

Chapter 1729

Luna's entire body stiffened when she heard Joshua's name.

She bit her lip and wrung her hands underneath the table.

She could not believe that...Joshua was going to attend this dinner, too.

"It seems that Lynch Group is trying to obtain Mr. Hanson's business too," Charlotte's voice rang out through the earpiece in Luna's ear. "Luna, you have to keep yourself composed and don't get influenced by Joshua.

"Your motive today is to get on Mr. Hanson's good side and become his friend."

Luna bit her lip and covered her mouth with her sleeve as she whispered back, "But Mr. Hanson has already said Joshua is his new friend..."

Since Joshua and Mr. Hanson had already gotten to know each other beforehand, why did she even have to try?

She did not think she was capable of letting Mr. Hanson choose her over Joshua.

Charlotte sneered and replied, "What's wrong? Are you scared and want to give up now?"

"Lunia, how can you possibly become the new CEO of Landry Group if you can't even handle something like this?"

Luna bit her lip when she heard this. A split second later, she let out an exhale. "Alright, I'll try."

After all, there would be many instances of her and Joshua coming head-on in battle from this moment onward, and this was just a small dinner date. If she could not even face or handle this, how could she possibly defeat Joshua in the future?

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and smiled at Mr. Hanson. "I've always heard such great things about you, Mr. Hanson, so I decided to tag along with Uncle Harold today."

"It turns out Mr. Hanson is much kinder and friendlier than I thought."

Mr. Hanson roared with laughter, then turned to shoot Harold a contemptuous glance. "It turns out Ms. Luna has been thinking of you as an uncle all this while."

The color drained from Harold's face. He let out a slight cough and replied, "That's just what I prefer to be called, so what right do you have to comment on that?"

With that, he glanced at Luna, frowning. "Since you want to become friends with Mr. Hanson, why don't you give him a toast?"

Luna pursed her lips and immediately glanced in Mr. Hanson's direction.

She could not hold her liquor very well, and she had deliberately eaten some supplements that would aid her metabolism before coming here, but...

She could not help feeling a little nervous as she stared at the bottle of wine before her.

They were forcing her to toast Mr. Hanson even before the dinner had commenced, so she probably would have to drink even more after the dinner started.

Would the medication she had taken still work with that amount of alcohol?

When she recalled the bad things that had happened every time she got drunk, Luna could not help feeling a little worried.

She was not too concerned about humiliating herself, but instead, she was more worried about accidentally offending Mr. Hanson and wasting all her effort.

"Come on, drink." Harold frowned at her. "Don't you want to be friends with Mr. Hanson? Aren't you willing to even take a small sip?"

Luna chewed her bottom lip, let out an exhale, and stood up. "Mr. Hanson, it's a pleasure meeting you, and this is for you."

With that, she closed her eyes and drank the entire glass of wine.

As soon as she did, she could feel her head spinning.

Luna could not help feeling a little strange as soon as she sat down next to Harold.

She had already taken the medication prior to this, so by right, she should not be able to feel the effects of the alcohol at all, so why was she starting to feel a little drunk?

Harold cackled, seemingly understanding the confusion in Luna's head, and said with a leering tone, "This wine was specially prepared by

Mr. Hanson for female guests like you."

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With that, Harold continued in a low voice, "You probably don't know this, do you?"

"This dinner party isn't any regular dinner party...it's an orgy where we exchange our female partners for the night."

Luna jerked her head up in shock, her eyes as wide as saucers.

She bit her lip and stared at Harold. "What are you saying?"

"I'm saying that it's naïve of you to want to conduct business with Mr. Hanson without first understanding how things usually work for us..." Harold's words were like a giant blow to Luna.

She gnawed her bottom lip and quickly pressed her earpiece to communicate with Charlotte in a low voice,
"Something has changed; send the people in to take me away."

Luna was not an idiot. Even though she was not familiar with Mr. Hanson, she had still prepared a backup plan with Charlotte out of fear that something bad would happen at the party.

Because of this, they had arranged for bodyguards to stand guard outside the

restaurant, and they would storm in to save Luna if anything terrible were to happen.

At this moment, Luna's head was spinning, and after finding out that this party was a disgusting orgy to exchange female partners, she naturally started calling for help.

However, no matter how many times she cried for help, not even a sound came from the other end of the line.

Charlotte did not answer her, and none of the people stationed outside the restaurant came in to save her.

Luna was all alone.

"Mr. Hanson." All of a sudden, Harold stood up with a smile. "Let's switch places. Since Ms. Luna is here for you today, she must be yours for tonight."

Mr. Hanson immediately sat down in Harold's seat and smiled sinisterly at Luna. "I know what you're here for today; you want to get your hands on the new mine that I acquired. Why don't I offer you this?" .

He lifted Luna's chin with his hand and said, a sneer playing on his lips. "If you do as I say and make me the new heir to the Landry family fortune, not only will I give you the rights to the mine I acquired, but I'll even hand over the entire property to you. How does that sound?"

Luna bit her lip and used her last ounce of strength to smack Mr. Hanson's hand away. "In your dreams!"

With that, she stood up with some difficulty and sprinted toward the door.

However, she had only taken a few steps before Mr. Hanson grabbed hold of her wrist once

more.

Luna was no match for him at all, and without even sparing much effort, he had pulled her into his arms.

"Where are you going, my dear?" Mr. Hanson cackled. "You're a woman, and don't you know that...the best way to

please a man is in bed? Aren't you here to please me tonight?"

"I'm not!" Luna struggled to release herself from his grip. "I honestly thought it was just an ordinary dinner party! ..."

Before she could finish her sentence, the door was kicked open.

The cold wind immediately rushed in from outside the room.

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The man standing at the door stared coldly at every single person in the room, emanating a chilling aura of arrogance.

Mr. Hanson stiffened when he saw who it was. "Mr...Mr. Lynch."

With that, he let go of Luna and rushed forward to grin at Joshua. "Mr. Lynch, you're finally here!"

"I was just about to help you take care of this woman from the Landry family when you arrived just in time."

Joshua glanced at Luna impassively, then sat down in the seat Mr. Hanson had saved for him." Tell me what you were planning to do with her."

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The entire room fell silent when they heard this.

Still pressing Luna against the wall, for a split second, Mr. Hanson did not know how to answer Joshua's question.

However, at this moment, Luna's mind was so fuzzy that she could not even comprehend what was going on.

In her confused state, she could only hear Joshua's voice. She gritted her teeth and said instinctively, "Joshua..."

Because of her intoxicated state and her position against the wall, these two syllables sounded extremely gentle and alluring.

Joshua's expression darkened.

He stood up and strode over to Mr. Hanson. "If you still can't come up with

a way to take care o f her, then let me take this responsibility from you."

With that, he shoved Mr. Hanson away and saved Luna.

Joshua shoved Mr. Hanson so harshly that his entire body slammed against the edge of the table, and with a loud grunt, the tableware crashed onto the ground.

Mr. Hanson propped himself up among the noise and snapped, "Mr. Lynch, how dare you treat me like this?"

How dare Joshua Lynch treat him like this, considering he was the host of tonight's dinner

party?

"What's wrong with the way I treated you?" Joshua curled his lips into a smirk, then turned to glance at Luna's bright red face. A twinge of pain shot through his heart.

This stupid woman.

Did she think that as a humble jewelry designer with no experience in business, she could have outsmarted all these deceitful businessmen?

If he had not arrived just in time, she would have been in deep trouble!

Joshua let out an exhale, pulled Luna into his arms, and turned to glance coldly at Mr. Hanson. "Did you forget who is the most powerful man in Merchant City now?"

"To bankrupt your company and render you homeless would be easier than stepping on an ant.

With that, he swept his cold glance across everyone's faces and added in a stern voice, "Next time, you guys should think long and hard before you lay hands on any woman and try to find out who she has been involved with lately."

As everyone watched in shock, Joshua picked up a feverish Luna in his arms and strode out of the room, slamming the door shut behind him.

Everyone's faces were etched with shock.

Harold froze for a long moment before finally smacking his forehead in realization. "The news of Luna staying overnight at Joshua Lynch's place had been on the news a short while ago

As soon as he thought of this, he could not help feeling even more terrified. "I had always thought it was just a piece of fake news, but it seems that..."

The color drained from Mr. Hanson's face when he heard this. "Does this mean that...Luna belongs to Joshua Lynch? But the Lynch and Landry families..."

He did not even dare to finish that thought.

All of a sudden, one of the dinner guests pursed his lips in disapproval and said, "Why do you guys care so much about a woman? We still have plenty here, don't we?"

Harold quickly agreed, "That's right, Hanson. We've been hosting this party for a long time now, and all the women that always attended were from rich and powerful families, but nothing had ever gone wrong, so why should we make an exception for a woman that Joshua Lynch has slept with before?"

Mr. Hanson felt a little reassured to hear this. He let out a sigh of relief and smiled. "You're right. It wasn't my fault at all, and maybe that woman

willingly came herself because she wanted to."

Some of the guests started ordering their female partners to clear up the table, whereas the others began caressing and getting steamy with their partners.

After a short while, someone knocked on the door.

The person who entered the room was a woman dressed head to toe in black, revealing only her eyes She bowed at the guests inside the room.

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"I'm with Mr. Lynch. He says that Luna left her bag behind, and so I'm here to retrieve it."

The guests furrowed their eyes, glancing at the place Luna had been sitting before she left.

Lo and behold, there was indeed a handbag sitting on the chair.

Mr. Hanson was a little displeased by this. "Quickly retrieve it and get out of here! Close the door behind you when you leave!"

The woman nodded, scampered over to retrieve Luna's bag, then left, closing the door behind

her.

After coming out of the booth, Charlotte removed the pinhole cameras from Luna's bag with a sneer, then took out the recording device she had placed in a hidden pocket in the bag.

She had placed these items inside Luna's bag without her noticing at all.

After exiting Lucky Den, Charlotte tossed the pinhole cameras and recording device to her assistant, Roanne.

Roanne furrowed her brows as she started downloading the videos and audio files from these devices. "What should we do, now that Ms. Luna was taken away by Joshua Lynch? Should we go to save her?"

Charlotte sneered. "There's no need.

"She had been poisoned by the men at the party, so Joshua Lynch has shown up just in time to help her counter the poison's effects."

Roanne was confused by this.

"But...what if, after sleeping with Joshua, Luna does not want to fight with Lynch Group anymore?"

"You've underestimated Luna."

Charlotte curled her lips into a smirk.

"Hatred has already started to plant its seed inside her, and because of this, she and Joshua won't be able to reconcile so easily."

With that, she narrowed her eyes and continued, "Also, don't forget that

we've utterly lost all contact with Luna now, and if we were to save her from Joshua, wouldn't that reveal that we had deliberately cut off communication with her when she was inside Lucky Den?"

Roanne froze for a moment, then nodded in reply, not daring to say another word.

Charlotte was right. When Luna had called for their help, Charlotte had ignored her cries of help because she had yet to record anything that could be used to threaten Mr. Hanson.

If they were to rescue her at this moment after ignoring her cries for

help earlier... Luna would not trust them anymore.

Lynch Mansion

Theo was video-calling Dr. Rachel in the living room.

"Roselyn's condition is improving, and her will to survive is far stronger than I had thought.

"If my guesses are correct, she must have displayed other signs of intending to wake up from her coma previously, but because no one had noticed this, they failed to help her seek appropriate treatment in time," said Dr. Rachel to Theo as she ate her noodles.

"According to her current situation, she'll be able to wake up in no time. She seems to have a lot holding her back, and even if I weren't here to help her, she'd still wake up within a year."

"Really? That's great news!" Theo was so excited that he almost leaped into the air.

A glimmer of disappointment flashed through Dr. Rachel's eyes when she saw how delighted h

e was.

A split second later, she put down her fork and said, "If Rosalyn wakes up, you'll become Luna's savior, and she'll surely reciprocate your feelings."

Theo paused when he heard this.

A split second later, he chuckled and replied, "She..."

Slam!

Before he could even finish his sentence, the door was kicked open with a slam.

Joshua strode into the room, holding Luna in his arms.

Theo widened his eyes in shock and quickly approached him. "What's going on here?"

Joshua strode over, placing Luna on the sofa, and replied, "She was drugged."

After putting Luna down, he walked into the kitchen to pour her a glass of cold water. "Does your doctor friend know how to treat her?"

The tablet on the coffee table displayed Dr. Rachel's frowning face. "Well, his doctor friend knows that the only antidote to this drug is to have sex with someone, so which one of you is going to sacrifice himself for the greater good?"