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Luna could not help sneering when she heard Fiona's words. She lifted her head to stare at Fiona, whose face was etched with helplessness and innocence. "How understanding of you, Ms. Blake."

Fiona gave her a gentle smile. "Don't flatter me. Everything that happened between you and Joshua is in the past now. I can't possibly be jealous over something that happened before I met him, can I?"

"I'm sure it's the same for you. You wouldn't get jealous over him and me, considering it's already been six years since you and Joshua split up, right?"

Luna felt a hint of contempt arise in her heart when she heard this. "You're right."

"What do you mean, she's right?" Marianne quickly grabbed onto Fiona's arm and glared at Luna. "This woman is clearly jealous of you and Mr. Lynch. She even tried to slander your name. She claimed this dress that you bought for me is worth only five hundred dollars instead of fifty thousand!"

Marianne scoffed and continued, "I had a bad feeling about her from the start. They could afford to pay me the fifty thousand dollars compensation, but she refused to do so and insisted on

letting Mr. Lynch settle this dispute, and I now know why. She's jealous of you, Ms. Blake, so she did all this on purpose to stir up trouble! Disgusting! “

Marianne thought that Fiona would stand on her side after hearing all this. However, to her surprise...

Fiona wriggled out of her grasp and instead hobbled over to Joshua's side, right into his arms.

Joshua furrowed his brows but still caught her.

Fiona, still in Joshua's arms, said in an impassive voice, "Mrs. Collins, how can you say that about Ms. Luna? She must have a reason for doing this."

She swept her cold glance over Marianne's clothes before continuing, "I told you this dress was worth five hundred dollars when I gifted it to you. How did it become fifty thousand?"

Marianne widened her eyes in shock. She was so stunned by this sudden turn of events that she did not know what to reply. "I...

This dress... Ms. Blake..." All of a sudden, she knew there was no

way of making anyone believe her anymore.

Shannon, who had been holding onto Luna all this while, rolled her eyes behind Fiona's back and murmured, "What a two-faced b\*tch."

Luna pursed her lips but did not reply.

Zayne, who had been watching everything unfold in silence,

immediately tried to salvage the situation. ” Ms. Blake, does this mean that this dress you gifted to your servant is worth only five hundred dollars, and she was just trying to scam us into paying fifty thousand dollars for it ?”

Fiona let out a gasp and turned to look at Zayne. ” She asked for fifty thousand dollars ?” She gave Marianne a once-over and said, her face etched with confusion, ”Mrs. Collins called just now to tell

me that someone had spilled food all over her clothes and that they couldn’t be worn anymore...

“I couldn’t possibly go downstairs to settle this, so I asked Joshua to help me take care of this, but now when I look at it...the stain isn’t too bad at all. The dress isn’t entirely ruined...”

Fiona shot Marianne an aggrieved glance. “How could you do this,

Mrs. Collins ? It’s just a few stains. You should’ve asked them to pay fifty dollars for the dry-cleaning fees. How dare you ask for fifty thousand ?”

She let out a sigh and said, “Fortunately, the people you had a run-in with were Ms. Luna and her friends. Otherwise, if word got

out that you were my servant, everyone would think that...I had spoiled you so much that you tried to scam other people out of their money...”

Everyone in the hallway fell into silence upon hearing Fiona’s

words.

Marianne glared at Fiona and was so furious that she could not even speak. “Ms. Blake, you...”

“Mrs. Collins, I’m very disappointed in you.” Fiona sniffed, wiped

her tears away, and said in a pained voice, “You’ve been working for me for more than a year now, but why haven’t I noticed what kind of person you are until now? Maybe it’s because I treated you too kindly, and you took it all for granted.

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With that, she stared at Joshua with tears in her eyes and said,

”Joshua, I want to give Mrs. Collins her final paycheck and let her

leave now. Even though I didn’t find out what kind of person she is until now, it’s better late than never. I’m worried that if I continue letting her work for me, she might be a bad influence on me...”

Joshua let out a sigh and gently pulled Fiona closer. ” Alright.”

He

then lifted his head to glance at Marianne, whose face was as pale as a ghost. ”Mrs. Collins, please go back to Orchard Manor and ask the butler to process your termination.”

The color drained from Marianne’s face when she heard this. ”Ms.

Blake!” She bit down on her lip and immediately grabbed onto Fiona’s arm. ”Ms. Blake, I must’ve been mistaken. When you gave me this dress and told me it cost five hundred dollars, I must’ve misheard you and thought it was fifty thousand instead. Please don’t... Don’t fire me, please? I... I’m willing to get a pay deduction !”

Marianne’s grip on Fiona was so tight that she furrowed her brows in pain. ”Mrs. Collins, you’re hurting me.”

The second Fiona said that, Joshua stepped forward and flung Marianne’s hand away forcefully. He was so strong that Marianne lost her balance and crashed onto the ground so hard that she struggled to get up.

”Lucas. ” Joshua frowned and dialed Lucas’ number. ” Send some men over to take this woman away.”

A few moments later, the hospital security guards arrived to escort Marianne out of the hospital.

“Ms. Blake! Ms. Blake!” Marianne continued to wail even as the guards dragged her into the elevator. “ You can’t do this to me! I know your secret...”

When Marianne said this, Luna saw a glimmer of malice flash through Fiona’s eyes.

“What a pity.” As soon as the elevator doors slid shut, Fiona

composed herself and said, “Actually, Mrs. Collins was always kind to me. How could she have done something like this? I had to switch a few times before I finally found a servant I liked, and I...”

Joshua noticed Fiona’s crestfallen expression and immediately tried to console her, afraid that she would collapse again, “Don’t worry. I’ll find you a better one.”

“Joshua, I don’t think I want a new servant anymore. I can take care of myself. What if another one like Mrs. Collins comes along?”

I wouldn’t know what to do...”

Joshua frowned upon hearing this. “But you need someone to take care of you now.”

“It’s okay.” Fiona bit down on her lip and said in a gentle voice, “I

remember that a while ago, you found a renowned hematologist named Rowena Shaw from abroad. Can you ask her to become my doctor? I want to invite her to live in Orchard Manor and look after me when I ‘m sick. As for my day-to – day life, the servants at

Orchard Manor can take care of me.”

Luna, who at that moment was propped up by Shannon, immediately frowned.

Dr. Rowena Shaw.

This was the doctor living at Blue Bay Villa and taking care of Nigel.

Luna had put in a favor from her doctor friends and specifically requested Dr. Rowena's help in finding a suitable bone marrow match for Nigel, but all of a sudden... Fiona was asking Dr. Rowena, a world-renowned specialist in hematology, to take care of her? How dare she even request this? She did not even have any hematological diseases!

Just as Luna thought Joshua would refuse...he contemplated for a moment and replied, "Alright. I'll let her know today."

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"Joshua Lynch!" Luna bit down on her lip and glared at Joshua. "Do you know where Dr. Rowena is and who she's taking care of right now?"

Joshua glanced at her impassively. "Of course I know." He wrapped his arms around Fiona and said, "I'll get Nigel another doctor that's just as good as Dr. Rowena, but now, Fiona's health is a much bigger priority."

With that, he turned around, his arms still wrapped around Fiona. "Luna, don't forget what you said just now. You told me you'll resort to being a timid little dog."

Luna stood motionless, glaring at Joshua's retreating figure, and clenched her fists in fury.

This man always managed to surprise her! Whenever she thought he could not get even more outrageous, he always managed to outdo himself.

Nigel was his son! How could his own son, who was gravely ill, be less of a priority to him than a girlfriend that he knew for only three days?

Luna could not wrap her head around this at all. “Director Luna.” Shannon sighed and gently grabbed hold of Luna, sympathetic saying, “I always knew you had a child who was very sick, but I didn’t expect it to be...”

She never expected that the child belonged to Joshua as well, but what shocked her the most was that Joshua Lynch, CEO of Lynch Group and one of the wealthiest men in the country, refused to pay for his own son’s medical treatment.

Not only did he not care about his son’s life, but he was also even willing to take away his son’s doctor and give her to Fiona, who did not even appear to be sick.

This astounded her.

Shannon’s words managed to pull Luna back to reality. Sighing, she gently gripped Shannon’s hand and lifted her head to glance at Zayne, who had been silent all this while. “Please don’t tell anyone else about this.”

Luna did not care about Joshua’s ego. She did not want word to



get out so no one would know how bad she and her children were doing.

She did not want anyone to pity her. That was the last thing she wanted.

Shannon bit down on her lip and glanced at Zayne, both of them nodding after.

As soon as she got their promise, Luna let out a bitter chuckle and said, "I'm sorry you had to see that."

Then, the three of them entered the elevator.

"Director Luna, do you think Fiona did all that on purpose?"

Shannon furrowed her brows and could not stop herself from asking. "Just now, when we were at the cafeteria, I saw Mrs. Collins

video call Fiona to complain about us, so Fiona obviously knew that we were the ones caught in a dispute with her servant. Yet, she still asked President Lynch to settle this dispute for her.

"Also, she didn't even help Mrs. Collins at all and instead blamed her for everything. She pretended that she had nothing to do with this and betrayed Mrs. Collins, the woman who had been serving her loyally, just so she could appear righteous and honorable in front of President Lynch..."

"Most importantly," Zayne suddenly piped in, pushing his glasses up, "she stole the specialist taking care of Director Luna's son."

Shannon smacked herself on the forehead in realization. "You're right ! I almost forgot about this!

She must've done that on purpose to get back at you!"

Luna narrowed her eyes. "Yes."

She had already connected the dots herself. She knew everything that happened was not just a coincidence.

She guessed that Fiona had already planned this when she first gifted the five -hundred-dollar dress to Marianne and told her it was worth fifty thousand dollars. Otherwise, why would she have asked Joshua to settle Marianne's dispute, yet at the same time, refuse to stand on Marianne's side ?

Fiona had probably planned this so that she could fire Marianne with cause and, at the same time, make herself appear like a kind and understanding woman in front of Joshua.

However, it just so happened that the people Marianne had gotten into a dispute with were Luna and the rest, therefore allowing Fiona to play a bigger and better game.

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Fiona was a much more calculating opponent than Luna expected. By the time Luna, Shannon, and Zayne returned to Arianna's ward, she had already finished her lunch.

Samson was throwing the empty takeaway boxes into the hallway trash can when he saw them coming out of the elevator. He

frowned and glanced at Luna. “I was just about to go find you. Why are you back so soon? Did you manage to settle everything?”

Luna composed herself and gave him a reassuring smile. “I guess you can say that. Not only did we manage to get out of paying the compensation, but the servant got fired as well.”

Samson raised his eyebrows in puzzlement before snickering and said, “Well, Joshua Lynch had finally done something useful, then.”

As soon as he said this, Shannon and Zayne’s expression darkened.

“You stay here and take care of Arianna. I’ll foot the medical bills.

If there’s anything you need, just call me.”

Samson paused for a moment, then nodded in reply.

“Alright.”

Luna went into the ward to comfort Arianna before leaving the hospital a while later with Shannon and Zayne.

When they got back to Lynch Group Tower, Luna immersed herself in work. She had initially planned to speed up her work progress, and witnessing Joshua’s attitude at the hospital made her even more determined to do so.

The sooner she finished her work and finalized her contract, the sooner she would be able to leave Banyan City with Nigel and

Nellie. Therefore, she channeled all her frustrations and anger into getting work done.

However, since Arianna and Samson were at the hospital, Luna only had one assistant left. Seeing that she needed help, Shannon, too, joined their forces.

The three of them spent the entire afternoon in Luna's office discussing the theme for this upcoming project.

Time slipped by unknowingly, and not long after, it was already evening.

Seeing that it was almost time to get off work, but neither Zayne nor Luna intended to stop, Shannon sighed and gave a stretch. She picked up both their mugs, planning to go into the kitchen to refill their coffee.

However, as soon as she stepped out the door, she ran into someone she had not seen in a while.

“Bonnie?”

“It's me.” Bonnie smiled at her, then glanced in the direction of Luna's office. “Is Luna here?”

“Yes, she is!” Nodding, she pushed Luna's door open and called out, “Director Luna, guess who's here?”

Luna, who had been engrossed in work, lifted her head to gaze in their direction.

“Why are you here?” She was a little surprised to see Bonnie.

Yesterday, after Jason was arrested, Bonnie had passed out and was sent to the hospital.

After that, Luna had gone to find Joshua after hearing what Jude said, so she did not get to visit Bonnie in the hospital. Despite that, she still tried to find out what had happened to Bonnie.

The hospital told her that Bonnie had suffered both physical and psychological trauma, so she needed to undergo physiotherapy and psychotherapy for at least two weeks.

Luna had wanted to visit Bonnie in the hospital this afternoon, but she did not have the time to, after being entangled in the dispute with Mrs. Collins.

After she returned to Lynch Group Tower, she was so busy that she forgot about this.

She did not expect that Bonnie would come to her instead.

“I wanted to invite you to my engagement party, “ said Bonnie, staring straight at Luna. “Even though Jason is in prison now, I sent out the invitations a long time ago, and the venue has already been booked. It’d be a waste to cancel everything, so I decided to have the party anyway. Besides, I have an important announcement to make.”

She chuckled and continued, “This is my first time hosting such a big party all by myself, and I no longer have a groom now, so I was worried I wouldn’t be able to cope with all the arrangements by myself. “I don’t have any other friends in Banyan City apart

from you, Zach, and Yuri. Since the two of them are men, I guessed they probably won't be much help in throwing a party, so I decided to ask you instead. "

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"Um..." Shannon felt a little puzzled after hearing Bonnie's explanation. "Bonnie, since there won't be a groom anymore, why

do you feel the need to host this engagement party ?

"I know it'll be a waste to cancel everything, but if you proceed with it...people will laugh at you, won't they ?"

Everyone fell silent as soon as they heard Shannon's words, while Bonnie turned around and glanced at her, still smiling. "I know what you mean, but..."

She sighed and said, "I'm not doing so well now, and I was hoping that hosting this party would lift my spirits. As for what other people think..." She lifted her head and let out a bitter smile.

"Don't you think I'm already humiliated enough ?"

The entire office fell into silence once again.

Luna let out a sigh. She knew that Bonnie was right.

Bonnie and Jason's engagement was so high-profile that even though Jason was arrested, their broken engagement still garnered a lot of media attention. Naturally, everyone in Banyan City had found out about what happened between the two of

them.

Therefore, it did not matter whether Bonnie proceeded with the party or not —she was already Banyan City’s laughingstock.

Despite that, Luna still agreed with her. Instead of trying to cover up her shame, Luna thought Bonnie should go ahead and throw the engagement party as planned, as a form of farewell to her past.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna lifted her head to glance at Bonnie. “When is the party?”

“Tonight.” Bonnie lowered her head to check the time. “We still have four hours. It’s just enough time for you to get a dress and have your makeup done.”

Luna nodded, putting down her pencil as she stood up. “Alright then.” She glanced at both Shannon and Zayne. “Let’s call it a day.”

As soon as she said this, Shannon snickered, glancing at Bonnie. “Can I come to your party, too?”

Bonnie smiled, then handed her and Zayne an invitation each. “Of course you can. Although I didn’t invite many people, it’s still an extravagant party.” With that, she approached Luna and grabbed hold of her hand. “Let’s go.”

Luna nodded, then followed Bonnie out of the office as she texted Lily to take care of Nigel and Nellie.

Meanwhile, at Orchard Manor.

Joshua had spent the entire afternoon helping Fiona find a new servant that she liked. Finally, he managed to find one that she seemed to get along with.

“Dr. Rowena said that she still needs to take care of some stuff for Nigel, so she can’t come over until tomorrow.”

“Alright. Thank you, Joshua.” Fiona sat on the sofa, her dainty face

etched with guilt. “I’m sorry that I made Ms. Luna misunderstand you again... The

reason I asked Dr. Rowena to take care of me is that I

thought...my health is a bigger priority than Nigel’s now. Since he’s going to be receiving my bone marrow, we can’t afford to let anything bad happen Joshua furrowed his brows slightly, then patted her shoulder in reassurance. “I understand.”

To him, nothing was more important than Nigel’s health.

It did not matter who Dr. Rowena took care of, since Fiona’s bone marrow would be transplanted into Nigel’s body anyway.

Besides, Joshua had already assigned a new, more experienced doctor for Nigel. This doctor was Dr. Rowena’s mentor, so he had even more expertise in the field of hematology than Dr. Rowena.

Suddenly, Joshua’s phone rang. It was a call from Jude.

“You’ll have to come with me to Starhill Hotel tonight. Bonnie



wants to proceed with her engagement party tonight, and she even plans to...”

Joshua’s brows furrowed when he heard what Jude had said.

“What is she thinking?”

“I don’t know, and I don’t approve of it either.

Moreover, I ‘m worried it might affect you and Luna “ Jude’s voice

sounded a little exhausted through the phone. “I didn’t even know about this until my father called me just now. Since the Smiths and the Craigs are distant relatives, the properties that Bonnie owns are also connected to ours...”

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“How are you planning to take care of this?”

Joshua paused for a moment, then answered in a low voice, “I ‘ll go over tonight. “ With that, he hung up the phone.

Fiona wriggled into his arms and asked, “What’s wrong, Joshua?”

“Nothing.” Joshua let out a sigh and gently patted her head. “I have some stuff to take care of tonight, so you’ll have to eat dinner by yourself. How does that sound?”

Fiona bit down on her lip and stared at Joshua with her dark eyes.

“What’s so urgent that you have to take care of it tonight? I think I

heard you say something about a party... Can you bring me along

with you ?“

Fiona then continued, her eyes glimmering with sorrow, “I ‘m new to Banyan City, and I don’t know anyone here. I ‘m just hoping to get to know a few people. Otherwise...”

She lowered her head and said in a rueful tone, “It’ll just feel like I ‘m stuck in a hospital again, all alone with no one by my side.” Joshua let out a sigh. “Fiona, I’ve already allowed you to come work at Lynch Group, but I can’t let you do the same for this party.

There will be many people there, and I wouldn’t want it to affect your psychological and physical health. Stay at home, okay ?“ Tears welled up in Fiona’s eyes as soon as she heard this. “You don’t want to bring me, do you ?“

She did not manage to catch much of the phone call he had, but she still heard the person on the other end of the line mention Luna’s name.

If whatever happened at this party would affect Joshua and Luna, she had to go, too!

Seeing the tear-streaks on Fiona’s face, Joshua rubbed his brows in frustration. He was not good at reassuring people, much less women.

In the past, when he was still with Luna, she was a very

understanding woman and did not require him to take care of her feelings at all. Therefore, he thought this was what all relationships were supposed to be like.

However, ever since he started dating Fiona...he felt nothing but frustration.

“Come on, Joshua, let me come with you. Please?” Fiona, still holding his arm, gently swayed it in persuasion. “I promise I’ll keep my emotions in check and won’t let anything happen!

“If you let me go tonight and something bad happens to me, I won’t make any requests like this in the future anymore. How does that sound?”

Joshua let out an exasperated sigh. He had no choice but to give in to Fiona in the face of her persuasion.

However, he knew all too well that he should not have brought Fiona along with him to the party.

As soon as Bonnie and Luna left the office, they spent two hours doing their hair and changing into their dresses.

After two hours of waiting, Luna reappeared in front of Bonnie and Shannon, looking as stunning as a goddess. Her dark, glossy hair was splayed over her back, and she wore a sapphire-blue, satin dress that made her look like a mysterious yet elegant flower in bloom.

Shannon gasped. “Director Luna, you’re so beautiful, and you have a killer body... How can Fiona even compete with you?”

She thought that President Lynch was probably out of his mind, having given up such a gorgeous woman like Luna for Fiona. Bonnie gazed at Luna with a satisfied look. “You’re so much more beautiful than I thought.”

She had known since the start that Luna was attractive. However, because she was constantly engrossed in work, Luna rarely wore makeup or classy dresses like this. Therefore, she never had the chance to display this elegant, sophisticated side of her. Bonnie approached Luna and grabbed hold of her hand. “My dear, I want to let you become the most charming woman in Banyan City tonight! “

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Luna felt inexplicably puzzled when she heard Bonnie’s words. Bonnie was supposed to be the star of the show tonight, right? Why did she say she wanted to make Luna the most charming woman in Banyan City, then?

Shannon did not seem to notice anything wrong and instead agreed with Bonnie, “That’s right! If Director Luna is the star of tonight instead of you, Bonnie, then she would really be the most charming woman in the city.”

Luna’s elegance was unsurpassable.

Bonnie curled her lips into a smile but said nothing in reply.

After freshening up, the three of them made their way to Starhill

Hotel.

Initially, there were supposed to be photos of Bonnie and Jason together at the venue, but it had been replaced with a picture of Bonnie, standing alone in a wedding dress. The banner that initially read, ( Congratulations, Bonnie and Jason,] was also changed to (Congratulations on your freedom, Bonnie.]

The three of them had arrived early, so after settling Luna and Shannon down in the hall, Bonnie immediately disappeared backstage to take care of the party arrangements.

Shannon sat on the sofa, munching on the fruits and desserts that the caterers had laid out on the table. At the same time, she glanced around her surroundings and remarked, “Bonnie did an excellent job decorating this place. It looks so extravagant and beautiful. You can tell that she truly loved her fiancé. What a pity that he turned out to be a scumbag.”

Luna fiddled with her phone, looking at the photo that Lily had sent her a while ago—it was a picture of Nigel and Nellie eating. She nodded in reply and said, “Well, thankfully, she realized it before she got married to him.”

“You’re right. “ Shannon sighed. “If she ended up marrying him and even gave birth to his children, that would be bad news. Don’t you think so, Director Luna...”

Suddenly, she realized what she had said, and the rest of her

sentence got caught in her throat.

She realized that...the woman sitting across from her had married a scumbag and gave birth to his children many years ago, too.

Not one, not two, but four children. However, two of them did not make it.

As soon as she thought of this, Shannon bit down on her lip and clamped her mouth shut.

If she had not known Luna, she would not have guessed that this woman had two children.

Luna caught sight of Shannon's reaction and curled her lips into a faint smile. "I know I had tough luck in the past, but you don't have to be scared of upsetting me. If I couldn't face the truth, I would've died a long time ago."

With that, she stood up gracefully and slipped outside for a breath of fresh air before the party started.

Shannon immediately followed her outside, clutching the hem of her dress, to make sure Luna was indeed alright. As soon as the two of them arrived at the hotel entrance, a black car pulled up in front of the hotel.

The passenger side door swung open and out stepped Jude.

A bellboy rushed forward to open the car door. Sitting in the backseat was Joshua, wearing a white tuxedo with gold hem.

The woman that got out of the car behind him, holding onto his

arm and wearing a matching satin dress, was none other than Fiona.

The two of them wore matching white outfits with gold trimming, matching wristwatches, and even had on couple rings.

“Why are they here?” Shannon furrowed her brows and glanced at Joshua’s outfit. She could not help letting out a snort as she said, “Mr. Lynch is so tolerant of Fiona. None of the stuff he’s wearing is his usual style at all. How can such a cold and aloof man be willing to wear something like this? I bet he’s just doing this to match with Fiona. What a b\* tch.”

Luna curled her lips into a smirk. “Maybe it’s not entirely Fiona’s fault. He could’ve done this to make her happy, right?”

With that, she turned around and strode back into the hotel. “I don’t feel like getting some fresh air anymore. Let’s go back.” Shannon nodded, but just as they were about to leave, they heard Fiona’s soft voice ring out from behind them, “Ms. Luna? Shannon?”

Fiona wriggled out from Joshua’s arms and chased after them, grabbing the hem of her dress as she did. “Is it really you?” She gave Luna’s blue dress a once-over and exclaimed, “Ms. Luna,

you look stunning! No wonder Shannon and the rest were so willing to take your side. You're so beautiful and elegant that I would've done so, too..."

Then, she lowered her head, feigning embarrassment. "Unlike me..."

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"No matter how hard I try, I can't ever be as elegant and sophisticated as Ms. Luna." Fiona let out an exhale and forced a bitter smile. "Thankfully, Joshua doesn't seem to mind."

With that, she turned around to glance at Joshua. "Aren't you going to say hello, Joshua? Ms. Luna's here to attend the party with us."

Joshua paused for a moment, then strode in their direction. He stuck out his hand gracefully and said, "What a coincidence."

It was not a coincidence. He came because he heard Luna was going to be here.

Luna glanced at Joshua's arm, which still hovered mid-air, but did not reach out to shake it. Instead, she let out a chuckle and tilted her head away. "Yes. What a coincidence. No matter where I go, I seem to run into Mr. Lynch and Ms. Blake together everywhere. Anyone might think I was following the two of you."

She shot Joshua and Fiona a self-deprecating smile and said, "I'll



leave now so as not to bother you.

Goodbye.“

With that, she turned around and walked away.

Fiona narrowed her eyes slightly, then rushed forward and grabbed hold of Luna's arm. She was surprisingly strong, to the extent that Luna could not remove herself from Fiona's grasp.

“Ms. Luna, you're still angry at Joshua, aren't you?” said Fiona in a

choked voice. “Don't take too much notice of what Joshua said earlier. He was just trying to protect me. He had no intention of hurting you at all.“

She stopped abruptly, as if suddenly realizing something, and turned to glance at Joshua. “Joshua, Ms. Luna is still angry at you.

Why don't you apologize to her?”

Joshua narrowed his eyes but said nothing at all.

Luna sucked in a deep breath. She could not understand why Fiona was so adamant about getting on her nerves.

Joshua wanted her to be a timid little dog, so she was doing as he said. She was trying to avoid Fiona so that they would not have any more conflicts, but Fiona always seemed to magically appear before her no matter where she went.

How was she supposed to avoid Fiona, then? Luna lowered her

head to stare at Fiona's hand, which was still clinging onto her arm. "Let go of me."

However, not only did she not listen, but Fiona even tightened her grasp. "Ms. Luna, since Joshua refuses to apologize to you, then why don't I apologize instead? Don't be so hostile toward me. We're going to be colleagues in the future, and I 'm hoping we'll get to be friends. Please don't make this more difficult than it has to be, okay?"

With that, she gazed at Luna, tears brimming in her eyes.

"Besides,

I love you and Joshua's children. I was even thinking of becoming your son's godmother..."

As soon as she said this, Luna felt a surge of fury rise in her heart.

What did she mean by that? Why did she bring up Nigel?

What was she trying to do, threaten her? Provoke her?

Luna did not know and had no intention of finding out either. She bit down on her lip and warned, enunciating her words carefully,

"Ms. Blake, let me warn both you and Mr. Lynch to stay away from

my son. If anything bad happens to my son, there's no telling what I'll do."

Fiona's expression darkened, but despite this, she still refused to let go of Luna and instead clung to her even tighter. "Ms. Luna,

please don't take this the wrong way. The reason I brought up your son is that I think he's adorable. I..."

Luna felt her wrist starting to hurt, but at the same time, she felt as though every word that came out of Fiona's mouth was as sharp as daggers.

She flung Fiona away forcefully and roared, "Let go of me!" Fiona did not see that coming, so her entire body crashed onto the ground from the force. "Fiona!" Joshua immediately lunged forward to catch her, but he was too late. Fiona had already landed on the ground with a loud thud.

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"Ms. Blake!"

"Fiona!"

Jude and Joshua both exclaimed as soon as they saw Fiona falling.

Joshua immediately rushed forward to help Fiona up before lifting his head to shoot Luna a murderous glare. "You've already witnessed how weak Fiona is. She was just talking to you, and she didn't even say anything that was out of line. Why did you shove her like that?"

Luna stared at Fiona, who was slumped ashen-faced in Joshua's arms, and smirked contemptuously. "She didn't say anything out of line, you say? Joshua Lynch, she mentioned my son and even

said she wanted to become his godmother. Don't you think she's trying to provoke me?

“What does my son have to do with her? Both I and Nigel aren't close with her, so why would she want to become his godmother? Why doesn't she just voice out her true intentions? That all she wants is to take my son away from me!”

Joshua, whose arms were wrapped around Fiona protectively, stiffened when he heard this.

He did not know that this was how Luna felt about Fiona.

However, she was mistaken. Fiona did not want to take Nigel away from her at all.

Fiona had told Joshua that, after donating her bone marrow to Nigel, she and him would have a connection. Therefore, her last wish was to hear Nigel address her as godmother. This was all it took to make her life feel complete.

“I only have less than a year to live anyway, so even though I can't become a mother, it'd be nice to hear a child call me godmother. I'd be content with that, even if I can't have children of my own...” Joshua recalled Fiona's soft voice when she told him this at the hospital. “It's just, I don't know if Ms. Luna and Nigel would agree to this...”

At that time, Joshua tried to reassure her and told her that they would discuss this next time.

Fiona had specifically requested him not to let Luna know she was the donor of the bone marrow that Nigel would be receiving. Since she did not want to let Luna know the truth, she naturally must have thought that Luna would refuse to let Nigel call her godmother.

Therefore, Joshua decided that he would bring this up again after Fiona changed her mind about letting Luna know the truth. He did not expect that Fiona would blurt this out in front of Luna. However, even though it was rude of Fiona to make this request, Luna still should not have lost her temper and shoved her like that. Luna had witnessed how weak and sickly Fiona was this afternoon, so how could she have pushed her so forcefully?

”Luna, Ms. Blake meant no harm. How could you have shoved her like that? Aren’t you being a little rash right now?” Jude immediately approached them and tried to salvage the situation, seeing how close these three were getting into a conflict.

“Besides, she was just complimenting Nigel—she didn’t even say anything bad about him. Don’t you think you’re overreacting a little?”

“Ms. Blake knows full well whether I’m overreacting or not.” Luna

stood motionless and looked down at Fiona, who was still

slumped in Joshua's arms. "Let me tell you this: I can be a timid little dog and let you and Mr. Lynch bully me all you want, but I draw the line at my children. If anyone dares to hurt or take my children away from me, you won't walk out unscathed!"

With that, Luna turned around coldly and disappeared into the hall, grabbing the hem of her dress as she did.

Joshua noticed the anguish and despair in Luna's eyes when she said it all. A glimmer of sympathy flashed through his dark eyes, and Fiona picked up on this.

An evil glint flickered through her eyes, but a few seconds after that, she squinted and started crying. "Joshua..."

She wriggled closer to Joshua and sobbed, "Ms. Luna misunderstood me... I didn't mean to provoke her, nor was I trying

to show her up... I was just..."

"I know."

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Joshua sighed and gently patted Fiona's back to console her before they entered the hall with his arm around her.

Following behind them, Jude looked at their retreating figures and let out a sigh.

By the time Luna and Shannon returned to the hall, the party had already started. Bonnie was onstage, welcoming the guests along with the emcee.

When she caught sight of Luna, Bonnie immediately leaped off the stage and scuttled toward her. As soon as she reached Luna, she grabbed hold of her hand and said, “Let’s go.”

“Go where?”

“Go on stage with me.” Bonnie winked at Luna and said,

“Initially,

there were going to be three of us: me, Jason, and the emcee, but now that Jason’s in jail, I want you to take his spot.”

With that, she smiled and could not help teasing Luna, “Did you genuinely think I invited you here to mooch off my food like Shannon?”

Shannon, who at this moment was mooching off the food at Bonnie’s party, was speechless to hear this.

Luna lifted her head to glance at the stage. “I don’t think that’s a good idea.”

Luna did not understand why Bonnie wanted her on stage. The theme of her party was Bonnie’s regained freedom after having dumped Jason, so Luna did not see the point of her being on stage as well.

”Come on.” To her surprise, however, Shannon, too, started persuading her. ”Since the theme of tonight is freedom, you should join Bonnie onstage so you can regain your freedom as well, Director Luna.”

Luna contemplated Shannon’s suggestion for a moment, then

finally agreed.

Since Joshua was at the party too, she decided it would be interesting to declare her independence before him, the man she had loved in the past.

Bonnie was delighted that Luna had agreed to her request. She immediately dragged her onto the stage to stand behind the emcee, whispering in her ear while waiting for the emcee to finish his speech.

When Joshua and Fiona entered the hall, the first thing they saw was Luna and Bonnie onstage.

Jude glanced at the stage and curled his lips into a disdainful smirk. "She can't wait, can she?" He then patted Joshua's shoulder and added, "I guess Luna's already prepared for this."

Joshua narrowed his eyes and watched Luna coldly but did not say another word.

The emcee soon finished his speech, and the party officially began.

Bonnie let go of Luna's hand and made her way to the center of the stage. She picked up a microphone and smiled at the audience. "Hello , everyone. I know that my face has been on the headline of every newspaper in Banyan City today. Everyone is making fun of me for having fallen in love with a scumbag and laughing at the fact that my fiancé was arrested the day before our engagement party.



“Maybe a lot of you think that I shouldn’t have proceeded with this party because an engagement party without a groom will just become the joke of the town. Contrary to that, I still decided to go ahead with it so that I can announce to all of you that I, Bonnie Craig, have regained my freedom and independence.”

With that, she turned around and glanced at Luna with a smile.

“My good friend Luna, too, has regained her freedom and independence.”

As soon as she mentioned Luna’s name, all eyes immediately fixated on Luna’s face.

Luna felt a little shy and did not know what to do apart from smiling at the crowd.

“To celebrate my friend’s escape from emotional turmoil...” Bonnie picked up the microphone and walked toward Luna, beaming as she grabbed Luna’s hand and said, “I have a very important announcement to make.

“I’ll be gifting all the properties under my name, worth over ten billion dollars, to my friend right here.”

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