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Luca stashed the notepaper in her pocket after giving it a brief glance. Then, she stood up and said, "That knife, you were preparing to use it on William, right?"

Paul's heart skipped a beat, and his eyes opened wide as he watched Luca leave the room.

He had put on a convincing disguise so that other people thought that he and William were best pals despite their differences in family backgrounds.

Many people thought that Paul was willing to be William's lackey so that he could gain some benefits from him.

However, no one, including the people on the same football team, knew that he hated William to the bone.

How did the woman in front of him guess it so easily?

Paul clenched his fists tightly as he watched her leave. If William found out that Paul had meant to cut him with the knife, Paul would no longer have a future.

After Luca left the police station, she caught a cab and returned to the hotel.

Meanwhile, Jason was informed that Luca had appeared at the police station and had met with Paul.

He immediately reported that to Luke. "Things are just like you expected, Mr. Crawford."

Jason did not mention Luca's name because Tommy was within earshot, and he did not want Tommy to know because children could not be trusted to keep secrets.

lowered his gaze. He picked up his pen, signed his initials at the end of the document, and handed it to people from the police station also said that Paul gave her a piece of notepaper. She only asked him about where he obtained the snake venom and mentioned nothing about the slashing incident," Jason continued his

already arranged the meeting between Luca and Paul because he knew that she would go to the to Jason's surprise, Luca indeed went to the police station. He could not help but be impressed by how well his boss read

replied while opening another document. He was not too surprised because he had

confused as he listened to their conversation because they did not mention the name of the woman they were talking about. He hopped off the couch and went to the bedside. "I'm hungry,

Luke shot a glance at Jason.

understood what he meant. "Little Mr. Crawford, let me go downstairs and buy dinner

immediately shook his head. "I don't want to eat hospital food, Uncle Jason. Daddy, I want to eat Ms. Luca's

had lunch at the hospital cafeteria earlier during lunch, and the food only made him miss Luca's cooking even more. He was not going to eat in the hospital

the back of his head. Tommy was a picky eater, just like his

He knew that the food in the hospital cafeteria was not palatable, but there was nothing much that he could do about the **situation**.

Luke also did not eat much for his past two meals. He asked Jason, "Do you know if the hotel allows the guests to use the **kitchen**?"

Jason was taken aback by the question. "I'll have to ask them."

Luke nodded. Jason gave a call to the hotel front desk and received a reply.

"Mr. Crawford, the hotel said that they are willing to accommodate any requests from the guests that want to use **the kitchen**."

"**Mm.**" Luke took out his phone and handed it to Tommy. "Do you want to eat? Here, take the *phone*."

Tommy immediately understood what his father meant. He unlocked the phone with the passcode and gave Luca a call.

The call went through, and Tommy immediately began to fake a cry. "Ms. Luca, I'm starving..."

Luca had only just returned to the hotel and put her handbag down. She could tell that Tommy was faking his cries, so she said calmly, "Why would you be starving? Isn't Mr. Doyle at the hospital with you and Daddy? You can ask him to buy food **for you**."

Tommy glanced at Jason and continued fake-crying. "The food at the hospital is terrible, Ms. Luca. Daddy hasn't been eating well for two meals, and he's starving too. The doctor said that Daddy needs to eat his meals so that he can recover quickly, and I'll also need to eat so that I can grow tall and strong. Please save us, **Ms. Luca**."

impressed as he watched Tommy "cry" into the phone without a single tear in his eyes. If the Oscars had an award for Best Child Actor, Tommy would definitely

It was not too surprising that Luke and Tommy were not used to eating hospital food because they were used to eating good food. "What do you want to eat then? I'll go and buy it

want to eat your cooking, Ms. Luca." Now that Luca had said that, Tommy was all too eager to make his

I can't cook for you now, Tommy. We're not in A City

would not mind cooking for Tommy if they were back in A City, but she could not satisfy Tommy's request now because she had no access to a

Luca, the hotel said that you can use their kitchen. Please have some pity on me. My stomach is already growling," Tommy said as he rubbed his stomach. He knew that Luca was easily convinced, so he continued to act

though Luca could tell that Tommy was faking his crying, she knew that he was truly hungry. "Alright, I'll go and ask the front desk. If I can really use their kitchen, I'll cook something and send it over Ms. Luca. I love you so much!" Tommy made some kissing sounds to the phone and ended the he handed the phone back to Luke, he said smugly, "Let's wait for food, could not help but ask, "Is Dr. Craw's cooking really that is a very good cook," Tommy said, overjoyed even though he had not tasted the food. He returned to the couch and continued to read his

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Tommy could not wait to open his food box. The aroma of the food assailed his nostrils. Jason glanced at Tommy's dinner. There was a variety of food in the box, and it seemed very delicious... He could not help but gulp down a mouthful of saliva. He was not as picky about food as Luke or Tommy, but the food at the hospital was not appetizing at all. Jason hoped that he could have a taste...

Luca handed him a box. "This one's for you, Mr. Doyle."

"I get to eat too?" Jason was quite surprised. He noticed that Luca had brought three boxes of food and thought that there was none for him.

"Mm, this one's yours," Luca said as she picked up the last box of food.

"If you gave me this box, what about you?" Jason asked.

"I've already eaten." Luca brought the box of food to the bed, then raised the table. "Dinner is served, Mr. Crawford."

Luke nodded and put the documents aside.

Luca noticed that there was a stack of documents on the bedside cabinet. Even though he had been seriously ill the night before, he was already working again in less than a day.

'He's working so hard. Doesn't he care about his health at all?' Luca frowned when she thought of that.

Luke noticed the slight change in Luca's expression. Was she not satisfied with something, or was it something else?

Jason and Tommy were already happily eating their dinner. Luke glanced at them and said, "Bring me a glass of water."

Luca nodded and poured a glass of warm water for

drank a sip to wet his throat. Then, he picked up the cutlery and began to

as Luke elegantly ate his dinner as though he was not hungry at all. It was as though the person who was violently ill the night before was only a

She sat on the couch.

finished eating, he licked his lips and said, "Your cooking is really amazing,

also praised her. "I didn't expect that you're such a good cook, Dr.

nothing." Luca shook her head. She took the box from Tommy's hands, then wiped his mouth with a paper

happy after his stomach was full. He leaned onto Luca's side and said, "You're the best, Ms. Luca.

Luca smiled and patted Tommy's head.

finished his dinner slowly. After that, he told Jason, "Bring these documents back to the

noddled and began to pack up the empty boxes. He noticed that all three of them had wiped the

dishes tasted homemade, but Luke and Tommy

cleaning up, Jason picked up the stack of documents. Before he left the ward, he looked at Luca, who was sitting on the couch, and said, "Dr. Craw, can you stay here for a little longer? I'll be

Luca noddled and said, "Alright, no **problem.**"

Jason smiled gratefully at Luca and left the place.

Tommy handed her one of his books. "Ms. Luca, if you're feeling bored, you can read a **book.**"

Luca took the book from Tommy. If not for the book, it would have been quite awkward if Luca continued to stare at Luke finishing the remainder of his work.

She opened the book, and even though it was a children's book, it was still very interesting.

Luke had been keeping an eye on the people on the couch. He had a sudden feeling of peace and tranquility when he saw Luca reading together with Tommy, the silence being occasionally broken by the flipping **of pages.**

He took his phone and sent a message *to Jason.*

Soon, the nurse came into the ward and smiled. "Your medical report is ready, Mr. Crawford."

Luke noddled and turned his gaze *on Luca.*

Luca stood up, went forward, took the report from the nurse, and handed it to *Luke.*

"*I don't* understand it." Luke did not take it from his hands. In other words, he wanted her to look at **it.**

Luca noddled. The reports were too technical for someone with no experience in medicine, so it was not surprising that Luke did *not understand.*

She was quite happy after flipping through the pages. She could tell that the concentration of venom in Luke's body was a lot lower than before. "According to the report, the toxins have almost been purged from your body. If this rate goes on, you should be able to get out of bed by *tomorrow.*"

Even though Luca did not smile, Luke could sense the happiness **in her.**

earlier than what Johann had predicted,"

body can detoxify itself quickly because you have a strong constitution,"

was listening to the conversation. He added, "It might be because of Ms. Luca's medicine too, Daddy. Ms. Luca

taken aback. Tommy had reminded her that Luke had taken her

might also be the reason why the poison was neutralized so

bring the medicine?"

her head. Did he want to send the medicine for analysis because he suspected that the medicine

not very happy when she thought that Luke was suspecting her. "There is no problem with my medicine,"

an eyebrow when he heard the slight aggression in Luca's tone. He knew that she had mistaken what

want to recover more quickly,"

was taken aback again after realizing that she had misinterpreted

discreetly clenched the medical report. "You should be able to get out of bed

did not ask for the medicine anymore when he heard that. Instead, he paused for a while and said, "I want to take a

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"Mm." Luke turned a page, then put the paper aside, saying, "Stay here tonight."

Luca was not sure how to react.

"Do you have something else to do?" Luke asked.

Luca initially planned to go to the address Paul gave her to see if she could find that person. However, she could not say no to Luke since he had asked.

She rubbed her hands and said, "I'm afraid I won't be able to take care of you on my own. Should I hire a male nurse for you?"

"No, it's nothing serious. You wouldn't have to do much," Luke said.

Luca understood what he meant and knew that she could not leave. He made it clear that he wanted her with him.

She had no choice but to agree. "I understand, Mr. Crawford."

"Bring me a wheelchair." Luke immediately started ordering her around.

Luca nodded, walked out of the ward, and asked the nurse for a wheelchair. She then pushed it into the ward.

Upon seeing this, Luke continued to give her orders. "Help me into the wheelchair."

Luca nodded. After being told so, she silently pushed the wheelchair to the bedside.

Luke's legs were already off the bed but they did not touch the floor. He needed her help.

out her hand, supported his arm, and said, "Move slowly. If anything goes wrong, lean against me

it steady." Luke felt dizzy the moment his foot touched the floor. The snake venom was intense. Even after most of it had been cleared, it still had a significant effect on

could not help but lean on

that his footsteps were unstable and immediately supported his waist, allowing him to make use of her strength to move in small steps. When he reached the wheelchair, she said, "Mr. Crawford, sit

Luke bent his legs and sat in the

breathed a sigh of relief. After training for a few years, she had gained strength. She would not feel a thing even if she had to carry Luke on her back. However, she did not want to show her full ability in front of

would be strange for a woman to carry a man who was 180cm tall on her

at Luke, who was in the wheelchair, and asked in a soft voice, "How do you

felt dizzy the moment he sat down. After a few seconds, he opened his eyes and said, "I'm fine. Bring me to the

carefully buckled the protective belt for him and pushed the wheelchair toward the

asked, "Dad, what are you

to take a shower," Luke said. "Stay here obediently and don't run

"Okay, Dad." Tommy nodded, indicating that he would not run around. "I'll be here obediently. I won't **go anywhere**."

Luke nodded and looked up at Luca. He did not feel weird looking up at her from this angle.

The media often praised celebrities for having no bad angles. Luke thought that Luca had no bad *angles* too.

Luca noticed his gaze and her hands trembled slightly. She pretended not to care and pushed him into *the bathroom*.

She did not think too much about staying the night to take care of Luke. However, her nightmare came true. She had to bathe Luke and assist him to the **toilet**...

"Mr. Crawford, can you do it yourself?" she asked while looking in the *mirror*.

"I can't even stand, do you think I can do it myself?" Luke *asked her*.

Luca sighed in her heart. She had no choice but to help him *bathe*...

If she were still Bianca, it would not be a problem to do so. After all, it was normal between husband and **wife**.

However, she was no longer Bianca. She was Luca. It was inappropriate for her to **bathe him**.

Luca acted calm and said, "You can't take a bath with your current situation. You can only wipe your **body**."

"Okay, please wipe my body," **Luke said**.

Luca nodded and noticed that there were already a few towels around and some pails in the corner. Luca thought that Jason must have prepared them earlier. Luke was obsessed with cleanliness. The towels for washing his face could not be the same as the towels he used for bathing, and the towel used to wipe his feet could not be the same as the other two **towels**.

was the same with the pails

"Which towel is used for your

glanced at her and said, "The one

picked up the towel and consciously picked up the blue water basin. She then tested the water temperature before filling the pail

watched her movements and raised his eyebrows slightly. She only asked about the towel, but not about the

did she know that the blue pail was for the

a habit. Since he had a towel for each part of his body, the color of the pails must be the same as the color of the towels so that there was no

Luca filled the water, she looked at Luke again and found that he was looking at

she realized that she should have waited a while before taking the pail. She did not even

why are you looking at me like this? Is it the wrong pail?" Luca hid her panic and

his head. She did not make a mistake. She chose the

seem to know me well,"

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When she wrung the towel, Luke had already undressed from his patient gown and revealed his strong upper body.

Luca looked away slightly and stopped looking him in the eye.

Luke had a wonderful physique. She had always wondered how a man who was busy with work could maintain such a physique.

'I don't think he has the time to exercise...'

Unexpectedly, three years later, his physique was still great. Luca did not understand how he managed it.

At a glance, she remembered the feeling of their bodies coming into contact for the very first time. It was as if there was an electric current gliding through every inch of her skin, making her body weak.

Luke put his clothes aside, took the towel she handed over, and started wiping his body.

Luca breathed a sigh of relief. She was glad that he did not ask her to help him with that.

Luke raised his gaze and noticed the blush on her face.

'Is she shy?'

He lowered his head and glanced at his body. As a man, he had always been confident about his body. After a few seconds, Luca still refused to look at him so Luke said, "When are you planning to stop turning your face to the side?" "

"Um..." Luca's face flushed even more and her hands trembled. She felt as though he was deliberately teasing her.

Luke handed the towel to her and said, "Wash it, please."

Luca took it, squatted, and washed the towel. She then wrung it dry and handed it to him, still not looking at him.

wiped his body, he said, "You went to the police station today. What did you

was startled. 'Did he send someone to keep watch at the police

they were in A City, she believed that he was capable of doing so but was surprised to find out that he had forces abroad as

sent someone to follow me?" Luca asked. Her voice was neither sad nor happy. She hid all the fluctuations she felt in

you got to the police station, my lawyer happened to be there," Luke said while rubbing the same inch of skin back and forth several

listened to his explanation and uncovered his lie calmly. "Your lawyer doesn't

has been following up on Paul and William. He's well-known in the local area. As long as he asks around, it'll take him less than seconds to find out who you are." Luke's reply was foolproof. He was prepared with excuses to handle all her

to him. Although she was suspicious, there was no way

the towel to her and asked, "You saw Paul alone. What did you find

asked him where he bought the snake venom." Luca looked down and handed him the

you going to do with it?" Luke continued to wipe

just curious. That snake venom is very rare. I want to buy some and use it for my detox pill," Luca replied. He had an excuse, and she happened to have one

and kept quiet as he handed her the

They went back and forth like that for a while. After he cleaned his upper body, Luca had changed two pails of water and wrung the towel several times.

She knew what he was going to do next. She silently poured the dirty water away but did not continue to fill *the pail*.

"White pail," Luke said.

Luca nodded, took the white pail and the white towel before filling the pail with warm water.

Before she could say anything, Luke said, "*Get out, please.*"

Luca breathed a sigh of relief when she heard his words. She wanted to leave but was worried that he would get dizzy *when standing...*

When she thought of that, she hesitated and asked, "Mr. Crawford, can you do *it alone*?"

"Do you want to help me?" Luke's cold gaze showed a trace of playfulness.

Luca's face turned redder like the sunset glow in the sky when the bright red sun was setting. She shook her head quickly and said, "I'll go outside and wait. When you're done, just call out to me."

After she said that, she hurried out of the bathroom and closed the door.

Tommy was sitting on the sofa. He saw that her face was bright red and asked curiously, "Ms. Luca, are you feeling okay? Why are you blushing?"

Luca touched her cheek with the back of her hand and found that it was a little warm.

She shook her head and said, "**It's nothing.**"

jumped off the sofa and walked to her side. "Ms. Luca, are you okay? Do you want to see a doctor? You look like you have

fine. Thank you, Tommy." Luca shook her head. "It's just a little stuffy

glanced at the closed door and asked, "Why is Daddy still

still taking a shower," Luca said while subconsciously listening to the movements inside. She was not worried as she did not hear any loud sounds coming from

later, Luke said,

opened the door and walked in. She found that he had changed into a new set of patient clothes. He looked

in, walked out with him in the wheelchair, and then helped him onto the

he was lying on the bed again, Luca walked into the bathroom and cleaned everything up. She then left the ward with the wheelchair, intending to return it to the

standing by the hospital bed, looking at

something on my face?" Luke asked with his eyebrows raised as he looked at his son's

how did it feel to have Ms. Luca help you shower?" Tommy asked with a grin. "I feel so happy for you. I want Ms. Luca to help me

Luke raised his eyebrows and thought of what had

blushed like a rose when she saw his upper

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"Okay," Luca nodded, filled a glass of warm water, and handed it to him.

Luke held the plastic cup and sipped mouthfuls.

Luca watched him drink the water and sighed in her heart. With such a plain cup and such a simple action, he made the ordinary action elegant.

Tommy tugged at the corner of her clothes and said, "Ms. Luca, I want to drink water too."

"Okay." Luca was not impatient. She turned around to pour him a glass of water, handed it over, and said gently, "Be careful."

Tommy nodded and glanced at his Daddy triumphantly. He was happy that she cared more about him because she talked to him after passing him the water.

After he finished drinking water, Luca put the cup away and sat on the sofa to read children's books.

Luke also picked up the file and dealt with work.

Seeing that they had stopped talking, Tommy quietly sat down on the sofa to continue reading.

It was already eight at night when Johann appeared in the hospital. He was a little surprised to see Luca there. "Dr. Craw, I'm surprised to see you here."

Luca nodded and greeted him, "Dr. Park, hello."

"Just call me Johann, don't be a stranger," Johann said with a grin. He came to see how Luke was doing and did not expect to bump into Luca.

Luca nodded without a second thought. She felt like he was just being polite.

thought that the two seemed to know each other and remembered that Johann personally sent her to the seminar that day. His mood turned dark. After what had happened earlier, the two seemed to have gaze fell on the person on the bed again as he asked, "How do

"I'm okay." Luke's voice was deep.

raised his eyebrows and thought that Luke looked unhappy. However, he did not think that he was the reason for his sullen mood since he just got to the hospital. "What's the matter with you? Is the result of the report

did not make a sound as he turned

"You're a workaholic. You're in bed but you're still looking at documents. Where's your report? I want to have

fell on Luca. She stood up, took out the report from the drawer, and said, "Dr. Park, this is the

looked at it and raised his eyebrows. He said, "Not bad. The toxins in the blood are all cleared up. You'll be able to get out of bed tomorrow. I don't understand... How could it be so fast? It can't be that you have an evolved

Tommy said, "It's Ms. Luca's medicine."

realized that Luca's medicine might be working. He smiled and said, "Dr. Craw, your medicine is so powerful. Can you show me

not comfortable with that." Luca refused without a second

medicines she researched were all based on Shanks' prescriptions, not hers. She was unwilling to share it lest others have

"I won't make it public, and of course, I won't develop it," Johann **said**.

Luca shook her head and said, "This medicine is flawed. The snake venom works poorly for cases where the toxin accumulates, like Mrs. Norman's case. I plan to put more time into the research. We can talk about it when the study is a success."

Seeing that she was insistent on her refusal, Johann did not continue to ask for it. Instead, he looked at Luke, who still had a stern *face*.

He said, "Have you taken a bath? Do you want me to help *you*?"

"No." Luke turned him down immediately.

Tommy said, "Ms. Luca has showered Daddy. Uncle Park, you're too late."

Luca listened to what Tommy said and closed her eyes. 'Why did he say *that*...'

"*I'm glad* that someone was able to help you. I was worried that you would get out of bed and fall if you insisted on taking a shower yourself." Johann smiled and glanced at Luca. He then looked at Luke, his witty gaze full of suggestions.

He knew that the Bianca in A City was a fake. After so many years, he was unsure if the real Bianca was alive or dead. Sooner or later, Luke would kick the fake Bianca out. It was not a bad thing for him to have another woman by his side after **that**.

Luca was great. She was beautiful, knowledgeable, and had a good temperament.

The important thing was that Luke's children seemed to like her very much.

Tommy listened to them and tugged on Luca's sleeve again. He said, "Ms. Luca, I want to take a bath too."

Luca nodded. Just as she was thinking of helping him adjust the water temperature, she remembered that Tommy did not have a change of clothes. "Did Mr. Doyle bring you some clothes?"

Tommy shook his head.

what are you going to change into..." Luca felt helpless. Tommy's habits were like Luke's. He prioritized cleanliness as

gave her an idea. "Dr. Craw, there's a mall next to the hospital. They sell

noded and looked at Luke. 'Will it be okay for me to leave him by himself in this

her concern and said, "Don't worry, I'll stay here for a while. You can take Tommy to

took Tommy's hand and was about to leave when Luke said, "Wait

at the man on the

Luke said, "Open the drawer."

over and opened

have a credit card in my wallet. You don't need a pin. Take

understood and nodded. She found his wallet, opened it, and

wallet, there was a wedding photo of her and

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Luke's mood turned sour when the fake Bianca was mentioned.

He thought about the past three years when the fake Bianca was planted next to him. Apart from feeling off, he did not have any doubts and even ignored Aunt Wanda's doubts.

He did not have a single doubt...

However, he did not know where his Bianca was...

Johann sat on the sofa and touched his chin, saying, "This is a tricky situation. Apart from this fake Bianca, the biggest problem now is how to find the real one..."

He stopped speaking.

So many things could happen in three years. Even if Luke could control the fake Bianca, it was hard to say whether the real Bianca was still alive.

Moreover, after the appearance of this fake, whoever was behind the scenes must have a firm grasp of the whole situation. Even if he knew the truth, Luke was stuck in a passive stance.

After all, after the fake Bianca appeared, the kidnapping was said to be done by human traffickers and there was no further investigation.

It would be difficult for them to investigate what had happened three years ago.

Luke closed the file. His eyes filled with densely packed waves of light that could burst out at any time. His hands were tightly clenched into tight fists. "I'll find her."

When Johann saw this, he nodded and said, "I've managed the hospital for you. She won't notice anything."

paused for a few seconds, and opened the file

talking, "One more thing. Whatever the fake Bianca is suffering from is nothing I've seen. The doctor sent me the reports and there are no issues with her. My suggestion is to stop the meds and do another inspection. What do you

He was asking Luke for advice.

fake Bianca could not die yet.

had prescribed her an effective medicine. There was no recurrence of high fever. She would occasionally have a low fever but it was not a

was not normal for her to be hospitalized for so long. Johann believed that something was wrong with her body. Otherwise, her body temperature would not be this

if she continued taking medicine, it might cover up her real condition so he wondered whether to have Bianca stop taking the medicine to do a comprehensive examination. The examination had certain risks, so he wanted to get

is strange, but the medicine Luca gave is also strange,"

stunned and said, "I've gotten someone to check the dregs of the medicine. The medicine is to improve blood circulation. There's nothing abnormal about

his name at the end of the document. When the nanny was preparing the medicine before this, he got someone to check the medicine

were no issues with the prescription but it helped control Bianca's condition almost

*This was what Luke thought **was odd.***

"Luca said Bianca should take it for a month. We'll see how she's doing after waiting for another month," Luke closed the processed document and took out another **document.**

Johann nodded. He did not say anything thinking that the fake Bianca was in a somewhat stable condition.

Luca took Tommy to the mall next door and bought some clothes. She then bought him some fruits and snacks.

They carried the bags and walked to the hospital.

Tommy took her hand and felt satisfied because they bought the snacks he wanted. He shook his head and said, "Ms. Luca, if Daddy bullies you in the future, you must tell me. I'll help you."

Seeing Tommy clenching his fist and trying to stand up for her, Luca shook his hand and asked, "How will you **help me?**"

Tommy tilted his head and thought about it. "Although Daddy looks cold, he loves me the most. If I ignore him, he'll regret his actions."

"He loves you the most?" Luca asked while they waited in front of the *elevator*.

"Yes, although he also loves Lanie and Rainie, it's me he loves the most because I'm his youngest son. Lanie and Rainie also love me, so I'm the most favored in the family," Tommy said proudly with his arms on his waist.

Luca smiled softly. She thought about the past. Luke was missing when he was born, so she had devoted the most attention to Tommy, who meant a lot to her.

Unexpectedly, it was the same for *Luke*.

two returned to the ward, Johann stood up and said to her, "I just talked to the attending doctor. Luke can get out of bed tomorrow and be discharged after a

nodd, put the things she bought on the coffee table next to the sofa, and silently put his credit card back in

prepared herself and did not show any expression when she saw their wedding photo again. After she put the credit card back in his wallet, she calmly put it back in

looked at her, deep in thought. The conversation with Luke made him even more curious

What kind of person

was struggling with the fake Bianca's illness, Luca easily stabilized her

was impressed with her acupuncture

that Johann kept looking at her and asked curiously, "Dr. Park, is there anything on

the words and looked

awkwardly and retracted his gaze. He said, "No, I have to trouble you to take care of him tonight. I have something to do,

With that, he left the ward.

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Luke watched them sitting there quietly reading their books and suddenly had a thought. 'Peace is a blessing.'

They were not blood-related but they could be as affectionate as a mother and child. He felt warm and nostalgic.

At ten o'clock, Tommy yawned loudly.

Luca glanced at the time and smiled softly. Tommy's yawn was always punctual. She lowered her head and looked at the child tenderly, then asked in a soft voice, "Sleepy?"

Tommy nodded to indicate that he was sleepy.

"Go, take a shower before you sleep," Luca said as she picked up the newly bought clothes and held his hand again.

Tommy obediently walked into the bathroom with her.

After Luke watched Luca close the bathroom door, he pressed the bell.

"Sir, are you alright?" the nurse walked in and asked politely. Johann specially told her that he must take good care of him, so the nurse was especially concerned.

"Please get me a blanket," Luke said.

"Okay. Is the air conditioner too cold?" the nurse asked.

"It's for my child," Luke replied.

"I'll get it for you now." The nurse immediately walked out of the ward and brought him a blanket.

"Should I place it on the

"Yeah." Luke nodded.

assume that your wife and child will accompany you tonight? Is this sofa big enough for them? If necessary, we can add a chair," the nurse

Luke remembered that when he woke up this morning, Luca was curled up on the sofa. If she moved a little, she would have fallen to the floor. Even so, she still gave Tommy enough space to

nurse moved quickly and arranged for someone to put an accompanying chair in the ward. She also grabbed another

helped Tommy bathe, she saw an accompanying chair and two blankets in the

glanced at Luke and asked, "This is what you ordered the nurse to

knew that someone would be staying the night and arranged for it." Luke looked at her. His deep-set eyes did not reveal much emotion. He concealed the fact that he was the one who asked the nurse to prepare

uncomfortable seeing Luca curled up on the sofa this morning. Besides being uncomfortable, he felt an inexplicable surge of warmth in his

listened and nodded. She was glad that the nurse was kind enough to do so. She then returned to the bathroom with a

the clothes that Tommy had changed out of and planned to take them back to the hotel to have them cleaned. She then walked out with

beside her and he yawned again. "Ms. Luca, I'm

Luca put the bag away, touched his head, and asked, "Then, do you want to sleep in the chair or the **sofa**?"

Tommy glanced at the sofa, then at the chair. He pointed to the sofa and said, "I'm young, I'll sleep on the sofa. Ms. Luca, it's uncomfortable for you to curl up on the sofa."

The corners of Luca's lips rose a little when she heard how considerate Tommy *was*.

The sofa in the ward was small and only suitable for sitting. She had to curl her legs when she lay down, which was *very uncomfortable*.

She unfolded the blanket. After Tommy took off his shoes and lay down, she helped tuck him in. She then pushed the coffee table over.

"What are you doing?" Luke was puzzled when he *saw her*.

Luca explained, "It's not safe to let him sleep on the sofa. If he wakes up in the middle of the night, he can easily fall off **the sofa**."

As *she* spoke, she pushed the small coffee table aside, then moved the escort chair to the side of the sofa. She unfolded and flattened the handle near **the sofa**.

Luke watched her and was happy that this arrangement meant that Tommy would not fall off the sofa even if he woke up at night. It was good to have Luca by his side.

She was very thoughtful.

Tommy lay on the sofa, smiling as he said, "Ms. Luca, good night. Daddy, good night."

"Good night."

"Good night."

two said in unison. Luca sat in the escort chair and was taken aback. They always did the same when they coaxed Tommy to sleep before she went

looked at the hospital bed and noticed that Luke was still focused on dealing with his documents. It was almost 11 o'clock and the corridors of the hospital

for a while and said, "Mr. Crawford, you should resume your work tomorrow. What you need now is at the time and nodded without saying anything. He lowered the hospital bed, put down the files, and slowly

this, Luca got out of the escort chair barefoot and walked to the light switch. She turned the lights

saw her feet, his body became inexplicably warm. With a click, the lights were switched off. The room was instantly dark, and there was nothing

the dark, Luca did not feel uncomfortable as she quickly walked to the side of the chair. The surrounding darkness seemed to not affect

lay down slowly, turned her back to the hospital bed, and gently placed one hand on the sofa. She remembered that Tommy would feel insecure when sleeping in an unfamiliar environment, so she did this to help him sleep

Luca did not get any sleep. Luca gradually closed her eyes listening to the sounds of Luke and Tommy's breathing. She could still smell the disinfectant but it was mixed with Tommy's scent. It made her feel more at ease. After a while, she fell

middle of the night, a small sound surprised Luca. She opened her eyes subconsciously and sat up, only to find that the light was

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Luca walked over to the bed and bent over slightly.

Luke extended his arm and put it around her shoulder while his other arm held onto the cabinet beside the bed. He managed to get down from the bed.

They were so close to each other right now. Luca did not dare to look at the expression on his face. Instead, she looked down at the floor and asked, "How are you feeling?"

"I'm fine," replied Luke. He felt a little dizzy when his feet touched the floor but he felt fine when he managed to stabilize himself. Everything felt fine except for the fact that his feet were still a little weak.

"Let's try walking a few steps. Don't force yourself, though." Luca felt his warm breath on her scalp when he spoke to her. She could not stop her face from turning red.

Luke replied with an, "Mm." He then tried taking his first steps.

Luca tried to keep up with him while paying close attention to his breathing. At that moment, she could hear that his breathing was peaceful, so she said nothing and helped him to the bathroom.

After setting him down on the toilet seat, she said to him, "Sit here."

Luke nodded in response.

Luca helped him sit down and then said, "I'll be waiting for you outside. Just call me when you're done."

After that, she quickly left the bathroom and closed the door.

her back against the wall and took a deep breath. It was just a short journey to the bathroom but she was sweating all over her back and her heart pounded

was helping him walk, she could feel that he was looking downward. His warm breath was sprayed over her scalp. She could not be sure if he was doing that on purpose or

between them was intimately close earlier, and she almost could not handle that feeling. Everything that she experienced just now felt deliberate when in reality, it

against the wall as she looked up at the ceiling, fanning her face with one hand. She hoped that it might disperse the heat a

while, she heard flushing noises from the bathroom. Just as she hesitated to go in, the door opened from

the door with one hand while supporting himself on the wall with the other as he

grabbed his arm. "Are you alright,

did not expect him to walk out just

he replied. He let her help him back to

helped him up onto the bed before she breathed a sigh

at her and asked, "Were you calling my name when you woke

Luca was stunned. She had dreamed of something when she was sleeping earlier. Something about the past. When she woke up, she could not tell if she was still dreaming or not. That was why she did that.

She shook her head and replied, "I don't think so. You must have misheard me, Mr. *Crawford*."

Luke was sure that he heard it right, but since she did not want to address the issue, he would not press her further either. He was only taking a gander. He said, "It's getting late, let's get **some sleep**."

"Mm," replied Luca as she turned and walked back to **her chair**.

Even with her back turned toward him, she could feel his gaze on her *back*.

She pretended as if nothing was going on and pulled the covers on Tommy before lying down, her back still turned toward the patient on the bed.

She then heard a slight rustle on the other bed. She knew that Luke had already gone back to *bed*.

Luca closed her eyes and touched her face. She had gotten red-faced one too many *times today...*

Could Luke see what was happening to her face with that *lamp on...*

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Jason was still in his office. He set an alarm to remind himself to give Sue a *video call*.

call went through, Kari and Teri's faces showed up on the screen. Jason smiled as he spoke to the sisters for a while before

looked at the background behind him and asked, "Are you still in the

Jason looked at her lovingly through the screen, but he still

"How long are you working overtime for? Luke is so cruel making you work like this. Don't tell me you're the only one

just worked until ten o'clock today. But I feel a little lazy to go back to the hotel, so I'm spending the night in the office,"

stupid or what? You have a hotel to stay in but you want to sleep in the office? Is the office table more comfortable to sleep on?" Sue rolled her eyes at him as she chided him in disdain, but Jason knew that she was simply concerned

office is closer to the hospital, so it'll be easier for me to go there tomorrow," Jason explained. Luke mentioned that he should be able to get discharged by tomorrow, so he might as well sleep in the office since he was working until ten o'clock that night. Besides, he would not be in a rush when he went over to the hospital

you not feeling well?" Sue immediately wanted to take a good look at him, so she brought her face closer to the

but my boss." Jason then told her everything about Luke getting bit by a

was relieved after she heard his story. She did not have the mood to care about what had happened to Luke as long as Jason was fine. She then said, "That's really unfortunate for Luke, but since you're in the office, surely someone is taking care of him in

is taking care of him," Jason told her the

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Jason wanted to speak up for Luke, but Sue might think he had sold his soul to Luke.

Hence, he had no other choice but to nod and reiterate, "I got it. I'll keep an eye on him. By the way, don't tell anyone else about this. I don't think he wants the Crawford family to know just yet."

"Alright. Even though I feel bad for Bianca, I won't tell anyone since you said so," replied Sue. She then looked at the time and urged Jason to sleep. "It's getting late, you should get some rest. Goodbye."

"Alright, wait for me," Jason said as she looked at her affectionately.

Sue knew if she did not hang up there and then, he would not either. Hence, she did.

She then looked over to the sisters who were attentively drawing at the other side of the room. She mused for a moment and decided to give Bianca a call.

They drifted further and further apart from each other after Bianca lost her memory.

Sue understood why Bianca did not want to interact with her, so that was why she avoided disturbing her and asking her how she was. However, she could not help herself any longer now.

She held her breath, and after a few seconds, the call went through.

"Hello." Bianca's voice came through the speaker.

Sue said to her, "Bea, it's me, Sue."

Bianca was stunned when she heard Sue's voice from the other end of the call. After she pretended to lose her memory, she deliberately distanced herself from Sue and never contacted her. She did not expect a phone call from her.

She asked, "Is anything the matter?"

the coldness in Bianca's voice and felt uncomfortable. She reminisced about the times when the three of them did business together, but now they felt like complete strangers. Bianca did not even say hello, and that made

heard nothing from the other side of the line, so she looked at her phone and asked again, "Is anything it's nothing. Jason said that you're sick and you're in the hospital right now, so I called to ask how you're doing. How are you feeling?" Sue snapped back to her senses. Her voice was neutral

fine," Bianca replied, feeling quite baffled by the sudden

call just so she could curry favor with her? Jason was Sue's boyfriend, and he was Luke's subordinate, so it would be quite natural for her to

seemed a little too late,

replied, "That's good, then. By the way, Mr. Crawford brought Jason on a business trip, so I wanted to ask if he has contacted

for a fact that Jason and Sue had some issues. They had daughters together but were not married. It was natural for her not to contact Jason but look for Bianca instead. "No, I think Luke's really busy, so he

I see. That's all, then." Sue heard the coldness in Bianca's voice and decided not to tell

felt bad for her, but she felt very uneasy about Bianca's

Sue then hung up the call.

After Bianca heard the beeping tone, she suddenly remembered that Luke had not bothered to give her a call these couple of days. He did not even ask her how she was *doing*.

He did not notify her after arriving at his destination either.

Bianca had not called him as well because she was feeling **unwell**...

Maybe he was too busy, that was why **he forgot**...

Bianca looked at the time in America and thought of giving him a call when it was daytime over there. After all, she had to keep **on pretending**.

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After that night.

Luke woke up and noticed that Luca was already awake. She had her back turned toward him as she was looking *at Tommy*.

He felt that she really liked Tommy. There was some sort of motherly love in her eyes whenever she looked at Tommy. It was like a mother looking at their own child.

Something moved Luke's heartstrings. He **sat up**.

Luca noticed some movements behind her and looked back, "Mr. Crawford, *you're awake*."

The way she addressed him reminded him of last night. Even if she did not admit it, he was sure that she had called him by his name...

very natural when she did that as if they were not strangers at

He nodded and replied, "Mm."

up, folded the blanket and the chair, then looked at the patient on the bed. "Do you want to try standing

was able to walk last night, so he should be able to stand up on his own

pulled the covers away, and swung his legs to the side of

her breath as she watched him. She did not

slowly got down from the bed, straightened his body, and walked a couple of steps. He felt much better than last night. He was not dizzy anymore and his legs had some strength in

you feeling?" A look of concern flashed across Luca's

"I'm feeling better now," said Luke.

curled upward slightly when she heard that. "That's

up and looked at them with sleepy eyes. He was delighted when he saw his father get down from the bed. "Daddy, you can get up

Luke nodded.

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Luca nodded and then asked, "Mr. Crawford, what do you want to have for breakfast?"

"Anything will do. Bring Tommy along with you too. Buy something he actually likes to eat," replied Luke.

Luca nodded in response and brought Tommy out of the ward.

After Luke walked into the bathroom to wash up, his phone rang. He looked at the screen and saw that it was Bianca calling.

After he knew that the Bianca in A City was a fake, he decided to remove everything that he had customized for her—including ringtones and wallpapers.

He had no reason to do all that for a fake woman.

Luke answered the call and spoke coldly, "It's late. You're still not asleep?"

His words were showing concern for her, yet they were spoken in a cold tone. That surprised her, but she still replied, "I'm about to sleep, but I miss you, so I decided to give you a call. Luke, I hope I'm not disturbing you?"

"Not at all." Luke's tone remained ice-cold. He left the bathroom, sat on the sofa, and waited for her reply.

"That's good, then. You didn't even call me when you arrived in America, so I guessed you might be really busy. That's why I didn't want to bother you. By the way, when are you coming back? I really miss you," Bianca replied with such affection despite being given the cold shoulder.

She was used to his coldness, but he might be a little more affectionate if she acted coy with him.

A sinister look flashed across Luke's eyes as he listened to her words. This woman must be hooked on the act that she had been putting on, right?

"I'll come back when I'm done with my

shuddered. She thought he might show a little more love for her if she acted coy, but it did not seem to be working. Instead, he acted even more indifferently. She continued, "I see, alright then. By the way, is Tommy there? I miss

having breakfast with Jason in the restaurant downstairs." Luke did not tell her anything about him being hospitalized, nor did he tell her about Tommy accompanying

Bianca had thought out an entire script before she called him, thinking that she might be able to give their relationship a boost. Now, Luke's coldness stopped her in

my body's fault. Wouldn't it be great if I had gone to America with you? But don't worry about me. I'm fine now. I feel better these past couple of days. The doctor said I can be discharged once my

voice was still as cold as

a deep, cold breath as her heart chilled. "Alright, I'll leave you alone now. Come back home once you're done with your work, okay? I miss you,"

replied emotionlessly and then hung up

felt that something was wrong. Luke's attitude toward her was even colder than

Why...

thought about it for a moment. She did not remember doing anything to make him act like this. It was probably because of work that he was so moody. That was the only explanation she had in

After all, he always acted like that, being the workaholic he was. When he was focused on work, he would neither eat nor sleep until he got everything **done**.

As *a* result, he did not interact with his children all **that much**.

Bianca was relieved after she thought of **that**.

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Luca brought Tommy to the restaurant downstairs and let him pick the food he liked.

Tommy looked at the variety of food, pouted, and asked, "Ms. Luca, American people eat these for **breakfast?**"

"Mm, that's right." Luca ordered two sandwiches, a cup of coffee, and a cup of milk.

One of the sandwiches was meant for Luke while the other was hers. The cup of coffee was for her, while the milk was for him.

"How do American kids grow up if they eat this for breakfast?" Tommy complained. In the end, he ordered a sandwich and a glass of *orange juice*.

After getting their food, Luca brought Tommy back upstairs. When they walked into the ward, they noticed Jason and Johann already in **the ward**.

"Good morning, Mr. Doyle, Dr. Park," Luca *greeted them*.

morning Uncle Jason and Uncle Park." Tommy

Both of them nodded in response.

"Your report is out. There's no more poison in your blood. You can be

Luke sat on the sofa. Ever since he could walk, he was unwilling to sit on the bed. The thought of a simple blade hospitalizing him for a couple of days hurt his dignity. Thus, he did not want to even get close to the bed. He acted as if he had nothing to do with this ward that he stayed

at the breakfast in Luca's hand and asked, "Is that

Luca replied as she set the food down in front

did you get me milk?" Luke stared at the milk with a frown on

current condition, it's better if you avoid coffee right now," said Luca. She knew that Luke did not necessarily need

usual days, he would stay up late working, so he needed coffee to keep him up. However, since he rested well yesterday, he would not need coffee even if he jumped straight back into work after getting

his brow in silence and sipped on the glass of

gaped in surprise as he watched that happen. When did his boss become so negotiable? If it were him, he would have had to endure his boss' terrifying glare and then make him a cup