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As soon as she heard this, a twinge of pain shot through Luna's heart.

She bit her lip, kneeled in front of Nigel, and gently placed her hand on his shoulder. Then, she replied in a low voice, "Who told you I'm here to say goodbye? Did your father say that?"

Neil shook his head. "Nigel and I figured it out by ourselves."

With that, he let out a sigh and reached out to wrap his hand around Luna's finger. Then, he said with a hint of longing both on his face and in his tone, "Mommy, Nigel said that your parents and Daddy's family have a longstanding vengeance, and you chose your family over us. We can't go back to the way we used to be anymore."

With that, Neil lifted his head to stare at Luna, sadness and disappointment clouding his clear eyes. "Is that true?"

Luna did not know how to answer this question. She bit her lip and pulled the three children into her arms. "Even if Mommy and Daddy aren't together anymore, you'll still be my babies. I'll still find ways to see and visit you, so you don't have to worry."

Nellie could not help bursting into tears when she heard this. She was a straightforward girl and could not hide her sorrow like her brothers could. She sobbed, clutching Luna's arm, "Mommy, I saw from the news that you're pregnant with Uncle Malcolm's child, and you're going to marry him soon!

"Will you abandon us after your new baby comes?"

The pain in Luna's heart grew even more widespread when she heard this. She sniffed to prevent herself from crying and wiped Nellie's tears away, replying in a choked voice, "I'll never do that. The three of you will always be the most important people to me...

"It's just that I have to return to take care of my Mommy now. I promise you that as soon as your Grandma's health gets better, or...or if she goes to heaven, I 'll find an opportunity to bring you guys over to live with me for a while, okay?"

Nellie sobbed, clutching onto Luna's body, " Mommy, you have to stick to your word..."

Luna hugged her, Nigel, and Neil tightly. "I 'll keep my promise, no matter what."

If Rosalyn could recover, that would be best, but if Rosalyn could not live past this, then after sending her off...Luna would still leave the Landry family.

Of course, she was not doing this for Joshua.

To Joshua, she was not the most important person at all, so he would no longer be hers.

She wanted to bring the three children away to a place where no one knew them and live their lives the same way they did before returning to Banyan City.

No, not three.

Four, including...the one in her belly.

In the distance, Harvey and June watched the three of them sobbing in Luna's arms hand-in-hand. Their faces were etched with sorrow.

Initially, the two of them had been happier than the three newcomers, but at this moment, they had to watch as Nigel, Neil, and Nellie hugged their mother.

Harvey bit his lip and gazed at the three children in awe.

They had their Mommy, but he and June did not.

"Let's go." Harvey let out a sigh and went to the backyard, still holding June's hand.

"I'm sorry..." he apologized to June as he walked. "I promised you that I'd share my Mommy with you after I find her, but now..."

He recalled the lady he had encountered, who loved red just as much as he did.

His Daddy had not gotten in touch with that woman for a long time...

Harvey wondered if that lady had found a new boyfriend.

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June stared at Harvey with a twinkle in her eye and said, "I don't mind not having a Mommy. To me, my Daddy is my Mommy too.

"Sometimes, he acts like a girl!"

As soon as she finished her sentence, the air around them seemed to freeze over.

The two of them lifted their heads and met Christopher's cold gaze.

June stuck out her tongue cheekily and ducked behind Harvey.

Christopher glanced at Joshua, who was standing motionless like a statue, walked over, and picked up the two children in his arms.

As he took the children away, he could not help reminding Joshua, " Please try your hardest to win her back."

Joshua remained motionless, staring at Luna and the three sobbing children.

She could not bear leaving her children behind. He narrowed his eyes.

Even though Christopher had wanted him to try his best, Joshua knew better than anyone that he should not force things at a time like this.

Luna was a kind person.

He would not let her solve her problems by herself...

and instead, he would help her overcome them.

If Luna chose to return to the Landry family because of Rosalyn's illness, he would think of a way to cure her.

If Luna insisted on breaking up with him because of the Landry and Lynch family's rivalry...then he would find a way to reveal the truth of what had happened.

Luna was a reasonable person. Therefore, if he somehow managed to find evidence proving that Charles had tortured Lucy to death, Luna would refuse to stay with the Landry family and call Charles her father.

As for Colin Landry's death... Joshua closed his eyes.

He had heard Granny admit that she had meddled with Colin's car to teach him a lesson so that he would not beg for mercy again in the future.

However, Colin's death...had been an accident.

After all, the lorry that appeared out of nowhere that caused his sudden death, had not been planned by the Lynch family at all.

<u>Despite this, when the Landry family accused her of murder, Granny Lynch still chose to bear the responsibility.</u>

She did not feel the need to explain anything to the people who had killed her daughter.

Because of this, the vengeance between the Landry and Lynch families grew deeper over time.

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua opened his eyes and gazed at the woman holding his children.

Would Granny have done what she did, had she known that one day, her grandson would fall in love with a Landry?

"Daddy!" All of a sudden, Nellie's voice pulled Joshua back to reality.

When he finally came to, the three children had approached him, bringing Luna with them.

"Joshua." Luna let out an exhale when she saw how haggard he looked. "We meet again."

Even though they had seen each other quite a few times, this seemed to be the first instance of them meeting up in private.

"Yes." Joshua turned and gestured toward a room to one side. "Let's go."

Luna nodded and, after settling the children down, entered the room and sat down at a table.

Joshua closed the door behind him and sat down across from her.

The two of them stared at each other for a long time.

After a while, Joshua lowered his head and poured her a cup of coffee. " Actually, the reason I wanted you to come was to calm the children down.

"After all, the four of you have been together for six years now, and they're devastated to be separated from you."

Luna took the cup from him and asked, "Is that all?"

<u>"I guess you can say that." Joshua lifted his head and stared at her. "Actually, I have something I want to ask you."</u>

"What is it?"

"You..." Joshua's gaze fell on Luna's belly. "Our child didn't die in the fire, did it?"

Luna's breath caught in her throat when she heard this.

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The room fell into silence.

Seeing the look of disbelief on Luna's face, Joshua curled his lips into a small smile. "I asked Christopher, and he told me the baby in your belly is more than a month old.

"A month ago, you had just been abducted, and unless you slept with him immediately after arriving in Merchant City, you wouldn't have gotten pregnant.

"At that time, you had just suffered a miscarriage, so you couldn't have done that."

With that, he took a sip from his cup and added," Therefore, according to my speculation, this baby is the same one that had been conceived about a month ago."

His analysis was logical and spot-on.

Luna pursed her lips and stared at him intently. "Yes.

She knew that there was no hiding the truth anymore, so she did not want to lie to him any further. "When I fell from the second floor, I had suffered some bleeding. The doctor and I thought the child was gone...

"But to my surprise, it survived against all odds."

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "But now, you claim that this child belongs to Malcolm... Are you planning to let my child have a crook as his father?"

"A crook?" Luna sneered. "I never intended to let Malcolm become this child's father, but on top of that, Malcolm isn't a crook, as you claim."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and snickered. "Isn't he?"

To him, Malcolm was something even more deceitful than a crook.

However, Luna was amused by this. "You're calling Malcolm a crook? Please don't forget, Joshua, that Malcolm was the one who had saved my life and took care of me when I gave birth.

"Before returning to Banyan City, the children had always thought of Malcolm as their godfather, and to them, Malcolm used to be more important than you."

The room fell silent.

Joshua stared at her through narrowed eyes. After a long while, he tilted his head to one side and tried to suppress his emotions. "You say that was in the past. However, after meeting me, the children ended up liking me more."

Luna muttered in affirmation but did not reply.

After a long silence, she lifted her head to stare at Joshua. "Since you asked me here to visit the children and question me about the origin of this baby in my womb, then I guess it's time for me to leave since you have your answers now."

After spending an entire night awake, Luna's head throbbed tremendously.

As soon as she stood up, Joshua furrowed his brows and could not stop himself from grabbing hold of her wrist and pulling her into his arms.

The soft and gentle fragrance wafting off her body made him freeze.

He missed this feeling of holding her in his arms.

Luna frowned and struggled against his grip to no avail.

Therefore, she stopped struggling and instead let him hold her. "What are you doing, Joshua? Is this a farewell hug?"

Joshua murmured in reply and said in a hoarse voice, "How long are you...planning to stay at the Landry's?

Luna could not help feeling that there was a hint of sorrow and pleading in his tone. She pursed her lips and inhaled the unique, manly scent that wafted off his body. "I'm telling you this because I don't want to hide this from you; the reason I chose to return to the Landry family is that my mother's health is deteriorating.

"Aside from that, though, it was also because I was disappointed in you."

Joshua's entire body stiffened when he heard this. He held her close to him and asked, "Then...are you still disappointed in me now?"

"A little." Luna closed her eyes. "However, now I know that...there was a reason why you didn't come to find me, so I don't hate you as much as I used to anymore, but..."

She let out an exhale and removed herself from Joshua's embrace, her clear gaze fixated intently on Joshua's face. "Joshua, from today onward, I'm a Landry, and you're a Lynch."

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"We can't...be together anymore.

"I 'll leave Nigel, Neil, and Nellie to you. As for the child in my belly right now, I'd like to keep it.

"To you, love isn't the most important thing in the world. Therefore, in the future, I'll no longer think of it as the most important thing either.

"It's...time to say goodbye. Let's not make this any more difficult than it has to."

With that, she turned and walked away, with Joshua gaping at her in shock.

"Luna." As soon as Luna's hand wrapped around the door handle, Joshua furrowed his brows and said, "You said that the only reason you chose to return to the Landry family is Rosalyn. Does this mean that if Rosalyn dies, you'll come back to my side?"

Luna's entire body stiffened when she heard this.

She turned around and shot Joshua a cold glance. "I've only managed to reunite with my birth mother after all these years; are you trying to curse her?"

Joshua frowned. "No, that's not what I meant..."

From snippets of conversation with Christopher, he had learned that even though Rosalyn had received the antidote, her health was still deteriorating day by day, and she could not last any longer.

Luna knew what Joshua truly meant, but she could not help feeling uneasy by this.

She let out an exhale and turned to glance at Joshua. "If I catch you saying something like this again, I will never forgive you!"

With that, she turned and strode away.

Joshua remained motionless and rubbed his brows in frustration.

He had been so exhausted lately that he could not even make sense of what he was saying.

How could he possibly have said something like that

Not long after Luna left, one of the servants knocked on his door. "Mr. Lynch, Mr. Jim Landry is here, and he wants to see you."

Joshua paused, then quickly tidied himself before walking out of the room.

Outside the door, Jim was leaning against the hood of his car, his impassive gaze fixated on Joshua. "

What did you say that upset my sister so much? She looked annoyed when she left."

Joshua rubbed his brows and let out a sigh. "I don't want to talk about this."

He was concerned that if he told Jim what had happened, Jim would be angry as well.

"My mother wants to see you." Jim curled his lips into a smile, pulled the door open, and made a gesture of invitation. "She thinks you're much more sincere toward Luna than Malcolm is, so she wants to talk to you."

Joshua raised his eyebrows and got into the car.

On the way back to Landry Mansion, Luna's head was throbbing so hard that she felt as though she would die at any moment.

Due to her pregnancy, she had been easily exhausted lately, and on top of that, she had not slept a wink the night before. Therefore, as soon as she returned to her room, Luna was so tired that she fell asleep the moment her head touched her pillow.

After a long time, someone knocked on her door urgently.

Luna was startled by this noise, but she did not feel like getting up. Initially, she had wanted to ignore the knocking, but the person on the other side of the door knocked even harder and louder. After a while, the servant exclaimed, "Ms. Luna, please wake up! Something has happened to Mrs. Landry!"

Luna was awake in an instant. She quickly got out of her bed and flung open the door. "What happened? What happened to Mother?" The servant lowered her head and replied, "She...she has been murdered by Joshua Lynch."

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