all.

Just as they were about to step foot into the boarding gate, Nigel turned around.

However , he could only see Joshua, Lucas, and Luke standing at the security clearance.

Three men and there was no sight of his Mommy.

Nigel turned around in disappointment and closed his eyes.

Maybe Mommy was determined to keep her distance from them, the Lynches, this time.

Still, they were not just Lynches. They were her children...

"Come on, Nigel." Jude gently patted the little boy 's shoulder.

Nigel nodded and finally felt a weight lift from his shoulders. "Alright, let 's go home. "

Banyan City was their home.

When Luna finally arrived at the security clearance, the three children had already disappeared int o the boarding gate.

She was too impatient and had stormed over so quickly that she lost her balance.

Before she could f all, however, a pair of strong hands grabbed hold of her.

" Be careful."

Luna's chest tightened when she heard the low, soothing man 's voice.

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Luna lifted her head.

The chiseled face before hers was none other than Joshua is.

Joshua stared at her with a sneer playing on his lips. "This plane was supposed to take of f two hours ago, but the children kept on pestering me to wait for you, and this even took up two hours of Jude 's time.

"Nigel kept calling and texting you until his phone ran out of battery."

He lowered his head to glance at the time and added, "Two hours, but it only takes twenty minutes from Landry Mansion to the airport. I never thought

you 'd be so busy after returning to the Landry family, Ms. Luna."

The night before, when Nigel had passed out, Luna had promised Nellie that she would visit them at Swan Lake Chalet, but she did not keep her promise.

The three children wanted to see her for one last time before leaving Merchant City, but she missed this one, too.

Joshua could understand the cruelty Luna displayed toward him, but he did not understand how Luna could be so heartless toward the children as well.

Was it because the consequences of his mistakes had been so profound that they had affected the children as well?

Joshua let out an exhale and shot Luna a meaningful look. "Since you 're so busy, don 't waste your time anymore. Go back now. "

With that , he turn ed to glance at Luke and Lucas. "Let 's go."

Luke glanced at Luna impassively, curling his lips into a snicker, then brushed past her and left.

On the other hand, Lucas let out an exhale, approached Luna, and said in a low voice, "Ma'am, did you run into any problems? Young Masters Nigel and Neil, as well as Princess Nellie, had been waiting for you for a very long time..."

"She's not Mrs. Lynch anymore. "Joshua stopped in his steps when he heard Lucas' voice and said frostily, "The name of Mrs. Lynch is Luna Gibson, and the woman before you is named Luna.

"They're not the same people, so don 't confuse them. This woman will become Mrs. Quinn very soon."

Lucas froze for a moment, then lowered his head and quickly fallowed after Joshua.

Luna clenched her fists as she listened to their retreating footsteps.

20 minutes later, Jim and Bonnie arrived at the airport and found Luna.

Bonnie bit her lip and gently grabbed hold of Luna 's fingers. " If you feel like crying , then let it all out."

Luna closed her eyes and leaped into Bonnie 's arms but did not say anything.

Nonetheless, tears stained Bonnie's shirt.

Bonnie let out a sigh and stroked Luna's head in reassurance, then turned to glance at Jim.

Jim immediately took of f his coat to cover Luna's face, then picked Luna up in his arms. "Let is go home, too."

In the parking lot outside the airport.

A black Masevati was parked in a corner. Joshua sat in the passenger seat as he watched Luna being carried into the car by Jim.

Luke, who was sitting in the backseat, handed him a cigarette. "Why did you say such hurtful things

when you were so worried about her?"

Joshua took a puff from the cigarette, and a self deprecating smile spread over his f ace. "What else am I supposed to do? Kneel and beg for her

forgiveness? I did that , but she has never taken any notice of me."

No matt er how much he sacrificed, it would not be able to compare to Malcolm 's tricks and words of deceit.

Suddenly, Lucas flung the door open and got into the car hurriedly. "Sir, according to our spy at the Quinn Mansion ... "Ma'am and Malcolm Quinn have called off their engagement!"

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Did Luna cancel her engagement with Malcolm?

Joshua furrowed his brows and stared intently at Lucas. "What happened? "

"I 'm not sure about the details, but it seems like... Mast er Quinn had slept with Heather Landry, and Ma' am was upset about this, so she decided to call off the wedding.

"However, Malcolm and Heather have gotten engaged now, so the Qu inn and Landry families are still going to become in -laws."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "When did this happen? " "This morning! "

This morning?

Joshua's entire body stiffened.

Was this why Luna had not come to send the children off? Was it because she had been busy dealing with this?

Joshua f ell silent for a moment, then ordered, "Driver, step on the gas and chase after Jim Landry's car! "

The car quickly started.

When the car zoomed out of the parking lot, J im 's car was still not too far away.

The driver stepped on the accelerator to chase after them.

All of a sudden, Joshua 1s phone rang. It was from Bonnie.

"Don't bother chasing aft er us." She sniffed, then glanced at Luna, who was sitting next to her in silence, her eyes red -rimmed with tears. "Luna will not see you. The reason she called of f the engagement was that she was disappointed in

Malcolm and has nothing to do with you, so please don 't think otherwise.

"Even though she called off the wedding, she is still a member of the Landry family.

"The Lynch family murdered her uncle in the past and almost forced the Landry family into bankruptcy numerous times, so you and she will never be able to reconcile again.

"Let it go."

With that, Bonnie hung up the phone.

As soon as she put down the phone, Bonnie clutched Luna 's hand tightly and said, "Alright, I 've helped you relay the message."

Luna closed her eyes and sniffed, then glanced at the man sitting in the passenger seat. "Jim, I swore on my unborn baby's life that I 'd never see Joshua again , but ..."

She sniff ed and continued, "I'm still a little scared, so I 'm thinking of leaving Landry Mansion and finding a quiet place to live where I can wait f or my baby to be born …"

Jim paused for a moment, then nodded. "Alright, I'll arrange that for you. After what happened last night,

Father can't possibly object to you moving out."

Luna closed her eyes and nodded. The car zipped along the road.

Inside the car chasing after them, Joshua gripped his phone tightly as he listened to the dial tone.

He had so much he want ed to say, but none of them gave him a chance.

At this moment, they passed through an intersection , and Jim 's car zoomed past the green light , whereas Joshua's car was forced to stop at a red light.

The driver was so frustrated that he banged his fist against the steering wheel. "I was so close, so close! It 's all my fault!"

With that, he turned to glance at Joshua. " I 'm sorry, Mr. Lynch, but I promise that I 'll be able to catch up to them..."

"There's no need anymore." A hint of sorrow flashed through Joshua's eyes as he lifted his head to gaze at the disappearing car. "Let's go back to Swan Lake Chalet."

Lucas paused for a moment , then turned to stare at Joshua. "Sir...are you sure you don 't want to go after them?"

"Yes." Joshua closed his eyes and rubbed his brows in frustration, a bitter smile playing on his lips."

She's already made it clear that she didn't call off the wedding because of me, so what use will it be if I go af ter her? It 'll only humiliate me."

With that, he sighed and asked, "Luke, shall we have a drink tonight?"

Luke, who was sitting in the passenger seat,

snickered. "Sure, but I1m just worried you won 't be able to take it."

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Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and replied, "Well, as long as you 're with me, I can drink however much you want. "

Lucas bit his lip and glanced at Joshua with a worried look. He wan ted to say something, but in the end , kept his mouth shut.

He knew that Joshua had a weak stomach and that he had promised Ma 'am in the past that he would not drink again , but ...

Lucas knew that his opinions did not matter to Joshua, so he had no say in any of this. Instead, he shot Luke a meaningful look while Joshua had his eyes closed, signaling him not to let Joshua drink too much at night.

Nightfall soon came.

That night, Joshua experienced the familiar stomach pain he had not felt in a long time and was sent to the hospital.

At the same time, a minivan pulled out of Landry Mansion in the dead of night.

Eight months later.

A small yard on the outskirts of Merch ant City was illuminated with lights.

Luna lay on the bed, drenched in sweat. She clutched the bed sheets tightly, her face so pale that she looked almost colorless.

"You can do it. The child is almost here. It 's almost here!" The midwif e tried to encourage her.

Luna was in so much pain that tears sprung into her eyes.

Because she had been pregnant with triplets in the past, she did not choose to have a normal vaginal delivery and instead underwent a C-section.

However, for her second birth, she wan ted to have a vaginal delivery, and the doctors had already confirmed that she was eligible for that.

However, she never expected it to be so tiring and hurt so much!

Luna gritted her teeth and used every ounce of strength in her body to push the baby out. Finally, she heard the midwife's delighted crows, "It 's here , it 's here! The baby's here! "

The midwife 's voice was accompanied by a baby 's cries.

Luna felt reassured as soon as she heard the baby 1s cries. She finally closed her eyes in exhaustion.

She had finally given birth to the baby safe and sound. According to the sound of its cries, it seemed like a healthy baby.

Luna closed her eyes, smiling bitterly.

Finally...she did not have to live her life in fear anymore...

However, Luna did not expect that as soon as she closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep.

The door opened, and a man stood outside the room. The man was holding a stillborn child in his hands.

The midwif e quickly placed the crying baby in the man 's arms and then took the stillborn child. At the same time, she whispered in a low voice, "Second Master Quinn, this is the first time in my life I 've ever done something like this. You have to keep to your promise. Two hundred thousand dollars, not a penny less! "

The man gently cradled the baby in his arms and sneered, "Why would I trick you out of so little money? You have to wrap the baby up tight when she wakes up later. If she notices anything wrong, I 'll kill you!"

The midwif e nodded. "Don 't worry about that!"

Hunter turned and glanced into the room. After making sure that Luna was indeed fast asleep, drenched entirely in sweat, he snickered and got into the car, holding the baby.

The car zipped through the night toward the heart of Merchant City.

Slam!

Hunter 's car crashed into a van just a short distance from Luna's house.

The huge impact made Hunter curse underneath his breath. Just as he was about to stop the car and bicker with the driver of the van, a few men, dressed in black, got out of the van and surrounded him. "Hand over the child."

Hunter froze, then raised his eyebrows questioningly. "Are you Joshua 's men? "

One of the men snickered and replied, "Who on earth is Joshua?"

With that , the man flung open the car door, picked up the baby in the backseat, and headed back toward the van.

A knife was pressed against Hunter's throat, and he was so nervous that he did not even dare to breathe too hard.

The men brought the baby into the van and disappeared into the night.

Sitting in the driver 's seat, Hunter grew even more nervous, his body breaking out into cold sweats.

With the child so suddenly abducted...how was he supposed to tell this to Malcolm?

At this moment, his phone rang.

It was from Malcolm. "How long do we have to wait?

Be quick! Heather can't spin this any longer, so you 'd better bring the baby over quickly! " Hunter 's entire body was covered in sweat. "Alright... I 1m coming. I 'm coming!"

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