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"Nigel?" Fiona curled her lips into a sneer. "He's at home right now, receiving punishment for what he did. Children should be punished if they're disobedient and go against their elders' orders."

She shifted into a more comfortable position gracefully and continued, "Joshua has already decided last night to adopt a stricter approach to the children, so now, he has confiscated all of their devices. Not only are you unable to contact them, but even if you go to Orchard Manor or Blue Bay Villa right away, you won't be able to see them either.

"Joshua said that since they've been brainwashed by Luna, they're now psychologically unsound, so he wants to send them to a professional education center. Even though it's called an education center, in reality, it's just a place to keep them shut in a windowless room..."

Anne bit down on her lip when she heard this. Her hand gripped the phone so hard that her knuckles turned white. "Nigel and Nellie are Joshua's children. How can he treat them like this?"

Fiona chuckled upon hearing this. "You should know by now that Joshua has never taken a liking to him and Luna's children... Now that I've gotten pregnant, Joshua has no choice but to get rid of them now so that my child can have a better life in the future.

Don't you think that makes perfect sense?"

Anne was so outraged that she immediately snapped, "Where's Joshua Lynch? Get him to answer the phone right now! I want to give him a piece of my mind! "

Fiona shrugged, then stood up gracefully. "He's not around. He left this morning for the mental asylum outside Banyan City to question Luna. After all...Luna is the one responsible for the way Nigel and Nellie were raised."

She curled her lips into a smirk. "Well, I shouldn't waste any more of my time talking to you. I'd better focus my energy on planning my future together with Joshua. Goodbye now! "With that, she hung up the phone.

After deleting the call history from Nigel's phone, Fiona carefully placed the phone back into Joshua's office drawer.

Meanwhile, Courtney watched from the door rather nervously and said, "Ms. Blake, you'd better come out of there soon. President Lynch ordered me to forbid you from entering his office..."

Fiona snickered. "What are you so afraid of? I'm going to become Joshua's real wife soon anyway. "

With Luna admitted into a mental asylum, and Nigel and Nellie had kidnapped Janice... There was no way Joshua would take their sides. After all, this was a deranged woman and two rebellious children!

Fiona knew it was only a matter of time before she became the new Mrs. Lynch.

"I 'm so frustrated! " As soon as she heard the dial tone, Anne was so outraged that she hurled her phone onto the floor.

How could Joshua do this to his own children?

On the other hand, John was calmer and more level- headed as compared to Anne. "Did she just say that Joshua went to the mental asylum to talk to Luna?"

Anne's eyes widened upon hearing this. Oh, no. Joshua had left to find Luna!

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Meanwhile, at the mental asylum located on the city outskirts...

As soon as the director, Mr. Chase, found out that the famous Joshua Lynch had arrived, he was so startled that he rushed out to greet him without

even putting his clothes on properly.

"I want to see Luna, " Joshua ordered coldly as he strode through the entrance.

Mr. Chase was so nervous that he broke out in cold sweats. "Mr. Lynch...um... Ms. Luna doesn't want to see you..."

Joshua scoffed, "I don't care, I want to see her! "

Mr. Chase could not help shuddering when he saw the cold, hard look in Joshua's eyes.

He knew there was no hiding the truth anymore, so he gritted his teeth and got down on his knees in front of Joshua with a thud. "Mr. Lynch! I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I didn't keep a strict eye on Luna, and she...ran away..." Luna ran away?

Joshua was so shocked by this that he immediately stood up from his chair. He grabbed hold of Mr. Chase's collar and snapped, his handsome features contorted in anger, "Didn't you say you would assign more people to keep guard of her? How did she run away, then?"

This was the first time Mr. Chase had seen Joshua so livid and the first time he had ever seen this otherwise calm and elegant man look so furious. He was so terrified that he stammered, "I... I did assign more people to keep guard of her...but the problem was with the guards..."

Mr. Chase tilted his face away so as not to meet Joshua's seething gaze. "The men dressed up as nurses to look after Luna... Then, in the middle of the night, they switched Luna out with another person while everyone was asleep... This isn't our fault, Mr. Lynch!

"They claimed that one of the nurses had suffered heatstroke, and we believed them... After they left, we went to check on Luna's ward, and there was another woman in there. She looked identical to Luna! Because it was so late at night, we didn't check on her for fear of waking her, but then morning came.. and we discovered we had been tricked..." Joshua narrowed his eyes fiercely.

Did this mean there was an entire group of people who came to break Luna out?

Joshua let go of Mr. Chase's collar without warning, causing him to fall onto the ground with a loud thud.

However, Joshua took no notice of this and instead circled him and headed straight to the door. "Take me to the impostor right this instant."

"Alright, alright! " Mr. Chase hastily picked himself up from the ground and caught up with Joshua. "It's a slightly older woman, but when we tried to question her, she refused to say anything at all... She's very stubborn..."

As Mr. Chase continued to describe the situation, the two soon arrived at Luna's ward.

Inside the room, a woman in a striped hospital gown was leaning against the wall in silence. Although her hair was tousled and messy, her eyes still shone clear and bright.

As soon as she saw Joshua, the woman lifted her head and smiled. "Hello, Mr. Lynch."

Joshua's pupils constricted when he made out the woman's face.

It was none other than Janice!

The same woman that he and Dr. Robert's men had been searching for an entire day!

Joshua strode into the ward. "What are you doing here, Mrs. Jenson?"

"I volunteered to come in here, "Janice replied, smiling at Joshua. "I've met Luna myself, so I know better than anyone how her mental state is. She's perfectly normal.

"Since my husband was the one who misdiagnosed her and forced her to suffer, then I should take her place and bear the pain for her."

Joshua furrowed his brows upon hearing this but did not reply.

Meanwhile, Mr. Chase was so stunned by this sudden confession that he could not say a single word.

After a long while, he managed to squeeze out a few sentences.

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"Are you Dr. Robert's wife? How can you say he misdiagnosed Luna? Dr. Robert has never made this kind of mistake before in his life! "

Janice sneered and replied, "What do you mean, he has never done this before? All he did was cover up his tracks and was never discovered."

With that, she smiled and glanced at Joshua. "Didn't you agree with Dr. Robert's diagnosis that Luna has a mental illness, Mr. Lynch?"

Joshua narrowed his eyes but did not say anything in reply.

Janice curled her lips into a smirk and snickered. "I didn't know how rigid and unrelenting of a person you are, Mr. Lynch. I guess in the end, you'd rather believe some words on a page than a living, breathing human being, don't you? Can't you tell the difference between someone who's really sick and who's not?

As soon as he heard this, Joshua's expression darkened, and he replied in a low voice, "Mrs. Jenson, you shouldn't be here at all. Dr. Robert has been looking for you the whole day."

"Is that so?" she replied with a smile. "Why don't you pass on a message for me and tell him that I won't leave this place unless he changes Luna's diagnostic result."

She chuckled and added, "I've been ignoring this kind of wrongful action for too long. Nigel is right; we all should act more like adults and admit to things that we did wrong and do what's right in return."

She turned and lifted her head to stare at Joshua. "Joshua, I'm correcting my wrong decision for retribution. How about you?"

Joshua glanced at her and replied, "I don't think this is any of your business." With that, he turned and strode out of the room.

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Mr. Chase quickly caught up to him. "Mrs. Jenson was acting like a crazy woman! How dare she accuse the most reputable doctor in this field of misdiagnosis. Dr. Robert has never misdiagnosed anyone before in his forty years of career! The fact that she's his wife makes this even more ludicrous! "

Joshua frowned and barked an order as he walked, "Find me a new team of psychiatrists."

After that, he paused for a moment, then added, "Actually, get me three teams, in secret, of course. If anyone else finds out about this, I 'll burn this place down."

Joshua thought that getting three different teams of doctors would allow him to obtain a more accurate diagnosis this time.

Mr. Chase widened his eyes in shock upon hearing this. "Mr. Lynch, do you really trust what that crazy woman said? You're questioning Dr. Robert's reputation and expertise! If people found out about this, it'll be a humiliation to the medical field! "

Joshua calmly rubbed his eyebrows and replied curtly, "Do you think I care?"

Mr. Chase wanted to counter this statement but did not dare to, so he simply pursed his lips and remained silent.

After a moment, he recalled something and asked, "Mr. Lynch, you wanted to get a new psychiatric team to give Luna a new diagnosis, but we don't even know where she is now."

Joshua thought about this for a second, then suddenly recalled the X-ray that Luke had sent him this morning.

He remembered the broken little finger on the left hand.

He narrowed his eyes as he recalled this. "I think I know where she is. "Lucas, get the car ready. We're heading to Sea City."

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At the hospital in Sea City.

No matter how hard Gwen and Luke tried to stop Luna from seeing the news in Banyan City, she still found out about Fiona's interview.

What Fiona said in her interview made Luna feel anxious and worried. Every single sentence she said had a double meaning to it, as though she could not wait to tell the entire world how bad Nigel and Nellie were for kidnapping Dr. Robert's wife!

She even mentioned something about Joshua keeping Nigel and Nellie locked up at home for reeducation...

What kind of reeducation did she mean?

Luna clutched her phone and called Nigel and Nellie nonstop, but no matter how many times she called, there was no answer.

Finally, she had no choice but to dial Anne's number.

Initially, Anne had wanted to hide everything from Luna as well. Still, she was a straightforward and outspoken person, so after a bit of coaxing and trickery on Luna's part, Anne soon lost control of herself and blurted out everything, including what Fiona told her during the phone call.

As soon as she hung up the call with Anne, Luna felt her breathing become more labored.

Since she could not seem to get in touch with Nigel and Nellie, combined with what Fiona said about Joshua sending the children away to a youth education center...

Luna knew how cruel and heartless Joshua could be toward the children.

When Nigel and Nellie were sick, he was unwilling to pay a single dime for their medical bills...

Since he thought Luna was a psychiatric patient and that the children had committed a crime, Luna decided that it was entirely possible that Joshua had sent them away.

After contemplating for a moment, Luna got out of bed.

She could run, but she could not hide forever.

Her children were still with Joshua. Finally, she decided that it was better to return voluntarily instead of waiting until it was too late in letting Joshua find her.

If she returned on her own accord, maybe the children would suffer less.

Luna got out of bed and staggered to the door. Before she could walk out of the room, however, she came face-to -face with Gwen and Luke. "Where are you going?"

Luna's body was still weak, and her face was as pale as a sheet of paper. Upon questioning, she answered in a feeble voice, "I'm...I'm going back to Banyan

City. I can't let Nigel and Nellie continue to be under Joshua's guard. I..."

Gwen furrowed her brows and pulled Luna into her arms. "Luna, did you forget everything that you went through in Banyan City? Do you think nine fingers is too much?"

Luna froze, then lowered her head to glance at her left hand.

Where her little finger used to be was a small stump.

She recalled the pain she had felt when her finger was smashed with a hammer. It was so excruciating that every time she was reminded of it, she felt as though the bones in her entire body trembled as well.

Despite this harrowing experience, she still thought she should return as soon as possible.

Was her finger...as important as Nigel and Nellie?

Even though Nigel had always been an intelligent child, Luna knew he was afraid of the dark. On the other hand, Nellie had been spoiled all her life, and she had only just recovered from her autism...

They could not afford to go through another round of torment again!

If Luna's return to Banyan City could make Joshua change his mind about punishing the children, then she would gladly do so, even if it meant losing a few extra fingers.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna bit down on her lip and shoved Gwen aside, then staggered forward. "I'm going back... Since I was the one who brought them into this world, I should be the one protecting them, too. If I can't even protect them... What kind of mother am I?"

Gwen felt a twinge of pain shoot through her heart a s she watched Luna's thin frame move slowly through the hallway. She immediately glanced meaningfully at the bodyguards.

The two bodyguards rushed forward and stopped Luna.

Initially, Luna tried to struggle from their grasp emotionlessly. "Let go of me... I want to find my children. Let go of me!"

However, her struggles were to no avail. She finally realized that her efforts were futile, and it was as though something had broken loose inside of her. She wailed in sorrow, screamed, and cried, "Joshua Lynch...! What do you even want from me?! "

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"What do I need to do to make you leave me alone and treat me and the children better? What did I do wrong? Even if it was a mistake to fall for you, that was such a long time ago! Why do I still have to suffer the consequences now..."

Her anguished cries echoed through the entire hallway.

All the sadness and torment that she had gone through all this while finally burst out of her.

Gwen, too, could not help but feel like crying. She immediately rushed forward to pull Luna into her embrace. "Everything will be better. Things will look up soon, Luna! Please don't..."

However, Luna shook her head in denial. "No, things will never get better..."

No matter how hard she tried, she could not escape Joshua's wrath at all, and she could not protect her children.

Initially, she did not manage to protect Nigel, who was gravely ill. Then, after that, she failed to keep Neil safe, and he went missing amid the explosion. Finally, she failed to protect Nellie, who ended up with autism.

With Nigel and Nellie already cured and Neil had finally returned, things seemed to be progressing in a good direction.

However, as soon Fiona and Neil falsely accused her of being mentally insane, Joshua instantly believed them and forced her to go through such inhumane torment and forced her to separate from her children!

The sight of the two women crying together made Luke tilt his head away.

He was not an emotional person, but at this moment, he could not bear to watch or listen any longer for fear of crying himself.

All of a sudden, his phone chimed with a message from Joshua.

[I'm outside the private hospital that you own in Sea City.]

Luke furrowed his brows upon seeing this and immediately strode over to the window and looked out.

A black Masevati was parked at the hospital entrance. At this moment, a man dressed in full black had opened the door and was strolling toward the entrance!

Luke shuddered upon seeing this and quickly turned to look at the two women still crying in the distance. "Please stop crying; Joshua is here."

As soon as they heard this, both Luna and Gwen stopped sobbing. Gwen widened her eyes in shock. "Why would Joshua be here?"

Luke furrowed his brows and decided not to tell them about the X-ray that he had shown Joshua. "Maybe he guessed that Luna's here. Luna doesn't have many friends here, and since she's not in

Banyan City, she must be with us. Besides, she suffered injuries, and the first thing anyone would do after breaking her out is to take her to a hospital. "

Gwen cursed when she heard this, then quickly helped Luna up and dragged her into a nearby room.

As soon as the door closed behind them, the elevator doors slid open.

Joshua's slow, graceful footsteps echoed through the empty hallway. He made his way to Luke's side with Lucas following closely behind and curled his lips into a smirk. "Long time no see, Luke."

Luke's expression was a little stiff. "That's right. It's been a while since we last met." He let out a somewhat awkward cough, turned to dismiss the bodyguards who had been restraining Luna just a few minutes ago, then smiled at Joshua. "What brings you here today?"

Joshua curled his lips into a sneer.

If Luke had been the only one here, then there would not be so many guards in the hallway. Since there were so many of them around, he guessed that they had probably been assigned to protect someone.

Joshua glanced at the closed door on one side of the hallway, then turned and sat down on the bench across from it. He crossed his legs on top of each other gracefully and said, "Well, since you touched something of mine, I'm here to talk to you about it."