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Granny Lynch let out a deep sigh as she watched the two children leave. "In the future, you'll have to take care of Joshua and the three children..."

Luna pursed her lips and tried to suppress the tears that were about to burst. "Please don't say this, Granny. You'll get better soon..."

Neil, along with Joshua and his men, circled Banyan City a few times.

They went to the abandoned factories on the city's outskirts belonging to the Landry family, then to the basement in the city center, and finally arrived at a few hidden rooms concealed within some five-star hotels. All of these were buildings leftover from when the Landry family dominated Banyan City in the past.

In the past, because of the promise he made to Granny Lynch, Joshua did not take revenge on the Landry family for their wrongdoings. Because of this, he had no idea that the Landry family had so many hideouts in Banyan City. These places became Aura's hideouts after she returned to Banyan City.

This was why neither he nor Bonnie's men managed to track her down.

Fortunately, Neil remembered every single one of her hideouts, as well as their locations. They spent the next two hours scouring these places and managed to find more than 30 bottles of diluted antidote.

According to Dr. Janet, these bottles of diluted antidote could sustain Granny Lynch for at least another six months.

While on their way back to the hospital, Joshua clutched the box holding these bottles carefully, as though he was holding onto some precious treasure.

If the antidote could sustain Granny for another six months, he might be able to find a new cure!

The car soon arrived at the hospital.

As soon as Joshua got out of the car, still clutching the box, he bumped into a crowd of reporters who were surrounding Adrian at the hospital entrance.

Joshua's expression darkened at this sight. "What are you doing?"

Adrian did not expect to see Joshua at this time. He guffawed as he beckoned the reporters into the hospital and replied, "Well, rumors have been going around the internet, claiming that Mother's time is near. I received some news just now that apparently Dr. Janet managed to save her, and now her condition is much better than before.

"I'm guessing some temporary miracle must have happened, so I invited the reporters here to record this miraculous occasion. Otherwise, we won't have a chance to do so after she dies! "

With that, Adrian pushed the elevator button.

When the doors slid open, a man dressed entirely in black stepped out of the elevator. He was tall and slender with gold-rimmed glasses and was holding a

box. The stench of herbal medicine wafted off his body, making everyone uncomfortable.

When Joshua looked at the man, he seemed to be looking straight at him.

After a long pause, the man circled past Joshua and headed toward the hospital entrance.

"See you." Joshua heard the man say when he passed by.

He could not help but feel a little puzzled by this, but since his attention was entirely focused on the box of antidote in his arms as well as Granny Lynch's condition, he did not think too much about the strange encounter.

When the elevator doors slid close, his phone rang. It was a call from Luna.

However, before he could pick up, the call was disconnected.

Joshua furrowed his brows but did not call her back. Instead, when the elevator arrived at Granny Lynch's floor, he stepped out and headed straight to her room.

The entire hallway was deserted, and there was no sign of Zach and Yuri, who had been appointed to stand guard outside.

A stench of blood lingered in the hallway.

Joshua immediately frowned. He had a bad feeling about this.

He sprinted over to Granny's room and pushed open the door.

The smell of blood rushed out as soon as the door was flung open—

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Thud!

The box, which Joshua had previously safeguarded, fell to the ground with a crash.

All the bottles of antidote, which had been so carefully and meticulously gathered, broke upon impact, spilling white liquid everywhere.

However, Joshua seemed not to notice this and instead stood motionless at the door, staring at the sight before him with shocked, panic -stricken eyes.

How could this be?

The entire room was covered in blood.

Granny Lynch laid on the bed, her eyes wide, but she was no longer breathing.

All the blood that had seeped out onto the floor was pouring out of the multiple knife wounds in Granny's chest.

Meanwhile, Luna was passed out on the floor next to the bed, still clutching a bloodstained fruit knife in her hand.

"Oh my God!" a horrified shriek rang out from behind Joshua, accompanied by the sound of cameras flashing.

Joshua furrowed his brows and immediately came to. He regained his composure and tried to close the door behind him, but it was too late.

Adrian stormed into the room and pushed the door wide open. "Oh my God! Luna has killed my mother! "

He clutched his chest in distress, and a few drops of tears trickled out of his eyes. "How did this happen? My mother experienced a miraculous recovery just today! The reason I brought everyone here was to record the most memorable moment of my mother before she passed so that she can rest in peace, but now..."

With that, Adrian slumped onto the ground as though all the strength in his body had been sucked out.

However, he still gripped the door tightly so that the reporters outside the room could take photos of the murder scene.

Joshua could feel the vein in his forehead pop at this sight. "Lucas! "

Lucas was stuck in the crowd of reporters outside the room. "Sir, I didn't want the press to come upstairs, but there were too many of them! Most of our men are still searching for the remaining antidote, and only four or five of them returned here. We couldn't stop them at all! "

The reporters were still snapping pictures with their cameras.

Another vein in Joshua's forehead popped as he bellowed, "Get them all here immediately! No one is allowed to escape and destroy all the cameras! I'll pay ten times the amount for the damages! "

The sound of the cameras came to a halt.

The reporters stared at Joshua in shock. This was the wealthiest, most powerful man in Banyan City, the man that no one dared to cross, but...

Ever since he took over Lynch Group at the age of 17. Joshua had always been a malicious and cruel businessman, but when faced with someone who was not his opponent, he had always acted cold and impassively. He had never lost his temper like this in public, much less give such cruel commands!

Everyone could tell that Joshua was irate at this moment. After all, his Granny, who had raised him since young, was killed, and the murderer was none other than the woman with whom he had a complicated relationship.

Even someone as calm and level-headed as Joshua Lynch would not be able to take this.

"Yes, Sir."

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Lucas' reply sounded even curter in the silence of the hallway. "I'll bring everyone back right now and destroy the cameras."

The reporters glanced at each other. They did not dare continue taking photos of the scene, yet they did not dare hide their cameras either.

Joshua swept his cold glance over the crowd and said, "This is the Lynch family's business and will require further investigation. The police will be involved.

"If any one of you spread any rumors about what happened here today or start circulating the photos online, I'll make sure you and your entire family are chased out of Banyan City. You can take my word for it."

He glanced at everyone with a murderous expression. "You should know better than anyone that Joshua Lynch never breaks his promises! "

The entire hallway was silent.

Some reporters were already removing the SD cards from their cameras and snapping them into two, right in front of Joshua.

Some of them set their cameras down on the floor and awaited Lucas' further actions.

The hallway, which had been bustling with activity before, became spine-chillingly silent.

Joshua closed his eyes and ordered, "Call the police,

Lucas." "Yes, Sir."

Adrian, who was sitting on the floor, looked around at the reporters surrounding him. He could not help but feel a little anxious at this moment.

He had concocted such an intricate plan so that the reporters could publish the pictures of the murder scene, but they were all so frightened of Joshua that they did not dare defy him at all!

Adrian let out an exhale and started sobbing while clutching onto Joshua's pant legs. "What is the meaning of this, Joshua? Why don't you want the reporters to record Luna's wrongdoings?

"You used to be a very vengeful person. Granny has cared for you for so many years, but now that Luna has killed her, you're stopping everyone from exposing her crimes!

"Are you willing to become a disloyal and unappreciative person over a woman?"

Joshua's entire body stiffened upon hearing this.

If he remembered correctly, he had said the same thing to Adrian before.

Suddenly, Joshua realized that Granny Lynch's death must have had something to do with Adrian.

Even though Adrian had abided by his threats and visited Granny in the hospital these few days, he always stayed for only a couple of hours. He had never taken much notice of Granny's condition at all.

Therefore, why would he bring so many reporters

over as soon as he heard of Granny Lynch's miraculous recovery?

There were almost 60 reporters crowded in the hallway at this moment. Joshua guessed that Adrian had probably invited all the reporters from all the media outlets in Banyan City.

Such a huge crowd in such a short time...Joshua could not help but suspect that this was not just a simple coincidence.

Joshua squatted to Adrian's level and fixated his cold stare on him. "I don't know whether I'm an unappreciated person or not, but I'm certain that you are."

He reached out his hand to wipe away Adrian's tears. "I didn't know crocodiles have tears too."

With that, he put his hand into Adrian's pocket and took out a small bottle of clear liquid.

It was a specially formulated chili water, which was used to induce tears.

Joshua sneered at the sight of this liquid and clenched his teeth. "Your own mother died of a murder, and you have to resort to using fake tears, Mr. Lynch?"

The color drained from Adrian's face, and he could not say a word.

His plan was near perfect...so how did Joshua know he was fake-crying?

Joshua stared at him with an icy expression and said in a low, stern voice, "According to your IQ, you couldn't have come up with a plan like this. Who taught you to frame Luna like this?"