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“Well, Heather is an ungrateful adoptive daughter! I never thought that even after the Landry family raised her for more than twenty years, she'd treat their biological daughter like this!”

“This is crazy... The Landry family is even so kind as to wait until she's married and has become a part of the Quinn family to kick her out...”

“If it were me, I would've kicked her out as soon as I found out about what she did!”

Beneath the stage, the audience was gossiping about the news of Heather being kicked out of the family.

Charles turned around to glance impassively at Heather, slumped on the ground. “Do you have anything you want to say about this?”

Heather shrunk her neck back into her body and shook her head.

She was not stupid; she would not defend herself at a time like this.

She knew that Charles had already shown her mercy.

If he were to expose the truth about her attempting to murder Rosalyn and Luna...then she would not only be kicked out of the family but even forced to go to jail!

“Well, since you have no objections, then I'll go on.”

Charles let out an exhale and stared solemnly at the audience before him. “Apart from this, I have another announcement to make!”

He shifted his gaze to Luna, sitting underneath the stage. “I am hereby passing on the position of CEO of Landry Group to my biological daughter, Luna!”

As soon as he finished his sentence, a beam of spotlight landed on Luna, blinding her so much that for a split second, she could not even open her eyes.

When she finally managed to open her eyes, the crowd had already erupted into thunderous applause!

Next to her, Jim immediately grabbed hold of her, stood up, and strode toward the stage.

Luna's entire body was dragged behind Jim.

Her face was pale underneath the spotlight. Her head was a little dizzy, and she could not comprehend what was happening.

Luna asked in a low voice, "What on earth is this, Jim?"

Jim narrowed his eyes. "Didn't you say that anyone who wanted you to hand over the money under your name would have to fulfill your three conditions?"

"Well, I told this to that old geezer, and he agreed to them."

Luna's entire body froze. She stared at the back of Jim's head dazedly. "But..."

She had not mentally prepared to take over Landry Group as their CEO!

As soon as she thought of this, she immediately glanced in Joshua's direction.

He was still sitting elegantly in his seat, his legs crossed, as he sipped his wine.

There was not a single hint of emotion on his chiseled face, but the cold aura emanating from his entire being would make anyone shudder. Luna was brought onto the stage.

Charles was still announcing at the top of his lungs, "As per my daughter's conditions, her brother, Jim, will be the vice president of Landry Group from now on, working side-by-side with her as CEO."

"I am hereby declaring that I'll be distributing my shares of Landry Group to both my children evenly and retiring from today onward.

"From here on out, Landry Group will be in full possession of Luna and Jim."

With that, he grabbed Luna, who had been brought onstage by Jim, and stood her in front of the microphone. "Luna, please give a small speech about your achievement!"

Luna's entire body froze.

Faced with the sea of people before her, Luna suddenly did not know what to say.

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In the past, Luna had always been a jewelry designer and had never assumed any roles of leadership before.

All of a sudden, she had inherited such a large company as Landry Group.

She did not even prepare for a speech at all!

At this moment, Charles shoved a piece of paper into her hand and said in a low voice, "Just read from this!"

Grateful that help had arrived, Luna quickly spread out the piece of paper and recited in a loud voice, "Good evening, everyone. From today onward, I'll be taking over as the CEO of Landry Group. My brother, Jim, and I will give Landry Group a fresh start and lead everyone toward a new and brighter future!

"We will rise to the challenge of our mortal enemy, and not only will we wipe out all the humiliation brought onto us over the past year, but we will make them pay for their actions..."

After reciting the contents of this paper dazedly, Luna quickly found an excuse and scampered off the stage.

When she returned to her seat, she could feel a tingle shoot down her spine.

She furrowed her brows and turned around, only to discover that Joshua was staring straight at her.

He stared at her with a look so cold that she felt as though she had been submerged in ice.

Luna froze for a moment, then felt her heart sink.

She knew why Joshua was staring at her like this.

The grave situation of both the Landry and Quinn families was Joshua's doing.

The fact that she had become CEO of Landry Group meant that from this moment onward, she and Joshua were mortal enemies and would be competing with each other.

In her speech, she had even claimed that she would make their enemy pay for his actions.

The enemy that she had been talking about...was Joshua.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna felt her skin crawl.

She had thought she was just here to attend a wedding today, but instead, she had been forced by the Landry family to become Joshua's business competitor.

From that night onward...

Any conflict between the Landry and Lynch families would become a conflict between her and Joshua.

As soon as she thought of this, a twinge of sadness spread through her heart.

When Charles had announced kicking Heather out of the family, Luna thought that the Landry family was finally valuing her for the first time and that she had now meant something to Charles, but...

Charles was taking this opportunity to appoint her as CEO of Landry Group.

He knew fully well that Luna did not have the capabilities or experience of running a business, but he still made this decision.

Luna refused to believe that if she were not Joshua's ex-wife, Charles would have passed over the company to her just based on the conditions she had given Malcolm.

He was just using Joshua's dedication toward her in an attempt to save the Landry family.

Luna closed her eyes and suddenly felt a little suffocated.

She turned around and, while no one was looking, snuck out of the door and onto the balcony for a breath of fresh air.

However, to her surprise, she bumped into Cheryl on the balcony.

A severely-injured Cheryl.

At this moment, Cheryl was lying in a corner of the balcony, her back against the railing. Her entire abdomen had been split open, and blood was gushing out of her stomach.

Luna was so frightened by the scene before her that she could not even say a word.

This was the first time she had even come across such a shocking sight.

Seeing that someone had arrived, Cheryl reached out her hand toward Luna weakly. "Help me... Help me up..."

Luna could tell that from the way Cheryl looked, she would not even be able to make it until the ambulance arrived.

However, Cheryl seemed to have something to say.

Luna bit her lip and walked over carefully as she called one of the security guards for help. However, to her surprise, as soon as she reached Cheryl's side, Cheryl immediately wrapped her hands around her neck and screamed, "Why are you trying to kill me? Tell me: why are you trying to kill me?!"

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This sudden twist of events made Luna's eyes widen in shock.

She bit her lip and struggled to release herself from Cheryl's grasp. "I didn't try to kill you, Cheryl!"

However, Luna had underestimated the sheer amount of strength a person could have when on the verge of dying.

Cheryl gripped her neck so tightly that Luna felt as though her neck would snap at any moment!

Blood had stained Luna all over, and the pungent smell of blood, along with Cheryl's terrifyingly tight grip on her neck, made Luna's face turn purple, and her eyes rolled.

She struggled against Cheryl's grip, thinking that she was about to die right then and there.

However, humans have frighteningly sharp instincts.

Just as Luna thought she was about to die, she immediately released herself from Cheryl's grip.

With a thud, Cheryl's body slammed against the railing behind her, and the contents of her stomach gushed onto the ground.

Her face was pale, and her head had tilted to one side.

With that, Cheryl died.

The scene before her was so disturbing that Luna could not help gagging.

She covered her mouth with her hand and was retching so violently that tears started to form.

As soon as she turned around, she realized that a few security guards were standing behind her, dumbstruck.

They seemed to have been standing there for a while, and one of the more timid ones had even wet his pants out of fear.

Luna turned around, not daring to even give Cheryl a second glance. She said to the guards, her hand still covering her mouth as she retched, "Call the cops!"

One of the braver ones among the guards quickly called the police and notified the hotel manager to evacuate the guests.

If the police arrived, everyone would know that a murder had occurred, and the consequences would be dire.

The hotel manager stormed into the hall and whispered a few words in Charles' ear.

Charles quickly ended the wedding ceremony under the pretense of having things to take care of at Landry Group.

After five minutes, most of the guests had left the hall. Joshua glanced around the room, frowning.

Cheryl should have returned already, considering so many exciting things had happened inside the hall.

However, she seemed to have disappeared into the crowd as soon as she stepped foot here and did not even return to watch Heather and Malcolm's wedding.

Even though she was a curious girl, that could not explain her disappearance, could it?

Did she not come to witness this spectacular wedding?

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua furrowed his brows and took out his phone to call Cheryl.

Her phone rang on the balcony.

At this moment, the guards had placed security tape all around the balcony so that no one would be able to enter.

Luna was crouched against a wall on the side of the balcony, unable to move.

Even though she was a brave person, she was still an ordinary woman.

When she was in Banyan City, the state of Dr. Robert when he died had haunted her for weeks, even though she had only caught a glimpse of it from a distance.

This time, she had witnessed Cheryl dying right before her eyes.

On top of that, during her struggle when Cheryl had tried to choke her, Luna had even accidentally touched the contents of Cheryl's open abdomen...

The sticky texture made Luna shudder every time she thought of it.

Luna crouched in a corner and could not stop retching.

Just as her throat was beginning to hurt, Luna lowered her head to glance at her blood-stained hand.

All of a sudden, she recalled the sight she had seen, as well as the sticky texture of Cheryl's organs...

Luna did not dare to cover her mouth with her hand anymore.

She slumped against the ground, retching so hard that she felt as though her organs would come right out of her mouth.

Meanwhile, Joshua started searching through the hotel as he continued to call Cheryl on her phone.

He had a feeling that something terrible must have happened to her.

No young woman would let her phone leave her sight, and on top of that, she would never miss any of his calls.

Soon, Joshua arrived at the balcony after following the sound of Cheryl's ringtone.

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As soon as Joshua got closer, he could smell the stench of blood.

A few steps more, Joshua caught sight of Luna, retching on the ground, and a few guards keeping watch over her.

The ringtone seemed to be coming from the balcony behind Luna.

Joshua furrowed his brows and strode toward the balcony.

One of the guards caught sight of him and quickly stopped him. "Sir, a murder has occurred here, so you..."

A murder?

Joshua narrowed his eyes, circled past the guard, and strode toward the balcony—

The sight before him made Joshua frown.

He turned his head away and asked calmly, "What happened here?"

The guard fell silent, then turned to glance at Luna and said tentatively, "We received a call saying that someone had gotten hurt on the balcony, and when

we arrived here...we saw Ms. Luna and the woman that had died...holding onto each other. The woman was even choking Ms. Luna and demanding to know why she wanted to kill her...

“And then, Ms. Luna shoved the woman away, and this was what happened after that...”

With that, the guard blocked the entryway to the balcony to stop Joshua from seeing anything more. “We’ve already called the cops.”

Joshua furrowed his brows and turned to glance at Luna. He was about to say something when Jim and Charles suddenly arrived.

The two of them stormed over and, seeing that Luna was retching on the ground, covered in blood, thought that Joshua had done something terrible to her.

Jim pulled Luna into his arms, whereas Charles glared at Joshua. “What did you do to her?”

Joshua narrowed his eyes. “Why don’t you ask your daughter what she did to my girlfriend?”

Both Charles and Jim froze when they heard this. The two of them exchanged a glance and lifted their heads to look at Joshua at the same time. “Your girlfriend?”

“Yes.” Joshua pointed toward the balcony. “You’ve seen her before, Master Landry. She’s the one who came to the wedding with me tonight.

“Now, Luna has killed her, and her abdomen has been split open, so how dare you even ask me what I did?”

Jim’s entire body froze.

Charles, on the other hand, did not believe him at all.

He got up and was about to take a look when Joshua stopped him. “You’d better not go, Mr. Landry. You wouldn’t want to have a heart attack and cause even more trouble tonight, would you?”

Charles furrowed his brows and was about to shove past Joshua when Luna, who was slumped in Jim's arms, said weakly, "Don't go..."

Even a healthy person like her ended up like this after witnessing what had happened. If Charles were to take a look, he could really suffer a heart attack!

As soon as Jim heard this, he let go of Luna and went to take a look.

He returned, his legs weak and holding onto the wall for support. "It...It can't possibly have been Luna."

He waved his hands and shook his head furiously. "Even if she were to kill someone, she couldn't have done this..."

The guard standing nearby pursed his lips and said, "But...it was her who did it..."

Jim raised his brows. "Who said that?"

The guard replied, stammering, "The...the dead body...said it herself."

Jim suddenly felt his world go dark, and he almost lost his balance.

All of a sudden, police sirens blared outside the building.