

Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 961

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Inside the ward, the two women locked eyes with each other.

After a long silence, Fiona curled her lips into a disdainful smirk and stared at Luna. "Just admit it, Luna. You can't compete against me. If you leave Banyan City along with your children immediately, I might even consider letting you go.

"However, when I eventually lose my patience, even if you leave and try to hide, I'll let Joshua find you and bring you back here. When that happens, I want you to watch your son transfuse blood to me every day, until one day, his entire body runs dry! "

Luna glowered at her with narrowed eyes. "How dare you! "

"Why wouldn't I dare?" Fiona sneered. "Don't pretend that you don't know how much I mean to Joshua and how far he's willing to go for me."

Then, she turned around and glanced at Luna as though she had suddenly recalled something. "By the way, I remember you used to have two more children, right? One of them died because you and another woman were fighting over Joshua, and another died of a miscarriage. Am I right?"

Fiona continued to stare at Luna as a snake-like grin stretched across her face. "I heard that you almost lose your mind after their deaths. Why don't you tell me this? Do you think if anything bad happens to your remaining two children, you'll really go insane?"

At this point, Fiona was grinning so widely that her face almost split into two. "Do you think maybe you're cursed? You had four

children, but there are only two left. Maybe the remaining two will also— “

“Shut up! “ Luna, who struggled to suppress her emotions all this while, was utterly enraged by Fiona’s words.

She did not want to get into a conflict with Fiona here because she knew that no matter the outcome, Joshua would still think it was her fault and force her to apologize to Fiona.

However, the harder she tried to tolerate Fiona, the more outrageous she got!

She could not believe that Fiona was suggesting something like this!

Luna lunged forward and grabbed hold of Fiona’s neck. “You better shut up right now! “

Luna’s children were her weaknesses. She could tolerate anything that anyone threw her way, but if they threatened to hurt her children...

She would never allow anyone to hurt her children! Not in a million years!

Luna’s grip on Fiona’s neck was so tight that Fiona clung onto her, trying desperately to free herself while coughing non-stop.

“Let me go! The harder you try to stop me... cough... the worse it’ll be for your kids... I... cough... Even if I don’t kill them... I’ll make Joshua file for custody against you... If you want the best for your children,

you’d better leave this place with them, or... You’ll regret this for the rest of your life! “

Luna narrowed her eyes and tightened her grip on Fiona's neck. "If you so much as lay a finger on my children, I'll make you regret it for the rest of your life!"

Every single syllable that Fiona uttered struck a nerve in Luna. She was so furious that she lost control of herself and did not notice the sound of footsteps coming their way.

Fiona narrowed her eyes, and a tiny, triumphant smile played on her lips.

She was doing this on purpose.

She had heard Joshua's footsteps coming out of the elevator and heading toward them, so she immediately tried to use everything she could to provoke and infuriate Luna.

Luna's children were her weakness. Fiona knew that as soon as she brought up any indication of hurting her children, Luna would lose control and become deranged.

Nonetheless, this was exactly what she wanted.

Hearing the footsteps grow closer and closer, Fiona immediately regained her composure. She started coughing while sobbing at the same time, "Luna, I know you hate it when I bring up your children, but I'm still related to them, in one way or the other. I just want to see Nigel once... Why are you so against this?"

Luna was so overcome by rage that she could not hear a single word. Instead, she gritted her teeth and glared at Fiona, her skinny body towering over Fiona, but did not loosen her hold on Fiona's neck at all.

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"Nigel is my son. He has nothing to do with you at all! You want to see him? In your dreams! "

"Lu...Luna..." Fiona whimpered as she laid limply against the bed. Her face had turned an unpleasant shade of purple due to her obstructed breathing.

She caught sight of someone opening the door and called out feebly, "Joshua... Joshua... Save me..."

Before Joshua even opened the door, he had already overheard Fiona and Luna's argument from outside the room. He knew that they were arguing about Nigel and whether Fiona could meet him.

When he heard this, Joshua initially thought they were simply arguing and frowned, but when he pushed the door open—

He was utterly stunned by the scene before him.

Joshua immediately stormed into the room and pulled Luna away from Fiona. "What the hell are you doing? Fiona has just been in an accident! She's lost a lot of blood and needs a transfusion! "

Luna turned and glared at Joshua with fury boiling in her eyes. "So you still want to protect her, do you? She threatened to kill my children, but even then, you still choose to stand on her side, huh?

"Why am I surprised?" Luna sniffed and continued in an icy tone, "I should know by now that your children aren't important to you at all. Nigel and Nellie's lives aren't nearly as important as your precious Ms. Blake's! "

With that, she flung Joshua's arm away. "Nigel should be done with his transfusion by now. I'm taking him home immediately.

“Joshua Lynch, from today onward, if either you or Fiona dare to lay a finger on my children, I’ll make you pay! ”

Joshua shot Luna a somewhat puzzled glance, then lowered his head to gaze at Fiona in concern. “Are you alright?”

“Yes, I’m fine...” Fiona buried herself in Joshua’s arms tearfully. “But Joshua... I have a feeling that... Luna isn’t doing so well mentally. Just now, I asked her about letting me meet Nigel, then she immediately pounced on me and started choking me.

Tears started to flow down Fiona’s face. “Joshua... Thank God you arrived just in time. I’ve already lost so much blood, and if she choked me any longer, I might really die...”

Luna sneered when she heard this. “It’s such a waste that you didn’t become an actress, Fiona. What you told me just now was far more serious than this, but instead, you told Joshua that you just wanted to see Nigel.”

Fiona bit down on her lip and turned to gaze at Joshua with an upset expression. “Joshua, look at this Luna’s trying to accuse me of something I didn’t do again...”

Joshua could feel a headache coming on. He picked up his phone and dialed Lucas’ number. “Is Nigel done with his transfusion? If he is, bring him here so that Fiona can meet him, then send him home with Luna.”

“Okay! ”

Ten minutes later, a young boy in a striped hospital gown emerged from the elevator, holding onto a nurse’s hand.

"Daddy! " As soon as he reached Fiona's ward, the boy let go of the nurse's hand and sprinted over to Joshua, then wrapped his arms around Joshua's calf. "I missed you so much, Daddy! "

Luna remained motionless, her face etched with confusion and shock at this sight.

Nigel had never behaved like this to Joshua before.

However, the next thing that came out of Nigel's mouth made Luna's jaw drop even wider.

He said in a pitiful voice, still hugging Joshua's leg, " Daddy, can Nellie and I come to live with you?

Mommy's gone crazy, and she's always physically abusing us."

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Everyone in the room widened their eyes in shock upon hearing this.

Luna took a step back and stared incredulously at the little boy holding onto Joshua's leg.

He looked much paler than when Lucas brought them over, and his voice sounded much hoarser, too. There was even a wound on his wrist where the transfusion needle had pierced his skin.

The little boy clung onto Joshua's leg, his head lowered, and said tearfully, "Daddy, Mommy has gone crazy. She'd always say that I'm not her child and tell Nellie not to call me Nigel. She'd always physically abuse me while the servants aren't looking."

With that, Nigel pulled up his sleeve, displaying the green and purple bruises on his arm. "Look at this, Daddy. These are the injuries that Mommy left."

Tears started to stream down his face, and he continued, "Daddy, can you take Nellie and me away from her? I don't want to do this anymore. Can you consider sending Mommy into a mental asylum so the doctors can cure her? I want my old Mommy back, the one who used to treat Nellie and me well..."

"I hate this new Mommy. She scares me!"

Joshua, too, was so stunned that he could not say a word.

He lowered his head to look at the young boy before him.

He recognized this face and voice, and the child's height and frame looked identical to Nigel's...

Joshua was convinced that this child was indeed Nigel, but why was he saying things like this?

Nigel was the one who loved Luna the most, so why would he accuse Luna of domestic abuse?

Perhaps...

Perhaps everything had just been for show. Perhaps the truth was that Luna had already lost her mind from the recent events and had turned mentally insane.

While both Joshua and Luna were speechless from this sudden turn of events, Fiona, on the other hand, curled her lips into a triumphant smirk.

"Oh God, poor Nigel!" After a moment, she feigned an expression of shock and concern, then leaped out of her bed and pulled Nigel into her arms. "How did this happen..."

The little boy furrowed his brows slightly, showing distaste toward Fiona, and avoided her entirely.

Then, he pursed his lips and turned to look at Luna. " Mommy, I never had a chance to say all this out loud because you didn't allow us to see Daddy, nor him us, so I had no choice but to suffer in silence.

"Now that I finally get to meet Daddy in person, please don't blame me for coming clean with the truth... I'm doing this for your own good. I want you to be cured! "

Luna bit down on her lip and lowered her head to glance at the boy before her.

This time, upon second glance, she discovered a lot of differences between this child and Nigel!

For starters, Nigel would never call Joshua 'Daddy'.

Besides that, this child had bruises all over his arms, but Nigel did not. Apart from that, Nigel had gotten scratched by a branch a few days ago when he and Nellie were playing in the yard, but there were no scratches on this boy's arms!

The most important thing was that there was no trace of the 'tattoo' Nellie had drawn on Nigel's shoulder with a black marker.

This child was not Nigel at all!

Luna's brain snapped into action, and she suddenly recalled the photo that Joey had given her.

This child was probably the one that Joey had seen, the same one that was taken away by Aura!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna felt a chill go down her spine.

She had asked Bonnie to help her track down both Aura and the child, but all of a sudden, this child appeared out of nowhere to take Nigel's place and even accused her of being mentally unstable!

Aura was definitely behind this. There was no other explanation to it.

Even though Aura had done many bad things in the past, Joshua still showed her mercy, considering she was Luna's sister, and sent her into a mental asylum instead of prison.

Now, all of a sudden, this child was accusing Luna of losing her mind and even requested Joshua to send her into a mental asylum.

This was clearly Aura's way of getting revenge!

As soon as she thought of this, Luna clenched her teeth and gazed at Joshua. "Don't get fooled. This boy isn't Nigel at all!"

"If he isn't, then who is he? " Fiona pursed her lips and gently pulled the young boy into her arms. "Are you suggesting that there's another person in this world who looks exactly like Nigel?"

Luna narrowed her eyes. "What makes you think there isn't?"

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"Nigel has a twin brother named Neil. He—"

"Neil is dead, " Joshua interrupted coldly. Then, he lowered his head to glance at the young boy standing by his feet.

Neil was dead.

The only possible explanation was that this boy was Nigel himself.

Alarmingly, Luna accused this boy of impersonating Nigel, right in front of so many people...

Had she really gone insane?

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua let out a sigh, lowered himself to the boy's eye level, and carefully inspected the bruises on his arms.

They looked like pinch marks.

Joshua closed his eyes and suddenly felt his breathing become unsteady.

Although he had not been to Blue Bay Villa in a long time, the servants would still update him on the situation within the house. Therefore, Joshua knew everything about Nigel's whereabouts, including the people he had regular contact with.

Joshua knew that the servants would never dare to hurt him, and Nigel himself had barely left Blue Bay Villa. Therefore, there was only one possible explanation as to where these bruises came from.

Joshua let out a sigh and glanced at Luna with a pained expression. "How can you even do this?"

Nigel was only six years old. Even if Luna was under extreme pressure and harbored hatred toward both Fiona and Joshua, she still had other means of releasing her emotions. Why did she have to take it all out on Nigel?

How could she do this to a little boy who had just recovered from leukemia?

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua exhaled and picked up Nigel in his arms. Then, he gazed at Luna coldly. "From today onward, both Nigel and Nellie will be staying with me in Orchard Manor. I'll send someone to pick up Nellie and Nigel's luggage right now. As for you..."

He sighed and continued, "I'll appoint the best psychiatrist I know to examine and treat you. If it turns out that everything Nigel said is true, that you have severe mental problems, then I'll only return the children to you after you're cured."

Fiona immediately frowned upon hearing this. " Joshua, shouldn't we send Ms. Luna to a mental asylum instead? Just now, when she was choking me, I already had the feeling that she's not doing so well mentally..."

Joshua remained silent for a moment, then shook his head. "There's no need for that."

In his opinion, Luna still seemed fine most of the time. He guessed that she would only suffer mental breakdowns when she was stressed out or anxious from time to time, so she did not need to be admitted into a psychiatric ward just yet.

Despite this, after seeing the bruises on Nigel's arms, he could not bear letting the two children stay with her. The sight of Nigel's wounds made his heart ache.

With that, Joshua turned, still clutching the little boy in his arms, and was about to leave.

Luna bit down on her lip and recalled what Fiona had said earlier. She had threatened to take her two children away from her.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna lunged toward Joshua like a deranged woman and screamed, "This child isn't Nigel at all! I've never abused my children in my life! I'm not mentally insane—you are! "

However, the more she tried to deny everything, the more adamant Joshua was about her mental state. Finally, he sighed and said, "Luna, I've already told you I'll return the children to you eventually, but you'll have to get treatment..."

"I'm not sick! " Luna clenched her teeth. "I already told you I'm not sick! "

As soon as she heard this, Fiona let out a sympathetic sigh. "I guess Ms. Luna is even sicker than I thought."

Luna furrowed her brows and turned to glare at Fiona. "Shut up! If you don't want me to pull out any evidence of you faking your illness, then you'd better shut up right now! "

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The entire hallway was silent.

After a few moments, Fiona started sobbing again and wiped her tears away pitifully. "Look, Joshua—Ms. Luna is talking nonsense again. She's so mentally unstable that she's accusing me of faking my illness now."

She continued tearfully, "Is there anyone in this world who doesn't wish to be healthy? Why would someone want to pretend and curse themselves with a terminal illness? Luna, I know you're saying this because you're out of your mind right now, but I can't help feeling sad about this..."

"I, too, wish that I `m not sick and don't have only one year left to live..." Fiona's tone sounded so upset that it was as though the world had collapsed around her.

Joshua let out a sigh and comforted Fiona, then turned to glance at Lucas, who was utterly stunned by the scene before him. "Summon a psychiatrist here now."

With that, he picked up Nigel, grabbed onto Fiona's hand, and disappeared into the ward.

Luna remained motionless in the hallway and watched the three of them leave, gritting her teeth in fury.

At this moment, the little boy in Joshua's arms turned around. He lifted his head from behind Joshua's shoulder and grinned in Luna's direction.

Luna felt a little stunned by this.

Nigel had never smiled like that before.

To be more specific, Nigel had never grinned so wide before, even when he was genuinely happy.

The only person who possessed a smile like this...was Neil.

As soon as she thought of Neil, Luna started to feel her heart ache.

When she first saw the photo that Joey showed her, she had suspected that the child, whose hand Aura was holding, was Neil himself.

Luna even thought that the email she received was a signal from Neil.

She had never expected to see the child today, much less in a setting like this.

This was not possible.

This boy could not possibly be Neil.

Her baby Neil would never hurt her like this, much less accuse her of domestic abuse.

Luna guessed that this was probably a boy that Aura had hired to frame her, a boy that just so happened to look just like Neil and Nigel.

Luna's mind was foggy as she tried to piece everything together. Finally, she let out a sigh and turned around, about to leave, when Zach and Yuri suddenly restrained her.

"Luna, these are Sir's orders." Lucas let out a sigh and gave her a sympathetic look. "According to Sir's orders, you aren't allowed to go anywhere before the psychiatrist arrives."

Then, he patted Luna's shoulder reassuringly and added, "Don't worry. You're just too stressed out from everything that happened recently, and that's why you're acting this way. We'll find a way to cure you, so please don't give up."

Luna froze upon hearing this. Then, after a moment, she lifted her head to shoot Lucas a murderous glare. "You're the crazy one, not me! Let go of me right this instant! "

As soon as they heard this, Zach and Yuri immediately let go of her.

The two of them did not dare to harm her. They felt guilty about Neil's death and, therefore, had always felt indebted to Luna about it.

However, Lucas furrowed his brows. "What are you doing? Don't you want to keep your jobs? She's a psychiatric patient now. How dare you release her just like this?"

Zach and Yuri exchanged a glance, then let out a sigh and grabbed hold of Luna again.

Luna frowned and was about to say something when the elevator doors slid open.

Christian, who was holding a huge bag of fruits, strode out of the elevator, yawning simultaneously. He had been waiting in the garden for almost an hour, so he guessed that any dispute or conflict that had been going on inside Fiona's room was over already.

Christian walked out of the elevator, feeling a little anticipation of what was to come, but to his surprise, he came face-to-face with Luna, who was being restrained by Joshua's bodyguards. He froze upon seeing this. "What is... "

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As soon as Luna spotted him, she yelled, "Christian. Come here and save me! "

Christian froze at that. Was Luna shouting for...his help?

He immediately glanced at the two burly men who were restraining her.

Did she really think he was capable of saving her from these men?

However, since Luna had already asked for help, Christian knew he could not simply stand by and watch, so he let out an exhale and strode over to them. "What's going on?"

Luna shot him a meaningful look. "They're about to send me into a mental asylum. Help me! "

Christian rubbed his brows in exasperation. A mental asylum? What on earth was going on?

Even though he was confused about what was happening, he still lunged forward and pretended to pull Luna away from Zach and Yuri.

Knowing that he was no match for Zach and Yuri, Christian initially thought that the two men would easily defeat him, and he had even braced himself for an injury.

To his surprise, however...

As soon as he pulled Luna away from them, the two men immediately slumped onto the ground.

Christian stared incredulously at his bare hands. "

What..."

"Stop talking and run! " Luna glared at him, grabbed his arm, and sprinted toward the elevator, dragging Christian along behind her.

Lucas glowered at Zach and Yuri, who was still lying on the floor, and snapped, "Chase them! "

The two of them waved their hands in dismissal. "We can't go after them. We've hurt ourselves greatly."

Hearing this, Lucas had no choice but to chase after Luna and Christian himself, but by the time he reached them, the elevator doors had already slid shut.

Luna and Christian did not descend to the lobby immediately. Instead, they pressed every button and got out at a random floor to throw off Lucas' scent. Then, they quickly found a janitor's closet to hide in.

Luna lowered her voice and explained everything that had happened to Christian.

Christian was silent after hearing Luna's story. Then, after a while, he said, "I ran into Nigel when I was in the garden, but he didn't recognize me at all. I was so confused about this, but it makes sense now. I initially thought that he was playing a trick on me. I didn't know that there was another child who looked exactly like him..."

"This means that there are two Nigels in the hospital right now—one real and one fake. The fake one is with Joshua right now, claiming that you're crazy and that he should send you into a mental asylum. As for the real Nigel..."

Christian furrowed his brows and glanced at Luna. "

Where is he?"

Luna's entire body stiffened.

Christian was right. Since the 'Nigel' with Joshua was a fake one, then where was the real Nigel?

Luna had been so caught up in the moment that she totally forgot about this!

The most important thing to do at this moment was not explaining everything to Joshua, nor was it to expose the fake Nigel and Fiona's schemes...

It was to find the real Nigel!

The consequences would be dire if Aura got to him before Luna.

The question was, where could he be?

"Oh, by the way." Christian frowned as he recalled something. "When I ran into the fake Nigel downstairs, I talked to him briefly and saw a name tag on his wrist. The name written there was...Jake Landry."

Luna furrowed her brows and stared at him questioningly.

Christian let out an exhale and continued, "This is a hospital, and there are security cameras everywhere, so they can't possibly have taken Nigel away without anyone noticing. Since the child named Jake has taken Nigel's place, this means that Nigel is now Jake.

"Don't you have a friend who has connections in the hospital? If we can somehow track Jake Landry down, then we might be able to find Nigel!"

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Luna quickly got in contact with Anne. Even though Anne was a plastic surgeon, she still had plenty of connections within the medical community of Banyan City.

Anne gave her the contact of a doctor she used to know from medical school, and Luna contacted the doctor. After finding out that she was looking for a child named Jake Landry, the doctor sent Luna some information about the child's ward number.

Coincidentally, the ward just so happened to be located on the floor they were on!

Luna and Christian were delighted by this. They stealthily sneaked out of the janitor's closet and made their way to Jake's ward.

However, to their surprise, when they finally found the bed that belonged to Jake, they came face-to-face with a stranger.

"Are you Jake Landry? " Christian could not believe his eyes.

The boy pursed his lips in indignation. "Of course! Who are you, and what are you trying to do?"

Luna furrowed her brows and immediately dragged Christian out of the room.

"I swear I remembered the name correctly." The encounter still puzzled Christian, even after Luna had dragged him out into the hallway. "I saw it with my own two eyes. The name written on the wrist tag was Jake Landry..."

However, Luna was not listening at all. She did not care whether Christian had remembered correctly or not.

She let out an exhale and glanced out the window, just in time to see Joshua carrying a boy in a hospital gown and getting into his car.

Luna pursed her lips at this sight. Then, just as she was about to text Anne's doctor friend to ask for help, her phone rang.

It was a call from Nigel.

Luna's entire body stiffened. Then, she picked up the phone in delight. "Nigel! "

However, no one answered her.

After a long pause, Luna heard Nigel's voice from the other end of the line. "How did I fall asleep, Mr. Lynch?"

Then, Joshua's voice rang out, "Perhaps you were too tired after the transfusion.

"I liked it better when you called me Daddy, " Joshua added with a hint of sympathy and helplessness.

Nigel remained silent for a long time, then finally chuckled. "I think it's better that I call you Mr. Lynch. Calling you Daddy doesn't sound right."

With that, he let out an exhale and continued, "Mr. Lynch, you said that I accused Mommy of physically abusing me... Are you sure you remembered correctly? I passed out after I underwent the blood transfusion, and when I woke up, I was already in your arms. How and when did I even accuse Mommy?"

Joshua let out a sigh, then reached out his hand to stroke Nigel's hair. "You regret coming clean with the truth now, do you?" He gazed at his son, a twinge of pity flashing through his eyes. "I know that you, as well as your brother and sister, have been with Luna all this while, so it's only natural that you wouldn't want Luna to be admitted into a mental asylum. Still, Nigel, you're a smart kid, so you should know that it's important for us to treat her as early as possible. Otherwise, the consequences would be dire.

"As your Daddy, I promise you that as soon as your Mommy gets better, I'll send you back to live with her, alright?"

As soon as Luna heard this, a disdainful smirk crept onto her lips.

Of course Joshua would say this.

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Was Joshua willing to return the children to her once she was successfully treated?

He had not even seen a doctor's report yet and had already believed that Luna was mentally unstable because of Fiona and fake-Nigel's words. Worse still, he had taken her children away from her!

How could she be sure he would return the children to her, and not use her mental state as an excuse to keep them by his side?

Psychiatric illnesses were one of the most challenging diseases to diagnose.

Luna had been provoked by Fiona in the ward, which led her to attack and keep Fiona in a chokehold.

However, Fiona and Joshua thought she had lost her mind and convinced themselves that she was mentally ill.

Luna gripped her phone tightly. Just as she was about to continue listening, however, the call got hung up.

Luna closed her eyes as she listened to the beeping dial tone, then let out a huge sigh and tucked her phone away.

Meanwhile, Christian was still pondering over what had happened with Jake. "If the child that took Nigel's place isn't Jake Landry, who was he then?"

Was Nigel taken away by bad guys?"

Luna shot him an impassive glance. "Nigel's perfectly safe right now."

Obviously, whoever was behind this had used fake – Nigel to fool Joshua, then immediately switched the two children back.

This was a clever move. After all, Joshua had decided to take both Nigel and Nellie with him. Even though Nigel did not have much contact with Joshua, Nellie spent almost every minute of her day with him. If whoever was behind this did not send the real Nigel back in his place, Nellie would soon realize something was wrong and cause the entire scheme to fail.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and felt as though someone had lifted the weight off her shoulders.

As long as Nigel was safe and did not fall into Aura's hands, everything would be fine.

Even though Fiona would make their lives at Orchard Manor difficult, Luna knew that Nigel and Nellie had their own ways of getting on her nerves.

Nonetheless, Luna still had to make sure that Joshua did not indulge Fiona too incessantly and let her mistreat the children. Therefore, she picked up her phone and dialed Granny Lynch's number.

Luna knew that Granny Lynch had missed the children terribly and was constantly looking for ways to get to know Nigel better.

In the past, Granny Lynch had been so outraged upon hearing Luna's plans to take the children away from Banyan City that she almost collapsed.

Having received Luna's call notifying her of Nigel and Nellie's whereabouts, Granny Lynch immediately packed her bags and headed straight to Orchard Manor.

As soon as she hung up the phone, Luna let out an exhale and sat down on a bench next to the window, gazing out at the cloudy sky.

Her mind was in knots.

She had asked Bonnie to help track down both Aura and the mysterious child for the past few days to no avail.

What she did not expect was to come across this boy again today. She did not expect Aura to order the child to impersonate Nigel and accuse her of being mentally unstable and committing domestic violence!

Luna had not seen this coming at all. She did not know what the next step was.

Did she have to visit a psychiatrist to obtain proof of her stable mental state? Or was she supposed to bring out evidence that she had never abused her children before?

Even if she did, no one would believe her. After hearing everything on the phone just now, Luna knew that no matter how hard Nigel tried to explain, Joshua would never believe him and instead think that Nigel was doing this out of kindness and love toward his mother.

Therefore, it was impossible to prove her innocence this way.

The best thing she could do at this point was to find Aura and the child who had impersonated Nigel.

Nonetheless, where could they be?

Luna, along with Christian, managed to track down Anne's doctor-friend and gained access to the hospital's surveillance tapes through his connection. However, even after looking through the security cameras, no trace of the child or Aura could be found, but...

Just as they were watching the surveillance tapes of the hospital's back door, a tall man in a janitor's uniform caught Luna's eye.

She said in a hoarse voice, "Can you zoom in on his face, please?"

The technician in charge of the security cameras nodded and did as she asked.

A chiseled face appeared in the center of the screen. Luna's eyes widened as she registered this familiar face.

Was this...Theo?

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Luna knew she was right.

The man in the center of the screen, the one who wore a janitor's uniform and dragged a big trash can behind him, was identical to the Theo who had apparently died in the explosion months ago!

Luna felt as though her entire body had been struck by lightning. Every single cell in her body was stiff.

She could not move, could not speak, and did not know what to think.

If the appearance of a child who looked exactly like Neil and Nigel was simply a coincidence...

How could she explain this?

A little boy who looked identical to Neil, as well as a man who looked identical to Theo, had appeared in the same hospital at the same time...

No matter how hard she tried to resist, Luna still could not help believing that miracles could happen.

Were Theo and Neil...alive?

All of a sudden, Luna recalled the email she had received.

She quickly recorded the surveillance tape with Theo in it, bade Christian farewell, and hailed a taxi home.

As soon as she arrived home, Luna turned on her laptop and navigated to her hidden email inbox.

There was a reply waiting for her.

(What do you mean by 'we?')

(I mean the people that you've been thinking about nonstop.)

(Are you...Neil?)

(No, I'm not.)

Luna stared at the message on the screen and felt as though her heart was about to leap out of her chest. She bit down on her lip and typed a reply, her hands shaking, (Are you...Theo?)

This time, however, whoever was emailing her did not let her wait.

A reply came two minutes later, consisting of only one word.

(Yes.)

Luna burst into tears upon seeing this single word.

It turned out the man she had seen in the surveillance footage was indeed Theo!

If Theo was alive, it meant that the child who had impersonated Nigel must have been Neil!

Tears streamed down Luna's face as she clutched her laptop.

She could not understand why Neil not only refused to call her Mommy but even obeyed someone else's orders and accused her of being mentally unstable and abusive.

However...

As long as he was alive, everything was fine.

Thank God he was alive!

Finding out Neil and Theo were still alive was the best news Luna had ever received!

Sitting on her chair, Luna could not help but feel as though every cell in her body trembled with delight.

She placed her hands on the keyboard and wanted to continue chatting with Theo, but she did not know what to say.

Her entire being was overcome with joy. She was so excited by this news that she could not even type a whole sentence.

Neil was alive! Theo was alive!

She had not caused her son's death, and the Allens had not lost their only son because of her, either!

After a moment, Luna let out an exhale. Just as she was about to send Theo another message, however, the two emails magically vanished right in front of her eyes.

Luna froze for a moment, then suddenly realized that she had lost her only way of communicating with Theo and Neil.

Theo had always been the one who reached out to her first. She could only reply after receiving a message from him, but since the messages had disappeared, she had no other way of contacting them.

Luna closed her eyes. The excitement and delight in her heart finally started to dissipate.

She let out an exhale and remained seated for a long while, trying to calm herself down. Then, finally, she stood up.

She wanted to tell this good news to Anne, Bonnie, and Gwen.

She wanted to tell everyone this good news!

However, when she pulled out her phone, Luna discovered that the last person on her recent calls list was Joshua.

She let out an exhale and deleted Joshua's number from her phone.

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Joshua did not deserve to hear this fantastic news.

"Is this true? That's awesome! " As soon as Anne received Luna's call, she made her way to Blue Bay Villa along with John.

As soon as she entered the door, she immediately rushed toward Luna and gripped her hands tightly. " Luna, this is amazing news! Knowing that Neil is still alive is the best news I've ever received! Nigel and Nellie's telepathic connection is right after all! "

Anne was so excited that she started to stumble over her words. "I've already told you before not to dismiss Nigel and Nellie's words just because they're children. No matter what has happened to Neil, whether he's lost his memory, brainwashed by Aura, or was threatened to accuse you of losing your mind

. As long as he's alive, I'm sure he'll eventually return to you! "

Luna could not help a surge of warmth pass through her heart when she saw how delighted Anne was.

She ordered Lily to prepare some fruits for them, then quickly described the day's events to Anne, including how she had discovered Theo and Neil were still alive.

Theo and Neil had been together during the accident, and after the explosion happened, both their bodies were nowhere to be found. Therefore, if Theo was still alive, this meant that Neil must have survived the blast, too.

Since Neil was alive, the boy Luna had encountered this morning was definitely Neil!

"Yes, you're right. He must be Neil! " Anne nodded enthusiastically. "By the way, Luna, have you seen him anywhere else besides this morning?"

Luna paused when she heard this and felt her good mood dissipate.

She shook her head somewhat dejectedly and replied, "No."

Neil had only appeared for a short while this morning. After he had successfully accused Luna of being mentally unstable and committing domestic abuse, he and Nigel were switched back to their original places.

Even though Luna, as well as Anne's doctor friend, had checked the surveillance tapes and the patient records afterward, they still could not manage to find Neil.

It was as though he had vanished into thin air.

Not only was she unable to find Neil, but she had lost all means of contacting Theo, too.

Anne could not help sighing when she saw how disappointed Luna looked. "What should we do..."

"Actually, it shouldn't be too hard to track them down," John, who was busy peeling an orange for Anne, piped up abruptly. "Since Neil was able to take Nigel's place and accuse you of a crime you've never committed, this means that there must've been someone at the hospital who helped him."

John handed half of the peeled orange to Luna, then gave the other half to Anne. "Besides, when he and Nigel switched places the first time, no one was able to find them, but when they switched back to their original places, Joshua's men must've been

in on this and helped them. Otherwise, it would be impossible to carry it out.

"If we managed to track down whoever it was that helped them, we'd be able to find Theo and Neil."

Luna froze for a moment, then finally made sense of what John had said. She smacked her forehead in realization and exclaimed, "You're right."

The first time the two boys were switched was in the blood transfusion room. Since there were many people going in and out of that room, it would not be difficult to switch out the two children without anyone noticing at all.

However, the second time, whoever was behind this had to perform the switch right under Joshua's nose! They would not have been able to carry this out if it were not for the help of Joshua's men.

As for who it was...

Luna narrowed her eyes and recalled Fiona's face.

Even before Neil appeared, Fiona had deliberately tried to provoke and infuriate her, causing Luna to attack Fiona out of anger.

Because of this incident, Joshua had believed every word that Neil said and thought that Luna was indeed mentally unstable.

After Neil arrived at the ward, Fiona had acted so warmly toward him and even pulled him into a hug.

If someone was a part of this switcheroo... It would definitely be Fiona.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna felt her heart leap into her chest.

Did this mean that...Fiona and Aura were in on this together?

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