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"I'm not your son. My name is Jake Landry! I'm going to kill your son! "

Then, Aura's twisted smile appeared in front of her face. "How does it feel to see both your sons killing each other like this, Luna? Hahahahaha—! "

"Neil, Nigel-!"

Luna jerked awake from her nightmare, so shocked that she sat up from her bed, sweating profusely.

"Did you have a nightmare?" A low, male voice rang out from next to her.

Luna froze, then looked in the direction of the voice.

Joshua was sitting next to her bed, smiling at her with a tired expression on his face. "You've been asleep for two days now; I thought you'd be asleep for a little longer."

She stared at Joshua's face for a few seconds before finally managing to recall what had happened. Then, she let out an exhale and glanced around the room she was in. "Are we...back in Banyan City?"

Joshua nodded.

"Where are Nigel and Nellie?"

"They're back at Blue Bay Villa, getting their rest." Joshua lowered his head and handed her a peeled banana. "They're perfectly fine, and so are you. The doctor said that you were under tremendous psychological stress and passed out due to physical overexertion. As long as you get your rest, you'll be fine."

Luna took the banana from him and pursed her lips slightly. "Then..."

"You want to ask about Fiona?"

Luna nodded as she nibbled on the banana. "Two days after she fell off the cliff, I sent some men to search for her body, but they couldn't find anything at all. Maybe her corpse was carried off into the woods by some beasts, or maybe we weren't looking in the right place. The mountainside was too big, and the manpower we had was very limited, so after searching for a few days to no avail, we gave up. Either way, according to experts, it's highly unlikely that she survived."

Joshua let out a sigh, then sat quietly as he watched Luna eat.

The look in his eyes was so tender and earnest that Luna could not help but feel uncomfortable.

This was the first time he had ever stared at Luna like this. She did not know what he was trying to do and why he was staring at her like this, but she could not help but feel a little nervous at being stared at like this.

Luna's face blushed scarlet, and she could not stop herself from turning around and glancing at Joshua. "Can you... Can you go out? I want to have some time to myself."

Joshua's entire body stiffened upon hearing this. Then, after a moment, he exhaled and stood up. "

Alright."

He made his way to the door, then turned around and shot her a somewhat worried glance. "I 'll ask Bonnie and Anne to come to look after you."

With that, he strode out of the room.

Luna pursed her lips. As she watched him leave, she felt as though he looked...a little sad?

At the same time, if he continued to stare at her like this without saying a word, it would make her extremely uncomfortable, especially because she had already made up her mind about drawing clear boundaries with Joshua.

A short while after he left, someone pushed open the door to Luna's ward once more.

Luna thought that Anne or Bonnie had arrived and immediately lifted her head in delight.

However, the person standing at the door was Christian, his face unshaven and bruised.

"I heard you're awake." He entered the room and smiled at Luna somewhat awkwardly. "I sneaked over to visit you."

Luna stared at the bruises on his face and asked, "Your face..."

Christian gently touched his wounds, then offered an awkward smile. "I'm fine. I was beaten up by Joshua, that's all."

Luna froze upon hearing this. "Joshua? Why did he beat you up?"

Christian heaved a sigh. "Because of you."

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Because of her?

Luna stared at Christian with wide eyes.

Christian let out a sigh and sat down in the chair next to her bed. Then, he picked up a banana from the bedside table and started eating it, sighing at the same time. "I heard that both Dr. and Mrs. Jenson, as well as Fiona, had died, so I flew back here from abroad immediately. When I got back, the first thing I did was find you, but then I discovered that you were lying here...

"I had no idea that you passed out due to physical exertion, so when I saw you lying here on the bed, unconscious, I thought that you were in a vegetative state.

"And I..." Christian let out an awkward cough. "I cried, right in front of your bed."

Luna was so stunned by this that she could not say a single word.

Although Christian was only 19, he was still a tall, burly man. Luna could not believe that he had cried for her while she was unconscious.

"When I was crying, I said that I wanted to marry you and that if I had found evidence of Fiona's lies earlier, none of this would've happened, and I shouldn't have told you about Fiona's fake illness in the first place...

"I didn't know Joshua had been standing at the door

all this while, so he heard everything. That's why I got beaten up...

"He said that if I had told him the truth earlier, even though he wouldn't believe it at first, everything wouldn't have turned out this way. He said that both of you almost died in this incident..." Christian rubbed the bruises on his face as he said this. "Joshua didn't show me any mercy at all.

"Initially, when I came back, I intended to visit you, then go back to my hometown to see my family before attending the trial of Violet's death. After all, even though I wasn't the mastermind behind her murder, I still made a mistake, and I know I can't get out of prosecution. I don't intend to hide anymore, either, but now..."

Christian took out his phone and sighed as he stared at his own mirror image through the front -facing camera. "I can't possibly go home looking like this. I f my parents find out that Joshua was the one who beat me up, they'll demand he apologize, and then...it would be chaos. I guess I 'll just have to bear with this."

Luna pursed her lips and sighed, too, as she stared at Christian's wounded face. "I pity you."

She knew better than anyone that even if Christian had told Joshua the truth since the start, Joshua would not believe him anyway.

After all, he loved Fiona so much that he hung onto her every word, so how could he possibly doubt his precious Ms. Blake all because of what Christian said?

Beating up and scolding Christian for not telling the truth earlier was simply Joshua's way of saving face.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna suddenly felt stupid for feeling embarrassed when Joshua stared at her tenderly.

Even though this man had managed to save both her and Nigel on the mountaintop, this did not mean she could forgive him and go back to loving him again.

If that was the case, then why did she feel so bashful back then?

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and glanced at Christian. "Well, since you can't go back to your hometown anymore, stay in

Banyan City. My children and I have escaped death, so I think it's high time we celebrate this. Stay here and celebrate with us, and you can help me in the meantime, too."

Christian froze for a moment upon hearing this, then immediately nodded. "Alright!"

Luna leaned against the headboard and rested for a short while. Then, after making sure that she was alright, she called Anne and Bonnie and talked to them about hosting a small gathering at Blue Bay Villa that night, to celebrate her near-death escape.

Besides, a party would be a good way of making Nellie and Nigel feel better after what they had experienced.

After all, they still had a long battle to fight, one that concerned Aura.

After calling Anne and Bonnie, Luna called Gwen, who was still in Sea City, as well.

Gwen was so excited to hear about the party that she exclaimed, "I'll ask Luke to prepare right now!

Banyan City is only a few hours away. I' in sure I can make it for tonight!"

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Luna initially wanted to ask Gwen not to come since this was just a small gathering, and Sea City was too far away from Banyan City.

However, when she heard how excited Gwen was over the phone, she did not want to stop her. "Alright. If you're coming, then I'll make some of your favorite dishes."

"Okay. I'll see you tonight! "

"Okay."

After hanging up the phone, Luna lowered her head to glance at the time.

It was only I0 a.m.

She still had plenty of time to prepare for the party.

Luna let out an exhale and lifted her head to glance at Christian. "Come on, let's get out of here and buy some food! "

Christian followed behind her and could not help recalling the way Luna looked when he first visited her.

Just a day ago, she was lying on her bed, so motionless that he thought she was in a vegetative state, but at this moment, a day later, she was so energetic that she wanted to throw a party and celebrate with her friends...

Sometimes, he could not help but wonder who was the 19-year-old: Him, or Luna?

Luna and Christian grabbed a quick bite near the hospital and then went to the supermarket to buy supplies.

They traveled from the east part of the city to the west, picking out the best food and supplies for her party. A swollen and bruised Christian tagged along behind her, decked out in a hat and face mask, carrying her shopping bags.

3 p.m.

After finally finishing the work that had piled up over the last few days, Joshua leaned back against his chair in exhaustion.

He had been so preoccupied with everything going on at home that he did not have time to finish work at all, causing his work to pile up over the last few days. In the morning, after making sure that Luna was alright, he finally had the time to come to the office and get some work done.

He had been busy for the entire day. With his work finally complete, Joshua could not help but think of Luna.

A few hours had already passed since he left the hospital. She was probably doing better, right?

Although he did not understand why Luna had asked him to leave, whether it was out of shyness or loathing, but...

It had already been a few hours since he left, so she had probably gotten over it, right?

Joshua let out a sigh and took out his phone to call the hospital. "How's she doing?"

The nurse who had picked up the phone fell into silence for a moment, then asked, "Are you talking about Ms. Luna, Mr. Lynch? Didn't she contact you? She told us she'd get in touch with you.

"She left the hospital at lo a.m. Mr. Christian Moore was the one who had signed her discharge forms."

Joshua's brows furrowed upon hearing this. Christian? What was this rascal doing with Luna?

Just as he was about to dial Christian's number, he received a call from Luke. "Joshua, we've already arrived in Banyan City. Gwen said that Luna's phone had been turned off. Maybe she ran out of battery, but either way, I wanted to ask you what time is the party starting tonight?

"Should we go to Blue Bay Villa to wait, or should we meet up with you guys first?"

Joshua's expression darkened. "Party? What party?"

"The party to celebrate both Luna and the children's new beginning, of course. Luna invited all of her friends. What's wrong? Didn't you know about this?"
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