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Luna glanced at the surveillance footage and realized that the woman who had left with Sean was none other than Kate.

Since Kate was the one who had brought Sean out, that meant he was not in danger.

After coming out of the nurses' station, Luna shot Yannie an apologetic look and said, "My bad. I never thought that someone would take Sean away... Do you want to stay here and wait for him to return, or do you want to visit Riley with me?"

Yannie glanced at the empty room and could not help feeling a little uneasy at the thought of waiting for a strange man she had never met before to return to his room.

Therefore, she turned to smile at Luna. "I'll go visit the little girl with you, Ms. Luna."

Yannie had heard plenty of things about Riley from her mother, and according to Mrs. Flores, Riley was the baby who had been switched out with Joshua and Luna's daughter.

However, after finding out that Riley was not their daughter, neither Joshua nor Luna changed their minds about her and instead loved and cherished her even more.

Not only that, but even after Riley fell sick, they were willing to pour money and effort into ensuring her recovery.

Because of Mrs. Flores' description, Yannie always had a good impression of Luna, and since Luna was going to visit Riley, Yannie could not help thinking that Luna was the kindest, most gentle woman she had ever met.

Luna was sensitive to her emotions—she had helped her escape an awkward situation at Joshua's house—and even consoled her when crying about her past.

At this point, Yannie could not help thinking...how amazing would it be if Luna was her sister?

If, as Luna suggested, she and Joshua's cousin hit it off and became a couple, did this mean that she and Luna would become family?

This was the reason Yannie had requested Luna to bring her to meet Sean.

She did not care what kind of person Sean was, nor did she care about his looks.

All she wanted was to find a reason to become Luna's friend or, better yet, family.

“Come on.” Luna furrowed her brows when she saw Yannie staring dazedly at her toes and waved her hand in front of Yannie’s face. Then, she grabbed hold of Yannie’s arm and dragged her into the elevator.

*After getting into the elevator, Yannie finally snapped out of her stupor. “What happened to Riley, anyway?”

“She’s malnourished from her previous parents’ negligence, leading to health problems now.” Luna sighed and stared at the elevator doors as she explained, “Initially, I thought that as long as Joshua and I treated Riley well—treated her like she was our daughter—everything would be okay, but Joshua reminded me that we still need to track down Riley’s parents as soon as we can.

“After all, this is their child, and it’ll be one thing if they didn’t care for her, but another thing entirely if they had been searching for her all this while.”

Then, she let out a bitter chuckle and said, “However, I’m guessing that Riley’s birth parents must’ve given up on her already. Even after an extensive search, we can’t seem to find any trace of them at all.

“The person who switched out the babies that night had told us where he found Riley, but strangely

enough, according to the hospital records, there hadn’t been a single labor that night.”

The more Luna talked about it, the more peculiar it seemed. “Even if the child was found by accident, that wouldn’t explain the fact that there had been no labors in the hospital that night, would it?”

“Perhaps the mother didn’t want anyone to know she had given birth...” Yannie sighed. “Like me, on the day I went into labor, I begged the doctors to change the details on my file to say ‘gynecologic surgery’ instead of child delivery’. “Perhaps, Riley’s mother had done the same...”

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Luna fell silent upon hearing this. Eventually, she lowered her head and sighed. “That sounds possible.”

She closed her eyes and muttered to herself, “I guess I’ll have to ask Joshua to investigate all the doctors in Ample Hospital...”

Yannie’s entire body stiffened when she heard this, and she turned to stare at Luna in shock. “Ms. Luna, are you saying that... Riley was born at Ample Hospital?”

When she heard this, Luna realized that she had accidentally muttered her thoughts, so she gave Yannie an awkward smile and said, "That's right. The person who switched out me and Joshua's baby admitted to us that he had simply grabbed a baby from Ample Hospital to take our daughter's place."

Luna could not help shuddering every time she thought about Hunter.

This was the man who had called her 'Lulu' so affectionately for the six years she had been living in *Merchant City*

Luna could not help recalling that at one point, she had been so close to Hunter that she wanted to matchmake him with one of her friends.

At that time, Luna had genuinely thought Hunter was a nice person, but little did she know...

Six years later, after she and Malcolm broke off their engagement, Hunter had stolen her newborn child from right under her nose without even batting an eyelid.

Not only that, but even when Joshua went to interrogate him in prison, he still did not appear to regret his choice.

Hunter did not think it was wrong of him to switch out their child, nor did he think it was a crime to steal someone else's baby to take their daughter's place.

Yannie bit her lip upon hearing this and, after long consideration, finally sighed and admitted, "The truth is ...I had also given birth at Ample Hospital.

"At that time, the doctor had told me that my case was a special circumstance; he'd never allow anyone else to disguise their childbirth as a routine gynecologic surgery after me.

"However, I can't help thinking that if they were willing to do this for me, there's no guarantee that they won't help out another woman the way they did for me."

Yannie lifted her head to stare brightly at Luna. "Ms. Luna, I'm sure that with Mr. Lynch's power and influence, you'll be able to find Riley's birth parents eventually, but..."

She lowered her head and continued, "No one can be sure whether Riley's parents still want her back or 'not..."

Luna could not help feeling a little saddened by Yannie's words.

She, too, had thought of this outcome before, but she had to hold onto a sliver of hope.

Perhaps Riley's parents were still looking for her, but they did not dare to be too obvious about it.

Or perhaps, one of the parents had fallen sick.

Luna sighed at the thought of this. "I'm still inclined to believe that no parent in this world would abandon their child willingly. However, as you said, perhaps the mother was trying to hide her childbirth from other people. In that case, it's possible that they wouldn't want the child back."

She let out another sigh. "Well, if Riley's parents don't want her back, I'm still going to stick by *my* decision

and adopt her as my own."

Seeing the sorrow on Luna's face, Yannie sighed and turned to smile at her. "It's too bad that I'm not married yet."

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"If I had lost my child after getting married, I'd be able to help you out by adopting Riley instead.

"We'd be able to heal together since I had lost a child of my own, and she had lost her parents.

"This will take some weight off you and Mr. Lynch's shoulders so that you won't have to take care of another baby while searching for your own."

Luna could not help chuckling when she heard this. "It's not that bad. She's just a baby, after all."

The elevator arrived at Riley's floor.

Luna brought Yannie into the ward, and, with the nurse's help, the two women put on their protective suits and entered the room.

This was the first time Yannie had ever seen Riley.

Initially, she thought this would be an ordinary baby since she had been stolen out of the hospital, and there was no information as to who her parents were.

To her surprise...

She was entranced the moment she caught sight of Riley.

Even though this two-month-old baby was sickly pale, her dark eyes were bright and shiny.

Riley was lying quietly in bed, not crying or throwing a tantrum at all.

When she saw that Luna had arrived, the baby even broke into an endearing smile, her eyes scrunched into thin lines.

Yannie's heart almost melted, and she quickly strode over to grab hold of Riley's tiny hand.

Even through the fabric of the protective suit, she could feel the softness and silkiness of the child's skin.

She felt as though her entire body would melt into a puddle!

"Ms. Luna, Riley is...she's absolutely adorable!" erupted Yannie with excitement.

This was how cute she had envisioned her child to be!

If the child had survived, he would be as adorable, beautiful, obedient, and calm as Riley was!

At the thought of this, Yannie sniffed and gently pinched Riley's cheek in endearment. "Please get well soon. After you recover, I'm going to bring you outside to play!"

Yannie had said this just for fun, since Riley was just two months old, and she did not expect the child to 'understand what she had just said.

Riley broke out into another gleeful smile, much to Yannie's surprise, as though the infant was saying, "Please stick to your word!"

Yannie was shocked by this scene. Her eyes were as wide as saucers, and she remained stunned for a long time.

She could not help feeling that this child had understood exactly what she had said and even seemed to read her thoughts...

"You and Riley seem to have hit it off." Luna smiled when she saw the surprised look on Yannie's face. "Plenty of people have come to visit her during this time, including my friends and family, and even though everyone loved her and tried to talk to her, you're the first person she's ever responded to."

Yannie was rendered even more speechless by Luna's statement.

“Since the two of you like each other so much...” Luna grinned. “Why don’t you take Riley as your goddaughter?”

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“C—Can I?” Yannie lowered her head to stare at Riley’s smiling face and blushed. “If Riley’s parents decide they don’t want her anymore, she’ll officially become you and Mr. Lynch’s daughter, Ms. Luna..so how can someone like me be her godmother?”

“When she grows up and learns who I am...”

Surely Riley would not want to be associated with someone like her?

Luna could not help curling her lips into a smile when she saw the look of self-doubt in Yannie’s eyes. She gently patted her shoulder and said, “She won’t. You’d be perfect as Riley’s godmother.”

The two of them played with Riley for a while, and it was until the nurse knocked on the door, indicating that visitation hours were over, that they finally left somewhat reluctantly.

When the two of them came out of the ward, having changed out of their protective suits, they immediately caught sight of a man standing at the end of the hallway, dressed in black.

Yannie recognized this man; he was another one of Thomas’ assistants.

Ever since she accidentally slept with Thomas last year, she could not seem to take her mind off this man.

After finding out that she had gotten pregnant with his child, she could not help finding out more information about him, to a point where she disguised herself as one of his fans to join several of his fan clubs.

Because of this, she knew all of the people working for him—his manager, assistants, secretaries, driver, and so on—down to their looks and their respective job scopes.

This man, who was standing at the end of the hallway, was named Xander Jobbs. Half a year ago, he had been fired from the position of Thomas’ assistant because of a mistake he committed during work.

However, according to some rumors circulating in the fan clubs, Xander had always been an exceptional assistant, so he could not have been fired for a minor mistake.

It was more likely that Thomas wanted Xander to do some highly sensitive underground work, so he fired him beforehand to reduce his association with him should Xander be exposed in the future.

In the past, Yannie would never believe rumors like this because she had thought Thomas was a handsome, kind, and honest man who would never send his assistant on illegal, dangerous missions.

However...

After being exposed to Thomas' true colors that morning, Yannie could not help thinking that this rumor was true.

Xander must have been helping Thomas do his dirty work all this while.

Otherwise, why would Xander appear in Merchant City at the same time Thomas had?

However...

Yannie furrowed her brows as she glanced at the man.

Since Xander was still working for Thomas secretly, what was he doing here at the hospital? Not only that, but he had appeared at the ICU. where the inflow and outflow of visitors were strictly monitored.

Was one of Xander's family hospitalized here, or perhaps Thomas'?

Or perhaps... Thomas had sent him here to follow her and Luna?

"What're you looking at?" Luna caught sight of Yannie staring at the end of the hallway blankly. She furrowed her brows and glanced rather quizzically at the now empty hallway. "What's wrong?"

Yannie immediately snapped out of her stupor.

She glanced at the spot where Xander had been standing, frowning.

No one was there anymore.

The man had disappeared.

For a split second, Yannie could not help wondering if the man had existed at all or had she simply mistaken someone else for him.

"What's wrong?" Luna asked again, growing slightly concerned by the dumbfounded look on Yannie's face. Yannie shook her head. "Nothing. I was just zoning out."

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Luna nodded and proceeded to get into the elevator with Yannie.

She did not think anything peculiar of Yannie's sudden change of emotions. After all, this girl had just confided her most dreaded memory of the past in her, and she would not be surprised if Yannie behaved a little strangely after that.

Luna brought Yannie back to Sean's room.

When they arrived, Sean and Kate had already returned.

Sean smiled and waved when he caught sight of Luna. "Hey, Luna."

Kate's eyes were red and swollen, and it was clear she had been crying. However, when she saw Luna, she still greeted her politely. "Nice to see you again, Luna. And this is..."

She gave Yannie a once-over, a guarded expression on her face. Finally, her gaze landed on Yannie's hands, which were wrapped in bandages. "What happened to her?"

Luna smiled as she introduced Yannie. "This is my friend, Yannie Flores. Like Sean, she has recently hurt her hands, so I brought her over, thinking that perhaps she and Sean will have something in common to talk about."

Kate understood immediately what Luna's true intentions were. She curled her lips into a disdainful smirk and turned to stare at Sean. "You're a lucky man to have pretty girls coming to talk to you even when you're hurt."

Then, she brushed her hair back and circled past Luna and Yannie, smiling. "Well, since you're going to be busy, I won't keep you any longer."

Then, she slipped out the door, slamming it heavily behind her.

The loud thud made Yannie's entire body jerk. A split second later, she bit her lip and lifted her head to glance nervously at Sean. "Nice... Nice to meet you, Mr. Wheeler. My name is Yannie."

Sean's attention was still on Kate, so he replied to her rather distractedly, "Hi, my name is Sean."

He turned to glance at Luna. "Luna, can you help me check on Kate? I think she must've misunderstood something."

Luna furrowed her brows and glanced at him. "She didn't misunderstand; I think you and Yannie are a good match for each other."

She sighed and explained, "Sean, you're not a child anymore, and I'm sure you can tell that Kate is in love with Luke.

"I think that after what happened with Bonnie, you, out of all people, will know what it feels like to be in love with someone who doesn't like you back.

"I don't want to see you falling into the same hole a second time."

Sean narrowed his eyes and stared coldly at Luna. "What do you mean, Luna? What do you mean you don't want to see me falling into the same hole a second time?"

"I admit that I had it coming when I willingly fell for Bonnie. It was clear that she and Jim were head over heels for each other, yet I had butted in, so I reaped the consequences of my actions, but Kate is different!

"She likes Luke, but Luke is in love with Gwen! And besides..." He narrowed his eyes. "Luke doesn't have much time left either."