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His hunch was right.

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Using Luke's phone, he finally managed to see the interview that Luna had been talking about. The video clip of Fiona's interview had been circling the internet like wildfire.

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However, Luna shook her head in determination. "I want to go back and take care of this myself."

Joshua, who was about to leave, paused when he heard this. He turned and stared at Luna with a frown. "Nigel and Nellie are my children too. I'll take care of everything and make sure they don't have to suffer."

He glanced at the medical equipment and gadgets that Luna was hooked up to and said, "You should stay here and get better quickly."

"I want to go back. " Luna fixated her gaze on him, her stare resolute and unyielding. "The only way I'll be able to stop worrying and get some rest is if I go back and take care of everything myself."

Nigel and Nellie were only six. They still had a long way to go, so Luna could not let them take the blame for this and become young criminals in the public's eye.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna ripped the IV drip out from the back of her hand and got out of her bed.

Raw, bright red blood trickled out from between her fingers.

Joshua's pupils constricted as he took in this sight. He immediately lunged forward to grab hold of Luna. "

Are you crazy? I've already said I will take care of this! Why do you insist on going back to take care of it yourself? Don't you know how weak you are now? "

He picked her up, put her back onto the bed, and then pressed the call button to summon a nurse. "Don't you trust me?"

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"I can look after Luna. I think you should ride in the other car..."

This time, however, Joshua did not reply. Lucas' offer was met with deathly silence.

Despite her eyes being closed, Luna could still feel Joshua's gaze on her. She could help but feel a little flustered at being stared at like this.

With her eyes still closed, she tried to convince herself not to believe what Joshua had said.

How could Joshua be worried about her? If he was genuinely concerned, he would not have sent her into the mental asylum in the first place...

Luna's head grew heavier and heavier as she thought of this until she finally fell into a deep slumber.

While she was asleep, she could still vaguely feel someone picking up her injured left hand.

Joshua stared at Luna's broken little finger with a penetrating yet somehow complicated stare.

To some people, a broken little finger would not affect their daily lives much, but Luna was a designer.

Joshua had witnessed countless times how Luna had used her little finger to hold her paper down while she sketched, and she would sometimes use her little finger to paint.

However...she could no longer use it anymore.

She lost a finger because of him.

She lost a finger simply because he did not believe in her.

Joshua closed his eyes, still clutching Luna's hand. That 11 p.m., the van pulled up in front of Orchard Manor.

Luna, too, jerked awake from her sleep, feeling a little more refreshed than before. Therefore, she insisted on walking into Orchard Manor by herself so that the children would not have to see how awful she looked.

To her surprise, however, when she finally staggered into the house with the help of one of the servants, Nigel and Nellie were nowhere to be found.

The entire house was empty. Even Granny Lynch was gone.

Nellie's easel was not on the sofa, and Nigel's keyboard and mouse were missing from their usual spot on the coffee table.

A bad feeling arose in Luna's heart.

She immediately flung the servant's hand away and strode upstairs.

Nigel and Nellie's room was empty. Not only was there no trace of the children, but even their beds and closets were tidied up as though someone had cleaned up after them.

Luna was struck with a sudden realization.

Was she too late? Had Nigel and Nellie already been sent to this 'youth education center' that Joshua had talked about?

By the time Joshua finally stormed upstairs, Luna was gazing at the empty room with a vacant stare.

She turned to look at Joshua, and a drop of tear trickled down from the corner of her eye, glimmering underneath the light.

She stared at Joshua and did not know whether to cry or laugh. "I came home too late, didn't I?"

He had already sent the children off without even consulting her.

He simply wanted to trick her into returning to Banyan City.

Just because she had returned did not mean Joshua would change his mind about sending the children off to the education center.

Joshua could not help but feel his heart ache when he met Luna's furious and resentful gaze. He knew that she was probably thinking the same as the children, that he was nothing but a bad person, but in reality...

Everything he did was to protect them.

Joshua lowered his voice and said, his voice cracking, "I didn't send them off to the place you're thinking about. Can you believe me just this once, Luna? Just once."

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Luna curled her lips into a smirk as she stared at Joshua. "Alright."

She no longer had the energy to argue with him, so she decided to relent and instead smiled at him. "I believe you, but just this once. As soon as everything is settled, you'll bring Nellie and Nigel back and allow me to take them away from Banyan City, right?"

Joshua's heart leaped into his chest. After a moment, however, he curled his lips into a smile and replied, "I will."

He had never wanted to convince Luna to stay. After all, he was the one who had caused the death of both Neil and the unborn baby in Luna's womb. He had no right to ask her and the children to stay by his side.

Therefore, even though he knew Luna did not truly trust him and was instead just saying it for his sake, Joshua was still willing to tell her the truth.

Luna, on the other hand, was surprised by his answer. She thought that he would find an excuse to change the topic, but this was good, too.

Luna's expression darkened as she said, "Alright, Mr. Lynch. Please remember everything you told me today."

With that, she strode into Nigel and Nellie's room, slamming the door behind her. "I 'll be sleeping in the children's room tonight. Please help yourself, Mr. Lynch."

Seeing that she had already slammed the door in his face, Joshua had no choice but to shake his head and turn around to leave.

The night passed by peacefully.

The next morning, Joshua and Luna arrived at the mental asylum.

Seeing that Joshua had brought Luna along with him, Mr. Chase thought Joshua still wanted Luna to be locked up. Therefore, as soon as the two stepped through the door, Mr. Chase's expression darkened, and he immediately ordered, "Lock her up right this instant!"

The guards immediately rushed forward, but Joshua stopped them. He narrowed his eyes and pulled Luna closer to him. "Who dares to touch her?"

Mr. Chase was a little surprised by this sudden turn of events. "Mr. Lynch?"

"We're here today to bail the woman inside Luna's ward out. "Joshua gave Mr. Chase a once-over and added, "By the way, about Luna's finger... I want to talk to you about this, Mr. Chase."

The color drained from Mr. Chase's face upon hearing this. He first glanced at Joshua in shock,

then at Luna with a pleading expression. "Didn't you..break your finger yourself?"

Luna furrowed her brows but did not reply.

Joshua let out a snicker when he heard this. "Since you think that a person is somehow capable of breaking their own finger, Mr. Chase, why don't you show me how to do it? On top of that, I want you to show me how to not only break your finger but crush all the bones within."

While Joshua was busy chewing Mr. Chase out, Luna managed to retrace her steps and found the ward where Janice was locked.

Inside the ward, Janice was sitting in silence, looking graceful and tranquil.

As soon as she saw Luna arrive, Janice curled her lips into a faint smile and asked, "Have you been recaptured again, or are you here to bail me out?"

Luna sniffed, then sat down in front of her. "I'm here to bail you out." She lowered her gaze and continued, "I was in too much of a hurry that night and didn't know that the person who would be taking my place was you... If I had known—"

"If you had known, I would've ordered them to knock you out, then continue to take your place anyway," Janice interjected with a serene smile, looking calm and at ease with her decision. "Luna, I volunteered to take your place in the mental asylum. I owe you this much."

Luna pursed her lips, then gently gripped Janice's hands. "Please don't say that, Aunty Janice. You don't owe anyone anything."

Luna knew that this had all been part of Dr. Robert and Fiona's plan and that Janice had nothing to do with this.

"You're wrong." Janice let out a sigh and closed her eyes. "If I had been able to expose Robert for what he really is when Violet and Shaun got into their accidents, your entire family won't have to suffer like this. He's a cruel, heartless man, and he doesn't deserve to be a doctor."

As soon as she heard this, Luna's entire body stiffened. She bit down on her lip. "So, Aunty Janice."

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"I know about everything that happened to Violet and Shaun..."

Janice closed her eyes and slowly stood up. "Even though Violet's fall was an accident, her death wasn't.

"Robert is a highly skilled doctor. When Violet was sent to the hospital, her condition was still treatable, but...

"When Violet died, I thought that Robert had just made a mistake. On top of that, he was a teacher of mine that I admired, so I didn't expose him at all. However, when my ex-husband Shaun got into an accident, Robert was the doctor in charge of his operation, but he still didn't manage to save Shaun.

"At that time, I had an inkling of what Robert was doing. He had betrayed his moral values and let Violet and Shaun die just so he could be together with me again. However, I didn't want to face this truth until...

"Until one day, I discovered that he and Fiona had devised this together, and they even destroyed the evidence of his manslaughter... That was when I finally saw Robert for the person he is, but at that time, I had already married him, so I pretended not to know and decided that I'd bear the brunt of his crimes. At least he hadn't hurt anyone apart from me.

Still, I didn't expect that he and Fiona would grow more and more outrageous and even deliberately admit a perfectly normal person into a mental asylum.

"While I was locked in here the past few days, all I was thinking of is if I had exposed Robert's crimes earlier...none of this would have happened."

Luna bit down on her lip after hearing Janice's story but did not know what to say.

After a moment, Janice let out an exhale, turned around, and handed Luna a tiny, black device. "I found this on the floor. It looks like a recording device of some sort. Is it yours?"

Luna stared at it for a long time before finally recalling what it was.

This was the device that Neil had tossed to her through the window that day. At that time, she had thought it was a communication device and even tried speaking into it for a long time...

Was it a recording device instead?

Luna had no choice but to take it from Janice.

She did not think Neil had tossed her a recording device on purpose. It was more likely that he had mistaken this for a communication device and given it to her by mistake.

Luna could not believe that Neil was just as careless as he used to be, even though his memory was wiped.

After handing it over to Luna, Janice exhaled and lifted her head to glance at Luna. "I know Robert has been searching up and down for me these past few days. Please ask him to find me here. I 'Il convince him to admit his crimes and tell the truth about you and Fiona's illnesses."

Luna pursed her lips upon hearing this. She thought that this was a good idea as well, but...

She lifted her head to gaze at Janice. "Can you really make him tell the truth about everything?"

Janice nodded her head in earnest. "The thing he cares about the most in this world is me. At that time, my parents had separated us because they thought he was too old for me. After that, I married Shaun, but Robert never took another lover and had been waiting for me all this while...

"Since I'm the reason he committed all those crimes, then I should be the one to end them."

Luna pursed her lips and glanced at Janice with a meaningful expression, then finally nodded slowly. " Alright."

After bidding Janice farewell, Luna came out from the ward. She pressed the button on the side of the device and placed the earbuds into her ears, heading back toward where Joshua was.

The recording of her from the night she talked into the device started playing.

"Mr. Lynch, there has been a misunderstanding! I never ordered anyone to crush Luna's finger; she broke it herself! "Outside the door, Mr. Chase was kneeling on the ground, staring at Joshua pleadingly. "Don't get tricked by Luna. She's a mentally insane patient, so how can you believe anything she says? Everyone who works here can be my witness! "

Joshua narrowed his eyes upon hearing this. "Everyone who works here is your employee, so how can I ask them to be your witness?"

A hint of triumph flashed across Mr. Chase's eyes as he kneeled on the ground. However, in the next second, when he lifted his head to look at Joshua again, it was replaced with an expression of affront. "Well, you don't have any proof saying that we were the ones who broke Luna's finger, either! You can't punish me without evidence! That's unfair!"

Luna furrowed her brows when she saw this, but just as she was about to say something, however, a strange noise rang out from the recording device in her ear.

She narrowed her eyes and strode over to where Joshua and Mr. Chase were. "Who says there isn't evidence?"