

Be Gentle 1201

Chapter 1201

"Visit Leia?" Bianca frowned and thought of Leia.

She had never been in contact with Leia but she learned a lot about her from documents. She felt neutral toward her so-called sister.

'She's still thinking about Leia? Is she stupid?'

Bianca looked down on Queenie's benevolence, but on the surface, she smiled slightly and said, "Mom, let's have Dad decide on this matter."

Based on what she read on the documents, Jack was the one who sent Leia abroad.

At that time, Leia refused to leave A City and made a big fuss before she was sent abroad. Since she left, Leia had been trying to figure out a way to come back.

Jack and Luke were getting in the way of it, so Leia never had a chance to return.

Bianca was surprised to hear that Leia found a partner abroad and wanted Queenie to visit.

It seemed to her that the engagement was fake and just a part of Leia's plot.

When she heard Bianca's reply, Queenie sighed and said in a melancholic tone, "Your father is still angry... I can't persuade him alone."

Jack loved her, but after all, he was once a soldier and had a stubborn temper.

Jack was already infuriated with Leia for everything that happened previously. If they had not spent more than 20 years in the same household, he would have severed their father-daughter relationship.

Bianca did not want to see Leia, so she deliberately showed an uncomfortable expression as she said, "Mom, you're just getting better and I heard that this poison..."

paused and did not

it that Leia was the reason why Queenie

a little skeptical. Since everyone seemed to think so, it must not be a groundless accusation.

she still want to see Leia? Is there something wrong with her

froze when she heard what Bianca said. She patted Bianca's hand and

lost her memory and started to alienate herself from Queenie after that. It seemed that Bianca no longer understood her as well as she

her reaction, Bianca was worried that Luke would think she had done something to Queenie, so she chose to change the subject. "Mom, who's the woman who took

don't know. It was my first time meeting her." Queenie showed a faint smile on her face when the mystery woman

you ask for her name?" Bianca was very curious. To Bianca, Shanks had the best medical skills, but she knew that Shanks would never treat

didn't mention anything, but that woman is beautiful. Her beauty and temperament are refreshing." Queenie thought about their previous interaction and even felt a feeling of warmth in

was the first time she had seen

was speechless hearing Queenie complimenting the

At noon, after the maid informed them that lunch was ready, Queenie and Bianca took the kids by the hands and walked to the dining *room*.

Jack's mood had improved a lot because of Queenie's recovery. He was happy and opened a bottle of red wine. When they were walking in, they saw him pouring Luke a *glass of wine*.

Queenie walked over, shook her head, and said, "Dear, you shouldn't be drinking."

"**It's** okay, I'm in a wonderful mood today," Jack said. His expression was still upright and serious, but the corners of his mouth could not help but rise into a *smile*.

Bianca was a little puzzled. When she and Queenie walked to the garden just now, he was not happy at all.

'What did Luke say and do to make him *so happy*?'

Queenie shook her head and said softly to the kids, "Come, sit down."

"*Okay, Grandma.*" The kids nodded and took *their seats*.

Bianca wanted to sit next to Luke, but Tommy and Rainie took the left and right seats next to him. Reluctantly, she sat next to *Rainie*.

Halfway through the meal, Jack finished half a bottle of wine and was a little **tipsy**.

"Come on, Luke, another glass! Bea will drive you back later." Jack clinked glasses *with him*.

Luke clinked glasses with him and finished the wine in **one gulp**.

the two of them drink. She took a sip of juice, put down her utensils, and said, "Dear, I have something to

was tipsy. In the last few years, he had not drunk a single drop of alcohol to focus on taking care of her so his alcohol tolerance had become

was flushing. He asked, "My love, what do you want to talk to

"Leia has found a boyfriend abroad and said that they're going to get engaged. Let's go visit them and meet the guy's parents to discuss

heard Leia's name, Jack shook his head. Although he was tipsy, he was not a fool. "I don't care about was a little anxious when she heard that he

a foreign country and the customs are different from ours. It's their business that they want to get engaged. It has nothing to do with us." Jack waved his hand, picked up the bottle again, and poured himself and Luke a glass of wine. "Luke, don't you

talk about this later. Long-distance travel is not the best for your condition now." Luke picked up the glass. He did not persuade Queenie to give up nor did he agree

always wanted to return to A City, but he and Jack would always secretly put a stop to her attempts, forcing her to stay

she was done with her studies, she realized that she still could not come back. Perhaps she thought that if she found someone to marry, it would soften Queenie's heart and Jack's attitude. Luke would never let her

heard his reply, disappointment flashed in her eyes but she just

that what Leia did was disappointing

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Queenie heard what he said and fell into a daze.

'Yes, this was the path that Leia chose. However, if I had paid more attention to her, she might not have embarked on this path.'

Bianca stood aside, watching indifferently. The night was her best cover, and no one noticed the mockery in her gaze.

She realized that there was a reason why she did not like Queenie.

In addition to the indifference she felt for her blood-related family, she thought that Queenie was too soft and kind. Someone like Leia had Queenie easily wrapped around her fingers.

If it were her...

The mockery in Bianca's gaze grew stronger. 'If I cried in front of her, would she cry to Luke on my behalf?'

Luke said, "Mother-in-law, we're heading off now."

"Okay, drive safe." Queenie turned around in a daze and walked back to the house.

Looking at her desolate figure, Luke bent over and sat in the passenger seat with a cold expression.

Bianca sat in the driver's seat and drove back to Crawford Manor.

After getting out of the car, the kids walked into the living room while Bianca sat in the driver's seat looking at Luke, who was leaning against the car door with his eyes closed.

Although he could handle his alcohol, he had drunk a lot with Jack and was likely drunk.

"Luke, aren't you going to help her?" Bianca asked cautiously.

already helping her." Luke opened his eyes and unbuckled his seat belt. "I assume that Queenie asked you to help

I didn't agree. I'm afraid that you and Dad will be upset," Bianca said in an aggrieved tone and hinted at him about

being abroad is for the best, especially for the Norman family," Luke opened the door and got out of him and got out of the car as

"I don't remember anything about Leia. Is she a bad

amnesia. Don't think about it if you don't remember her. As long as it involves Leia, stay away," Luke

him walking toward the manor, Bianca followed him and walked by his

and when she tried to support him, he stood firm and took a step

taken aback and said, "Luke, you drank a lot tonight. You should rest in the master bedroom. If you feel unwell in the middle of the night, I can take care

it were in the past, she would have other intentions for inviting him to the master

at this moment, Bianca did not have any ulterior motives. After all, she did not want him to know about the wounds on her body. She invited him to the master bedroom so that he could get a good rest and to give him a good

have some work to attend to, you should go get some rest." As usual, Luke turned

it was not a direct rejection, Bianca knew what

Even if she stayed up for Luke, he would not be going into the master bedroom.

At night.

After Tommy showered, he video-called Luca.

Luca quickly answered. As she looked at Tommy, who was on the other side of the screen, her gaze became tender. She put the documents aside. She said, "Tommy, it's so late. Why are you still *awake*?"

"**Ms.** Luca, I just got home." Tommy smiled and was happy to **see her**.

Luca raised her eyebrows and replied, "Oh? Why did you get home so late? Where did *you go*?"

"**We** went to Grandma's house!" Tommy said, "The chef at my grandmother's house made a lot of yummy food for us. Everyone was so happy. Daddy even drank a lot of wine **with Grandpa**."

He babbled as if doing a daily report, and Luca got a lot of information *from him*.

She asked, "Really? What did the **chef make**?"

Tommy thought about it for a while and did not answer her question. Instead, he fawned over her and said, "She cooked a lot of food, but they're not as delicious as your **cooking**."

Luca smiled and shook her head.

"How's your Grandma doing?" she continued to ask about the things that she cared about.

If she guessed correctly, Queenie should be taking the concoction that she prepared for her. Since there was no news, she assumed it meant that Queenie's body was recovering well.

health..." Tommy shook his head and continued talking, "I don't know, but Grandma looks better and doesn't wear as many layers of clothes

the past, he never understood why Queenie was so different

he was in short sleeves, Queenie would be wearing multiple layers of long-sleeved

good to hear." Luca sighed. If she could, she wanted to see Queenie in person and check

did your father drink so much?"

was in a good mood, so he drank with Daddy. Ms. Luca, isn't it bad to drink alcohol?" Tommy

small amount of alcohol is fine and can improve your mood, but drinking too much would harm the body," Luca said

used to drink a lot, so he's in bad health,"

now?" Luca's heart ached when she heard that Luke paid no attention to taking care of himself in

he start drinking heavily because of my

doesn't drink much now!" Tommy said with a grin, "Ms. Luca, don't worry. I'll keep watch of Daddy and make sure that he doesn't drink too

thought what he said was a little weird but could not tell what

glanced at the time and said, "It's late. Let's go to

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"Yeah, I was on a video call with Tommy," Luca said as she walked to the living room. She picked up a glass of water and finished drinking it.

Amur knew that Tommy was her son.

He felt a little more relaxed knowing that the person she was on a call with was her son. When he saw her finish her glass of water, he asked, "Are you going to the banquet tomorrow?"

"Abel asked me to go, so I don't have a choice." Luca knew that Abel was somehow involved in why Luke asked her to attend.

Amur kept silent.

Luca asked, "Did you prepare what I asked you to?"

"It's on the sofa." Amur jerked his chin to point at the sofa.

Luca saw a box on the sofa and smiled. She did not have time to pick a dress so she got Amur to help.

"Thanks." She did not open the box and walked straight to the bedroom.

"Do you want to try it on?" Amur asked.

"No." Luca shook her head, then suddenly turned to look at him. "When are you going on your mission?"

"The day after tomorrow," Amur said.

"Okay." Luca nodded slightly, walked into her bedroom, and closed the door.

Amur stood there and was slightly in a trance. He did not mean to eavesdrop. He was just worried that Luca would be too involved with Luke.

should be to keep herself alert and stay away from Luke to ensure

Luke and Luca got too close, Luca was the one who would be hurt in the

standing in opposition to Luke. Sooner or later, she would have to execute the order given by Abel. The closer they got, the deeper her feelings for him would be and the more pain she would be in after the mission was

was quiet. Amur sighed and went back to his

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walked to the study, opened the door gently, and saw that Luke

"Daddy." He pouted and walked in.

was a little dissatisfied when he saw that his youngest son had not slept yet. "It's so late! Why haven't you gone

hair is still wet. Can you blow-dry it for me?" Tommy said. In the past, the maid would help him dry his hair but it was late and she had already gone to bed, hence he asked his dad for

noticed that Tommy's hair was still slightly wet, so he said,

stood up and held Tommy's hand as they headed for the

sat on a small stool. He watched Luke take out the hairdryer, plug it in, and said with a smile, "Ms. Luca told me that I must dry my hair before I go to sleep. Otherwise, I wouldn't have bothered

Luke's thumb was on the switch. He was taken aback when he heard what Tommy said. "You video called

"**Yes!** I also secretly took a few screenshots. Ms. Luca is so beautiful!" Tommy picked up the tablet, opened the photo album, and handed it to Luke as though he was presenting him with a treasure.

Luke's breathing inexplicably hitched when he saw a photo of Luca. This was the first time he saw her without makeup. It was not that different from when she had light makeup on at work, but he thought that she looked even more beautiful without **makeup**.

"**Dad, what's** the matter?" Tommy asked when he saw that his father had not pressed on the switch after **a while**.

"Nothing." Luke turned on the hairdryer and helped Tommy dry his **hair**.

Tommy's hair was short, so it did not take too long to blow-dry it. After Luke put away the hairdryer, he held Tommy's tablet in one hand.

"Daddy?" Tommy did not understand his **actions**.

"**It's late**, go and rest," Luke said.

"What are you doing with my tablet?" Tommy stood up, puzzled by his actions.

"I don't want you to secretly watch cartoons at night, so I'm going to confiscate it temporarily. Go to bed. I'll return it to you tomorrow morning," Luke said as he took the tablet and walked out of the bedroom.

Tommy pouted and looked discontented. If he knew that Luke would confiscate his tablet, he would not have shown him the *photo*.

Sure enough, when adults wanted something from children, they would have endless reasons *and excuses*.

After his bedroom door was closed, Tommy murmured, "*Bad Daddy!*"

He had wanted to take a good look at Luca before going **to bed!**

Luke took Tommy's tablet and walked back to the study. The moment he sat in the executive chair, he could not help but turn on the tablet.

set a password on the tablet. He cracked it almost instantly. It was his birthday. The moment he unlocked the tablet, a photo of Luca appeared in front of

and stared at it for

not until three minutes later that he snapped out of it and realized that he had been staring at the tablet screen for too

That was not normal...

in a complicated mood and turned off the tablet. However, he felt as though the photo had already imprinted into his mind. His head was filled with

looked at the computer screen and was unable to concentrate on his work, so he called Gale to check on the progress of the

The next day.

thing Tommy did when he woke up was to run to the study. Luke was still

Daddy, get up! Daddy!" He stood by the bed and repeated his words like a broken recorder.

opened his eyes slightly and realized it was bright outside. He murmured and rolled

did not mean to wake him up. He placed both hands on the bed and said, "Daddy, return the tablet to me before you go back

closed his eyes and fumbled around the pillow. He found the tablet and handed the tablet with a grin. When he tried to turn it on, he found that the tablet could not be

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Tommy took out the charging cable and broke into a smile the moment the tablet's screen turned on.

Lanie looked at his brother's appearance and shook his head helplessly. "In the future, don't bother Daddy when he's resting."

"If Daddy hadn't taken my tablet away, I wouldn't have bothered him!" Tommy sat in a chair and waited for the tablet to charge before turning it on.

Lanie was a little baffled by what Tommy said and asked, "Why did Daddy take your tablet?"

"I don't know, maybe he was playing games. He used it until it was out of battery. It was full last night!" Tommy complained angrily. It was because he remembered fully charging the tablet that he thought it was broken when it did not turn on.

Lanie raised his eyebrows. 'How is it possible that Dad took a kid's tablet to play games?'

After charging, the tablet turned on automatically.

Tommy watched eagerly. After the tablet was turned on, he clicked on the album and smiled when he saw that Luca's photos were still in it. He said, "Thank goodness."

He was worried that Luke would delete these photos!

Lanie stood by his side, looked at the person in the photos, and could not help himself from clicking on one. "This is..."

"Brother, this is Ms. Luca, the nice lady who took me in previously. Isn't she beautiful?" Tommy showed him as though he was offering him a treasure.

Lanie frowned. 'Is this woman the one who was rumored to be having an affair with Daddy?'

thought that she was pretty. "Tommy, did Daddy see this

it then said he'd confiscate my tablet to prevent me from playing with it at night." Tommy carefully closed the tablet's protective cover and put

Lanie had a weird feeling and touched his brother's head. He said, "Okay, all is well if the tablet is not broken. You should go downstairs

nodded. After Lanie mentioned it, he did feel

He stood up and walked

got to the doorway, Tommy noticed that Lanie was not going downstairs but was instead walking to his bedroom. He asked curiously, "Lanie, aren't you going to have

go downstairs first, I'll head down later,"

Tommy nodded, turned around, and walked toward the

walked to Rainie's bedroom and knocked on the

opened the door. She had just gotten up and washed up. She had not combed her hair, which fell over her shoulders. It made her round face look

I'll go down soon,"

have something to talk to you about. After you comb your hair, meet me in my bedroom," Lanie

"Okay." Rainie nodded.

After she tied her hair into a ponytail, she walked to Lanie's bedroom. "Lanie, what do you want to talk to me about?"

Lanie closed the door and locked it before he said, "Rainie, I think that our daddy might be in love with another **woman**."

"Why do you say that?" Rainie was slightly surprised and thought that it was crazy. Although she was young, she understood what love **was**.

Their daddy was not that kind of person!

"I just saw a photo of a woman on Tommy's tablet. It's a photo of the woman who took him in when he ran away from home," Lanie *said*.

"Okay, what about it?" Rainie frowned when she realized the seriousness of the situation. She sat down **in shock**.

Regardless of whether their mother was their real mother, it was a serious matter that their daddy had fallen in love with someone else.

"When Daddy saw her photo, he confiscated Tommy's tablet. The next day when Tommy asked Daddy to return the tablet, the tablet was out of battery. Tommy said that the tablet was fully charged before Dad took it," Blanche *said*.

The tablet went out of battery in one night, which could only mean that the tablet was on all night. Otherwise, the tablet with ultra-long-lasting battery life would not have run out of battery so easily.

The only explanation for why their Dad would use a children's tablet was to look at photos.

likes the woman who saved Tommy?"

think it's possible." Lanie frowned, just

many things that the adults would not tell them, but there were many maids in the house. The children were able to pick up a thing or two from their

Old Master Crawford had asked Luke to fire the woman but Luke

should we do now?" Rainie felt

only pretend that we don't know anything," Lanie said, "Will we be getting the

made an appointment with Simon. His driver will continue to help us." Rainie nodded. They would be getting the report on that

We can't take care of Daddy's affairs now. Daddy and Mommy have been sleeping in different rooms for so many years, which shows that Daddy has long lost his affection for Mommy, so it's possible that he has fallen for another woman," Lanie said. He accepted it fairly easily.

Daddy hasn't shown an interest in another woman for so many years. Lanie, I'm afraid..." Rainie clasped her hands together

nothing to be afraid of." Lanie comforted her. "Let's figure out what's going on with Mommy and put aside what's happening with Daddy for

had no control over who Luke fancied. The most important thing at that moment was to figure out whether the person living with them was

"Okay," Rainie nodded.

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Tommy pouted and felt dejected when he heard Lanie's reply.

Old Master Crawford chimed in and said happily, "It's okay, Tommy. Don't go with them. Should we go fishing instead?"

Although Tommy was naughty and lively, he loved fishing. When he heard that Old Master Crawford was going to take him fishing, his eyes lit up as he nodded quickly.

Even after breakfast, Luke had not come downstairs.

Old Master Crawford asked, "Why isn't Luke down yet?"

The butler replied, "Old Master Crawford, Young Master Luke is still resting."

Lanie answered, "Great-grandpa, Dad worked until late into the night yesterday. Let him sleep for a little while longer."

"That's not true! Dad took my tablet to play games until late last night. That's why he can't get up now. He's a lazy bum!" Tommy complained when he thought of how his father had confiscated his tablet and used it all night till it ran out of battery.

"..." Lanie did not refute. He looked at his younger brother's silly appearance and sighed in his heart, thinking that luck favored the fool.

It was a good thing that Tommy was not aware of everything that was happening.

He and Rainie would take charge of the matter involving their daddy.

Rainie drank a sip of juice gracefully. When she wanted to argue on Luke's behalf, Lanie hinted at her not to say anything, so she shut up and pretended not to know anything.

Old Master Crawford did not pay much attention to what Tommy said. He just smiled cheerfully.

'Luke playing games all night? No one will believe it. Even when he was in school, he had a strong sense of self-discipline and wouldn't do such things. It doesn't make sense that he would do such things at his age now.'

After breakfast, Lanie and Rainie left Crawford Manor in a car.

went fishing in the park with Old

almost noon when Luke woke up. He went downstairs and saw the empty living room. He asked the butler, "Where are Grandpa and the

Master Lanie and Young Miss Rainie went to a classmate's house, and Old Master Crawford took Young Master Tommy to go fishing," the butler

his aching forehead. He had woken up late but did not seem to have gotten

you want anything to eat?" the

me a cup of coffee." Luke felt like he had no energy and needed a cup of coffee to refresh his

learning about the investigation process from Gale the night before, he could not help but turn on the tablet and look at Luca's

he knew it, it was late at night and Tommy's tablet ran out of

The butler nodded and walked into

on the sofa and glanced at the clock on the wall. It was already

had not woken up this late since

butler brought him a cup of black coffee and put it in front

picked it up, smelled the aroma of the coffee, and asked, "Where's

up early today and went out after breakfast," the butler replied, "I heard that she's going

Luke took a sip of coffee in silence and said, "I have an event tonight. Please prepare a suit for me."

"Okay." The butler nodded and asked, "Do you want me to prepare something for Madam?"

"No, she won't be going with me tonight," Luke *said*.

"Okay." The butler then went upstairs to prepare a suit for him.

Luke had many sets of event suits in his cloakroom. All the butler had to do was choose one, iron it, and Luke could wear it that night.

The other side.

Bianca drove to a single-story house in the suburbs. It was the day that she had to take the antidote. After she arrived at the place, she got out of the car and knocked on the *door*.

The door was quickly opened. She walked in and said, "I'm here to take the antidote."

"Okay." The man nodded, took out a bottle of antidote from the drawer, and handed it to **her**.

Bianca took it and finished the antidote in one gulp. She was curious as to why the man had not pounced on her like he used to. 'Why is he so prim and proper today?' She smiled softly as she looked at him **seductively**.

"You..." **Before** she could finish her words, the bathroom door opened and Luca walked out of it.

"**Why** are you here?" Bianca stared at her, her gaze full of *hatred*.

No wonder the man acted so proper. It turned out that someone else was there with them.

Luca looked at Bianca with a cold expression and noticed the hint of seduction in her gaze. She was not surprised to meet **Bianca here**.

all, Abel loved drama. She was not surprised, just

"Where's my antidote?" Luca asked.

man took out another bottle of antidote with a cold expression and handed it to

took it and drank the antidote in

watched her and realized that Luca was here to drink antidote

asked, "Why is she here at the same time

arranged it," the man replied. He was unhappy with this arrangement

was aware that Luca was not someone to be reckoned with and not as open as Bianca. With her around, he could not do anything with

She was getting in their way.

the man talked, Luca gulped the antidote without a change in expression before handing the empty bottle to the

finish it?" the

and walked out

daggers at Luca as she walked away. If her gaze was a knife, Luca would have been cut into bits

she left, Bianca asked the man, "Is there a way to prevent her from taking the antidote at the same time

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If she could figure out the formula, she, Amur, and Eler stood a better chance of surviving...

Luca put the tube away. When she walked out of the alley, she saw Bianca driving away.

She glowered at her. Only when Bianca's car was far away did Luca pick up the phone and call for an Uber.

They were close to the suburbs, so it was not as easy to get a car.

After the driver accepted the order, Luca put her phone back in her pocket.

She heard a squeak from behind and turned her head. The man in charge of dispensing the antidote came out.

"You haven't left?" The man had a wide smile on his face as he checked Luca out. He thought that the woman in front of him was hot and better-looking than Bianca.

"I'm waiting for my ride." Luca was so disgusted with his gaze that she turned around to stop looking at him.

The man approached her and said, "It's hard to get a ride here. I'll drive you?"

"No." Luca felt him approaching and impatiently took two steps away from him. "Don't come near me."

"Why?" The man noticed her refusal and was a little annoyed.

'How dare she turn down my advancement?! I'm responsible for distributing the antidote that makes sure she lives! I'm not someone she can afford to offend! I can mess with the antidote at any time. She won't die, but she'll wish she were dead if she goes a month without the real antidote!'

He was surprised that Luca dared to say no to him.

"You disgust me," Luca said.

afraid?" The man narrowed his eyes. He could have had a good time with Bianca, but Luca's appearance made him miss the opportunity. Hence, he planned to have the woman in front of him make up

would I be afraid of? Afraid you'd do something to the antidote?" Luca chuckled. "You may be able to do that to others, but with me, you dare not

so confident?" The man looked at her with a displeased

"Feel free to ask the boss if I'm someone you can

from just now has an improper relationship with you, am I right?" she continued talking without giving the man a chance to

man's heart sank as he

hadn't shown up, you would've rolled in the hay the moment she stepped in." Luca was observant and had already noticed

that the fake Bianca was from the Island of

every woman on the Island of Despair was like her and Eler. Most of them had to receive training and become a

the fake Bianca was different from ordinary people in some

see the seductive look in Bianca's eyes earlier and naturally guessed that something was going on between them. She guessed that Bianca left so quickly this time because she was upset by her

the same time, Bianca still had unhealed wounds on her

wanted the wounds to heal quicker, she would not dare to

The man was slightly surprised when she revealed their secret but he retorted, "*Nonsense.*"

"**You know** it in your heart whether I'm telling the truth. By the way, do you know that she's injured?"
The corner of Luca's mouth raised slightly as a look of gloominess flashed in *her eyes*.

If she were not forced to restrain herself and wait for the perfect timing, she would have taught the man a lesson a long time **ago**.

"So what?" The man maintained his **calm appearance**.

"If you dare to do anything to me, you'll end up just like her." Luca gave him a final warning before turning and leaving.

She walked to the door of the next house and continued to stand there to wait for her **ride**.

The man was sensible and did not continue to pester her.

After a while, the ride that she got arrived. Luca opened the door and looked at the man who was standing there unrelentingly. The corners of her mouth were raised, and her gaze was full of *mocking*.

She did not go home immediately but chose to go to another villa in *A City*.

Luca knew about Amur's mission. The target was a well-known local wealthy businessman and he stayed at the address that Luca was heading **to**.

After she arrived at the destination, she checked out the security measures and cameras of the villa community. It would be difficult for an ordinary person without an entry pass to **enter**.

The security measures were considered top-notch.

However, she was not an ordinary person. Luca intended to walk around the outside of the community to see if there was an entry point.

around and found the best entry point. Seeing that there was no one around, she sneaked in without triggering

followed the clues from her previous investigation to find the target's villa. She pretended to be someone on a walk and explored the villa's

a full round and memorized all the locations of the surveillance cameras before

to the apartment and found that Amur was not

took the tube out of her pocket and went straight into

place had been tidied up, the research equipment was still inside. She extracted the liquid and

later, Amur came back with a bag in

heard the sound of the door opening. She put the sample away and walked out of the

Amur wondered when he saw her walk out of his

I was in your room doing some experiments," Luca explained as she walked into the kitchen and poured herself a cup

"What experiment?" Amur wondered.

her workload so heavy that she has to bring the experiments

tell you after the experiment is successful." Luca took a sip of coffee. She did not get much rest last night, so she needed coffee to wake herself

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Crawford Manor.

After she drank the antidote, Bianca was not in the mood to hang around outside so she drove back home. She walked into the living room and saw Luke sitting on the sofa. The financial news was playing on the TV but he did not seem to be paying any attention to it.

She smiled and approached him, sitting next to him. "Luke."

Luke came back to his senses and looked at the woman next to him. A flash of impatience appeared in his eyes.

The perfume smell on Bianca overwhelmed Luke when she approached him. In the past, she did not like to use perfume and always had a natural fragrance on her body.

After losing her memory, she fell in love with various ladies' fragrances, which made Luke even more reluctant to be close to her.

"You're back?" He kept some distance from her with the excuse of pouring himself a cup of tea.

Luke's action seemed natural, so Bianca did not notice his true intention. She nodded and said, "Yes, I'm home. You're watching financial news? Why are you so free today?"

In the past, he would be working overtime in the study or company even on the weekends. It was rare to see him in the living room.

"It's just for a while," Luke replied. He looked at Bianca but was thinking of Luca.

Jack had just texted him saying that he found that the package was delivered from Luca's address.

To confirm that the person who sent the parcel was indeed Luca, he took the initiative to go through the surveillance footage and confirmed that Luca was the one who sent the herbs to Queenie.

also found out that their encounter did not seem to be accidental because the surveillance footage showed that before Jack and Queenie left the house, Luca stood outside of Norman Residence for a full hour while staring at the

she had told them that she was waiting for her friend but it seemed that she was waiting for Jack and Queenie to

shocked. He did not expect that Luca was the person who helped

only was she a professor of pharmacy, but she was also
medical skills were beyond ordinary
called out to him when she saw him staring at the TV screen in a
snapped out of it and replied, "What's
her hand to his forehead, asking in a caring and soft voice, "What's wrong with you? Are you
his head. He took her hand, moved it, and let go of it. "I'm fine. The butler said that you went shopping,
but you came back without
that Bianca would go shopping the same day
my eye, so I didn't buy anything." Bianca felt diffident. Although Luke knew nothing about her having to
take an antidote every month, she felt guilty when he asked about
was not a fool. Bianca was in a horrible mood after seeing Luca and was so angry that she did not want
to go shopping when she left, so she came back
If she had known that he was home, she would have bought something random before coming back.
"Mm." Luke nodded, stood up, and said, "I'm heading back to the study to work."
"Okay." Bianca smiled slightly and did not follow him. After she watched him go upstairs, she stood up
to find the butler. "I want to ask *you something*."
"Madam, go ahead," the butler answered respectfully.
"What happened today? Why does Luke seem like he's out of it?" Bianca's hands were crossed in front
of her chest, and her tone was **slightly rude**.
The butler shook his head and said, "Nothing happened today. Maybe the young master is tired. He got
up later than he ever did."
Bianca squinted her eyes and stared at the butler for a long *time*.
"Are you sure that nothing happened?" She did not believe that Luke would act as such for no **reason**.
"It's **been** very quiet in the manor today. Nothing happened," the butler replied in an affirmative **tone**.
"Fine. I want to eat macaroons. Have the chef make me some." Bianca stopped thinking about Luke and
instead ordered the butler. The antidote had left a bitter taste in her mouth, so she wanted to
have **some desserts**.
"Okay." The butler bowed to her, turned, and walked toward the *kitchen*.
Luke locked himself in the study and did not leave until four o'clock in *the afternoon*.
sitting in the living room on the second floor. When she saw him, she put down the magazine, stood up,
and immediately walked up to him. "Luke, the butler has ironed your suit. Do you want to change into

that Luke was attending a banquet held by the Pharmaceutical Association. Although she could not accompany him to play the role of a good wife, she still wanted to

had been paying less and less attention to her nowadays. It prompted a sense of crisis in her. She felt like she had to

do it myself," Luke said, turned around, and walked into the master bedroom. His cloakroom was still in the master bedroom. Every time the butler ironed his clothes, he would put them in the master

followed him and wanted to help him get dressed but Rainie and Lanie came upstairs at the

not only had to play the role of a good wife but also a good mother. When she saw them, she stopped and smiled. "Lanie, Rainie, you're

Rainie heard her voice, her body shivered visibly. She lowered her head immediately and said,

you so pale? Are you feeling uncomfortable?" Bianca noticed that there was something wrong with Rainie's expression and wanted to show her some

immediately positioned himself in front of Rainie and raised his head. His face looked like a younger version of Luke. He was calm as he said, "Simon scared Rainie. She just needs

so... How could Simon scare her like that? Lanie, bring Rainie to rest." Bianca deliberately talked bad about Simon but in truth, she was annoyed by the

know how to ruin a perfect moment. They came back when Luke was about to change and didn't give me the chance to show my gentle side

took Rainie's hand and nodded. He turned around and said, "Rainie, I'll walk you back to your

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Luke glanced at her but immediately looked somewhere else.

Previously, if Bianca had looked at him with that loving gaze, he would definitely not be able to hold back his urges. However, he realized that he did not feel anything at all.

Luke took his necktie and prepared to wear it when Bianca stepped forward and said gently, "Let me help you."

He did not refuse it. Instead, he handed her the necktie.

Bianca took the necktie with a loving smile on her face and did a Windsor knot for him. "Does it look good?"

"Mm." Luke looked at himself in the dressing mirror, then at Bianca next to him. Suddenly, he thought of Luca.

He shook his head.

Bianca thought that he did not like it. "Do you think that it doesn't look good? Shall I change it into another knot?"

"No. This is fine." When Luke saw that she was about to put her hands on the tie, he turned around and wore his coat.

"Are Lanie and Rainie home?" He asked. He thought he heard them talking in their room when he walked to the bedroom earlier.

"Yes." Bianca walked out of the closet with him. She tried to find more conversation topics. "That Simon boy frightened Rainie. She looked pale."

Luke gave her a side-eye but did not say anything. He wore a wristwatch and left the bedroom.

frowned when she looked at his gloomy expression. Did she

followed behind Luke closely and went down the stairs with him. At the door, Bianca said, "Don't stay out too late, Luke, and don't drink too

Luke replied. The driver was already waiting outside the front gate. Luke opened the car door and stood there and watched the car

one of the most prominent figures in A City, many women tried to gain Luke's affection despite the fact that he was married was well-known. Bianca wanted to be by Luke's side so that she could declare

on her back made her unable to go, nor did she want to walk into Abel's plot. She could only stand there as Luke's car disappeared in

went back into Crawford Manor after the car was out of sight. She remembered how pale Rainie looked earlier, so she went up the stairs and knocked on Rainie's bedroom door. "Rainie, are you feeling

was startled when she heard Bianca's voice. Then, her body began to shudder

should we do, Lanie?"

was much more composed than her. He put a finger to his lips, signaling Rainie to

Rainie nodded.

tried to be calm, but the mere thought that a woman had disguised herself as their mother and lived in their house for two years had

No wonder Tommy could not accept her presence in the house. There was a valid reason *behind it*.

That woman was not their mother, but only a woman with the same face as their *mother*.

If that woman took the place of their mother in the household, then where was their real mother?

The more Rainie thought about that woman's terrifying expression and the fact that their mother's whereabouts were unknown, the more afraid she became. Tears began to flow down her cheeks.

Lanie handed her a paper napkin.

When Bianca did not hear any response from within the room, she wanted to open the door but realized that the door was locked. Without any other way, she called out again, "**Rainie?**"

Lanie stood up and patted Rainie's head, indicating that he would protect her. He unlocked the door, but instead of opening it wide, he only opened a small crack. "Rainie is *sleeping*."

Bianca was shocked to see Lanie inside. She wanted to see if Rainie was really asleep, but she could not see anything through **the crack**.

"**Oh**, is Rainie already asleep? You'd better not disturb her then," she *said*.

"I promised Rainie that I would watch her sleep. You don't have to worry about her, Mommy. I'm here for Rainie," Lanie said. He did not sound like he was going to *leave*.

Bianca was quite happy when she heard Lanie call her "Mommy." After all, Lanie was a boy of few **words**.

Now that Lanie was willing to call her "Mommy," did it mean that her relationship with the twins had become closer? She thought that it was a good decision to be nice **to Rainie**.

and said, "Alright then. You can call me if you

Lanie nodded and closed

not leave but instead placed his ear next to the door. When he heard Bianca's footsteps travel down the corridor, he turned around and went back to sit with Rainie.

we do, Rainie?" Rainie was clueless. She did not expect that her suspicions would come

their real mother in danger? Should they tell their father about their

were only children. If they eventually had to confront that woman, they believed that their father would stand on that woman's

acted rashly, their real mother might be in

now, we can only pretend that we don't know anything." Lanie was more composed than Rainie. He was thinking of the same things as

she..." Rainie was not willing to be in the same house with

don't have a good opportunity to expose that woman's disguise now, Rainie. Moreover, if Mommy is still alive and the mastermind knows that we've ruined their plans, they might harm Mommy..." Lanie

still young, but he was much more mature than his peers of the

Rainie's tears flowed silently.

Chapter 1209

Luca only finished dressing up when it was almost nighttime. It was not a particularly important party, so she wore a black long dress, tied her hair into a bun, and put on some light makeup.

She was taken aback when she saw herself in the mirror. Ever since her face changed, she had never groomed herself to this extent, and the face in the mirror was still unfamiliar to her.

Luca could not help but chuckle coldly when she looked at her delicate features.

Ever since her face changed, she stayed away from the mirror whenever she could and rarely dressed herself up. She would not have done so if she were not forced to go to the party.

Her phone began to ring. She glanced at the screen and saw that the call was from Luke.

Did he call her because he was afraid that she might bail on him?

Luca took a deep breath and answered the call. "Mr. Crawford."

"I'm downstairs," Luke said. Before she could react, Luke had already ended the call.

Luca was speechless as she listened to the busy tone from the phone. He was not going to let her run away...

He told her that he was downstairs, not even asking if she was ready yet...

Luca sighed. She put on her necklace, picked up her phone and handbag, and left the bedroom.

Amur was wiping the coffee table in the living room. He was stunned when he saw Luca.

"What's wrong, Amur?" Luca asked, wondering if she was underdressed for the party.

slightly. "You look very good in that dress,"

you think it's too flashy?" Luca had chosen to wear a black dress because she wanted to keep a

said. It was the first time that he saw Luca put so much effort into her

He loved how she looked.

Luca planned to stay in a corner for the entire party. It would be best if no one talked to her or interacted

such events, especially when she had to attend an event under a fake

away the rag in his hands and stood up when he saw Luca putting on her high heels. While he wiped his damp hands on his shirt, he said, "Are you going to the party now? Shall I send you

Luca paused before continuing, "Mr. Crawford's driver is waiting

nodedd pensively. Before Luca left, he said, "Abel is hosting the party tonight. You should be worry." Luca nodedd and opened the

went downstairs and saw Luke's car parking at

apartment was located in a middle-class neighborhood, and no one in the area could have afforded a car of that price. A car like that also rarely appeared in

area was quite crowded at the moment, and the car caught a lot of attention from

Luca sighed. She went over and tapped on *his window*.

Luke's gaze had been transfixed on Luca ever since she stepped out of the apartment. He had never looked away.

He thought that she was dressed appropriately for the business-style party. She did not underdress, but at the same time, she was not **too flashy**.

The driver stepped out of the car and opened the back seat door for her. "Good evening, Ms. Craw."

That was when Luca knew that Luke was not there to make sure that she did not run away, but he genuinely wanted to pick her up.

Now that Luke and his driver were already there, there was no reason for her to run away or not get into the car. She stepped into the car, sat down, and glanced at the man sitting next to her.

"Mr. *Crawford*."

"*Mm*." Luke nodded and praised her, "You look good tonight."

He had expected that she would not be bothered to dress herself up since she was so reluctant to attend the party. Luke was quite pleased that she valued the **opportunity**.

"**Thank** you." Luca nodded slightly and **looked away**.

Luca's gaze turned cold when he heard that reply. He could tell that Luca was trying to keep some distance between them. "*Let's go*."

"Yes, Sir." The driver started the *car*.

Their destination was the Westin Hotel, which was quite far away from *Luca's apartment*.

stopped at the entrance of the Westin Hotel half an hour later. Throughout the drive, neither of them spoke to each

opened the car doors for them. After they stepped out of the car, he drove the car

looked at the hotel entrance. It had been three years, but the Westin remained the most luxurious hotel in

hotels had been built over the past three years, but none of them could surpass the

when she looked at the newly refurbished

raised his eyebrows when he heard her sigh. "Is it your first time

heard that the Westin is the most luxurious hotel in A City. Now that I've seen it with my own eyes, I can say that it's true," Luca said while turning her gaze

gaze wavered. She sounded as though she had never seen the world, but her tone was filled with grace and nobility, and he could not look down on

gaze became pensive when he remembered Gale's report on

Luke brought her into the hotel.

was careful to keep some distance from him. Even though Abel knew about her secret with Luke, she could not let him get any more dirt on

the scandal had just concluded, and she did not want it to

was why Luca tried her best to look like his subordinate and not his

Chapter 1210

Luca did not say anything as she watched Luke press the button for the rooftop banquet hall.

The two people remained silent during the elevator ride. No one went in or out throughout the ride, so they reached the rooftop relatively quickly. The elevator doors opened, and two waiters were waiting for them.

The waiters could recognize Luke. They greeted him warmly and noticed Luca that also stepped out of the elevator with him.

One of the waiters recognized that she was the woman implicated in Luke's scandal earlier.

It was not surprising that the two people appeared at the same party. After all, one was a prominent businessman, and the other was a researcher in the field.

What was surprising was that they arrived at the same time.

Luke handed the invitation to the waiter and walked into the hall.

Everyone in the hall noticed his arrival. Their eyes fell on Luke, and naturally, they noticed Luca too.

She did not feel comfortable being looked at, so she took a glass of champagne and went to a corner.

She was not planning on interacting with those people anyway. After all, she worked in the technical department and not the sales department, and she did not need to build up a network of contacts.

The people surrounded Luke to greet him. After greeting every one of them, he instinctively looked around to search for Luca.

It did not take him too long to find Luca, who was hiding among the crowd.

She was holding onto a glass of champagne and looked into the distance, as though appreciating the night view of A City.

one of the most prominent doctors in A City, Johann was also invited to the party. He was also surrounded by a group of people when he stepped into

dealing with those people, he walked toward

are you looking at?" Johann could see that Luke's eyes were transfixed at a particular spot. He followed the direction of his gaze and soon noticed Luca standing in a

softly and said, "What

came to his senses and glared

slightly bemused. He touched his cheek and asked Luke, "What are you looking

you think that she looked familiar?"

far away, and I can't see her clearly. She has a nice body though, I wonder if she's single..." Johann said. He might be a single man, but he was willing to appreciate a

in the tabloids some time ago,"

do you know? You don't look like someone who would..." Johann paused mid-sentence when he suddenly thought of something. "Don't tell me that she's the woman in

Luke's gaze became ice-cold.

not admit it, but Johann could tell that he had guessed

"Her body is great. I bet she has a great personality too," **he said.**

Right after he said that, Johann could sense Luke's aura becoming dangerous. He cleared his throat and put on a serious face. "... I think I'll just appreciate her from *afar*."

"Do you know who else she is?" Luke said.,

"I know that she's one of the researchers in your company. Who else could she be?" Johann **asked.**

"**She was** the one who diagnosed my mother-in-law's illness." Seeing that no one was around them, Luke whispered to Johann.

"She?" Johann was shocked.

It was normal for a pharmaceutical researcher to know some medicine, but they were not professionals, much less diagnose **an illness.**

Someone who could diagnose an illness just by taking a patient's pulse and correctly administering a prescription was nothing less than a savant.

One had to consider that she was not a doctor but a researcher!

Johann was thoroughly impressed. He had thought that the mysterious person who helped Queenie was an *amazing doctor*.

"**I didn't** expect that. I didn't expect that at all," Johann repeated **himself.**

Luke did not respond to that.

asking, "Have you confronted her about it? Did she admit

I'm still looking for an opportunity," Luke said. He could not ask her about it at the party when there were so many people around them. He would only get his opportunity after the

like to be acquainted with her." Johann was very interested in her, but he could sense that Luke was somehow very possessive of her, so he dared not act

then." Luke finished the champagne in his

you sure?" Johann was quite surprised. He had never questioned Luke's loyalty to Bianca, but he could tell that Luke was interested in that

made him even more confused

Luke glared at him coldly.

shuddered and decided that it was safer to stay away

later, a man with a microphone in his hand walked to the center of the venue. He cleared his throat, and the people in the hall stopped talking to each

at the man and frowned. That man was

looked around him, smiled, and began his speech. "Good evening to you, honored guests. I am Finn Jeffries, the deputy president of the A City Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Abel, our president, could not attend the party today because of unforeseen circumstances, so I would like to greet all of you on his behalf. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Watson Biopharmaceuticals into our association. Please enjoy yourselves, and I hope that you will take the opportunity to strengthen the bonds within the

a round of applause after the man finished his