

## Be Gentle 1331

### Chapter 1331

"In any case, I'll have to find Rainie as soon as I can. I don't want the little girl to be in that woman's hands." After her stint on the Island of Despair, Luca knew what those people could do.

Kind-hearted people like Eler and Amur were exceedingly rare.

Sometimes, the people on the island would harm their family for a warm meal. Everyone on the island only looked out for themselves.

Even though the impostor Bianca had lived together with Rainie for three years, Luca could not say that the woman would be kind toward the little girl.

Moreover, Luca did not know Bianca's motives for taking the little girl away.

When Amur saw Luca execute the program, he immediately began to search for the signal.

The program was developed by the people on the Island of Despair. It could be used to search for other people from the Island of Despair within a certain range. The signal emitter was embedded in their phones, and it could continue to give off a signal even after the phone was switched off.

When Amur saw Luca's search query, he reminded her, "All you're doing is exposing your weak points in front of your enemy, including Abel."

Luca's gaze remained transfixed on the screen. She looked at the search query again, bit her lip, and said determinedly, "She is my daughter. I can't sit back and do nothing when I know that she might be in grave danger."

Amur could see the determination in her eyes. She was such a frail woman, but she had to be strong to protect her children and the man she loved.

of his parents flashed in his mind. They had stood in front of Eler and Amur to shield them from the bullets of the

love from a parent to their child was the greatest love of all, and it was also absent on the Island of

people from the Island of Despair had experienced that kind of love, perhaps they would not be so merciless and violent, and they would not ally themselves with someone

while later, Luca's phone beeped, indicating that the search

search returned two results. She knew the location of the first one; it was the place where they had to go monthly to take the antidote. As for the other

the phone away, changed out of her pajamas, wore her shoes, and prepared

Amur quickly followed behind her.

gave Rhett a call to inform him that she would not be going to work today. Then, she immediately rushed to the location indicated by the

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Rainie woke up, she realized that she was alone in the room, and she became afraid again. She searched the house but did not find Bianca. Looking at the front door, she realized that it was the perfect chance to

At the moment her hand touched the doorknob, someone outside pushed the *door inward*.

*Rainie* was pushed backward and fell on the floor. Her eyes opened wide as she saw Bianca come *in*.

**"What happened?"** Bianca said with a frown as she looked at the little girl on the floor. She had no intention of helping her up but instead questioned her, "Why did you stand behind the door? Don't you know that it's very *dangerous*?"

**She** did not expect Rainie to wake up so early, which was why she did not lock the room before she left.

*She felt* that she was lucky to have come back in time. If she came back five minutes later, Rainie would have managed to escape.

**Rainie** shuddered as she watched Bianca step through the **door**.

**Bianca closed** the door behind her, then reached out to help Rainie. "Were you thinking of going **out**?"

*Rainie did* not touch her hand. Instead, she pushed herself off the floor and said softly, "I didn't see you after I woke up, and I was scared..."

"I went to buy breakfast for you. You must be hungry, aren't you? Go and wash your hands before you eat." Bianca placed the breakfast on the table, ignoring the fear in *Rainie's eyes*.

*Rainie nodded* and went into the simple and crude bathroom. She turned on the tap, and yellowish water flowed out. She shuddered again, disgusted by *the filthiness*.

her hands, she returned to the dining table and sat on a chair. Bianca was already eating. Rainie did not touch her breakfast, but instead, she asked, "Mommy, when are we

We'll talk after breakfast," Bianca said. The breakfast was nothing fancy, but she was

haven't brushed my teeth yet," Rainie reminded

She had only packed her own toiletries, and she had forgotten to do the same for

to skip it once in a while. After breakfast, I'll bring you to the grocery store to buy your toothbrush,"

aren't we going home after breakfast?" Rainie stared at her, and her eyes were filled with

was halfway tearing a piece of white bread with her hands. She thought for a bit and answered, "We'll talk about going home after we finish breakfast,

don't you want to go home?" Rainie braced herself and asked the incisive question. "If you don't want to go home, where are you bringing

lowered her head and rolled her

always behave like a spoiled princess and don't speak much. Why do you have so many questions now? Can't you just shut up and stuff your mouth

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"You know that your Great-Grandpa doesn't care about me. If I leave alone, I don't think I'd be able to go back anymore." Bianca pretended to look frustrated to gain the child's sympathy. "That's why I brought you along, and it'll be easier for me to go home. Do you understand now?"

"But we don't know when Daddy will be back home," Rainie shuddered and said. She could not shake off the fear whenever she heard Bianca speak, though she now understood why she was brought along. That way, Old Master Crawford would have no choice but to let Bianca in.

'Great-Grandpa cares for me more than he cares for that woman...

'She's pretending to be my mother, but she can't stand Great-Grandpa and wants to leave. She's bringing me along so that she can go back...

'It means that she had never intended to leave in the first place...'

The more Rainie thought about it, the more afraid she was. What was the woman's motive for staying in the Crawford household?

"It doesn't matter if he comes back later. I'll go home after I feel better. It won't take long, so you don't have to worry." Bianca was getting impatient as she saw the fear in Rainie's eyes.

She would rather not pick Rainie, but Lanie was too smart for his own good, and Tommy would make a lot of noise.

Rainie was too timid...

"If you want to go somewhere and play, why would you want to come here? This place is so scary, and I'm scared..."

Rainie turned her head to look around her. When she woke up earlier, she noticed that the ceiling above her head was covered in spider webs...

had lost all her patience. She stuffed the remaining half a piece of bread into her mouth and explained slowly, "I think that you're too pampered in Crawford Manor. That's why I brought you here to experience a different lifestyle. Isn't

her head. "I don't want to experience a different lifestyle, Mommy. If you don't want to go back, I can go back on my own. I know the address. Just give me my backpack, and I can catch a cab

expression sank when Rainie insisted on going home. "No! No matter what happens, you'll have to stay here for the next

don't wanna stay here. It's so scary and dirty, boo hoo hoo hoo..." Bianca's threatening tone made Rainie instantly burst into

covered her mouth and said, "Don't cry. I'm your Mommy, not a bad person. Why are you so

could not make a sound because her mouth was covered. She could only let her tears flow in not sympathize with the sobbing little girl at all. "In any case, I've already made up my mind. We'll stay here for the next few days. Don't worry, I won't let you starve, but if you don't listen to me, I'll ditch you here and leave myself. We're in the slums, and the people around here don't have money. They'll see that you're a pretty little girl, and they'll sell you to some bad guy for

threats made Rainie shudder even

not want to stay there, nor did she want to be sold for money. All she wanted was to go

Rainie was sobbing even harder, Bianca frowned and warned her, "Don't cry. If you keep on crying, I'll leave you here. You might be treated like a princess at home, but don't forget that you're not the only Crawford girl. There's also Thea, and your Great-Grandpa loves her

**Bianca did** not mince her words when she was angry, and she did not care if her words would traumatize the little girl.

In any case, her threats achieved the intended effect. Rainie knew that being abandoned at this place was the worst possible outcome, and if she kept quiet, she might be able to survive the ordeal.

**She** wiped her tears away and tried her best not to cry even though she was **deathly afraid**.

**Bianca grunted** and slowly let go of her hand. "Good girl," *she said*.

Rainie said nothing.

Bianca handed her the breakfast. "Eat up. I don't want you to **starve**."

**Rainie** looked at the white bread. She did not have the appetite to eat. When she opened her mouth, all the sobbing earlier caused her to *hiccup*.

**When** Bianca heard that, she handed her a bottle of water. "It doesn't feel good, right? You wouldn't have to go through all this if you just had been a good girl. You're my precious little princess, Rainie. I'll still love you even if no one else loves you, but you should know that my personality isn't the same as before because I've lost my memories. I don't like children who don't behave, but among the three, you're the only one who knows how to behave. That's why I love you the most. I won't hurt you if you could just be a good girl. Here, have a *drink*."

*Rainie looked* at the bottle of water that Bianca handed her. She remembered that she was knocked out after she drank the water that Bianca had handed her the night **before**.

**If** she had not been knocked out, she would not have been brought to this *place*.

Rainie began to feel afraid again.

her eyebrows and looked at her. "You've cried a lot earlier. If you don't drink some water to replenish your fluids, you'll be dehydrated. Quick, drink some

internally. She was extremely thirsty, and she had no other choice but to take the water and

in satisfaction when she saw Rainie

handed Rainie a slice of bread. "Here, eat something. Don't blame me if you get hungry. How about if we spent the next few days as though we're in boot camp? I'll make you familiarize yourself with the environment first, and I'll prepare a military-style daily schedule

did not understand what Bianca meant. She shook her head and said, "Mommy, I'm not

Rainie did not want to eat, Bianca thought that she was a picky eater. She scarfed down the slice of bread in

would take the opportunity to teach Luke's daughter some

said that she was not hungry now, she would regret it later. There would be no more food left for her, and she would remember the

very afraid when she saw how Bianca finished eating all the bread without keeping any for

### **Chapter 1333**

Just when Bianca thought that she could relax for a while, the door was kicked open from the outside.

Bianca narrowed her gaze as she watched Luca come in through the door. "What do you think you're doing?"

Luca's heart ached when she saw the figure of a little girl lying on the bed. She was some distance away, and she could not see what her condition was.

"I'm here to look for you," Luca said.

Bianca smirked. "You're here to look for me? There's nothing left to say between us. You must be here to look for that stupid little girl, right?"

Luca was from the Island of Despair, and she knew that Bianca was an impostor. Bianca was not going to pretend in front of Luca that she cared for the girl.

"Yes. I'm here to look for Rainie. I'm bringing her back home," Luca said as she stepped forward. She noticed that Rainie did not stir even while they were talking, and she wanted to check on her condition.

"Bring her home? Don't even think about it! Who do you think you are?" Bianca stepped in front of Luca, blocking her way. She remembered Abel's words very well: If Luca wanted to fight her, she could fight back without any reservation.

Abel's permission was like an all-access pass that allowed Bianca to do whatever she wanted.

you know who I am?" Luca narrowed her gaze. If Bianca insisted on standing in her way, she would not hesitate to

wondered who would win: The woman who had left the Island of Despair three years ago and had lived a pampered life since, or the one who had recently left the Island of Despair after

role that you play now is the mother of the three children and the wife of Luke Crawford. If Boss knows that you brought the child here and treated her this way, are you going to bear the consequences? Or

are you telling me that Boss has planned for all this?" Luca name-dropped Abel to threaten Bianca because she was anxious to check on

I'm doing this on my own accord, but Boss told me that I can do anything I want as long as I complete my mission. Do you think you can threaten me? Boss has given me free rein to do whatever I want. In any case, Boss would want to kill this stupid girl eventually anyway, so I'm not ruining his plans. In fact, Boss might thank me for helping him get rid of an obstacle," Bianca said smugly. She knew that Luca would not be able to

that, Luca clenched her fists, and her tone became dangerously low. "What do you hope

want the Crawfords to give me my due respect." Bianca was not worried that Luca might disrupt her plans. After all, she could complain about her to Abel, who would be the final arbiter of right

only a little girl. Why must you bring her along with you? If you only want to gain the Crawfords' respect, you shouldn't have let an innocent child suffer with you!" Luca tried very hard to suppress the urge to punch that woman's

if only you can look at your face now! Do you care about that stupid girl so much?" Bianca crossed her arms in front of her. Usually, she would be the one to lose her temper first. It felt good that the tables were

you thinking, Luca Craw? Do you expect that Luke would be grateful to you if you bring that stupid girl home? Is that how you plan to win Luke's affection?" Bianca teased. Then, she continued, "You might have a pretty face, but it's Luke Crawford we're talking about. He's known for his loyalty if nothing else, and to him, I'm the only person who deserves to be called his wife. No one will be able to replace him, so no matter how hard you try, you won't be able to win. Do you think that I'd fail my mission? Dream

*Luca's heart wrenched when she heard those words.*

**She** knew Luke's character very well. If only he had been less tolerant of Bianca's flaws, he would have to be manipulated by the *impostor!*

"*You are* nothing but an impostor! The person Luke truly loves is his wife!" Luca **roared**.

"**So what** if I'm an impostor? My face is exactly the same as the woman he loves!" Bianca said smugly. She had never felt so good when speaking to *Luca*.

**Luca suddenly** smiled. She took out the phone from her pocket and tapped on the **screen**.

**Bianca frowned** and asked, "What are you doing?"

"**I've** just recorded what you said earlier. Would you care to listen to it?" Luca pointed the screen at *Bianca*.

**Bianca** looked closely. Instinctively, she wanted to snatch the *phone*.

*However, Luca was faster. She stashed the phone back in her handbag, and Bianca grabbed nothing.*

"Earlier, you've admitted that you're only an impostor, and I have a clear recording of it. If you don't let me take the child away, I'll publicize this *clip*."

dare you! Abel will punish you for disrupting my mission!" Bianca reminded Luca of the rules of the that I'll be able to complete the mission on your behalf? I don't think Boss will punish me. Oh, don't try to intimidate me with the rules of the island. I'm more aware of them than you are. If I am more capable than you and I can finish the mission before you do, don't you think that Boss would care who finished it?" Luca said nonchalantly, though deep inside her, she was worried

what Luca was saying. She stomped her foot out of

I go and check on the child now?" Luca crossed her arms in front of her and looked hatefully at the face in front of her that had contorted out

did not express that hatred outwardly. Hatred was a sign of weakness, and she knew that she should not wear her weakness on

people knew about her weakness, they would gladly exploit it for their own

Bianca stepped aside.

up next to the bed and looked at the unconscious child. She placed a hand on her forehead, felt that the temperature was normal, then gently shook her body and called out softly,

coldly and placed her arms in front of her. "Save your breath. She drank drug-laced water earlier, and she won't wake up

## **Chapter 1334**

"Why do you talk so much?" Bianca raised an eyebrow when she saw Luca hug Rainie tightly in her arms. "I don't know why you're so anxious. Someone else would have thought that you're that girl's real mother."

Luca glared at Bianca with a chilling gaze for a few seconds.

Bianca felt a chill course down her spine. She pressed her lips together.

Luca turned to speak to Amur. "You drive, Amur."

"Yes." Amur went over to Bianca and stretched out a hand. "Give me the keys."

Bianca rolled her eyes. She took out the car keys from her handbag and tossed them over. "Why are you so loyal to her? Are you like her pet dog or something?"

Any other person would have flown into a rage when they heard that. Amur grabbed the car keys, went to the car, and opened the door.

Luca carried Rainie and sat in the back seat.

Bianca grunted coldly and went to the car. She sat in the side passenger seat.

Amur sat in the driver's seat. Luca told him the address of Crawford Manor, then placed Rainie on the seat next to her and fastened the seatbelt.

Bianca grunted coldly when she heard Luca give the address. "Wow, you even remember the address so well. Is it because you have feelings for Luke? Too bad, Boss picked me to be Bianca and not you. It just means that I'm more capable than you."

Luca ignored what she said. Bianca had made plastic surgery sound like a glamorous thing.

Luca covered Rainie with a blanket, she noticed that there was dirt on the little girl's face. Luca's resentment against Bianca

had tried her best to protect the little girl, but Bianca had used Rainie as a tool to gain Old Master Crawford's respect. When she thought of that, she wished that she could tear the woman in the side passenger seat into a million

could not do that

out a paper napkin from her pocket and carefully wiped away the dirt on Rainie's face. Bianca smirked when she saw how protective Luca was to

not very happy that Luca had ruined her

thought that by doing so, Old Master Crawford would pay some more attention to her. Now that someone else was sending them home, Old Master Crawford would definitely reprimand her. She did not succeed in what she hoped to

began to be a little worried. She wondered how she would get Rainie not to tattle on

Rainie told Old Master Crawford about what Bianca told her, Bianca would not know how to explain it to the old

"Stop!" Bianca suddenly shouted.

her a suspicious glance. He did not stop

telling you to stop!" Bianca glared at him. She would have tried to snatch the steering wheel from him if not for that she did not want to risk

"*Stop the car*, Amur." Luca frowned slightly when she heard how anxious **Bianca was**.

When Amur heard that, he moved the car to the side of the road and parked it there. The two people looked at Bianca.

*Bianca wanted* to get out of the car, but Amur was faster. He locked all **the doors**.

**Now** that her escape plan was thwarted, Bianca sat in the side passenger seat and glared at Amur. Then, she turned to look at Luca. "Tell your pet dog to open the door," **she huffed**.

"**What** do you want?" Luca fought the urge to punch her face. She had no patience to talk to someone who called her younger brother a *dog*.

"**I can't** go back," Bianca said angrily. "If I go back now and the stupid little girl is still knocked out, how am I going to explain it?"



*She could* explain why she took Rainie away, but she could not explain why she had the drugs to make Rainie sleep. Old Master Crawford would not be that easily deceived.

"*You're* the one who drugged her. How long will the effects last?" Luca understood what she meant. No mother could bear to drug their own daughter, and she would rather not have Old Master Crawford suspect that Bianca had abducted her **own daughter**.

"**She should** wake up around noon." Bianca briefly estimated the time.

"*We'll* wait with you." Luca glanced at the time. Bianca had fed the child a decent dose of the sedative, and Rainie would not be able to wake up prematurely.

Bianca stopped making a fuss after that. Things would be a lot easier if the child **was awake**.

woke up when it was almost noon, and the first person she saw was Luca. She blinked and said, "Ms.

she had only met Luca once, she thought that face was familiar and gentle, so she remembered how

smiled. Seeing that Rainie was in good health, she asked out of concern, "Mm. How do you feel

a little dizzy..." Rainie blinked twice. "... and a

that it was the after-effects of the sedative, so she coaxed her, "It'll be fine. Just close your eyes and rest for a bit. We'll be home in no

remembered that the impostor Bianca had taken her out of the house. After what that woman told her, she did not expect to be able to return home

we're going home," Bianca said while putting on a

shuddered uncontrollably when she heard Bianca's slightly hoarse

that she was afraid. She patted Rainie's head and said, "Don't worry. Let's

Amur started the car when he

did not stop Amur from driving, now that Rainie had already regained consciousness. She turned around and said to Rainie, "I'm sorry, darling. I shouldn't have done that. Are you

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As Amur drove the car, he thought that Bianca was truly shameless.

Luca did not argue that point. She stroked the little girl's hair.

Usually, Rainie was not fond of strangers, but she somehow felt a sense of familiarity with Luca. She wanted to get closer with Luca, but she looked at her dirty clothes and decided to keep some distance instead.

Amur drove the car to Crawford Manor.

After Amur parked the car, he and Luca stepped out and left. After all, Bianca was not going to run away, so they decided that their intervention stopped there.

Bianca's gaze turned sinister as she watched them leave. She opened the car door and planned to move over to the driver's seat so that she could drive the car inside the house. Rainie saw Bianca step out of the car, so she opened the car door and went into the house by herself.

Bianca did not stop her. She sat on the driver's seat and drove the car into the house.

The situation in Crawford Manor was chaotic because of Rainie's disappearance. When the butler stepped into the house while holding Rainie's hand, everyone stopped doing what they were doing.

Old Master Crawford walked in front of the little girl with the help of his walking stick. "Where have you been, Rainie? Why are your clothes so dirty?"

Luca had cleaned Rainie's face, but her clothes remained dirty. She did not change her clothes in the car.

the driver drive the car into the garage while she walked into the house carrying two shopping bags. She heard Old Master Crawford's question, and she did not give Rainie the chance to speak. "I'm sorry, Grandpa. I brought Rainie out for dinner last night, then we went to the mall. We got lost on our way home, my phone ran out of battery, and the navigation system in the car had broken down. We'd still be lost if not that I met an

Master Crawford frowned. "You

She did not feel guilty despite the old man's stern questioning. "Yes, we were lost, and it was already very late. We spent the night somewhere. In the morning, we wanted to go and borrow a phone from someone, but we met my friend, and we managed to

a grown adult, yet you got lost!" Old Master Crawford narrowed his gaze. If it were two years ago, when they first found her and she had lost all her memories, it was plausible for her to become lost.

Nowadays, Bianca went out shopping almost every other day, and she should be very familiar with downtown A

don't know what happened. My mind was blank when I was driving, and I didn't recognize any of the streets, and the navigation system in the car was broken..." Bianca attributed what happened the night before to mysterious

deliberately destroyed the navigation system so that the people from the Crawford family would not be able to track her down. It was a reasonable

Bianca explained to Old Master Crawford what happened the night before, he noticed that Rainie was only standing there. He could see that the little girl was exhausted, and she must have been traumatized by the

been happening quite often recently. I always feel something flash across my brain, but after that, I won't remember anything. I don't know what's going on with me..." To make her story sound more plausible, Bianca said that it was not the first time it had

Master Crawford's brows were furrowed tightly. Eventually, he said, "You should go to the hospital to get that checked. If that has been happening, you'd better not drive yourself. I'll get the butler to arrange a driver

**"Alright. Thank you, Grandpa."** Bianca was relieved when she saw that the old man did not *blame her*.

Even though she still resented him, she was not going to let the issue linger. After all, there were many more opportunities to get back at **him**.

*She turned* her head and smiled at Rainie, who was very cooperative and did not expose her lies. "Let's go upstairs, Rainie. Look, you're filthy. Go take a shower and change into something **clean**."

Rainie was afraid when Bianca stretched out a hand toward her. She did not take Bianca's hand, but instead, she went up the **stairs herself**.

**Bianca's smile** froze. She noticed that Old Master Crawford was still looking at herself, so she sighed and said, "The poor child, she must have been traumatized by what **happened yesterday**."

"**Right, who's** that friend you mentioned?" Old Master Crawford asked.

Bianca hesitated for a split second but eventually decided to name-drop Luca. "She's a medical researcher working in Luke's pharmaceutical company. Her name is Luca. When I went to the company the last time, we resolved the conflict between us and became **good friends**."

"*I see*." Old Master Crawford nodded, then turned to speak to the butler. "Now that they've come home, call off the search."

Seeing that Old Master Crawford did not suspect her explanation, she decided to say nothing further and *go upstairs*.

*Just like* Rainie, she had not taken a bath since the night before. All she wanted was to take a nice bath and change into a clean set *of clothes*.

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and Tommy came home from school, they found out that Rainie had returned, so they rushed over to a sigh of relief when he saw Rainie in her bedroom. He closed the

stood next to Rainie and took her hand. "Where have you been, Rainie? I was

She did not say anything but instead patted

would keep the secret between Lanie and her. Tommy was too young to

Rainie did not speak, Tommy continued, "Did Ms. Luca bring

you know?" Rainie looked at

nodded. "I was so worried when I found out this morning that you didn't come home. I know that Ms. Luca is very amazing, so I borrowed Uncle Sean's phone and gave her a call. I told her that you had gone missing and asked her for help, and you're

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Lanie sank into deep thought for a while after he heard Rainie's account. It was relatively peaceful when he got home from school, which meant that Old Master Crawford was not angry at Bianca. It seemed that the woman had managed to appease him.

"Let's not tell Great-Grandpa for now," he said.

Rainie nodded in agreement. "I cooperated with her and didn't call out her lies or say anything that I'm not supposed to. I want to wait until Daddy comes back."

Lanie and Rainie believed that Luke was the only person in the family that would be able to help them solve the problem.

When Lanie heard that, he took out his phone and sent a message to his father, asking when he would return to A City.

After Rainie watched Lanie type the message and send it, she continued asking, "Daddy doesn't know about what happened yesterday, right?"

"No, Daddy doesn't know. Great-Grandpa was the one who ordered the search for you." Lanie patted Rainie's head and said endearingly, "I'm sorry that this happened to you. I didn't manage to protect you."

Rainie shook her head. Lanie had always behaved like her elder brother, even though he was older than her by only a few minutes. He was still a child.

"You don't have to worry about me, Lanie. I'll be stronger so that I can protect myself," she said.

As Lanie stared intently at the phone screen waiting for his father's reply, he thought that Rainie was lucky to have Luca around. Without Luca, that woman would not bring Rainie back home so quickly.

minute later, Lanie's phone made a

saw that Luke had replied to his message, saying that he needed three more days to settle the business in New York, after which he would

saw the message and sighed. "Daddy is working really hard. Should we still tell him about

Luke knew that their mother was an impostor, he would definitely want to search for the whereabouts of the real Bianca. Lanie and Rainie did not want their father to overwork himself juggling between company business and searching for their

must have a reason to show up at our house. After what happened yesterday, I don't think we should keep it a secret." Lanie

they knew that Bianca was an impostor, they were only children and could not do anything about it. If that woman had the intention to harm Rainie, they would be powerless to stop

only way to stop the threat was to tell the truth to

Rainie heard Lanie's reasoning, she nodded in

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The next day, while Luca was at work, she received a phone call from Amur. "Luca, are you free to come over here for a **bit**?"

Luca could hear from Amur's tone that he was in trouble. She put the test tube away, walked out of the laboratory, and asked, "What happened?"

"**Ms.** Carter spotted me, and she is stopping me from leaving. I need you to come over here and clear up the misunderstanding." While Amur said that, he glanced warily at Sue and the two security guards next to *her*.

**Amur** was protecting Sue as usual because Jason had not returned from New York. Sue had been wary and had caught Amur snooping, and she had thought that Amur was someone up to **no good**.

*He* was not going to fight Sue and the security guards. With no other choice, he decided to call Luca to help him clear the **misunderstanding**.

"Where are you now? I'll go to you." When Luca heard that, she went over to her *office*.

"I'm at Brilliant Architecture," Amur said.

"Alright, I'll go over right now." Luca ended the call. She had thought of sending Sue a voice message to explain what was going on, but after pondering for a while, she decided that she should explain it in person. She took off her lab coat, picked up her handbag, and walked out.

Sue was a wary person. Even though Luca had saved Kari before, she guessed that it would be hard to convince Sue over the phone. That was why she decided to go and meet *her*.

a cab downstairs and went to Brilliant Architecture. On the way, she found out from Amur that they were at the basement

very familiar with the layout of the office building. After reaching there, she instantly found

Luca hastened her footsteps when she noticed the people standing

not let her guard down when she saw Luca coming over. Instead, she asked, "Dr. Craw, do you know younger brother," Luca said while she searched for a file on her

your younger brother following me?" Sue's gaze shifted between Luca and Amur. The incident the day before made her very

was how she had discovered that Amur was following her in secret. Before she arrived at her office, she had already informed the security guards to

Amur followed her into the parking lot. The security guards instantly came over and

asked him to follow you so that he can protect you," Luca said as she pressed the play button for

## **Chapter 1337**

Luca sent Sue a copy of the recording.

"Actually, Bailey's lackeys have been trying to get you since that day," Amur said.

Sue was shocked when she heard that. "How is that possible? Have you been helping me?"

Amur nodded but said nothing.

Luca explained, "On that day, Bailey found some people to ambush you after you stepped out of the hospital, but he managed to teach those people a lesson. You didn't seem like you'd want to blow up the issue, so we didn't inform the police. I didn't expect that they would come back to cause trouble on the next day."

Sue also did not expect that. Even though Bailey's lackeys had been taught a lesson, they continued to harass Sue and her daughters. They were perhaps so brazen because Jason was not in A City at the moment.

Sue was grateful to find out that the young man had protected her. She said to Luca, "Thank you so much. Right, Jason will be back in A City in another two days. May we invite you for dinner?"

Luca agreed to it, thinking that dinner with Sue and Jason would not cause too much trouble.

Looking at the time, she said, "It's about time that you go to work. You don't have to worry. Amur will be protecting you from the shadows."

Sue glanced at the time. She was caught in a standoff with Amur earlier, and she did not realize that she was already late for work. "Alright, I'll be going off them. We'll decide on a time to meet later!"

left hurriedly, Luca looked at Amur and said, "Let's go. She should be safe in the  
nodded. He would have already left if Sue had not stopped

Amur left the basement parking lot. They did not notice that a black minivan was parked in a corner. As the driver watched them leave, he gave a call

failed, Ma'am," the driver said. Immediately, the person on the other end of the call hurled a string of  
of you are useless! Why does it take so long for you to abduct a woman? It's already been three days,  
but you haven't achieved what I wanted. Is it because I don't give you enough money?" Bailey

man moved the phone away from his ear. After she had finished venting, he explained, "That man is  
protecting that woman again today. At first, the woman had a misunderstanding with that man, and I  
thought that I've found my chance. Later, another woman appeared. It's the woman in the other photo  
that you gave us. She cleared up the misunderstanding, and the target went into her office. It's not  
convenient for us to act

did not expect that they would fail their mission for three days in

night, they had rung Sue's doorbell repeatedly to lure her out of the house. Unfortunately for them, Sue  
was smart enough not to step out of the door no matter how hard they rang the doorbell. Eventually,  
the neighborhood security guard was alerted, and they had to consider the mission

the situation in the basement parking lot earlier, they dared not make a move

that the woman he mentioned must be Luca. That woman had thwarted her plans of abducting Sue  
again and

*She* was very anxious to make her move because she knew that Jason would be **back soon**.

**With Jason** protecting Sue, Bailey knew that it would be much more difficult to approach her. After all, Jason knew some of **her secrets**.

Jason's persistent threat meant that Bailey could only make a move on Sue when Jason was not in **A City**.

**If Jason** returned, she would have lost the opportunity...

"I don't care what you do. If you don't get your hands on Sue Carter, I'll send the incriminating evidence to the police!" Bailey *threatened them*.

"You can't do that to us, Ma'am. Someone is protecting that woman now..." The man frowned, which caused the scar on his face to wrinkle **menacingly**.

"Who's the one protecting her? Can't you deal with them first?" Bailey said.

*The man* was silent for a while. Earlier, he saw that the man who was protecting Sue seemed to have a close relationship with Luca.

**If** they could abduct Luca first, that man would definitely go and try to save Luca. If that happened, they would have an opportunity...

"I know what to do, Ma'am," the man said to *Bailey*.

got off work in the evening. She sent a message to Amur and was relieved to know that he was protecting Sue. After that, she planned to go to the supermarket to buy some food

she returned from New York, she had been busy with work, and dinner was usually

slightly guilty for asking Amur to help her, so she decided to cook something

got out of the cab at the supermarket next to the neighborhood. It was the evening rush hour, so it took her quite a lot of time to pick what she wanted and queue at the cashier

she paid for the food, she left the supermarket with two full shopping bags. Looking at the time, she guessed that Sue must have already left her office, gone to pick up her daughters, and gone back home. She thought that she should be able to cook something decent for Amur by the time he

that thought in mind, Luca walked into a narrow alley. It was a shortcut to return to the

people used the narrow alleys in the daytime. They were even more deserted when it was almost alley was silent, as though someone with malign intentions might be

along the narrow alleys without any fear. The dense buildings filtered most of the traffic sounds from the main road, so she would be able to hear any movement in her

heard the footsteps behind her, she stopped walking and turned around

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As she watched the men charge toward her, Luca placed the shopping bags on the ground.

Luca had a smaller build than the two men, and they did not think that she posed a threat to them. They raised their fists, thinking that they could settle this through brute force.

Soon, sounds of people trading blows could be heard in the narrow alley. A few seconds later, the sounds stopped, following which were the sounds of men panting and groaning.

Luca picked up her shopping bags and looked at the two people.

The alley was only illuminated by a street light near the exit, and the lighting was extremely dim. Even so, she could tell that the two men were in great agony.

One of the men felt great pain in his chest cavity, as though his ribs were broken. He could only make grunting noises, and he did not have the strength to get to his feet.

"I'm not as gentle as my younger brother. I'd expect that you've learned your lesson when you tried to abduct my friend, but it doesn't mean that you can shift your sights to me instead."

The man groaned in agony. Even though he could still walk after Amur had beaten him the last time, it did not mean that he did not learn his lesson.

He did not expect that the woman to be a better fighter than Amur.

"Go and tell your employer to think twice before making a move on me," Luca said and left the alley.

man who was sprawled on the ground tried to push himself up, but the pain in his chest was too intense, and he had to give up on the

do we do now, Chief?" The other man said as he watched Luca go away. He could not stand up, let alone the ambulance!" The leader of the two men searched the vicinity for his phone that had fallen to the ground, then dialed for

had only received a few punches, but he could not stand up after that. He even wondered if his ribs were

Luca walked out of the alley, she heard that the man was calling the ambulance. She smirked and paid him

did not hold back, but she did not break their bones either. She knew where their weak points were, and that was why it hurt more

would feel much better after half an hour. The ambulance was

never intended to injure them, but those people were obviously trying to hurt her, and she had to teach them a lesson somehow. At the same time, it would serve as a warning

had tried to harm Sue. Luca was not going to allow that

at her apartment, Luca put some of the ingredients in the fridge and used the rest to

When dinner was almost done, Amur came in through the front door. He smiled sheepishly when he heard the sounds in the kitchen, then went to sit down on the couch and took out his *laptop*.



**The laptop** had been continuously switched on for the past two days. It was running a hacking program that would discover the flaws in T Corporation's company **network**.

The screen lit up, and he saw that the program had been executed successfully. His fingers danced on the keyboard as he prepared to write a program to protect the *company network*.

As expected, there were traces of attacks at various places. According to the log, the attacks were done some time ago. The hackers must have tried to breach the security but failed and **gave up**.

Luca's worries had come true.

*Amur quickly* erased the traces of those attacks as well as the traces that he had been *there*.

*Luca came* out of the kitchen with two plates. When she saw Amur sitting on the couch typing something, she asked, "Have you injected your **program**?"

"Mm. I successfully hacked into the network this afternoon, and I also noticed the traces of several other IP addresses trying to breach the firewall. They happened quite recently, but none of them succeeded. I also erased their traces," Amur said and put the laptop aside.

*The moment* he sniffed the fragrance of Luca's cooking, his stomach began to protest *loudly*.

**Luca placed** the plates on the table and said, "Come, let's eat."

down at the dining table and helped himself with the food. "Why did you

got off work early, and I didn't feel like eating delivery food today," Luca said. Then, she asked, "Your program could hack into the company network. Does that mean that Abel could get one of his minions to hack into the company

noded. The program that he wrote was not very complicated, even though it was still far more advanced than what a normal person could write. In any case, the program managed to breach the company network in a relatively short amount

do that, as long as he has the time," Amur replied. "T Corporation's firewall is one of the best ones in the market, but all systems will have their flaws. It's only a matter of finding and

about that fact. It was unfortunate for T Corporation that Amur managed to find the flaws in

find all the flaws of their network?" She asked. If the company network was hacked again, it would bring Luca a lot

course, but it'll take time." Amur knew why Luca was so concerned. This time, he did not remind her to keep her distance

because he knew that it was no use

devoted to Luke. Even though they could not be together physically, she would find some other way to convince Luca otherwise would only be a waste of

**Chapter 1339**

Two days later, Luke and Jason departed from New York after having resolved the issues that plagued the subsidiary company.

Lanie and Rainie knew that their father was coming home today, and they locked themselves in the bedroom for a long time. They even ignored Tommy knocking on the door and making a fuss about wanting to go inside.

After coming to a conclusion that they should hand the DNA test report to Luke, they opened the bedroom door.

Tommy's ruckus had alerted Bianca earlier. When Lanie and Rainie opened the door, they saw Bianca outside, preparing to knock.

"What are you two kids doing inside? Didn't you hear that your younger brother is outside the door? I'm just about to get the butler to fetch the keys," Bianca smiled and said as she looked at the twins.

Ever since the previous incident, Rainie had tried to avoid Bianca whenever possible. Bianca was very frustrated that the three children were not close to her at all.

"We were reading," Lanie replied.

Bianca showed an expression of understanding. She looked into the bedroom, then at the twins, and did not discover anything out of the ordinary. "I've made some dessert. Do you want some?"

"No, thanks. We're going to do our homework," Lanie said. He did not give Bianca the chance to speak to Rainie.

Bianca nodded, then turned to look at Rainie. She was about to say something when Lanie said to Tommy, "Come here and do your homework with us, Tommy. Daddy will be coming home soon."

Tommy nodded excitedly when he heard that. He went into the bedroom with his backpack.

Bianca could say anything, Lanie closed the bedroom door in

only glare at the closed

children were getting on her nerves, but Old Master Crawford had been keeping a close eye on her. She could not beat or scold them, and she had to pretend that she was a caring mother

three children were unrelated to her, and she could not bring herself to love or care

that Luke would be coming home soon, she decided to put the matter to

was sick in the hospital when Luke had left for New York. Now, she would have to primp herself so that Luke would have a good impression

not touched her in three years. She could not let

clenched her fists tightly. She would have to do something so that Luke would sleep with her. Ideally, she would bear a child for Luke so that they would be together

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Soon, it was midnight.

Manor was silent. Luke's flight was delayed, so he reached home a few hours later

It was already half-past twelve when Luke's car drove into the manor grounds.

Lanie and Rainie did not sleep. Instead, they waited in their respective bedrooms for their father **to return.**

*When Rainie* heard the footsteps along the corridor, she opened her bedroom door and saw that her father had indeed returned. Tears welled up in her eyes as she ran to him. "Daddy! *You're back!*"

*Luke patted* Rainie's head and said, "It's already so late. Why aren't you in bed yet? Were you waiting for me?"

"**Mm!**" **Rainie** nodded, lifted her head, and looked at him. "I miss you, *Daddy.*"

*Luke's* heart softened when he looked at the little girl's face that looked so similar to Bianca. He crouched down and gently wiped her cheeks. "I miss you too. It's already very late. You should go to bed now, and we can talk tomorrow *morning, alright?*"

"Daddy, Lanie is still awake too." Rainie turned around and took his hand. "Can we go to *Lanie's bedroom?*"

*Luke* put his suitcase away and allowed Rainie to lead him into Lanie's **bedroom.**

"**You're** home, Daddy!" When Lanie heard the door open, he took off his headphones and hopped off the chair. He had been listening to a science podcast because he was worried that he might fall asleep. That was why he did not hear the footsteps in the corridor, but when Luke came in through the door, Lanie knew that his father had come *home.*

"*Mm.*" *Luke* frowned when he saw that his son had just gotten off a podcast. "Why aren't you two in **bed yet?**"

"Rainie and I are waiting for you to come home. There's something that we want to tell you," Lanie said. He glanced at the bedroom door, then went over and closed it.

on the bed and watched the children with grim expressions on their faces. "What's

handed a brown paper envelope to Luke. "Daddy, you won't believe it if we tell you, so you should see for yourself. Rainie and I obtained this. Take a

Luke took out the document from the envelope. He immediately understood what they were trying to tell

the envelope was a DNA test

is a DNA test involving Rainie and Mommy. Daddy, that woman isn't our real mother,"

did you go and order the DNA test?" Luke looked at the date of the report. It had been some time ago. It seemed like the twins had realized that the woman was not their

had realized that before he

we think that she doesn't behave like our mother," Rainie said softly. Then, she told him what Bianca did to her a few days

Luke listened to Rainie's account of her ordeal, his grip on the document became tighter and if she's really our mother, she wouldn't have done that even if she had really lost her memories," Lanie "I'm lucky that Ms. Luca saved me. Otherwise, I might not be able to see you

## **Chapter 1340**

After Luke promised them what he would do, the twins exchanged relieved glances.

Luke had always carried through his promises. Lanie and Rainie knew that Luke had always loved the real Bianca. The impostor Bianca, who had lived in their house for three years, had never received his love.

Rainie yawned and rubbed her eyes.

Luke stroked her hair and said gently. "You should go to bed if you're tired."

"Alright. Good night, Daddy." Rainie nodded and walked toward the door. Before she left the room, she turned around and said, "Good night, Lanie."

"Good night." Luke looked at the two children. It must have been hard for them to keep their discovery a secret. However, he could not expose the impostor's lies before the real Bianca was found, and he was worried that the children might not be able to keep the secret anymore. "I'll handle this. You have to pretend that you don't know anything."

Lanie and Rainie understood what he meant, so they nodded.

After Rainie left, Luke stood up and turned off Lanie's tablet. "It's very late, and you have to go to school tomorrow. Go to bed now."

"Yes, Daddy, but tomorrow is the weekend, and we don't need to go to school." Lanie nodded and handed him the brown paper envelope.

Luke chuckled to himself. He had been so busy in New York that he had forgotten the day of the week. He put the report back in the envelope, left the bedroom, and brought the suitcase back to the study.

He sat on the executive chair and perused the test report. Many times over the past three years, he had suspected the true identity of his supposed wife, but he had always chosen to trust in the test report.

the truth was staring at him in his face, he realized that his suspicions had always been correct. She was picked up his phone and sent a message to Gale. He wanted them to return to A City so that they could investigate what happened

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day, Luca received a message from Sue, saying that Jason had already returned from New York. Sue had also told Jason what happened in the past few days, and they had agreed to host Luca and Amur for dinner at their

that Luke would not show up at Jason's house for dinner, she readily accepted

Amur about Sue's invitation while they were

when he heard that. He said

Luca asked out

something else later at night. I can't go," Amur said. He had received a mission around midnight, and he would have to be elsewhere later at

nodded and said, "I shouldn't stop you then. I'll explain it to

Amur picked up a croissant and took

Luca continued to ask him, "Is it a mission from Abel?"

"**Yes.**" Amur did not hide it from her, but he also did not tell her the *details*.

*Luca understood* the rules. She said, "Take care when you're on your mission. Don't get **hurt**."

"I won't. The mission is very simple this time, and there shouldn't be too much fighting." Amur said while gulping down some soy milk. After living in A City for a while, he began to enjoy the taste of soy milk.

Luca could tell from Amur's expression that he was not lying to her, and she could not help but wonder what mission **it was**.

After breakfast, Amur changed his clothes and left **the apartment**.

Luca noticed that Amur was dressed in casual clothes, as though he was going shopping instead of going on a mission. That made her even more curious than ever.

*After* Amur left, Luca tidied up the apartment. Usually, Amur would tidy up the place whenever he was free, so Luca only spent half an hour cleaning up.

**After** that, she took out some medicine samples and researched *them*.

*Many* unforeseen incidents had happened ever since she returned from New York, and she had a lot of research to catch up on at work. She barely had enough free time to do her own research.

She took out the bottle of liquid that she obtained from Solomon, then shook a test tube containing the antidote. She planned to extract the active components of the antidote and see if she could *replicate it*.

she could manage to replicate the antidote, she would not have to rely on the monthly dose to survive. It would also be a lot easier to free Eler and Amur from the clutches of the Island of

Luca began to do her research.

up her apparatus in the afternoon so that Amur would not discover what she was

she succeeded, she would not tell Amur about what she was doing. She did not want Eler and Amur to celebrate prematurely in case her

that it was almost time for dinner, Luca changed into a dress, put on some light makeup, and left the house. She bought some gifts at a nearby department store, caught a cab, and went to

the doorbell, and the caretaker quickly came over and opened the door. After she walked into the house, Kari came over and greeted her, "Good afternoon, Ms.

Luca smiled when she saw the cute little girl.

Kari knew that Luca was the person who saved her. She went up to Luca eagerly and said, "Ms. Luca, are you thirsty? I'll get you a glass

of water." Luca nodded and took the glass from her head, though the girl's hospitality made her feel welcome. She took out two dolls from the shopping bag and handed them to her. "I bought two dolls. One is for you, and the other is for

my friend." Luca stepped out of the kitchen and saw that scene. She quickly said, "Dr. Craw! You