

## **Be Gentle 1441**

### **Chapter 1441**

Luke said nothing more to continue the conversation. He stood up and said, "I'm going to the ward."

Johann hurriedly asked, "Are you really going to spend the night here?"

Luke nodded.

Johann was slightly surprised. Luke seemed uninterested in Luca, yet he took the initiative to accompany her for the night. Although it was pitiful for Luca to stay in the hospital alone while she was unconscious, Luke was not short of money. He could easily hire a caretaker for her.

He did not do that but instead opted to accompany her for the night...

"I'll have the nurse bring you a new accompanying bed." Johann did not lay it all out. He knew better than to say anything. He then picked up the phone and called for the nurse.

Luke walked into the ward and bumped into the nurse.

After she was done setting up the IV drip, the nurse looked at Luke and asked politely, "Mr. Crawford, have you hired a caretaker?"

"No." Luke shook his head.

When the nurse heard his reply, she looked awkward and said, "That might be a problem. The patient is unconscious and needs a caretaker to monitor her for the night. Otherwise, the blood might flow back after the IV drip bag is empty."

It was the night shift and there were not many nurses on duty. She was afraid that she might be overwhelmed and forget to check in if she got too busy.

keep watch of her," Luke

nodded, slowed down the speed of the drip, and then said, "Okay, just ring the bell after the drip

nodded and sat on the

nurse left, there were two people left in the ward. Luke sat there, looking at the woman on the bed. He eventually stood up and moved closer to the head of

nurse had treated Luca's wound and wrapped it with gauze. He could not see how deep the wound

since there was no need for Johann to stitch the wound, it should not be

pale complexion, Luke suddenly thought about how Bianca had gotten hurt in the same place. However, she was more unfortunate and the incident left a

at her lifeless appearance. If it were not for the equipment that was monitoring her vitals, she was as quiet as a

'Who on earth attacked her?'

skilled in the art of self-defense but she was still attacked. The attacker must  
took out his phone, told Gale all about it, and asked him to investigate

Although the police had already surveyed the scene, it was a murder case, after all. Luca's apartment was the scene of the crime and the evidence in it must be well preserved. He felt more assured to have Gale and Rain investigate **it**.

**He was** not doing it just for Luca. It was because he had a vague feeling that the Island of Despair was **involved**.

*The* door was pushed open and it was the nurse who had just helped with the drip. She saw Luke standing by the bedside and quickly asked, "Mr. Crawford, what's the matter?"

"All's well." Luke shook his head. "The speed of the drip is a little **slow**."

"This speed is fine as it is. The patient is now in a coma. If it's too fast, it might cause some discomfort and she wouldn't be able to say anything. It's better to go slow. This is your accompanying bed and blankets, they're all new. I'll put them aside. You can use them when you need to." The nurse put the unopened accompanying bed and blanket on the side and then exited the ward.

**When** the door was closed, Luke's gaze fell on Luca *again*.

After taking a look at the drip that was not halfway done, he sat on the sofa again and looked at his emails on his phone. He used this time to deal with work.

On the other side.

After Zander sent Tommy back to Crawford Manor, Old Master Crawford found that only the child had returned and did not see Luke. Hence, he asked, "Tommy, where's your **daddy**?"

"**Daddy** is in the hospital," Tommy straightforwardly replied to **him**.

the hospital? What's wrong with Brother?" Louis, who was drinking tea with Old Master Crawford,

Luca was injured. The hospital needs someone to accompany her, so Daddy stayed." Tommy finished speaking and looked at the butler. He said, "I'm so hungry. Is there anything for me to

Young Master. I'll heat something for you," the butler

Old Master Crawford heard Tommy's words, he had a tight frown on his

asked, "Ms. Luca? Is she the one who's rumored to be involved

Crawford nodded and answered, "It's

Seems like cupid is on Brother's side recently. First, it was Luca, and now, there's Tia." Louis joked. He had always been interested in gossip about Luke.

nonsense are you talking about?!" Old Master Crawford glared at him. Within the Crawford family, apart from himself, the children, and Luke who knew that Bianca was a fake, no one

kind of nonsense is Louis joking about so happily without knowing the

I'm just joking, but really, it's been a long time since Brother cared so much about anyone. You know, no matter how urgent the situation is, there are doctors and nurses in the hospital. If a caretaker is needed, he could have just hired one. Why would he want to stay in the hospital by himself? Something is up."

was reasonable. Luke had asked the maid to accompany the fake Bianca when she was hospitalized. He would never stay in

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"Nonsense! If you can't afford another child, I'll support you!" Old Master Crawford saw through him and put him in a corner.

"No, no, I don't want to live off you. Grandpa, it's late. I'm going upstairs. You should rest early as well." Louis slipped away for fear of being lectured further.

Old Master Crawford watched his grandson head upstairs and shook his head helplessly. He wanted Louis to have another child in hopes of managing Thea's competitiveness. After all, Thea was Susan's only granddaughter and had been spoiled rotten.

Unfortunately, Louis had no intentions as such and he could not do anything about it.

Old Master Crawford picked up his phone and made a call. After the call was connected, he said to the person on the other end of the call, "Help me investigate a person. Her name is Luca and she works at T Corporation. I want everything there is to know about her."

"Yes, I'll send it to you the day after tomorrow," the person on the other end of the call replied.

When Old Master Crawford heard that, he hung up the phone.

Tommy walked out holding some bread, and he asked, "Great-grandpa, did you just say you want to investigate Ms. Luca?"

"No, I'm sure you heard wrong," Old Master Crawford looked at his grandson who was holding a piece of bread in each hand and said with distress, "Poor thing. Are you starving?"

"No, I had some oats in the hospital, but the oats that Uncle Park gave me tasted terrible. I had a bowl of it but I'm not full. Great-grandpa, I'm not starving." Tommy took a bite of the bread and said, "If it weren't for Ms. Luca's accident, I would never go hungry."

"Okay, go upstairs after eating. Don't think so much and get some rest. You have class tomorrow." Old Master Crawford did not like hearing him talking about Luca, so he interrupted Tommy.

Tommy was not bothered. After all, he did not understand the drama between the adults. He just nodded happily and said, "Okay, Great-grandpa, good night."

"Good night." Old Master Crawford returned to his room after Tommy.

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up in the middle of the night. She looked at the white ceiling as a faint smell of disinfectant wafted into did not need to ask to know that she was in the

found her knocked out on the floor and brought her to

turned her head slowly, and felt dizzy. She immediately closed her eyes and after a while, she opened her eyes and saw her

in a private room in

Luke had something to do with

what was going on. She likely had a concussion after being knocked on her head. What she had to do now was to minimize her physical activities and allow her body some time

ward was silent. It was in the middle of the night, so there was no sound of people moving in the corridor. She suddenly felt that she was trapped in a huge

The emptiness was overwhelming and depressing...

her eyes tightly, feeling as though there was a huge net on the ceiling covering her, about to wrap her up with no room

not usually a sanctimonious person but she was very

Her procrastination and unwillingness led to a security guard losing *his life*.

**If she** had taken the initiative to get closer to Luke, the security guard might not have **died**.

He was middle-aged. She thought that he would have a family. How would his family get by following his **death**?

Luca resented Abel's cruelty.

*'If he's dissatisfied with me, he can come for me. Why did he murder a security guard in cold blood?'*

Abel wanted to take revenge against Luke but he hurt many people along the way. He was avenging Kassy in the name **of love**.

*The door of the ward was pushed open. Luca guessed that Luke had arranged a caregiver for her. After all, she was unconscious and he would not have left her alone.*

**She opened** her eyes and turned her face in the direction of the door. She was stunned when she saw Luke walk in.

**She expected** a caregiver, but he appeared instead...

'He's been guarding by my side?'

"You're up?" Luke stepped forward and asked in a neutral tone when he saw that her eyes **were open**.

**"Yeah," Luca** replied. She was not sure how **to feel**.

reason why Abel murdered the security guard was to bring her closer to Luke. Now, he got what about her but she did not feel happy

was because she knew that as the relationship between the two got closer, it was time for Abel's plan to come to an

she be happy knowing what she

you feeling uncomfortable?" Luke asked as he pressed the bell beside

"I feel dizzy," Luca said.

replied. The nurse opened the door and asked, "What's

is awake," Luke turned his head and said to the

have Dr. Park come over and check up on her now," the nurse replied quickly after hearing what Luke said. Even if Johann did not say anything to her, the nurse knew that such treatment meant that the patient in front of her was not someone to be reckoned

at Luke and could not help but ask, "Why are you

not answer as if he had not

that he heard her but did not want to answer this question, so she did not probe

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However, since Luke wanted to keep it lowkey, Johann was happy to go along with it. He could only explain to him time and again that it was normal.

After the examination, Johann was relieved. He smiled and said, "Don't worry, there's no major problem. I'll arrange for you to go for a brain CT scan after you wake up tomorrow. If there are no problems, you can be discharged and rest at home."

"Are you sure that she's fine?" Luke asked from the side.

Johann deliberately kept a straight face and said, "Mr. Crawford, you've been looking for me every hour tonight. I won't complain about that but please don't question my professional capabilities. All of Dr. Craw's symptoms are caused by the concussion. Patients with concussions don't need to worry too much. They just need to move around less and rest more."

Luke raised his eyebrows as he listened to him. He noticed that Johann was intentionally bringing up how much he cared about Luca in front of her.

He was avenging Luke for not letting him sleep all night.

Although Luca had a concussion, she was not stupid. She understood Johann's words and that Luke seemed to be worried sick about her.

She lowered her gaze slightly and said, "Dr. Park, thank you."

"Don't worry about it. I'm on duty today so I know I don't have time to sleep. It's Mr. Crawford that you should thank." Johann smiled wantonly. He turned around and told Luca, "Dr. Craw, you should get some rest. If the wound hurts so much that you can't stand it, have the nurse give you an analgesic jab. I've already prescribed it and it's placed there."

Luca let out a hum and closed her eyes. She used the excuse of having to rest to escape Luke's gaze and Johann's teasing.

She knew she would be fine because Abel's purpose had not been achieved. He would never kill her before that.

However, she did not expect to get a concussion.

that time, she could not take any protective measures. After all, they had to make it seem real for Luke to not have

were faced with Luke, not some ordinary

Johann left, Luke said calmly, "Call out to me if you need

Luca thanked him, but her eyes

she heard the sound of the accompanying bed unfolding. As Johann mentioned, it seemed that Luke had been running around without getting any sleep.

he going to bed after seeing that I woke

thought about it, and her emotions overtook her for a second. However, she soon calmed down. She could not overthink it because he

man was rumored to be involved with

The next day.

much better when she woke up. She blinked and heard a noise outside the hallway as if someone

She heard Luke's voice.

**The door** of the ward was open. Luca looked toward the door subconsciously and found that the person who came in was a *nurse*.

*When the nurse* saw that she was up, she smiled and asked, "Ms. Luca, are you awake? How do you feel now?"

*"I'm feeling* better than I did last night. I don't feel dizzy anymore," Luca said.

"That's good. I'm going to bring you to the CT room for a brain CT scan. Do you want to use a wheeled stretcher or a wheelchair?" the nurse asked. The CT scan was slotted in by Johann last night.

**To** get the CT results as soon as possible, Luca's check-up was set as the first appointment of *the day*.

*"Wheelchair," Luca* said. She did not feel dizzy now and thought that it would be too much of a fuss if she used the wheeled **stretcher**.

**"Okay, I'll** bring you a wheelchair," the nurse said with a smile, then turned around and walked out of the ward to get a **wheelchair**.

*The moment* she opened the door, Luca heard the conversation outside the room more clearly. The police were having a chat with *Luke*...

He must have been the one who called the police the day before, so it was not unusual for the police to come to him to get a statement.

**After the** nurse pushed the wheelchair in, Luca got out of bed carefully with her help and got in the wheelchair. She asked, "Are Mr. Crawford and the police talking outside?"

"**Yes**, the police came here early in the morning and said that they want you to make a statement but you haven't woken up yet. That's why they went to speak to Mr. Crawford first," the *nurse explained*.

Luca asked, "They didn't ask for a statement last night?"

heard that Mr. Crawford disagreed with it. He was worried that it would affect your rest," the nurse said as she pushed Luca out of

was standing in the hallway. His gaze turned toward Luca when she was being pushed out of the ward. He asked, "She's going for

Luca's check-up is first in line so I'll send her downstairs for a CT scan now," the

looked at Luca, who was sitting in the wheelchair. Her face was still pale. He frowned and asked, "Are there any potential issues with using

Johann telling Luca to move as little

is not a big problem. As long as the patient doesn't feel dizzy, she can sit up. I'll send Ms. Luca down now," the nurse said with a smile as she pushed

quiet the entire time, letting the nurse push her downstairs for a

was scheduled first, and the brain CT scan did not take more than a few minutes. The check-up was soon completed. She sat in a wheelchair and let the nurse push her to

there's nothing wrong with the CT scan, can I be discharged from the hospital today?" Luca

but is there anyone else in your family?" the nurse

brother is on a business trip. I'm the only one here." Luca lowered her gaze. She was afraid to shake her head for fear that she might still have

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The nurse also realized it and asked softly, "Ms. Luca, how do you feel?"

"I'm fine," Luca said. Her acting skills were decent. As long as she lied a little, she could get rid of any suspicion on her.

After all, she fainted on the floor. She did not need to explain much about what had happened.

The nurse nodded and pushed her over.

Sure enough, as soon as they got close, a policeman said politely, "Hello, Ms. Luca. I'm the police officer in charge of this case. Are you free to make a statement now? If you're unwell, we can wait until you feel better before we take your statement."

Their boss had warned them repeatedly not to offend Luke and the people around him, which was why they were being so polite.

"I can make a statement now, but I'm afraid there's very little I can help with," Luca said.

"It's okay. All you need to do is to tell us what you experienced," the police officer said gratefully seeing that she was willing to cooperate with them.

Before they came to take their statements, they were worried that Luca and Luke would not cooperate with them.

"Let's talk inside," Luca said.

nurse pushed her into the ward while Luke and the police followed

looked at the two police officers and asked, "Did a murder happen in my apartment? Is that

arrived at the scene, the man had died and could not be rescued. Ms. Luca, tell me what happened," the middle-aged policeman asked while holding a recording pen in

don't know. When I got home from work, I smelled a strong smell of blood. When I realized that something was wrong, a figure suddenly came out with a vase in his hand and it hit me in the head. I lost consciousness. When I woke up, I was already in the hospital," Luca

you and you fainted. You're not aware of anything that happened after?" a policeman

what I can remember, there was a strong smell of blood. I don't remember anything else." Luca knew that the more she said, the higher the chance of getting it wrong. Hence, she did not say anything else, lest Luke and the police figured out that something was

that she did not know anything. She did not have to explain much. After all, it was her home. It was normal to have her fingerprints and shoe prints at

hearing her statement, the policeman asked, "You said that a man attacked you. Did you see

see his face." Luca pretended to ponder for a few seconds, frowned, and then said, "All I remember is that he's about 1.85 meters tall. In terms of his looks... He wore a mask and a hat, so I didn't see what he looked

this, the police nodded and looked at each other. It seemed that they could not get any

*There were* too many men around 1.85 meters **tall**.

**Luke arrived** at the scene after the incident, so the information and evidence he could provide were limited as well.

*Luca* asked, "Sir, is my home under lockdown?"

"Yes, it'll take some time for us to release it because your home is the scene of the crime," the *policeman replied*.

*Luca was* understanding of their work but when she thought of her research materials in the apartment, she said, "I can understand that, but I'm a pharmaceutical researcher who's involved in a lot of medical



research. Some of them are private. I hope you don't touch my research while you're looking for evidence. Is **that alright?**"

The policemen understood her concerns. Coupled with her relationship with Luke, they agreed. "Don't worry, we only collect useful evidence. As long as the objects are not related to the case, we'll not touch them."

**Luca** secretly breathed a sigh of relief. Luckily, she kept a sample every time she finished *a study*.

The samples were well preserved and should not be contaminated by the environment at the scene. As such, the police and forensic department would not take her research *away*.

**In addition**, with her undercover identity, they would not have **doubts**.

the police took a statement, they told them, "Mr. Crawford, Ms. Luca, if you think of anything, please contact

Luca glanced at Luke, who was also looking

an instant, she lowered her

the police left, Johann walked in with her brain CT scan report and said with a smile, "Dr. Craw, your examination report has come out. There are no shadows or blood spots on the brain CT. You can be discharged

you," Luca gave him a grateful

put the report away. He glanced at her, then at Luke. He was thinking about whether to assist them in developing their relationship

all, Bianca was a fake and had been dealt with by Luke. The real Bianca might never come back. If he assisted in their relationship, maybe the two of them would thank him in

acted as soon as he had the thought. Johann said, "Dr. Craw, you can't go home after you're discharged from the hospital. Do you have any other relatives in A City? Should I help you contact them to pick you don't have any relatives here. I'll just stay in a hotel,"

in a hotel? The hotel is inconvenient and you can't cook there. What you need most in your current situation is proper nutrition. Although everything is normal on your brain CT report, your blood test report yesterday showed that you have anemia. You need to pay more attention to your nutrition now that you're injured," Johann

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"The hotel covers a wide range of services. It's humanized. I don't want to trouble Mr. Crawford." Step by step, Luca felt like she was falling into Abel's plan. What made her want to cry was that Abel and Johann were both contributing to it.

Johann's intentions were kind but they were bad news for her...

Johann saw that she was unwilling to budge, and Luke did not speak. Hence, he continued talking, "Where's the trouble? Right, Mr. Crawford?"

Luke stared at him coldly and asked, "Can she be discharged?"

Johann cursed at Luke in his heart for ignoring his goodwill when Luke did not answer his question and asked about something else instead. Johann smiled and said, "Okay, I'll issue a receipt and she can leave after settling the bill."

After he said that, he turned around and left. At this point, the two sides were unwilling to make a move and he could not do much as a bystander.

Luca heard that she had to make a payment. She looked up at Luke and asked, "Mr. Crawford, have you seen my bag?"

Luke remembered that the ambulance had sent Luca to the hospital without her bag. When she was hospitalized, he asked Jason to retrieve her personal information from the company's database for the admission procedures.

All of this was against the rules, but with Johann involved, it did not become an issue.

He shook his head and said, "I was in a rush when I brought you to the hospital. I didn't bring your bag."

When Luca heard that, she said, "I have no money to pay the bill... My credit card and phone are all in my bag."

"I'll sort out the bill," Luke said as he walked out of the ward.

Luca wanted to leave the hospital as soon as possible so she had no choice but to get Luke's help to pay first. After she was discharged from the hospital and felt better, she would transfer the money back to him.

walked into Johann's office. He was preparing Luca's

Johann saw Luke coming in, he could not help but say, "I gave you an opening but you didn't cherish it. A fool can't be

were you giving me an opening for?" Luke stood there and watched him condescendingly as he prepared the

Johann raised his head and saw the man's indifference. He immediately shut up and thought that it was pointless to say anything more as Luke may have his

ten minutes. She can be discharged after I finish the report," he

not rush him. He stood there watching Johann writing the

later, the printer sounded. Johann picked up the printed report and the discharge slip that he had approved. He handed them to Luke and said, "Dr. Craw is not doing too well. It's risky to have her stay

not say a word. He took the documents and

his shoulders and muttered, "If you can get a woman like this, I'll

turned around and glared at

shivered and quickly explained, "I'm just talking nonsense. Mr. Crawford, you're handsome and rich. You're never short of women around

gaze grew colder as he continued to glare at Johann.

Johann hurriedly stood up and said, "I'm going to do my rounds. I haven't slept all night. After the rounds, I'll get off *work*."

**Luke did** not say anything and *left*.

**After he** was done with the discharge procedures, Luke walked in with the documents and said, "Let's go, the discharge procedures are completed."

"Okay." Luca has changed her clothes with the help of the *nurse*.

**She** was wearing the same clothes she was wearing when she was admitted. The spot that Abel hit did not have much blood flow, so her clothes were **clean**.

Luke walked behind and helped push the wheelchair *for her*.

*Luca* felt him approaching and smelled the faint tobacco scent on his body. Her heartbeat accelerated as she diverted her attention by talking about something else. "Mr. Crawford, can you give me the receipt? I'll transfer the money **to you**."

"*The company* buys insurance for all employees. I'll give the receipt to Mr. Doyle and he'll make a claim," Luke said while pushing the wheelchair. He did not plan to pass her the receipt.

**Luca thought** to herself that it was too much to involve Jason in a menial task as such.

*After* they arrived at the underground parking, Luke found his car and opened the passenger seat **door**.

**Luca was** thinking about propping herself up and getting in but Luke stopped her. "Don't move."

She stopped moving immediately and could only stare at the man with a blank expression.

bent over, princess-carried her, and said, "You know

in his arms and did not struggle hard because she knew that she would feel uncomfortable if she insisted on keeping her distance after being carried

her up and kicked the wheelchair to the side, then placed Luca in

there, and when she saw that Luke was about to buckle her seat belt, she quickly said, "I can do

a sports car that had limited space. He had leaned half of his body in. They were too close to

he heard what she said, Luke glanced at her and let her do it on her

out of the car and closed the passenger's door. He then walked around the front of the car to the driver's seat, opened the door, and got

put on the seat belt, Luca said softly, "Mr. Crawford, you can just send me to the hotel near my

not say anything and started

he did not answer, Luca thought he

they were some distance away, she realized that Luke was not driving toward the apartment but in the opposite

Crawford?" Before she could continue, Luke knew what she was going to say and asked directly, "Do you have your ID

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Luca wondered if she could go to a smaller hotel and check in with Luke's ID.

After all, the management of small hotels was not as strict. She could get a room even if she did not have her ID card.

Luca lowered her head and wanted to find a small hotel nearby but suddenly felt dizzy.

Her concussion symptoms were not completely gone.

Luke noticed her actions and said in a breezy tone, "Stop moving around."

The feeling of dizziness made her uncomfortable, so Luca did not dare to move. She obediently leaned on the passenger's seat and looked ahead. She was afraid that she might faint in the car so she did not even dare to look out of the car window.

Luke drove the car to a community near T Corporation.

Luca knew that this community was developed by T Corporation and Luke had an apartment there.

She had no choice but to go along with Luke's arrangement.

The car entered the apartment building and Luke drove to the parking lot downstairs. After he parked the car, he took out the wheelchair from the trunk.

Luca got into the wheelchair with his help.

Despite the unwillingness in her heart, she was brought upstairs by Luke.

she saw him press the code on the lock and the door to the apartment was opened. Luca lowered her gaze and asked softly, "Mr. Crawford, is this too troublesome for

at all." Luke walked in with the wheelchair and glanced at the living room. The long-term maid who was responsible for cleaning the place was not there. He said, "There's a long-term maid here. She must have gone out to buy groceries. You can stay here for a few days and have her take care

was tasked to take care of her,

glad. She could not imagine if he was to take care of

she had this idea, she laughed at herself. 'He already has someone he's romantically interested in. Why would he take care of

"Okay, thank you," Luca said.

Luke pressuring them, the police should wrap things up very quickly and her apartment would be released soon. She only needed to stay at his place for

glanced at the master bedroom. It was a bachelor's apartment that had one master bedroom and a room was occupied by the maid, so only the master bedroom was

worked late and did not have an extra set of clothes in the office, he would come to stay for one night and change into a set of

did not visit often but the master bedroom had all of his

was a territorial man. At that moment, he thought about how Luca would occupy his place and rest on his bed. The space would be full of her but he did not feel disgusted

**He pushed** Luca to the center of the living room, touched his chin, and said, "You can stay in the master bedroom. List down the personal items you need. The maid will get them for you when she comes *back*."

**There were** no women's items in his apartment. Luca would have to buy everything she needed for her stay.

"Okay." Luca agreed but remembered that she had no money on **her**.

Her wallet was still in the apartment. 'Where can I find the money to buy daily necessities? I don't even have enough for a set of clothes...'

**When Luca** was thinking about that, the living room door opened and the maid walked in with some grocery bags. She was stunned when she saw Luke **and Luca**.

"Sir, you're here." The maid greeted him immediately after she snapped out of it. Luke rarely showed up during the day. He was usually here early in the morning. This time, he even arrived with a woman. The maid could not help but have suspicions.

*Luke nodded* and introduced Luca, "This is Ms. Luca. She'll be staying here for a couple of days. Do take care of her."

*The maid* looked at the woman in the wheelchair and thought that she was beautiful. However, she was not sure why Luca was sitting in a wheelchair and obeyed the orders given by the boss. She nodded and said, "Okay, Boss. Hello, Ms. **Luca**."

"Hello." Luca nodded as a greeting.

Luke's phone rang, he glanced at it, picked it up in front of her, and said, "Wait for me in the *office*."

*His tone* was not warm but Luca thought **of Tia**.

**Tia's car** was in the underground parking lot the day prior. She went to *visit Luke*.

'Is this call also from Tia?'

stuffy as if there was no window open in the room. She was sad but she could not express any sadness or possessiveness toward

that could not be expressed could only be

suppression made her feel extremely

her gaze, trying to keep

put his phone away. He glanced at the maid, took out a credit card from his wallet, and handed it to her. "She doesn't have any daily necessities. Go to the mall later to pick up some things for her, including

The maid took the card

at Luca, whose head was lowered. All he could see from this angle was the top of her

was not sure why but he felt her grievance. 'Is it because she can't

was slightly lighter as he said, "If you have preferred brands, just tell the

you, Mr. Crawford." Luca's tone was exceptionally cold

listened and felt a sense of sullenness in his chest. His warmth was not returned in kindness but he did not pay attention to it. He said, "I'll go back to the office now. If there's anything you need, call

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Luke was never short of money but Luca was being so serious about keeping track of everything he spent on her. The maid knew that the relationship they had was anything but romantic. She agreed to Luca's request. "Okay, Ms. Luca. Is there anything else you want me to buy?"

"That's it, thank you," Luca replied politely without any tone of ordering the maid around.

The maid felt comfortable to be treated as such. There were many things to buy and she thought of helping Luca settle in, so she asked, "Ms. Luca, do you want to go to the mall together?"

"No, I want to rest." Luca turned her down.

The maid said, "Okay, is there anything I can help with now? I don't think it's very convenient for you to move around..."

She saw that Luca had no other wounds except for the gauze on her forehead, so she thought that Luca was paralyzed...

"It's okay, I have a concussion and can't move around too much. I'll just sit in the wheelchair," Luca said.

Upon hearing it was a concussion, the maid nodded and said, "I understand now. It's best if you can get some rest. Give me a second, I'll go in and change a set of bedsheets for you. You can rest in the room after."

It was better to lie down than to sit down. Luca did not turn her down and replied with a soft hum.

The maid walked into the master bedroom, changed the bedsheet, then pushed Luca into the bedroom before helping her get on the bed.

After helping her to adjust the temperature of the air conditioner and tucking her in, the maid said, "Ms. Luca, I'll go shopping now."

"Okay, thank you." Luca thanked her.

maid walked out of the bedroom, took the list, and left

lay quietly on the bed. The newly changed sheets and bedding had a faint lemon fragrance. The scent was mainly from the cleaning liquid. She used to like to use this cleaning liquid. She did not expect that three years later, Luke was still using this cleaning

heart began to feel uncomfortable when she thought about how her previous life habits were still influencing

the future, if it's Tia by his side, I'm sure his life habits will change,

completely different from her previous

was said that one could understand a person through their car. Luca understood more about Tia from her car. She was a woman who pursued a high-quality lifestyle. She deserved to be the woman standing next to

not worthy before, and now that her hands were covered with blood, she was even

a sad smile and closed her

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returned to the office, Jason informed him that Gale was waiting in the

he put the files in his office, he walked directly to the reception

*Gale* saw him, stood up, and greeted **him**, "**Boss.**"

"*Sit.*" *Luke* waved his hand and sat down on *the sofa*.

Gale also sat down.

**Luke took** out a cigarette but did not smoke it. He had it between his index finger and middle finger. He looked at Gale and asked, "Do you want a cigarette?"

"Boss, I've quit smoking." Gale shook his *head*.

Luke raised his eyebrows and did not say anything. He asked directly, "Were there any findings from your investigation **yesterday?**"

The night before, he asked Gale to sneak into Luca's apartment. They were acting without the police knowing, so many people did not know about it.

"Yes," Gale nodded.

**Luke** did not answer, indicating Gale to continue reporting.

Gale said, "I sneaked into the apartment with Rain last night and found something suspicious. You said that Dr. Craw was found at the entrance of the apartment but she seemed to have bought groceries and they were all placed on the table. I went to the police station today. Using your name, I took a look at the photos of the scene taken by the police and found that Dr. Craw's briefcase was on *the sofa*."

**Luke frowned** slowly as he listened **on**.

'She fainted at the entrance, so how could the groceries she bought end up on the table while her briefcase was on *the sofa*?'

indeed suspicious, but Luke thought that it made sense if Luca had put aside things and went to the hallway to change her

"This can be explained," he said.

nodded as he had already thought of the possibilities. There could be a possible explanation for this, but he continued talking, "Boss, it can be explained but it doesn't conform to common sense. There's a cabinet at the entrance of Dr. Craw's apartment. I believe that she would usually put her things in the cabinet and then change her shoes before going into the house. Shouldn't she put the things away after changing

order was to change one's shoes and then walk into the

to his words, and he understood the logic behind them. After he analyzed the scene, Luca's behavior was indeed a

his mouth slightly but was not sure if he could continue

Luke noticed it and said, "Continue."

Craw is staying with you now, right?" He was fast in getting news. He knew that Luca had been discharged from the hospital and Luke helped with the

who has no other place to stay and no ID card must not be able to check into a hotel. The only thing that I can think of is that Luke took her

"Yeah," Luke nodded.

said, "There's no way to explain what happened to Dr. Craw. I've gone through the statement that Dr. Craw made. She said that she was knocked out when she entered the house. The assailant would not be so kind as to bring her groceries in and put them where they should be. My guess is that Dr. Craw's attack was planned. In other words, she's probably from the Island of Despair. Even if she's not from the Island of Despair, she has ulterior motives. As for this ulterior motive, I think it's aimed

## **Chapter 1448**

That was an important discovery.

The shopping bags on the table were solid proof that Luca's statement did not reflect the reality of the situation.

Gale was concerned about Luke's safety. He asked, "Should I continue to investigate this, Boss?"



They had been investigating Luca for a long time. However, they had shifted their focus onto Tia recently, and they had not been paying much attention to Luca.

Now that something so serious had happened, Gale considered shifting his focus back to Luca because he could not shake off his suspicion toward Luca.

"Yes. Split up with Rain. Let her continue to investigate Tia," Luke said. After this incident, Luke could sense that Luca was planning something.

More importantly, it was a plan to get closer to him.

Gale nodded and said, "We don't know Luca's plan yet, Boss. Why don't you stay away from her for now?"

He made the suggestion because he was worried about Luke's safety.

However, Luke said, "No. I'll have to play into her plan."

"But if the Island of Despair is behind her..." Gale hesitated. He disagreed with what Luke said.

"I'm only doing this because the Island of Despair might be behind her. I can only know what she wants to do by getting close to her," Luke said insistently, seemingly not perturbed that he would be putting himself in mortal danger.

was the only way that could lead him to

was why he had to be close to Tia and Luca. It may seem as though he was walking into their trap, but actually, he was leading them into

could tell that nothing could convince Luke otherwise. He could only nod and say, "Take care of yourself, been unpredictable recently. Get more people to protect Lanie and the other children,"

Luca were really from the Island of Despair, and she had gotten someone to kill an innocent person to get close to him, she was truly a cold-blooded

did Luca hide from

noded and said. "If the Island of Despair might be behind her, then we shouldn't let Tommy be so close to

that'll be too obvious. I'll try to keep a close eye on her, and I'll protect Tommy,"

child was very fond of Luca, and he would definitely throw a tantrum if Luke told him that he could not meet Luca anymore. Worse yet, Luca might suspect

thought of saying something but decided

he wanted to say was, "I know that you're a good fighter, Boss, but Tommy is only a child. I've done my fair share of missions under you and the Island of Despair, and children are the hardest to

Children are weak yet unpredictable. It was very easy for bad guys to harm them, no matter how skilled their guardians *might be*.

Undoubtedly, Luke was playing with fire with such *an arrangement*.

One could even say that he was **burning himself**.

"**Alright** then." Gale disagreed with Luke's decision, but he could only **follow orders**.

"I know what you're thinking, but you'll just have to do what I say," Luke said. He knew that Gale was loyal to him, but sometimes, he had to put himself in danger to achieve what he wanted.

"**Yes**. I'll leave the planning up to you," Gale nodded and said.

"*Don't* alert the police. They're not going to find anything. Give me the details of the security guard though. I'll plan something," Luke said.

**Luca** did not seem like a bad person, but the people from the Island of Despair were very good with disguises.

**He** wanted to see how cold-blooded Luca *could be*.

"**Yes**," Gale replied. It was easy to hack into the police station database to find personal information about the **security guard**.

*Half a* minute later, Luke received an email from Gale containing the information he wanted. He replied to Gale with a voice message, "Investigate her, but don't *alert her*."

**He believed** that they could not find any dirt on Luca because she was alerted of *their presence*.

background was clean, and it seemed as though she had nothing to hide. However, that only made her more

as though she had been able to perfectly cover her tracks, and every step of her plot was carefully planned. Luke could not help but think that she was hiding

around and left the lounge. Jason was waiting outside. When he saw Luke, he reminded him, "You have a meeting in ten minutes, Mr.

go and make preparations," Luke nodded and said. He was not going to change his

at his office, he browsed through the security guard's personal information, then forwarded it to Jason. After that, Jason would contact a journalist to publish a detailed article about the security guard on the Internet so that everyone could

a journalist he could trust and told him Luke's

though the news of the murder had been publicized some time ago, the police did not release any information about the victim, and the journalists were desperate for any

was very grateful that Jason provided him with first-hand information, and he promised Jason that he would get it done

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noon, the maid helped Luca sit in front of the dining

apartment was elaborately furnished. As Luca sat on the chair, the fragrance of the food made

## **Chapter 1449**

Luca smirked as a response to the maid.

After the news report ended, the maid said, "What has the world come to? I don't think the security guard expected to lose his life while doing his job. I think the owner of the apartment is unlucky too. Now, no one would want to stay there."

Luca felt uneasy as she listened to the maid's words.

It was not because she was currently living in that apartment, but because she felt guilty about what happened to the security guard.

She was not the one who killed the security guard, but he died because of her.

Luca tried to stand up from the couch.

The maid immediately went over to support her. "Ms. Craw, do you want to return to your room?"

"Mm. I'm feeling a little tired. I want to take a rest," Luca said.

The maid brought her back to the bedroom.

As Luca lay on the bed, the news report earlier replayed in her head. The more she thought about it, the more uneasy she felt. She picked up her phone and searched for any news regarding the murder.

As expected, she found an article on a news website.

Luca felt even more uneasy as she read the article. The news report on television had withheld some information about the security guard, but the article bared it all.

The security guard's wife was a paraplegic, and they had two children, the elder of which was still in high school. Also, three of their parents were living together with them...

a twinge in her nose. Life must have been difficult for them. The murder would only make their life even  
end of the article, her tears were already silently

that her ordeal on the Island of Despair would make her cold-hearted, and such tragedies would not  
faze

seemed that was not the case. She still felt guilty about the security guard's death, and she was thinking  
of how to help the victim's

heard the doorbell ring and guessed that it was Luke. After all, no one else knew that she was

put her phone away and turned around so that her back faced

into the apartment and looked around but did not see Luca. "Where's Ms. Craw?"

apartment was not far away from the T Corporation building, so he took the opportunity to check up on  
her during his lunch

Craw is resting in the bedroom," the maid

she taken her lunch and her medicine?" Luke

she has. After taking her lunch and medicine, she sat on the couch for a while before moving to the bedroom," the maid answered in detail, fearing that Luke would blame her for not being a meticulous

say that she was feeling unwell?" He

maid shook her head and said, "No, she said that she was tired. She hasn't complained about feeling unwell since

Luke nodded and walked toward the *bedroom*.

**"Sir, Ms. Craw might be asleep by now," the maid carefully reminded him.**

"I won't wake her up," Luke said and pushed open the bedroom door. He saw that Luca was sleeping with her back facing him.

He walked inside.

**The maid** rubbed her nose when she saw that, thinking she should not be playing the third wheel between them. She could sense that there was something between Luke and Luca, but she thought she could *be mistaken*.

Now that Luke was here, the maid could once again sense that there was something between them.

*The maid* knew that Luke was married, but wealthy and influential people rarely played by the rules. She had learned that in her years of being a maid.

Thinking that her presence in the living room would affect them, the maid retired to her bedroom and pretended that she did not *see anything*.

*Luke* stood at the entrance of the master bedroom and looked *at her*.

Even though Luca's eyes were closed and she was facing the other way, she could tell from the sounds that Luke was standing at the **door**.

**He did** not move forward or backward.

'He must be thinking of something...

'Luke is so smart. Could he have guessed something?' Luca thought. She imagined that Luke would have his suspicions, but he had no way of *verifying them*.

Abel's plan was supposed to

tried to think what Luke was thinking, she tried her best to control her breathing so she sounded as though she were really

that Luke could figure out what was going on and be on alert against the Island of Despair, but at the same time, she hoped that he would not find out

Abel's plan succeeded, he would not give up so

had said that he would let Luke experience the pain and agony he felt, so he might tell Luke that Luca was the

way, Luke would regret what he

Luke knew that Luca was the real Bianca, she would not want him to know that she had blood on her rather have Luke think that she was Luca and

did not even mind if Luke knew that she had blood on her hands. She did not want to ruin

she was only one of Abel's pawns, and Abel would not let Luke get away

stood there and looked at Luca's back for five

that the news had been publicized, Luca must have seen the

she had indeed planned the murder, what would she be feeling now, and what would she

### **Chapter 1450**

Luca sighed, picked up her phone, and unlocked it. She felt a tightness in her chest when she saw that news article again.

When Luca woke up the next day, she gently wagged her head and found that she did not feel dizzy anymore.

Even though Abel had knocked her out, he did not leave her with an internal injury, and she was able to recover quickly.

She faced the mirror and began to remove the bandages around her head. The bandages were quite a bother, so she only put a band-aid over the wound.

"You're awake, Ms. Craw!" The maid was about to call Luca for breakfast, but when she went into the bedroom, she found that Luca was already awake.

Luca nodded as she placed the band-aid on the cotton gauze.

"Are you dressing your wound? Do you need any help?" The maid asked.

"Don't worry. I've already changed it," Luca carefully ensured that the band-aid was stuck firmly to her forehead. She looked at her face in the mirror and realized that her complexion was terrible.

"Are you feeling better?" The maid was relieved to find that Luca did not blame her.

"I'm fine," Luca said. After a full day of rest, she thought that she could even go to work.

"That's good to know. Breakfast is served. Would you like to eat something?" The maid asked with a smile.

Luca nodded. "Alright, I'll be out soon."

"Alright," the maid replied and left the bedroom.

up her phone. Abel had not contacted her since the incident, and she did not report anything to

though she knew that Abel's minions were keeping a close eye on her, she felt that she should tell him told Abel about her current situation, including that Luke was already suspecting that she was related to the Island of Despair and would soon discover his

minutes later, she received a message from Abel containing only one

Luca to continue carrying out his plan. She should try to stay by Luke's

blinked. The reply was within her expectations, but she wanted to offer some

phone vibrated again as another message from Abel came in: [If you don't want more people to get hurt because of you, then you should play your role. I want you to become Luke's woman as soon

Luca read the message twice.

'To become Luke's woman...'

could not fight back and had to listen to what Abel

Luca fall in love with her, she would be setting him up for her inevitable

tell what Abel would do next. She did not want to obey, but she had no choice. She could only take it one step at

served, Ms. Craw." Luca heard the voice from outside the

*Luca came* to her senses. "Coming," she replied while she deleted the *message*.

**Luke was** already suspecting her. She had to be extra *careful*.

Luca put the phone in her pocket and walked out of the bedroom.

*After* breakfast, she said to the maid, "I'd like to go out for a bit today."

The maid replied, "Where do you want to go? I'll come along with **you**."

*Luca felt* like she was a pet, and the maid was one of Luke's tools to keep her in captivity.

"I want to go to the police station. I'll be fine by myself," she said.

**The** maid looked troubled. "Ms. Craw, Sir said that I have to escort you at all times if you want to leave the house. He's worried that no one will take care of you if something happens to you while you're out."

Luca realized that the maid was only doing her job, and she did not want to make her life difficult, so she let the maid accompany her.

**The maid** smiled and cleaned up the dining table. "Just wait for a moment. I'll order a cab **for us**."

"**There's** no rush." Luca stood up, went to the balcony, and looked at **the sky**.

She thought that once she was back in A City, she would be free from the prison that was the Island of Despair. She did not expect that A City was just **another prison**.

under constant surveillance, both by Abel's minions and

trapped in the middle, tortured by love and  
the maid finished cleaning up, she ordered a cab using her  
they got into the cab, the driver asked, "Where are you  
station," Luca said. The maid was quite surprised to hear that. "Why are you going to the police station,  
documents are still there. I want to retrieve them,"  
thinking for some time, she concluded that her identification documents should be with the police and  
not in her apartment. If she retrieved her identification documents, she would be able to leave Luke's  
apartment, and he would not have any excuse to keep  
as she got her identification documents back, what she would do next would be contrary to  
also had to find an excuse to deceive  
was muddled at the moment, and she could not think of  
sighed as she looked at the scenery outside the  
maid heard that, so she asked her out of concern, "Are you alright, Ms. Craw? Are you  
Luca shook her head and said. Her head did not feel dizzy