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Luca was at the conference at Solomon's time of death, so she could not have been his killer. Even so, Luke could not help but have the feeling that was something more to the incident.

Luca could tell that Luke was trying to find out something, but she remained calm because there was no direct link between her and Solomon's death. She shook her head and said, "It's not surprising even if a fellow gang member did him in."

Amur was silent as he listened to Luke's probing questions.

The police had concluded that Solomon died in a gang conflict, so Amur did not have to say anything. In any case, the police would not track him down, and they would not disturb Luca either.

"Mm." Luke nodded. He had been observing Amur from the corner of his eye. Even though Luca had told him that they were not biological siblings, he could not help but think that they were not siblings at all.

When Amur came in, he caught a scent of drugs on his body.

Luke continued asking, "Mr. Amur, why did you come to New York this time?"

"I had some business," Amur said.

Luca glanced at Luke, then at Amur. She could sense that the hostility between the two men was growing, so she tried to distract them. "Mr. Crawford, what are the police going to do with the two students?"

"The law will deal with them," Luke said. He did not show them any sympathy at all.

Luca had expected him to say that. Luke would show no sympathy to anyone other than his family, especially toward those who tried to harm him.

had a rough idea of what happened. When he heard Luke's words, he said, "They're only university

his eyebrows. Amur sounded like a parent who tried to harbor their children's faults, though he was a little more than a child

continued, "But I can't forgive them if they try to harm my elder sister. We shouldn't let them get away with it so

Luke nodded. "Of course."

not sure how to feel about the conversation. It was the first time Luke and Amur agreed on

doorbell rang once more. "That should be the room service," Luca

the same time, Luke stood up. "Mm. I should

Tommy heard that, he also stood up, though he was feeling a little frustrated about why they had to leave so soon. His father would definitely not allow him to stay, so he did not ask in the

the door. Just as expected, the attendant pushed the meal cart in and took away the

attendant left, Luke said at the door, "Finish

nodded, though her heart began to beat faster when Luke said

Amur did not know what to feel when he saw the change in her **expression**.

She might not have noticed it, but that single-word reply was filled with affection. It was as though she was a young girl speaking to **her crush**.

Luca turned around and met Amur's gaze. She smoothed her hair and said, "Have you had your dinner? If not, we can share the **food**."

"**I've had** dinner," Amur said. He could not hold it back anymore. "If you want to protect Luke Crawford, it's best that you keep your distance *from him*."

Luca's expression stiffened. She knew about that fact without him saying it. All of this would not have happened if she had not become Luke Crawford's *wife*.

If she did not want Luke and the children to get hurt, the best way was to stay away from him. However, it was easier said than done...

Before Luca returned to A City, she had thought of staying as far away from Luke as possible, but she failed to do so. Even though there was a barrier between them, she could feel that they were getting closer and **closer**.

"I know..." She said.

Amur could sense the sorrow in Luca's eyes when she said that. He knew that she loved the man, and she was willing to sacrifice everything for *him*.

After his experiences on the Island of Despair, he thought that Luca was playing with **fire**.

"*You* can sacrifice yourself for that man, but you have to remember that Nyla needs you. She's still young, and she needs a mother," Amur reminded her. Nyla was the only reason why Luca remained **alive**...

nodded. She clenched her hands into fists when Amur mentioned her youngest daughter. No matter what, she would have to bring Nyla away from the

Luca had saved his life, and he could not bear to see her suffer because of that man. He did not want to see her

up and said, "You should eat your dinner. I'll be returning to

Luca nodded. After Amur left, she looked at the food on the meal cart, but she had no appetite

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was led into the elevator by his father. He looked at Luke and asked, "Daddy, how could you let Ms. Luca be alone in the same room with

brother and sister." Luke tapped his access card on the sensor, and the elevator began to

and said, "But they don't look alike at all, and I think that man has a crush on Ms.

did not know how to respond to

Luke did not speak, Tommy wagged his hand and said, "What are you thinking,

"Nothing," Luke replied.

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As Luke opened the door, he raised his eyebrows. Tommy went into the suite and looked at him. "I'm right, aren't I?"

Luke did not answer his question.

Ever since he was reunited with that impostor Bianca, he could not bring himself to love the woman with Bianca's face. Even so, he tried his best to fulfill her demands.

They did not behave like husband and wife in the bedroom, but they had appeared in public many times. To the rest of A City, they were still the model couple.

He did not expect Tommy to see through the disguise.

Luke did not answer his question. Instead, he asked, "Why do you like Ms. Luca so much?"

Sensing his opportunity to voice his thoughts, Tommy did not hold back. "I like Ms. Luca because she's very gentle, just like what Mommy used to be."

To the boy, Bianca felt only like a mother in name, and he was not close to her. On the other hand, he had somehow sensed a liking for Luca since the first time they met.

Luke patted his son's head, glad that Tommy was willing to be honest with him. His fingertips sank into Tommy's soft and delicate hair, and he thought that his son needed a haircut soon.

"How about Lanie and Rainie? Do they like her too?" Luke asked.

Tommy shook his head. "I don't know. Lanie and Rainie don't talk to me because they think that I'm still a little kid, but I know that they don't like Mommy at all."

In other words, all three children did not like Bianca.

knew about it. Seeing that it was already quite late, he said, "Brush your teeth and go

He was about to go into his room to get his pajamas when he suddenly turned around and said, "Daddy, will you divorce Mommy

still young, but he knew many things that happened

his classmates had divorced parents. Sometimes, they would fret over whether they should go with their father or their

had already made up his mind. If Luke and Bianca would eventually divorce, he would definitely go with

said. He had no relation to the impostor Bianca back in A City. If they were not considered married, how could

quite disappointed to

had said that he would divorce Bianca, there was a possibility that Luca would become their

his father did not think

returned to his bedroom to take his pajamas, then went into the

up the bathtub for Tommy, then stepped out of the bathroom and sat on

Tommy seemed to have a natural affinity with Luca. It did not seem like Luca had groomed *him*.

Why did Luca seem so familiar?

Could she be the real Bianca?

If an impostor could wear Bianca's face, then the real Bianca could have worn a different face.

However, if Luca were the real Bianca, why did she not say so? If there was something stopping her from doing so, she could have dropped some hints.

Luca did not do anything. She had no common features with Bianca other than her voice.

If Luca were the real Bianca, she would not have abandoned her children or allowed an impostor to be by his side.

Upon reaching that conclusion, Luke rejected his *initial hypothesis*.

After taking a bath, Tommy stepped out of the bathroom. He saw Luke sitting on the couch, and he walked over curiously. "What are you *thinking, Daddy?*"

Luke came to his senses. Earlier, he was lost in thought thinking about Luca. Seeing that Tommy's hair was still dripping, he led him back to the bathroom and blew his hair dry with a **hairdryer**.

"Daddy, won't you consider marrying Ms. Luca?" Tommy looked at Luke's reflection in the *mirror*.

you really want me to divorce your Mommy?" Luke put the hairdryer away and combed Tommy's hair with

not plan to tell his children that their mother was an impostor, so he had to keep telling that

impostor might have Bianca's face, but she could not replicate the real Bianca's affection toward the children. It was not surprising that the children could sense that something

like Ms. Luca. If only you'd given birth to me earlier, Daddy, then I could have married Ms. Luca myself. I wouldn't want to see her fall into another man's hands," Tommy

Tommy's forehead. "Go to

his tongue out, walked out of the bathroom, and lay down on

tucked him in. When he was about to turn the lights off, he heard Tommy say, "Daddy, even if you don't want to marry Ms. Luca, I wish that you can be happy. You're not happy with Mommy now. Sometimes I even wonder if she's faking her amnesia and if she's our

too much about it. You should sleep." It was the first time that Luke's children had told him that they did not like Bianca. Usually, they would keep it to themselves and not give him any

was nevertheless perturbed by what Tommy told him. If he had to act against the impostor Bianca one day, he would not have to worry about how his children would think of that woman who had the same face as their

would eventually expose the impostor's lies and find the children's real

turned off the lights but left the nightlight on. He walked out of the bedroom and went to the floor-to-ceiling window to look at New York's skyline in the night while reminiscing the moments with Bianca. It had been

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Johann nodded. "That seems to be the case."

Dr. Albus read the report again, this time more carefully, and said, "That's strange. I know that the excretions from this creature have very minor sedative properties, and even hundreds of them would not even have too much effect on the human body. How did the person who refined the drug do it?"

Johann took the report and said, "You'll probably have to ask the person who refined the drug. There isn't a technique in modern medical technology that can do it. If the substance truly knocked all of you out, I can only say that there's a lot we don't know."

"Just imagine what I can do with this technique!" Dr. Albus exclaimed.

Luca was silent. She knew about the drug that they ingested. Shanks had devised the technique of refining it.

No one else outside the Island of Despair knew about the technique.

If Shanks published his research findings, many people around the world would benefit from it. However, Shanks had no such plans, and he did not teach Luca the technique either.

Johann discreetly observed Luca. She was silent as though the matter did not concern her, despite the fact that she was the biggest victim.

"What do you think, Dr. Craw?" He asked.

"If such a technique exists in the world, why didn't its inventor publish it?" Luca said nonchalantly.

She said what everyone had been thinking without giving too much away.

Dr. Albus nodded. "That's true. Imagine that person patented the technique. He'd be swimming in cash!" looked at Dr. Albus with contempt. 'Is money the only thing he

also not interested in discussing that topic. She said to Johann, "Dr. Park, are you here to deliver the report to

was here to deliver the report to Luke. Even though Luke said that he would not understand it, Johann had to inform him about several

went to the company but was told that Luke had already left. That was why he had gone to the hotel, and he happened to bump into Luca and the others, who had just returned from the day's

That resulted in the aforementioned conversation.

noded. "I won't disturb

was curious about why Luca could remain so unperturbed. If whatever happened to her happened to anyone else, they would want to get to the bottom

and Luke were the biggest victims in the incident, yet the former behaved as though it did not

had obtained a visitor's access card from the front desk. He saw that the elevator had arrived, so he quickly rushed toward the

The people stepped into the elevator.

out of the elevator after it arrived at her floor. Johann said, "Dr. Craw, won't you want to come along with us and discuss it with

"*I've read* the report, but I have no knowledge of the technique. I don't think I'll be of any help. As for what happened that day, I was unconscious throughout the entire incident, so I won't be able to help you either. I should return to my room and not give you or Mr. Crawford any more trouble." Luca refused Johann's **invitation**.

She already knew what she needed to know about the incident, and she was not interested in *anything else*.

Listening to their discussion would only bring her more trouble. Moreover, she did not want to meet Luke so often, in case she could not stop herself from indulging in her affection.

It was best to keep away from Luke whenever possible.

Johann rubbed his chin as the elevator doors closed slowly. "That's weird," he said.

When he arrived at Luke's floor, Johann tapped the access card on the door and went in without **knocking**.

"*You're* here, Uncle Johann!" Tommy greeted Johann with a smile.

Johann patted Tommy's head and took out a packet of chocolate cookies from his pocket. "Good boy. Here's your reward," he said.

"*Thank* you, Uncle Johann." Tommy opened the packaging and began stuffing his *mouth*.

Luke nodded to acknowledge Johann's presence. Johann sat on the couch and said, "Would you like to read the report this **time**?"

"Summarize it," Luke said.

told Luke about the substance and how difficult it was to refine it. Then, he said, "I can only say that things are much more complicated than we expected. No researcher in Watson could refine the substance to such a high

replied and suddenly thought

'Can't she do it?'

knew that Luca carried with her a stash of medicine of her own creation, and he wondered if Luca knew the technique to

sure that Luca was not the mastermind behind the incident. After all, she was also

no point in figuring out the identity of the mysterious substance," Johann said, sounding slightly frustrated. "How's the investigation on your

referring to the hacking of the

pressure, the IT department worked overtime for a week straight before tracing the origin of the virus to a small diner in New

owners of the small diner were an elderly couple, and there was nothing suspicious about their backgrounds. The restaurant did not have surveillance cameras

not find any clues beyond that. The enemy must be a master hacker to cause such damage to the company network. Moreover, several of their top-secret documents had been leaked, which added to the losses suffered by the

to return to A City the next day, but he had to stay back to deal with the

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It was not good for Tommy to skip school for an extended period of time.

Tommy volunteered to answer. "Daddy will ask Ms. Luca to bring me back to A City."

"Dr. Craw?" Johann asked the father and son, thinking that it was a good idea.

"Mm." Luke nodded. The incident had blown up beyond his expectations. He had completed all the work that was scheduled for this trip, but now, he had to stay back and hold the fort.

The top-secret documents were critical to the company's operations. The news that the company network had been breached had not been publicized, but if it were, it would greatly affect the company's development.

Luke planned to stay behind and restructure the company's growth plans. He would not want to let his enemies have a grip on him.

Johann said, "This is really uncanny. I believe that the same people are behind both incidents, and they're targeting you. Dr. Craw only became a victim because she was caught in the crossfire."

Luke did not say anything, nor did he deny it.

It made sense that whoever harmed Luca wanted to target him, but he could not understand why those people would want to involve Luca. She was only an employee of Watson Biopharmaceuticals, and there was nothing remarkable about her status.

Even though they were implicated in a scandal, the scandal died quickly. To the public, the two people were not considered close.

were not in A City, but across the country in

you going to investigate it?" Johann asked. He could not help with the investigations, so he could

had so many questions, including how someone managed to refine the drug to such a

creature was rarely used in pharmacology. Generally, researchers did not use the creature's excretions because it was too much of a hassle to extract the sedative ingredient. That was also why it took so long to identify the

I am," Luke said. He had a feeling that the impostor Bianca should also be involved in what was going on. After dealing with the crisis in the New York subsidiary company, he would return to A City and continue the

the matter in A City..." Johann did not want to mention Bianca's name in front of Tommy. He also thought that Luke was a very

deal with it together," Luke

nodded, thinking that Jason would be getting very busy too. He considered himself lucky because he was only a doctor and had no investigative skills outside of diagnosing patients, so Luke should not be looking for him for

he was thinking about that, Luke said, "You're in charge of getting me the security footage from the hospital three

smile vanished instantly. "That's so troublesome! Why do you need the

Luke glanced at him. "The DNA test results from three years ago are the opposite of what we find now. Don't you think that it's very **suspicious?**"

According to the DNA test three years ago, the conclusion was that the DNA sample matched Bianca's DNA. Now that they had found out that Bianca was an impostor, it could only mean that there was a problem with the DNA test.

Johann had collected the DNA sample himself. The sample was probably *swapped*.

To start the investigation, they would have to go back to three **years ago**.

Johann nodded. Everything started with the DNA test three years ago. If the sample had not been swapped, the impostor Bianca would not have stayed by Luke's side for **so long**.

Moreover, it would be very difficult to track down the real Bianca after three **years**.

In any case, the hospital was *considered culpable*.

Investigating something from three years ago was already difficult enough. Luke had to investigate in secret so that the impostor Bianca would not be alerted, which added to the **difficulty**.

Johann could feel a headache creeping in. He was only a doctor, but he had to do something **so troublesome**.

"I can only go back after a week. Once I'm back, I'll get to it," Johann said. It was not going to be easy, but he agreed to **it anyway**.

day, Luca did not protest when she was told to bring Tommy back to A City. The two people boarded docile throughout the flight, and he did not make a fuss. When the airplane landed at A City International Airport, Luca carried the luggage, caught a cab, and wanted to send Tommy back to Crawford

Tommy heard Luca give the driver the address, he knew that she wanted to send him home. "Ms. Luca, can't I stay with you? I don't want to go home yet,"

you want to go home?" Luca asked while patting his head. She wanted to stay with the child for another day, but Luke had told her to bring Tommy back to Crawford Manor, and she had promised him that she would

home yet. I don't want to stay with Great-Grandpa. Please bring me over to your apartment. I promise that I won't give you any trouble." Tommy looked at her with puppy eyes, hoping that she would take pity on him and bring him to

you can't. You'll have to go home," Luca said. "You have school tomorrow, and I need to go to work, so I can't fetch you around. Be a good boy. Even if Daddy isn't at home, the caretakers will take care of

realized that he could not change Luca's mind, so he gave up on

not want to give Luca the impression that he was rude. After all, he would like to see her more often in the

"Alright then," Tommy said.

sighed when she saw that the child was disappointed. Back in New York, when Luke entrusted the child to her care, Tommy had grinned brilliantly. He was not sad that he had to be separated from his

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Luca put Tommy's suitcase aside and said, "Mr. Crawford has tasked me to bring Tommy back from New York. Now that you're here, I shall leave the child in your hands."

It had been exactly one month since Bianca took the pill and fell ill. She had just been discharged from the hospital.

She could not help but be angry when she looked at Luca. It was because of her that she decided to take the pill.

She thought that taking the pill could make Luke pay attention to her, but Bianca had shown up abruptly with a herbal concoction. Taking the concoction daily had suppressed the effects of the pill, which made her feel a lot better.

However, it also meant that her plan had failed, not to mention that she had to suffer in vain for a few days. After her condition stabilized, Luke stopped caring about her and went on a business trip...

Bianca glared at the seemingly composed Luca. "You went on the business trip too?"

"I was there for a conference," Luca explained. Her reason for going to New York was different from Luke's purpose, and she hoped that Bianca would not misunderstand.

She could already sense that Bianca had feelings for Luke.

That was not supposed to happen when Abel had tasked her with a mission. If Abel knew about it, she would be punished.

Luca was not going to remind Bianca about that. After all, it was her choice.

"Were you together with Luke every day?" Bianca could not help but be jealous. No wonder Luke did not seem too enthusiastic whenever she had a video call with him.

Two weeks was not very long, but it was long enough to develop mutual affection!

sized up Luca, trying to see if she could glean something from her demeanor. She wanted to know if anything had happened

maintained her composure very well. Even her tone when speaking

stomped her foot angrily. Luca turned around and prepared to leave, knowing that Bianca would not harm Tommy when the driver

"Where are you going?" Bianca asked.

tasked me with bringing Tommy home. Now that the child is safely in your hands, my task is complete. I'm going home," Luca said as she opened the door of

uneasy whenever Luca said "Mr. Crawford." She asked, "Where's Luke

movement paused abruptly. She turned her head and looked at

angry when Luca looked at her like that. "Are you deaf or dumb? I'm asking you where's Luke? Is he in the

Mr. Crawford's wife? Why do you have to ask me where your husband is?" Luca did not want to argue with that woman when Tommy was watching, but she could not stop that woman from picking a fight with

had replaced her position by Luke's side for three years. Luca did not wish to talk to

taken aback by the question. She clenched her hands

Feeling the grip around his hand become tighter, Tommy frowned and pulled his hand away. "Daddy still has some work in New York."

Bianca was surprised to hear that. She looked at Tommy massaging his hand and realized that she had nearly lost her temper earlier.

She was supposed to be Luke's wife, but she did not know that he was still in New York. Her face burned with embarrassment when the other people stared at **her**.

Luca turned around and stepped into the cab. "Let's go," she told the driver.

When the driver heard that, he started the car and left.

Bianca stood there as the cab puffed a cloud of smoke on her. Trying to find a way out of the embarrassing episode, she roared at the driver, "Why are you still standing there? Come and take **Tommy's suitcase**."

The driver picked up Tommy's suitcase and placed it on the back seat.

Bianca did not get back into the car. She opened the gate and said, "Let's go home, **darling**."

Tommy looked at the warm smile on Bianca's face and could not help but think that she was faking *it*.

He walked away without looking at **her**.

Bianca's outreached hand froze in mid-air. Her eyelids drooped and her gaze flashed with a hint of viciousness as she watched the child walk away from *her*.

that Luca was the villain in her story. Tommy seemed to have grown even more distant from her after he was with

not bear to watch Luca snatch away everything that belonged to her. Luke was supposed to be hers. The children were hers, and the Crawford

not matter if she liked it or not. They were all

Tommy continue to walk away. The child had never been clingy to her, but she could sense that he was becoming even more cold and

blamed it all on Luca. She would have to think up a plan to stop

quickly walked up to Tommy and asked him gently, "How was

no fun at all. I had to follow Daddy all day," Tommy

to follow Daddy? Didn't he bring you to play?" Bianca did not believe what he

there for business, not to play." Tommy lifted his head and looked at Bianca

used to be gentle, empathic, and intelligent. Now, he could not bring himself to like that

to ask, "If that's the case, is Daddy always in his office

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Old Master Crawford sounded like he was concerned about Bianca's health, but Bianca could tell that he did not want her to be in the house.

He was more concerned about the children than her, and he would rather have her in the hospital...

Bianca smiled to hide her dissatisfaction. She explained, "I'm fine now, Grandpa. The doctor gave me a thorough examination before I was discharged, and he said that I've fully recovered. My throat is a little dry, so I'll go and drink some water."

"Mm." Old Master Crawford turned his head away from her and looked at his great-grandson.

He gently pinched Tommy's cheek and said, "Look at you, you've lost weight. Haven't you been eating your meals? I told you that you won't like it there, but you won't listen."

Tommy grinned and said, "I don't like hotel food, but Ms. Luca's cooking is amazing."

"Ms. Luca? Who's that again?" Old Master Crawford was confused.

"That's the pretty Miss who saved me when I ran away from home. I love her cooking, Great-Grandpa. Lanie, Rainie, and Daddy love it too," Tommy said.

"Oh? She was in New York too?" Old Master Crawford asked.

"Yes! Ms. Luca was there for a conference. I complained to her that the hotel food was horrible, so Ms. Luca cooked for Daddy and me. It's really delicious! I'll bring you to Ms. Luca's house next time so that you can taste it for yourself," Tommy said.

took those words the

around and walked up the stairs, clenching her hands into fists as she did so. Whatever Luca's motives were in the trip to New York, she seemed to have succeeded. Tommy and Luke were on her side

what Luca would do next. Would she try to convince Luke to divorce her and take over her position in the Crawford

could not allow that

her footsteps. She did not want to hear what Tommy was telling Old

returned to her bedroom and locked

out her phone, thought for a while, and gave Abel a

was picked up after five rings. Bianca shuddered when she heard that chilling voice, but she braced herself and told Abel what Luca

she said, "I've been trying my best to fulfill the mission you've given me, Boss, but Ivana has been deliberately throwing a wrench in my plans. I hope that you can step in and stop her from

As Abel listened to that, he wanted to reprimand Bianca for being **incapable**.

However, he thought of something else, so he said, "Can you tell me why I should help **you?**"

Bianca was taken aback by the question. In her fit of anger, she had only thought about complaining and not a solution. Abel was her superior, and she was supposed to do the job for *him*.

To the people from the Island of Despair, anyone who did not complete their mission was considered useless.

After complaining so much to him, she was afraid that he would think that she was useless, and the Island of Despair did not have room for **uselessness**.

Bianca began to regret what she told him. She tried to think about what she should **say next**.

Abel continued, "If you don't want Luca standing in your way, then you should deal with her yourself."

"But she's also from the island..." Bianca said. She did not want to act against one of their own in case Abel had something to say about *it*.

"So what if she is? Aren't you from the island too? If you think that she's disrupting your plans, then find some way to make life difficult for her. She's making life difficult for you, isn't it?" Abel hinted.

Originally, he wanted to tell Bianca to stop blaming others for her incapability. After all, he had given her three years.

listened to Bianca's complaints, an idea suddenly came to his mind. Luca seemed to be enjoying a comfortable life in A City, other than that time when he set her up. It would be fun to see what would happen if she and Luke had more obstacles in

years, he had given up hope that the impostor Bianca would make Luke fall in love

Abel was curious about how Luke would react to Luca if he was still married to Bianca. No matter his choice, Abel would make him regret it for the rest of his

was quite surprised by Abel's change of

had only blamed her for not being able to seduce Luke, but now... was he giving his consent for her to do those

allowed to do whatever I want to complete my mission?"

even willing to make yourself ill to gain Luke Crawford's attention, I don't see anything wrong about it. You can do whatever you want as long as Ivana doesn't die," Abel said. He sounded quite excited about

was relieved when she heard him say that. She said, "Alright, Boss, I know what to do

disappoint me. I've given you enough time. You should know what happens to people who fail their mission," Abel warned

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After Luca left the place and turned a corner, she collected her saliva in a vial.

Last month, she did not collect enough of the antidote to run an analysis. She hoped that it would be enough this time. After capping the vial, she put it in her handbag.

She caught a cab. Shortly after she sat inside, she received Amur's message that he had checked into his flight and was about to return to A City.

He originally wanted to return to A City on the same flight as Luca, but he had to tie up some loose ends. That was why he had to take a later flight.

[Safe journey.] Bianca replied. She thought for a while and sent a message to Luke, telling him that Tommy was already back in Crawford Manor.

Meanwhile, Luke was lying on the bed when he received Luca's message.

It was nighttime in New York. Luke had just finished his work, and he was feeling quite tired.

When he closed his eyes, Luca's face appeared in his mind. He immediately opened his eyes again and could feel a complicated mess of emotions in his heart.

'Luca...'

He went to look at Luca's social media profile. Her timeline was empty.

'She seems to be a clean freak...'

the phone away and slowly closed his eyes. Suddenly, his phone began to ring. The call was from the manager of the IT department, who had many things

hardened as he listened to what he was told. He sat up and said, "I'll go

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woke up early the next day. She opened the door of the other bedroom and saw Amur lying on the bed. Thinking that he must have reached home in the middle of the night, she decided not to

breakfast, ate half of it, and went

who went to the conference had to report on their trip. When Luca arrived at the company on time, Mo told her to go to the conference

Luca arrived at the conference room, most of the people from the Technical Department were already there, and the meeting started shortly after that. Luca and Dr. Albus presented their

end of the presentation, Cole said, "It looks like the two of you have learned a lot in your trip.

could hear the jealousy in his voice, though she accepted his congratulations magnanimously. "Thank you," she

suddenly felt that there was something stuck in his throat. He did not know how to react to Luca's

He felt inexplicably frustrated. Luca's popularity in the company was rising; she was selected for the conference, and she was going to apply for her own laboratory and research team. She would be enlisting several researchers to help her, and when that happened, she would be leading the department in research **progress again...**

Who could say if she would replace Cole as the manager one *day*?

After the meeting ended, Rhett followed Luca out of the conference room. He considered himself lucky to go under such a capable researcher, but she seemed to be oblivious about what other people thought of her. He could tell that Cole's face was ashen throughout the entire meeting...

"Ms. Luca, did you purposely do that?" He asked *softly*.

"*Purposely* do what?" Luca said while walking toward her office.

"Didn't you see Dr. Kidman's earlier? He doesn't seem too happy..." Rhett said, wondering if she did not care for all that because she was devoted to her **research**.

"I'm a researcher, not his therapist. Why do I need to care about what he feels?" Luca said. She could tell that Rhett had the impression that she was oblivious, so she might as well act *the part*.

That would save her a lot of trouble in the future.

Rhett did not have a retort to that, though he thought what Luca said made sense. "But he's still our superior at work, and we have to respect him..." He *said*.

"*Didn't* I respect him?" Luca retorted. In the past three years, "respect" carried a different meaning **to her**.

knew very well who deserved her respect and who did

and closed his mouth several times. He did not know what to

Luca had not done anything out of line. If only Cole were not

the trip was over, Cole still thought that he should have been the one to go to

Cole's sarcastic remarks literally. She was not afraid of offending

had an admiration for her courage. Luca was a true researcher, and she would not waste her time on

now is to form a research team. Dr. Kidman's research is also progressing steadily, and he should be working on his research himself instead of joining us. We don't have to interact that often with him, so you shouldn't waste your time in appeasing him," Luca

Rhett nodded. It seemed that Luca was not oblivious after

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get ready for the next step in our project. Find out which researchers the company is most likely to cut funding, and compile a list of their names. Give me whatever information you can find

Chapter 1318

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Rhett heard her and replied, "Dr. Craw, do you want to take leave for you in the morning or afternoon?"

"Morning and afternoon," Luca said. She probably would not have time for anything else.

"Okay," Rhett said.

Luca cleaned up and left the office.

Instead of going home directly, she chose to go to the mall in the city center and planned to stroll around to buy some clothes in preparation for the change of season. The clothes she bought after leaving the island were not suitable for the upcoming season...

Luca booked a taxi and went to the city center. She quickly picked out a few pieces of clothing. She had nothing much going on in her life, so she bought far fewer clothes than before. All she needed was some work clothes.

After shopping, she planned to have a meal in the restaurant and then have a good rest at home. Unexpectedly, she ran into a large crowd.

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I don't think so. It's been more than an hour since we ate anything. I was just bringing them around to shop. All we did was walk around, we didn't do any strenuous exercise..." Sue was at a loss, her eyes filled with tears. A kind-hearted onlooker had called for an ambulance but it would take some time for it

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Sue looked at her little daughter and asked, "When did she eat it?"

"When you went to try on clothes, the clerk gave her some candy and she ate it. I haven't eaten mine yet. Here it is." Teri took out the candy from her pocket and handed it to them.

Luca took the candy and glanced at it. It was peanut candy. She looked at Sue and asked, "Is your daughter allergic to **peanuts?**"

Sue shook her head and said, "I don't know. She never liked peanuts, so I don't know if she's allergic to it."

Luca immediately rolled up Kari's thin sleeves and looked at the red rashes on her skin. She said, "It's an allergy. Her allergy to peanuts will lead to hypoxia. She needs oxygen. Has anyone called for an *ambulance?*"

As soon as Luca said that, she heard someone shouting, "The ambulance is here!"

A few people in medical uniforms walked in with *a stretcher*.

As she watched Kari being put on the stretcher, Luca said, "I believe that the peanut candy triggered her allergy, causing hypoxia and fainting. She needs oxygen. Send her to the hospital as soon as possible. When you arrive at the hospital, go for the anti-allergy treatment and test for all *her allergens*."

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Chapter 1319

The medical staff noticed that Luca was well-versed with first-aid and thought of what she mentioned. He could not help but ask, "Madam, are you also a doctor?"

"I'm not. I'm just familiar with research on medicine," Luca shook her head.

The ambulance quickly sent them to the hospital. After a simple examination, the doctor determined that Kari had an allergic reaction and he performed anti-allergy treatment.

Sue sat with Teri in her arms. She looked at Kari, who was sleeping, and wiped her tears.

Teri gently wiped away her tears and said, "Mom, don't cry. We were lucky to have this kind lady's help. Kari will be fine."

Sue looked at Luca, who was sitting on the side. Kari had been admitted to the hospital but Luca hung around as if she was deliberately keeping her company.

She then realized that she did not even know the other party's name, so she asked, "I still don't know your name after talking for so long."

"I'm Luca." Luca told Sue her name and shared her identity after thinking about it for a little. "Actually, I've met you before."

"You've met me?" Sue wondered.

"I work at Watson Biopharmaceuticals. That company belongs to T Corporation, so I know Mr. Doyle. I was nearby and overheard Mr. Doyle talking about his partner. I've seen your photo as well, so I recognized you at a glance," Luca said.

Sue nodded and suddenly remembered that her last name was Craw. 'Could she be the Dr. Craw that Jason mentioned?'

"Did you just come back from New

I just came back from training." Luca was slightly surprised. She did not expect Jason to tell Sue everything, including their business trip. After listening to what Sue shared, Jason seemed to have even told her the full name

Jason nor Sue were bad guys. Even if they knew about it, there would be no trouble

Dr. Craw!" Sue's expression was slightly complicated. She did not have a good impression of Luca when Jason mentioned her previously. She thought that she had ill

after the recent incident, she could not hate Luca even if she

thought that Luca felt

Craw, thank you." Sue

her head and said, "It's nothing, just call me Luca. Dr. Craw sounds

I'm Sue. Kari, my eldest daughter, is on the hospital bed. Teri is my younger daughter. They're twins." Sue introduced the twins and was not distant from Luca. She even wondered if she could meet Luca

smiled and replied, "Your two daughters are very beautiful. They look just

"*Thank* you, Ms. Luca." Teri immediately thanked her when she heard Luca praise her. She said, "Ms. Luca, you're also very beautiful."

Luca smiled happily and missed the days when she used to play with Kari and Teri. At that time, she had the twins and was surprised that Sue gave birth to twins as well. Luca thought that if Sue's twins were a boy and a girl, they could set them up with Lanie and *Rainie*.

Luca said, "By the way, Mr. Doyle can't come back yet, right?"

"**Yes**, he told me yesterday that something happened at work so he has to stay in New York," Sue nodded and answered. Since Kari and Teri were born, except for Jason's ex-wife deliberately making things difficult, they went through life safe and sound. It was the first time that such a thing happened, so she was at a loss.

At that moment, she hated Jason for being in New York. She felt *helpless*...

Fortunately, Luca showed up...

"If you need my help, don't be shy. This is my phone number." Luca handed Sue her name **card**.

Sue took the name card and her expression turned even more complicated. Before she got to know Luca, she was on Bianca's side and spoke horribly about Luca behind her **back**...

However, after what happened, she felt that she should not have done that because it seemed that Luca was not a bad person after interacting **with her**.

Suddenly, a sharp voice said, "Oh, I thought something was wrong with my eyes. It turns out it's really you, b*tch."

Luca and Sue unanimously looked at *the door*.

person standing at the door of the ward was Bailey,

Sue heard her words, her expression turned dark an instant. She hugged Teri tightly and said, "Ms. Bailey, you're not welcome here, please

her hands in front chest and raised her brows as she said, "This is not your home. You have no power took a deep breath, and when she was about to flip out, Luca said, "This is a hospital. Do you think that it's appropriate for you to cause a scene

at Luca contemptuously, then sneered. "Who are you? This is between me and her, why do you care? This is a hospital and it's indeed a public place, but if she can be here, why can't I be here too? Why can't I

hated Sue and always thought that she and Jason could not remarry because she was in

looked at Kari, who was on the hospital bed, and said, "What's wrong with this little bastard? Is she half-dead? Oh, is she dying soon? That's wonderful, bastards like her shouldn't be in

Teri's ears. She did not want her to hear these horrifying

is my daughter's ward, please get out!" She took deep breaths and was trying her best to hold kept telling herself that Jason was still in New York and she could not fight Bailey. The kids would have nowhere to go if something happened to her.

Chapter 1320

Luca glanced at Bailey, who was acting hubristic, and explained the situation to Johann.

Johann agreed to help after he understood the situation.

Luca put away her phone. Bailey informed Dean Winchester of the situation and had some connections in the hospital. She believed Dean Winchester would be on her side.

Sue covered Teri's ears and felt raging hatred in her heart.

For so many years, Bailey had continued to pester Jason and even went as far as to hurt her and their kids.

She was also a mother. Why would she be so cruel to other people's children? Over the years, Sue had been trying to protect the kids but Bailey was like a mosquito, sneaking a bite whenever she saw an opportunity. She had traumatized the kids for life.

Bailey crossed her hands in front of her chest and looked at the person in front of her contemptuously as she said, "I've already contacted Dean Winchester. It's a matter of seconds before you'll be kicked out of the hospital!"

Sue's body was shivering with anger. She held Teri in her arms. If not for the fact that Bailey was the mother of Jason's son, she would not be so polite and would have called the police immediately.

Bailey had repeatedly hurt her and her family throughout the years, and for various reasons, Sue endured it.

For three years, everyone could see Jason loved Sue and only Sue. She did not want to endure it anymore.

the hospital. You don't have the right to do this!" she yelled. Kari was still being treated and could not afford to be

softly and replied, "People with power can do anything they want. Sue, do you think that you can have a life-free worry after snatching Jason? Let me tell you, even if he chooses you, you're still nothing but a b*tch who seduces other

loudly and attracted the attention of many people. There were already many people standing in

thought that Sue was a mistress and gossiped

could no longer listen. She held her phone in front of Bailey and said coldly, "Madam, I've recorded what you said. Ms. Carter has the right to sue you

Bailey's eyes widened. "You dare?"

wouldn't I?" Luca said, "What you just said violates the truth. Mr. Doyle had already divorced you when Ms. Carter and he got together. You're no longer involved in his life so how is Ms. Carter the third party who destroyed

eyes widened angrily. She was being directly targeted now. She felt that she was pushed to the cusp of the storm and her arrogance would not allow that to

said grimly, "You're talking nonsense! It was because of this woman that my relationship with Jason broke

"Where's the evidence?" Luca asked. Although she missed out on many things after three years, she knew exactly how and when Sue and Jason got together.

Bailey looked at the unfamiliar face in front of her. Luca was unlike the person who sided with Sue before. Bailey thought that she was a new friend of Sue who knew nothing of their *past*.

She said, "Her two daughters are evidence."

"When Ms. Carter was pregnant with the twins, you and Mr. Doyle were already divorced for a long time, right? If you continue to make a scene, everything that you say will become evidence!" Luca stood between her and Sue lest this woman got mad and *hurt Teri*.

She still remembered the crazy things she once did to Sue to own **Jason**.

Bailey looked at Luca and said angrily, "You're *talking nonsense!*"

Luca calmly saved the recording and said, "This is evidence. If Ms. Carter sues you, you'll never hear the end *of it*."

The crowd outside the door was talking about Bailey now. She heard them and looked at Sue coldly as she uttered, "B*tch, do you think you have nothing to worry about just because someone is here to stand up for you? Just you wait!"

After a while, Dean Winchester walked in and said, "Ms. Bailey, what's **wrong?**"

Bailey saw Dean Winchester walk in, she reacted as though she had seen a savior and said, "Dean Winchester, shoo this woman out. She and her two daughters can't be

not expect that Bailey would dare to do that. Just as she was about to stand up, she saw Luca gently shake her head at her. She was taken back, suppressed her anger, and

Winchester pushed his glasses, glanced at Sue and the others, then apologized, "Ms. Bailey, there's a sick child here. We can't kick them

can't you? Dean Winchester, I'm sure that you're aware of the forces behind me." Bailey reminded him in a soft

Winchester was well aware of the forces backing Bailey and knew that they were rich. However, even though the people behind Sue were capable, their hospital did not need a wealthy patient but lacked a well-known and capable

Winchester was more afraid of losing Johann than losing a wealthy

this matter was not handled properly, Johann would leave the hospital. The hospital would lose a doctor and a bunch of patients who believed in his medical

people, there was no shortage of patients with complicated cases and

insisted, "The hospital was built for patients. The kid is still sick, I can't