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Listening to the beeps of the phone, Luna felt confused and upset. She did not know what Joshua did to Nigel on the other end of the phone, but judging from Joshua's tone when he entered the room, he sounded as if he was there to accuse Nigel of a crime.

Did he...find out she had escaped and knew that Nigel was somehow involved?

Luna rested against the headboard, gripping the phone tightly in her right hand, trying to calm herself but failing repeatedly.

Would Joshua give Nigel a hard time? If he did, what could Luna do?

Her fear grew the more she thought about it, but she did not dare call him.

If... If Joshua did not realize that she had escaped, calling Nigel would just serve to expose herself.

While she was in the middle of her frenzied thoughts, Gwen pushed open the door with a tray of food in her hands. Seeing her uneasy expression, she set up the bed tray and frowned as she spoke, "What are you thinking about?"

Luna raised her head and told Gwen about Nigel's call. "I'm worried that Joshua knows..."

"Most probably not." After pondering the issue for a moment, Gwen patted Luna lightly on the back and handed her the spoon. "Don't worry. We have spies in Banyan City. If Joshua finds out you're gone, he'll conduct a city-wide search. At the moment, we haven't received any such news yet."

The woman's words finally calmed Luna's racing heart. She nodded. "That's true." Gwen had a point. If Joshua started combing the city for her, the entire city would know. At this

thought, she finally lowered her head and started eating. Since Nellie and Nigel came to visit her yesterday, she had not eaten anything. 25 hours had passed, and she was starving.

After drinking the warm soup, Luna felt as if she had been resurrected from death. As if she had suddenly remembered something, she lifted her eyes and glanced at Gwen. "Yesterday, Luke said that the woman who took my place in the asylum...owes it to me?"

She smiled. "Why don't I remember anyone in Banyan City owing me anything?"

Gwen paused and smiled. "Actually, I don't know who she is either. She approached us and said that she 'owed it to you', so she wanted to take your place in the asylum. Besides being older than you, her figure and everything else is quite similar to yours, so we asked her again whether she really wanted to help you, then brought her to the asylum." Gwen scratched her head. "The situation was urgent yesterday, and we couldn't find anyone else at such short notice, so we didn't ask her too many questions Luna bit her lip. An elderly lady with a similar figure to hers, saying that she owed her a favor... She had no idea who it was either.

"Don't worry about her. The doctors at the asylum won't give her a tough time once they realize she's not you." Gwen advised her and added, "Focus on your own condition. Look at you!"

Luna sighed. At the moment, that was the only thing she could do, but she was still worried about Nigel. Nevertheless, she did not dare to contact him so casually.

After Gwen left, she laid down on the bed, tossing and turning, sleep eluding her. Finally, she took out the phone and scrolled through the news, trying to distract herself. Somehow, she discovered the piece of news reporting Janice Yale's disappearance.

The video showed a clip taken from the recording of the CCTV camera located outside the ice cream shop beside the waterpark. The screen showed Janice leading Nellie and Nigel into the ice cream shop. Half an hour later, only Nellie and Nigel walked out of the shop.

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Janice Yale was nowhere to be seen. No matter how the police investigated, they failed to discover where the woman went.

At the end of the video, Robert Jenson's lying face appeared. He was sobbing in front of the camera, looking heartbroken. "My wife and I have loved each other for years, and we just got married a few years ago. She's still so young! How can something like this happen to her...? Her phone, wallet, and keys are all in the hotel. I tried everything but failed to get in touch with her, and the only clue we have is this video clip...but the two children in the video denied ever meeting my wife..."

Luna watched the video, her heart beating furiously in fear. How did Nellie and Nigel get to know Janice Yale? Why would Janice disappear all of a sudden? Her husband tried everything but failed to get in touch with her, and there was no record of her leaving Banyan City, and even up until this very moment, she was still missing...

Luna closed her eyes. This was the same situation as when she herself was locked up in the asylum. No matter how Bonnie and Anne searched for her, they could not find her.

Suddenly, Luna's eyes flew wide open. She remembered Gwen's words. The woman who took her place in the asylum was quite elderly, her figure was similar to hers, and she even said...she owed it to her.

Could it be...that the woman who took her place in the asylum was Janice Yale?

At this thought, she hurriedly saved the photo of Janice from the news report and sent it to Gwen. [The woman last night, is this her?]

[It's her.] Gwen's reply came within minutes. [Right, I just remembered. Last night she asked us to address her as Aunty Janice.]

Reading Gwen's reply, Luna felt her mind exploding with a bang. The woman who took her place last night was Janice... In other words, it was no coincidence that Janice was with Nigel and Nellie yesterday. Her disappearance was indeed related to

the two children! Joshua's stern and accusing tone on the phone just now...was most probably because of Janice.

At this thought, Luna grew even more anxious and fidgety. Janice, Gwen, and Luke... Nigel was the one who contacted all these people, so Nigel was the mastermind behind last night's escape.

If Joshua found out, what would he do to the six-year-old child?

Nigel was not Neil or Nellie. He had only spent a short amount of time with Joshua, and they did not have any father-son love for each other or interaction. Luna closed her eyes, her chest aching as if someone had plunged a knife into her chest.

Orchard Manor.

Joshua threw the tablet computer playing the video clip onto the sofa, his expression dark and stormy, gazing at Nigel with cold eyes. "You're getting braver and braver. You even dare hide and kidnap people now?"

Nigel sat silently across from him, his laptop on his lap, and met his father's eyes fearlessly. "I don't know what you're talking about."

"You don't know?" Joshua looked at the boy coldly, his tone even colder and more unforgiving than the snowy winds in the middle of winter. "You know better than anyone!"

He narrowed his eyes. "Robert Jenson's team is leaving Banyan City today. Once he leaves, you'll have a hard time getting him to come back to change Luna's psychiatric assessment report. That's why you pretended to bring Nellie to the waterpark wherein your true goal was to approach Janice Yale who was staying in the Yacht Club Hotel. You kidnapped her. This way, you have a hold over the man, and can threaten him to edit Luna's assessment report and release her. Am I right?"

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At the man's words, the air in the living room grew so quiet and heavy that it felt difficult to breathe.

Nigel looked at Joshua, his laptop still on his lap, his big eyes blinking repeatedly as he stared at his father. "Mr. Lynch, I don't know what you're talking about."

He set the laptop down and wore an innocent expression on his face. "I 'm just a six-year-old kid, and I don't know what you're talking about. I don't understand anything."

Joshua narrowed his eyes, and a chill flashed across his eyes. Other six-year-olds might not know anything, but his two children...

He took a deep breath, forcing his fury down his throat. "Nigel, I 'll ask you one more time: were you the one behind Janice Yale's disappearance? All of the evidence is pointing toward you, so explain yourself truthfully! You're just a boy, but you're already kidnapping women?"

Nigel narrowed his eyes and looked at Joshua's clearly defined features, finally abandoning the innocent act. He crossed his arms over his chest and leaned back on the sofa, his voice so cold and indifferent, not sounding at all like a six-year-old child. "You know better than anyone why I did this. Mommy was fine, but because of his assessment report, she was locked up in an asylum. I want him to know what it feels like when someone dear to you is lost. Is that wrong?"

The little boy's righteous and haughty expression made Joshua furious. "Your Mommy is sick! That's different!"

"Do you think she's really sick just because he says she's sick? I think he made a mistake! "

"Nigel!" Joshua glared at his son, the fury and power in his eyes were enough to make anyone tremble in fear. He looked at his mini-me in front of him, and said word by word, "Kidnapping is illegal, and you're only six. How can you do something like this?"

Nigel met Joshua's enraged gaze with unyielding stubbornness in his eyes. "Mr. Lynch, you and Mommy have known each other longer than us, so I thought you'd know and trust her more than us! Just because of that person's report, you believe that Mommy is ill and needs to be locked up in that hellhole! You know I'm just six, but if you didn't force Mommy and me into a corner, I wouldn't have come up with such a bad plan! "

"You!"

"Joshua." Right when Joshua's fury reached its peak and was about to explode, Fiona pushed open the door and entered the room. She comforted Joshua, pressing him down to sit on the sofa. "Don't get angry. Nigel is just a six-year-old child. Even though he did something he shouldn't have done and took the wrong path, he's still a good kid at heart."

She handed him a cup of tea as she spoke, "Luna was always in charge of educating Nigel—maybe she planted these bad ideas in their mind. It's fine, the kids will change for the better after we take them under our wing in the future." She stroked Joshua's back as she spoke, "Don't get so angry."

The woman's words made Nigel's eyebrows screw together tightly in an instant. What was this woman saying? She was implying that Mommy had misguided them!

The little boy's hands twisted together tightly as he glared at Fiona wordlessly. Nellie however, who was on her way downstairs, frowned. The little girl ran down quickly, stood in front of Fiona, and glared at her. "What did you say? Our Mommy is the best person in the world! She didn't lead us astray! "

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Although Nigel kept reminding her to remain calm, Nellie could not contain herself any longer.

Since they were young, Mommy protected them from all the evil in the world, but now, they could not protect their mother. She was locked away in an asylum, and...even endured such suffering!

At the thought of the news that Nigel found out from the hospital records in Sea City, Nellie could not help herself and bit her lip, anger burning in her chest.

Mommy had a finger amputated today!

Among the two people in front of her, one was responsible for locking her up in an asylum, while the other wrongly accused her mother of being ill. These two were still fine; all of their fingers remained intact!

Facing the two enraged children, Fiona bid her lip, her eyes turning red. "Nellie, Nigel... That's not what I meant, I..."

Her eyes flashed and she hurriedly poured another cup of tea for Nigel and handed it to him. "Don't be angry. I shouldn't have said that; I shou1d've been more tactful... " As she spoke, she brought the cup of tea before Nellie.

"I don't want it!" Nellie angrily overturned the teacup that Fiona handed her. "What a fraud!"

"Ah—!" The boiling hot tea spilled on Fiona, dirtying the white linen dress she wore. Fiona screamed exaggeratedly and hurriedly grabbed some paper towels to wipe herself.

Nellie rolled her eyes at her and sneered. "What a good actress you are." She touched the cup when she overturned it, and it was not that hot.

With that, the little girl pulled at her brother's arm. "Nigel, let's go!"

Joshua sat on the sofa and glanced at the two children who were about to leave, then shifted his eyes to Fiona who was anxiously wiping at her at the spots of her skin that had turned pink from the hot tea.

"Stop! "The man's voice is cold and unforgiving. "Nellie, apologize to Aunty Fiona! "No matter what, Nellie's actions toward Fiona who just offered her a cup of tea was rude and ill-mannered!

Nellie bit her lip, turned, and glanced at her father coldly. "You never taught me my manners, so I won't apologize. If you want to, you can apologize to her yourself! "With that, the little girl wiped at her tears, dragged her brother behind her, and stomped up the stairs.

Joshua's eyebrows furrowed together in anger.

"Joshua, forget it." Fiona intentionally placed the side of her hand that had been burned in front of Joshua, sighing and rubbing at it, acting as if she was in pain. "The children are still young, but if we try our best to take care and educate them, these bad habits will go away soon." Then, she could not help but sigh. "I thought... Since Luna cares about them so much, she'd educate them well. But now..."

Fiona shook her head helplessly. "They're just six, and they're already liars. They even kidnapped someone old enough to be their grandma! "

As she spoke, she lifted her eyes and studied Joshua carefully. "Joshua, say... Do you think Luna is mentally ill, and that's why she secretly instilled a lot of bad ideas in the children?"

Joshua's expression remained ugly and did not speak, but Fiona could tell from his gaze that his conviction was wavering. Thus, she sucked in a deep breath. "Joshua, in the future, I don't think you should bring the children to visit Luna—in case she gives them any more bad ideas. What do you think?"

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Joshua massaged his temples and remained quiet.

Fiona sighed. "Actually, I think both Nigel and Nellie are good children... In the past even if Nellie didn't like me, she was never this rude..."

As she spoke, she patted Joshua's shoulder, her voice full of feigned sadness. "Cheer up, Joshua. The children are still young, and they can be re-educated. "With that, she stood up, turned, and left.

Joshua leaned back on the sofa in exhaustion, lifted his hand, and rubbed at his aching temples.

Nellie and Nigel... Had Luna misguided them after all?

"Ms. Blake, according to netizens' analysis, the two children that took Mrs. Jenson are apparently Mr. Joshua Lynch's son and daughter, is that correct?"

"Ms. Blake, how does Mr. Lynch plan to handle his children's rumored kidnapping of Mrs. Jenson? And what are your thoughts on this issue?"

"Ms. Blake, Mr. Jenson said that if Mr. Lynch's children don't release his wife within twenty-four hours, he'll report this to the police and have them captured. How does Mr. Lynch plan to respond to this?"

Early the next morning, a clip of Fiona being interviewed exploded across the internet. In the video, Fiona stood at the entrance to Orchard Manor with red -rimmed eyes, her eyes bright with unshed tears. "The children shown appearing with Mrs. Jenson in the video are indeed Joshua's children, but. Please don't spread false rumors; Nellie and Nigel are two very obedient and sensible children. Even though they're only six years old, they are more mature than most adults. They'd never do something like this. As for the two of them leaving with Mrs. Jenson and yet didn't return home with her, Joshua has already punished them. The two children are getting punished right now at home.

Nellie and Nigel are two extremely obedient children, and they'd never kidnap Mrs. Jenson. I pray that everyone will not spread false rumors about them."

Finally, she sighed at the camera. "I also hope that the police can solve the case as soon as possible. Mrs. Jenson doesn't have her phone, wallet, or room keys with her, and she's not local either. I heard from Mr. Jenson that she doesn't travel around much, and if she wasn't led by someone she trusted, I believe she wouldn't come out either... I hope she's fine... "

Clang!

Anne was so angry she threw the spoon in her hand into her bowl of soup. "This woman is so shameless! On one hand, she says that Nellie and Nigel would never kidnap Mrs. Jenson, then she keeps emphasizing that they're very mature, not your average six-year -old children and that they're even more mature than most adults! She also said that Mrs. Jenson didn't take anything with her, that she wouldn't leave if she wasn't led by someone she trusted. She's obviously hinting that Nellie and Nigel are the ones who kidnapped Mrs. Jenson!"

John nodded. "The most important thing now is to stop Luna from watching this video."

With that, he raised his eyes and glanced at Anne. "Nigel is a good hacker, right? Do you want to contact him and see whether he can delete the source video? Even though Luna is in Sea City, she'll definitely keep an eye out for news involving Banyan City."

"You're right!" Anne patted her forehead and immediately called Nigel.

Unexpectedly, Fiona was the one who answered, "Ms. Zimmer, long time no see."

Fiona leaned back on a chair in Joshua's office, her tone sounding elegant and casual. "You didn't expect that I'd be having Nigel's phone, am I right?"

Anne's entire body trembled violently. She frowned. "Where's Nigel?"