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"Okay, Dean Winchester, take care," Luca smiled and said. After Dean Winchester left the ward, Luca closed the door to block off the curious glances from outside.

Sue put Teri on the floor and smiled gratefully at her. "Dr. Craw, thank you so much."

"No worries. Mr. Doyle helped me a lot when I needed it, so I want to return the favor. After all, he's in New York now and there's no way for him to be back here, so that woman is taking advantage of that. She's arrogant and annoying," Luca said. In her heart, she knew that Sue would not react as such in the past. If it were not for the twins, she would not have backed down.

It was not easy being a mother. Luca looked at Sue and thought of the situation that she was in.

Although she was still being drugged, it was not why she went with Abel's every wish. If Nyla were not in his hands, she would not have given in and chosen to obey him. She would not be restrained by his orders either.

Mothers were mighty but a lot of things were out of their hands.

Luca felt even sadder when she thought of that. If Lanie knew the things she had done, would he be able to forgive her?

After Sue thanked Luca, she could not hold back the curiosity in her heart and asked, "Dr. Craw, you seem to be familiar with what happened between me and Jason?"

Luca explained, "I see Mr. Doyle at work and heard him mention a few things about your relationship. Don't worry about what she said just now. I know Mr. Doyle. I believe that he would never cheat. I said what I said because I believe that you didn't do anything unethical or immoral when the two of you got together."

She knew that Sue was sensitive and would have doubts if she did not give a reasonable explanation.

not want Sue to suspect how she learned of such things or think that she was somehow involved with Jason, so she provided a

noded when she heard Luca's reply. It was a reasonable reply but it seemed a little too

walked to the bed and glanced at Kari. The red rashes on Kari's body had slowly gone down. She said, "Kari should be awake in a while. After the allergen test, you have to be more careful

her lesson. She did not expect that Kari, who never liked peanuts, would accept peanut candy from a stranger and eat it. Inevitably, she felt guilty knowing that Kari

noded and said, "I'll pay more attention to it in the

Teri's head and said, "Since Kari is allergic to peanuts, Teri might be too. Teri, in the future, you have to look out for your sister and make sure that she doesn't have any food that she shouldn't be

obediently and said, "Ms. Luca, don't worry. I'll look after

that Sue and the kids were fine, Luca did not plan to stay any longer. She said goodbye and turned around

looked at her as she walked away. She could not shake off how familiar

She took out the card that Luca handed her and added her as a friend on social **media**.

When Luca got to the elevator entrance, she received a friend request from Sue. She smiled and *approved it*.

She could never forget how Sue used to take care of her. Although they could not be too close, their friendship has always existed so she did not hesitate when she added her as *a friend*.

She took the elevator to the first floor and suddenly felt a little thirsty so she walked to the vending machine. When she was about to buy a bottle of water, she heard **Bailey's voice**.

The vending machine was in a remote place and there were not many people at that time, so she could hear Bailey's every word clearly.

After a moment, she heard Bailey's still frustrated voice say, "I don't care! No matter what, you have to teach that b*tch *a lesson!*"

Luca frowned. 'Bailey wanted to take action on Sue?'

Bailey's background was complicated. If she hired some good-for-nothings to take revenge on Sue, Sue may not have the ability to fight back and Jason was **still abroad...**

Luca did not leave and continued to listen to the conversation.

"That woman made me suffer a big loss today, I can't let it go. Make sure you do something about it. By the way, it's best if you can also find out the woman who sided with her and screw her over too!" *Bailey said*.

unscrewed the bottle cap and sighed silently.

Jason is so determined not to remarry her. With such an ex-wife, I would avoid her like a

talking, "Don't think about dragging this out so I would calm down and let it go. Listen to me, Jason is in New York now so it's the best time for you to take action! There are consequences if you don't do what I say. Need I remind you of

shook her head and turned around

thinks that she can hurt Sue? I'll never let her get her way. Since Jason is not around, I'll protect Sue in the

into the elevator and headed for the

was worried that Bailey's men would be eager and act immediately. Kari should be able to leave the hospital after she was done with the drip. Before that could happen, Sue was alone with the two children so it was the best timing for them to take action against

thought that she had no choice but to be involved in this matter.

she arrived at the ward, Sue was surprised to see her walk in. "Dr. Craw, why are

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After Kari's rashes faded, she woke up in a blur and was in stable condition.

Kari apologized to Sue after she found out that she got sick because she gluttonously ate the peanut candy given by a stranger. "I'm sorry, Mom. I won't do it anymore."

Considering all that she went through, Sue did not want to blame her for what happened. She said, "You should thank Ms. Luca. We were lucky that she was nearby."

Kari looked at Luca, smiled sweetly, and said, "Thank you, Ms. Luca."

Luca smiled and was a little envious to see the kids cling to Sue's side. She said, "You're welcome."

Seeing that Kari was okay, Sue temporarily entrusted Kari and Teri to Luca and ran to the hospital counter to settle the bill.

Luca pinched Kari's cheek and then Teri's. Luca thought that Sue must trust her a lot to leave them with her.

After Sue paid the bill, she returned to the ward and looked at Luca. "Dr. Craw, thank you for helping Kari. Let's go, I'll treat you to dinner."

Luca did not turn her down. She nodded and said, "Okay."

With that, they left the hospital.

stopped a taxi. It was not too packed for the two adults and two children to sit in the back. She asked, "Did you tell Mr. Doyle what

told him about Kari so that he won't accidentally feed her peanuts in the future," Sue said. What happened had shocked her deeply.

and reminded her. "I think you should tell him what happened with Bailey

made it clear that she would not let Sue and the kids off easily. If Jason knew about it, he could said she could protect them, she could not be there for them all

Sue's partner and the father of their children. These things were what he should

forget about Bailey." Sue knew that if she told Jason about it, he would go after Bailey and be overly protective whenever they went

was occupied with work, and she did not want him to have another thing to worry about.

what she was thinking about. If it were her, she would not want Luke to worry

However, if she had asked Luke to accompany her or gone with his initial arrangements, maybe things would not be the way **it was**.

Abel had always wanted to take revenge on Luke. Since he failed on the day when Leia tried on the wedding dress, he would have found other **opportunities**.

She knew that Luke would have protected her. If she had listened to his advice, she might not have been abducted to the Island *of Despair*.

"I don't think that woman will give up so easily. She lost her dignity in front of so many people and couldn't get her way even after involving Dean Winchester. I don't know what she'll do next. Mr. Doyle is their father, he has the right to know this." Luca persuaded **Sue earnestly**.

Sue thought to herself and it seemed what Luca said made sense. Bailey seemed normal but would cross the line for Jason. Sometimes, she acted so mad that she did not seem **normal**.

Sue had a sad smile on her face. If she had the choice, she would not want to be involved with a madwoman as such. "I'll talk to Jason about it when he *comes back*."

Luca nodded and did not say anything else. There was still some time before Jason's return. During this period, she told herself that she would protect the three of them **secretly**.

Although she had her work to attend to, Amur had returned and could assist her in *this matter*.

After the meal, Luca insisted on sending the three of them **home**.

Sue wondered why she was so insistent since their house was out of her way.

explained with a smile on her face, "It's getting late and I'm worried about your safety, so please let me send you

it unsafe for you to go home alone later?" Sue thought that Luca was weak and was worried for her safety if she had to take a taxi back home late at

learned a little bit of self-defense. Didn't Mr. Doyle tell you? I saved Mr. Crawford's youngest son from a group of gangsters. I took him in for a few days when he refused to go home." Luca told Sue about what had happened to reassure

when she heard what Luca said. She remembered when Luke asked Jason to send people to search for Tommy day and

she thought Luca was overly cautious, Sue allowed her to send them

she sent them home, Luca sat in the taxi and watched them walk in before asking the driver to drive

drove away slowly before the man standing in the corner walked out. He was wearing a cap, so his face was

took out his phone and said to the person on the other end of the phone, "The mission failed. Someone escorted them back. I didn't want to act rashly and

cursed at him, "You're a good-for-nothing! What were you afraid of? Was it a woman who escorted her home? It's just another woman, what are you

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Luca nodded and sat on the sofa. "Yes, I bought some clothes to prepare for the change in season. By the way, you should go buy some when you have the time. The weather here is not like that of the island. The change in season is drastic."

Amur nodded and saw her take out her purse from her bag. When she was about to hand him her credit card, he said, "I have money."

After hearing this, Luca still shoved the card in his hand and said, "I know you have money, but you should save it for a rainy day. You're in A City to help me, so I should pay for all your expenses. "

Seeing that she took it so seriously, Amur felt a little helpless. "What would I need money for?"

"To start a family," Luca said with a smile. One day, she would escape the Island of Despair with them. When that happened, Amur and Eler would need money to start their new lives.

Amur smiled stiffly when he heard what she said. Starting a family felt like something that would only happen in the far future.

He knew that Luca always had a plan to leave the island with them but Amur did not plan as far ahead as she did. All he wanted was to be by her side to protect her.

Luca noticed that he did not speak and his smile was not as bright as before. She thought he was shy and said with a smile, "Amur, I need a favor from you."

"Tell me," Amur immediately responded when he heard her change the subject.

He did not put any thoughts into starting a family. His only goal was to stay by her side and do his best for her.

Luca said, "I have a friend, someone who was close to me in the past. She has encountered some trouble recently and there might be someone plotting against her. If it's not too much trouble, I'd appreciate it if you could protect her and her children..."

friend?" Amur frowned. He did not expect that she was still stuck in her three kids, and now

happened to bump into her when I was shopping earlier and found out about the situation that she's in. She was kind to me before so I can't stay out of it knowing that she might be in danger. You wouldn't have to protect her for too long, only until her partner returns to A City," Luca

that she was explaining so much for fear that he would not agree to her

nodded and said, "Give me that person's details and I'll protect

picked up her phone after Amur agreed and sent him all of Sue's details, including her photos and

a simple life. All she does is go to work and send her children to and fro from school. Her life is not that and looked at the information she had sent over. He knew that she had prepared it in

he did not agree to her request, she would protect Sue on

was always like this. Even though she went through a lot on the Island of Despair in the past three years, she still kept to her true self. She would not hesitate to give back to those who were kind

a pity that a kind person like her had to suffer such horrifying

Amur always felt that no matter how much blood was on Luca's hands, she was still different from the others.

She seemed to come from heaven while others came from the abyss of hell.

Seeing that he agreed readily, Luca informed him of Sue and Jason's *relationship*.

After hearing this, Amur asked with a weird expression on his face, "You want to protect her because she was kind to you before, or is it because of *Luke*?"

"**Of course**, it's because she was kind to me. Look at the company she's in. It was founded by me. However, the fake Bianca didn't do anything so the company fell into Luke's hands." Luca's heart felt heavy when the past **was mentioned**.

Amur nodded and took the **matter up**.

Luca picked up her laptop and found T **Corporation's website**.

She did not bother to hide it. Amur saw it and could not help but ask, "What are you looking **at**?"

Luca told him all about what had happened in New York and shared her suspicions. "The security system on New York's side was easily cracked by Abel and his men. They planted a virus. I'm worried that the same will happen in *A City*."

Amur watched her try to write code and remembered that of all the training she received on the Island of Despair, coding was the most difficult for her. Abel had to give in and made her quit. Then, she was tasked to devote her time to the study of *medicine*.

"What program are you planning to write?" *Amur asked*.

and replied, "I want to write an intrusion program but I don't want to look at any secret information. I want to check for the loopholes in T Corporation's security system to see if there are any traces of

noticed that everything she did was related to Luke. His heart felt

tried her best to maintain a relationship with him but even when he was not around, she still did

'When will Luca prioritize herself?'

"T Corporation's security system is not so easy to

the case for me, but not for you," Luca said as she stared straight

as he knew she wanted him

he did not want to, there were no other

not bear to watch her stay up all night just to create a program, so he moved the computer in her hand to his lap and took the matter off her hands. "I'll

Luca looked right at him.

fingers tapped on the keyboard quickly as he typed sentences that she could

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Luca's smile froze. Of course, she knew that this was the best time for Abel to hurt Luke. While he was busy dealing with the mess in the New York company, he would not be able to manage the situation if anything happened in A City.

Louis' studio was going wonderfully, and Luke was supporting the entire T Corporation.

Luca said, "For Abel, now is not the right time. I believe he won't act for the time being."

Amur never stopped typing on the keyboard. After listening to what she said, he sped up.

After half an hour, the program was done. Amur cracked the neighbor's network and officially started to invade T Corporation's network.

"This security system is very tight, it'll take some time," Amur said as he put the computer on the coffee table and plugged it in.

Luca yawned when she saw the program being run automatically. She glanced at the time and it was late. She said, "It's late. Let's rest. We can discuss further tomorrow."

Amur nodded and said, "It may not be done by tomorrow but this program can run automatically so we don't need to put too much effort into it."

Luca nodded. It was a lot easier for her if the program could run automatically.

The computer was placed in the living room, and the two went back to their respective bedrooms.

washed up, Luca lay on the bed and looked at her phone. Tommy had sent her a message but her phone was muted just now so she did not notice that her phone rang. She had yet to read the

to Tommy's voice note, Luca thought that he would be asleep by now so she replied with a long voice note explaining that her phone was not with her just now and that she was not deliberately ignoring him. After that, she put down the phone and took some sleeping

lights were turned off, she glanced at her phone again to look at Luke's

usual, he had not posted anything. Luca put her phone aside and thought about him. 'He should be working

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The next day, Crawford Manor.

Crawford was sitting on the sofa sipping tea. When he saw the servant coming downstairs with a suitcase in her hands, he frowned and asked, "Whose suitcase is

Bianca's suitcase," the

Crawford saw Bianca following behind the maid. He asked, "Where are you going with

going to New York. Luke is working so hard in New York and I want to help him," Bianca smiled and explained. She did not realize that the others did not believe

'Help Luke? How can she help him when she can't even manage her company *well?*'

Old Master Crawford thought she was being silly and snarled at her. "Luke is very busy in New York. You'd be causing him more trouble if you go *over*."

Bianca thought that Old Master Crawford would not stop her and might even think that she was a sensible wife. However, she was stunned when he scolded her. "Grandpa, I'm not going to cause him any trouble. He's working so hard and I'm going there to take care **of him—**"

"*How* are you going to take care of him? Do you understand any of the documents or are you planning to cook and wash clothes for him? Are you going there to massage him?" Old Master Crawford did not bother being polite just because the servant was still *there*.

He used to love Bianca as Luke's wife, which was why he did not say anything even after she lost her memory and went through the traumatizing event. However, after she got amnesia, her temperament changed drastically and what he used to like about her was no longer there. Her shortcomings, which were the only thing that was left, made him shake his head and **sigh**.

Old Master Crawford believed that even if a person remembered nothing and forgot how to do anything, they could learn as long as they wanted to. However, Bianca's amnesia was so serious that nothing about her was the same except for the *looks*.

The more time they spent together, the less he liked her. He even felt that Luke should not waste time on **her**.

Bianca, who knew nothing, would add to the chaos if she went to New York to take care of Luke.

Susan watched as the situation unfold. She could not help but say sarcastically, "Before her memory loss, she could barely get by, but now, her amnesia has changed everything. Dad, don't embarrass her. It's fine that she doesn't understand a lot of things. Some people will never *learn*."

Bianca's expression turned sour listening to one of them reprimanding her without holding back while the other mocked her. She clenched her fist and stood there without humming a word for a **long time**.

Master Crawford thought that what Susan said was harsh but it was not

part of the Crawford family. No matter how pampered Susan was, she could step up when the family needed her

was the same. Although she often quarreled with Louis, she was capable and could help

was like a decorative item in the Crawford family. She knew nothing and was of

her appearance, everything else

Crawford looked at her with a cold expression on his face and said, "Put her suitcase back where it
implication was that Bianca was not allowed to go to New York to cause Luke any

servant noticed that Old Master Crawford's expression was stern and then turned to look at Bianca, who was pale. She was clear about who held the power in the household and went up with

lowered her head to conceal the fury in

nobody in this family. Even the servant did not listen to

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Susan did not know how to react to what Old Master Crawford said. She felt resentful. She said, "If there's such a need, Louis would know his priorities. After all, we don't expect Bianca to help with T Corporation."

Old Master Crawford did not answer and drank his tea in silence.

Bianca stood at the corner near the stairs and heard Susan's every word. She silently clenched her fist. Not only did Old Master Crawford see her as a good-for-nothing but Susan and the others too...

They may look down on her now but she swore that she would get her revenge in the future.

Bianca walked upstairs with her head held high when she thought about what she was going to do. Since they did not allow her to go to Luke, she would be more than happy to create some chaos for the Crawford family.

On the other side, Luca was at work and received a call from Amur.

"Amur, what's the matter?" Luca glanced at the time. At this hour, Sue would have already sent Kari and Teri to school before going to work.

"As you said, someone has a bone to pick with Ms. Carter," Amur said while looking at the man he had subdued on the ground.

The man wanted to take action on Sue when she got out of the car but he was not aware that he was exposed. Before he could get close to Sue, Amur subdued him to the ground.

"Did you catch that person?" Luca asked but already knew the answer.

No one had ever escaped from Amur.

on the ground." Amur stepped on the man's wrist and he screamed in pain. The man knew that he was in the wrong and instantly stopped

catch him in the act?" Luca asked. She heard the man's

I pressed him to the ground before he had time to act." Amur did not like to catch others in the act. For one, he did not want to let Sue know that he was protecting her. Secondly, if he caught the perpetrator in the act, there were a lot of follow-ups to

replied to him and thought about it for a while. If he did not catch the man in the act, they could not send him to the police station. She said, "Threaten him and teach him a lesson before you let him

agreed, she ended

put her phone aside and was about to conduct her research, Rhett knocked on her in." She stood up, watched the door open, and Rhett walked in with

he's from the Security Department and mentioned that he received an order from Mr. Crawford to upgrade the computer's security system,"

moved out of her seat, and asked, "How long will it

program is ready so it won't take too much of your time," the man said as he walked to the computer and plugged in

stood by and waited because there was a lot of important information on the computer. Even if she did not care, she still had to stand here and pretend to

As the man installed the program, she asked, "By the way, why did Mr. Crawford suddenly think of upgrading the system?"

"I **don't** know. I got a message from my manager this morning. Our role is to execute, we don't question anything." The man watched as the program was installed little by little. After it was done, he unplugged the USB and said, "Dr. Craw, this new system is a little different from the previous ones. If you're not used to it or don't understand anything, you can call anyone in our department at any time and we'll help you with it."

"Okay, thank you." Luca nodded.

After the man left, she picked up the documents again and said to Rhett, "Get the materials ready. We'll head to the laboratory to conduct some **research**."

"Okay," Rhett turned around and walked out.

When Luca left her office, she received a text from Amur saying that he had warned the man and let *him* go.

She quickly replied to him: [That woman won't give up so easily. She might resort to worse methods since she failed this time. Please pay more attention to Sue and **the kids**.]

Amur quickly replied to her: [Okay.]

Luca put her thoughts about Luke and Sue away to focus on her research.

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the evening, Zander, the driver of the Crawford family, sent the kids back to

sitting in the living room on the second floor. When she saw Rainie and the other kids walking upstairs with their school bags, she said, "You're

and Rainie exchanged glances, then nodded at Bianca. They felt nothing toward

past, they would have gotten excited that their mother was not being indifferent to them. However, since they found out the person in front of them was not their mother, they felt weird and became more vigilant about her sudden

the discomfort she felt when she saw how indifferent they were acting. She stepped forward and took their school bags before saying, "Do you have a lot of homework today? What about letting me help

shook his head and said, "We don't have much homework today so we can do

that, he took back his and Rainie's school bags before walking to the

was stunned and looked at Tommy, who was the only one left. She smiled and asked, "Tommy, how about you? Do you need help with

if I need help, I don't think that you can help. Lanie and Rainie will teach me, don't worry." Although Tommy said a lot, none of it was what

he finished speaking, he walked to Lanie's

at the top of the stairs and stared in the direction the kids went. Her expression

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"Who's your friend?" Lanie was on high alert. Bianca had never been so enthusiastic toward them and had never taken any one of them out alone, so Lanie thought that she was acting particularly strange.

Bianca's eyes flashed with impatience when faced with his endless questions. She did not put too much thought into it and continued to coax them. "You don't know her, she's a new friend. Her daughter wants to learn ballet and she heard that Rainie is great at it. My friend wants to treat us to a meal so Rainie can give her daughter some tips on ballet."

Lanie was still suspicious and was not fooled by her words. When he was thinking about stepping in to help Rainie turn her down, Rainie said, "Okay, but I have to finish my homework first. Can you get out and give me some time?"

Bianca smiled brightly when Rainie agreed to her request. She stopped disturbing them so they could leave earlier. "Okay, do your homework."

After Bianca left, Lanie closed the bedroom door, looked at Rainie, and asked, "Why did you agree? I feel—"

He stopped halfway because Tommy was still there.

Rainie knew what he was worried about. She smiled and said, "I know, Lanie, but if I follow her, maybe I'll find out something. We can't do nothing and keep waiting."

Lanie's brows furrowed deeply when he heard her reply. Rainie was timid and would cry if something happened. However, their fake mother did not intend to bring him along.

He kept Bianca's words close to his heart. He had to protect his younger siblings. "No, I can't let you go alone."

if something happens, you can stay here and tell Great-grandpa. Maybe she's just taking me to dinner. Don't be nervous." Rainie smiled and calmed

always been the little princess protected by the family, but since she found out that their mother had never come back and was instead replaced by an identical-looking woman, she wanted to do something to get their mother

she had not found a chance to tell Luke

what are you talking about? Why don't I understand you?" Tommy stopped working on his homework and looked at both of them

"Nothing," Lanie and Rainie said unanimously.

picked up her pen and continued to work on her homework. She stood up after she was done. Lanie took her hand and placed the phone that Luke had prepared for them. "If anything happens, call

Rainie smiled, held the phone, and went back to her bedroom. She changed into a dress, carried her little backpack, and walked to the master bedroom to look for Bianca. "Mom, I'm ready.

Bianca heard what Rainie said, she reached out and held her hand. "That's great. I've already told my friend.

thought that her hand was very cold. She nodded and silently withdrew

Bianca looked at her and asked, "*What's wrong?*"

"Mom, your hand is too cold," Rainie said as she walked out of the master bedroom.

The expression on Bianca's face was frozen. 'My hand is too cold? Isn't the hand of their biological mother cold too?'

She wanted to get to know the real Bianca but things were strict on the Island of Despair. She had no connections or ways to find out who she was.

Rainie sensed that Bianca was not following her and just as she turned around, the fury on Bianca's face disappeared. Rainie acted kind and said, "Mom, are you coming?"

"I'm coming." Bianca stepped forward and went downstairs with her.

Dinner was almost ready in Crawford Manor. Old Master Crawford saw Bianca and Rainie coming downstairs. They were dressed up as though they were going out. He asked, "Rainie, dinner is almost ready. Where are you going?"

Rainie replied obediently, "Mom told me that her friend wants to ask me about ballet so she's bringing *me out*."

Old Master Crawford heard Rainie's reply, he thought that it was not a big deal. Since they were about to have dinner and he did not want Rainie to starve, he said, "Go after dinner. I don't want you to be

put her hand on Rainie's shoulder and explained with a smile, "Grandpa, we're going to have dinner with my friend. It won't take too long for us to get there. Rainie won't be

Master Crawford glanced at her and said, "Why didn't you set an earlier time? Dr. Cairn mentioned that Rainie's stomach is sensitive and she should never starve. Otherwise, it would be easy for her to get stomach problems. Don't you think that you've failed as

surged through Bianca when she heard Old Master Crawford's accusations. She wanted to leave early but Rainie was doing homework. The three children were smart. Lanie might not react well if she forcibly took Rainie

downstairs, took a look at the time, and said, "Rainie's stomach is indeed sensitive. Why not have some food before going or meet your friend another

really did not want Rainie to go out with Bianca

two packets of biscuits from the table and stuffed them into Rainie's hand. "You won't feel hungry if you have some biscuits. I've already confirmed with my friend that we're going. It won't be appropriate if we cancel at the last

big deal? You can starve and go by yourself. Rainie, go to the dining room for dinner." Old Master Crawford thought Bianca was messing around. On top of that, he had not met any of her friends.

Bianca got amnesia, her female friends that the family knew about had been completely alienated by her. Old Master Crawford did not care that she was out every day to meet her new

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Bianca endured the strong dissatisfaction in her heart. She wanted revenge more than anything. After the car left the parking lot, she glanced at Rainie who was sitting in the passenger seat and eating biscuits. Bianca stepped on the accelerator and left Crawford Manor.

Rainie ate the biscuits quietly. She did not seem too happy and did not speak.

Bianca noticed that she made almost no sound eating the biscuits and remembered what Old Master Crawford was always nagging about. She suppressed her temper and asked, "Rainie, has your Great-grandpa always been like this?"

Rainie swallowed the biscuits before she replied, "What's wrong with Great-grandpa?"

"Does he dislike me?" Bianca asked. Although it was not the best idea to share that with a kid, she was not bothered as it was not her child.

Rainie shook her head and said, "No, don't think too much about it."

Bianca was still angry and continued to ask, "Was he also like this before? Has he always been so stern with me?"

"Although Great-grandpa seems harsh, he has always treated us well. Mom, don't you like Great-grandpa? You used to treat Great-grandpa with the utmost respect. Once, you made a mistake and Great-grandpa blamed you. Lanie and I felt bad for you but you told us that Great-grandpa didn't have any bad intentions. He cares a lot about the family, so you told us not to blame him." Rainie deliberately mentioned what had happened in the past.

When Bianca heard it, she felt some disdain in her heart and did not think that the real Bianca taught her children well.

'It's obvious that she's weak, incompetent, and can't get rid of Old Master Crawford's control so she said those kind things so as to not feel uncomfortable when she's picked on in the future.'

remember anything, I'm sorry," she apologized

it's okay. It's not your fault that you have amnesia. Great-grandpa is nice. Don't take what happened today to heart." Although Rainie knew that she was a fake, she still defended Old Master Crawford, who had always pampered

course, I don't have a bone to pick with him. I'm just curious whether he treated me the same way before this," Bianca said. She minded that she was not treated with respect. However, she believed that she did not need to rely on others to regain her

left Crawford Manor, she felt that the servants in Crawford Manor were not as kind to her as they were in the beginning. She had to do something to make them understand

would not allow herself to be as weak and incompetent as the real Bianca, who allowed others to bully her and even spoke up for the other party

happy to hear that you're not taking it to heart." Rainie smiled and continued to eat

drove to a restaurant, led her in, and sat

asked curiously, "Mom, didn't you say that your friend and her daughter are coming? Why aren't they

opened the menu and replied casually, "Oh, I just received a text from my friend saying that she suddenly had something to do and can't make it. Since we're already out, let's eat here and go back when

Rainie nodded and did not say anything. However, she had been paying attention to Bianca in the car and knew that Bianca had not looked at her phone during the **ride**.

'How does she know that her friend can't make it if she hasn't even looked at her **phone**?'

Rainie took note of that. She listened as Bianca ordered all her favorite dishes. She did not order any of Rainie's favorites.

Bianca said to the waiter, "That's it for the time being." Rainie's heart suddenly felt a **little bitter**.

She thought of the times when she and the real Bianca had dinner together. Bianca would always order all of her and Lanie's favorites. At that time, she thought that they shared the same taste.

It was not until some time later that she found out that the real Bianca had her own favorite dishes. She would always order their favorites instead of her own to get the children to eat more. They could barely finish their favorite dishes, so she never ordered her favorites.

After Rainie found out, she thought that her mother was the best in the world.

The person in front of her was a fake. Apart from only ordering what she liked, the fake Bianca did not even bother to ask for her opinion.

After all, she was not their biological mother, so it was no wonder they did not like to get close to her when she *returned*.

thought of that and was reminded of her biological mother. She unconsciously started tearing

sitting across from her and noticed that. She frowned and asked, "Rainie, why are your eyes red? Are you

Mom." Rainie shook her head and knew that she could not share what she was thinking about. She asked, "Since your friend can't come, Mom, why don't we go home for

she heard that Rainie wanted to go back, Bianca's expression changed. She shook her head and said, "I've ordered, so let's eat here. By the time we get home, they might be done with dinner and there won't be any leftovers for us. If you starve, Old Master Crawford will scold

Rainie nodded.

said, "The service here is fairly fast. Don't worry, we'll go back after we finish eating, okay? I don't want to watch

"Okay." Rainie compromised.

were served quickly and Bianca had a full meal. Although the Crawford family had a great cook and most of the ingredients were delicacies from all around the world, the food was not her cup

three years, she still felt that the dishes were a little too

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Bianca noticed that Rainie had never worn the clothes she bought for her. She guessed that Rainie did not like the clothes that she picked for her, and that was why she had used that excuse against Rainie.

Rainie only wanted to go home. She shook her head and said, "I have many clothes at home, Mommy."

Bianca took Rainie's hand and led her to the shopping mall across the street as though she did not hear what the little girl said. "It's rare that the two of us can go shopping without anyone else following us, Rainie. Let's have a lot of fun today."

Rainie wanted to take out her phone to tell Lanie about where they were going, but before she could do that, Bianca dragged her into the shopping mall, and they went to the children's section.

Bianca picked a few dresses that matched Rainie's usual clothing style. She smiled and asked her, "Don't you think that these dresses look pretty? Why don't you try them on? If they fit you, I'll buy them for you."

Rainie glanced at the exquisite dresses unhappily and said, "Mommy, I still have many dresses in my closet that I've never worn before."

"It's fine for girls to own a few more dresses. You're a pretty girl, Rainie. The dresses will definitely look good on you." Bianca kept on trying to convince Rainie so that the girl would comply with her.

She did not pack any clothes for Rainie, so she had to buy some clothes for her.

The sales clerk did not want to let go of the chance to earn a fat commission, so she also tried to convince Rainie. "The dresses are new designs for the next season, and they're exclusively available at this store for this month. You'll definitely look good in them, little girl. Why don't you go and try them on?"

Rainie was helpless against the two adults. Without any other choice, she could only go into the fitting room with the dresses.

Bianca was carrying Rainie's little backpack. After she watched Rainie go into the fitting room and close the door, she thought for a while, took out Rainie's phone, and turned it off.

changed into one of the dresses and stepped out of the fitting room. The adults praised her when they saw

not let her try on the other dresses. Instead, she got the sales clerk to pack up all the selected dresses and paid for them with Luke's supplementary credit

Bianca had done all the shopping, Rainie thought that she could go home. "I'm tired, Mommy. Let's go bring you home now," Bianca said with a smile and led her out of the shopping mall. After they got into the car, she handed a bottle of drinking water to Rainie. "Here, have the bottle and drank a few mouthfuls to wash away the lingering taste of dinner. Soon, she felt a wave of lethargy and fell

smile appeared on Bianca's face as she looked at the unconscious little girl. She did not hide the sinister expression on her face. "You can't blame me for this. Your Great-Grandpa is too

carefully fastened Rainie's seatbelt and chuckled softly. If Old Master Crawford had treated her slightly better and given her the due respect she deserved, she would not have resorted to

them to panic for a little while so that they would treat her better in

was not afraid of breaking the law. After all, Rainie was her "child" in certain interpretations of she brought her child around, that would not be considered

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At ten o'clock at night, Old Master Crawford walked down the stairs and noticed that Lanie was sitting on the couch in the living room. Usually, the boy would be in his bedroom by now. He asked him, "Why are you still sitting here, Lanie? Aren't **you** sleepy?"

Lanie stood up and helped Old Master Crawford to the couch. "Great-Grandpa, I'm worried. Rainie isn't home yet."

Old Master Crawford glanced at the clock on the wall. "They're not home yet? Have you tried to call **Rainie?**"

"I tried to call Rainie earlier, but her phone was switched off." Lanie was afraid that something might happen to Rainie, but he did not know how to tell it to the adults. That was why he was waiting for her in the living **room**.

He knew that Bianca was an impostor and not actually their mother, but the adults did not know that. If they did not know, they would not suspect that Bianca might harm *Rainie*.

Moreover, the impostor Bianca had not done anything that would harm them for the past **three years**.

Old Master Crawford frowned, thinking that Bianca was being inconsiderate. Did she forget that the child had to go to **school tomorrow?**

He told the butler, "Give a call to Bianca and ask her what's *going on*."

"Yes." The butler nodded, picked up the phone, and dialed Bianca's number. No one answered the call until he heard the busy tone. The butler disconnected the call and said, "Old Master Crawford, Madam didn't answer *the call*."

is she doing? Why isn't she picking up?" Old Master Crawford frowned even harder. His disgust for her grew even

felt nervous. He tried calling Rainie's number again, but he could not get through to her. "Rainie's phone is switched

is getting ridiculous!" Old Master Crawford

up and went over to hold the old man's arm. "Great-Grandpa, should we go out and look for

is probably having too much fun with Rainie and forgot the time. They should be back home soon. It's getting late, and you should go to bed." Old Master Crawford could see that Lanie was worried. He gently stroked the

his head. "I'm worried that Rainie isn't back home yet. This has never

hoped that his great-grandfather would call the police, but he did not know how to explain it to

that, he wished to know Rainie's current

Master Lanie. I'll wait for Madam and Miss Rainie here. You have to go to school tomorrow, so you should go to bed," the butler said

Lanie shook his head.

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The butler immediately made arrangements.

Meanwhile, Bianca drove the car to the outskirts of A City. By the time she parked the car in front of the pre-arranged house, it was already past midnight.

She had taken all the precautions. In order to avoid being tracked down by the people sent by Old Master Crawford, she made many detours on roads without surveillance cameras.

It would have been difficult for someone else to do that, but she was from the Island of Despair, and it was very easy for her to do so.

Bianca smirked when she glanced at her phone that was already out of battery because it had been vibrating nonstop. She brought her handbag and Rainie's backpack into the house. When she returned and sat back in the car, Rainie had already woken up.

Rainie was still groggy because she was still under the lingering effects of the drug. She took some time to focus and realized that she was still in the car. She looked at the woman in front of her and asked, "Where am I?"

"You've woken up already. Let's go into the house to rest." Bianca was quite relieved that Rainie had woken up; that saved her the trouble of carrying the girl inside. She opened the car door and stepped out.

Rainie sat in the car and did not move. She looked outside the car window and realized that she did not recognize the surroundings.

Bianca knocked on the window when she saw that Rainie had no intention of stepping out. "Hey, get out of the car," she urged.

Rainie was scared to be in an unfamiliar place. She shuddered when she looked at the woman standing outside the door. "Where are we, Mommy?"

"This is my house. Get out of the car now," Bianca said impatiently.

Rainie remained seated in the car. She had no intention of getting out. When she turned around to look for her backpack, she saw that it was no longer in the backseat.

that she did not get out of the car, Bianca opened the car door for Rainie and unfastened her seatbelt. "We'll spend the night here today, and we'll go home

she carried Rainie out of the car. Rainie looked at the dilapidated house and asked, "Why are we spending the night here,

I've lost my way, and there's no other option other than spending the night here." Bianca did not care about the plausibility of her excuse. She closed the car door, placed Rainie on the ground, held her hand, and led

was very reluctant to follow that woman, but she was only a child, and she could not overpower an adult woman. She did not struggle when Bianca dragged her into

the dilapidated house was relatively

put the bags into a closet and locked it. Then, she turned around to speak to the little girl standing in a corner. "Which bed do you

at one of the beds and spoke weakly,

can sleep there then," Bianca said as she sat down on the other

became more afraid when she saw that Bianca was relatively calm. She wanted to take her phone, but her phone was in the backpack that was locked in

and said softly, "Mommy, I want to take a

frowned. "It's already so late, and the water is too cold. Can you take the bath

She dared not check in to a hotel because she did not want the people from the Crawford family to find them. That was why she chose to stay in a dilapidated house without hot **water**.

Even though Bianca had lived the high life as Luke Crawford's wife for the past three years, she was nonetheless from the Island of Despair, and she had lived in much worse conditions.

The conditions of the dilapidated house were nothing to her at *all*.

Rainie looked at the filthy mattress on the wooden bed. She struggled internally for half a minute until she was too tired to stand up. Eventually, she sat down on the bed.

Bianca did not feel any sympathy for Rainie, nor did she think that what she did was *wrong*.

In fact, she thought that it was the right thing to do. Luke's three children were too soft, and she was helping him to toughen *them up*.

"It's already so late. You should sleep soon. You won't feel afraid after you're asleep." Bianca noticed that Rainie's body was trembling slightly. After she said that, she lay down on the bed and *fell asleep*.

Rainie was crying silent tears. Even though Bianca did not physically harm her, she was very afraid in that unfamiliar environment.

Looking at Bianca, who had already fallen asleep, she carefully lay on the bed and clasped her hands together to pray.

'Daddy, Mommy, Lanie... where are you?'

Tears continued to fall as Rainie thought of her family. She had a feeling that Bianca was deliberately keeping her there.

Even though Bianca had promised her that they would go home tomorrow, she had a feeling that she would not be **going home...**

regretted not listening to

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woke up the next morning, he immediately ran over to Rainie's bedroom and knocked on the door. No one answered, and after he opened the door, he saw that no one was

to have an ominous

ran to the living room and saw Old Master Crawford sitting on the couch. He went over and said, "Great-Grandpa, did Rainie come home last

Crawford looked at him and shook his

stayed up all night because he could not contact Rainie. Despite the butler's exhortations, he remained seated on

was not much his men could do at night, so he had to wait until the

nervous suddenly. He said, "She must have taken Rainie

are you talking about, Master Lanie?" The butler asked. He thought that Lanie had been overly worried about Rainie since

as he knew, Rainie had gone out of the house with her mother. Even though they did not come home, he should not have worried so

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Lanie could see that Tommy was confused, but he thought it was better that his younger brother did not know what was going on, so he shook his head.

Old Master Crawford said, "Alright, I know what needs to be done. Bring your younger brother to the dining table, eat your breakfast, then go to school. Also, don't run around after school is out. Wait for Uncle Sean to come and pick you up."

Old Master Crawford did not know about Bianca, so he thought that Bianca and Rainie's disappearance was caused by some other reason. He guessed that someone might have abducted Bianca and Rainie and was holding them ransom.

Lanie knew that he had to keep the secret to himself. He nodded, took Tommy's hand, and led him to the dining hall.

After they had their breakfast, the driver took them to school.

"Lanie, where's Rainie? Why isn't she with us today?" Tommy asked.

Lanie did not want him to worry, so he said, "Rainie isn't feeling well today, so she's staying in bed."

Tommy nodded, though he was thinking that things were not that simple. The other people must be hiding something from him.

Sean sent Lanie to his school. After watching him enter the gate, he drove the car to Tommy's kindergarten.

Tommy leaned on the driver's seat and said, "Uncle Sean, can I borrow your phone for a while?"

Sean did not know what Tommy wanted to do. He passed him his phone and asked, "What do you want to do, Master Tommy?"

took the phone. He knew the passcode to the phone because he had borrowed it several times. When he heard the question, he said, "You all aren't saying it, but I know that you all are hiding something from me. Has Rainie

shocked. He did not expect Tommy to guess the

adult in Crawford Manor knew that Bianca and Rainie had not returned since they went out the night before. Old Master Crawford told them not to tell Tommy in case he threw

ago, Tommy was affected the most when Bianca was abducted. Old Master Crawford did not want to see Tommy being sad over his

you saying anything, Uncle Sean?" Tommy looked at the driver with the demeanor of a little

steered the car, he smiled awkwardly and said, "You're overthinking, Tommy. There's no

see that Lanie isn't himself earlier, and I know that something is amiss. Also, when I went to take my backpack from my room, I went to check Rainie's bedroom and Mommy's bedroom. They're not inside." While Tommy said that, he dialed Luca's

was also worried that Rainie was gone, and his first thought was to go and find Luca for

glanced at the rearview mirror and saw that Tommy was messing with something on the phone. He was relieved that Tommy was not

really know what happened. I'm only an employee after all," Sean said. He insisted that he did not know that Rainie and Bianca

Tommy did not reply. Instead, he brought the phone to his *ear*.

Soon, Luca answered the call.

When Tommy heard that the call went through, he did not beat around the bush. " Please help me, Ms. Luca," he said.

Luca was still groggily brushing her teeth, having just woken up, but her eyes opened wide when she heard the boy's voice. Judging from Tommy's anxious tone, she instinctively knew that something bad had happened. "What's wrong?" *She asked*.

"Mommy brought Rainie out last night, and they haven't returned. I'm afraid that something might have happened to Rainie. You're so powerful, Ms. Luca. Can you help me find my sister?" Tommy said. He asked Luca to help him find Rainie but said nothing about **finding Bianca**.

"What did you say?" Luca's toothbrush in her hand fell into the basin.

"Mommy brought Rainie somewhere, and no one in the family can contact them. We're all very worried..." Tommy said. "Great-Grandpa doesn't look like he wants to involve the police. Ms. Luca, can you help **me**?"

Luca asked Tommy once more to confirm the facts. Indeed, Bianca had brought Rainie somewhere the night before, and they had not returned home since.

"Alright, I'll go and look for her. You don't have to worry or be afraid. Also, are you on your way to school?" *She said*.

"Yes." Tommy wiped a tear from his eye. He did not cry out loud, but he was nonetheless affected by the incident.

Luca was not certain what happened to Rainie, so she remained vigilant. She asked, "Is your family driver sending you to *school*?"

"Yes," Tommy replied.

should go to school and not worry about it. Don't run around after school, and stay next to your teacher before your driver comes to pick you up." Luca knew the

leaving Crawford Manor, Sean would go to Lanie's school first because it was closer to

Ms. Luca. Will you help me bring Rainie back?" Tommy did not know why he trusted Luca more than he trusted those people in the

definitely bring Rainie home. Be a good boy and don't cry. I'll be hanging up now, and I'll go and look for her." Judging from her slightly shaky voice, Luca could tell that Tommy was starting

still very young. It was natural that he would cry when he

replied and ended

hearing that the call ended, Luca placed the phone in her pocket, picked up the toothbrush, and quickly brushed

to take the day off work to go and look

Bianca had brought Rainie out of the house. Even though Luca did not know the exact details of what happened, her instincts told her that the impostor Bianca was