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However. Samuel decided to look for this maid who was over her fifties! Thomas' instinct told him that Mrs. Flores had to be related to the woman from a year ago.

Secondly, he wanted to go into the house to check out the situation. After all...

Thomas squinted, and his eyes faintly gleamed with coldness.

After all, Joshua and Luna were the ones responsible for causing his daughter to be kept in the ICU, monitored at all times.

He wanted to get to know the other children in their house so he knew which one to capture when the time comes. He wanted to let Joshua and Luna understand the feeling to know their children being tortured by a stranger.

"Sir." Thomas' assistant wiped off the sweat on his forehead silently. "I don't mean to mind your business, but—ah!"

Before he could finish, however, Thomas' assistant screamed in pain, causing Thomas to furrow his eyebrow and turned toward him.

"I'm sorry! I'm sorry!" A girl dressed in casualwear got down from her motorcycle and quickly stood beside Thomas' assistant to apologize. "I'm really sorry! I was rushing and didn't notice what I was doing."

Thomas' assistant furrowed his eyebrows at this and hissed, "Do you know how expensive my clothes are? Do you think you can afford it? You ruined it!"

The girl could only continue to apologize, stammering, "I'm sorry, I really am! –I'll pay you for the trouble."

Thomas squinted as he looked at the girl in front of him. She looked very familiar, but Thomas could not tell if he had seen her before. Looking at how his assistant continued to blame the girl, he furrowed his eyebrows. "That's enough. Forget about it. I'll buy you new clothes."

The assistant was baffled at Thomas' out–of–the–blue offer, and his expression immediately brightened." Thank you, Sir!"

Only then did Howard turn to look at the girl on the motorcycle. "You-"

Before he could say anything, the girl quickly thanked him and rushed into Joshua's house like she was running for her life with her motorcycle.

Thomas furrowed his eyebrows in displeasure.

'This woman... is probably the second woman who dismissed me in Merchant City other than Luna,' Thomas thought.

Just then, the maid came out of the house. "Mr. Howard, Mr. Lynch is inviting you into the house."

Thomas squinted and entered the house, led inside by the maid.

When he entered, he discovered the girl who had knocked over his assistant was talking to Mrs. Flores at one of the corners of the house.

From their conversation, he vaguely heard the girl referring to her as her mother.

Thomas narrowed his eyes. 'What a small world. So, this girl is Mrs. Flores' daughter, huh?'

"Mr. Howard." Just when he was eavesdropping on Mrs. Flores and Yannie's conversation, Joshua squinted and looked at Thomas lightly. "Should I be calling you that," he spoke, "or should I call you 'brother'?"

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Joshua's words stunned Thomas for a good few seconds. After a while, he managed to calm himself and looked at Joshua, "What makes you ask me this question, Mr. Lynch? If I remember correctly, we're not close enough to be calling each other brothers."

Joshua changed his position to a more comfortable posture. He sat on the couch in a kingly manner and stared at Thomas, who pretended to know nothing. "Do you not know, or are you just pretending that you know nothing? I'm sure you remember your mother's family name."

Thomas squinted at this. "I'm sure my mother's family name has nothing to do with you."

Thomas' mother was, in truth, Senior Howard's first wife. Back in the old days, Senior Howard was just a poor young man, while Thomas' mother was the second daughter of an affluent, powerful family.

She met Senior Howard and thought he was her soulmate, the love of her life. Thus, she decided to elope with him, leaving her family and twin sister behind, vouching to never reunite with them again.

At that time, she thought she was set for life as though she was the main character of a romantic drama, having lowered her status to marry a poor man. She thought she was the type to give up everything just for the name of love.

As it turned out...it was not what she thought after all.

The love Senior Howard had for her only lasted that long. When she helped Senior Howard become a successful business in the town, he no longer appreciated this woman who supported him from the ground up.

Even when Thomas' mother was the one who funded the business through the money she earned in her spare time, and even when Thomas' mother was the one who helped to earn the first bucket of gold in the business...

Senior Howard thought that it was all his hard work and had nothing to do with the plain—old housewife.

Thus, he chose to desert Thomas' mother to gain more benefits for himself.

After that, he married his current wife, the new Mrs. Howard, who was from a family with a powerful background.

At that time, Thomas' mother's family slowly declined, and her twin sister passed away, too. Since she had severed all ties from her family, she did not have anyone backing her up or supporting her.

In the end, she was forced to a corner by the new Mrs. Howard where she committed suicide by jumping into the sea.

Her son, Thomas–the true eldest son of Senior Howard–was then called a child born out of wedlock instead. Everyone thought his mother was a maid in the household and that he did not have the right to inherit the family's wealth.

Moreover, they thought that was what Thomas thought, too. He was only four or five years old when his mother passed away. Naturally, they thought that he knew nothing.

In fact...no one knew that Thomas had started to develop memory at that time. He knew and remembered everything that happened when he was a child. Everything was so vivid that he remembered his mother's real name.

"I followed the investigation's result closely, you see. Your mother was a maid working in Senior Howard's house previously. Her family is Levine, am I right?" asked Joshua.

Thomas aneered at Joshua's words. 'Guess the almighty Joshua Lynch isn't that formidable after all!

He was expecting more from Joshua, thinking that maybe Joshua could truly get to the truth about his identity, but he thought wrong,

Joshua Lynch was just an ordinary person like everyone else.

"However..." Just when Thomas had that thought in his mind, Joshua narrowed his eyes and looked at Thomas with his deep, dark pupils.

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"I've unearthed information hidden from the public. Your mother's family name isn't Levine–she's from the Moore family."

It was just a simple statement, but it struck Thomas like it was lightning, leaving him petrified as he stood

still.

He looked at Joshua with his deep, dark pupils that were filled with disbelief. "You..."

'How did he find out? My real mother's family name is Moore! Thomas thought.

"Not only do I know her family name, but I even know her name. Eanne Moore." Joshua switched to a more comfortable position and looked at the man in front of him nonchalantly. "You don't have to be so surprised. No one from the Howard family told me anything. After all those despicable things Senior Howard had done over the years, he won't tell the truth, even if I point a gun to his head."

Thomas squinted and looked at Joshua coldly. His lips moved a bit, but not a sound came through his

lips.

He did not dare say anything, after all. He was afraid that this was Joshua's plan, trying to trick him into telling the truth.

Hence, Thomas neither admitted nor denied the things that Joshua said. He merely stared at Joshua, thinking about what other information Joshua possessed.

His reaction and thought were within Joshua's expectations. Thus, Joshua squinted and continued," Again, I'm not trying to pull a connection here with you by calling you my brother. You should know my status doesn't require me to pull a string with you and please you."

Then, he tilted his head backward and leaned back on the couch elegantly while his gaze was still trained on Thomas. "If anyone here is trying to please someone, then it should be you pleasing me."

Thomas scoffed at this, merely glaring at Joshua silently.

Joshua admired Thomas' reaction. He reckoned Thomas was almost at the same level as he was.

He sighed and continued to speak in his low, husky voice, "I didn't start to investigate you because I care about you. I have the least interest in people like you, but you keep coming up with ideas on how to scheme Luna and threaten her, so that intrigued me. Of course, I never thought that looking into things would lead to your mother."

He put his hands together and frowned in distress. "Maybe Mr. Howard doesn't know anything about my family."

Thomas sneered, "I'm not interested to know."

To him, Joshua and Luna were just devils and enemies that tortured the two–year–old Riley. He did not have any interest in getting to know the information regarding his enemies families.

"In the year I was born, my mother died, and my father was always cold to me. After all, my mother died while giving birth to me. He never cared for me after so many years, leaving me to be raised by my grandmother. She was the one who told me about my mother."

Joshua sighed.

"My mother's name is Rianna Moore. She has a rebellious twin sister who ran away from home. Her name is Eanne Moore."

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Thomas' pupils shrunk upon hearing Joshua's confession, and he squinted at him. "Are you kidding me?"

Thomas' mother did have a twin sister, but how could it be Joshua's mother? If his mother and Joshua's mother were sisters, this would make him and Joshua cousins!

His cousin, Joshua, accidentally brought the wrong child back home from the hospital and took the child in as his own. When he knew that his child was still alive, he tortured the poor infant, causing the baby to end up in the ICU as she fought for her life.

Thomas felt suffocated when he thought of this.

If Joshua was his cousin, then he truly was a devil in disguise. Thomas could only repeat this in his heart to warn himself from falling into Joshua's trap.

'This must be his trap. Something as coincidental as this could never happen! He must've gotten to know about my mother from that old man, and that's why he told me this now so that he'd ruin my momentum! Thomas thought and sneered,

"What evidence do you have to prove this? And how do you know everything you said is related to me? Your mother's name is Rianna Moore, and my mother's name is also Eanne Moore, but many people have the same name in this world. How are you certain that your mother and my mother—"

Before Thomas could finish his sentence, Joshua took a stack of documents from the side and threw it right in front of Thomas. The documents were all over the place as Joshua had thrown them with power.

Thoms furrowed his eyebrows and glanced at the papers with photos attached to them.

These women looked eerily identical. They were...

Thomas bit his lip as he clenched his fists tightly. Those two faces were exactly the face of his mother, which he remembered so strongly.

Although he only developed memories when he was a child, he had a good memory that allowed him to remember anything he saw. It only took him one read to remember the scripts from the movie, what more his mother's appearance.

This was why he could remember what his mother looked like and how her voice sounded. Thus, when he first saw the photo, he knew Joshua did not lie to him.

Joshua's mother was his mother's sister-his mother's twin sister, to be exact!

This discovery had Thomas' heart pounding rapidly as his blood coursed through his body in a rush. All these years, he had been called a child born out of wedlock, a child without his mother. Only God knew how many nights he had dreamt that he was not a child born out of wedlock and how he dreamed of meeting his mother's family.

However...

The man before him, whose mother was his mother's twin, was the same man responsible for causing his daughter to be in a coma and kept in the ICU.

With that thought in his mind, he quickly replaced the excitement in his eyes with coldness.

He picked up the photos from the floor one by one as he looked at them. Finally, his gaze clung to a photo where two women stood side by side, all smiles. That photo was not the most special nor prettiest photo among the rest of the photos, but the woman in the photo resembled how Thomas remembered his mother the most.

He looked at the photo for a long time, wordless.

Joshua narrowed his eyes and said, "If you want more of these photos, the Moore family has more."

After Lucas discovered Thomas was related to the Moore family during his investigation, he quickly reported back to Joshua. Thus, Joshua contacted the Moore family within seconds.

Joshua and Luna did a little part in helping Christian with the incident between Christian and Fiona. Thus, Christian's mother, who was Joshua's aunt–in–law, trusted Joshua a great deal. When Lucas requested to get Rianna and Eanne's photos, *M*rs. Moore nearly took out all of the photos related to the twin sisters.

She sighed when she passed the photos to Lucas. "They're the same. Rianna always said it was stupid to give out family because of love...but didn't she do the same? When she went for the check–up, the doctor had advised her many times to undergo an abortion, or her life will be at stake. Still, she didn't listen. In the end, she died on the operation table.":

Mrs. Moore sighed again and asked Lucas to take good care of Joshua. "Although Joshua indirectly caused her mother's death, Rianna was happy when she delivered the baby. Eanne, on the other hand..."

Mrs. Moore stopped there. No matter how Lucas persisted that she continued, she refused to say anything else. According to Lucas, Luna could see that Eanne was the least favored child when compared to Rianna.

"Mr. Howard." Joshua regained his sense and looked straight at Thomas. "Can I call you 'cousin' now?"

"Forget about it." Thomas put the photos on the coffee table indifferently, raising his head to look at

Joshua's face with a cold expression. "Even if your mother and my mother were twins, that's between them and not us." His tone grew colder as he added, "To be frank, Joshua Lynch, I won't have you as a family member. Even if we're related through blood, I also won't allow you to be my family. You don't deserve it. People like you don't deserve to have a family."

"Watch what you're saying!" snapped Luna, unable to refrain herself.

At first, Luna wanted to make Thomas leave, but when Joshua said he had something to tell Thomas, she stood by the side to silently listen. She never expected their mothers to be twin sisters!

'So Joshua's mother is a twin!' At this moment, Luna finally understood why she could deliver a triplet. It was all genetics!

Even so, Luna did not think Thomas deserved to be Joshua's cousin. He was evil and scary. Yet, before she started to dislike having Thomas as family, Thomas was the one who denied having Joshua as family.

Who did he think he was? What right did he have to be disgusted with Joshua and Luna? She and Joshua should have been the ones disgusted to be related to him!