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As the current CEO of Landry Group, Jim could not allow his employees to suffer the consequences of his impulsiveness.

Therefore, Jim let out an exhale, suppressed the rage in his heart, and smiled at Joshua. "You must be kidding, Mr. Lynch. Why would I want to trouble an injured woman who had just gone through an abortion?"

With that, he let out an exhale and turned to glance at Christopher. "Christopher, I understand that you want my help in forcing Bonnie to abort a baby that isn't yours, but as I said, there's nothing I hate more in this world than being deceived and used by someone.

"If I had known of your true intentions of coming here, I wouldn't have agreed to come with you in the first place."

With that, Jim turned and strode away, leaving the pale-faced, motionless Christopher.

Seeing that Jim was about to leave, he quickly stood up, but before he could even take a step, a pair of hands firmly pressed him back into his seat.

It was Lucas.

Christopher furrowed his brows and glanced at Joshua, knowing that the only reason Lucas would stop him from leaving was because of Joshua's orders. "What are you trying to do, Mr.

Lynch?"

"Nothing. I just wanted to have a chat with you." Joshua leaned against the sofa and glanced impassively at Christopher. "How long have you skipped your medications?"

Christopher's entire body stiffened when he heard this.

He immediately lifted his head to stare at Joshua. "What do you mean?"

"You, like your father, have inherited a psychiatric illness that runs in your family. Your mother's passing many years ago drove your father insane, and this incident has since then become a traumatic memory that you never wish to relive.

“You don’t dare to drive, and you don’t dare to do anything dangerous for fear that you’ll one day trigger a psychotic episode and do something you’ll regret.

“This was also why you had gone to Rosalyn in the first place and helped her formulate the drug that would suppress your symptoms. Not only that, but this was the reason you had stayed in Merchant City and remained close to the Landry family, but...”

Joshua put down his cup elegantly and fixated his gaze on Christopher. “Now that Rosalyn is in a coma and her warehouse where she keeps stock of her drugs has suffered an explosion, I’m guessing that you, like Charles, must have forfeited your medication, which resulted in your current manic, obsessive state.”

Every single word that came out of Joshua’s mouth felt like hammers ramming against Christopher’s heart. He clenched his fists in anger and snapped, “How did you find out about all this?”

All these had been kept a secret for many years, and Rosalyn was the only one who knew everything! How could Joshua have...

“It doesn’t matter how I found out about this; what’s important is you should leave now.”

As soon as Joshua finished his sentence, Christopher suddenly felt his vision go black, and he passed out on the ground.

“Sir, the car is ready.” Lucas quickly picked up the unconscious Christopher and asked, “Shall I send him to Dr. Liddell’s clinic in Lincoln City right now?”

Joshua narrowed his eyes slightly. “Yes.”

Lucas nodded, summoned a few men to help him, and left the room with Christopher in tow.

After they left, Luna glanced at Joshua, frowning. “Not even my mother had told me anything about Christopher’s illness, so how did you find out?”

Joshua curled his lips into a smile but did not reply.

Truth be told, he had received a call from Lincoln City that morning. A call from Rosalyn, who had just awoken from her coma.

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Luna furrowed her brows and pursed her lips in disapproval at the sight of Joshua's mysterious expression.

She knew that as long as Joshua refused to tell her, she would not be able to find out the answer. Therefore, she decided not to pursue this question anymore and instead went straight upstairs.

Initially, she had wanted to check on Bonnie, but when she passed by Bonnie's room, she saw from a crack in the door that Bonnie was leaning against Sean's shoulder, sobbing.

She wanted to go inside and comfort her, but...

As soon as Luna's hand touched the doorknob, she could not help hesitating.

After all, the person who had hurt Bonnie was Jim, her brother.

Even though he had lost his memories and been brainwashed by Charlotte, he was still her brother.

Besides, a large part of how Jim ended up this way was Luna's fault.

Therefore, Luna did not think it was appropriate of her to comfort Bonnie at this time, and maybe, Sean would do a better job at it.

Instead of making Bonnie recall the terrible events that had happened over the past few days, Luna thought it would be better if she pretended nothing had happened and left.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna sighed and returned to her room.

She took out the two jade rings and stared at them.

As a professional jewelry designer, Luna could tell at first glance that there were two chips embedded within these rings, but...

As opposed to her previous excitement of finding out the truth, her heart was filled with fear.

She was afraid that the truth would not be what she expected.

This was the final piece of the puzzle.

Before unlocking the secret of the rings, Luna could still at least tell herself that the vengeance between the Landry and Lynch families had been false.

However, as soon as she found out the truth, nothing could go back to the way it was.

If it turned out that everything passed down through the generations about the truth of the Landry and Lynch families' rivalry was true...

She and Joshua's relationship would change forever.

She, Joshua, and their four children would suffer the consequences, and Luna could not help feeling suffocated as soon as she thought of this.

Regardless...

She closed her eyes and decided to take a page out of Neil's book; let God decide for her.

Therefore, she took out a coin and tossed it.

At that exact moment, Joshua strode into the room.

He could not help smiling when he saw her flipping the coin. "Why are you doing this all of a sudden?"

His sudden voice made Luna lurch, and the coin fell onto the ground, rolled over to Joshua, and landed in front of his feet.

Heads.

Luna stared at the coin incredulously and felt a surge of emotions rush into her mind.

Maybe this was fate.

The coin she had tossed bumped into Joshua and landed heads-up.

Before this, she had decided that on heads, she would unlock the secret contained within these two rings, whereas for tails, she would not.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and lifted her head to glance at Joshua. "Come here."

Joshua furrowed his brows, his mind full of doubts, though he obediently walked over to her side.

"You must be wondering why I'd rather step down from the position of Landry Group CEO than leave without this ring, aren't you?"

Joshua nodded.

In his opinion, this was a foolish choice. Even though that ring was the last and only item that Lucy had left for Jim and thus had sentimental value, it still was not worth Luna sacrificing so much for.

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Luna let out an exhale and shot Joshua a helpless glance. "You're an honest man."

With that, she took out the two rings from the drawer she had hidden them in and placed them in Joshua's palm. "These two rings hold the secret to your Aunt Lucy's death."

Joshua's entire body froze.

A split second later, he stared at the rings, frowning. "How did you know this?"

"Malcolm's father, Samuel, gave it to me. He's devoted himself entirely to the church now, so I don't think he'd lie to me about this. Besides –"

She stood up, took the rings from Joshua, and placed them underneath a table lamp. "Do you see that? There are two chips embedded within these rings, and I'm guessing that as soon as we unencrypt them, we'll be able to find out the truth about your Aunt Lucy's death."

Joshua pursed his lips slightly upon hearing this. "This was why you gave up the position of Landry Group CEO? So you could find out the truth about my aunt's death?"

Luna pursed her lips and nodded. "Lucy's death was the trigger point of the Landry and Lynch family's rivalry, so maybe finding out the truth will help us resolve this vengeance once and for all."

Joshua felt his breath catch in his throat as he stared at Luna's earnest face.

He let out an exhale, placed the rings back on the table, and reached out to pull Luna into his embrace. "Thank you."

It turned out that he had not been the only one working hard toward uncovering the truth.

He was touched by Luna's actions.

Luna closed her eyes, feeling the warmth radiating off Joshua's body and the familiar scent of his perfume. A surge of warmth and reassurance spread into her heart as she listened to his breathing

She sniffed and wrapped her arms around his slender waist. "You don't need to thank me. I was just...doing this for our children and our family."

If the vengeance between their families could be resolved, everyone, including their children and the rest of their family, would benefit from this.

Especially Jim.

As the son of a Landry and a Lynch, finding out the truth about these two families' rivalry would ease his suffering all these years.

Even though he was an asshole -as Bonnie had so explicitly said – Luna still believed that Jim

would one day be able to snap out of this and regain his memories.

She hoped that day would come soon.

Joshua could not help chuckling when he heard this. He held Luna close to him and said in a hoarse voice, "Luna, have you ever thought that...the truth hidden within these rings might not be what we expected? What should we do if things were to go wrong?"

Luna's entire body stiffened.

She laid in Joshua's arms stiffly, feeling as though an invisible arm was squeezing her heart.

She let out an exhale and finally grabbed hold of his arm in determination. "Even if worst comes to worst... I will still find a way to resolve this."

Seeing the earnest look on her face, Joshua closed his eyes and let out a sigh. "Actually..."

He lowered his head and gently tilted Luna's face up to meet his gaze. "I've already found out the truth about your Uncle Colin's death. "The Quinn family was behind it."

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The Quinn family?

Luna lifted her head to stare dazedly at Joshua. "You're saying that...the Quinn family were the ones responsible for my Uncle Colin's accident?"

"Yes." Joshua let out an exhale and explained what he had found from Todd's diary, "We investigated Heather's death and discovered that she had been killed by someone named Todd, and coincidentally, this was the same man who had been involved in your Uncle Colin's accident.

"Not only that, but Todd also committed something worse..."

He let out an exhale and continued, "He stole my Aunt Lucy's body from the Landry family and brought it over to us."

Luna's entire body froze.

Stupefied, she stared at Joshua, wanting to say something in response, but no words came out.

This was beyond her wildest dreams.

After a long time, Luna bit her lip and let out an exhale. "The reason he did so was to cause a misunderstanding between the two families, right?"

When Charles was still mentally stable, Luna had asked him about their family's history. Initially, Charles had been unwilling to tell her anything, but after Luna's pleading, he finally gave in and revealed a part of the truth.

According to Charles, when he stumbled upon Lucy's dead body, she had already been tortured and beaten up so badly that her face was barely recognizable.

Therefore, he brought her body home with him, intending to help her throw a funeral and trying to think of an explanation for the Lynch family.

However, to his surprise...

The body had gone missing on the second day he brought it home.

Despite searching high and low and investigating all the potential suspects who could have done this, Charles could not find the culprit.

Therefore, he had no choice but to head to Lynch Mansion himself to explain everything to Lucy's family.

However, when he arrived at Lynch Mansion, he was greeted by a cold, hard slap from Granny Lynch.

Granny Lynch thought he was the one who had murdered Lucy, and no matter how hard he

tried to defend himself, she refused to listen.

This led to the misunderstanding between the two families growing deeper and deeper.

Initially, Luna had thought that someone from the Lynch family must have sent their men to steal Lucy's body home, but at this moment, Joshua was saying that the person who had done so was none other than the man who had killed Colin Landry!

This meant that...the Quinn family was likely to be the masterminds behind this intricate plan.

As soon as she thought of this, Luna let out an exhale and picked up the two rings from Joshua's palm. Then, she rummaged through the drawers to find her tools and proceeded to break the rings apart.

As she worked, a lock of her hair slid down over her face, making her look even more attractive.

Joshua's heart leaped into his throat at this sight.

He walked over to her, gently tucked her hair behind her ear, and asked, "Are we going to find out the truth now?"

Luna nodded and said as she continued working, "Do you want to ask someone for help? I don't know how to decrypt a chip like this, and maybe there's someone from Lynch Group that can help us..."

"There's no need." Joshua curled his lips into a smirk and sat down across from her. "Have you forgotten that I'm a hacker myself?"

Luna was a little stunned to be reminded of this. A split second later, she let out an awkward smile and replied, "You're right; Nigel had inherited his computer skills from you." With that, she could not help feeling a little uneasy. "Joshua."

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Chapter 1969 "Since you're such a skilled hacker, why did you deny it when I first asked you about this when we were just married?"

Luna remembered that not long after they had gotten married, she had once asked Joshua excitedly whether he knew anything about computers since she had always admired hackers and those good at computers.

However, at that time, Joshua had shot her a cold glance and retorted, "What's so good about hackers? What's so great about typing a bunch of codes into a keyboard?"

Joshua's cold words had felt like a bucket of water that extinguished Luna's passion.

After that, she did not dare bring up the same topic anymore and had to hide her admiration by secretly reading books without Joshua's knowledge.

However, when she returned to his side six years ago, Luna found out that in reality, Joshua was an exceptionally talented hacker, so much so that even Nigel, the boy who had grown up writing codes on his computer, paled next to him.

"At that time...I still hadn't learned how to code yet."

Luna lifted her head in surprise when she heard this. "What do you mean? Are you saying that

Had Joshua learned how to code just because he knew she liked hackers?

Joshua curled his lips into a smirk as though he could see right through Luna and gently stroked her hair. Then, he said with a hint of adoration in his voice, "That's right. I had taught myself how to code after what you said, and I'd learn during my spare time after work."

Luna was a little shocked to hear this, but at the same time, she could not help feeling a little touched by this.

She was shocked that Joshua would have learned a new skill just for her sake.

Not only that, but he had advanced so quickly even though he had learned it only during his free time.

At the same time, she was touched because...

It turned out that Joshua had taken everything she said to heart.

She bit her lip and asked, "But I thought you didn't like me at the beginning."

Joshua wrapped his arms around her and gently pressed a kiss on her forehead. "At that time, I thought I'd never fall for you, but..."

It turned out that she had stolen his heart long before that.

Otherwise, Joshua would not have contemplated suicide after Luna's accident due to grief.:

Luna let out an exhale as she was pulled close to Joshua's arms. A surge of warmth spread into her heart. 1

After a long time, she released herself from his grip, blushing, and resumed her work.

She spent an entire morning extracting the two chips embedded within the rings.

After that, Joshua took over and soon finished decrypting them. Then, he inserted it into his computer.

The screen lit up, displaying two videos.

Joshua and Luna clicked on the first one together and wrung their hands in anticipation of the truth.

It was clear that someone had deliberately recorded these two videos.

In the beginning, a man was standing before the camera, adjusting its angle. Soon, he finished doing so and turned to leave.

Behind him, a slender woman was tied to the bed.

Joshua narrowed his eyes. "That's my Aunt Lucy."

Even though he had never met his aunt before, he could recognize her from her photos.

Soon, the man who had been adjusting the camera got onto the bed.

Smack! Smack! Deafening slaps echoed through the air.

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Inside the video, the man smacked the woman countless times, but she did not utter a single word as though she could not feel the pain at all.

The only sound that could be heard coming out of her were a few grunts of pain as she vomited blood from some of his harder slaps.

Not only that, but Luna could clearly see something white among the blood.

It must have been...her tooth.

Luna was so shocked by the scene before her that she could not move, as though she had been struck by lightning

She bit her lip and inched closer to Joshua.

Despite having witnessed Dr. Robert Jensen, Cheryl, and Heather's deaths before, she still could not help feeling her heart race as she watched the video.

Of course, the video was far different from the gory accidents she had witnessed before.

She would feel nauseous and even vomit whenever she saw violent scenes like this, but Luna could only feel fear creeping into her heart as she watched the video.

The feeling was so intense that for a split second, Luna thought she was the woman inside the video, Lucy.

She was strapped to the bed and had no way of escaping or defending herself from the man's attacks...

Luna could not help feeling suffocated when she thought of this.

Joshua furrowed his brows and pulled Luna closer to him, but even then, his face was as pale as hers.

This was his aunt.

Even though he had never met her before, Granny Lynch had told him many stories of his Aunt Lucy as he was growing up.

Technically, Lucy was not a Lynch at all. She was the daughter of Granny Lynch and her ex husband, but when Granny Lynch got divorced, Lucy stood by her mother's side and did not choose to leave with her unfaithful father.

Even after she was welcomed to the Lynch family, she quickly made herself at home and even wanted to legally change her surname to Lynch.

However, at that time, her stepfather did not care about this at all, and instead thought that her original name had a nice ring to it, and told her not to change it.

Every time Granny Lynch brought up Lucy, her face would be etched with pride and honor.

Lucy was her favorite child, and the smartest to boot.

Not only that, but Granny Lynch had even wanted Lucy to inherit her fortune. Alas...

As soon as he thought of this, Joshua glanced at the computer screen coldly.

A few minutes later, the man in the video stopped. However, he did not untie Lucy's bonds at all and instead lifted her chin to face him. "Have you learned your lesson not to seduce other men anymore?"

Lucy stared angrily at the man's face. "How many times do I have to tell you that I didn't seduce him! I didn't! You-"

Smack!

A loud slap landed on her face before she could even finish.

Her entire body shuddered from the impact, and a split second later, she slumped on the bed in a heap.

The video ended.

Joshua and Luna were outraged to see this.

However, they had yet to see this man's face.

Whoever it was that tortured Lucy like this had hidden his face in the shadows, and no matter which angle the video was shot from, everything above his neck was obscured.

Luna stared in shock at the dark screen and turned to glance at Joshua. "Is that it?"

There was no information that could reveal the man's true identity at all! How could they tell who the murderer was?

Meeting Luna's surprised gaze, Joshua let out an exhale and clicked on the next video.

It was still the same scene, shot from the same angle, but this time, they could see the man's face.

It was... Christopher. Luna stared wide-eyed at the man's face.