

Be Gentle 1171

Chapter 1171

Luke said, "Jack, Queenie is weak. Why don't you go through the admission procedures for her first and wait for the test results to come out? We'll see what Dr. Park says before getting discharged."

"Okay, okay." Jack looked at his wife's pale face. If it were not necessary, he would not want so much of Queenie's blood to be drawn.

Her body was very weak, and after so many tubes of blood were taken, it undoubtedly made her weaker.

"I'll help you," Luke said.

When Jack heard this, he handed him Queenie's documents.

"Wait here for a while." Luke took the documents and turned to leave.

The other side.

Luca came to the hospital early to deliver soup to Amur. Considering that she was on the news, she put on a cap and a mask before she came to the hospital.

She put the thermos on the table and chatted with Amur.

Amur's wound was healing due to the medication. Luca pointed to the thermos and said, "This soup was specially prepared by me and it's good in aiding the healing of your wound. Remember to finish it."

"I see. Thank you, Luca." Amur smiled shyly. He was getting used to calling her by her name.

Luca thought of the news from the day before. She knew that Luke would try to track the IP address of the reporter who released the news. However, there had been no updates from him yet, so it must not be as easy this time.

Someone with access to this kind of technology would have a strong team backing them. Otherwise, a mere reporter could never achieve this.

When she thought of that, Luca put her new laptop on the table and said to Amur, "Amur, there's something I need your help with."

tell me more." Amur was feeling fine, so he was okay to do some work on the

received professional training when he was on the Island of Despair, so it was not a problem for him to do some simple

knew about this, which was why she wanted to ask him for

whispered into Amur's ear about her

expression changed when he learned that the incident had something to do

not notice his change in expression. After she finished speaking, she asked, "Can you

course." Amur agreed, he would never say no

Luca smiled and thanked him.

glad that Amur was fine. She took a look at the time and stood up to leave as she had to rush

she walked past the hospital lobby, she saw Jack and Queenie. She was so surprised that she immediately hid in

'Why are they here?'

glanced at Jack and Queenie again. Queenie was sitting in a wheelchair and

I make a mistake with

was worried when she saw them. When she checked Queenie's pulse yesterday, she felt that something was wrong so she immediately prescribed the medicine as she wanted to get Queenie treated as soon as possible. However, she did not put too much thought into the

She was a little nervous but could not ask **them**.

After Luke was done with the hospitalization procedures, he walked back to Jack and Queenie. "The procedures have been completed. Let's go up."

"Okay." Jack nodded and pushed the wheelchair toward **the elevator**.

Queenie looked back.

"*Queenie*, what are you looking at?" Luke asked when he *saw that*.

"**I think** I saw Ms. Ivy." Queenie looked back. There were a lot of people in the lobby and she could no longer *see Luca*.

When Jack heard, he looked back but did not see **Ms. Ivy**.

"Are you sure?"

Queenie smiled weakly. "Maybe not."

She wanted to meet Ms. Ivy again to ask her if they knew each other and why she sent her *the herbs*.

When the elevator reached the first floor, the three of them walked into the *elevator together*.

Luca, who was standing in the corner, walked out with a worried look. 'Why is Mom in **the hospital**?'

She thought about it and then **called Amur**.

"Luca?" Amur answered the call and was curious as to why she called shortly after *she left*.

else I need your help with. I'll send you an encrypted message," Luca said. She was worried that her phone was being monitored by the Island of Despair, so she did not mention anything over the

"Okay." Amur agreed.

told him about what had happened through an encrypted message. She wanted him to help hack into the hospital's network to see why Queenie was

while, Amur replied saying that he would take care of

breathed a sigh of relief when he agreed. When she was about to stop a taxi at the hospital's entrance, a black Mercedes stopped in front

was numb as she looked at the car in front of

This was one of Luke's cars.

slowly rolled down and she saw Luke's handsome

"Get in."

lowered her cap and wondered how he recognized her. She was surprised that he could recognize her even with her disguise.

Crawford, I'll just take a taxi to the company." She wanted to avoid

they were photographed by the reporter again, she would never hear the end

to Watson Biopharmaceuticals," Luke

more of a reason why we can't be seen together." Luca refused. "The news on the internet has caused me a lot of trouble, Mr. Crawford. I think we should keep our

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Half an hour later, the driver woke Bianca up and told her that she had arrived. She opened her eyes and got out of the car after she paid.

She did not ask the driver to stop the car in front of the company but rather at a nearby office building.

Luca looked at the reporters guarding the entrance of the pharmaceutical company and shook her head helplessly. She knew that this would happen, so she asked to get out of the car at another office building.

She chose to enter the underground parking lot from the side entrance and then head upstairs after scanning her fingerprint.

After stepping out of the elevator, Luca clocked in and it showed that she was late. However, she did not care.

She had mentioned to Rhett that she was going to be late. He would have relayed the message to Dr. Cole.

Luca walked back to the office, and when she just sat down, someone knocked on her office door.

"Come in," she said.

Mo opened the door and was surprised to see Luca sitting in the office chair. After she saw the news last night, she thought that Luca would not come to work today.

When she saw that Luca had clocked in, she thought that it was an error.

"What's the matter?" Luca asked nonchalantly when she saw her surprised expression.

"Dr. Craw, all the professors are having a meeting in the conference room now. Since you're here, do join us for the meeting." Mo snapped out of it and invited Luca.

"Okay." Luca wanted to turn her down but all the professors were there. If she did not show up, it would make it seem like she had special authority.

on the internet placed her in an awkward situation. She could not afford to make it seem like she was special. No matter what, she must do the same as everyone else. Otherwise, others might just say that she joined the company through the back

happened, no one would believe her when she said that she had nothing to do with

be there too?' Luca remembered that when she was at the hospital's entrance, Luke mentioned that he was on the way to the office. It was likely that he was at work too.

'Is he presiding over the meeting?'

Mo looked at Luca, who did not respond after agreeing to attend. She called out to her

go." Luca returned to her senses, took her laptop, and walked out of

immediately followed behind her at a steady pace while looking at her slim

was a beautiful woman with a stunning body. Mo was not surprised that Luca was

opened the door and walked into the meeting

saw Dr. Cole seated at the front, she was relieved and smiled faintly. She apologized and said, "Sorry, I'm

down." Dr. Cole looked calm. After all, he was the head of the department. Even if he knew about her and Luke, he could not show any excessive emotions. He just asked her to sit

found her seat and sat

Dr. Cole continued with the meeting.

Rhett handed the meeting outline and coffee to Luca. "Dr. Craw, this is your coffee, and this is the *meeting outline*."

"Thank you." She thanked him softly.

Rhett blushed, smiled, and sat back in his *seat*.

Mo sneered when she saw the scene. Judging from *Rhett's* expression, she was 100% sure that he was interested *in Luca*.

Men were all over her just because she was good-looking.

Mo felt something off in her heart but could not show it. All she could do was sit in the assistant's **seat**.

Luca took a sip of coffee and looked at the meeting outline that Rhett handed over. He had carefully annotated the topics that had already passed. All that was left on the agenda was the matter of hiring a personal assistant for *each professor*.

Dr. Cole told them that the company would do a round of recruitment and each professor would get to choose their own **assistant**.

Dr. Cole asked for feedback. The other researchers had no opinion, nor did Luca.

After the meeting, Luca picked up her laptop and returned to her *office*.

She felt the piercing gazes of the professors around her, but she did not take it to heart. She would be exhausted if she cared about what others thought about her.

Luca looked calm and returned to the office. Before she could sit down, Amur messaged her.

She opened her private mailbox and clicked on the email to view *it*.

about Queenie's identity, so he prioritized the matter involving

had arranged for Queenie's hospitalization so that he could run a toxicology test

chuckled softly. When she learned that Queenie was not sick because of her concoction, her anxiety evaporated into

guessed that Johann was doing a check-up on Queenie because of the concoction she prescribed.

Johann was smart, so she was sure that he would have figured out what the prescription was

of whether the concoction worked, she was happy that they now understood the cause of

closed the email and then deleted it, leaving no trace of

that with Johann's speed, the toxicology test should be out in less than 24 hours. She was confident in her diagnosis, so she had hope that Queenie would get better soon

how Queenie was poisoned, Luca believed that Luke would figure

The knock on the door interrupted Luca's

Luca snapped out of it and said to whoever was outside

the door open and walked in while holding a cup of coffee in his

Link, what's the matter?" Luca

Craw, would you like some coffee?" Rhett asked while raising the cup of coffee in

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Lunch time.

Luca arrived in the cafeteria and planned to eat something before she started working on her experiment. The moment she walked into the cafeteria, she grabbed the attention of all the employees.

She knew what they were looking at and talking about but was not bothered. She ordered her meal indifferently, walked to the table at the corner, and sat down.

After she had two bites, Talia sat opposite her and greeted her in a soft voice, "Dr. Craw, you're here."

"Yeah." Luca raised her gaze slightly and resumed eating.

"Why are you only eating vegetables? The chicken drumsticks today are good. I'll buy you some!" Talia wanted to flatter Luca.

She was different from the others. Although she despised Luca for joining Watson Biopharmaceuticals through the back door, she did not show any of her displeasure.

After all, she needed a favor from Luca.

"It's alright, I have no appetite." Luca turned her down.

Talia, who had already stood up halfway, had to sit down awkwardly.

She waited silently for Luca to be almost done with her meal before she asked, "Dr. Craw, I heard that the technical department is recruiting assistants. I'm sure this was brought up in a meeting?"

"Yeah." Luca did not hide it. After their meeting earlier that day, Mo posted the notice on the company's website. It was not confidential information.

personally choose an assistant, then?" Talia asked in a soft voice. She thought that she was better than her colleagues and should not have to stay in the administration

that she could display her talents well in the technical department. However, the researchers in the technical department were old-fashioned and put a lot of emphasis on past experience. She was a fresh graduate who did not stand much of a

why Talia wanted to get close to Luca. Although Luca came in through the back door, she just needed Luca's help to get her into the technical department. Then, she could rely on her knowledge to gain a foothold without needing

noded as she grabbed a napkin and wiped the corners of

you choose me?" Talia was overjoyed when she heard it and blurted out her honest

paused and looked at her with a confused expression. "I already have an assistant. I don't need to look for another

voice was loud, arousing the attention of others. After she noticed that, she asked in a softer voice, "Dr. Craw, weren't

paused and decided to phrase it in another way. "Who's your

"Mr. Link," Luca said.

tightened her grip on the utensils. 'She chose

Rhett because they had attended the same interview session. The school Rhett graduated from was not as good as hers but he had a few years of professional experience, so the company hired him and he was in the first batch

the assistant of the entire technical department? Why do you want him to be your personal research assistant?" Talia asked. She never expected that Rhett would repeatedly ruin her

She could accept that she lost the first round during the interview, but she did not expect that Rhett would also beat her in being *Luca's assistant*.

Talia could not believe it!

"**The technical** department changed the rules, so Rhett is now my personal research assistant." Luca saw the jealousy in Talia's eyes and knew that she wanted nothing more than to join the technical department. However, she was in no place *to help*.

If it were before, she might show some compassion. However, she had to prioritize herself and did not have much energy for others.

"*You* want to join the technical department, don't you?" Luca asked.

A streak of hope ignited in Talia's eyes as she replied, "Yes, Dr. Craw. Can you help **me**?"

"**Since** you took this as a major, prepare yourself well. After the exam, you can enter the technical department. I'm done eating, enjoy your meal." Luca then picked up the tray and left.

Talia sat there and watched as Luca walked off. She bit her lower lip and **felt bitter**.

Considering Luca's word choice, it was clear that she would not help **Talia**.

Without Luca's help, it would not be easy for her to get into the technical department. After the last blow, her confidence was shaky.

Watson Biopharmaceuticals was picky with the assistants who would join the technical department. She was not sure if she could do *it alone*.

since Luca did not want to help her, she had no choice but to

her gaze silently. She had boasted to her colleagues in the administration department saying that it was only a matter of time before she got into the technical department. Talia did not want to lose

the canteen and returned to her office. She rested for a while before she

had gone through the relevant procedures and was officially Luca's assistant now. She was working on the experiment while he assisted by recording all the data in

Mo passed by the lab, she could not help but smile when she saw how focused Luca and Rhett were on still dared to approach Luca even after the news broke out. They knew about their boss' domineering personality. She was surprised that Rhett was not afraid of getting caught in the crossfires.

Mo shook her head and left.

the end of the workday, Luca received another email from Amur. After investigating, he found the IP address of the reporter who posted the article and locked in on his

turned gloomy when she saw the location on

did not put a pause to this, it would only grow out of control. In the end, she would become a victim of public

lead to her being fired from Watson Biopharmaceuticals, which she did not mind. However, Abel would never allow such a thing to happen. She had no choice but to meet with this reporter before it

took Amur an afternoon to find his address. She was sure that someone was backing the reporter. Otherwise, how could a mere reporter hide his IP address so

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Luca disguised herself with the cap and mask before walking out of the side door. She noticed a few reporters who were still stubbornly standing at the entrance.

She shook her head helplessly. Even after waiting for an entire day, they still would not give up. Any news involving Luke Crawford was of great value in their eyes.

Luca hailed a taxi after walking up the road. She was not in a hurry to go home. She had somewhere else to be.

The taxi drove for a full hour before reaching the place.

It was a relatively remote spot in A City. Luca looked around before getting out of the car. It was peak hour, so it would not be easy for her to get another taxi in this area.

She gave the driver an extra sum of money and asked him to wait for her here.

The driver was happy with the offer. He nodded and promised to wait for her at the same spot.

Luca got out of the car. The address given by Amur led her to a private property 50 meters away. She looked around. Most of the houses here did not have the lights on.

These houses were old and owned by locals in A City. However, these houses were rented out a long time ago, so some foreigners lived here now.

It was right after work, and there was a certain distance between the industrial area and the commercial area. Hence, there were fewer people around.

It was better that there were fewer people. Luca walked to the residential house, raised her hand, and knocked on the door.

After a while, a man's voice was heard. "Who is it?"

I'm here to deliver your food. Please come out and get it," Luca said as she quietly put her hand into her while, the man's voice replied, "We didn't order takeaway, you made

have the address here. Mr. Liam is the one who ordered the food. Please come out and get it," Luca said. She knew the reporter's name after reading

half a minute, the door opened. Luca smiled and took out the knife from her bag before kicking the door man behind the door was stunned and took two steps

you?" The man realized that this visitor did not have good intentions. He immediately rolled up his sleeves and clenched his

eyes fell on the tattoo on his arm. She then raised

"My name is Ivana," she said.

frowned. 'Ivana? The name seems familiar.' Before he could react, Liam walked out and asked, gaze fell on Liam and she

in!" The man thought that the woman in front of him was here for Liam and immediately yelled at shuddered when he saw Luca holding a sharp knife and immediately walked into the

Luca looked at the man and said in Russian, "I'm from the Island of Despair."

"I don't know what you're talking about," the man answered in *Russian*.

"*The tattoo* on your arm tells me that you know what I'm talking about." Luca's slender fingers glided over the sharp blade, but she was *not cut*.

The man sat down and wanted to figure out if the person in front of him was setting *him up*.

Luca moved the short knife in her hand in front of him, and the words on the hilt were displayed in front of him.

It was a weapon from the Island of **Despair!**

"**You're on** the boss' assignment?" the man asked in a low voice after confirming that she was from the Island of **Despair**.

"No, I have something I need to deal with today." Luca took off her mask. "Do you recognize **me**?"

"I don't know you." The man frowned. There were so many people on the Island of Despair that it was impossible for him to know everyone.

"**I'm** the protagonist in his article." Luca's blade pointed toward the door. Liam was poking out half of his head. When he saw Luca's blade pointing at him, he immediately retracted *it*.

She did not have to look but the blade was pointing straight at where he was standing. Liam trembled *with fright*.

He was wondering what they were talking about but he did not understand Russian.

man's brows were knitted together. He knew what Liam

asked you to protect him?"

can't tell you." The man refused to say who was behind

a rough idea. She smiled and asked, "The other party is also from the Island

The man did not answer.

okay if you don't tell me. You're tasked to protect him, but are you aware that it has caused me a lot of trouble? The boss asked me to go undercover and join Watson Biopharmaceuticals, but this article is very unfavorable to my mission. If the Crawford family is pissed, they can fire me at any time and dig into me. The boss took a lot of effort to get me into Watson Biopharmaceuticals yet you're working with this reporter to disturb me. If I fail my mission, are you going to take responsibility?" Luca scolded him. Even though he did not tell her, she knew in her heart who was

knew when she saw the tattoo on the man's arm, but she was surprised that the person would actually do

also the boss' order!" The

the boss cause trouble for his own people?" Luca asked back. "Was it the boss or someone else who instructed you to do this? Have you

The man kept silent.

left the island, the boss asked you to work for her, but what she's doing now is messing up my mission. If I report this to the boss, what do you think he'll say? If he finds out that she made the decision to mess with me without his approval, neither of you can escape punishment," Luca

knew that this matter must have nothing to do with Abel. If he wanted her to leave Watson Biopharmaceuticals, he would not have Shanks go through so much trouble to give her the

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After Luca left, Liam walked out and asked in a soft voice, "Hey, who is she?"

"Go away," the man yelled angrily. He felt like he was being used by Bianca.

Liam touched his nose and shivered. They had spent two days together. He was well aware that the man in front of him should never be provoked.

The man was his savior, so he had to please him for protection.

The man walked into the back room, closed the door, and contacted Abel.

After Abel heard his report of the whole incident, his tone was slightly angry. "You report to me, not to the two women."

When the man heard this, he was so scared that he broke into a cold sweat. He immediately said, "Got it. Boss, please give me a chance."

"Follow Ivana's instructions this time and make sure you keep me posted before you do anything." Abel squinted. He did not expect the fake Bianca to do such a thing out of jealousy.

It seemed that Luke's charm was so strong that she had forgotten her true identity and mission.

"Should I rat out the reporter?" the man asked. When he received the order, he was not happy about having to protect such a person either.

Had it not been for Abel asking him to assist Bianca in completing her mission, he would not have done this.

"No," Abel said, "Luke must be investigating the matter now and will locate the reporter soon. Have the reporter continue to do what he's doing. As long as you stop hiding his IP address, Luke will be able to find him. When the time comes, take extra care and don't reveal your identity. "

"Got it!" the man said and ended the call.

opened the door and found Liam standing by

are you doing?" The man's expression was gloomy. He was disgusted that he had wasted his time protecting this piece of

"Nothing." Liam immediately shook his head.

much did you hear?" The man grabbed his clothes, and Liam's legs were almost off

a lot... but I don't understand Russian," Liam cried out. The soundproofing of this house was bad, but he did not understand

man squinted his eyes, snorted coldly, and put him on the

gasped loudly. He thought that Bianca had arranged a bodyguard for him, but now it seemed that he was the

wanted to escape. The moment he raised his eyes, he was frightened by the man's gloomy gaze. He lowered his head because he knew that if the man left, he would no longer

I'm hungry." Liam thought about it and concluded that he was safer under the man's

food in the kitchen. Cook it yourself." The man could no longer be bothered

stunned that he asked him to cook the food

could do it, he would not have asked. He was fine yesterday. Even though his attitude was not the best, he would always prepare food and drinks

since that woman showed up, he

Liam touched his nose and walked to the kitchen. He planned to make some instant noodles for himself. After all, he could only work when he had a full *stomach*.

Bianca promised that she would pay an amount of money to him every time the number of comments on the forum increased. Therefore, he had to continue to arouse public outrage so that the number of comments *would increase*.

The other side.

Bianca sat on the sofa and watched the increasing number of comments on the forum. She could not *help smiling*.

'Ivana wants to get close to Luke? I'll never allow it!'

She believed that if this matter continued, Old Master Crawford would pressure Luke to fire Ivana. At that time, all she needed to do was wait and the woman would go away *by herself*.

Bianca was not afraid that Ivana was also from the Island of Despair. Even if she was on a mission assigned by Abel, Bianca had no fear.

She had prepared some excuses to keep herself out of the line *of fire*.

Bianca turned off her phone as a deep look flashed in her eyes. She was only disappointed that Luke did not rectify the situation and even allowed it to develop.

Fortunately, if he continued doing nothing, more and more people would become dissatisfied. It would be impossible for Ivana to turn the **tide!**

"Young Madam, dinner is ready." The caretaker went upstairs to inform **her**.

Bianca nodded and stood up gracefully. She looked like a lady. "Is Luke home for *dinner?*"

"Young Master is downstairs," the caretaker *replied*.

expression changed. Luke came back but did not go upstairs to say hello to

becoming more and more indifferent

didn't he come upstairs after work?" Bianca squinted her eyes. If she did not take action, she was afraid that she would lose the title of Mrs.

was stunned. She was a mere servant. She could not do anything about Luke not going

Bianca's displeasure and said, "Young Master was discussing something with Old Master Crawford when he came back

and replied, "Okay, let's go

caretaker nodded and bowed before following

got to the dining room, the rest of the Crawford family were already at the dining

smiled and sat down beside

Luke looked tired and was not in the mood to talk

occupied with the news, Queenie, and T Corporation the

eat," Old Master Crawford said to the butler when everyone was

"Yes." The butler immediately made arrangements.

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Since he had already said that, Bianca knew better than to hold on to this matter. She said, "Maybe I am overthinking..."

Luke took out the last folder and looked at Bianca, who was still standing at the door.

Bianca felt aggrieved because she knew that he wanted her gone. 'What has he become? He wants me gone? He wouldn't have done this in the past.'

Things changed from the day Ivana appeared. That was when he started acting abnormally.

Bianca pretended not to understand what he meant and asked, "Luke, what are you going to do about the article?"

Luke's phone vibrated. He lowered his gaze and glanced at the message. He replied, "It'll be over soon."

"Do you have a solution?" Bianca's tone was a little impatient, even agitated. The only solution she knew was to fire Ivana so he could prove his innocence.

"Yeah," Luke said.

"What's your plan?" Bianca was too agitated and forgot to pretend to be gentle.

"Bea, I'll deal with it. I'm sorry you have to go through this." Luke did not tell her what the solution was. After she lost her memory, he had become more reserved with her.

Jason had texted him saying that they found the location of the IP address, so he wanted to check it out.

Bianca was a little disappointed that he refused to tell her, but she believed that if he said it would be solved, it would definitely be solved. Ivana would soon be kicked out of Watson Biopharmaceuticals. No one could pose a threat to her again.

feel wronged. I know you're innocent. The comments on the internet are just a bunch of nonsense." She expressed her trust

Luke keep the documents he had just taken out, she was puzzled and asked, "Luke, aren't you busy with happened at the company and I need to head out. You should rest early. Don't stay up too late," Luke said as he took his jacket and

walk past her, Bianca followed him and asked, "It's so late. Do you still have to go to the office? Can't it wait

was happy that Luke would take action against Ivana. She was very happy and wanted him to stay with be back soon enough." Luke glanced at her and walked out of the study

not follow him. She watched him leave as the corners of her mouth curved into a in such a rush. Is he going to deal with

always hoped that Luke would do something to save their relationship. If he handled the matter with Luca, she would be very

Luke left Crawford Manor.

hid in Blanche's room and whispered, "Brother, I just saw Daddy go

"Why did Daddy go out?" Blanche *asked*.

Rainie shook her head. She did not know what Luke was going to do. "Daddy must be caught up with work, but he hasn't gone out so late in a **long time**."

Since their mother came back, he rarely worked overtime in the office. When it was time to leave, he would take his work home and spend time with the family.

"Daddy is occupied with a lot of stuff lately." Blanche turned on the computer and randomly did a search. An article caught *his attention*.

"*This...*" Rainie did not keep up with the news like Blanche and did not know much about what **was happening**.

The adults rarely talked about these things in front of them, so of course, she did not *know anything*.

"This must be the reason why Dad has been occupied," Blanche said.

"*Didn't Tommy* say that this sister is a good person? Would she use Daddy to enter the company?" Rainie was doubtful **of it**.

Blanche also expressed his suspicion, but it was an issue that the adults had to deal with. Children like them were nothing in the adults' eyes, so if there was a problem, it was not their place to *solve it*.

"We don't need to worry about this. Daddy will take care of it," he said. All they had to do was wait for the results from *the hospital*.

"Brother." Rainie suddenly lowered her voice and said, "If the result from the hospital isn't ideal, shall we **tell Daddy?**"

She was referring to if Bianca was not their *biological mother*.

it one step at a time." Blanche was so calm that he looked like an adult. He shook his head as he scanned through the comments on

matter was not resolved as soon as possible, he knew that his great-grandfather would not

how Blanche was acting, Rainie shook her head helplessly and walked out of his

walking out of her bedroom as well and bumped into Rainie. She smiled and said, "Rainie, why are you

I'm going to sleep," Rainie said. She guessed that Bianca had just walked out of the bedroom and probably did not hear her conversation with Blanche. She calmed down a little after that.

and thought of chatting with her to improve their relationship. However, when she saw Rainie yawning, she said, "If you're tired, go to

Mommy." Rainie looked at her kind face but felt weird and awkward. She had seen her hideous side. The kind face that Bianca put on only reminded her of the scene she saw in the

back to her bedroom, then closed the door and subconsciously

this, Bianca walked to Blanche's bedroom. She saw that the bedroom door was closed shut. She did not
two sons were not close to her at all, and she had no interest in
went back to the bedroom and swiped through the forum on her phone. When she saw that the
comments were increasing, she sneered and said, "Mr. Liam is good at what he

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Inside the house.

The man was smoking and looking at the surveillance footage outside. The moment Luke got down from
the car, he stood up, turned off the computer, and pulled the network cable.

His movements were light, so Liam, who was working hard in his room, did not notice him.

The man put out the cigarette, picked up the computer, and went upstairs. He went to the very edge
and sprinted before jumping to the roof of the next house.

It was difficult for an ordinary person to do this, but he was from the Island of Despair. This was nothing
to him.

Jason brought his bodyguards to close in on the house. He then asked a bodyguard who knew how to
pick a lock to open the door.

A group of people quietly walked into the house without alarming Liam.

When Liam noticed them, the room he was in was already surrounded by several bodyguards.

With two bodyguards standing at the door, Liam realized that there was no escape.

"Hey, hey!" he called out to the man but there was no reply.

Liam fell wretchedly on the floor. He knew that he was trapped and there was no one there to save him.
He wet himself.

Jason walked in and looked at Liam, who had been subdued by the bodyguards. Jason said, "Our boss
wants to see you."

Liam recognized the person in front of him as Luke's assistant. His eyes went blank as he fainted.

Doyle, this..." The bodyguards were dumbfounded. 'This guy peed himself the moment he got caught
and even fainted?! How

to the car." Jason covered his nose in disgust. 'Such a cowardly reporter dares to pick a fight

The bodyguards nodded and carried Liam into the

stepped out, walked to Luke's side, and said, "Boss, we found him, but

holding a cigarette in his hand. In the night, the sparks of the cigarette dimmed and brightened, making
him

he alone?" He watched as two bodyguards carried the fainted man into the

found him, but we found a cigarette butt that was just extinguished in the other room. It seems that the other person left not too long before we showed up," Jason said.

been keeping guard at the door and no one came out from inside. He was curious as to how the person gaze grew deeper. He looked at the security camera in the corner. The person must have found out that they were coming from the camera, so he left before they went

surveillance camera was so hidden that Jason did not notice it the

seemed that the person behind this reporter was

what should we do with this reporter?" Jason

him to the apartment," Luke said. He had some questions for

"Yes," *Jason* turned and walked over after receiving **Luke's orders**.

Luke got in the car and started the car. He left before **the others**.

Jason ordered the bodyguards to change the reporter into a fresh pair of pants. He had been working with Luke for a long time and knew that he took hygiene seriously.

The group then drove away.

The man stood on the roof of the neighboring house as he watched the scene unfold in front of him. He touched his chin. Except for those from the Island of Despair, he thought that no one could crack his code **so quickly**.

He thought that Luke's men were all idiots. He did not expect them to break through the barriers he set up so quickly and find the place.

It seemed that Luke was indeed **capable**.

After the cars arrived at the apartment, the reporter woke up in one of the cars and looked at the bodyguards sitting around him. He shivered as he muttered, "Brothers, I think you have the wrong person!"

The bodyguards did not budge.

Jason walked over with a pair of trousers that was prepared by the bodyguards. He opened the car door, threw in the bag that carried the trousers, and said, "Time to change."

"Brother, I have no grudge against you. Why would you kidnap me?" Liam pretended to be innocent and tried to deceive **Jason**.

"Stop pretending. If you hadn't done anything wrong, why did you faint? Put on your pants. Else, if I get the bodyguards to change it for you, I can't promise you won't walk away without a few bruises." Jason threatened **him**.

and immediately took the pants. "I'll do it

got out of the car and closed the

took a while.

noded slightly and said, "Take

The bodyguards opened the door, dragged the reporter out, and took him to the

the apartment, Luke was sitting on the sofa, looking as mighty as a king. He was holding a cigarette in his hand, and his expression was

was brought to him by the bodyguards. His body was trembling when he looked

want to take the initiative to explain it to me, or should I ask you one question after another?" Luke opened his mouth and

so scared that he wanted to confess everything, but suddenly, he thought of Bianca. Even if he confessed, Luke might not believe him considering that they were husband and

said, "Mr. Crawford, I don't understand what you're

acting dumb!" a bodyguard yelled. It made him tremble even

his computer is with us. It has his fingerprints and he's still logged into the account," Jason

his lower lip. 'Why am I so unlucky? Why did I piss Luke off? I have yet to receive a single cent and he already busted

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Luke's expression sank when he heard Bianca's name.

Jason, on the other hand, was startled. He said sternly, "You'll have to be responsible for what you say!"

"I swear that what I told you is true. I make recordings of our conversations every time I meet her!" Liam told Luke. He sounded like he was telling the truth.

Jason gulped when he heard what the reporter said. It was his turn to be speechless now. If the reporter had recordings of their conversations, it probably meant that he was not framing her.

"Give me the recordings." Luke crossed his legs and leaned on the couch. His expression was sullen.

"It's in my phone." Liam rummaged his pockets and realized that he had changed his pants. "My phone is in the car."

"Go and get it," Luke said sullenly.

"Yes." A bodyguard nodded and went downstairs, found Liam's previous pair of pants, took out the phone, and brought it back up.

The phone was placed on the coffee table, but Luke did not touch it. "The recordings?"

Liam took the phone. With trembling fingers, he found the recording files. Before he played them, he asked, "Shall I put it on speaker?"

Luke turned around and looked at Jason.

Jason understood what Luke meant. He gestured to the bodyguards.

stepped outside of the apartment and closed

"Play it," Luke ordered.

not hesitate to press the play button and put the phone on the coffee table. His and Bianca's voices could be

instantly recognize Bianca's voice because her vocal cords had been

expression changed drastically. It seemed that Bianca might be involved in this. "Boss, the recording might be faked," he

didn't fake it. If I knew how to do it, I wouldn't need someone to protect me, and I wouldn't be caught by you," Liam retorted. Now that he was caught, he might as well implicate the

been protecting you?" Luke glared at the reporter like a

fierce-looking man. I don't know his name." Liam said, feeling aggrieved that the man did not protect him when he needed it most. "Right, Bianca arranged that person for me. If you want to know who he is, you can

stood up from the couch and took the phone on the coffee table with

Luke was walking out of the door, the reporter said, "I'm telling you the truth, Mr. Crawford. I wouldn't have done this if your wife hadn't instructed me to do so. Please forgive

the apartment without saying a word, and Jason followed

Luke told the bodyguards outside the apartment, "Keep a close eye on him. Don't let him run away."

"Yes!" The bodyguards replied.

Jason remained silent behind Luke. He dared not give any comment about what they had just *found out*.

"**Go** and get the recordings analyzed. See if they're faked." Luke handed Jason the phone.

"**Yes.**" Jason rubbed his nose and sighed. If the recordings were real, there would be chaos in the Crawford family again.

He did not expect that Bianca would do that to her husband. Was she trying to frame *Luca*?

The more he thought about it, the more unnerved he got. Bianca seemed to have changed her personality after she lost her memories. She became as ruthless as Bailey, *his ex-wife*.

The thought of Bailey reminded him of his two daughters. He followed Luke down the stairs, and when he was thinking if he should excuse himself, Luke said, "You should go *home*."

"**Yes!**" Jason watched Luke's car leave before driving back to Sue's house.

He glanced at the time and saw that it was already very late, and the children must have been asleep. He carefully opened *the door*.

When he stepped in, he noticed that Sue was sitting in the living room. The television was on, but the volume was barely audible. Was she watching *something*?

heart warmed when he saw that Sue had been waiting for

heard that, she shot an impassive glance at Jason and turned away. "You're

voice was close to a whisper, as though she was afraid to awaken Kari and Teri, who were

had to settle some official business." Jason took off his coat and hung it on the rack. He had moved his belongings into

insisted on sleeping in separate

broth left in the kitchen. Kari told me to save some for you. If you want it, you can go and get it yourself." Sue rubbed her eyes. Her eyes were getting tired from work and

heart warmed. He did not call her out on her

knew that Sue was the one who wanted to save the broth for him, but she said that it was her daughter's

adored that part of

went into the kitchen and took out the bowl from the microwave. When he returned to the living room, he wanted to sit beside Sue on the couch, but he realized that she had placed her laptop next

put the bowl on the coffee table, then put the laptop on the coffee table too. After that, he sat down close to

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"They found him?" Sue was quite surprised. She heard from him yesterday that the reporter's IP address was heavily masked, and it was very difficult for them to pinpoint his location. How did they manage to find him in one day? "Who is he?"

"He's from some tabloid." Jason had barely eaten anything for the entire day because he had been busy hunting down the reporter after finding out his IP address. The hot soup made him feel a lot better.

"How dare a mere tabloid reporter do this to Luke and Bianca? I'm impressed!" Sue had been keeping a close eye on any developments about the incident. Even though she did not interact with Bianca after she had lost her memories, Sue nevertheless hoped that Bianca's life would be blissful.

"Someone instructed him to." Jason devoured the bowl of soup and wiped his mouth.

"Who?" Sue wanted to know. She had thought of many possibilities in a few seconds. Could it be Susan Armstrong, Luke's other mother? Perhaps it was a business rival or even a businessman who had fallen from grace and wanted to take revenge.

Jason stared at her curious face. He wanted to say something but stopped himself.

"What's wrong?" Sue became even more curious.

"You wouldn't want to know." Jason shook his head.

"You can be such a clown sometimes. Why bother telling it to me if you only want to tell half the story? I really would like to know. Are you going to tell me?" Sue crossed her arms as though she wanted to force him to tell her.

"It's Bianca Rayne." Jason could guess that she would be pestering him for the rest of the night if he did not tell her.

Impossible!" Sue's expression was extremely exaggerated. Was Jason making up stories? Why would Bianca implicate her husband in

reporter provided us with a recording. I'll be getting it analyzed tomorrow to determine its authenticity. Don't tell anyone I told you this," Jason said. The incident would tarnish the Crawford family's reputation. If the recording was proven to be authentic, Bianca's actions were truly

an idiot. Of course I won't tell anyone about it." Sue rubbed her nose, still in disbelief. "Can I listen to the Jason did not yield this

then, I shouldn't put you on the spot. At least tell me if the recording is authentic after you get it analyzed tomorrow." Sue stood up, picked up the laptop, and headed toward her

also stood up and looked at

turned around and looked at him. She could tell from his eyes what he was thinking, and she immediately refused. "Don't even think

smiled helplessly. She understood him well enough to reject his advances before he had even opened course, he wanted to ask if he could sleep

Jason brought the empty bowl to the kitchen and washed it. When he returned to the living room, Sue's bedroom door was already *tightly shut*.

He would have to sleep alone again *tonight*.

Meanwhile, by the time Luke returned to Crawford Manor, everyone in the house was already asleep. He walked up *the stairs*.

A solitary dim light illuminated the corridor. The light washed out the colors of the area, and the house was entirely silent.

The atmosphere was frigid, just like his heart.

He stood outside Bianca's bedroom for some time, but he never did open the door. The woman sleeping inside was the love of his life, but she had become a stranger to *him*.

He thought that it was normal for Bianca's personality to change after she had lost her memories, but whatever she did was not normal *at all*.

Luke's suspicion grew. The woman in the room was not the same woman that he loved.

Meanwhile, Luca lay on her bed, unable to sleep. She found it hard to sleep at night, so it was normal for her to be awake at **this hour**.

Her phone began to vibrate. On the screen was a string of numbers. She answered the *call*.

settled Bianca's incident. Don't forget who you are. Report to me before you do anything!" Abel's voice was heard from the other end of

tell that he was furious. She replied calmly, "I don't know that someone from the Island of Despair is behind

who Bianca is!" Abel did not believe Luca's excuse. He knew that the woman was crafty, but he was not stupid

don't know that Bianca was the person behind the incident. If I hadn't noticed the tattoo on the man's body, I wouldn't have known that the Island of Despair was supporting what she did," Luca said mockingly and chuckled softly. "Don't you think that it's ironic? You're trying your best to sneak me into Watson while another one of your minions is trying to foil your plan. I thought you'd be a better

as though he had been slapped in the face. He felt that he was humiliated even though no one else knew about the plan. Naturally, he released his anger on

enough. The incident is over, and the woman will be receiving her punishment. You'd better do your job and not let Luke suspect your identity. Try to climb the ranks as fast as you can. I can't wait to see Luke writhe in agony." Abel knew where her sore spots

instantly turned pale. She had always been unwilling to help him to bring

she was not in the position to fight back, and she could only do what Abel

to calm herself down while hearing the man's breathing on the other end of the call. "Anything else that you want to

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The next morning, Crawford Manor was as peaceful as ever. The only difference was that Bianca had woken up early.

She opened the door to the study and saw that Luke was wearing his necktie. She grinned brilliantly, walked over, and said, "Let me help you, Luke."

Luke let go of his hands and let her do it.

Bianca took the necktie and tied a perfect Windsor knot. She had learned to do that to get in his good graces. "Is this good enough?"

"Mm." Luke lowered his head and looked at the necktie. Her fingers were just as nimble as before, but her personality had nevertheless changed.

Even though Jason had not returned with the analysis of the recording, he believed what the reporter said.

If Bianca had not done it, the reporter would not have framed her.

"You came back very late last night, didn't you? What time did you reach home?" Bianca asked. She guessed that Luke had left the house yesterday to take care of the scandal. She wanted to wait for him to see if he managed to do anything, but she had fallen asleep before he returned.

"Some time after midnight, I think." Luke turned around and put on the freshly-pressed coat.

"How's the investigation coming along?" Bianca asked.

Luke turned around to look at her. Bianca was looking at him with an innocent smile. She did not seem flustered at all.

truth just as the reporter

that were the case, it meant that Bianca did not know that he had found the reporter, and the person who had been harboring the reporter did not

last possibility was that she was a good actress, and she was testing

Luke did not tell her that he had found the

you go out to handle the scandal? I know that you're innocent, but if the scandal continues to spread, it won't be good for you, the family, the company, and the children," Bianca said. She did not believe that he had not done

to the bottom of it." As soon as Luke finished speaking, his phone started to

looked at the screen and saw that it was from Johann. "Let me pick this

Bianca sneaked a glance at his phone screen, saw that the call was from Johann, and left the room. Even so, she could not believe that Luke had not done anything about

did he go last night? Don't tell me he was with that Ivana

wary when she thought about that. At the same time, her phone started

On the screen was a string of numbers. Instantly, she returned to her bedroom, locked the door, and answered the *call*.

Luke went downstairs after ending the call. When he met the butler, he told him, "I'm going to the hospital. Get the driver to send the children to **school**."

"Yes, Sir." The butler nodded. While Luke picked up the keys, the butler said, "Sir, won't you have your breakfast before leaving? I don't suppose that you're in such **a hurry**."

"**It's fine**." Luke took the keys and walked out of the house. Johann had told him that Queenie's test report was ready, and he should go over and take a *look*.

The toxicology report had been expedited, and Luke could hear from Johann's tone of voice that the matter was serious. That was why he immediately went to *the hospital*.

The butler saw Luke leave hurriedly. He sighed and went to report it to Old *Master Crawford*.

Old Master Crawford did not say anything because he knew *Luke's personality*.

Soon, Bianca came down the stairs. Unlike Luke, her face was pale, and she seemed very *anxious*.

The butler went over and asked her, "You look pale, Madam. Are you **feeling unwell?**"

"I'm fine. Right, I have some business elsewhere. Tell the cook that I won't be back for lunch," Bianca shook her head and said. She took the car keys and left **the house**.

"*Yes, Madam.*" The butler nodded. Seeing how anxious she was, he did not ask her any further questions.

arrived at Johann's office in the hospital. At the same time, Jack and Queenie arrived

from the central air-conditioning unit was quite cold, and Queenie's body was frail. She was covered in a thick quilt and sat in

Park, are the test results out?" Queenie asked. She seemed more haggard than ever because she was worried about the test results and did not sleep well the

handed them a test

took the test report and flipped the pages while Jack leaned over to see. They skipped over the long paragraphs of medical jargon and landed at the

widened. He could not believe what he saw. "That's

Luke's expression was also grim.

anxious to read the report when she saw their expressions, but she was also afraid to know the truth.

"What is it, Jack?" She

expression was one of immense grief. He did not expect that Queenie's health declined because she was

Who could have poisoned her?