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“To some of you, Charlotte is just someone who killed Roanne. You want to turn her to law enforcement to lessen the guilt that plagues Theo...”

“But it’s more than that to me.” Bonnie looked at Joshua and Luna with a serious expression. “I think both of you understand what I’m trying to say.”

Luna sighed; of course she knew what Bonnie meant.

Charlotte had taken Bonnie’s identity many years ago, and she became Jim’s lover with that very identity. Worse still, she even tricked Bonnie to conceive Jim’s child under Jason’s inducement and planned to kill her!

Six years later when Charlotte returned to Merchant City, she once again meddled in Bonnie and Jim’s relationship, landing both individuals in a bitter situation at present.

Bonnie hated Charlotte more than anyone in the living room at that moment. After thinking it through, Luna nodded. “I understand, Bonnie. If this makes you happy, you don’t have to care about what others think.”

Tears glossed over Bonnie’s eyes. She sniffed and wiped away the tears in the corner of her eyes before raising her head and staring straight into Quentin’s eyes. “Are you going to accept my bet?”

Quentin gave it a thought before answering, “Of course.”

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At a time like this, he had to continue with the bet.

Even though Craig Group was not a huge company like Landry Group and Lynch Group, 30 percent of shares were nonetheless all too tempting. Moreover, if he backed out at this moment, there was a chance that Joshua and the other people might have misunderstood that he was afraid and thus rejected the bet.

Hence, Quentin had no reason to reject it, whether it was for Charlotte or for his own profit. Quentin smiled. “Alright, that’s settled, then.” He made a signal to the butler. “Open the dungeon and show it to our guests to have a look. Let them have a ground search around the mansion. If they can’t find anything, of course...” Looking at Bonnie, he smiled, revealing his teeth in the process. “I’m happy to receive thirty percent of

Craig Group's share." Quentin's chuffed expression made Jim feel irked as he grabbed Bonnie's arm. "Are you crazy?"

Although 30-percent of Craig Group's shares was not as much as the total amount of LDVRC)? KKry Group and Lynch Group, it was a large sum of money. Was it worth it just because of Charlotte?

"It's worth it," said Bonnie as if she could read Jim's mind. She swung away Jim's hand remotely and smiled coldly at Quentin. "Can we start the search now?"

Quentin shrugged. "Of course." Bonnie nodded and looked at Joshua and Luke respectively. "Have your men begin." She then looked at Luna. "Let's go and take a look at the dungeon." Luna paused for a moment before she quickly nodded. Although her relationship with the Quinn family was not that pleasant for the past six years, she knew everything in the mansion after she was rescued five years ago. Hence, she knew the dungeon's location all too well.

Joshua immediately stood up when he saw Luna stand up. Then, he followed Bonnie and Luna together out of the door. When they reached the dungeon, they discovered it was just a normal dungeon without a big bed and recreational facilities. Moreover, there was a disheveled woman sitting in the dungeon. From the look of her body figure, she was about the same size as Charlotte.

Bonnie strode over and called out, "Charlotte?" The woman gradually turned her head when she heard someone's voice.

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Shockingly, the woman sitting in the dungeon was not Charlotte. Although her figure and hairstyle were similar to Charlotte's...she was not her,

The scruffy-looking woman turned and gazed at the people standing at a distance before her eyes finally landed on Joshua, her tears started to fall soon after. Her mouth was opened wide, yet not a sound came out of her. It was as if...she could not speak.

The way the woman opened her mouth widely had Luna wondering why the woman looked very familiar. After careful observation, Luna's hand flung to her mouth in her shock.

This woman... She was... Luna bit her lip and, with a shaky voice, called out, "Are you Laura Suess? Dr. Suess?" The woman nodded her head vigorously while pointing at her mouth to show Luna that she could no longer speak.

Luna was even more shocked upon receiving that answer from the woman. She subconsciously looked at Bonnie, who was standing beside her. Similarly, Bonnie's expression was the same as Luna's.

Was she Laura Suess after all? A few hours ago, she seemed energized when she went to the Tea Cottage to kidnap June. They clearly remembered seeing her walking with a strong pace from either the Tea Cottage's surveillance, or the hotel's surveillance where she brought June to shave her head.

What happened?

How did she turn from a proud doctor who controlled the fate of others into a prisoner who looked so unkempt and unable to speak within a few hours?

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"This Quentin guy is even more ruthless and barbaric than I imagined," muttered Joshua with a frown after seeing the situation Laura was in. "Lately, Laura has used her identity as my personal family physician to gather more information for Quentin. Now that he had no more use for her, he cut off her tongue so she can never speak in the future before locking her up in the dungeon, no longer giving her the chance to see daylight again."

Tears streamed down Laura's face. She tried to speak by moving her mouth as she looked at Luna and Joshua. Luna could tell from Charlotte's lips how she profusely apologized. 1 A person who had lived like any other normal person, rendered to such a rugged, despairing condition... Bonnie AUXcN=NI Luna felt bad for her.

Luna, unable to stop herself, got closer to grab Laura's hand, hoping that she could say anything she wanted to say to them. Her body acted before her brain could progress. By the time she realized it, she was already grabbing Laura's hand with the dungeon bars between them.

The moment she grabbed Laura's hand, she discovered that tiny scratch wounds littered all over her hands. They looked like they had been inflicted with a fine, sharp steel wire. With every movement Laura made, her skin would flick open, and this disconcerted Luna greatly.

What kind of torture was this? Why would Quentin need to treat Laura this way when she had worked so diligently for him?

As Luna was spacing out, the dungeon door was opened from the outside, and Laura quickly retracted her hand. However, before she withdrew her hand, she stuffed a paper ball into Luna's sleeves.

"Ms. Gibson, there's no need for you to feel pity for her, and don't touch her," said Quentin, standing at the back. "This is a dangerous woman. We won't be accountable if she hurts you." The startled Luna quickly hid the paper ball in her palms and smiled while standing up. "I was just curious about the injuries on her hands." "It's the punishment she deserved, that's all."

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Quentin, instead of answering Luna's question cleanly, turned to gaze at her and Joshua." Well, you have seen it; this is the dungeon, and there's only one person locked up in here. Is this the luxury dungeon from the photo you talked about?"

Joshua squinted and carefully inspected the dungeon. The layout and structure were the same as in the photo...but everything else in the dungeon was moved. It seemed like Quentin had pretended to not know about the mole in the household. Not only did he know about the spy, but he even knew who the mole was and when the photo was taken. He was no doubt a man with a meticulous mind.

Joshua looked at Quentin, and coincidentally, Quentin was looking at him too. The difference was Joshua's eyes were cold, while Quentin's eyes seemed to smile. "Do you have any questions, Mr. Lynch?" Joshua squinted. "There's definitely nothing wrong with the dungeon." He believed that Quentin could not have transferred Charlotte, even when Quentin had managed to change the dungeon's design. His men and Luke's men were monitoring everything that exited the mansion. Not even a single fly could exit without going through the repeated checking, so no person could leave without their men noticing.

Charlotte was still somewhere in the mansion.

With that thought in mind, Joshua curled his lips into a smile. "You're very smart, Mr. Simms, but there's something that you can't hide...just like the incident from twenty years ago. The truth will reveal itself someday. Am I right?"

The underlying message was so obvious that Quentin caught it easily. He laughed after taking a puff of his cigar. "Ah, I'm so scared!"

“But, there’s no credibility if there’s no evidence, when it’s based on assumption only. If you have the time to talk with me now, why don’t you lend a helping hand to search to see if Charlotte is here?”

Then, he glanced at Bonnie. “Thirty percent of Craig Group’s shares, huh? I’ve never seen that much money before. Just thinking about it makes me very pleased.”

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Bonnie narrowed her eyes GVVfl:KL did not reply. She was ready to leave the dungeon.

Meanwhile, Luna frowned and dragged Joshua with her. “The steps are a bit high here. Be careful and walk slowly!” sneered Quentin haughtily. A frown surfaced on Luna’s face, but she nonetheless brought herself close to Joshua’s ear and whispered, “Do you...think that there’s a chance that we won’t find Charlotte here?”

“No,” replied Joshua aloofly, “and no one can suddenly disappear into thin air.” Both of them went back to the surface. At the same moment, Luke and Joshua’s men were checking all of the servants in the mansion, and the servants lined up quietly as they waited their turn.

Half an hour later, a subordinate shook his head at Joshua and Luke, reporting in a low voice,

We can’t find her anywhere.”

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Luke’s brows knitted tightly together. How could a person go missing in the mansion?

At that moment, Lucas came running in and approached Joshua, whispering into his ear, “Sir, we can’t find June. We searched everywhere, yet we spotted neither Charlotte nor June.”

Joshua squinted his eyes slightly. He was so keen on searching the mansion because not only did he want to find Charlotte, but he wanted to find June, above all.

He knew what the Quinn family was up to. June was Christopher’s weakness, and if the Quinn family had control over June, it meant that they could get Christopher to do

everything they wanted. Christopher was, after all, in the process of creating an antidote that could help Jim recover his memory.

More importantly, Christopher possessed the prescription of the poison created by Rosalyn. It was a poison that made Jim lose his memories and be subjugated into a state where he could be brainwashed.

The Quinn family was not only trying to stop Christopher from creating the antidote to save Jim, but they also wanted to get the prescription from Christopher! If they succeed, Quentin could control anyone that he wanted. The consequences could be disastrous!

This was why Joshua barged into Quinn Mansion recklessly to find Charlotte and June.

However, not only they could not find Charlotte, but June was nowhere to be found, too. They did find Laura, but she was rendered a mute. Joshua smiled coldly before instructing, "Keep looking. By hook or by crook, find them."

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He had a feeling...that June and Charlotte must be locked and hidden away in the same place.

"It's almost half an hour. Did you find her?" Quentin smiled as he walked out of the dungeon with a swagger.

"You've seen how big the mansion is, and everyone has searched multiple times. Are you a little dejected?"

He waved the contract in his hand at Bonnie. "Ms. Craig, you better keep your promise."

Bonnie's face turned pale at this as she then looked at Joshua, feeling rather helpless. She believed that nothing could go wrong with Joshua's investigation.

In spite of that...why did they fail to track down Charlotte when she was not transferred to another place? Were there secret doors or underground tunnels in the mansion?

Meanwhile, Jim was a little uncomfortable with the way Bonnie looked at Joshua. He knew that there was only doubt BVTFK;MM helplessness when she looked at Joshua because they were friends, but... He felt short of breath when he realized that Bonnie did not think of him first when she was in trouble.

With that, he got up to Bonnie and stopped in front of her, blocking her from looking at Joshua.

Then, pretending like he had not even done this intentionally, he looked at Quentin. “Don’t worry, Mr. Simms. Bonnie will keep her promise if we can’t find Charlotte. Of course, if we do find her, I hope you’ll keep your promise and let us take Charlotte.” Jim’s behavior made Luna and Gwen exchange glances subconsciously. Ambiguity flashed in their eyes. Quentin’s question was directed at Bonnie, but Jim stood in the way to block Bonnie’s gaze toward Joshua and answered Quentin on Bonnie’s behalf, too.

The move he made was more or less a declaration of sovereignty on Bonnie. It seemed like on the surface, Jim—who had lost his memories – did not care and somewhat hated Bonnie, but deep down, he had an inexplicable possessiveness toward her.